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2 Cents Worth:

What is your favorite event on the 4th of July?



"The Parade. "

Tyler Hecks



"That's funny! I never thought about it...It's the parade.... I like the canoe jousting, but the parade, I get a kick out of watching the little kids coming up and seeing them."

Rod Hilts



"I think probably the Parade and the Rubber Duckie Race. "

Jan Wyland



"Well, of course, the Parade! "

Vivian Rojas

Letters to the Editor

A Letter to the Editor of the Seldovia Gazette

I would like to respond to the letter written by Mary Klinger in regard to the web cams. We have children and grandchildren in Seldovia that we miss very, very much. These cams allow us to feel somewhat connected to them and we can also watch them as they go about their lives. To say it fills a hole in our hearts would be an understatement.

I'm sure that we are not the only parents and grandparents that feel this way. We LOVE the cameras and cannot see how any of them could invade anyones privacy. I would have to say that if you don't want to be on camera, then don't go where the cameras are.

Perhaps Ms. Klinger would be happier somewhere more remote, like Wainwright. As far as I can tell, there are no cams there.

For those of us who use the cams various times during the day, everyday, we can't thanks the people responsible for putting them up enough. We hope you put more of them up. Seldovia is a beautiful town, but even more beautiful is being able to see our children and grandchildren enjoying themselves. That, for us, is truly priceless.

Bob & Pat Terhune
Winthrop , Wash.

A Letter to the Editor of the Seldovia Gazette

Dear Editor,

I recently took my first visit to your delightful community. While exploring, I talked to several residents about ACT-CAP, the initiative submitted by our group, the Alliance of Concerned Taxpayers (A.C.T.). ACT-CAP seeks to cap the total amount of revenue the Kenai Peninsula Borough can collect in one year from sales tax, property tax or any other tax they dream up. This would restrict the Borough government from growing faster than the economy or the population.

ACT-CAP would be beneficial to Seldovia for several reasons. Many receive, or will soon receive, the Senior and Disabled Veterans property tax exemption. For the last two years attempts were made to reduce that exemption. While the attempts were not yet successful, seniors are undeniably at risk. Our ACT-CAP is the best protection we could devise to eliminate the current divide and conquer strategy of taxing small defenseless groups. If there is a revenue ceiling in place, there is no incentive to go after the seniors, the B&Bs, the guides and charters or the long-haul truckers, as the Assembly has done in the past.

Kenai River property owners have had their assessments increase steadily every year, while the rotation for most others is every five years. I agree with your slogan, Seldovia Alaskas best kept secret. Yet, I fear that as more folks scramble to buy the limited amount of available land, your assessments will also grow exponentially. Again, ACT-CAP can help.

Although word-for-word a copy of the Mat-Su Boroughs successful cap, our Borough clerk rejected ACT-CAP. We are currently collecting funds to take the Borough to court. We expect the same favorable ruling as Mat-Su received allowing us to also collect signatures and put ACT-CAP on the ballot for the voters to decide. For more information, please check out our website, www.act-kpb.org.

Thank you,
Vicki Pate
Nikiski, Alaska

A Letter to the Editor of the Seldovia Gazette

Just had to tell you how grateful I am to have the bridge cam to look at, as I cannot afford to travel to Alaska. Many potential travelers from my part of Michigan are hip to the site now. I tell everyone who expresses an interest in traveling to Alaska about Seldovia.

Ellie K Payton
Harbor Springs, Michigan

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Special Interest Forum: From time to time, topics of discussion will come up that are not a good fit for the Letters to the Editor section . . . usually due to things like the length of the letters or the need to post responses sooner than once a week on Thursday. Click the "Forum" button to enter this section. If you have a topic that you would like started, please let us know.

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