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Fire At MacDonald Spit

by Andy Anderson

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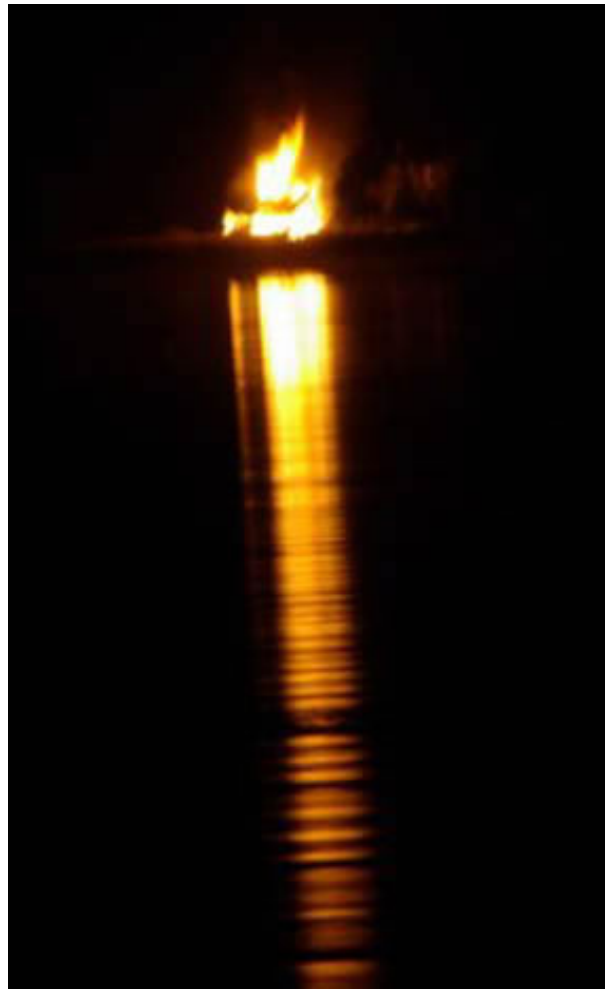
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School



Sunday night, 10/11/09, at approximately 8:05 p.m. Police, Fire and EMS personnel responded to a fire at the A-Frame of Sara Baxter's on Mac Donald Spit. Mike Geagel and Hans Peterson provided transportation by boat to the Baxter property from the Jakolof Bay Harbor.

The structure was a total loss, as was all the personal items stored inside. John and Sara were in Arizona at the time but Sadi Synn was in his cabin, adjacent to the Baxter property, and rushed to the fire as soon as he found it was burning. Synn was able to move a number of items away from the structure so they would not be lost.

Fire personnel, using salt water pumps, extinguished the fire and kept it from spreading. No injuries were sustained and the main residence was untouched by the fire. The enclosed photos were taken from a residence on Jakolof Bay Road, approximately one mile from the A-Frame..

HEA Member Appreciation Day



\$298.5k, beauty, city, 1/2 acre



\$249k 5 Star home in Seldovia



\$549K Business Opportunity

WebSite Favorites

▶ AllMyFaves

▶ Animal Poison Control Center

▶ Bubble Wrap Stress Relief

▶ GE Home Energy Cost Calculator

▶ Glossarist

▶ Google Earth

▶ Health Square Medical Information

▶ Hand - Eye Coordination

▶ Line of Site Calculator

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▶ Reaction Time Test

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▶ Spider Walk

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Susan B English School



Notices & Newsletters

Senior Meals

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon in Seldovia's MultiPurpose Room. Seniors 60 and over and spouses any age qualify, as well as, disabled persons and their caregivers. Suggested donation \$4

Guests (under 60) \$9

HOMER ELECTRIC MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY



Friday, Oct. 23 at 11:30
SPECIAL DEDICATION of the
Gerry Willard Substation

Following the dedication, join us
at Noon for a complimentary
lunch provided by HEA at the
City Multi-Purpose
Room



On October 23rd at 11:30 a.m. HEA personnel will honor Gerry Willard's memory by naming the Seldovia Power Plant after him. Everyone is invited to attend the ceremony which will take place at the power plant facility. Following the dedication ceremony HEA will be hosting their annual "Customer Appreciation Day" at the Multi-Purpose Room. Lunch will be provided and everyone is encouraged to attend. Please come and voice your thoughts and opinions regarding HEA in Seldovia. - Andy Anderson

Seldovia Voting Results

by Jenny Chissus

The Seldovia City and Borough elections made for a long day as the polls were open from 7am to 8pm on Tuesday, October 6, 2009. There was a steady stream of Seldovians throughout the day, almost 22% of registered voters came to cast their votes. We are thankful to have this opportunity as a small town, to be able to go to the polls.

This year, Seldovia was in agreement with the other voters in the district and chose to elect Mako Haggerty for the District 9 seat. In our small community, Mako - who operates a successful water taxi service in the area



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City Office (907) 234-7643

Support the Seldovia Sea Otter Booster Club
Help keep sports and academic travel programs alive for our school!

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2009 Archives

▶ Archive of all pages

▶ Seldovia Walking May - 8-1/2 x 11 pdf (Coming in May)

▶ Seldovia Summer Visitor Newspaper 2008

2008 Archives

▶ Archive of all pages

▶ Seldovia Walking May - 8-1/2 x 11 pdf

▶ Seldovia Summer Visitor Newspaper 2008

July

2008 Photo Stories

▶ Halloween Carnival

▶ July 4 Festival

▶ Craft Invitational Chainsaw Carving Contest - May

▶ SBE Graduation

▶ SBE Prom April 12

▶ B&G Club Talent Show and Dinner March 28

▶ Basketball tournament State - March

▶ Basketball tournament in Seldovia - February

2007 Archives

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▶ Christmas Play

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▶ SBE Graduation - May

is a known candidate and received over 85% of our votes, compared to his district wide 59% support! Regarding Proposition 1 for term limits, over 55% of Seldovians voted Yes compared to almost 53% borough wide. The official tallies from the borough website are below: (click on image to view full size)

Election Summary Report			10/13/09
Regular Election - October 6, 2009			12:49:18
Summary For Seldovia, All Counters, All Races			
OFFICIAL RESULTS			
Registered Voters 382 - Cards Cast 83 21.73%		Num. Report Precinct 1 - Num. Reporting 1 100.00%	
ASSEMBLY - DISTRICT 9			
Number of Precincts	Total		
Precincts Reporting	1	100.0%	
Ballots Cast/Reg. Voters	83/382	21.7%	
Total Votes	75		
Times Over Voted	0		
HAGGERTY, Mako	64	85.33%	
CLARK, Tom	8	10.67%	
CLUTTS, Jesse R.	3	4.00%	
Write-in Votes	0	0.00%	
KPS PROPOSITION NO. 1			
Number of Precincts	Total		
Precincts Reporting	1	100.0%	
Ballots Cast/Reg. Voters	83/382	21.7%	
Total Votes	78		
Times Over Voted	0		
YES	43	55.13%	
NO	35	44.87%	
ASSEMBLY - DISTRICT 9			
Number of Precincts	Total		
Precincts Reporting	6	100.0%	
Ballots Cast/Reg. Voters	974/2675	36.4%	
Total Votes	934		
Times Over Voted	0		
HAGGERTY, Mako	554	59.31%	
CLARK, Tom	249	26.66%	
CLUTTS, Jesse R.	128	13.70%	
Write-in Votes	3	0.32%	
KPS PROPOSITION NO. 1			
Number of Precincts	Total		
Precincts Reporting	27	100.0%	
Ballots Cast/Reg. Voters	7794/40670	19.2%	
Total Votes	7499		
Times Over Voted	0		
YES	3974	52.99%	
NO	3525	47.01%	

In regards to our local elections, we had two individuals seeking re-election for their continued service on the council. John Colberg received 48 votes, and Gerry Patrick received 43 votes, therefore both will continue to serve on our council as there were two available 3 year seats. Nine other individuals received write-in votes, all receiving one vote, with the exception of Steve Pollack who received 2 votes for the 3 year term.

There was also a 1 Year Term seat available, however there were no candidates officially running for the position. As a write-in only seat, there were 20 different write-in candidates. It appears that we have many individuals in our community who are well thought of, and for whom citizens have confidence in their ability and perhaps their interest to serve!

During the tallying process, there were four votes for Steve Pollack as well as one vote for Steve Pollack Jr. The election judges, with the advice from the Election Supervisor ruled out the votes for Steve Pollack, the father, as he lives out of town and is ineligible to serve and therefore only counted the one vote written as Steve Pollack Jr. as eligible. This was difficult to accept, as we felt that due to a technicality, the intentions of the voters would not be represented fairly here.

At the certification of the election on Monday night, the clerk stated that

▶ Seldovia Lodge Fire

▶ SBE Prom - "Casino Royale 007"

▶ SBE Last Home

Basketball Game of the Season

2006 Archives

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▶ Seldovia Walking

Map - 8-1/2 x 11 pdf

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Visitor Newspaper 2006

2006 Photo Stories

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▶ Halloween Carnival

▶ Aleutian's Tusty Trip - July 25 - Part 3

▶ Aleutian's Tusty Trip - July 25 - Part 2

▶ Aleutian's Tusty Trip - July 25 - Part 1

▶ July 4 Festival

▶ Summer Solstice Music Festival - June

▶ CofC Chainsaw Carving Contest - May

▶ SBE Graduation - May

▶ SBE Spring Concert - May

▶ SBE School Play - May

▶ SBE Science Fair - May

▶ Prom - May

▶ SBE Basketball - Feb.

▶ SBE Basketball - Feb.

▶ SBE Basketball - Jan.

2005 Archives

she believed that all votes for Steve Pollack should count for the eligible Steve Pollack who resides in Seldovia. She also presented a letter to the judges from the city attorney that came to the same conclusion, as stated here: "With the goal of counting all votes cast and not disenfranchising any voters, the presumption must be that the voters cast their write-in votes for a candidate who would be eligible to hold office. Under the facts provided to us, there is only one Steve Pollack who is eligible to vote and to hold office in Seldovia. Therefore, it is our opinion that all five (5) write-in votes cast for Steve Pollack should be counted."

This decision by the city clerk did not go without controversy, and as a result of this decision, the Election Supervisor removed her approval of the election results. Due to the fact that she was one of the candidates who had received numerous votes, she was recused by the city clerk from being involved in the recount. She chose at that time to leave the meeting in protest to the decision.

The two remaining judges agreed that because of the decision by the city clerk, with the support of the city's attorney - they should recount all ballots. The city clerk - who is the Election Administrator read each ballot, and both judges looked at each ballot to confirm the reading, and all votes were re tallied. The results of the tally confirmed that the eligible Steve Pollack had won the election to the one-year seat on the council with 6 votes.

A moral to the story? Please cast your votes carefully to avoid any misinterpretation. First - know the correct name of the candidate you are supporting. Second - please make sure you check the box in front of any write-in candidate. There were a few write-in votes that were not able to be counted as the boxes were not checked according to the directions on the ballot. Third - don't write-in more candidates than there are available seats - as they will all be disqualified.

Steve Pollack did accept the position on the council and took his oath of office and served at his first council meeting on October 14, 2009.

**Congratulations to Gerry, John and Steve!
We appreciate your willingness to serve
the community of Seldovia! Thank you!**

Proposition No. 1

Yes - 33

No - 28

Seldovia Arts Council Presents:

The Refugees



**Monday, October 19
7:30pm at Susan B. English**

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▶ [Seldovia Summer Gazette Newspaper 2004](#)

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Corrections



In 2007 Cindy Bullens, Deborah Holland and Wendy Waldman came together to form [The Refugees](#), known for their unique blend of country, rock, folk, and Americana. They were each top notch musicians in their own right, having nineteen solo albums and multiple Grammy awards to their credit. The talented trio play guitar, dobro, bass, mandolin, harmonica, accordion, and percussion ...”With three terrific strong voiced songwriters whose voices soar when they blend, how could you go wrong?... Answer: you can’t“ (Michael Tearson, Sing Out! Magazine).

Parent Advisory Committee Election Results

by Sandy Geagel

Susan B. English is happy to announce that Mark Janes was elected to another 3 year term on the Parent Advisory Committee. Thanks to everyone who voted, and big Thank You and Congratulations to Mark Janes!

Thanks For Voting!

Thank you to all the volunteers who worked the voting booth. We appreciate your time and willingness to serve!

News From Susan B. English School

by Chelsea Suydam

October Booster Club Meeting

On Tuesday, October 6th, the Booster Club had its monthly meeting. The

meeting started off with the financial report, and we saw that we have a balance of \$16,725. Mrs. Hingley reported that \$3,000 of that was from selling Seldovia Sea Otter sweatshirts and t-shirts down at Herring Bay Mercantile.

Next, Vivian Rojas explained how students are raising money for Close-Up by selling raffle tickets, holding bake sales, and hosting dinners. Given that the tuition for the program and airfare to Washington D.C. is plentiful, she, on behalf of all the Close-Up participants, requested for travel fare from Seldovia to Homer and back (either by plane or boat) and gas money for the roundtrip from Homer to Anchorage. The Booster Club graciously agreed to comply with her request.

In this meeting, an election was supposed to be held, but, given the small number present and the uncertainty of who should and wants to hold the position of president, the election was waived until the next meeting. Lisa O'Leary will continue as president until this election has been made. Dianne Gruber did say she would like to be the vice president, and Lisa O'Leary mentioned up taking the secretary position. Sandy Geagel has always been the treasurer, with Ronene Gain handling the money and making sure it gets to her safely.

The following item on the agenda was the discussion of the Booster Club's annual auction dinner, including who would be in charge of the menu and what date it will be held on. Followed by applause and sighs of relief, it was announced that Pumi Kashevarof has accepted to cook and prepare the menu. Though a finalized date was not determined, it was decided the dinner will be on a Saturday in April.

Ronene Gain explained that Student Council has decided to continue managing concessions at sports events and to maintain the pop machines. Marcella Suydam, Sherry Hingley, and Ronene have agreed to make pizzas so that pizza can be sold by the slice during games.

New fund raisers were discussed next. The first, referred to as "green recycle," proposes submitting anything digital one might have, e.g. cell phones, digital cameras, mp3 players, etc., to an organization that will recycle these while also giving back money. Byron McCord volunteered his time to help in executing this project. Another fundraising idea was to have a garage sale, as some items have been donated to the Booster Club from Sue Jackson. During the garage sale, pumpkin pies may also be sold. Dianne Gruber is working on trying to get this garage sale held on Main Street, either in the space near the post office or some other facility. More items will most likely be solicited.

The final note of the evening was that Ronene is still collecting Box Tops for Education, which help bring money to our school – so if you have any box tops, please bring them in!

Those were the main points of the meeting, and it looks like we're following a good path in raising money for our school's extracurricular activities. Booster Club meetings are always on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M., so if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, feel free to

come and share your voice at these meetings.

Congratulations To Suzie Stranik



Thank you, Suzie Stranik

The Seldovia Chamber of Commerce wishes to honor you for the many hours of volunteer work, the plants and the inspired imagination you have provided to make Seldovia bloom.

A very sincere thank you for your efforts, your talents and your resources for making all this happen.

Seldovia sparkles in the sunshine and, even on a grey day, the beauty of the plantings raises our spirits, and refreshes our souls. You've beautified our spaces, and improved the quality of our lives.

We express the sincere appreciation of the residents of the city of Seldovia to Suzie Stranik for this gift to the future of our community.

Peggy Keesecker

Date: August 6, 2009

Peggy Keesecker, President

Seldovia Chamber of Commerce

That's Elementary!

School news and thoughts from the perspective of Mrs. Bornheimer's Kindergarten through fourth grade class. We hope to see all kinds of blossoming talent from these kids! Stand by, your child, grandchild, niece or nephew might be the next Walter Cronkite, JK Rowling or Ansel Adams!

Life Cycles and Food Chains

*By Axcenia Waterbury
4th Grade*

This year we are learning about living things, life cycles, and food chains. One food chain is plankton, krill, penguin, seal, and then a whale. Some different life cycles are a butterfly, chicken, frog, and plants.

We are also learning about mealworms for science. We experiment to see how they react to different things. They didn't like air being blown on them. They moved away. We also tried water, and they moved away. One time we tried to see if they could smell things. It seemed some could smell and some couldn't. It is very fun. Everybody likes it.

One time our teacher let us watch a video called Classification of Living Things. I was really interested in it. So was everybody else. There are five different kingdoms. Cats are in the animal kingdom. Science is cool!

Everything I Like

*By Ashante Wright
1st Grade*

I like to hang upside down on the monkey bars. I like ice cream because it melts in my mouth. I like Bruiser because he is cute. I like mealworms, but they are hard, and they eat Bran Flakes. I have one friend, and we play a lot. Alliah is the best friend I ever had. I like her. She is nice. My favorite colors are pink and hot pink. I can count to one hundred, but it takes a long time. My favorite animal is a cat. I like all of the colors in the rainbow. I like doing math. It is fun. I like roses because they are red. I can't wait until December because my birthday is two days after Christmas. After school I like to go swimming, and I sometimes go to the gym. I like to go to Homer and Anchorage. I like to make banana bread. I like my new shoes.

New Support Group In Seldovia

by Mercedes Harness

South Peninsula Haven House is excited to collaborate with Seldovia Village Tribe to begin a Women's Support Group, scheduled for the first Thursday of every month. The group will be modeled, in part, off of the in-house Safe and Sober Relationships group at Haven House. That group has been meeting for several years, and the women who attend have been able to support each other through some tough times.

The new group in Seldovia will be led by advocate Mercedes Harness, and substance abuse counselor Alene Hidecker. When people are experiencing high levels of stress and trauma, it is difficult to see that there is a way out. Haven House helps women identify safe options that work for them. One of the goals of the group is to create a safe space for women to talk, and to take a look at the intersection of staying safe and sober. The support group is about women empowering each other to build healthy relationships and healthy families. It is not therapy, but a place to listen and support one another, and give each other feedback.

The group will meet from 2pm to 3pm the first Tuesday of the month at the Seldovia Conference Center. November 3rd is the next upcoming meeting.

Questions? Please call 235-7712 or 234-7898

Washington DC Close Up 2010 (repeat story)

by Vivian Rojas, Washington DC Coordinator

Eight students from Susan B. English School are eager to attend a course in governmental studies offered by the Close Up Foundation in Washington D. C. Close Up is built on the belief that textbooks and lectures alone are not enough to help students understand the democratic process and make it work. Students need a "close up" experience in government. Close Up's national experiential government studies programs strengthen participants' knowledge of how the political process works, increase their awareness of major national and international issues, and motivate them to become actively involved in the world around them.

All individuals deserve the opportunity to be informed citizens of our democracy. Each year, more than 25,000 students, teachers, and other adults take part in Close Up's programs in Washington, D.C. Since the inception of its Washington-based programs in 1971, the Close Up Foundation has welcomed nearly 650,000 students, educators, and other adults to the nation's capital.

The Close Up Program Will:

- * Motivate our students to become an active participant in our democracy,
- * Strengthen their knowledge of how government works and

* Increase their awareness of major national and international issues.

Close Up Washington brings civic lessons to life by taking students behind the scenes and allowing them to witness their government in action. Students' days are packed from morning to night with activities including study visits to Washington landmarks, seminars with national leaders, peer-to-peer learning workshops, seminars with policy experts, and meeting their legislators on Capitol Hill. In addition, students spend a night on the town at the theater or touring the monuments after dark. They will attend a formal banquet and dance, and are given a day of scheduled independent time for exploring the city. You can find out more about the close-up at their web site: www.closeup.org.

The students will be traveling May 1-8, 2010. They will start their program May 2, Sunday night and wrap up their week on Thursday. The group will be fundraising to have an extra 2 days in the DC area after their Close up experience if possible.



The funding raising efforts this summer started with a beautiful stain glass created and donated by Marcella Suydam. This amazing stain glass piece can be admired and tickets may be purchased at the Tide Pool Restaurant.

Stained Glass Panel Raffle tickets can also be purchased from any Washington DC student (Cameren Blodgett, Amanda Gain, Courtney Collier, Matthew Gain, Kathleen Gruber, Katrina Hecks, Chelsea Suydam or Mariah Turner) or call the school 234-7616 and leave a message for Ms. Rojas, Close up coordinator. Raffle tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. The drawing will be at the Halloween Carnival in October. A date has not been set yet.

The students have also had several bake sales and we have many fundraising plans in the making.

Every student is willing to work to pay for part of their costs, but many of the students and their parents cannot afford to pay the entire cost of the trip. This includes the tuition for the program, travel from Seldovia to Anchorage and flights from Anchorage to Washington DC.

Your tax deductible donation will be a big help in making this trip possible for the students. You will be helping to shape their lives in a positive way. You may make your tax deductible donation payable to "Susan B. English School" for the 2009 Close Up trip and send it to:

Susan B. English School
Attn: Vivian Rojas
PO Box 171
Seldovia, AK 99663

We are also looking for anyone who may be able to donate "companion fares" on Alaska Airlines to the group. Please contact Vivian through the school (907) 234-7616 if you have any questions or can donate in any way.

Thank you for your consideration and support, we will keep you posted on our fundraising activities.

Movie Review - Awakenings

by Jonathan Hoard



Some people sleep through the days and years of their lives because they cannot wake up due to some severe medical problem.

Some people sleep through the days and years of their lives because they are afraid to wake up.

Awakenings is based on real events that took place during the summer of 1969 at a chronic hospital in the Bronx. The movie tells the story of Dr. Sayer, a Neurologist, played by Robin Williams, and a catatonic patient played by Robert De Niro. De Niro and Williams give fantastic performances playing roles that you may not be used to seeing them in. Both actors succeed in lifting their character off the screen and into our hearts.

When Dr. Sayer is given a ward of patients that all suffer a prolonged catatonic state his scientific curiosity combines with his human longing to see these people set free. Moved by the belief that these patients were alive inside their lifeless bodies Dr. Sayer sets out on a journey of trial and experimentation apart from convention and in spite of the hesitation of his peers. The results are nothing short of miraculous.

It would be a disservice to this story to think it only a retelling of a medical drama. This is a movie about the preciousness and miracle of life. The viewer is reminded that sometimes that which appears lifeless is just waiting to burst forth, while it is the living that too often need to be awakened.

One particularly touching scene shows De Niro's character overjoyed at his second chance at life. He wakes Dr. Sayer in the middle of the night after reading all the bad news about the world in the newspaper. With a childlike enthusiasm De Niro tells him that they must find a way to tell the world about what a miracle life is.

The movie ends with one life slipping away while another is being reawakened. It is a poignant reminder that our moments and days are not guaranteed. Life is to be lived, not in the dark but set free.

I would love to hear you comments about any of my reviews. E-mail me at jm_hoard@hotmail.com

Thought to Ponder

Frederick Wilcox - Writer

"Progress always involves risks.

You can't steal second base and keep your foot on first."

H1N1 and Regular Flue Shots

On Tuesday, November 10, 2009, there will be a community wide opportunity to receive your regular flu shots, as well as the H1N1 Vaccination. The City, together with Dr. Reynolds, the Public Health Nurse, the Seldovia Village Tribe and Fire and EMS Departments are going to be working together at Susan B. English School from 7:00am to 2:00pm to administer vaccinations to those interested. Children will be free, and there will be more information to follow in regards to the cost for the adult vaccinations.

Thank you to Sherry Hingley, our school principal for opening the doors of our school to provide this important service to our community!

The Bookworm



Waiting by Frank M. Robinson

Reviewed by Tamara Blodgett

A terrific book which promises much in the scientific realm without edging outside of layman's terms. The reader can self-educate while enjoying this novel that addresses the potential for a humanoid species that is not *homo sapiens*.

An eager doctor who is part of an elite group stumbles upon genetic abnormalities present in the victim of a fatal car crash and draws conclusions which endanger, and eventually end his life. Select group members find the circumstances surrounding his death suspicious and begin a chase which leads to a desperate who-trusts-whom scenario.

All the while, Artie, our protagonist, believes he is losing every dear thing he cares for in his search for the truth, only to find, in the end, he was being protected throughout.

The story is steeped soundly in the scientific realm and is not far-fetched enough to be unbelievable but is wildly interesting. This is not for the creationists and deals solidly in evolution. The dialog is somewhat stilted and keeps it from being the "5" it deserves to be. A great read for science,

history and fiction lovers.



4/5 Stars

Genre: Fictional Anthropology,

Suspense

Sub-genre: Evolutionary

Science

Age: Teen+

Elements: Violence,

Complicated premise for under

16 years, Some Mature Dialog

Check out the [Seldovia Public Library](#) for this and other fine books!

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Seldovia's Water and Sewer Construction Schedule and Map 2009



City of Seldovia, Alaska
SELDOVIA WATER SEWER IMPROVEMENTS
Anticipated 2009 Construction Schedule

Task Name	Start	Finish
Project Travel		COMPLETED
Fire-Police Quarters, Repair/Upgrade, Turn on Water Services		COMPLETED
Network Repair/Upgrade (CRIS) Turn on Electric		COMPLETED
Fire-Police Office, Turn on Water Services, Rehook Up Pump System		COMPLETED
Clear Work, Complete Inventory, Re-establish of Utilities		COMPLETED
Service City Order, Various Trucks - Water Repairs, Order Materials		COMPLETED
Service Material Equipment Repair at Refinery		COMPLETED
Public Open House, CRIS Final Set, New City Review of Applications		COMPLETED
Shoring Crew Construction Layouts, Completing Phase 1 Stage Work		COMPLETED
Build Manholes in Site Truck, Work with Service Trucks and Materials		COMPLETED
Service Material Equipment, Trucks, Street Equipment, Compressors		COMPLETED
Plan B & Matt Wright Site Visit - Hydro Methods & Technical Advice		COMPLETED
Install Avenue Water Main (24" C - 6)		COMPLETED
Install Avenue Water Main (24" C - 6)	Thu 7/23/09	Tue 7/28/09
Install Avenue Services (24" C - 6)	Mon 7/27/09	Tue 8/4/09
Install Avenue Water Services (24" C - 6)	Wed 7/29/09	Fri 7/31/09
Install Avenue Water Main (24" C - 6)	Sat 8/7/09	Tue 8/18/09
Install Avenue Water Main & Services (24" C - 6)	Wed 8/12/09	Thu 8/13/09
Install Avenue Water Main & Services (24" C - 6)	Fri 8/14/09	Tue 8/25/09
Install Avenue Water Main & Services (24" C - 6)	Wed 8/26/09	Tue 9/8/09

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Seldovia City Council Meeting - 10/14/09

The Seldovia City Council convened together with the following members present: Dean Lent, Allison Miller, Gerry Patrick, Walter McInnes and Steve Pollack. John Colberg was present by phone. Councilman Lent presided; City Manager Tim Dillon was present, City Mayor Gain was not present and City Clerk Mary Klinger took minutes.

Treasurer's Report - none

Ordinance Introduction

Ordinance 10-03, Authorizing the Sale of a Specific Lot owned by The City of Seldovia, Waterfront Resub No 2, Lot 5 Block 7, Tax Parcel Number 19203046.

Introduction only, no discussion

Action: Approved unanimously

Proclamations - none

Public Presentation Prior Notice

Dan Blodgett, Seldovia Fuel and Lube spoke to the council and community to explain fuel prices and comparisons to other communities. He also addressed the article in the Homer News that raised questions as to the determination of fuel prices here in Seldovia.

Public Presentation For Items Not On The Agenda

There was a large group of citizens present to give their support for the Lollipop Park area to be dedicated as a park area, and opposing the idea of ever using this central area as a parking lot. Over seven individuals spoke in favor of this park area.

The President of The Seldovia Chamber of Commerce, Monty Hingley read

the following resolution written by the Seldovia Chamber of Commerce.

"Be it resolved that the Seldovia Chamber of Commerce ratifies the decision by the Seldovia Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on October 6th, that there be no parking of vehicles at Main Street Gardens (aka Town Square), or at the location known as Lollipop Park. A unanimous decision by the Chamber was made to have these areas remain public parks."

Committee and Advisory Board Reports

SOS: Tim Dillon reported that The Husky 2 boom watch continues. The contract with SOS is being extended for the winter months. Additional needs and the implementation of the Winter Vessel Monitoring plan begins on October 17th, which will include snow removal.

Old Business - none

New Business

Nuka Research, Contract for Clean Harbors, Tim Robertson

Tim is working on this project, and all funds that come into the city from the grant that was received to manage this research will be used to fund his work. Tim asked for continued community support and assistance where and when needed in regards to input.

Action: No action, information only

Planning Commission Policies & Procedures

Paulie Carluccio - the Planning and Zoning Chairperson brought the issue to the council that there are many policies and procedures that are outdated or don't exist and that work needs to be done to update those areas in our codes.

Action: The City Council moved to ask P&Z to review their policies and procedures and to return to the council with recommendations and suggestions regarding which issues need to be addressed and how to resolve future conflicts in regards to permitting and inspections.

Carlos Tree Service and HEA Appreciation

Council member McInnes expressed thanks and appreciation for all the work that has been done by both HEA and Carlos Tree Service to remove hazardous trees and brush from the lines in the Seldovia Area.

Action: No action taken, informational only

Resolution 10-03, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Seldovia, Alaska Adopting an Amended Legislative Grant Priorities List.

Action: Approved Unanimously

Draft Plan For RV Park

Cary Hendric presented an idea for a Music Hall at the Seldovia City RV Park off Jakolof Bay Road. Cary brought plans and drawings of a facility that would be available for music festivals, concerts and gatherings that would benefit the community of Seldovia. The plan incorporates a stage area, wide open spaces for large crowds, a viewing balcony - all with a very Alaskan theme fitting to the area. There are still many details, from planning and funding to work through.

Action: The council expressed their support for Cary and encouraged her to move forward with her proposal.

Review of City Manager One Year Employment

There was much support given for Mr. Dillon by both the public as well as the council. Mr. Dillon has done an exceptional job for our community and there were both written and verbal accolades and words of support to the council in that Mr. Dillon should be retained and offered an increase in his salary for his outstanding performance.

The council went into executive session.

Action: The council offered Mr. Dillon a two year contract, with periodic salary increases.

Mr. Dillon was grateful and expressed how much he has enjoyed being the City Manager thus far.

Informational Items Not Requiring Action

- 1) Planning & Zoning Commission Resignation of Bobbi Sweat
 - If someone is interested in serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission, please submit your letter of intent to the City Office.
- 2) Kenai Peninsula Prescription Discount Cards
 - Discount cards for many rural communities are available at the City Office. Both Ulmers and Eagle Pharmacy (Safeway) accept the cards!! You will save an average of 20% on your pharmaceutical needs.
- 3) AML Annual Government Conference - November 18-20
 - For the council members to consider right away as to avoid paying late fees should they decide to participate.
- 4) Request for Waiver, DOT Equipment Building
 - Due to the fact that the DOT building is further than 200 feet from a current city water/septic system, the DOT would like to pursue a regular DEC approved system for their facility.

[City Manager's Report](#) , see below.

[Manager, Council and Mayor Comments Concerning Items not on the Agenda](#)

Several councilmen thanked members of the audience for attending

Next Regular Meeting October 28, 2009

Special Notices

\$3,000 Aviation Scholarship Available!

The Forrest Jones Memorial Scholarship is awarded the first week of March. The amount of the scholarship for 2010 will be \$3000.

Deadline for applications is January 10. For an applicant to be eligible, they must be enrolled in, or applying to, one of the following (in an aviation field), or a high school senior applying to: AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY, A LICENSED FLIGHT SCHOOL, OR A CERTIFIED A&P PROGRAM.

[Click here to download an information sheet and application for the scholarship for distribution to the schools in Alaska.](#)

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Alaska 50th Anniversary Medallions Available!

The State of Alaska , on behalf of the Juneau Statehood Committee, commissioned bronze medallions commemorating Alaska's 50th anniversary celebration which can be purchased by non-profit organizations for fundraising purposes. The medallions were designed and produced by the same company that designed medallions at statehood back in 1959. A limited supply can be purchased from the Kenai Peninsula Borough by contacting Michelle Blackwell at 714-2336. The medallions will sell for \$50 each and are limited to five medallions per organization.

AACA Nominations and Awards



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Accepting Nominations for AACAA Service Awards

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 12, 2009

The Alaska Air Carriers Association is actively seeking nominations for the AACAA Service Awards. These awards recognize the exceptional merit of individuals or organizations who demonstrate the highest standards of performance and professionalism in the Alaskan aviation industry.

Anyone, whether a current member of AACAA or not, may submit nominations for these awards which will be presented at our annual convention in March 2010. I have attached a brief description of each category and a nomination form. We encourage community participation, especially from Bush Alaska where aviation plays such a pivotal role in everyday life.

Additional forms may be obtained by visiting
www.alaskaaircarriers.org

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Existing to foster and support a stable commercial aviation industry founded upon the principles of safety, professionalism and longevity

AACA SERVICE AWARDS

By acknowledging the exceptional merit of an individual or organization, the Alaska Air Carrier Association service awards encourage performance at the highest standards, continually developing professionalism in the Alaskan aviation industry.

AACA Arlo Livingston Award This award recognizes individual achievement in the betterment of Alaskan aviation. The AACA Arlo Livingston Award was created in 1983 in memory of a remarkable man who made a lifelong contribution to the aviation industry. Arlo was instrumental in starting the Alaska Air Carriers Association in 1966.

Previous recipients include leaders from every corner of Alaska:

Carl Brady, honored as an early helicopter pioneer
Richard Wien, honored for taking AACA statewide & serving as the 1st statewide president
Ken Eichner, helicopter pilot and businessman, honored as an initial AACA supporter

This award is considered each year, but is given only when a deserving candidate is identified who has made an exceptional contribution to Alaskan aviation.

AACA Tony Cestnik Maintenance Award

The Tony Cestnik Maintenance Award exists to honor an individual, team, or organization for distinguished, longstanding performance of aviation maintenance which sets a standard of excellence.

Mechanic of the Year Award

This award recognizes a mechanic for exemplary long-term service or an outstanding specific action which personifies an outstanding awareness of the contribution of maintenance to aviation safety. The recipient must be a current Airframe and Powerplant-rated mechanic with at least five years of experience. Eligibility for this award is limited to hands-on maintenance personnel and their direct supervisors.

AACA Iditarod Humanitarian Service Award

This award was created to honor an individual pilot or aviation company who best demonstrates the value of aviation in transporting and caring for the dogs or people participating in the Last Great Race. The award may be for a particular single action, or for service in a consistently outstanding manner for a period of time.

AACA Excellence in Communications Award

This award honors an individual, publicist, journalist, or media group that has achieved either (a) the most distinct dissemination of aviation news that results in public awareness, (b) makes a significant impact in educating the public on an aspect of the aviation industry, or (c) provides, over a period of time, consistently informative coverage that positively advances an aviation issue.

AACA Community Service Award

This award recognizes an individual or organization for outstanding service to the community through improvements to cargo, mail or passenger service to a specific site or a region. The award can recognize a particular single action, or for service in a consistently outstanding manner for a period of time.

AACA Emergency Medical Transport Award

This award recognizes an aviation team or pilot who, through a particular rescue /transport or contributions over a period of time to the air medical industry, has exemplified professionalism and expediency in the saving of lives.

Pilot of the Year Award

The award recognizes an outstanding single feat performed by a pilot during the year, or extraordinary professionalism over a period of time.

 ***H1N1 Parent Letter - Community Awareness***



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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September 1, 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian/Staff/Community Member:

Last May, pandemic H1N1 influenza (formerly called swine flu) was first identified in Alaska. Since then, limited, but ongoing transmission, primarily among school-age children, teenagers, and young adults has continued to occur. With the recent start of school, it is likely that this virus will continue to spread. This information is being shared in the hopes that it may help you to protect yourself, your children, and others from influenza.

Symptoms of H1N1 influenza are similar to those of seasonal flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue, as well as some reports of diarrhea and vomiting. Most cases in Alaska have been mild, similar to those seen with seasonal influenza. However, as with seasonal flu, severe illnesses and death have occurred. The risk of serious illness appears to be greatest for infants and young children, pregnant women, and persons with underlying health problems. If your child currently has or develops symptoms of influenza, please notify your health care provider. In some cases treatment with an antiviral prescription medication may be recommended.

Influenza viruses spread mainly from person to person through coughing or sneezing by people sick with influenza. People may also become infected by handling something with flu virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose or face. Three simple measures can greatly help prevent the spread of influenza as well as many other germs.

- Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand cleaner.
- Stay home if you are sick or beginning to feel sick! You are contagious for up to 24 hours before you really notice you are ill!

To reduce transmission of H1N1 virus in schools and community, it is imperative that students, faculty or staff with influenza-like illness (fever with a cough or sore throat or other flu like symptoms) should stay home. If persons should NOT attend school, after-school activities, or go into the community except to seek medical care until they are feeling better and **without fever for at least 24 hours without use of fever reducing medication**. Students, staff or community members who appear to have an influenza-like illness on arrival at school or who become ill during the school day will be promptly separated from others and sent home.

At this time, school closure for pandemic H1N1 influenza is not recommended unless the magnitude of faculty or student absenteeism interferes with the school's ability to function.

Finally, vaccination is another important measure to prevent influenza. Pandemic H1N1 influenza vaccines are currently in production and should be available for Alaskans this fall. Vaccination will be strongly encouraged for school-aged children and teenagers, among others. Vaccination against seasonal influenza is also recommended this fall for all children ages 6 months to 18 years and is currently available through your local health care provider.

If you have questions or concerns regarding these recommendations, please contact Kenai Public Health at 335-3400, Homer Public Health at 235-8857, Seward Public Health at 224-5567, your child's school nurse, or KPBSD's Health Services Coordinator at 283-2190 or nw@wprh@kpbod.k12.ak.us.

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➔ Drug & Alcohol Counseling in Seldovia

**Out-Patient Drug & Alcohol Counseling
For Native and Non-Native Patients**

SVT's Prevention Program offers follow-up and after-care treatment plans for people who are out of rehab or are in Drug Court and need to comply with court orders. We also offer:

- Assessments
- Referrals
- Out-patient Drug/Alcohol Case Management
- Community Education
- State of Alaska ADIS Classes
- Experienced Staff & Certified Counselors

*The Seldovia Village Tribe's Prevention Program
adheres to and upholds all state and federal privacy regulations.*

Ask about our culturally-specific ASAM assessments and ADIS Classes
(State of Alaska Alcohol/Drug Information Classes).

For more information, call (907) 234-7898 ext. 228

Seldovia is seeing improvements in our water lines, power lines, and now we even have a new fire hydrant at the small boat harbor!



City Manager's Corner

by Tim Dillon, City Manager

City Manager's Report 9-9-09 to 10-14-09

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Generator installed and running
- DOT building assistance
- Filtration Building Planning
- Husky II, winter plan draft
- Fire & EMS transition
- Winterized vehicles and community
- Grant Administration
- Successful election

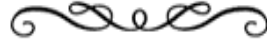
GOALS:

- Finish boat storage clean up
- Successful Audit meetings
- Finalize AMHS contract
- Harbor planning
- Comprehensive Plan follow up
- Fast Ferry follow up
- Finish tree trimming
- Repair leaks

PRIORITY JUGGLING

- Fire/EMS-repeater

- Fast ferry
- Flu plan
- Husky II
- Cannery Property
- Precious Earth
- VSW/CRW – Filtration
- Roads – culverts and access
- Seldovia Trails



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