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PhotoStory
Seldovia Lodge
Burns to the Ground
April 29, 2007

NEW!



The Seldovia Summer Visitor Newspaper arrived in Seldovia on Tuesdays ferry. Copies are available at Seldovia's merchants. An electronic version is also available in PDF format (10 meg file) . . . see 2007 Archives link in the left column of this page.



The leak, which was up to 800,000 gallons a day, has been located and repaired! Thanks to Dan Blodgett for spotting the leak on the HarborCam and thanks to Wayne and Steve for fixing the leak!

Top Stories

Fire Ravages Seldovia Lodge

by Tamara Blodgett

Seldovians fight fire side by side...

The community rallied Sunday night during a blaze that took hold of a former lodge that had been under renovation since the beginning of February. Current purchaser of the property, Duane Knapp, responded to questions about the blaze with a mixture of gratitude and relief. Both he and contractor Jess McBride were relieved that a strict measure of containment had been successful in securing zero loss of life. Although the destruction of the structure was a devastating blow, Knapp was thankful for the dedicated efforts of both the Seldovia Fire Department and the Seldovia Village Tribe Fire Department. Their combined efforts of shared equipment and response time to the inferno that decimated the 8,000 square foot structure was crucial in halting its progress to surrounding residences, Susan B. English School a short distance away and the fuel tanks just down the street.

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Seldovia Lodge, October 2005



Seldovia Lodge fire aftermath, May 3, 2007

[Click here for a PhotoStory of the Seldovia Lodge fire](#)

Firefighters and eyewitnesses' battle blaze...

Able-bodied Seldovians rushed in, offering aid when the going got tough. Chief Andy Anderson said it was a thing to behold. Historically, Seldovians put differences aside and like a family they stick together and help out without equivocation. Such 'pulling together' was the case here. Anderson said pandemonium reigned when he first arrived on scene but it was just a short time until everyone received their task and went to work on the fire. Anderson's greatest fear was containment of the blaze in combination with keeping the public safe who were near the scene. Chief Anderson commented on a

the magnificently executed job of fire personnel who kept the north wall of the structure and surrounding propane/oil tanks watered down. This provided crucial protection to the nearest residence that faced that side.

Bystander rapidly responds...

Eyewitness and emergency response back-up dispatcher, Heather Moonin, ran to the local school and got help, breaking up a basketball game with players running out with their basketball gear on to confront the fire first hand. Moonin, who lives two doors down from the lodge remembers coming home, going out to her car to retrieve something, and heard crackling. She looked up and saw "flames shooting out of the double doors." She had her radio turned on and hadn't heard the 911 call "tone", so she seized the bull by the horns and called 911 herself. She then called local firefighters to alert them of the situation. Her quick reaction was responsible for the firefighters speedy arrival.

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Offering affordable housing...

Knapp and McBride were through drywall on the structure, with completion anticipated for the huge celebration week surrounding the "Coming Home" Independence Day Celebration slated for the 1st through the 8th of July. Knapp was anxious to fill the void with temporary lodging for that timeframe and had an ideal location for it. Unfortunately, he and McBride will have to begin from scratch with a new conceptual design that will be an offshoot of the original with some modifications. They plan on an approximate 1000 square foot per unit development with a central courtyard design that will make the most of the natural surroundings. This is not the first challenge for Knapp who had a 200,000-gallon flood in the structure that occurred just prior to construction in February. Undaunted, Knapp will forge on with a new plan.

A temporary mystery...

Two Fire Marshalls are traveling south from Anchorage to meet with Seldovia Fire Administrator Michelle Bateman. The Marshalls will investigate the scene and determine what may have ignited the fire. Currently, there is only speculation to what may have caused the blaze. An answer to that question will be forthcoming. In the meantime, Knapp and McBride will hammer out a new plan that will supplant this tragedy with triumph.



Seldovia Lodge owner Duane Knapp (right) and builder Jess McBride . . . thankful that no one was hurt by the fire.

Letter to the Editor from the owner, Duane Knapp

From all of us involved with the Seldovia Lodge project.

We would like to express to everyone who took part in Sunday night's emergency response our deepest appreciation for your exceptional efforts and success in managing a truly challenging emergency. Only through the community effort put forth by nearly the entire town, a very dangerous incident was controlled and maintained in a manner that would rival any other professional emergency service department anywhere. Thank you so much for your very hard work, diligence and an amazingly display of teamwork. You should all be as proud of yourselves and your performance as we most certainly are. We would like to also affirm our commitment to continue working together with you to achieve goals that are beneficial to your community.

Duane Knapp, Owner, Seldovia Lodge

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Corrections

▶ None this week

Jess McBride, Builder

Susan B. English Booster Club Auction

by Katie O'Leary

Going once, going twice, sold! On Saturday April 28th the annual Booster Club Auction was held from 5:30 p.m. to roughly 10 o'clock p.m. There was a dinner, with over ninety items auctioned either by silent auction, or the more entertaining, competitive verbal bidding from the audience.



In the kitchen the cooks were busily creating delicious delicacies. The menu included Sweet and Sour Halibut, Broccoli Beef, Roast Pork, Vegetable or Chicken Curry, and Chinese Chicken Salad. The side dishes were Spring Rolls, Fried Rice, and Chow Mien. The dessert choices included Cappuccino Mousse, Strawberry Shortcake and Apple Spice Bread Pudding.



Gerry Willard, an auctioneer like no other, was absolutely outstanding. He spent three hours enticing the audience and auctioning knick knacks off to the highest bidder. There were many items that went well over \$100 and some over \$300. Numerous items were donated from local businesses and from a few other businesses over in Homer. The auction itself brought in roughly \$7,500, and dinner added approximately \$1,200 to the tally.



All students who participated in any extra-curricular activities ranging from sports to academics (battle of the books, geography bee, and spelling bee) put in their efforts to make this auction possible. Also many parents and community members put in their time and effort. On behalf of all students at Susan B. English School, this writer would like to thank everyone who participated at any level. A special thanks to all the people and businesses who gave merchandise and gift certificates to be auctioned. Our traveling wouldn't be possible without

you!

Chamber of Commerce Meeting May 3

by Mary Glover

I heard comments after the meeting such as, "That sure was a good meeting." and "We sure covered a lot today."

The highlights of the meeting were:

Chainsaw Carving Contest – May 24 – May 28th We were able to secure a major corporate sponsor and much thanks goes to Bailey's on-line catalog company www.baileys-online-com Baileys will be donating a chainsaw to this event. We currently have six carvers coming, possibly seven. There will be a quilt show display at the new Chamber location which is located next door to the post office during the Chainsaw Carving Contest time. The community either is invited to display any quilt they may be proud of -- a quilt that an individual has made or one that belongs to the family. Quilts will not be for sale, just display. On May 25th is the Community Welcome Bar-B-Q to be held at the Carvers Carving Site. All members of the community are invited and to bring a potluck dish – with the recipe on a card. The cards will be collected and put in the new cookbook the Chamber is working on. At the May 25th event, the meat will be provided by the Chamber. The public will get to meet and talk with the carvers, their assistants and the children who will be coming this year.

The Seldovia Visitor has been printed and distributed. Look for your copy around town at the various businesses. The Seldovia Walking Map has just been sent to the printer (with the Seldovia Lodge deleted) and will be picked up and ready for distribution by mid May. The Informational Signs will be restored by Diedra Cameron and others who wish to help. Also Diedra Cameron has volunteered to design the "Hall of Fame for the Chainsaw Carvers" exhibit in the new Chamber location.

In the event several arrangements can come together, the Chamber elected to hold a Fam Trip on June 7th in lieu of a general meeting. More publicity will be out shortly if we are able to work out the details and make this event happen.

The City will be holding a City Clean up Week May 14th through May 19th. The Chamber members are invited to come to the new Chamber location on May 14th at 1:00 PM to help and view the opening of the new Chamber's location. Susan Mumma stated that also on May 14th at 7:00 PM the Arts Council will be holding a meeting for the community to get involved and help with the upcoming Summer Solstice Music Festival scheduled for June 22-23.

President Glover reported that she had a meeting with Liza Beiri, Chairman for the 4th of July. Liza has it well organized and the plans are developing very well. The Chamber elected to have a booth and sell the Rubber Duckie Tickets, and t-shirts/tank tops.

The Chamber then elected to donate the old t-shirts left over from previous 4th of July years to Sunni and Rod Hilts who will send them to Ethiopia. The Hilts have a granddaughter in Ethiopia who has told them of the dire conditions these people have and their need for clothing.

Mike Webber spoke to the Gulf of Alaska Coastal Communities Coalition to be held this coming Tuesday at the Multipurpose Room for the commercial fishermen. He is encouraging all the men involved in this industry to attend. He stated this meeting is an informational meeting to keep the IFQs in Alaska and

in no way does it try to control the fishermen. The Chamber elected to support this effort and fund the luncheon.

Mary Webber spoke about a walk she is going to do with the American Cancer Society in Soldotna. Mary will be looking for sponsors to pledge support for her efforts at the Health Fair and other places.

The Chamber also addressed having the speakers, Janet Mullen, RN and Julie Woodworth, both from Homer, come and address the Chamber as speakers – anti Meth campaign. It was commented during the meeting that this SVT sponsored event (held at the Boys & Girls Club) was an outstanding presentation and that the Chamber members thought more people in Seldovia should hear the information that these two women brought to Seldovia. Meth use is unforgiving – a person gets hooked on the first time use!

The last major item discussed was the possibility of having a Blueberry Bake Off in September – about the same time that the Silver Run is happening. The Chamber thought that it would be great to plan a money making event that the entire community could enjoy (eat) after the major months of tourism is over. Some discussion about collaborating with an Arts Council event is also possible.

GOAC3 Meeting Scheduled for May 8 in Seldovia

News Release



Gulf of Alaska Coastal Communities Coalition officials (Chairman Freddie Christiansen, Vice-Chairman Charles McCallum, and Staff/Tech Team Gale Vick) are scheduling a trip to Seldovia and other coastal communities in order to meet with local officials and fishermen concerning CAEs (Community Quota Entity.) *Local commercial fishermen as well as other interested parties are encouraged to attend this meeting.*

There will be an update of the Community Quota Entity (CQE) Program for community purchase of halibut and sablefish quotas:

Tuesday, May 8, 2007 @ 1:00 pm in the Seldovia Multi-Purpose Room

A complimentary lunch will be served at 1:00 pm , with an informational session following. Three members of the GOAC3 Technical Team will present. We hope you can join us.

For additional information, please contact:

GOAC3 Team at 866-561-7633 or

Seldovia contacts Dan Blodgett 234-4321 or Mike Webber 234-8700

Additional information concerning GAOC3 and CAE's is available at the following website:

[Click here for additional information](#)

Alaska Schools are in Serious Financial Trouble . . . Ask Your Legislators to Help!

Excerpted from an email by Andrea and Mike Story and The Great Alaska Schools

Legislators are making decisions right now that will determine how our schools are funded. Now is the time to contact Alaska 's legislators and the Governor. It is time to inform the public, parents and citizens who are asking for increased services in your school districts, that it is important to contact their legislators and speak up for education funding. Parents have a powerful voice in advocating for their children's schools.

[Click here to view a PDF document that contains email addresses for the "Gang of 60" legislators who hold the future of Alaska in their hands.](#)

You CAN make a difference with your emails, send them today!

Revenue Sharing May be in Trouble . . . Please Do Your Part to Help *by Tom Glover*

>> Repeat Story - It's important to Seldovia's future <<

As small towns in Alaska continue to struggle financially, our legislators have apparently pulled their support for revenue sharing once again. Governor Palin requested \$48 million in her budget to help communities with everything from keeping essential city services going in small towns to providing property tax relief in some of the bigger towns. Both the House of Representatives and the Senate have removed this line item from the budget. Reportedly, the revenue sharing has been submitted as a separate revenue sharing bill but it is still awaiting action.

You can help by calling, faxing, writing or sending a short letter to our legislators:

Representative Paul Seaton

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Senator Gary Stevens

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Website: <http://w3.legis.state.ak.us/senate/25/STG.php>
Email: sen.gary.stevens@legis.state.ak.us

You don't have to say much, just ask them to please support revenue sharing!

Rep. Paul Seaton Newsletter - April 30

Greetings from Juneau on this 105th day of the legislative session. This week saw the Resources Committee finishing our work on AGIA just before midnight on Tuesday. Several significant amendments were adopted and the basic structure and direction of the bill remained intact. This priority bill is now sitting in both House and Senate Finance committees and is being vigorously worked on.

Many other bills are moving slowly because of the importance everyone places on AGIA. However, education funding and PERS/TRS fixes are still moving forward. You may have heard that we passed a one billion dollar deposit into the Education Fund which is being saved to fund education in future years. Another big issue is municipal revenue sharing or community dividends. Some of us are working for a long term sustainable mechanism instead of just a one year appropriation – although I do support a long term program being funded for this fiscal year as well.

Every proposal in the House and Senate increases funding to K-12 school districts. Almost everyone agrees that there will be a fix to the Geographic Cost Differential and it will be incorporated into the formula this time. No one expects 100% of the ISER study but it will certainly be at least the ¼ ISER from last year and probably be closer to ½ ISER. I understand that the school district has decided to send out the non-tenured teacher pink slips before the end of the school year. State law only requires notification of non-retention before the last day of school. I am sorry for the disruption and stress the ‘pink slip’ issuance causes but that is a local decision by the school board independent of the legislature.

[Click here to read the entire newsletter \(pdf\)](#)

Sen. Gary Stevens Newsletter - April 30

Greeting from Juneau. A little over two weeks remain before the Legislature’s scheduled adjournment on May 16th. Much work lies ahead for the Senate and House, the biggest being the passage of the FY ’08 operating and capital budgets. Both legislative bodies are continuing work on education funding, municipal revenue sharing, and assistance for municipalities and school systems coping with the enormous cost over runs in the Public Employees and Teachers Retirement Systems. Added to that is continuing work on the Governor’s Alaska Gasline Inducement Act (AGIA) bill, the next step in developing a natural gas pipeline. The Senate version of the bill, SB 104, has advanced from the Resources and Judiciary Committees, and is now under consideration by the Senate Finance Committee. I anticipate Finance Committee meetings on AGIA to last through session’s end and, hopefully, we will not need to enter into a special session to complete this work.

(You can get more information on AGIA through the Governor’s website at: www.gov.state.ak.us/agia)

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Special Notices

Event Bulletin

Women's Health Gathering, Sponsored by SVT [More Information](#)

When: Friday, May 4, 2007 **Time:** 7-9

Where: Seldovia Conference Center (downstairs)

Who: Women of all ages

Topics Include: Breast Cancer, Breast Thermography, Homeopathy, Synergy Systems, Meditation. Door Prizes, Treats, Fun, Learn Entertainment!

Contact Debbie Hecks, CHR 234-7898

Donna Fenske FNP 234-7850 or 235-2563

Health Fair - Sponsored by SVT [More Information](#)

When: Saturday, May 5, 2007

Where: Seldovia Conference Center 8a.m. - 12p.m.

Who: Everyone - Come for Blood Pressure Checks, Comprehensive Blood Test \$40, Thyroid Blood Test Screening \$30.00, Prostate Blood Test Screening \$25.00. HIV Screening for Free and Hep B & C for \$10.00 each. For the complete blood chemistry panel you need to fast for 12 hours prior.

Boys & Girls Club Update

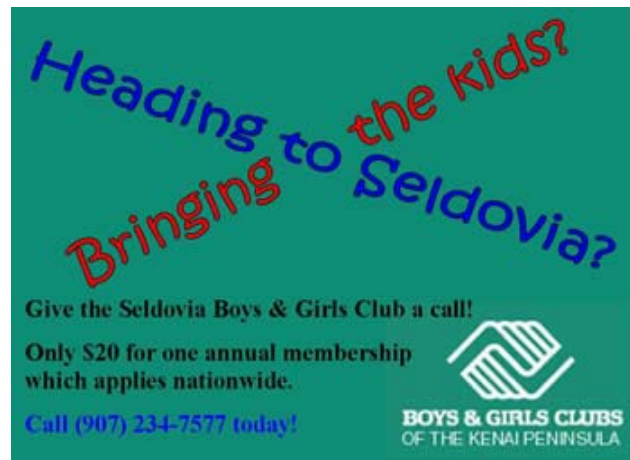
The crocuses are poking out and the buds are beginning to form on the trees; our wish is coming true, spring has sprung! (Yes, I know this could jinx it all, but we have to be optimistic.)

Ruby Mason is working with the kids each day at the Boys & Girls Club and she says it's "grill time!" If you have a batch of hot dogs or hamburgers you could donate to the Club, she would really appreciate it. We've got the picnic table out front for some fun in the sun, and since the kids are outside enjoying the air we'll feed them out there too. Stop on by and hang out at the picnic table with them any time.

We will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo this Saturday evening with the Kindergarten-Eighth graders from 6-8 p.m. Kids can come up to the Club to have mucho tacos and mucho fun. Ole! Parents are always welcome to come along. We'll see you there.

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

Please keep your dogs at home, not at Susan B. English

The school needs your help in keeping the dogs at home. As much as they love to come up and visit the kids, some kids are not use to dogs and this ends up in a tearful and rough start for their school day. PLEASE keep you dogs at home. There are so many black labs that we have no idea who belongs to who. If it continues it will be a matter for the enforcement of the Dog Ordinances.

Curtis Liberty, Principal
Seldovia - Susan B. English

SERVSAFE Class Sponsored by the SEE Project

SEE project will be sponsoring a SERVSAFE class. All food establishments are required to have at least one manager in their facility certified through this course. The class will be on Monday, May 21st. It is scheduled from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Lunch will be served as well as light snacks in the morning and afternoon. In order to attend this course you MUST register and pay by Friday, May 4th. The cost of the course is \$130 per person. I have had a number of people already respond that they would like to attend. Please let me know as soon as possible because this class will be limited to 25 people. If you have any questions, or you want to register, please contact Rosanna McInnes at the number listed below.

ALSO- This instructor offers the following course option. If enough of you are interested we can have a second seminar on Tuesday morning. This instructor highly recommends that food service operations have Standard Operating Procedures in the event that you are ever checked by DEC. Please read his description below and be sure to let me know if you are interested in this additional opportunity;

"I also have started a new workshop, in response to operators here in the area, assisting with the creation of Standard Operating Procedures as they pertain to Sanitation and Sanitation Training. The DEC requires that each operation have an SOP regarding Food Safety and Sanitation. I was shocked that no one at all had SOP's in all of the classes that I have taught. Most of the operators have no idea how to build them or implement them. Starting here in May, I will be doing a 4-hour workshop on building Food Safety and Sanitation SOP's. I am providing templates and during the workshop we will actually write a rough draft that they can fine tune later. I think this will be a helpful step for all involved. The cost of the workshop is \$25 per person and lasts 4 hours. I supply

all the materials needed. I could also try to schedule a workshop for Seldovia if there is any interest. The problem is most don't realize they need it or the complexity of writing the document from scratch until after my CFPM class. Then they all want the help. If there is interest, I could do something the next day Tuesday. Unfortunately, there is not time in the CFPM class to cover writing SOP's in depth. "

Rosanna McInnes
SEE Marketing & Project Director
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Tidbits . . .

That was a lowwww tide last month on April 18 . . . a - 5.4 feet



City Manager's Corner

by Kurt Reynertson

Seldovia Police Report

by A.W. Anderson

ProComm Alaska, in an effort to upgrade the Homer Police Departments radio communications, recently conducted some programming changes. It was found that with the changes they made the Seldovia Police Department could no longer communicate with Homer Dispatch. A couple telephone calls and some adjustments again brought us back in touch with them. The Homer Police have dispatched for the Seldovia Police Department for many years and it was somewhat frightening to think they were not there to aide us when we called on them. They are another one of the many very necessary entities that the general public isn't aware of. All background checks, license checks and backup information is gotten through the Homer Police Dispatchers. They provide a safety net for us and it would be next to impossible to function without their services. When responding out of the City Limits the Homer Dispatch keeps in touch and is a lifeline if they are needed. They are truly a Godsend.

A man reported his bicycle had been taken and he had not been able to locate it. In searching for the bike the Officer was told one meeting its description had been observed in the area of the airport. The Officer found the bicycle near the airport and returned it to the owner undamaged. It seemed as someone needed a ride to the airport and it utilized.

Concerned neighbors reported a land otter had been observed entering the warehouse/residence combination across the street. They feared the otter would cause extensive damage to the structure and wanted the Police to contact the caretakers of the home. Upon contact the Police were told that the caretakers

were aware of the otter's presence and they had known it for some time. The Officer was told no harm was being done by the otter.

Information was gained that a plate glass window had been broken out of a small cabin in the Jakolof Bay area and the caller said it appeared the snow load had been the cause. The Police have repeatedly attempted to contact the owner but have not been successful to date. If the Stephls read this it may be worth while to have someone check you "A" frame cabin.

Police were called following a 911 hang-up regarding a possible Domestic Dispute. In an effort to locate the parties involved a relative was called and, upon checking, reported to the Police that everything was fine and only an argument had occurred without any physical violence. No further action was taken by the Police.

A local resident received an email threatening his life and the writer was asking for a large amount of money to stop the execution. The information was forwarded to the FBI for follow up. No further information is available in the case at this time.

A citation was written for Dog At Large following a complaint that two ladies, walking a dog on a leash, could not pass a residence on the roadway due to an aggressive dog. The citation issued is the 3rd citation for the animal in question.

Two citizens were contacted regarding their dogs being on personal property and in the flower beds of the complainant. The one person denied it was her animal as it was at home at the time of the occurrence and the other person stated he would see that it didn't happen again.

As you all are aware, Police and Fire personnel responded to the Seldovia Lodge when it was reportedly on fire. Upon arrival the building was fully involved. The smoke was very thick and spread over a large area. Firefighters, and other volunteers, did a terrific job in containing the fire and keeping it from spreading to other properties in the area. We have not received any reports of injuries but some are still feeling the effects of the smoke. Again, as in the past, the people of Seldovia have pulled together to protect others interests. My heart felt gratitude goes out to all those volunteers and the effort everyone put forth in controlling this fire. The Fire Marshals were in town and conducted an extensive investigation into the cause of the fire and the Insurance Investigator is in today going over the fire. No statements as to the cause to date but when we are told their conclusions we will pass it on to the public.

Police contacted a couple at a local residence after it was reported that an all night party kept neighbors in the area awake. They apologized to the Officer and told him they did not know they were disturbing the neighbors but would be careful not to be so noise in the future.

Someone ran into the light pole on the NE corner of the Post Office building and did damage to the light fixture attached to that pole. Anyone having any information about the incident is asked to contact the Police Department.

A report of someone tampering with a vehicle was taken after evidence was found that an attempt to plug off the exhaust pipe had been discovered. This is a Misdemeanor crime and, depending on the amount of damage to the vehicle, could go into the Felony statutes. Persons who intentionally damage property of another are guilty of Criminal Mischief. If you have information regarding activity of this nature you are encouraged to report it to the Police.

Lakeside terrace personnel reported vandalism to their building when graffiti was found to have been scribbled on the door of one of the apartments. Anyone having information are asked to contact the Police.

A cell phone was returned to the owner after it was found and turned in to the Police.

A local residence, that has been vacant all winter, was reported entered without the owner's authorization and some personal items were strewn about, some of which were damaged. The owner could find nothing missing at this point.

Two full trash bags were dumped into the toilet at the Outside Beach Park. Garbage cans were available at the site but they felt the need to create a problem for those caring for the facility. I would very much like to have a talk with the individual responsible so if you know who it is and would like to see a meeting occur between them and the Police, call with your information.

A green canoe with paddles, clothing, a sleeping bag and a survival suit washed up on a beach in the Homer area a week ago Monday. The name "MOFFIT" was found written on the sleeping bag. No one has been reported overdue and no one has reported the canoe missing. Anyone having an idea who the canoe might belong to contact either the Seldovia or Homer Police Department with your information. The canoe could have been floated off the beach during the high tides but no information has been forthcoming.

