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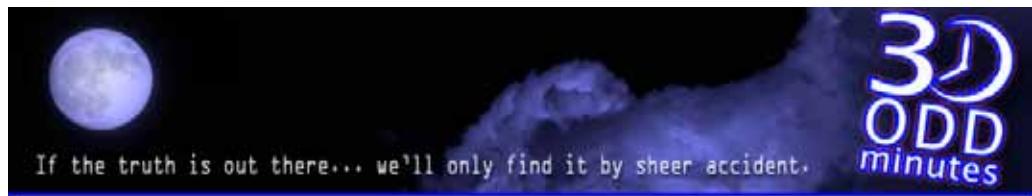
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- **DVD Copies of Shows available for \$15.75**
- **Recent Meetings can be viewed at our website under the Archives tab**

## 30 Odd Minutes



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## Halloween Telethon



### *Classic Episodes to Run Throughout the Day Oct. 31*

Produced and developed at ABMI, Jeff Belanger's *30 Odd Minutes* is now enjoyed by an audience of up to three million cable and online viewers across the country. This Halloween, Monday, Oct. 31, ABMI will cablecast classic episodes throughout the day, beginning at 6 a.m. and continuing right through the witching hour of midnight.

Belanger has authored more than a dozen books on the paranormal. He founded Ghostvillage.com, the most popular "ghostly destination" on the web. Belanger frequently appears on The Travel Channel, History Channel, and other national shows. He lives in Bellingham.



# Gomes of Mendon Voted Full Member; Fischer Creates Facebook Page for ABMI

The Board of Directors unanimously approved for ABMI membership Gregory Gomes of Mendon in a vote taken at the Oct. 11 monthly meeting.

Gomes plans to produce a show about soccer called *The Offside Trap*. Gomes said ex-Patriots kicker John Smith is a prospective guest for the show.

In other business, Board Vice-President Jereme Cooper asked Production Coordinator Erik Fischer whether the new ABMI Facebook page was ready yet. Fischer said yes, the page is up and running. Fischer just needs to get the embedded logo to put on the website.

Station Manager Patrick Fleming said the wireless transmission unit has not been fully tested. "I'll put it in the van in the parking lot and see if it works." Nick Russell of Lightway will help Fleming test it. Fleming said, "All the areas we would send from are covered by Verizon 4G service, except for Miscoe, which is 3G."

Cooper asked about the visit to the Techno Expo in New Hampshire. Fleming said it went well. Access A-V sponsored it. They are the company from which ABMI bought the new studio set-up. Fleming and Fischer toured all the display tables. They concentrated on the new cameras, as well as the Sony suitcase



studio called Sony Anycast. Fleming said the Anycast looks good but he would like a system dedicated just to the production van.

In new business, Fleming said *Dungeon of Dr. Dreck* producer Michael Legge requested \$50 from his budget to pay for PegMedia downloads. The Board passed a motion by Cooper and seconded by Treasurer Bob Carlson granting the request. Fleming said he will talk to Legge to see exactly what he is asking for in the future regarding PegMedia.

Fleming said ABMI Member Rick Teter wants to buy the old soundboard from the studio. The Board gave Fleming the go-ahead to offer it to Teter for \$100.

Cooper asked about the van. Fleming said Access A-V could equip an empty van and customize it for us. Cooper asked about wireless cameras. Fleming said the battery power to send the signal would not last long enough for a whole concert. ABMI President John Lee asked whether we might do one wireless camera as a beta test. Fleming agreed that might be the way to go.

Lee noted in his President's Remarks, "Everything is looking to be on the upswing." He hailed the Facebook page as a good addition to the station's web presence. In summary Lee said, "Keep everything going the way it is, and stay the course."



## REGULAR SHOWS

Comcast Ch. 8

### MONDAY

3pm & 7pm Talent Call USA

Noon & 6pm Emily's Garden

9pm - Mendon Board of Selectmen

### TUESDAY

12:30pm & 6:30pm - Victory Assembly of God

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

10pm - ETTV

### WEDNESDAY

Noon, 4pm & 8pm  
The Garage

1pm & 7pm - In the Spotlight

11pm - Horrorhost Network

### THURSDAY

1pm & 7pm  
Strictly Business

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY

11am & 5pm - Something Special

Noon & 6pm - Real Estate Roundtable

10pm - The Dungeon 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

# A Quarter Century of Holiday Telethons

The 2011 Santa's Elves Telethon marks the 25th straight year of holiday benefit shows at ABMI. The first took place in 1987, hosted by Station Manager Pat Tropeano.



Linda Trudeau (photo left, standing on far right) hosted numerous telethons over the years. Recently Trudeau has co-hosted with telethon organizer Lynn Ullish (below, left).

Santa's Elves Coming  
Tuesday, Dec. 6

Below, a still from  
the opening for  
the 1987 "Toys for  
Tots" Telethon.



This year's telethon (Tuesday, Dec. 6 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.) will take advantage of a digital technology barely imagined 25 years ago. Above, the Bellingham Women of Yesterday perform the 'California Raisin' dance behind a graphic that is pure 1987.



## Greg Gomes voted Full Membership

Mendon resident Gregory Gomes gained unanimous approval from the ABMI Board of Directors for full membership at their October meeting.

Gomes, who coaches soccer, wants to produce a show focusing on the sport. The current working title for the show is *The Offside Trap*.

Gomes said ex-Patriots kicker John Smith may guest on the show.

### 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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### ABMI Board of Directors

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*Bellingham*

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#### Member

Kevin Grupposo  
*Bellingham*

#### Member

Brian Sutherland  
*Bellingham*

#### Next Meeting

Tue. Nov. 1, 2011  
6:15 p.m.

directions to studio

## 7 Things to Remember 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](mailto:abmi8@comcast.net). You can also phone at 508-966-3234. Or send a fax at 508-966-2321.
2. We provide DVD copies of any ABMI show. The price is \$15.75 per DVD. Some of our recent shows can be viewed again under the Archive tab at [abmi.org](http://abmi.org).
3. Our public channel is always streaming live on our web site at [abmi8.org](http://abmi8.org). You no longer have to BE in Mendon or Bellingham to watch ABMI.
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 Fleming 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. Check the [abmi.org](http://abmi.org) website for access to our archiving feature, where you can find previously played shows.



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