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Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Courtney A Tomlinson (MacDonald Spit)

Top Stories

Borough Prepares to Sue State *by Tamara Blodgett*

Kenai Peninsula Schools look for financial break...

This lawsuit is about the schools on the Kenai Peninsula not getting equitable funding through the state. It is a "no-brainer" that a student in Anchorage costs the state less to educate than a student would here in Seldovia. This would also be the case in Port Graham, Nanwalek, and to a lesser degree the other Kenai Peninsula schools in the borough. In every way imaginable, the cost of educating in these rural areas is higher due to the higher costs of electricity, heating, supply transport, higher cost of living, etc.



The mayor sinks his teeth into the heart of the issue...

In a recent release, Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor John J. Williams commented, “ We have been pressing the State of Alaska for years to address the significant under-funding of local education within the Kenai Peninsula Borough, to no avail. The State appears to have again failed to address this issue, and we are done waiting for them to take action.” Mayor Williams also addressed the remote location issue with further comment, ” The Kenai Peninsula Borough encompasses nearly 25,000 square miles and has 44 schools, several of which are in remote an isolated locations, and we are expected to fund and operate these schools as if they were in downtown Anchorage.”

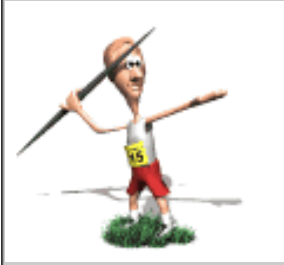


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There is a protocol for funding our schools in Alaska . It is called the Area Cost Differential (ACD). The ACD is supposed to provide additional funding to local school districts to address regional issues that create added financial burdens to a local school district. The formula uses Anchorage as an ACD base factor of 1.00. The Kenai Peninsula Borough has been allocated an ACD of only 1.004. A recent study by the Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER) agrees with the Borough’s stance of chronically under funded. The study indicates that the real ACD that the Borough should receive is 1.171. Although this seems like a small increase, this would have meant 70 million additional dollars would have been received for education since 2001.



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▶ **NEW!** [The Seldovia Visitor 2006, Seldovia Chamber of Commerce. Click here to download PDF... it is a large 6 megabyte file.](#)

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▶ [Senator Gary Stevens April 13 Newsletter](#)

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Cutting taxes bites too...

The implementation of a voter-passed sales- tax rollback last year that has put the district in an even tighter financial position. Having the same financial budget this year would translate into losing as many as 25 teaching positions next year. The Borough school board is meeting to ask for another 1.3 million in funding to keep those positions. Even if the money is procured, class size will increase by three students.

Enrollment has seen a steady decline in the last decade and is also part of the problem with funding. It is a vicious cycle, the more students leave the less funding is available. Put the funding in place, parents wish to move to these places because of the good schools.

Another advocate for ACD recalculation...

House Finance Committee Chairman Mike Chenault, says there are possible solutions to the yearly escalation of finance balance and crunch. Last year, Chenault made his voice heard for the benefit of students in the Kenai Borough by endorsing an increase in the state’s ACD for the Borough. This

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did not happen but he is still pursuing this course of action.

A local is a "dog" with a bone...

School Board Member, Sunni Hilts, mentioned that we always have a better Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) than the larger schools. This is the allowance afforded a smaller school like Seldovia. The principal is in charge of allocating the PTR. Hilts commented, "We will get our teachers based on our PTR." Several legislatures in Juneau told Hilts that we would probably have to sue; it doesn't just affect the Borough Schools.

The "proper" fix would be to change the State Foundation Funding Formula (which in simple terms is the amount of funding schools get around the state). This year the governor is asking for 90 million. This would be spread out equitably according to the ACD. Hilts mentioned that even Anchorage is feeling the crunch and that they were supportive of Seldovia and the plight of the Kenai Borough in general. Susan B. English has been affected by this inadequate funding for the last 9-10 years. The enrollment continues to decline, with school supplies not provided and vocational/music/art/library classes non-existent. Hilts said about ten years ago people began to leave because they felt the school was too small, then further cuts came and more people left.

Another thing that is hurting the Borough is the benefits. Much higher medical costs have exploded across the nation. By Federal Law, the retirement fund has to have enough money in the program for the people that are in it. Due to the stock market crash six years ago, all the money is not in place. Boroughs are allowed to fund only a certain amount of what the state gives them. There is a "cap" on spending. This is to provide equitable funding for all schools, with some schools not getting more than others do.

Leaders working for our most valuable commodity...

The Mayor is not happy to take this to the courts but feels there is no recourse. He said that, "The future of our school system and our children must be protected." Alaska's children do need to be our top priority.

Delta Junction Music Event 2006

by Katie O'Leary

Music, laughter, and meeting new people were a few of the wonderful experiences that the band/choir classes of Susan B. English School were able to have when they traveled up to the Region II Music Festival in Delta Junction April 21-23. This was a chance for the class to work with other talented directors and learn a lot about music and how talented they were.

of the other pages on this site.



Wednesday morning the class left by boat and was on its way to Anchorage to stay the night as a half-way point to Delta Junction where the music festival was to take place. The class was generously offered rooms at the Dimond Center Hotel by Seldovia Native Association, and accepted graciously.

Thursday morning the class set out once more to travel through more of the wondrous beauty of Alaska. They drove to Glennallen and stopped for lunch at the Caribou Café. After their brief respite, the group set out for the last stretch to Delta Junction. When they reached the music festival, the girls grabbed their bags and went to their room as the guys drove off to find Fort Greely where they would be staying. After everyone was settled in, there was an opening concert performed by some of the participating schools. After the opening concert, the rehearsals for Mass Band/Choir, Honor Band/Choir began. After a two hour practice the class was ready for a good night's sleep.



Wake up call! The students woke up between 6 and 7 in the morning for breakfast and then went off to another rehearsal at 8 in the morning. The kids had no idea that they were in for a four hour practice. During the morning rehearsal, some of the kids from other schools went to be adjudicated for solo or ensemble performances. After lunch all the schools were to be adjudicated in their school bands and choirs. This was a great opportunity for the musicians and vocalists to work with some very talented directors. When Adjudications were over, the schools went to dinner and once again to a two hour night rehearsal.

The last day of the festival had everyone busy doing things to prepare for the ending concert and dance. This, however, was not the Seldovia kids' top priority. They had a birthday party to set up. Joel Blodgett had his birthday Saturday, April 22 nd, the last day of the music festival. With the help of Lisa O'Leary, who was along to watch the performance, the band/choir students set up a little party for their friend Joel. Mrs. O'Leary bought sub sandwiches and cake at the local grocery store. After having a great time at the party the students were off to warm up for the big concert.



The concert was a huge success. The Mass Choir/Band & Honor Band/Choir all performed. Some of the solos and ensembles were chosen to perform as well. It was unanimous that SBE's students' favorite solo was Ol' Man River, sung by Wesley Colquette from Tok, Alaska.

After the concert it was time for some real fun at the last night dance. After dancing the night away, the students of SBE School packed up what they could the night before departing for Seldovia. All the students went to bed excited to head home on Sunday.

The trip home on Sunday was more quiet than the trip up because a lot of the students were too exhausted to even keep their eyes open. The one thing the students did before they went off to dreamland was take a detour and see the wild buffalo around Delta Junction. On the drive back to Anchorage the class stopped at a different diner in Glennallen. Then, after driving for a while the students reached the big city of Anchorage. This was not as exciting as they thought because Miss Hilts put down the law of "Homework Night." Not many of the students were very thrilled about this but every one did make progress on the homework they were assigned over the trip. After the two killer hours of homework the students were allowed to go to the movie theatre or watch a movie at the hotel.



Monday morning the class set out for the last stretch of road before reaching Seldovia. When they arrived in Homer they were not thrilled to see the weather. They were, however, determined to make it up that night and boated to Jakolof Bay on a very bumpy ride.

The trip was a wonderful experience and full of fun. The students have many memories to tell people and some they will keep between themselves. This trip was taken by students who don't always hang out together, but they put their differences aside to represent our school. They can't wait to go back next time.

Seldovia students who participated in the

Region II Music Festival 2006 Mass Ensembles

Student	Instrument	Student	Choir
Dustin Baines	Trumpet	Aerial Anahonak	Choir
Joel Blodgett	Trumpet	Josh Blodgett	Choir
Emily Haynes	Baritone Saxophone	Molly Chapman	Choir
Katie O'Leary	Flute	Kristi Gallien	Choir
Paul O'Leary	Clarinet	Diedre Cameron	Choir
Chelsea Suydam	Flute	Jordan Geagel	Choir
		Stephanie Lewis	Choir
		Oren Kroll	Choir
		Stephen Payton	Choir
		Jackie Brown	Choir

Our thanks to Miss Laurel Hilts, Mr. Rod Hilts and Ms. Michelle Hidecker, whose supervision made the trip a wonderful experience for all the participants!

City Council Meeting of April 26 *By Tamara Blodgett*

The Seldovia City Council convened together on Wednesday to include the following members: acting Chair Keith Gain, Tom Glover, Tom Keesecker, and Walter McInnes. Councilman Mark Massion and Councilwoman Peggy Boscacci had excused absences. City Manager Kurt Reynertson was in attendance with City Clerk Ronda Haynes taking minutes.

Ordinance Introduction

Ordinance 06-11, Amending Title 3 to Establish a Major Maintenance and Repair Fund.

Action: Introduction of Ordinance 06-11 approved.

Public Presentation Prior Notice

Ron Turner, a member from the Public chose to speak on an issue of great importance to him. Turner mentioned that he has an ongoing problem with youth that drives four-wheelers up and down the parking area that runs from the turn-off for SBE along the road stops at the front of the Boys & Girls Club. This activity includes exceeding the speed limit in addition to "brodies" that are executed right in front of the B&G Club. Turner says that beyond the fact that it is a public nuisance and a disturbance of the peace, there is safety and liability issues attached to this that cannot be ignored. He mentioned that he has contacted local law enforcement at least "a half-dozen times" and seen nothing happen as a consequence of his contact. Turner noted that SBE principal Curtis Liberty has expressed interest in resolving this issue. After Council discussion, it was determined that City Manager Reynertson would

approach local law enforcement to find out the nature of the complaints, what happened as a result of said complaints, and what to do to resolve the issue.

Action: Motion approved to resolve ATV issue through local channels.

Public Presentation for Items not on Agenda

A member from the Public, Tamara Blodgett, spoke about the closure of the Boys & Girls Club this summer and what can be done to garner financial contributions for the Club. The Club is scheduled to open in late August and Blodgett asked if anyone on the City Council would seek donations to supplement the B&G Club's limited budget for the coming year. The next summer and the years' after will also need to be addressed with long-term sustainability being the overall objective. There was no action needed on this commentary which was informative in nature.

Action: No action

Committee and Advisory Reports

RCAC: Representative, June Reuling with **RCAC** submitted a copy of the latest draft of the revised rules for ice guidelines for Cook Inlet . The next RCAC meeting will be on May 19th.

Chamber of Commerce will meet on Thursday the 4th of May at noon at the Glovers house..

Planning and Zoning Commission Chairwoman , Paulie Carluccio, mentioned that the revised Building Code and changes to the code were passed out last meeting, she feels that they took what everyone said into account, including the Public, for the revisions and changes on the code.

SOS and Fish & Game: No updated information

17B Trails Committee has not received any updated correspondence.

Old Business

Ordinance 06-10, Amending Title 18, Zoning Code

Public Hearing

A member of the Public, Hugh Q. Smith, submitted a document for Council review. In particular he expounded on the difference between the Uniform and International Building Codes, respectively. These codes have differences with the latter being the new standard nationwide. Only 5 states have yet to adopt this newer standard. Smith expressed concern over the new building height proposal of 28 feet. The current building height is 35 feet. He put forth that the reduction in building height would impede on the useable living space of a second story living quarters built on top of a first story commercial building. He had schematics of a proposed residence that is on Main Street with him to illustrate this point (for which he is the contractor). Smith doesn't think the current residential parking requirement of two off-street parking spaces for

each unit, excluding the driveway is realistic. Smith mentioned that building height is not addressed in the International Building Code.

Another member from the Public, Paulie Carluccio (Chairwoman for the Planning & Zoning Commission), responded to Mr. Smith's issue <in part>. At the last meeting, P&Z dealt with building heights. They adjourned for a workshop for a length of two hours, with public and two councilmen present. These councilmen lobbied in favor of lowering the building height so that other people's visibility would not be destroyed and the harbor would not be closed in. City Manager Reynertson was in attendance and his Main Street Commercial building was used as a reference with a height of 31 feet. P&Z surmised a commercial building would have a 10' height for the first floor. Accounting for the combined space needed for the ceiling and floor of the second story in addition to a standard pitch roof, it was determined that a 28 foot height would accommodate that. The example of the residence that Smith used has architectural design that has lent itself, by its very nature, to a height of 35 ½ feet. Reynertson's building has a loft and without that loft space the building would be within the proposed building height of 28 feet. P&Z did not want to allow buildings on Main Street to be really obtrusive. Furthermore, Carluccio said that P&Z researched the other codes in adjacent cities and found their codes to be even more confusing than Seldovia's. Wishing to have some clarity, P&Z changed the definition of where the ground height starts in addition to lowering the existing height. P&Z wanted to have a uniform standard that would negate lot slope and other variables that can affect the overall height in a skewed manner.

Action: It was determined that City Council will have a joint workshop with P&Z that will be held at the next P&Z meeting scheduled for May 1st at 4pm.

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

Next Meeting: May 10, 2006 , Regular City Council Meeting.

Adjournment: Time elapsed: 1 hour, 9 minutes and 9 seconds.

Public Park on P&Z Agenda next Monday

by Mary Glover

Next Monday night (May 1) will be the Planning and Zoning Commission's regular meeting at the Multipurpose Room at 7:00 pm. One of the items on the agenda will be the use of Lot 1, Block 13 into a city park. This is the pie shaped lot which is adjacent to the Straniks' red building on Main St. and is directly across the street from the Harbor's Edge B&B. Lot 1, Block 13 is zoned "public." For many years now, this land has remained vacant with the exception of the horse shoe toss that was a source of enjoyment for a few folks. It was this horse shoe toss placed there by Gerry Willard that caused me to walk this piece of property last summer (before any interest was in this lot) and think that it would be an ideal location for a beautiful park for the people, including a horse shoe toss.

Folks, this is the time you need to step forward and voice your opinion. This is

the purpose of public meetings. We have the right to agree and to disagree without taking the issues personally. If you have an opinion and you voice it outside the meetings, it essentially is wasted breath! The people on the different organizations are not there because they just love to attend meetings. They are there to try to develop, support, maintain and manage the city. The major bodies in our town are: the City Council, the Seldovia Chamber of Commerce, the Planning & Zoning Commission, the Parks & Recreation Committee, the Seldovia Arts Council and the SOS. If you are interested in what happens to your space, you need to attend a meeting!

It is an amazing phenomenon to me how a thought can coincide between persons without a verbal communication taking place. When I worked in a law office in the section of intellectual property law, I learned of inventions occurring simultaneously without communications between the parties. Then with the filing of the patents, documentation on the initial time of start of the project became critical.

Much is the same with Lot 1, Block 13. Other persons in this community have had the thought that this would be a great location for a park and then others had a different use for this lot to convert its zoning to commercial marine, subsequently selling the lot and developing it into a business.

The view from this lot is one of the most beautiful I have ever seen. To support this, did you know that the web cam on www.seldovia.com is pointed at the harbor --- same view—gets 166,000 hits or “unique visitors” each quarter? This translates to 41,500 hits per month. Folks, the world is watching Seldovia! The reason I have been working so hard for this lot to be a park is that I want to preserve this view for all of us to enjoy and I am not alone! The survey that was mailed to all post office box holders in Seldovia came back with a majority vote for a public park at this location.

Thus, the purpose of this article is to urge you to attend the Planning and Zoning Commission’s meeting on May 1 and voice your opinion. What do you want to happen?

Rep. Paul Seaton Newsletter - April 24

Greetings from Juneau on this 106th day of the regular legislative session. Although we are still working on several elements of the oil tax restructure, the House has been working to move ahead with other bills.

You may have heard about the House’s vote not to concur with the Senate on the ‘Drug Bill’. HB 149 passed the House unanimously last year and would have regulated the sale of certain products used to produce methamphetamines. However, it was held in the Senate and stripped of the logbook provision. This has since been superseded by federal legislation, which requires logbooks. The problem was that the Senate rolled 2 other complete bills into HB149. Neither of those bills had been considered or amended in the House committee process. Passing complex legislation by title, without looking at the bills would have been bad public policy. If you want more detailed discussion, please link to a letter I have posted at: <http://www.akrepublicans.org/seaton/24/info/seat2006042401i.php>

Despite last week's snowstorm I was able to get to the Homer LIO and met with several folks from the district. Carol Swartz, **Milli Martin**, Brian Farrow, Phil Morris, Mike McCarthy, Doug Stark and Fred Lau were among those I was able to speak with. Back in Juneau I had several other visitors, including Eugene Anderson, Jeff Hetrick from Seward and Assistant City Manager Kristen Vessel. **From Homer** we also welcomed Homer's Mayor, Jim Hornaday and City Councilmen Val McLay and Matt Schadle.

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Special Notices

Hospitality and Customer Service Training

Coming to Seldovia May 4th and 5th will be a Hospitality and Customer Service Training class. This training service is designed to help anyone who is interested in working in the service industry and to also help business owners and their employees improve the quality of customer service and hospitality that we provide in Seldovia.

By the end of the seminar you will be able to:

- Understand the importance of attitude
- Demonstrate good customer service skills
- Communicate more effectively
- Handle customer concerns sensibly
- Identify services, information, sources, places and events in your community
- Recognize the importance of the visitor industry to the economy of your community and state

This seminar will be presented by Christi Bell, University of Alaska Anchorage, Center for Economic Development.

The event takes place 3-7 pm each day, sponsored by SVT's SEE Project Office. The SEE Project office has been created to help market the Seldovia Tribal Conference Center, where this event will be held, and to help boost the overall economy of Seldovia.

For reservations please call Sue Russell 234-7898 x 221 or SEE Project Office 234-7859 x 28 (1-5 pm.)

The Fourth of July is a'comin sooner than you think!!

Now is the time to consider your opportunities to sell your great food item at the Chamber FOOD booth.

If you are the first to request a certain item, you'll be the only one to carry that item. We have the forms for your use to get the DEC permit, which must be turned in **NO LATER THAN JUNE 1 st.**

Please contact Darlene Crawford to get the permit form, let us know your menu item,(and whether you need electricity) or if you'd like a different type of booth - i.e. Sales, games, or whatever.

Phone 234-7625 days at SNA or 234-7668 evenings

If you need flowers for Prom - READ THIS!

Prom is *fast* approaching and many young men and ladies will be looking to purchase corsages and boutonnières for their dates for prom. ***Mrs. Sunni Hiltz has announced she will not be available to prepare flower orders this year.*** However, Forget Me Not Florist of Homer (235-7881) is available for this service and it should be emphasized that time is of the essence and to get your order to them ASAP. Thanks!

Seldovia Pet Clinic - May 17.

Sign up for appointments at the Post Office

Homer Veterinary Clinic is coming back ... they are looking forward to their annual clinic in Seldovia. Appointments will start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 PM so they can return to Homer! They will also consider having a Fall (September) clinic if there is sufficient community support and commitment. (They want feedback from all of use concerning a return visit.)

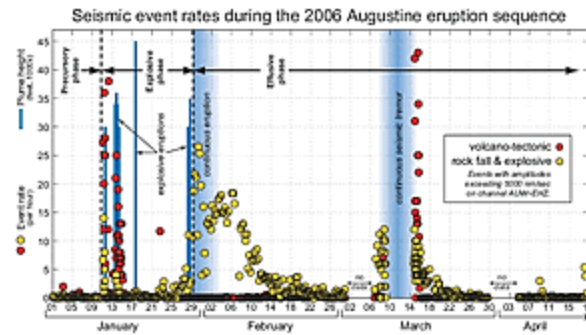
When you sign up for the pet clinic, to be held on May 17, 2006 you **MUST** put a contact phone number down. If they cannot reach you, there most likely will not be available appointment space for your pet. Also let them know how many pets you plan to bring to the clinic, their names and what you wish to have done. This clinic will be for wellness check ups, pedicures, vaccination updates, worming, microchip placement and providing educational information. They will not be doing surgeries.

If you have questions regarding your pet's needs, please call ahead of the clinic date to 235-8960 so they can have the records and correct supplies available. Sign up sheets need to be faxed to HVC by May 15th and they will be calling owners with appointment times. Available appointments will be directly related to the number of pets to be seen so signing up early is advisable.

Thanks to Cheryl Reynolds for submitting the HVC's notice!

Tidbits . . .

We picked up this interesting summary of Augustine activity from the AVO website this week . . . the volcano has remained fairly quite for a month.



City Manager's Corner

by Kurt Reynertson

Managers Report for the period covering April 10- April 25

- The small boat harbor project draft engineering design workshop was held this week. This design is sometimes referred to as the “65% design” or the draft design. Topics that were discussed included verifying the direction the design is headed. No major change in direction is anticipated. Some of the highlights of the design include:
 - New pedestal lighting for the main floats
 - New pole lighting for the marginal floats
 - A complete upgrade to the electrical system. Electric power will be available on main floats A, B, D, and E. Main float D will have power to power to the “stall side” only. Float C will not have power available
 - A new water distribution system that will provide headers to the beginning of each main float. The water distribution system will also be for fire fighting.
 - A new covered and lighted gangway that will be 22 feet longer than the present gangway. This new gangway will significantly reduce the angle at low tides as well as make the ramp ADA compliant. In order to accommodate the new gangway the approach gangway will be cut back a total of 52 feet.
 - New piles for the entire harbor. We will be using steel piles as opposed to timber piles.
 - Repair or replace individual float sections as necessary.
 - Shorten, but at the same time, widen grid #1. Replace pile caps and bents as necessary on the grid.
 - Replace the stairway leading to the grid.
 - Assuming there is enough money, we plan to install new decking on float A and marginal float 2.
- The harbor project is on track to begin construction this fall. Permit applications have been filed with the State and the Army Corps of Engineers.
- The engineers also collected water data for the design of the water filtration system that is being funded by VSW.
- We are tentatively planning to float and hook up our new fish cleaning table next week.

- The inside wiring necessary for the hook-up of the new X-Ray machine is well underway. Liberty Electric is doing the inside electric installation. The next step will be to coordinate with HEA to run new 3-phase power to the clinic and to coordinate with GE so their technicians can come and remove the old X-Ray and install the new X-Ray.
- The elevator for the Community Center is due to be shipped in three weeks. Soon thereafter Alaska Stairlift and Elevator Company will be installing. We have some minor work that needs to be accomplished in conjunction with the installation involving shaft modifications.

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

Police received a report of vehicle lights being shinned into a residence and flashed from high beam to low beam repeatedly. The incident occurred at 2:30 am and, due to the darkness, neither the vehicle nor those involved could be recognized. Anyone having information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Police Department.

Following a complaint from a citizen that a vehicle left parked on the roadway was causing some traffic problems, Police contacted the owner asked that the vehicle be moved. The vehicle was moved without delay and further action by Police was not necessary.

A 3 gallon plastic boat gas tank and hose were reportedly taken from a Zodiac rubber boat while the boat was parked in the Russian Trailer Park. The theft occurred within the last two weeks. Approximately 2 gallon of mixed gas was in the tank at the time of the theft.

A bear skull that was found on the beach near the commercial boat haul out ramp was turned into Police. The skull had been sealed with a Fish & Game metal seal and the owner was contacted and the skull was returned. The skull had been inadvertently thrown away when the freezer was being cleaned out.

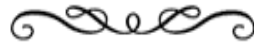
Police assisted the City Maintenance Department in the launching of two boats with the use of City equipment.

Not a lot to report this time but with spring and summer coming I'm sure the report will be more news worthy in the future. Remember, no news is good news when reported by the Police in a forum such as this.

Since last report the Police have Notarized 3 documents, stopped one person for speeding, wrote two citations for "Dog at Large" and fielded phone calls about those (#&\$@*) wild turkeys on a number of occasions. In the last week no complaints about the turkeys have been received and they have not been making the rounds and annoying people and eating the buds and new flower shoots as they were in the past. I'm told arrangements are being made to secure the birds so they will not be a problem in the future. I truly hope this information is correct.

I would like to reiterate concerning the influx of black bears into our community when the snow does recede enough so they can see their way out of their dens. Start early in keeping your garbage and other edibles up and we could possibly discourage the bears from remaining in town when they do

come in to check it out. Last year in a period of 1 and ½ months the Seldovia Police Department received 26 bear related calls. I'm sure some of these were repeat offenders but they found a food source or they most probably would not have returned. We do need to hear from you if a bear is in your neighborhood. We don't want to take a chance and have someone hurt so let us know and we'll do what we can to get the bears out of town or eliminate the ones that are a threat.



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