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**PhotoStory**  
Sea Otters last home game of the season

### Are you interested in Merchandising?

Merchandising Seminar SEE project is hosting this Friday, April 20th at 12:00 Noon, Seldovia Conference Center. This workshop is FREE and is sponsored by the SEE project which is funded by an SVT economic development grant through ANA. Limited enrollment available at this time. Call Roseanna McInnes (907-234-7859 x 34) or email: [rmcinn@svt.org](mailto:rmcinn@svt.org) if you want to reserve a seat. The seminar is now open to the public and I have (5) FIVE spots still available. The seminar begins at 12 noon with a luncheon to meet our presenter. The luncheon will be followed by a one hour workshop. An option for 1/2 hour of free consultation is available. Deborah Bonito is the owner of the the Anchorage Airport Gift Shops and large downtown Anchorage retail gift stores. Of note, Deborah is also the wife of Anchorage Mayor Begich.



**New Baby in Town**

**Hannah Rose Winters**

April 12, 2007

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Tim & Charity Winters,

Parents

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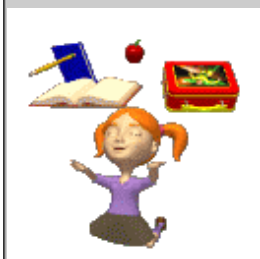


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School

Susan B English School by school reporter Katie O'Leary - Click here



A Fiery 'Thank You'

by Tamara Blodgett

A supportive Seldovia showed up at the Linwood Bar and Grill's hosting of the annual Fireman's Ball last Saturday. Liza Bieri would like to give her heartfelt thanks for the community support, which raised the funds necessary to update the Emergency Communication System. Stay tuned for next weeks' article chronicling money raised, fun had, photos and sustainability of our protective services.

'Ball in the House' Rocks Seldovia

by Tamara Blodgett

A' cappella "bounces" into Seldovia...

In a stunningly unique performance, Ball in the House visited Seldovia to perform their energetic mix of soul/pop/R&B. Using a diverse mix of genres, the five men were able to jump a generation from the Temptations to Boy George, interspersed with their own original music.



What's not to love about Loveland ...?

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Aaron Loveland, 1st Tenor in a mix of three vocalists, was a stand out with clear, ringing vocals that accented all the music beautifully at just the right moments. 2nd Tenor and long time band member Dave Guisti was equally superb with great dynamics and perfect synchronized vocals with Loveland and Dan Szymczak's dynamic Baritone. All three vocalists have graduated from college with Loveland and Guisti both hailing from Berkley College of Music and Szymczak majoring in English with a minor in Music at a small, private school in Minnesota. Ball in the House founder, John J. Ryan (John J) majored in Music at Seymour College in New York. Finally, the newest member of the band that came on board in 2006, Ryan Chappelle (pronounced chapel) grew up Nebraska and majored in Business with a minor in Music.



*A rhythm section without instruments...*

This group performs with absolutely no instrument assistance. It is just human voices. During the middle of the concert, John J gave the audience a little educational promo on the "how" and "why" of how he manufactures his "beatbox" sounds. He began by combining consonant sounds together to approximate cymbals, snare drum, and other drum sounds. While interesting, it didn't begin to touch what it sounds like when sped up and obtaining a rhythm! There was a dead, awestruck silence in the audience when Ryan sped up his "human drum machine" solo and it was nothing short of incredible! I am sure many in the audience (myself included) had never heard anything like it. It was a fantastic display of God-given raw talent. Another huge percussion talent was band member Ryan Chappelle who is classified by the band as a Vocal Bass. His naturally very low Bass voice hit all the low notes and added the necessary depth to offset Ryan's wonderful, higher tone drum sounds.

*Down to earth and faith-driven...*

Loveland explained that the entire band's faith is "instrumental" in their music. They sing mainly secular music with some gospel tunes mixed in. Ryan and Guisti are fathers with Ryan having two daughters and Guisti to experience fatherhood with the imminent arrival of a new son. Ryan and Guisti go way back, heralding from the same neighborhood in Boston, but not meeting until a mutual interest in music brought them to the same boy's choir school when they were 5th graders. This mutual interest served them well when later they became reacquainted and began to perform together in 1997-98. *Wondering about that band name?* I was told that the idea for the name,"

Ball in the House” came from an old Brady Bunch episode!

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*All the way to Seldovia...*

Local, Susan Mumma had opportunity in her travels to catch a show the group performed in Idaho a couple of years ago and started communications with the band, enticing them to visit Alaska . The group remarked on how absolutely beautiful Alaska and Seldovia is. They will be moving on to Homer, Kodiak, Fairbanks and Southeast after their stop in Seldovia. There are no finer places to visit while in Alaska ! Their touring does not end there but a hiatus will be had beginning in June, with the tour resuming in September.

*BitH are fans of kids...*

The entire group was humble and gracious and loved working with the local kids in their finale song that incorporated a large portion of the Boys and Girls Club Member Girls. They were a hit when they visited the club and sang with the kids and later they practiced right in the school commons amongst all ages of SBE school kids. After their concert of two hours, they happily hung around mugging for the camera with the children (and a few adults, I must say) while also granting me the interview that made this article possible. What a special treat to live in a small community like this and enjoy first rate artistic entertainment. Thanks to the Arts Council and their tireless efforts to get the finest venues possible to come to Seldovia and thanks for the artists that are willing to have a first class adventure. If you are interested in BitH's uncommon sound and techniques visit their website at [www.ballinthehouse.com/flash/](http://www.ballinthehouse.com/flash/)

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## PeeWee Wrestling Begins

*by Tamara Blodgett*

*It's the "little one's" turn to grapple...*

For the second year PeeWee Wrestling will be offered for 6 through 12-year-olds. All children will be instructed on the basic moves for wrestling with light conditioning that is age appropriate. This after school activity will begin on April 16th with TBA at **Saturday's parent meeting at 11AM**. Please be there to help determine the best time for all. Coach Blodgett emphasizes how much of an advantage it is to begin the basics at this age so that the moves become automatic when jr. high wrestling begins. Please phone Coach Blodgett for information. Thanks!

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## City Council Meeting April 11

*by Tamara Blodgett*

The Seldovia City Council convened together to include the following members present: Keith Gain, Tom Glover, Tom Keesecker, and Gerry Patrick. Both Councilman McInnes and Councilwoman Miller had excused absences. Mayor Wyland presided with City Clerk Ronda Haynes taking minutes and City Manager Kurt Reynertson in attendance.

### Approval of Minutes

The *Approval of Minutes* will be “tabled” until the next regular meeting, which gives Council Members opportunity to review them, along with the *Treasurer’s Report*.

### **Committee and Advisory Board Reports**

**RCAC** annual spring board meeting will take place during the first week of May in Valdez . RCAC will observe the on water deployment of the Spill/Drill conducted by British Petroleum. The most pressing issue facing the RCAC is the Tanker Contingency Plan Review Process. RCAC would like to address the shortcomings that the DEC saw in the plan. In conclusion, there are some EVOS-related issues with respect to the possible distribution of restoration reserve funds for past projects. Currently, there are not any projects that have been approved. Mr. Lewis (RCAC representative for the 35th District) hopes that if they decide to distribute, they will rethink prior submittals and define some acceptable standards. At which time more acceptable standards were adopted, those prior submittals could be reviewed. Lewis shall keep the City Council updated as new topics come to the forefront. Please view the RCAC website for more information that pertains to our district at [www.pwsrcac.org/](http://www.pwsrcac.org/)

**Chamber of Commerce** will meet the 1st Thursday in May.

The **Arts Council** put on a great show with the band “Ball in the House,” which was well received with great, local attendance.

### **Old Business**

#### **Cannery Area Development-Concept Design by PND Engineers**

This is a dock proposal that would potentially be installed on the south side of the Old Cannery Property. This proposed building method has a cost that runs about 50% less than flat form dock and about 25% less than a tie-back dock using “Z” sheets. Preventing dock failures for the long term is a critical factor in choosing dock installation material and method. These “open cell” installations of installing docks are strong, resistant to scour, water flow variations and ice formation.

*Action:* None, informational only at this time.

#### **Harbor Project Update (GLOVER) Harbor Renovation Update April 11,2007 by Tom Glover, City Council Harbor Committee**

**Jay Brant:** The gangway, gangway float, and approach have been completed, excluding setting gangway skids in their final location. Final anchoring of the gangway base will be finished next week during the -5 low tide.

Cross bracing and batter piles on the approach will be completed next week. Stall conversions on B Float will start the week of April 23.

The replacement of the main water line under the approach and gangway will be completed next week. There should be enough plastic water line left over to replace the main waterline along the marginal float when the time comes to do that work.

**Puffin Electric:** Work continues on lighting pedestals, switch boxes and pulling wire. Electrical wire down the gangway will probably be done this week.

Power will be disconnected from Float C this week. Floats D&E will have power restored this week. Having seen the lights powered up on Float B last week, it appears to me that the docks have more light now than they did with the old system.

Most of the electrical work will be completed by months; end. The HEA transformer will be moved once HEA is able to work in the frozen ground at the new transformer site (immediately adjacent to the current transformer).

**Hopkins Brothers:** Cur and cap of the steel pilings has been completed. There are 10 wood piles that still need to be drilled, socketed and steel piles installed, however that work can not be completed until additional funds are available. During the interim, the existing woodpiles will be left in place so that the structural integrity of the pile system will not be compromised.

Repair work on the primary grid will be completed next week during the extreme -5 low tides.

Floatation billets will be installed the week of April 23.

Harbor and dock access continues to be restricted. If you do have to enter the dock area and need to go by a construction area, the construction people will escort you through the work zone. Please stay away from the electrical wire lying on the docks and open access holes in the docks.

*Councilman Gain* expressed concern over Grant 07-DC-258 being awarded to Michael L. Foster (City Engineer). Gain felt that it was wrong that City money was spent without satisfactory Public input and Council notice/input/process. Gain concedes he may have missed the meeting when this resolution passed (due to work obligations), but indicated monetary expenditures need careful review.

Next week (April 16-20) Hopkins large crane will need to work from the main paved parking lot next to the Harbormaster Building . Everyone please do not park in this lot next week.

### **Appointment to seat of Planning & Zoning Commission**

There is an opening on the board of P&Z with a letter of interest submission to Mayor Wyland from Alix Chartier.

*Action:* None

### **New Business**

#### **Schneider Corp. of Engineer Permit (WYLAND)**

This is a permit to install a dock of 10'x 20', a 6'x12' deck and an 18' ramp using untreated lumber.

Council discussion indicated some concern over impeding the tour boat traffic

and maneuverability in waterway.

A member of the Public, John Carluccio, expressed concerns, which concurs with Council.

**Action:** Council recommends a public hearing be held with a Schneider Corp. Representative in attendance.

### **Prince William Sound Regional Citizen's Advisory Council (PWCRAC) appointment (WYLAND)**

*Action: Mr. Stephen Lewis was unanimously re-appointed to another, two-year term as the City of Seldovia's representative on the RCAC Board of Directors. Mr. Lewis also serves as Vice President of this board and is a member of the Council's Contingency Plan Review Project Team and chairman of the Legislative Affairs Committee.*

### **Resolution 07-11 in Support of Revenue Sharing:**

Is a resolution of the City Council of the City of Seldovia, expressing support of municipal revenue sharing from the State of Alaska.

*Action:* Amended resolution passed unanimously.

**See City Manager's Report below.**

**Next Meeting: April 25, 2007**

**Adjournment: time elapsed: one hour, 18 minutes and 48 seconds.**

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## **HEA Construction Project Announcement**

Homer Electric Association is currently taking applications for construction projects in the south Kachemak Bay area between Halibut Cove and Nanwalek.

[Click here to read the announcement](#)

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## **Rep. Paul Seaton Newsletter - April 9**

Greetings from Juneau on this 84th day of the legislative session. Tina and I were able to get home to Homer for the Easter break and it was good to visit with family and friends. The First Friday and "Bugs" art at the Pratt was a special treat. The 'hard hat' tour of the South Peninsula Hospital construction was very impressive and integrates well into the expansion as an economic hub for the area. Thanks to all who made appointments on Friday and shared their concerns and views.

**NOTICE:** From Department of Transportation; Amendments to the State Wide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) are open for public comment. This is your opportunity to contribute to the creation of the State's road

priorities. Don't wait till after the STIP list is solidified. DOT needs to know now the public's comments on what needs to be given priority and what is not included on the STIP list that should be. To view Draft Major Amendment # 13 go to [http://stip.dot.state.ak.us/search\\_amd.cfm](http://stip.dot.state.ak.us/search_amd.cfm).

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## Special Notices

### *Boys & Girls Club Update*

#### **Regular Club Schedule**

- Power Hour: Mondays - Thursdays from 3:15 - 5:15 p.m.
- Pottery: Mondays from 3:15 - 5:00 p.m.
- Clubhouse: Mondays - Fridays from 3:15 - 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- Teen Open Gym: Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Teen Night by SVT Prevention Program: Fridays 9:00 p.m. - midnight

Any questions, contact: Laurel A. Hilts, Unit Director Seldovia  
234-7577 office; 234-2004 fax & kid phone during Clubhouse hours  
[lhilts@positiveplaceforkids.com](mailto:lhilts@positiveplaceforkids.com)

### *Tide Pool to Expand Hours Earlier this Year*

Beginning Friday, April 6th, the Tide Pool will be open seven days a week from 700AM to 400PM. Look for new menus on April 17th. Regular dinner hours will kick off on Mother's Day (May 13th.)

### *SERVSAFE Class Sponsored by the SEE Project*

SEE project is proud to announce that it will sponsoring a SERVSAFE class for all food establishments in Seldovia. Any establishment that serves food to the public is required to have at least 1 (one) manager in its facility that has been trained in this course. Businesses must comply with this rule by December of 2007. The certification lasts for 5 years. SEE will be sponsoring the only certified teacher for the Kenai Peninsula to come to Seldovia in the end of May (I'll let you know when the date has been confirmed) to administer this 8 hour class. The fee for each participant is \$130 and we must have a minimum of 6 participants. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in participating in this training or if you have any questions.

Rosanna McInnes  
SEE Marketing & Project Director  
907-234-7859 x 34

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**Tidbits . . .**

The concert music was so good on Tuesday night that this young man was lulled to sleep . . .



### City Manager's Corner

by Kurt Reynertson

Next week the Harbor Master Parking lot will be closed off due to construction activity associated with the harbor renovation project. Please do not use the Harbor Master parking lot until all construction equipment and cranes have vacated the area. It should take no longer than one week.

In last night's city council meeting Doug Kenley from PND engineers came and presented a potential concept for the cannery lot area. The discussion centered mostly on the potential to construct an open cell bulkhead dock. The open cell technology has an established history of providing low cost, high performance solutions for waterfront structures. The first open cell structure was completed in 1981 for ARCO Alaska, Inc. and since then there have been numerous open cell structures completed. Some of the places this technology can be seen is in Port MacKenzie, Point McIntyre, Williams, the North Slope, Anchorage, Dutch Harbor, and Kenai.

As a reminder, there is still a danger of water line freeze-ups. Please turn on your water (to a trickle) and leave it on until the ground has had an opportunity to warm up. The City will locate your valve box for you, but customers are responsible for maintaining their own service lines, which includes thawing any frozen lines.

The City Manager position closed as of Friday, March 30. There were a total of eleven resumes received. The city council held a workshop to review all the resumes and to create a "short list" of candidates. A total of five applicants were put on the short list and a subcommittee of the council will soon be contacting these individuals and their references. There were no local resumes submitted.

The fuel tank farm project is progressing. The actual fuel tanks will be put on the barge within the next two weeks and barged up to Seldovia. The fuel line replacement is going well and the work underneath the city dock should be completed by mid-May. When the contractors are installing the new fuel tanks (which will include the demo of the old tanks) a temporary, double lined fuel tank will be set up near the present fueling location. This temporary tank

system will be used for approximately three months while the installation and fuel line tie-ins are completed.

The boat haul-out trailer is nearing completion from its re-build. This was a much needed renovation of the trailer. New hydraulic lines and hydraulic cylinders are the primary elements that have been replaced. As time permits, the trailer will be sand blasted and will receive a new coat of primer and paint. The initial repairs are scheduled to be completed by the first of May. After this date, the city should be ready to launch boats on an "on-call" basis.

### Seldovia Police Report

by A.W. Anderson, Chief of Police

#### > Repeat story <

Police were called reference a Domestic Dispute wherein a man and wife were having a heated argument. No physical violence occurred and the two agreed to separate for a cooling off period. No further action was taken by Police.

Police assisted a motorist after his vehicle battery failed him and he was stopped in the middle of the roadway. A jump start did the trick and the motorist was on his way.

A report of three four wheelers driving erratically on the North end of Main Street was taken and Police responded. The machines had departed the area prior to Police arrival but the tracks on the roadway left no doubt the machines were being driven in an erratic manner. This type activity on our streets could result in the operator's privilege to drive being in jeopardy. If one has the need to drive in this manner he/she should find an area off the road system to do so. We are unique in that we allow our all terrain vehicles to be driven on the maintained roadways. This does not happen in most areas and it only makes sense that we should protect this privilege. If you see someone driving in this manner, let them know they could be putting all of us in jeopardy of losing this privilege. If you don't Police it and the Police are not in the area, the abuse will continue. Let's all work together and end this type of driving.

Police received a second complaint about the erratic driving of a four-wheeler in the same area a day after the three machines were reported. Again, the Police responded but the machine was not in the area when Police arrived. I won't beat it to death but we, as a community, need to put a stop to this type driving.

A vacant residence was checked following a report of fresh foot prints being observed in the snow leading to the home. No evidence of forced entry was found and all the doors and windows were secure when checked.

A man reported a dog was in his yard when he came home and he requested a citation be issued for "Dog at Large" to the owner. The Police took the information and a citation was issued.

A local resident reported he backed into a vehicle when he was leaving the Main Street Market and did damage to both vehicles. His vehicle sustained damage to the tail light lens while the vehicle he collided with sustained damage to the passenger door. The matter had been handled between the two

parties prior to Police becoming involved and arrangements were made to repair both vehicles. Pictures were taken and an incident report filed at the Police Department. No further action taken by Police.

A local lady reported a man, with a mid-eastern accent, called her a number of times over the last couple weeks regarding her subscription to a magazine she hadn't renewed for nearly two years. He called three times in one day and on his first call of the day she told him she wasn't interested, and she hung up. On the second call he asked for clarification of her credit card number reference her subscription and she told him to quit calling and she hung up. He immediately called back and cursed at her, only proving the call to be a fraud. An investigation could not reveal where the call had originated from. Beware of any calls of this nature and **never** give your credit card number to these people.

Two ladies, at separate times, came to the Police Department and requested their fingerprints be rolled for employment purposes. Two sets of fingerprints were rolled for each lady.

Police were called when a teenager was frightening others in the home by his actions and statements. He was angry about some family matters and was becoming violent. Police had contact with the boy and told him of the legal consequences of his actions and that he could get himself into a situation which could affect him for the rest of his life. In Domestic Violence situations you can Assault someone by placing them in fear of imminent physical injury by just your words or actions. If an Assault does take place in a

Domestic situation a Police Officer is mandated to arrest the offender. The boy seemed to understand the consequences of his actions and calmed down. Follow up information revealed he was doing well since that contact and everyone is getting along well. Many people feel you must physically assault a person to be charged with Assault but that is not the case, however, there is a burden of proof issue you must deal with when charging in this type of an Assault.

Police contacted a local citizen after receiving a report of speeding in the parking area at the school. The subject admitted they were possibly going too fast but did not feel they were going 20 mph, as was stated in the report. Police told the driver to slow down and avoid future problems.

Because of the speeding report in the school grounds area, Police met with Mr. Liberty regarding the posting of speed limit signs in an effort to keep people aware of the speed they are driving. Mr. Liberty stated he would be contacting his Borough Supervisors to explore the possibility.

A report of a 4-wheeler being driven on the Otterbahn Trail was taken and the operator was contacted by Police and asked that he not drive motorized vehicles on the trail. The Otterbahn was built for foot traffic and we have always attempted to keep motorized vehicles off of it so as not to tear up the terrain. He was unaware of the restriction and most people possibly are not aware of the rule. Let's please keep the Otterbahn Trail clear of motorized vehicles and enjoy it as a foot trail.

A man who purchased a vehicle from a person in another town asked the Police to research the ownership of the vehicle as he was having a difficult time getting a Title to the vehicle. Research indicated the vehicle had been

sold to another person before the seller bought it and the title had never been changed to the seller's name. If you are attempting to buy a vehicle make sure the title is clear. It is very difficult to clear up a problem of this nature with all those previous owners moving on and being impossible to locate. You may be getting a "Heck of a Deal" for a reason.

Chief Anderson attended a 40 hour advanced crime scene investigations class in Anchorage recently. Investigations have changed little over the years but the process of collecting evidence has changed significantly. New methods and new equipment have been developed that make the collection of evidence easier but the tools that are needed to find and collect this evidence are new and will have to be purchased. Hopefully in the near future the City will be able to provide some of the new supplies needed for the crime scene investigations. We have to be able to come away from a crime scene with enough evidence to identify and prosecute the offenders. This is the only way we will be able to keep our citizens and their property safe.

Since last report the Police have responded to 5 Requests for Assistance, Notarized 17 documents, (12 in one setting), did a welfare check on one couple, provided transportation for 2 people and served a subpoena on 1 person for an upcoming trial.

