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SBE Christmas Play

by Tamara Blodgett

A festive and fun time for the whole family...

Seldovians were in for a treat in the form of a Musical Christmas Production performed by the students at SBE that took place last Monday evening. This musical production was based loosely on the TV Variety shows of the past, with a distinctive, multi-era; tongue-in-cheek nod at the fashion silliness and idiosyncratic ways of those decades.



This was a two-part production, with SBE's High School Band playing Christmas favorites, followed by the SBE High School Choir repeating that theme. The preschoolers up through 3rd grade also sang followed by an interactive session of caroling with the audience taking place before the theatrical performances.

[Click here for the full PhotoStory](#)

The title of the play was, "Santa's Rockin' Christmas Eve~ A rock and roll evening at the North Pole." This all-musical production featured the "Snowflakes (and all-girl ensemble) and the "Mistletones (and all-boy chorus

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line). Miss Hilts, SBE Drama/English teacher and musician extraordinaire, had this to say about the effort that went into the production, “ The students have been working very hard for the last, several weeks for this big production. We hope everyone will come and celebrate their efforts.” It sure looks like that hope came to fruition as there was several people left standing at the back with chairs being in short supply!

There was an especially nice solo part done by Freshman Jackie Brown playing Mrs. Claus, that was very well executed and had the perfect flavor for the production. Also of note were the boys “vamping it up” in a chorus line-style reminiscent of the 1950’s. The K through 6th graders were also feverishly working on their individual parts as assorted elves, reindeer and the like. There was an announcer, campy (hilarious) commercials interspersed with the cast on the lookout for Santa.

Santa *did* make his grand entrance, amongst gleeful singing and shouting at the end of the musical. Just in time for the wee ones to sit on Santa’s lap and have their photo taken. Simultaneously, the attendees met in the cafeteria for student-made gingerbread “people.” Yum-Yum!



This was both an organized and fun play done in an interesting format that is not usually seen at this age level. It was performed by all grades so well, and a delight and comic relief to watch. We look forward to seeing future productions.

City Council meeting summary - December 14

by Tamara Blodgett

Seldovia City Council Meeting convened this Wednesday with the following Councilpersons present: Peggy Boscacci, Keith Gain, Tom Glover, Tom Keesecker, Mark Massion and Walter McInnes together with City Manager Kurt Reynertson and City Clerk Ronda Haynes. Mayor Dick Wyland had an excused absence.

The Meeting was as follows:

Ordinance Introduction 06-05, Amending Chapter 18.24.020, Zoning Map,

School

▶ Wrestling - Basketball & School News



▶ Halloween Carnival PhotoStory >repeat<



▶ SBE Christmas Play PhotoStory **NEW!**



Notices & Newsletters

▶ Senator Gary Stevens Newsletter

▶ Comprehensive Plan Public Final August 10, 2005 (pdf)

▶ Amended FY05 Seldovia City Budget 7-8-2005 (pdf)

▶ [Boys and Girls Club November 2005 Calendar](#)

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▶ [Harbor Survey Priority Results \(pdf\)](#)

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this is a zoning change for lots: 1(triangle lot on block 13), and the non-waterfront side on Main Street, to rezone them from Public to Commercial Marine. With lot #1, Block 13, being changed from Public to Commercial Marine.

Action: A public hearing has been scheduled for January 11th, 2005.

Committee and Advisory Board Reports: Chamber of Commerce is hosting their annual Christmas Party at the Alaska Tribal Cache Building this coming Friday at 7 o'clock with a tour of the new facility planned. Planning and Zoning has recommended that the land usage of lots 5,6 & of Block 10 remain zoned Public, (14 day parking lots.) Lot 1, Block 13 has been recommended to be changed from Public to Commercial Marine. Zoning and Building Codes Review was made and will be finalized and presented to the Council and community at the next special meeting. There will be a special meeting for P&Z on the 9th of January. SOS is open down at the City Dock Complex from nine in the morning until around noon. The barge is under a visual watch with a physical at random, especially when it has been snowing. Discussions have taken place regarding the sale of the 650 Responder Barge and upcoming training. Fire and EMS had a report of damage to the fire truck caused by the recent fire response. The mechanical problems have been resolved but the aesthetic damage will still need to be addressed. Fire Administrator Mike Driscoll will be away on leave for an extended time and a replacement will need to be provided in his absence.

Old Business:

Re-plat of Lot 1, Block 13, Waterfront Re-subdivision #1, this was information only that will be addressed once the zoning issues have been addressed. City Manager Reynertson mentioned that he doesn't want to give up public access to the harbor. He would like to retain 25' of the 40' road for snow removal purposes. If in the future The City ever would wish to put a finger dock at the harbor than the public would have full access. The Borough would allow Seldovia to vacate a certain amount of Peninsula Street for this purpose.

Action: no action tonight

Comments on Corps of Engineer Permit for Dock on Lot 3, Block 32 (Gary Milton-owner), another information-only City Manager Reynertson has already responded to the Corps that The City doesn't have any problem with it. A building permit will need to be obtained and all proper channels followed.

Ordinance 06-04 Offering Lot 5A, Block 27, Seldovia Townsite Replat for Public Sale, This is a Waterfront Residential/Commercial lot on Kachemak Drive. This ordinance allows for the sale of this lot, with the same building code timelines and restrictions as other city lots. Reynertson mentioned that a value would need to be established with the current value of 25K being undervalued. There would then be a public-notice for the availability of the lot. Subsequently, the sale of the lot would be open for public bid. There would be terms for usage of property and timelines and restrictions per City Code. All procedure would be followed before the lot became available for sale.

Action: Passed unanimously.

New Business:

Proposal to change Airplane Registration Fee to Flat Rate (MASSION), this is a proposal to change the current property tax rate that is applied to aircraft is currently rated at 7.5 mills. Which is based on aircraft valuation. This proposal would change that to a flat tax, based on aircraft weight rather than valuation.

Action: Discussed only; Council wishes to have Councilman Massion write up an ordinance.

SVT Request for letter of non-objection for creation of Barabara Heights Subdivision Fire Department, this is for the creation of a fire station facility out-the-road, which would serve the outlying areas (such as Barabara Heights). The City will write a non-objection letter to the Borough stating that The City has no objection to the proposed Barabara Heights Fire Department.

Action: Passed Unanimously.

City Manager Evaluation (possible executive session), this went into executive session with this subsequent action:

Action: Motion~ Seldovia City Council has unanimously given Mr. Kurt Reynertson a Positive Evaluation and wished to readdress his contract, as agreed upon in the original hire by contributing (retroactive to December 1, 2005) \$400.00 per month towards a retirement plan.

City Manager's Report - see end of this page

Meeting Adjourned: 1hour, 17minutes and 16 seconds.

The next City Council Meeting will convene on January 11th, 2006 at 7:30 pm.

A Teacher's Gift

by Tamara Blodgett

An annual treasure for the little ones'...

Mrs. Karen Bornheimer begins in October planning what her Christmas gift will be for her class of Kindergartners through third graders. Bornheimer has been doing an annual Christmas gift for her class since the first year she began teaching at SBE. In years' past, she has taken the whole class to the Nutcracker. However, with fundraising be a less viable option of late, she has considered an alternative.



Mrs. Karen Bornheimer



Bornheimer knew that the children would like to do a “hands-on” task and what better than making gingerbread houses! All week long, Bornheimer had the kids do the “shell” of the houses with: mixing, cutting and baking. Leaving the “fun” part for Friday. Bornheimer wanted to make it an extra-special time by having an overnigher. This would allow the kids to decorate the gingerbread houses with a movie to follow. Gym time was also a crucial ingredient for the success of the event (with some duck, duck goose sprinkled in for interest). Bornheimer was quite grateful to the following helpers: Sharon Bond, Andy Smircich and Shannon Riley for their invaluable time and effort with the kids. Sticky hands were the theme of the evening!



When asked if she felt the event had been a success Bornheimer nodded to the attendance of the event,” Perfect!” Each child was there, on time, and ready to have their sleepover with their dedicated teacher. During the interview, I pointed out how unusual it was for a teacher to elect, out of her own free time, to do something as special and extensive for her class. This particular class is one of the biggest Bornheimer has ever had and mentioned the blend of students, in the multi-age class adds to the fun and interest of teaching rather than detracts. She anticipates giving this Christmas gift in the years’ to come for future Seldovian children.

Basketball celebrity Clay Johnson to visit Seldovia in March

News release from Team Hollywood

For the first time ever, a famous Los Angeles Laker will be coming to visit Seldovia, Alaska this March! He has worn the number 34 while winning the NBA Title in 1982 and playing ball with Magic Johnson. Joining him in his visit to Seldovia will be his manager/celebrity team owner Peter Adams.

Johnson currently plays for a celebrity basketball team called Team Hollywood. TM is made up of players formerly of the NBA, Harlem Globetrotters, and ESPN Streetball.



Clay Johnson

Johnson and his manager will arrive on March 16th, 2006. On Johnson's itinerary will be a speaking engagement on Friday, March 17th, at Susan B. English School. The subject(s) will revolve around making solid life choices that have a positive impact on children as individuals and their influence on others'. Johnson plans on having a special basketball clinic on that Friday night and the following morning. Principal Liberty of SBE will be accepting enrollment from students.

Johnson will allow time for photos and autograph signing. A limited amount of jerseys will also be available for sale during his visit with purchase through advance order at the website www.teamhollywoodbasketball.com. Questions/inquiries about the team are welcome at this site.

We look forward to Basketball Great Clay Johnson's visit to Seldovia!
This event is being sponsored by the Seldovia Village Tribe.

Tsunami potential from Augustine Volcano

by Andy Anderson

On 12/13/05 at 2:00 p.m. Seldovia Police Department and Fire Department personnel were involved in a teleconference with the Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys, the Alaska Volcano Observatory, the Tsunami Modeler from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, the Alaska Division of Homeland Security & Emergency and the Emergency Manager for the Kenai Peninsula Borough with the subject being the "TSUNAMI POTENTIAL FROM AUGUSTINE VOLCANO". Information gained through the teleconference was that there has been an increase of earthquake activity during the summer months on Augustine Island. Two steam explosions occurred over the weekend of 12/10 – 12/11 and this resulted in a sulfur smell being detected by persons in the southern communities. A swelling of the mountain has been detected, which began in early summer of 2005. The swelling is estimated as 1 inch, or 2 centimeters, in size. This summer showed the highest seismic activity since the 1986 eruption and this recent level of steaming has not been observed in the past. However, they do not feel an eruption is imminent.

[For a complete summary report, click here \(16k PDF file\)](#)

Special Notices

Susan B. English Pool Schedule 2005-2006

Lap Swim 8:30 – 9:30am: Monday - Wednesday - Friday

Lap Swim 3:30 – 4:30pm: Monday & Wednesday

Saturday Open Swim: 3:00 – 4:30pm

50+ Ladies Exercise Swim: Tuesday & Thursday, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Swims above are SBE sponsored. A fee is required (see below).

(Accommodation for senior citizens can be made for those unable to pay, ask Pool Manager)

Adults \$4.00 • Students \$3.00

Punch cards are available:

Adult \$18.00/6 swims • Students \$16.00/8 swims

Seldovia Village Sponsored Swims • NO Fee charged at SVT Swims

Open Swim- Student Swims

Tuesday 3:15 – 5:00pm and Friday 6:30 – 8:30pm

Tidbits . . .

Christmas brings some creative artists out of the shadows . . . do you know the Seldovian who makes these??? See next weeks Gazette Spotlight for the answer!



City Manager's Corner

by Kurt Reynertson

Managers Report for the period covering November 14 - December 9

The Kachemak Bay Ferry feasibility study team, of which I am a member, traveled to Seattle this past week to meet with several naval architects along with our technical consultants (Pacific Marine Technologies) to further the Kachemak Bay Ferry Feasibility Study. The team met with the following naval architects:

- Elliot Bay Design Group
- GSI, LLC
- Art Anderson Associates
- The Glosten Associates
- Coastwise Corporation
- Guido Perla & Associates

The purposes of the meetings were to introduce the project to the different naval architects, perform preliminary evaluation of the different design firms, and to establish a line of communication between the owner's team and a possible design team. The procurement process of the project was explained to each design group and a level of interest was discussed and explored between the owners and potential designers. The owner's team evaluated each design group in terms of capabilities, willingness, enthusiasm, and innovation. All design groups were found to be very capable and well respected. A decision on which design group will be awarded the Design Study portion of the project will be made very soon.

Once the design and feasibility studies have been completed and assuming the studies indicate the project is technically and economically feasible, a Request for Proposal (RFP) will be written by the owner's team and let out to several shipyards. It is expected that the shipyards will team with other naval architects (different from the naval architects that performed the design study) to propose concept designs that will satisfy all owner requirements. From this pool of respondents to the RFPs it is anticipated that the owner's team will select two competing designs (alternatives) for further evaluation. After this evaluation has been performed (final criteria for this evaluation has yet to be fully developed) the project will be awarded to a shipyard for functional design and production design and construction. The team plans to use a "Design-Build" approach to contract administration and project execution as we feel this is the best way to insure the project is completed on-time and on-budget.

Prior to concept design but parallel to and part of the design and feasibility study, the owner's team will perform community outreach to the various communities that will be potentially affected by this project. The intent is to establish communication with each of these communities and to insure their wants and desires are addressed. Additionally, in parallel with this effort will be an on-going effort by a separate consulting team that will address issues concerning the establishment of a Port Authority for the City of Seldovia . This consulting team will fully develop the ordinances necessary for the establishment of a Port Authority and will address and help answer several issues and concerns that surround the establishment and operation of a Port Authority. Any Port Authority must be voted on not only by the respective city governments, but also by the public in the affected communities that participate in the authority.

Seldovia Police Report by *A.W. Anderson, Chief of Police*

Police were notified on two separate occasions regarding dogs running at large in the City. The owners of the animals were contacted and verbal warnings were given. More and more dogs are seen running at large around town and we will be responding to these problems. Please see to it your dog is kept up and is not allowed to run on the streets.

A report of a power pole broken off by falling trees in the vicinity of 9.7 mile, Jakolof Bay Road was received and Police responded to find power lines within 12' – 14' of the roadway. The road was blocked to all traffic until HEA personnel arrived in a helicopter and insured the electricity was off and cleared the roadway of the wires.

A call was received that a man had fallen in his driveway and could not get up. Upon responding Police found the man to be intoxicated and having difficulty in standing on the icy driveway. He was assisted into his residence and checked for injuries prior to the Police leaving the area. A cut on the side of his face was of concern to the Officer but the subject refused any medical assistance.

The driver of a vehicle involved in a one vehicle roll over in the area of 1.2 mile, Jakolof Bay Road, called to report the accident. No injuries were sustained. Investigation concluded that the icy roadway and speed contributed to the accident. The driver received a citation for "Basic Speed", driving too fast for road conditions, and a citation for "Failure to Wear a Seat Belt". The passenger of the vehicle also received a citation for "Failure to Wear a Seat Belt". The vehicle was righted and removed from the ditch. A Vehicle Accident Report was filled out and filed with the State of Alaska.

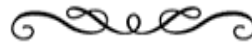
100 – 120 gallons of furnace oil was reportedly stolen within the last 10 days from a vacant residence in the Barabara Heights Subdivision. The caller stated the oil was checked on 12/4 and, at that time, the drum was between 1/3 and 1/2 full of oil. The home is kept heated and the loss could have been devastating had the home not been checked. Anyone having any information in this, or other thefts of this nature, is asked to contact the Police Department.

Since the last report the Police have Notarized 3 documents, responded to 5 requests for assistance, delivered one emergency message, conducted three security checks on vacant residences and gave two verbal warnings to motorist with equipment violations.

With road conditions being icy and frost heaves prevalent, we are asking people to slow down and take a little extra time getting to their destination. Even though a speed limit may be posted in an area, a person has to consider the conditions they are driving in and adjust their speed accordingly. This saves lives, time and embarrassing situations for all involved, not to mention the damage done to the equipment involved.

Remember, drinking and driving don't mix so if you plan to party over the holidays make arrangements for transportation and leave your vehicle parked insuring our safety as well as others in our community.

I would like to take this time to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.



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