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ABMI Puts Archives to Use Now and Then



Acclaimed folksinger Livingston Taylor stars in Steve Saraceno's 2002 production documenting Taylor's appearance at the Bellingham Town Common for a *Concerts on the Grass* performance eleven years ago. *The Blast from the Past* retrospective series debuted Feb. 1.

New Series Highlights Gems from the Past

Up until a few years ago, ABMI-TV daily programming could be seen only in Bellingham and Mendon. Nowadays it is accessible throughout the world at abmi8.org. Not only that, but productions of the recent past can easily be seen again via the Archives tab at the site.

Now ABMI is reaching further back into history. As part of an ongoing project to preserve videotaped shows that date as far back as the station's origins in 1985, Publicity Director Steve Saraceno is producing a retrospective series called *Blast from the Past*.

"There's a lot of interesting stuff we're trying to save," says Saraceno. "It's only in the last twenty years or so that local communities would have such an extensive history of moving images. So as we transfer the tapes from one medium to another, it's important to give people a look at what we have."

Please check the abmi8.org website for the most up-to-date playing times for *Blast from the Past*.



ABMI Board of Directors Vote to Approve Purchase of New Studio Monitor and Deck

At the Board of Directors Meeting Jan. 8, Station Manager Patrick Fleming explained the need for a new studio monitor that would free up space for camera movement.

The board unanimously approved the spending of up to \$2500 for the purchase of a flat screen studio monitor, swing arm support, and editing deck.

Fleming said he will notify the board if it looks like the total cost will exceed that figure.

In other business, Board President Jereme Cooper asked about the entry in the Treasurer's Report denoting \$1900 for "Key Signs." Fleming said that covered the cost of labor for the wrap of the production van.

Cooper asked whether things had been straightened out concerning the finalizing of discs at the Bellingham Town Hall. Fleming said he will send Production Coordinator Erik Fischer down there to give further instruction.



Board Member Tracy Aicardi asked about the donations total for the Santa's Elves Telethon. Publicity Director Steve Saraceno said approximately \$5,000 in gifts and monetary pledges came in this holiday season.

Fleming reported that new cameras are needed for the setup at South School. Coverage of school committee meetings is now down to one good camera. Fleming would like to install a two-camera robotic setup. Cooper cautioned against installation of the cameras until it is reasonably certain that the school committee meetings will stay at that site. Fleming said he would wait until he hears from the committee.



REGULAR SHOWS

ABMI PUBLIC CHANNEL

MONDAY

3pm & 7pm Talent Call USA

Noon & 8pm
Physician Focus

9pm - Mendon Board
of Selectmen

TUESDAY

12:30pm & 6:30pm - Vic-
tory Assembly of God

3pm & 8pm - 30 Odd
Minutes [8pm LIVE!]

WEDNESDAY

4pm & 8pm
The Garage

1pm & 7pm - In
the Spotlight

THURSDAY

1pm & 7pm
Strictly Business

Noon & 6pm
Memories of Mendon

FRIDAY-SUNDAY

11am & 5pm - Some-
thing Special

Noon & 6:30pm - Real
Estate Roundtable

10pm - The Dun-
geon of Dr. Dreck

*check our website
for complete daily listings*

ABMI BELLINGHAM CHANNELS

Public Channel Verizon47

Public Channel Comcast 8

Education Channel Verizon 43

Education Channel Comcast 98

Government Channel Verizon 45

Government Channel Comcast 11

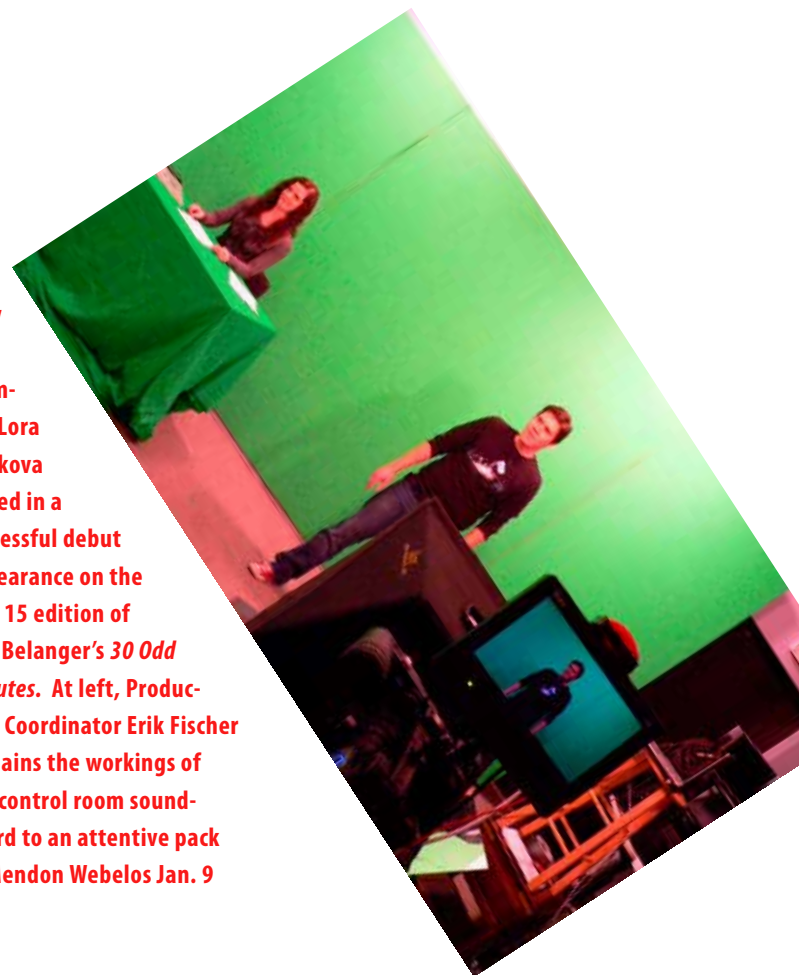
Winter productions warm up ABMI studio!

Host Marjoie Turner Hollman (seated right) chats with Timothy Murzycki, D.C., and Wendy O'Connor, Senior Tax Advisor, during the Jan. 30 taping of *Strictly Business*.



Fresh from signing a recording contract with Gator Bait Records, Jesse Smith croons a tune on the set of *Talent Call USA* Jan 7.

In the Spotlight's Don Keller (far right) plays host to the St. Brendan Youth in an hour-long live call-in show Feb. 14.



New cast member Lora Markova turned in a successful debut appearance on the Jan. 15 edition of Jeff Belanger's *30 Odd Minutes*. At left, Production Coordinator Erik Fischer explains the workings of the control room soundboard to an attentive pack of Mendon Webelos Jan. 9





Cable Forum

Milford TV showed off its brand new studio at the latest meeting of the MetroWest Cable Forum, attended by ABMI staffers Feb. 27.

Don Cronin of Holliston Cable moderated the meeting. Discussion topics included the possibility of high def channels for public access, and the various methods of archiving old productions.

ABMI MENDON

PUBLIC CHANNEL COMCAST 8

PUBLIC CHANNEL VERIZON 47

EDUCATION CHANNEL COMCAST 98

EDUCATION CHANNEL VERIZON 42

GOVERNMENT CHANNEL COMCAST 11

GOVERNMENT CHANNEL VERIZON 41



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*Next Meeting
Tues. March 5, 2013
6:15 p.m.*

directions to studio

Seven things to know about ABMI

1. You can post free notices for your non-profit organization or activity on our video bulletin board. Best way is to email us at abmi8@comcast.net. You can also phone at 508-966-3234. Or send a fax at 508-966-2321.
2. All our public channel cablecasts stream live at the same time from our website at abmi8.org. Taped public meetings and special events are also available for viewing in the Archive section at our site.
3. DVD copies of ABMI shows are available for \$15.75 per copy. We have shows going back as far as 1985, so if there's a blast from the past you'd like to see again, call us at 508-966-3234.
4. ABMI encourages interested volunteers. Our staff is available to teach basic camera technique and non-linear editing on a one-to-one basis.
5. Station Manager Patrick Fleming, Publicity Director Steve Saraceno, and Production Coordinator Erik Fischer are generally available weekdays by calling 508-966-3234.
6. The ABMI public channel is Channel 8 for Comcast subscribers and Channel 47 for Verizon folks.
7. Live town meetings generally run on the town government channels.



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