Sweet taste of spring

By Liz Premo
EDITOR, 21 VOICES

HAMPION FALLS | New Hampshire’s 2007 sugar season officially began this month when Gov. John Lynch used an antique hand drill to bore a hole into the trunk of a sugar maple during a tree tapping ceremony held at the Taylor Brothers Sugar House in Meredith.

Needless to say, a cheer went up when the sap began to drip into the collection bucket through the spile that Lynch had tapped into the tree.

A little closer to home, fifth grade students at Lincoln Akerman School hosted their annual Sugaring Off Party on March 24, just in time for the statewide observance of New Hampshire Maple Weekend.

The event, held in the school’s very own sugar shack, is the culmination of a unit taught yearly in teacher Jim Cutting’s classroom.

As is tradition, in the weeks leading up to the actual party students are involved in tapping trees and collecting sap, all the while developing their skills in a number of core classroom subjects.

According to Cutting, the SWEET Continued on 28A•

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Friday, March 30

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Saturday, March 31

Cauliflower Clouds
High: 60° Low: 40°

Sunday, April 1

Lemonade
High: 57° Low: 39°

Monday, April 2

Mostly Popcorny
High: 53° Low: 34°

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Hitting the road for Jordyn’s Ride

BY SCOTT E. KINNEY
ATLANTIC NEWS STAFF WRITER
STRATHAM
Registration has begun for Jordyn’s Ride 2007, to be held on Saturday, May 5.
This year’s ride will be a 75-mile loop, ending with a barbecue complete with burgers and hot dogs to be held at V-Twin Cycle in Rochester.
A raffle will also be held including prizes such as a pair of NASCAR tickets for the July race at Loudon and potentially a pair of Red Sox tickets as well.
Free 2007 T-shirts will be given to the first 20 riders to pre-register and to the first 10 riders to register the day of the event. The cost will be $25 per rider and $10 per passenger.
A rain date is scheduled for Sunday, May 6.
In a letter from Jordyn’s mother, Tracey, she reports

THANKS! — Jordyn Boucher and her older sister, Taylor, display a “Thank You” sign during a motorcycle ride benefit in her name last year. This year’s ride will be held on Saturday, May 5.
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Monday Club calls ‘Author! Author!’

By Isabel Grasso
SPECIAL TO THE ATLANTIC NEWS

HAMPTON | Members of the Hampton Monday Club will meet on Monday, April 2 at 1 p.m. in the chapel at the First Congregational Church of Hampton, located at 127 Winnacunnet Road.

The program will feature a talk by Judy Fracher of Portsmouth, whose third book has just been published. Judy will offer a brief reading from her book and talk about how her writing career (one of several careers) first began.

Members and their guests are welcome to attend. For more information, call Kathy Traut at (603) 926-0232.

What’s New?

The Atlantic News welcomes the submission of announcements, events notes and news you think the community may be interested in. Articles and photos may be E-Mailed to editor@atlanticnews.com, with the title “News” in the subject line, or MAILED to “News” c/o Atlantic News, PO Box 592, Hampton, NH 03826. Please remember to include your name and phone number so we can verify any questions about your submissions.

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Get jumpin’ with FIRA

SPECIAL TO ATLANTIC NEWS

HAMPTON | Jumpin Jack’s Java is about to give its customers one more reason to jump.

On Friday, April 13, Jumpin Jack’s will become the newest local restaurant to join FIRA (Favorite Independent Restaurant Association). All of the proceeds earned on that day will go to the second Annual Jumpin Jack’s Community School.

Good news to JRJ

HAMPTON | It’s banter time for the Hampton Garden Club, which will host a banquet at their next meeting on Wednesday, April 11 at 6 p.m. at the Townyane Grille, located at 52 Exeter Road in Hampton.

Following the meal, the annual election of officers and committee sign-ups for next year will take place. Members are reminded that membership dues are payable in April.

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According to state police, during a roadside interview, Fernandez admitted to having a quantity of cocaine in his sock and a larger amount located within the vehicle.

A search of the car yielded roughly one ounce of powder cocaine located under the front passenger seat. Police approximate the value at $2,800.

Fernandez was arrested and transported to Hampton District Court where he was immediately arraigned and held on $3,500 cash and $3,500 personal recognizance bail. He is scheduled for a probable cause hearing on April 12, at 9 a.m. at Hampton District Court.

FIRA cardholders will begin earning points whenever they use their card.

As with the other 32 local independent FIRA-member restaurants, each dollar spent at Jumpin Jack’s Java will translate into a point. For every 100 points, $10 is added to the card, which can be used at any participating FIRA restaurant.

For more information on FIRA visit www.localflavor.org.
Vietnam Veterans’ Weekend planned

HAMPTON | The community is invited to attend the Brown Memorial Vietnam Veterans’ Weekend, which will be observed on Sunday, April 29 in memory of Bruce W. Brown and Mark L. Brown, and in recognition of all Vietnam Veterans. The public will join American Legion Post #35, the town of Hampton and the Hampton school board in honoring the memory of two of Hampton’s own Vietnam war heroes who lost their lives in the service of their country.

So honored will be 1st. LT. Bruce W. Brown (US Army), a recipient of the Silver Star and the Bronze Star with a “V” device for Valor. Bruce was killed in action (KIA) in 1968. Also honored will be Spc. 4 Mark L. Brown (US Army, Special Forces), who was awarded the Bronze Star with a “V” device for Valor. Mark was KIA in 1969.

According to Post #35 Commander, Ralph Fatello, the day’s events will also acknowledge the service of all Vietnam Veterans from the Seacoast on what happens to be the 32nd anniversary of the last US military operation in Vietnam (Operation Frequent Wind, April 29, 1975).

There will be two separate observances. The first will be held for Mark L. Brown at the Marston School field on Monday, May 1 in Hampton at 11 a.m., while the second will be held at the Marine Pier at Hampton Harbor at 1 p.m.

Special guest speakers include CSM Fred Muscara, USA (Ret.); Maj. Fred Rice, USA Special Forces and Cpl. Paul Fitzgerald, USMC, all Vietnam Veterans; Hampton Fire Chief Hank Lipe, a Vietnam-era Veteran; and other special guests.

Take part in the ceremonies will be color guards from Hamptons Post #35 and Beverly Vietnam Veterans Post #1, the Hampton Fire Department Color Guard and the WHS USMC Jr. ROTC Color Guard.

The public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony. For more information, call American Legion Post #35 at (603) 929-4695.

Garden club ready to bloom

RYE | Plans are currently underway for the Rye Driftwood Garden Club’s participation in the seventh annual Rye Art in Bloom exhibit, to be held at Webster at Rye on April 13-14.

This unique community event is the result of the collaboration between Webster at Rye, the Rye Recreation Department, the Rye Art Study Group and the Rye Driftwood Garden Club.

Also in the planning stage is the garden club’s annual Plant and Bake Sale, scheduled for May 19-20.

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BY LIZ PREMO
ATLANTIC NEWS STAFF WRITER
HAMPTON | The Hampton Free Medical Clinic is powered not only by the tireless volunteers who keep it up and running, but also through the generous donations that come in from various sources throughout the community.

One traditional source has been the Marston School Penny Drive, a three-week long effort which sees students, staff and others in the Marston community taking their pennies to school.

Marston’s most recent drive brought in a grand total of $675, prompting Free Medical Clinic Founder, Dr. Jay Kaminski to say, “This is just unbelievable” when he was presented with the check just last week.

Taking part in the presentation with Dr. Kaminski were Fifth Grade Student Leaders Shauna Morrison, Philip Sheehy, Bryan Schwechheimer, and Elisabeth Auffaunt. “This is just unbelievable” when he was presented with the check just last week.

“One reason for the need is that “medical costs are up considerably,” he said, so Marston’s contribution to the Hampton Beach Free Medical Clinic “is greatly appreciated.”

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(Next week: Timeline)
Get inside My Dogs Mind

By Scott E. Kinney
Atlantic News Staff Writer

HAMPSTEAD | It can be a home away from home.

It can also be a place to learn discipline, obedience and social skills.

At My Dogs Mind, owner/lead trainer Terrance Kirby offers his customers and their pets the opportunity to have all these things.

“It’s kind of like a daycare with a twist,” he said.

Whether you’ve got a new puppy that is developing behavioral issues or just a dog that’s left at home all day, the business has something to offer every dog owner. The classes combine obedience with play outside coupled with obedience training inside.

It all began several years ago, when Kirby experienced some behavioral issues of his own. He had purchased an Australian Cattle Dog puppy for his then 70-year-old father’s birthday.

“Not the smartest thing,” he admits. “I didn’t do my research. Six months later [it was] biting on mom. He had never owned a dog, I wanted him to have the perfect dog experience.”

During a vacation taken by his parents, Kirby took the dog with the intention of training it. He traveled far and wide — Boston, Cape Cod, throughout New Hampshire and Maine — looking for answers to his questions.

“The dog never went home,” said Kirby. “I couldn’t really get the answer that I wanted. There was obedience, but there was still a part of that dog I couldn’t trust. That was the catalyst. I trained that dog every day. I was always intrigued with animal behavior.”

That was 15 years ago.

Since that time Kirby has done homework. He is a member of the International Association of Canine Professionals and has apprenticed and trained under some of the most renowned dog authorities including Jennifer Vickery of The Pawsitive Dog Training Center in Boston, Mass.

Kirby said his experience in the city helped his ability to work with a wide variety of people and dogs.

“They are very different,” he said. “It all comes down to helping people understand what they have,” said Kirby.

“For lots of people, it’s working with dogs that need training. I think training in a big center in the city helped his ability to work with a wide variety of people and dogs.”

As for those interested in acquiring a dog, Kirby has a few bits of advice.

“You need to know what you have,” he said. “Do your breed homework. To get the answer that I wanted.”

He defines his own training style as “eclectic,” combining a variety of tried-and-true methods, customized for the individual dog and owner, to achieve the best results.

“It all comes down to helping people understand what they have,” said Kirby.

“How much exercise do they need? How much leadership? Is it dependent upon the individual person and the individual dog. Training can be a little bit ‘trendy’ and you have to keep and open mind.”

For those interested in acquiring a dog, Kirby has a few bits of advice.

“You need to know what you have,” he said. “Do your breed research and if you’re going to breed a dog, do your research on the breeder.”

He also has advice for those who’ve just brought their new friend home.

“Among them providing exercise, showing clear, calm leadership and controlling resources (i.e., anything the dog sees as valuable).”

“He doesn’t need to listen to you if he gets everything gratis,” he said. “It’s OK to spoil your dog if your dog listens to you.”

My Dogs Mind is located at 53 Tide Mill Road in Hampton and can be reached at (603) 926-8665. More information can also be found at www.mydogs mind.com.

WELL-TRAINED — Terrance Kirby, owner of My Dogs Mind, is pictured here with just a few of his pals within his training facility. Kirby offers his customers dogs who are as well socialized, as they are obedient.

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To the Editor:
Easter has long been associated with rabbits. Each year pet stores all over the country stock their shelves with rabbit supplies and irresistible cute baby bunnies. Unfortunately, many of these rabbits are bought on impulse and as the rabbits grow, the novelty wears off and the rabbit becomes neglected and often ends up at a shelter.

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Melissa Lyons
Kingston

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O I was sitting listening as I heard these words ... the 3rd brigade will be deploying soon and won't be back for about 12 to 18 months ... these are the thoughts that followed ...

As a person grows up they go through many changes in their life, some good while others are bad. Some learn from those as they continue to grow, others ignore and continue the way they are going. Then there comes a point where some make a life-changing and threatening decision and that is what in this case I am calling the military.

Another set of America's young ones along with older set out to face a challenging time in everyone's lives. They are doing this to help us, in hopes that things will get better. But as they go off they are not fully sure of what they are headed for.

Deployment Day is set; there they go making something of themselves, not sure as to what is in store for them but only what they have been training for, uncertain of their return home, when will they be back, or will they be back ...

Some are under the notion that it's the brave that will make it through while they are over there. But I see in one soldier his fear, his uncertainty, of what is going to happen to him and those he has to come to get to know over the past year or so.

They are considered brave due to the fact that they are willing to risk everything to help those of us that won't and or cannot. It's hard to be on this side of the shore when those that we love are on the other trying to defend us and everything that is dear to us and what we stand for — this country they are trying to defend, the place they call home.

We are the fearful, along with those who are over there or getting ready to go. We don't know exactly what it is that they are facing, all we know for sure is what we see on the television and what we hear on the radio. But the one thing we know for sure is that we don't want to hear a familiar name when it comes time to voice those that have been "lost.” It is at that point that you can no longer bear to hear or see anything anymore.

How can you be the strength for those with people that are in the military? It’s very hard, not sure what to say or what not to say. Then you find out that someone you know, or even your own flesh and blood, is on their way over, then you stumble for the words to comfort yourself. You’re proud of what that person has become yet you fear for them and their life at the same time.

It’s at that point that you no longer know how to feel about the entire thing. It’s at that point that you no longer know the words to speak. You’re too scared to turn the radio on and watch TV ‘cause of what could be said or what you could see ... Then all life seems to be meaningless until you see that person walk through that door again ... from deployment to return ... all time in between is a void.

(Crystal Johns is a Hampton resident. Her cousin, Jon Hamilton, PVT2, US Army, is stationed at Fort Benning, GA. He was recently deployed overseas in service to his country.)

The House PASSED the bill 8-1. A YES vote VERSUS keeping bars open another hour.

(B) KEEP BARS OPEN ANOTHER HOUR | HB334 would allow bars — with a clean record for a year — to stay open an additional hour, to 2 am. Supporters said that most states allow later hours, and this gives those on second shift a chance to go somewhere after work. Communities that object can set their own hours through local ordinances. Opponents said that the later bars stay open, the more crime, violence and accidents local emergency personnel will have to deal with. The House PASSED the bill 267-89 to the Senate. A YES vote VERSUS keeping bars open another hour.

(C) DON'T HUNT BY BAITING | HB604a would forbid taking game in a baited area. Supporters of the bill said it wasn’t fair to the game and wasn’t in the spirit of a fair chase-and-pursuit, especially when motion sensors were used. Opponents said that hunters have done this for years, so the bill would result in a decline in hunting licenses and revenue for the Fish and Game Department. Besides, it would be difficult to enforce. The House PASSED the bill 224-124. A YES vote VERSUS forbidding using bait to hunt.

(D) HANG ON TO THOSE BALLOONS | HB625 forbids intentionally releasing lighter than air balloons, adding it to the littering statute with a fine as high as $500 for a repeat offense. Supporters of the bill said what goes up must come down, and that the deflated balloons are swallowed by wildlife, which may die as a result. They maintained that enforcement actions would be aimed at mass balloon releases at commercial events, but all people should realize that the practice is wrong. Opponents said the state doesn’t need “balloon police” who crank down on kids who release a balloon for fun at a birthday party. The House PASSED the bill 215-111. A YES vote VERSUS fine those who release balloons.

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Taking a ‘Peeke’ at a successful career

BY LIZ PREMO
EDITOR, 21 VOICES

SOUTH HAMPTON | “It will be the students that I will miss the most. They are the ones who have provided me with energy and motivation all of these years.”

Thus are the reflections of Barnard School grade 3-4 teacher Beverly Peeke, who after three decades as an educator will be retiring at the end of the 2006-07 school year.

Peeke began her teaching career in a Head Start classroom prior to coming on board at Barnard, when it was still housed in the old 1850s school house across the street on Hilldale Avenue. Having earned her Bachelors degree from UNH and her Masters from Lesley College, Peeke has brought a wealth of passion for her profession and plenty of “heart and soul” to her classroom.

Peeke has been described by colleagues as “really student-oriented” and one who “really appreciates the 3-4 grade child’s heart and spirit.” She is also known as “a very easy person to get along with” and “is a beloved teacher on all fronts.”

When asked about the high points of her remarkable 30 year career Peeke responds, “It was the unexpected every day moments that gave me the greatest pleasure.”

Among them: “The smiles on their faces when students finally made a connection, and being asked to a student’s high school awards ceremony because I was chosen as the teacher who had most influenced her,” recalls Peeke.

Speaking of connections, Peeke also treasures those she shares with any number of her former students. For example, she received a birthday note from one telling her how much she was appreciated. And, she played the harp at the wedding of another.

In addition to enjoying a successful teaching career filled with such memories and more, Peeke has also earned several important and impressive distinctions, among them being nominated for Teacher of the Year status for both the NH Department of Education and Wal-Mart/Sam’s Club.

Being so honored brought with it a special benefit: Barnard School received a total of $3000 in Peeke’s name from both entities. When the time came to consider how to use the award, a number of options were considered.

“We brainstormed,” said Peeke. “We wanted it to be lasting.”

The decision was made to permanently capture the history of both New Hampshire and South Hampton in a mural painted on facing walls of a short corridor across from the main entrance at Barnard School.

Muralist Lisa Nelthropp of Wolfeboro was commissioned to do the work. Specializing in both the primitive and Hudson River Valley style of painting, Nelthropp has been spending several days a week at the school capturing the essence of both state and town.

The school provided Nelthropp with a list of items for the project to place in the mural. The school received a total of $3000 in Peeke’s name from both entities. When the time came to consider how to use the award, a number of options were considered.

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**Keeping students in stitches**

**BY LYNNE MEHAN**

SPECIAL TO 21 VOICES

SOUTH HAMPTON | The Barnard School grade 3/4 knitting group recently completed a six week after-school program. Seventeen students met once a week to learn the basic knitting stitch.

While it seemed to be easier for some than others at first, each seemed to be quite proficient with the needles and yarn by the end of the course. Some of the more advanced knitters even learned how to cast on, cast off and to purl.

Many thanks are extended to instructors Beverly Peeke, Sheila Mahoney, Paula Krolikoski, Dot Sevigny, and Jan Bolduc.

Participating knitters included Cam Murray, Amy Marston, Kevin Marston, Anna Audy, Hannah Somogie, Kevin Kaneh, Derek Nasser, Claire Renales, Taylor Bolduc, McKenzie Cloutier, Zoe Fitzgerald, Heather Hughes, Maria DeRuosi, John Boynton, Jacob Sevigny, Kyle Blinn, and Chris Frazzoni.

**SOUTH HAMPTON |**

**Welcome to the ‘Celebrity Corner’**

**SPEcIaL TO 21 VoIcES** — Orville Wright (portrayed by Nick) and Benjamin Franklin (played by Derek) are pictured here with a “Celebrity Corner” book report on display in Beverly Peeke’s classroom at Barnard School.

— Atlantic News Courtesy Photo

**BY BEVErLY PEEKE**

SPECIAL TO 21 VOICES

SOUTH HAMPTON | Students in Grades 3 and 4 became actors and actresses as they took on the persona of a famous person in history. It was all part of a book report project called “Celebrity Corner.”

After reading a biography, students were required to dress up as their famous person and “become” that person as they told classmates the story of their lives.

To aid them in the process, each child made a “Celebrity Corner” out of a cardboard box. In the box they had to display a handmade doll dressed as the famous person and any artifacts that would remind them of the person.

One wall of the celebrity corner had to depict a scene from the person’s life. The other wall had to list the person’s major accomplishments. Hanging from a dowel above the box were paper cutouts representing three character traits of the person.

At the conclusion of the “Celebrity Corner” performances, a celebration of the lives of the students’ famous people was held, complete with punch and cake.
Lesson in a backpack

By Liz PrEmo
EDITOR, 21 Voices

SOUTH HAMPTON | Barnard School sixth grader Michaela Fredette is a world traveler — and she has never even ventured outside of the United States.

Michaela and her classmates are currently taking part in a Social Studies unit entitled “Backpack Through Europe.” Over the course of this unique assignment, the students are “visiting” a minimum of five European countries, adhering closely to a list of specific criteria assigned by teacher Frank Brunette.

During their “travels,” the students are utilizing their skills in a number of subject areas, including language arts, history and mathematics as well as social studies. There are also plenty of opportunities for critical thinking and creative planning.

Throughout their continental trek the students are “carrying” their “backpacks” (their only luggage, with a 50-pound limit) everywhere they go and are documenting pretty much their every move.

“We have to write about our stops and we have to go to a physical activity spot and a historical spot,” explains Michaela. “We have to find out languages and other fun facts about [each country].”

For each destination on their itinerary, Brunette’s students need to create a “Location Page.” Each one is required to include the geographic features and the climate of the location; a historical site; the language that is spoken there; the currency used; a physical activity in which to participate while visiting; an illustration or picture referring to the site; and students are also required to furnish a map indicating their travels, and were encouraged by Brunette to add some “extras” to their journals.

Among Michaela’s extras is a trio of colorful postcards, direct from Ireland and provided by a family friend whom she says originally inspired her trip to the Emerald Isle and who attends their church at St. Joseph’s in Amesbury.

Michaela says all of this globetrotting makes her want to travel abroad. For now, though, in the familiar surroundings of her Barnard School classroom she is enjoying her excursion throughout the European continent and planning every stop along the way.

“My really imagine that you’re going there,” she says, noting that her grandmother is part Irish.

Plus, says Michaela, “There is a really neat cathedral there, Christ Church Cathedral” that the sixth grader wants to visit. And, for the required physical activity, Michaela “went golfing at St. Marguerite’s Country Club.”

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TRAVEL TIME — Michaela Fredette displays the postcards she has included in the travel journal she is keeping for the “Backpack Through Europe” social studies unit.

Through the research process and helps them to avoid plagiarism.

IMI was developed in 1984 by educators Virginia Morse (a former Barnard School student) and Cindy Nottage. Together they went on to serve as co-founders of Active Learning Systems in 1992, providing training for educators both near and far.

So exactly how are Michaela and her classmates moving from place to place throughout Europe?

“We take the Eurorail,” says Michaela. “If we go over seas, we take either ferries or planes.”

As is true in the real world, expenses are a major factor in travel plans.

“We try to get [transportation] for the lowest amount of money,” she says. “We stay in hostels or really cheap hotels.” Speaking of money, they also need to convert their American dollars into Euros along the way.

Michaela’s first stop on her itinerary was Dublin, Ireland.

“I wanted to go see where my ancestors were from,” she says, noting that her grandmother is part Irish.

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“You can really imagine that you’re going there,” she says of her virtual adventures, “and doing all that fun stuff.”

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Paintings, politics and Picasso

By Diana Sleckells
Special to the Atlantic News

SOUTH HAMPTON | Students in Barnard School art classes have been studying the work of renowned Spanish artist, Pablo Picasso. His cubist art work, political mural and ceramic vessels from the 1940s tie into the students’ work in social studies and science.

In their quest to create “Fractured Fruit,” students in grades 1-4 used black line, drawings and “real” fruit and vegetables to explore cubism. After drawing a still life of produce and learning about some unusual fruit and vegetables, students bravely cut up their paintings to recombine the pieces into a Cubist collage of “fractured fruit.”

For the “Picasso Vessel Project,” fifth and sixth graders explored the work that Picasso did in ceramics in the late 40s and early 50s.

In a unique combination of recycling and art making, students turned empty “Aquapod” water bottles from Poland Spring into animal vessels.

With papier mache and paint, these bottles were transformed into brightly colored figures. Heads turned off to reveal a usable container. Geometric patterns adorned the work for its display in the annual Barnard School student art show.

Seventh and eighth graders examined Picasso’s “Passion in Art” by using his “Guernica” mural as inspiration. The piece, which depicts the bombing of a small Spanish village by fascist forces, was the starting point for students to question how passion can inspire a work of art and how a work of art can lead to public action. Students used symbols and collage techniques to express their own “murals with a message.”

Place a bid on South Hampton history

By Liz Premo
Editor, 21 Voices

SOUTH HAMPTON | There’s a silent auction going on within the Barnard School community, and it’s designed to help fund an exciting annual tradition for the school’s eighth grade students.

Each year, Barnard’s eighth grade class takes a trip to the nation’s capital in Washington, DC. This year is no different, and to assist students with financing their travel plans, parent Dawn Brackett is accepting bids on an authentically restored town hall bench.

Brackett believes the bench may be crafted of either pine or oak, and measures approximately 6-8’ with a spindle back, eight legs, and arm rests. It has been painted to match the original pale yellow finish. Of course, there is a little bit of history behind this stunning piece of furniture. “It’s all original parts” that are “at least 80 years old,” explains Brackett. “My father (Donald Currier) had acquired several falling apart, broken down ones, then took parts from them and made one bench. He had talked about doing it for years.”

With a granddaugher about to graduate from Barnard this coming June, Brackett’s father saw the perfect opportunity to show support for his granddaughter’s class.

“He donated [it] to the eighth grade to help with fundraising for the trip,” she says.

Currently on display at the South Hampton town hall with several of its original counterparts, the restored bench that’s up for bid is highlighted at the recent annual town meeting.

Currently, the standard minimum bid is $100, and bidding is being conducted via telephone. According to Brackett, bidding on the bench will close at 12 noon on Sunday, April 15.

Several bids have already come in, and even the person organizing the auction has her eye on the piece. “If I had a place for it,” says Brackett, “I’d bid on it!”

The public can view the bench at the South Hampton town hall. To place a bid, to check on bid status, or for more information, call Dawn Brackett at (603) 394-7651 or (603) 770-6576.
School Notes
LAS presents 'Pinocchio'

HAMPTON | More than 30 students in grades 3-4 will take the stage at the Winnacunnet Community Auditorium when Lincoln Akerman School presents 'Pinocchio' on Friday, March 30. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with the performance beginning at 7 p.m. Kathryn Schultz's adaptation of Carlo Collodi's 'Pinocchio' (the little wooden puppet who wanted to be a real boy) features characters such as Hickory Cricket, Gargonzola, Macaroni and Pepperoni. As fans of the story can guess, this isn't just any rendition of 'Pinocchio,' and it is sure to entertain and amuse theatre goers of all ages. Take the family and bring along some friends to see LAS' production of 'Pinocchio' at WHS, located on Alumni Drive in Hampton. Donations to the Children Affected by AIDS Foundation will be accepted at the door the evening of the performance. For more information call (603) 926-2539.

Tech Lessons for Seniors

NORTH HAMPTON | Attention North Hampton Senior Citizens: Are you in awe of your grandchild's computer knowledge? Do you want to send an e-mail but do not even know how to turn on a computer? Do you think the Internet is something that fishermen use? If so, come to the North Hampton School computer lab to take part in a four-week program where you'll discover basic computer skills; keyboarding skills; word processing; exploring the Internet; e-mail; digital photography, or anything else you need to know about computers. Participants will meet on Fridays from 8:10-9:15 a.m. on May 4, 11, 18 and 25 in the computer lab at NHS. Instructed by computer teachers Brad Gregg, Stephanie Cheney and Mike Porobuno, this program is offered to North Hampton Senior Citizens free of charge. For more information or to sign up, call Mike Caron at NHS, (603) 964-5301.

Centre to Hold Kindergarten Info Night

HAMPTON | Centre School has announced that there will be a Kindergarten Information Night on Thursday, April 5 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the gym. Kindergarten registration for the 2007-2008 school year has been ongoing for children who will be five years of age prior to October 1, 2007.Parents of incoming kindergartners are asked to schedule their registration screening appointments, which will be held from 12-6 p.m. on Monday, April 16 and Thursday, May 3, and from 8:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17 and Friday, May 4. Parents should bring to their appointment their completed registration packet: a copy of the child’s current physical exam; updated immunization information; and a birth certificate. Centre School is located on Winnacunnet Road in Hampton. To make a registration screening appointment, or for more information, call the school at (603) 926-8706.

LAS Taking New Student Registrations

HAMPTON FALLS | Registration is currently underway at Lincoln Akerman School (LAS) for the fall 2007 school year. LAS is the public school in Hampton Falls serving children from Kindergarten through grade 8. Parents are encouraged to pick up registration materials at the school office as soon as possible for any child who will be entering the school for the first time in September 2007, regardless of grade. Students entering Kindergarten must be five years of age prior to October 1, 2007. Timely and accurate information about newly-enrolling students is very important for planning staff and classroom needs. Anyone with questions regarding enrollment of a child at Lincoln Akerman School may call Principal Judith Deshaies at (603) 926-2539.

Apply for FOT Scholarship

PORTSMOUTH | The Portsmouth Garden Club and the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Urban Forestry Center are currently seeking applicants for the Garden Club’s Festival of Trees (FOT) Scholarship. The purpose of the fund is to provide assistance to students pursuing studies in natural resources or horticulture, with a preference for students from the Seacoast region who are enrolled at one of New Hampshire’s colleges or universities. The application deadline is Friday, April 6. For more information, contact Scholarship Committee Chairman Mary Flannery at (603) 436-6494 or Sandy Knight, Program Assistant for the Urban Forestry Center at (603) 431-6774.

Education

Showtime and show-stoppers at Barnard

BY LIZ PREMO
EDITOR, 21 VOICES

SOUTH HAMPTON | The Eleanor Batchelder Center for the Arts in Barnard School students presented their annual Variety Show.

With an exciting combination of singing, dancing, skits, instrumental music and even some rope jumping listed in the evening’s program, the Variety Show promised to be a truly entertaining treat for the families and friends in attendance.

That’s exactly what it was. According to teacher Stephanie Robinson, “It was a really good show.” Robinson, along with her colleague A.J. Pruett, volunteered their time to co-produce the event. Members of the school’s Student Council did their part as well by helping to decorate the gymnasium for the event.

More than 20 acts featuring more than 40 Barnard School students hit the stage that night. Among the scheduled performances:

- A tap dance to “Singing in the Rain,” piano solos that included “Malaguena,” “The Entertainer,” “Farewell Hyrule King,” and “French Lullaby;” and vocal renditions of “So Long, Farewell,” “God Bless the USA,” “Hallelujah” and “Stick With You.”

- A rhythm number entitled “Battle Without Honor” was performed by a quintet using barrels and sticks. “The Sports Announcers” and “The Jokers” took to the stage in the form of skits.

- Dance numbers started with “Pumping Up Party Now” and other numbers included “Get Up Off That End/s” the Crazy Squirrel Squirrels.

- Additional musical numbers included “Strutt,” “Stick With You,” and “America,” and an additional skit sought to answer the perpetual question “Who’s on First.”

- Besides offering a great evening of entertainment for the community’s enjoyment, the Barnard School Variety Show serves another important purpose. Says Robinson, “We always use it to raise funds for the Arts and Humanities program” at the school.

The young performers’ efforts appear to have been well-received (and rewarded) by a generous response from their audience. “We raised a little over $400 for the Arts and Humanities,” says Pruett, adding that the funds help to bring in visiting authors and artists, whose presence and input enhance and enrich the overall education of Barnard School’s students.

The folks behind the scenes appreciate the important contribution the public makes in supporting the Arts and Humanities at Barnard School by attending the annual Variety Show.

“Raising all that money is pretty fabulous,” says Pruett with a smile. “We have a nice community here.”

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To catch a leprechaun

By Liz Premo
EDITOR, 21 VOICES
SOUTH HAMPTON | What does it take to catch a leprechaun? In A.J. Pruett’s second grade classroom at Barnard School, it takes plenty of ingenuity, imagination and, in some instances, lots of tape and glue.

Even then, though, one may need the luck of the Irish to fully accomplish the task.

Just ask Angel Kaneb and Kyle Murray, who built a leprechaun trap for a creative science project designed to encourage Pruett’s students to utilize multi-step thinking skills and explore how structures are made.

Using an assortment of recyclable materials, Angel, Kyle and the rest of their classmates worked together to craft their personal concepts of effective leprechaun traps. For their part, the two boys used a network of paper towel tubes and a stick to it — Barnard School second graders Angel Kaneb and Kyle Murray construct their leprechaun trap in A.J. Pruett’s classroom.

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Successful season for Barnard Girls Basketball

By Coach Douglas Silver
Barnard Girls Basketball Special to 21 Voices
SOUTH HAMPTON | The South Hampton girls’ basketball team had a successful season. In spite of their record, each player worked very hard at every practice, “gave her all” in every game and learned to play team basketball while striving to constantly improve.

There were three fifth graders on the team (Katharina Racine, Jessica Skane and Brenna Whiteley), and six seventh graders (Jesse Santossuso, Laura Somogie, Gaelan McDonald, Michaela Fredette, Emily Frazzoni, and Marissa Audy).

Seventh grade players included Alice VanBokkelen, Erica Marx, and Kerri Flanagan. The eighth grade girls on the team were Amber Spencer, Jessica Somogie, Felicia Flanagan, Kara Campo and Karina Rohrdanz.

Before each game the team played a “fifth quarter” to help the younger players develop their competitive skills. With each game, the girls improved and they ended the season with a 10-2 win over Berwick Academy, a team the girls had lost to earlier in the season.

The regular season started off with a shaky start but it got continuously better and the girls played competitively in all of the games they played. The teams’ persistence and determination finally paid off in an overtime win against North Hampton near the end of the season.

The last game of the season was against Berwick Academy, a team the girls lost to by 20 points in their first game back in December. The girls played hard and won a moral victory by only losing by six points.

This South Hampton team was a pleasure to coach. I wish all the eighth graders the best in high school and I look forward to seeing all of the younger players next year.

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HIT THE SLOPES — Members of the Barnard School Ski & Snowboard Club have been enjoying the club’s fifth year of traveling to Ski Bradford for a six-week program. The club is underwritten in part by the South Hampton PTO, and a total of 34 snow-loving students participated in the program this year.

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Stacking up phys ed fun

By Liz Primo
Editor, 21 Voices

HAMPTON | It’s fast, it’s furious, and it’s as much fun to watch as it is to play. It also appears to be quite a hit at Marston School, both in phys ed classes and as a recent high-powered family fun night activity.

Whether it’s referred to as cup stacking, speed stacking or sport stacking, it’s much more than making pyramids out of a dozen colorful plastic cups before taking them down again.

Cup stacking has been known to improve hand-eye coordination, ambidexterity, speed and concentration, and is a fun way to use both sides of the brain as well as the body. Marston School students were more than happy to demonstrate this to friends and family during last week’s cup stacking tournament.

With phys ed teachers Laurie Sullivan and Nate Dowst at the helm and Marston staffers keeping the competition fair and flowing, there was wall-to-wall action in the school gymnasium.

Round after round of players took their turns behind their appointed stacks of cups, upstacking and downstacking, trying to go from a single stack to a full pyramid and back, as quickly as possible.

All the while they were cheered on by the audience in the bleachers and by the players lined up and waiting for their turn to join in the action.

Cup stacking has been around since its beginnings in California in the early 1980s, and its popularity has grown accordingly over the last two decades.

There’s definitely a systematic way of accomplishing each round and advancing to the next level. There are competitive stack sequences — the 3-3-3 stack, the 3-6-3 stack, and the cycle stack, which is a combination of three different phases.

Once a player has the sequence down pat, they can work on their speed (and yes, there really are established world records in cup stacking).

Former physical education teacher and Speed Stacks founder, Bob Fox has devoted years to promoting the sport and sharing his passion for it at schools around the country.

His efforts are evident. At last count in Spring 2005, more than 12,000 schools have a Speed Stacks program.

And in 2007, it seems that there’s yet another good-sized group of fans throughout the Marston School community.

It’s easy to catch cup stacking fever. Complete instructions and a full range of equipment and accessories are available at www.speedstacks.com.

Motivational speaker to make stop at Barnard

By Liz Primo
Editor, 21 Voices

SOUTH HAMPTON | Motivational speaker Craig MacFarlane will address Barnard School students in grades 5-8 during a special assembly taking place on Tuesday, April 3 from 9:15-10 a.m. at the school.

The community is invited to join Barnard students as they hear this accomplished athlete, writer and renowned international speaker address his audience at the assembly.

Blind since age two, MacFarlane has utilized his remaining senses to “see the world around him.” As a college student, he attended the University of Ottawa in Canada, studying law and political science. During an impressive, medal-achieving athletic career, MacFarlane earned national championships in competitions for the blind, including those in wrestling, water skiing, track and field, and downhill skiing.

MacFarlane has earned accolades from well-known across the country and around the world. According to hockey great Wayne Gretzky, “Craig has proven you can accomplish anything through hard work, dedication and a lot of spirit.”

In addition to all his athletic accomplishments, MacFarlane can play several instruments and has recorded an album. He also wrote a book about his life entitled “Inner Vision.” A copy of this inspirational book has been donated to Barnard School.

MacFarlane has established a charitable organization called The 20/20 Inner Vision Foundation. The foundation’s mission is “to increase high school graduation rates and create positive employment futures by instilling a sense of pride and dignity in the youth of America.”

MacFarlane has brought his message of “Inner Vision and PRIDE” (Perseverance, Respect, Individuality, Desire and Enthusiasm) to more than two million students in 2,300 schools throughout the US, Canada, New Zealand and Europe. According to the foundation, “students are amazed and encouraged by his story. They are left with the message that if a blind man can do all that, just imagine what I can do.”

MacFarlane’s appearance at the Barnard School will give his listeners a face-to-face opportunity to meet an accomplished and super positive person for whom blindness is “just a minor inconvenience.”

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Centre celebrates ‘The Cat in the Hat’

By Liz Premo
Editor, 21 Voices

HAMPTON | When he wrote “The Cat in the Hat” 50 years ago — using a vocabulary of only 236 words — Dr. Theodore Seuss Geisel wanted it to be a book that “first graders wouldn’t be able to put down.”

As it turns out, the story of Dr. Seuss’ beloved character with the big red bowtie and a penchant for fun holds great appeal for readers of all ages, especially those who took part in a special anniversary celebration held recently at Centre School.

It was an impressive sea of tall, red-and-white striped stovepipe hats as the school celebrated the 50th birthday of the “Cat in the Hat” on a Friday morning in early March.

With a long list of volunteer guest readers from the community joining them in the gymnasium, Centre students and staff gathered for a “Readers’ Picture,” with everyone wearing the familiar headgear of Dr. Seuss’ just-as-familiar character.

In fact, everyone had been encouraged to dress in red, black and white clothing in honor of the Cat in the Hat himself.

About an hour prior to the photo op, the guest readers had congregated in the school library to pick up their hats and be greeted by Principal Nancy Andrews.

As the nine a.m. hour drew nearer, each guest was escorted to their appointed classroom by pairs of students leading the way.

Once they arrived, each guest reader was welcomed by the class and teacher before settling down to read a copy of “The Cat in the Hat” to audiences that by all accounts listened with rapt attention.

Afterward, readers had the opportunity to share with the students why they like to read, and address questions and comments about the story.

Then, everyone gathered in the gymnasium for the group photo, capturing a milestone moment in Centre School’s observance of Read Across America: Sharing the joy of reading with one another.

Indeed, it was a coordinated effort reaching across the various grade levels with a specific goal in mind (in addition to promoting literacy):

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Read across the grade levels

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Read Continued on 30A...
BIRTHDAY CARDS FOR BOOKS — Students at Hampton Academy recently created birthday cards for Dr. Seuss in honor of the 50th birthday of "The Cat in the Hat." For every birthday card a child sends to the Cat in the Hat before May 1, the First Book Program (a non-profit organization dedicated to "giving children from who do not have books the opportunity to read and own their first new books"), will donate one book to a child in the United States. To send a card online visit www.seussville.com; to send one via the USPS simply address the card to "The Cat in the Hat, PO Box 6891, Stacy, MN 55078-9934. For more about the First book Program, visit www.firstbook.org.

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FLOOD

Yesterday we had a flood. The pipe was frozen. The custodians came. The custodians came. The pipe expanded and it was coming in. We had a fire drill during special. We watched "Peter Pan" and the water stunk. And the flood was exciting!

— By Dylon Janvrin

FLOOD

Yesterday we had a flood and had no heat at all. After we went to Mrs. McCullough’s class and I felt scared and the pipe was frozen. The custodians came. The pipe expanded and it was coming in. We had a fire drill during special. We watched "Peter Pan" and the water stunk.

— By Lynzie Chase

FLOOD

Yesterday we had a flood and Mrs. Yuse called the custodians and Michael told them we had a flood. Because of the flood, we saw "Peter Pan" the movie. Then we had math. We measured how far we could jump and our arm spans. I enjoyed it. Then we had music. We had a surprise fire drill. I felt it was exciting! It was cold out and Mrs. Mailman brought us our coats. It was a bad day.

— By Vincenzo Nastasia

FLOOD

Yesterday we had a flood. We had no heat. Michael called the custodians. The custodians checked it out. Then the custodians left. That’s when the flood happened! Quickly we grabbed our worksheets and tool boxes. I was scared. Mrs. Yuse said, “Shoot! Shoot! Shoot! Shoot!”

We quickly went into Mrs. McCullough’s classroom. The flood went into their room. Do you know how the flood started? It expanded and the water went everywhere. We went into Mrs. Thomson’s class. We were safe there while they cleaned the three classrooms out.

We went into Room 21 and watched "Peter Pan" the movie. When it was lunch time we went to lunch and when we came back we had recess. We watched the rest of “Peter Pan.” Then it was time for math. We did math for a couple of minutes. Then we had to go to music. We had a surprise fire drill. Miss Mailman got our coats for us. Then we went home. Me and Harlee were scared because we thought the water was really, really hot. I was surprised about the fire drill too!

— By Shain Baylies

THE FLOOD

Yesterday our class had a flood from the pipes. Next we went to Mrs. McCullough’s class. It came through the door! Then we went to Mrs. Thompson’s room. Mrs. Thompson read us a story called “Benjamin Franklin.” Next we did a workshop on the book.

Then Mrs. Yuse came in and took my class to the last room on the end. We watched the movie “Peter Pan.” After “Peter Pan,” we ate lunch and then we did math measurements. Then we went to music. We had a surprise fire drill! Mrs. Mailman brought our coats out for us. We huddled up to Mrs. Yuse. Teanna and I huddled up to Mrs. Mailman. In music we learned about Peggy Lee. She is a singer from North Dakota. We had no heat either. Then I felt very scared. Then I smelled this terrible smell. It smelled so bad it almost made me pass out! It was the water. It was steaming hot, too!

— By Gia Eddins

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HAMPTON | It’s never too early for parents to talk about raising teens, and during the month of April, Families First’s Southern Seacoast Parenting Series will be focusing on the teen years. Parents from all area towns are welcome to take a trip through the mind and manners of middle schoolers and beyond in a two-part evening workshop entitled “Your Child’s Pre-teen and Teen Years Are Coming: Get Prepared.”

Targeted at parents of children in grades 3-8, the workshop will offer insights into why older kids act the way they do and give parents ideas on how to maintain strong family relationships during those often turbulent years.

Free childcare for children under 12 will be offered for parents who pre-register. The workshops are free and will take place at Marston School in Hampton on Wednesdays, April 4 and 11, from 6-7:30 p.m. To register or for more information, call (603) 422-8288 and choose option 2.

NH STATE PUBS "GONE WITH THE BREEZE" "

NORTH HAMPTON | North Hampton School will present their spring musical, “Gone With the Breeze” on Friday and Saturday, April 6-7 at 7 p.m. at the Winnacunnet Community Auditorium.

The community is invited to come and watch more than 50 sixth, seventh and eighth grade students from NHS take Hollywood by storm in this musical comedy.

The stage will be filled with directors, wild studio tour guides, frantic studio personnel, actors trying to get a part, screenwriters, producers, agents, columnists, and an army of loony lawyers on the march.

With superb songs, dynamic dancing and incredible characters, “Gone With the Breeze” is sure to get rave reviews. For more information, call Marsha Zavez at (603) 964-5501 or email mzavez@sau21.org.

TIME TO REGISTER AT NHS

NORTH HAMPTON | North Hampton School has announced that Kindergarten registration and parent orientation for the 2007-08 school year has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 17 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the school, located on Atlantic Avenue.

A variety of topics will be discussed, including Kindergarten curriculum and school procedures. Parents are encouraged to bring copies of their child’s birth certificate and physical/immunization records to orientation, and registration packets will be available. In addition, childcare will be provided.

For more information about the registration process or the orientation, call Terry Provencher at (603) 964-7237.

SPECIAL TO 21 VOICES

HAMPTON | The Winnacunnet High School LifeSmarts team recently attended the state championship competition at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester. LifeSmarts is a unique consumer knowledge competition designed for teenagers in grades 9-12.

The team was among the six top scoring teams in the state. Representing WHS at the event were Bart Wojcik, Emily Jefferson, Nick Ponte, Chelsea Lawson and Alexa Rosenberger. The students were accompanied by WHS Business teacher Janice Arsenault.

WHIS LifeSmarts team attends championship

The team won $10,000 in scholarship money and will advance to National Finals in Orlando, Florida. Although the WHS team did not win the competition, they enjoyed the experience and gained significant knowledge on important issues such as health and safety, environmental concerns, personal finance, technological improvements and consumer rights and responsibilities.

Go racing with the PTO

SPECIAL TO 21 VOICES

HAMPTON FALLS | Get ready to lace up those running shoes when the Lincoln Akerman School PTO hosts the 13th annual Hampton Falls 5-Mile/5K Road Race on Saturday, May 12.

Events on race day include a one-mile Kids’ Fun Run for ages 7-12, a five-miler winding along country roads and a 5K passing through apple orchards. For the little ones, there’s also a field race for ages 6 and under.

Not into running but want to take part in the day’s activities? Not to worry: There’s also going to be a Fitness Walk on the schedule.

Participants should note that they can register for their respective races and pick up their numbers in the LAS gym beginning at 7:15 a.m. on the day of the race.

The events step off with the Run Fun at 8 a.m., followed by the 5-Mile/5K and the Fitness Walk at 8:30 a.m. and the field race at 9:30 a.m.

There is a $12 pre-entry fee for the 5-Mile/5K and the Fitness Walk ($15 on race day), and a $6 pre-entry fee for the Fun Run ($8 on race day). There is no fee required to participate in the Field Race.

Event T-shirts are guaranteed for all pre-registered participants, and cash prizes will be awarded to the top three overall in both the 5-Mile/5K races.

Proceeds raised during these exciting race day events will benefit the LAS PTO. For more information, call (603) 926-1123 or e-mail hfordrace@hotmail.com.
By Scott E. Kinney
Atlantic News Staff Writer

STRATHAM | What can you do in eight minutes?

Ask Karen “Reni” Sarosiek, an eighth grader at Stratham Cooperative Middle School, and she’ll tell you something along the lines of: Becoming the 2007 Future Star of Tomorrow, Female Entertainer of the Year, Youth 13-16, in the category of New Country as awarded by the North American Country Music Association International.

“All of that means that I won first place,” she explains in a manner that is rather matter-of-fact.

But, this is no local talent show we’re talking about here. The contest, held from March 5-11, is part of the organization’s Country Music Week. The competition plays host a variety of musical acts — solo artists, duos, singing groups, bands. If it’s country, it’s in there.

Sarosiek competed with roughly 100 singers her age from around the country as well as from Canada and New Zealand. When all the totals were tallied it was Sarosiek’s name at the top spot.

What is most impressive about Sarosiek’s accomplishment is the fact that the first time she stepped on the stage of the Country Tonite Theatre in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., was with those aforementioned eight minutes. No practice, just 20 minutes in the “Green Room” and another five or six minutes backstage.

Then, it’s show time. “They hand you the microphone and you just go out,” said Sarosiek.

In those brief eight minutes, Sarosiek took the stage and performed two songs, “Let ‘Er Rip,” by the Dixie Chicks and Shania Twain’s “Up.” “I was really more excited than anything,” she said. “I thought I would just have fun and have it be a good experience.”

The lack of nerves proved fortunate for Sarosiek, who did not perform until the last day of the nearly week-long contest, making her among the last performers to sing.

But, for the 14-year-old singer the nervousness didn’t appear until she was named the winner. “I was so amazed at the award show,” she said. “My jaw dropped. I was like, ‘No way.’ That was the nervous part.”

With only a short time required by the contest itself, Sarosiek had the opportunity to see several of the sights around Nashville. Among them: the Country Hall of Fame, Opry Mills Mall, and the stage of the Grand Ole Opry, a place Sarosiek hopes to perform soon. She even had the opportunity to play the piano of “The King,” AKA Elvis at Studio B.

“It’s so cool.”

Now, back at home, Sarosiek said her plans are to concentrate on her singing and school sports, while taking a break from performing in theater.

“I don’t really feel that passion for theater [at the moment],” said Sarosiek. “But, I’ll probably go back.”

“She bounces back and forth,” said her mother, Susan.

So is there a future “American Idol” in Sarosiek? Not likely. “No,” said Sarosiek. “I’m afraid of Simon (Cowell, arguably the show’s most famous, and easily its most caustic, judge). They don’t vote for the singing. They vote for the ones who are pretty or have good bodies.”
Have dinner with the Lions

SPECIAL TO THE ATLANTIC NEWS

HAMPTON | Something good is cooking — or will be shortly — at the Hampton United Methodist Church as the Hampton Area Lions Club hosts their annual roast beef dinner.

Those delicious aromas wafting from the church hall on Saturday, April 14 will be coming from a menu of all-homemade foods which includes roast beef (of course) served with potatoes, mixed vegetables, a fresh salad, rolls and apple crisp with ice cream for dessert. Coffee, tea and milk are included, as are all the condiments.

Chefs Ted Davis and Bill McDill will have dinner ready at 5 p.m. that evening, and members of the Hampton Area Lions Club will be ready to serve their guests.

For those who would rather dine at home, packaged-to-order take-out meals will be available at the door.

The charge for this gastronomic delight is only $9 ($children under 12 will cost their parents just half the adult rate), and all proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society’s annual Relay for Life event.

Plan on joining the Hampton Area Lions dinner for dinner — not only will they do all the cooking, but they will even do the dishes and clear off the table. The church is located on Lafayette Road in Hampton. For more information, call Ted Davis at (603) 926-6301.
Free travelogue explores Iceland

SPECIAL TO THE ATLANTIC NEWS

PORTSMOUTH | Iceland is so much more than ice. Spectacular fjords, cascading waterfalls, millions of seabirds, thousands of ducks, volcanic activity, and formations as well as rivers of glacial ice are all part of what make Iceland such a treasure.

To introduce this unique treasure to the Seacoast community, a free public travelogue entitled “Iceland’s Wild Gem: Iceland” will be presented on Monday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Portsmouth High School, located at 50 Andrew Jarvis Drive in Portsmouth.

Sponsored by the Phyllis E. Hodgdon Lecture Series, this presentation features the colorful travel film by award-winning travel filmmaker John Wilson and Denise Wilkins.

The film features the rugged and dramatic coast of Iceland which is home to an incredible multitude of seabirds and tells the story of an area in northeastern Iceland which is one of the most volcanically active regions on earth and host to the largest concentration of breeding ducks in the world.

John and Denise serve as nature’s hosts at each location, taking viewers along on their wildlife-filing adventure and using their enthusiasm, warmth and sense of wonder to introduce the audience to this magnificent land. The public is invited to join them for an evening of travel adventure.

Phyllis E. Hodgdon, a Portsmouth High School art teacher, began her own travels to broaden her background in art, visiting the treasure-filled art museums of Europe. Her travel adventures took her from England to Siberia, the exciting years between 1937-73.

Phyllis made possible the presentation of this travel and historical lectures through a bequest to the Trust Funds of the City of Portsmouth, to be invested by the trustees to maintain the lecture series. The income from these investments provides the financial support for the programs, which are intended to be enjoyed without cost to the public.

Phyllis Hodgdon looked upon this as an appropriate and worthwhile way of having her name remain known and her great interest and participation in travel commemorated.

The “Europe’s Wild Gem: Iceland” travelogue is free and open to the public, and no tickets are needed to attend. For more information, call (603) 436-6721.

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**‘Into the Woods’**

DOVER | Garrison Players presents Stephen Sondheim’s award-winning musical “Into the Woods,” playing March 30-31 and April 1 at the Garrison Players Arts Center, located on Route 4 in Rollinsford.

Many children come to realize that fairy tales are brought to life in this musical: Cinderella, Rapunzel, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack of beanstalk fame, the Baker and his wife, and the Witch—just some of the many unforgettable characters whose stories are interwoven in a lovably twisted version of these tales everyone knows so well, as children.

Evening shows are at 8 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for students, available at the Dover Train Station on Chestnut Street, by calling (603) 750-4ART or Brown Paper Tickets at (800) 888-3888, or online at www.garrisonplayers.org.

**‘MURDER AT THE MANOR’**

DURHAM | “Murder at the Manor,” an interactive murder mystery, will be presented on Sunday, April 1 at 6 p.m., at Three Chimneys Inn, located at 17 Newmarket Road in Durham.

All proceeds from the evening will benefit York Parks and Recreation Department and Mill Pond Center for the Arts.

The setting is pre-war London at the estate of Cedric Clydeyse, who is about to celebrate his birthday. All of the interactive actors are attending the party and have their own personal agendas, mainly to borrow money from the host.

During the party, a tragic discovery is made—the body of Cedric’s father! All in attendance at the party are suspects and it will be up to the audience to solve this whodunit.

The performance features students from George Hoofer Jr., Mari Marangelli, Dennis Purdie, Norm Smith, Deb Stokel, and Kathy Horrigan.

Limited seating is available for the performance, and advance reservations are strongly recommended at $39.95 per person, which includes a three-course meal, performance, tax, and gratuity. A child’s entry and pricing is available upon request. For reservations, call Three Chimneys Inn at (603) 866-7800.
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EAST KINGSTON | The community is invited to attend the East Kingston PTO's Bingo Basket Bonanza, scheduled for Thursday, April 5 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at East Kingston Elementary School. Admission is $5 for adults and $3 for children (12 and under) with a $20 maximum for families over four. The ticket price includes two Bingo cards with additional cards available for $1 each. In addition to Bingo, activities will include a 50/50 raffle and raffles for 12 unique gift baskets, designed and created by East Kingston Elementary students. Refreshments will also be available. Enjoy a fun evening in support of the East Kingston Elementary PTO by attending their exciting Bingo Basket Bonanza. The school is located at 5 Andrews Lane in East Kingston. For more information call (603) 642-3511.

RUSSIAN ART ON DISPLAY

ROCHESTER | The New England Language Center will be holding a Russian Easter arts and crafts display on Saturday, March 31 from 12-3 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public and will include storytelling, Russian cartoons, and traditional Russian art.

Among the items available are Matryoshka (nested doll) sets, hand-painted Vasilissa dolls in traditional regional dresses, hand painted “Khokhloma” wooden bowls, wooden spoons, candlesticks, wooden Easter eggs, icons, and hand-carved wooden toys. There will also be a collection of Russian Easter greeting cards and watercolors by Russian artists. All are unique pieces which celebrate authentic Russian arts and culture.

Proceeds raised at the event will go to support Russian artists and artisans and New England Language Center cultural programs. For more information, contact Marina Forbes at (603) 322-2355 or write info@russianlanguagecenter.org.

SIGN UP NOW FOR SAILING COURSE

NEWBURYPORT | Registrations are currently being accepted for an introductory ‘Sailboat Safety’ class. Boaters of Beginners level can begin to learn the basics of sailing at Newburyport. This annual course is open to the general public, sailors and powerboaters, and no previous boating experience is necessary.

The course will cover a number of topics, including sailboat theory and techniques; boating safety; marine insurance; the U.S.C.G., equipment; popular knots; basic piloting and navigation; rules of the road; boating terminology; marine electronics; winds and weather; and safe boat-handling skills.

The instructors are all seasoned sailors and mariners with impressive credentials, who have enjoyed decades of assorted boating experiences, including blue water voyages, marina management, cruising the Caribbean, marine electronics, instructing captain’s courses, and more.

The course is scheduled to begin on April 23 and will meet Monday evenings, from 6:30-9 p.m., for four weeks. Classes will be conducted in the ‘Sail loft’ sections of the four co-sponsor Newburyport restaurants: the Garrison Inn, the Grog, the Black Cow, and the BluWater Café. The course fee of $95 is payable with registration. Boaters of Beginners level will be on a “first come, first served” basis. Registration forms may be obtained at the restaurants, or by calling (978) 502-9300, or e-mailing highseasjohn@yahoo.com.
**Thursday Evening**

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**TIME FOR TEA** — The public is invited to an early spring tea party when the Portsmouth Tea Company visits the Wigg Memorial Library in Stratham on Wednesday, April 4 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria Room of the Stratham Municipal Center. Participants will learn about tea’s rich history and celebrate the return of spring with a great cup of tea. Pictured here with a tea display is Portsmouth Tea Company owner, Marshall Malone. To sign up for this program, or for more information, contact the library at (603) 772-4345.

— Atlantic News Photo by Liz Premo

**GO ‘BAREFOOT’ AT WEST**

PORTSMOUTH | Way Off Broadway Players present Neil Simon’s classic comedy, ‘Barefoot in the Park’ playing March 30 through April 8 at West End Studio Theatre (WEST), located at 959 Islington Street in Portsmouth.

Showtimes are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m., with a special encore performance on Sunday, April 8 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are $12 for adults and $10 for students and Seniors. For more information or to make reservations, call (603) 617-2552 for reservations.
EXETER  | The Congregational Church in Exeter, located 23 Front Street, will hold a Maundy Thursday service on April 5 in the Vestry from 6:30-7:30 p.m. In keeping with the occasion, a light supper will be served. The following day, on Good Friday, April 6, at 12 noon there will be a service of prayers around the cross. During the 10 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, April 8, the service will include music by the Praise Choir, Senior Choir, Bell Choir, and guest soloist Sara Lacerzenski, trumpeter. There is no chapel service on Easter Sunday. Rev. Nancy Rockwell is Senior Minister, R Bashar Sinnadurai is director of Christian Growth, and Beverly Caldon is music director. The church is handicapped accessible. It is an Open and Affirming congregation, and all are welcome. For more information, call (603) 772-4216, or visit www.exetercong.church.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUPPORTS AFRICA TRIP

EPPING  | The public is invited to join members of Pilgrim United Church of Christ at Applebee’s in Epping for a pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 31 from 7:30-10 a.m. The cost per person is $7, and proceeds raised at the event will help fund an upcoming church mission trip to Zimbabwe, Africa. For eight years, members of Pilgrim UCC have been exchanging letters with friends from their partner church in Gwenzi, Zimbabwe. Now five of members, along with their minister, will travel to the African nation. In fact, one of the travelers is the young man (age 17) who inspired the organization of this trip. While in Africa, the members will be meeting friends, bringing donations of medical and educational supplies, and visiting the mission station where a new water project is being constructed with funds from the church and others in New Hampshire. The group will also visit churches, hospitals, schools, and orphanages during their stay. Come catch the excitement, raise funds for a worthy cause and enjoy some great pancakes at Applebee’s, located at 7 Fresh River Road, at the entrance to Wal-Mart and Lowe’s, off Route 125 in Epping. For more information, call (603) 778-3189.

OUTSIDE, the grills and tables were set up for the cook-out which would occur under blue skies later that afternoon.

Tapping maple trees isn’t new to Walker — her family once tapped 34 “very prolific” trees on their property.

“We used to tap the trees when the kids were little,” she said. All three of them — Robert, Steven and Janet — were once students at LAS.

Walker had some very complimentary words for the fifth grade teacher who described the complete maple sugar process to a T — controlled the flow of sap that went from a storage tank into the part of the evaporator where a steady boil was taking place. Walker said that’s what you’d pick.”

“Jim is a great teacher, with great enthusiasm,” said Walker. Regarding their yearly maple sugaring unit, Walker said “The kids love it; they look forward to it so much. It’s a wonderful project.” It’s a very sweet one, too, no matter what the weather may be.
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the little girl continues to make strides in her recovery from a bone marrow transplant last year.

"I am so happy to be able to say that Jordyn’s recovery from her bone marrow transplant last March is still going very well," wrote Boucher. "Jordyn’s health continues to get better each and every day. Because of her transplant being a mismatch transplant Jordyn had a lot of ‘graph vs. host disease’ issues in which she was treated with a lot of immune suppressants for a longer period of time. She continues to wean off her medicines and her restrictions continue to get less as we move forward.

"Jordyn remains in great spirits and is just loving life, as we are all enjoying each moment we have together, never taking one day for granted. As she continues to wean off her medicines and her restrictions continue to get less as we move forward.

"It’s not a lot of money but it’s not going to be here forever," says Nellieeho. "Children can use it to see history.”

That’s exactly what Peeke and her colleagues had in mind when considering having the mural become a permanent part of the school. As the students view the mural closely in years to come they will be able to distinguish various historical features related to their state as well as their town.

"With South Hampton being so small, you think it doesn’t have much history,” says Peeke, who has been teaching both New Hampshire and South Hampton history at Barnard School for nearly 20 years. "But it does.”

Now that her retirement is also about to become a part of Barnard School history, Peeke says, “I’m going to take time for me!” She says it will be “a treat to discover the ‘new me’ — the me that will now have the time to quilt, knit, play the harp and spend leisure time with my husband (Richard), who

mural to feature; on the New Hampshire side are familiar landmarks including the Old Man of the Mountain, Lake Winnipesaukee, Mt. Washington, the State House, lilac bushes and purple finches.

On the South Hampton side there will be the Piscow River, apple orchards, the town hall, church and former Barnard School, the All Capp house, a dairy farm, and Beverly Peeke with school children.

“I love doing [murals] in a school, because it’s going to be here forever,” says Nellieeho. “Children can use it to see history.”

For more information on Jordyn’s Ride 2007 contact Joe Chaliffour at (603) 664-6952.

RIDE FROM 3A

Last year’s fundraiser raised enough money to help benefit a York, Maine resident with a bone marrow drive for his ailments. Jason Durkin, a senior at York High School, was recently diagnosed with aplastic anemia.

A rare and serious condition, aplastic anemia can develop at any age. A variety of treatments are available. Once considered nearly always fatal, aplastic anemia has a much better prognosis today thanks to advances in treatment.

“We were able to donate $1000 from the Jordyn’s Ride proceeds towards the bone marrow drives held in Jason’s honor,” Joe Chaliffour said at the time of the donation. “It’s not a lot of money but we know from our own experience when holding drives for Jordyn that every bit helps and we are proud to offer what we can.”

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"It’s not difficult to conclude that these are exactly the same guidelines that Peeke herself has followed throughout her tenure. You will get to use free time to devote to personal pursuits, Peeke observes there will be a very noticeable difference regarding her daily routine.

“I must admit,” she says, “that it’s going to be very strange to be riding in the car without my pile of schoolwork in tow!”

As her longtime professional association with Barnard School draws to a close, Peeke acknowledges that there is a “bittersweet” quality mingled with her anticipated joys of retirement.

“I will miss the students tremendously, and yet I am looking forward to this next chapter in my life,” she says. “I must say that my teaching career has been one wonderful ride, and I am anticipating the next adventure!”

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Even though he won, Busch declared that the new Car of Tomorrow “sucks.”

Despite 16 cautions, the last coming with three laps remaining in the 500-lap race, the performance and handling of the new style car was hardly noticed by fans. Drivers passed, wrecked, made their pit stops and raced each other just as if they always have at Bristol.

Tony Stewart led the most laps (257), before a fuel problem on lap 290 put him 23 laps down.

Teams will race the new car again next weekend at Martinsville.

The car is built right. But I don’t know if it’s being built to Jeremy’s liking. Being associated with Jeremy in the past [at Evernham Motorsports], there were some differences we had to do back then between the two drivers. It’s pretty much the same here, we’re finding out.

To combat the situation, Baldwin said cars dedicated to Mayfield are being cut back and rebuilt. They said they went to the wind tunnel last week and will go twice more in the coming two weeks.

Dave Blaney, Mayfield’s teammate qualified seventh. NASCAR’s qualifying process assured only the top-35 cars from 2006 a starting spot in the first five races of the season. Since most of the Toyota teams were new teams and had no points, they had to qualify on speed.

Starting next week at Martinsville, the top current hot-shot drivers will be insured a spot.

Martin, Carl Edwards finished third in his heat race. In the main feature, he overcame a second lap incident, but on Lap 7 of 25 his right-front tire went flat, sending his No. 0 Monster Energy Toyota into the wall and a premature exit from the race.

 Fellow Ginn Racing development driver Matt Martin (Mark’s son) finished fourth in his heat and seventh overall in the feature.

“Our goal for this event was to not focus on the result, but to focus on the things that we had to learn,” said Martin. “Ricky had to learn the lay of the land and he did well with that tonight. He does know how to get up to speed quickly. We learned a ton tonight. I think we got the car working well for him by the feature and he was really fast. He just had a couple of unfortunate incidents. Part of it is racing and part of it will be more avoidable as he gets more experience and a better feel for what the cars around him will do.”

Carmichael is expected to compete in a total of 15 late model races this season.


ROLL CALL FROM 8A

(0) END THE WAIT LIST IN THREE YEARS
| SB138 would end the wait list for people with development disabilities in three years, as well putting various programs in place that would boost pay and training for providers. At issue was an amendment that would have ended the wait list in two years. Supporters of that amendment said that nobody should have to wait another year to receive services. Opponents said that it doesn’t make sense to get people off the waiting list if there aren’t quality services in place when they are off it. The amendment to end the wait list in two years failed 10-13. A YES vote FAVORED a two-year wait list. The Senate then unanimously passed the bill on to the Finance Committee.

(6) ALL YOUNG ADULT DEPENDENTS SHOULD BE COVERED
| SB183 would mandate that family coverage in workplace health insurance plans cover dependents who are under 25, whether or not they are students. Last year, the state mandated such coverage for all students. Opponents argued that young people in entry level jobs without health insurance coverage should be covered just as much as students, whose families could probably afford it more anyway. Opponents said that this is just one more mandate that will drive up the cost of health insurance premiums for insurers and their employees. The Senate then passed the bill 12-10 onto the Finance Committee. A YES vote favored mandating coverage for dependents under 25.

(11) NO STATEWIDE ELDERLY PROPERTY TAX CREDIT
| SB186 would establish an elderly property tax credit of up to $800 for those making less than $75,000 a year. It would cost the state an estimated $31 million. Supporters said that elderly people on fixed incomes are struggling to hang onto their homes to pay for a school system that long since stopped serving their kids. Opponents said that this would shift the burden onto everyone else, including families that make a lot less than $75,000 a year, and have more expenses. A vote on the language of the final bill FAILED 10-13. A YES vote favored the elderly tax credit. The Senate then unanimously PASSED a study bill over to the House.

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LSL support group to meet

SPECIAL TO THE ATLANTIC NEWS

Having problems sleeping due to restless legs? Then plan on attending the next Restless Legs Support Group meeting taking place on Saturday, March 31 at 11 a.m. at the Lane Memorial Library in Hampton.

Rallying around a firm goal will make your mind and body stronger. We just need your support to carry on.

Martin Carmen finished third in his heat race. In the main feature, he overcame a second lap incident, but on Lap 7 of 25 his right-front tire went flat, sending his No. 0 Monster Energy Toyota into the wall and a premature exit from the race.

Fellow Ginn Racing development driver Matt Martin (Mark’s son) finished fourth in his heat and seventh overall in the feature.

“Our goal for this event was to not focus on the result, but to focus on the things that we had to learn,” Martin said. “Ricky had to learn the lay of the land and he did well with that tonight. He does know how to get up to speed quickly. We learned a ton tonight. I think we got the car working well for him by the feature and he was really fast. He just had a couple of unfortunate incidents. Part of it is racing and part of it will be more avoidable as he gets more experience and a better feel for what the cars around him will do.”

Carmichael is expected to compete in a total of 15 late model races this season.


Weekend Racing

The Nextel Cup and Craftsman Trucks are at Martinsville, the smallest track (0.52-mile) on the circuit. The Busch Series have an off-weekend.

Sat., March 31, Craftsman Trucks: Kroger 250, race 4 of 35, Starting time: 3 p.m. (EST); TV: Speed Channel; Distance: 250 laps; Defending champion: David Starr.
Sun., April 1, Nextel Cup: Goody’s Cool Orange 500, race 6 of 36, Starting time: 1:30 p.m. (EST); TV: Speed Channel; Distance: 500 laps; Defending champion: Tony Stewart.

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Dr. Kent Logan, the group’s medical advisor, will offer professional guidance as participants learn ways to cope with restless leg syndrome (RLS).

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