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## special Education options

The New Hampshire Sunday News will publish a special section this weekend called "Education Options: Colleges and Preparatory Schools in the East." In it we explore some of the college preparatory and college programs available within the state, from boarding schools that have been around for a hundred years and more, to new technology programs at the state's community colleges.

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## parade Breakfast anyone?

As part of Parade's ongoing What America Eats series, the intrepid team behind Roadfood.com went in search of great American breakfasts from legendary coffee shops, diners and other eateries across the country. Here are the fruits (and eggs and pancakes) of their labor.

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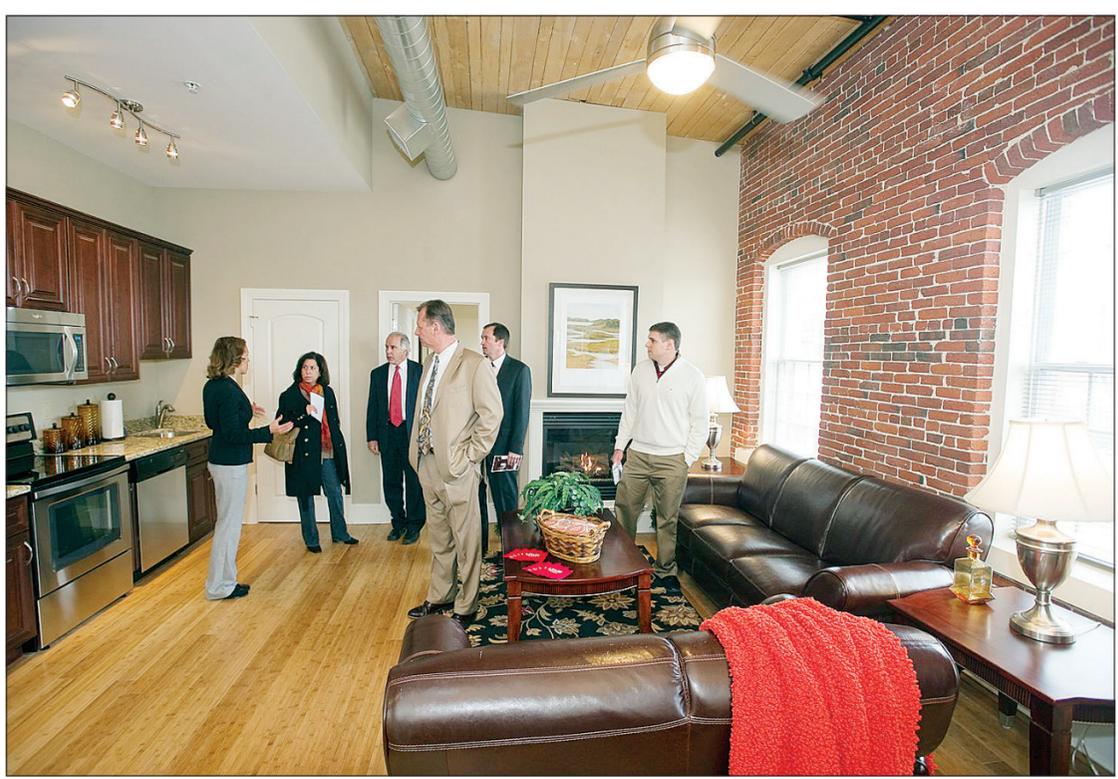
### Mega-churches

Growing up in Raymond, Josh Gagnon wasn't much of a church-goer. Today, at 33, he is pastor to a congregation approaching 2,000 worshippers every weekend at four locations in three states. The remarkable growth of this church in just five years since its founding reflects the emergence of "megachurches" as a force to be reckoned with in Christianity.

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"Today's young professionals want convenience, and they put a premium on that."

GRAY CHYNOWETH  
Chief Operating Office at Dyn



Visitors tour model units at a grand opening event for the Lofts at Mill No. 1, a new residential building in the Manchester Millyard. JOSH GIBNEY/UNION LEADER

## RUN OF THE MILL? HARDLY

◆ **Manchester:** The luxurious Lofts at Mill No. 1 seen as a "game changer" for downtown.

By MARK HAYWARD  
New Hampshire Union Leader

**T**HE MANCHESTER Millyard has experienced a lot in its 1¾ centuries of existence. Water power, child labor and worker strikes. A huge flood, an anthrax scare. Spectacular growth, mass layoffs, a techno-geek renaissance.

Get ready for its latest phase: home-cooked breakfasts, late-night TV and weekend Wii parties.

Tenants are expected to begin moving in today to 110 high-end apartments at The Lofts at Mill No. 1, the first time in history that mill building has been used to live and play in.

On Thursday, owner Brady Sullivan Properties hosted a ribbon cutting and showcased the project at 300 Bedford Street, which is just north of the building that houses the SEE Science Center and Millyard Museum.

Valued between \$8 million and \$9 million by Arthur Sullivan, the redevelopment converted six stories of low-rent offices and storage into chichi apartments that rent from \$995 to \$1,895.

The units include exposed brick walls and heating ducts, hardwood floors, stainless-steel appliances, granite countertops, track lighting and



Mayor Ted Gatsas checks out the small movie theater room at a grand opening event for the Lofts at Mill No. 1, a new residential building in the Manchester Millyard. JOSH GIBNEY/UNION LEADER

views — row housing and downtown to the east, the Millyard and Merrimack River to the west.

Amenities include an indoor basketball court, a mini-theater featuring leather recliners and an 80-inch video screen, a workout room, a patio and a billiard/foosball room.

"This is kind of a game changer, we think, for downtown Manchester," Sullivan said. Small retailers such as apparel stores will be more willing to locate downtown now that 110 profes-

sionals will be living within a short walk, he said.

Sullivan said 25 percent of the space is already rented, and he's had several hundred inquiries.

Aurore Eaton, executive director of the Manchester Historic Association, said the buildings were the first that were actually owned by the Amoskeag Manufacturing Co., which came to dominate the Millyard and, by exten-

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## Students display creativity at Bedford High expo

◆ **Seeking excellence:** Judges get an overview of innovative projects.

By KATHY REMILLARD  
Union Leader Correspondent

**BEDFORD** — Students at Bedford High School showed off the results of their learning at a student expo Thursday, with some special guests — a panel of judges from N.H. Excellence in Education, which will present the "ED"die Awards in June. According to Peter Ga-

gnon, director of the International Baccalaureate program at Bedford High School, BHS is in the final round for consideration as a Secondary School of Excellence for 2013. Students participating in the expo gave an overview of some of the projects they've done this school year, selected for presentation by their teachers.

From chemistry to Latin, Mandarin to algebra, students presented projects in an array of subject areas, Gagnon said, including projects from its International Baccalaureate and Life Skills pro-

grams.

The International Baccalaureate program is an honors program organized by an educational foundation headquartered in Switzerland.

"I think they take a lot of pride in it," Gagnon said, referring to those nominated to make presentations.

Students presented several projects providing unique challenges to their creativity, including a children's book on the ideas of the Soviet leader Joseph Stalin, and adapting graphing techniques to create cartoons.

Michael Soucy, a freshman, designed a house and labeled everything in it in Mandarin Chinese. "It was a lot of work," he said, "but it was fun to create my own house."

Valerie Boles, Sumana Shashidhar and Madison Earnshaw presented the Five Pillars of Islam as part of their World Religions class, which included the study of Christianity, Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism and Islam.

As part of the class, the students did a workshop with

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## Thief hits unlocked cars in Auburn

◆ **Five vehicles:** Police urge residents to be on the lookout for suspicious activity.

By BRENDAN CLOGSTON  
Union Leader Correspondent

**AUBURN** — Local police are asking residents to keep a lookout for suspicious activity after a number of vehicles were broken into on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

The thief or thieves hit five vehicles in three separate incidents in the areas of Lover's Lane, Coleman Drive and Pasture Drive. All of the thefts were reported to police Wednesday morning.

Only change was taken in the first break-in. In the second, sunglasses, an iPad charger, a scanner, an iPod, a sleeping bag and a backpack were taken. More change and a backpack were stolen in the third incident.

Police believe the three crimes are related.

"I think two of them were definitely related," said Capt. Gary Bartis. "It's very likely, given how close they are and the fact that they all occurred on the same night."

Police put out a Nixle alert

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## Byway council hosts input session

◆ **Chester:** The group is working to protect and promote historic and cultural features along the route.

By ADAM SWIFT  
Union Leader Correspondent

**CHESTER** — The Robert Frost/Old Stage Coach Scenic Byway Council is holding a public input session at Chester Town Hall on Saturday, April 6, from 9 to 11 a.m.

The byway council includes residents from Atkinson, Hampstead, Chester, Auburn and Derry, with additional participation from the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission and the Rockingham Planning Commission.

The byway council's purpose is to protect the historic and cultural features along the byway, encourage the public to investigate the historic resources along the byway, encourage and promote recreational opportunities and to promote economic development, said Derry planning assistant Elizabeth Robidoux.

"The purpose of the session is to obtain input from residents and business owners located along the byway," said Robidoux.

She said the input session

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## Mill

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sion, the city.

They were built in phases. Construction on the north and south buildings started in the 1840s. The center building, which includes a tower, was built last. Abraham Lincoln likely saw it under construction during his famous 1860 visit to Manchester. He may have even entered the building, she said.

“The Millyard has transformed itself several different times in our history. This is the latest transformation,” Eaton said. “This makes it more of a neighborhood, not just a place to go to work and go home at night.”

Actually, many tenants will be walking to work. Sullivan said the apartments are drawing tenants who already work in the Millyard and desire to live nearby. For decades, Americans deserted their cities for the suburbs, now they are returning.

“People want to downsize. They want to own less and do more,” he said.

Sullivan said his company owns 1,000 rental units and is looking to add another 1,000 to its inventory. Across the Merrimack River, his company’s conversion of Mill West into a 300-unit apartment complex is under way, and the first 96 units should be available within six months, he said.

The Lofts will be a half-time home for Andrew Keenan, the chief financial officer for Dyn, a Millyard Internet services company.

“It’s gorgeous. I can’t believe how nice it is,” Keenan said. He and his family live in a 5,000-square-foot house in Massachusetts. The apartment will be his workweek

home, as well as a base for family excursions to New Hampshire.

“The last thing I need is another big house,” Keenan said.

Dyn is also leasing a second apartment, where employees from offices in the United Kingdom or San Francisco can stay while working a short stint in Manchester, said Gray Chynoweth, chief operating officer at Dyn.

“We’re going to call it the Dyn crash pad,” he said.

He said the development should help high-tech companies recruit professionals and technology workers to Manchester.

“Today’s young professionals want convenience, and they put a premium on that,” Chynoweth said. “If you live at a place that’s convenient, you don’t need a car.”

For those who love their wheeled vehicles, there are parking options. The Lofts come with 156 on-site parking spots, available on a first-come, first-served basis. Resident-only parking is available on Bedford Street in front of the building. The Waumbec Mill lot is available on nights and weekends. And tenants can rent a spot at the New Hampshire Plaza garage for \$50 a month.

Mayor Ted Gatsas, who cut the ceremonial ribbon, said the city is studying whether to build a parking garage in the Millyard. In the meantime, he hopes the population infusion will create enough demand for a movie theater in the downtown.

“That,” he said, “will change the complexion of the entire city.”

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students at Peter Woodbury Elementary School.

“We talked with them about basic lessons, like peace,” Shashidhar said.

“This is absolutely my favorite class,” Boles said. “I really, really enjoyed studying the five pillars.”

Earnshaw said what struck her is how much the different religions have in common.

Gagnon said he is continually impressed with the level of student work, and while there have been ups and downs since

the IB program first opened, he is proud of its progress.

“I’m fortunate to work with an all-star team of educators,” Gagnon said. “We do great things, but like any high school, we have legitimate challenges.”

Gagnon said the final round of judging is just one part of a thorough application process.

“We’re certainly hoping to be recognized,” he said. “It’s always good to be recognized when you’re doing something right.”

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## Car thief

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about the thefts around 8:30 a.m. on Thursday morning asking residents to call police if they recalled seeing any suspicious vehicles in the area. By early afternoon, however, Auburn police had received no tips.

“Nixle is pretty good at that, so my guess is nobody saw anything,” said Bartis.

All five cars were unlocked at the time of the thefts. Auburn police are asking residents to make sure they lock their vehicles at night and keep any valuables out of sight.

Residents are asked to report any suspicious activity to the Auburn Police Department at 483-2134.

## Byway

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will also help raise awareness of the byway initiative, identify concerns in the corridor’s communities, and help begin the process of developing goals and objectives for the corridor management plan.

“Public participation and input is a vital component and will be a guiding factor as the council begins to develop the corridor management plan,” said Robidoux.

In 2011, Atkinson successfully obtained a designation of its Main Street as a New Hamp-

shire Scenic and Cultural Byway, recognizing many historic properties as well as the importance of the corridor as the primary stage coach route between Boston and Manchester during the state’s Colonial era.

The Robert Frost/Old Stage Coach Scenic Byway Advisory Council will explore the potential for expanding that local byway into a regional one that also celebrates the life and history of Robert Frost.

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# Family helps Costa Ricans with solar cooker project

◆ **Color My World foundation supports it: Angela Hughes says villagers are able to use renewable source of fuel instead of cutting down trees to burn for cooking purposes.**

By **KATHY REMILLARD**  
Union Leader Correspondent

**BEDFORD** — Global community service is not a new concept to the Hughes family — in fact, they established their own foundation, Color My World, to support it.

“We started off as a means to distribute hygiene kits,” said Angela Hughes, director of Color My World, which included toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap and towels to donate to those stricken by disaster, both here at home and abroad.

The foundation began to branch out even further when Hughes’ son Chase introduced the concept of solar cooking on Color My World’s first mission trip to Costa Rica in 2011, which takes advantage of the sun’s rays to produce cooking heat.

The cooker is similar to a crock pot, Hughes said, and requires about 12 hours of sunlight to run effectively.

“We’ve traveled all over the world,” Hughes said. “One of the biggest problems people have is that they have to go search for their wood and chop down trees to cook every day.”

When the family went to Mexico in

December, they again saw people hauling wood on bicycles to bring back to their villages, and remembering their solar cooker project, decided to take action.

Hughes did some research and chose Jiquilillo, Nicaragua as the location for the family’s next philanthropic adventure, and they spent a week there at the end of February.

“I took a risk,” Hughes said, knowing that they’d never traveled to the country before. “We headed out the door hoping to meet the right people, and we did.”

The family — Angela, husband Brian, and three of the couple’s four children, Chase, Noah and Elizabeth — ended up staying at a lodge owned by Gerry Caseres, president of the citizens conservation committee in the town, who offered to help them get set up.

“He helped us put together our audience and our Spanish translator, and facilitated the arrangements of our other projects,” Hughes said.

Caseas told Hughes that the project was more of a conservation effort than any health or medical project he could think of.

“We are cutting down more than 1 hectore of trees a week (1,200 trees,)” he said. “My goal is to work with Color My World to bring in solar cookers to 2000 families in this community.”

Hughes said that while the cookers were successful, they knew they were also introducing a cultural shift, especially for women, who often spent all day cooking.

## Manchester Crimewatch

# Two Massachusetts men face felony drug charges

**MANCHESTER** — Two Massachusetts men were arraigned Thursday in Circuit Court-Manchester District Division on drug charges resulting from an investigation by the Manchester Police Special Enforcement Division.

Khyree Rashid Thompson, 22, of 12 Park Ave., Revere, and Cledy Pires, 22, of 12 Leroy St., Boston, were arrested outside the Econolodge, 75 W. Hancock St., at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

Thompson was arrested on three warrants for sale of a controlled drug that allege he sold crack cocaine. Thompson was also charged with possession of a narcotic with intent to sell after he was found in possession of 4.1 grams of heroin and \$1,061 in cash.

Pires was charged with two felony counts of sale of a controlled drug.

Bail for Thompson was set at \$75,000 cash/surety, with a hearing to be held on the source of any funds offered for bail. Bail for Pires was set at \$50,000 cash/surety, also with a hearing on the source of bail funds. Probable cause hearings were set for March 28.

### Assault with objects

Jonathan Leonard, 33, who lists his address as a post-office box in Stratham, pleaded innocent Thursday in Circuit Court-Manchester District Division to two charges of simple assault.

Leonard is accused of throwing a drink bottle at his wife, hitting her in the stomach, and throwing a roll of tinfoil at her, hitting her in the head. At the time the alleged assaults were reported last month, the couple was living at 286 Concord St.

Police prosecutors requested \$2,000 cash/surety bail for Leonard, who is subject to a 72-hour probation hold in connection with a 2011 criminal threatening conviction.

Leonard asked for a break on bail, saying he and his wife have been together for three years and they have a 16-month-old child. Judge William Lyons set bail at \$1,000 cash/surety, with conditions barring contact with his wife and barring Leonard

from her residence.

### Two apartments burglarized

Jorge Colon, 34, of 172 Youville St., could enter no plea Thursday in Circuit Court-Manchester District Division to a felony burglary charge that alleges he entered two apartments at 149 Parker St. and took a backpack and two laptops.

Police had responded Tuesday afternoon to a neighbor’s report of a suspicious vehicle parked outside the building and a stranger leaving the building with a full backpack.

Based on a description provided by the neighbor, Officer Casey Seigle stopped a vehicle matching the description a short time later on Queen City Avenue, near Sundial Avenue. Colon, who was a passenger in the vehicle, matched the description of the man leaving the Parker Street address with the backpack.

Further investigation by Officer Chris Biron at the Parker Street address determined that both the second and third floor apartments had been entered and items, including a black backpack and two laptops, had been taken.

Based on that information, the vehicle stopped by Seigle was seized and searched by Biron Wednesday, after a search warrant was obtained. The items reported stolen from Parker Street were found in the vehicle.

When Colon was spotted in the area of Hanover and Beech streets at about 1 a.m. Thursday, he taken into custody without incident and charged with burglary.

Police said the investigation is continuing and additional arrests or charges are likely.

In court Thursday, Colon asked for a break on bail, saying he has no money and his girlfriend is pregnant. Police prosecutors had requested \$10,000 cash/surety bail, noting Colon’s criminal history includes criminal threatening, false report to law enforcement and unsworn

falsification.

Lyons set bail at \$5,000 cash/surety, with conditions barring contact with either victim. A probable cause hearing was set for March 28.

### Pregnancy test kit taken

An Auburn teen pleaded no contest Thursday in Circuit Court-Manchester District Division to a reduced charge of theft by unauthorized taking.

Monique Labrie, 18, of 458 Manchester Road, was accused of taking a pregnancy test kit from a Rite Aid store and then failing to appear for arraignment Dec. 26, 2012.

The plea agreement reduced the charge from an A misdemeanor to a B. Labrie was fined \$1,200 with \$1,000 of that suspended for two years of good behavior, which includes not going to any Rite Aid store during that period. She was ordered to pay \$298, which includes the fine, penalty assessment and \$50 failure to appear fee immediately. The prosecutor said the test kit was recovered at the scene.

### Claims self defense

A city teen charged with simple assault Thursday told Lyons: “It was self defense. She hit me first.”

Amanda Webber, 17, of 1287 Elm St., pleaded innocent to charges of knocking her sister to the floor, punching her in the face several times and pulling her hair while the alleged victim was on the floor.

Webber protested the proposed \$1,000 cash/surety bail, telling Lyons: “I have school tomorrow.” Lyons set bail at \$100 cash/surety and \$900 personal recognizance, with conditions barring contact with the alleged victim and barring Webber from her sister’s residence. Trial was set for April 15.

### Alleged victim is his girlfriend

A city man accused of throwing his girlfriend onto a bed, punching holes in the apartment walls, and tell-

ing her that if he weren’t punching the walls, he’d be punching her was arraigned Thursday in Circuit Court-Manchester District Division.

Aaron Michael White, 46, of 471 Maple St., pleaded innocent to charges of assault, criminal threatening and criminal mischief and trial was set for April 25.

Police prosecutors sought \$1,000 cash/surety bail, with conditions barring contact with the alleged victim and barring White from her residence.

White wanted personal recognizance bail, but Lyons noted he is out on bail on an unrelated charge of willful concealment. White said he wasn’t on bail, although he acknowledged he was arraigned Feb. 26 on the charge. Citing the pending charge, White’s failure to appear on a 2012 charge and the nature of the new charges, Lyons set bail at the amount requested by the prosecutors.

### He’s needed at home

A man charged with receiving stolen property and theft by deception asked for a break on bail, saying he needs to walk his two children to and from school.

Joshua Harrison, 29, of 201 Auburn St., said his family is struggling financially and he needs to get his SSI so his wife and kids can move into new housing through The Way Home program. Harrison declined to apply for a court-appointed lawyer, saying he was going to see about hiring a private attorney.

Harrison is accused of selling an iPhone he knew was stolen to a Kelley Street pawn shop for \$40. Police prosecutors had requested \$3,000 cash/surety bail, saying Harrison has two prior theft convictions.

Lyons set bail at the amount requested by the prosecutor, with conditions barring Harrison from contact with the alleged theft victim and barring him from the victim’s residence and the pawn shop. A probable cause hearing on the felony charges was set for March 28.

# Sweet treats build scholarship fund for Moultonborough Women’s Club

◆ **Cash for confections: Club has raised \$73,000 for scholarships since 2001.**

By **LARISSA MULKERN**  
Special to the Union Leader

**MOULTONBOROUGH** — Cookies, cakes and all sorts of delectable, homemade goodies translate into cash for the Moultonborough Women’s

Club. That cash is in turn donated to community non-profit groups and distributed through a scholarship fund for area students.

Since 2001, the Women’s Club has raised more than \$73,000 towards its scholarship fund through bake sales.

On Tuesday, club members manned the kitchen and counter at the town’s public safety building as voters came in to vote and town elected

officials and staff oversaw balloting. Sales from the election day bake sale were expected to reach \$1,000, perhaps less than prior election day’s where turnout was more robust. Members noted that the bake sale during the national presidential election raised \$1,600.

Club members Dotti Simpson, Mary Whiting, Marsha Rauch and bake sale chair Judy Ballard set up a plentiful display of goodies at 9 a.m.

Some of the favorites went quickly, like 28 whoopie pies that were reserved before they hit the sales table. Decorated cupcakes, cookies, homemade fruit pies, fudge, carrot, lemon and spice cakes all sold at reasonable prices — \$1 for two peanut butter and chocolate cupcakes, for instance — but members say generous citizens sometimes will hand over \$20 for a donation.

“Last year we awarded

\$9,000 in scholarships,” said Ballard. Since the fund was established, 72 students have received scholarships, which are open to students in surrounding towns, not only Moultonborough, and to students who decide to return to college after an absence.

The club also designates a Charity of the Month to which members donate food, personal products, toys and supplies to groups in need.

Simpson said the group also provides opportunities for women to get together and experience a sense of fellowship. During monthly meetings, the club hosts special guest speakers or performers.

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