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Craft Invitational Chain Saw Carving Contest
May 24-28, 2007

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Top Stories

Seldovia Girls Win Big!

by *Tamara Blodgett*

SBE girls write their way to winning...

Sophomore Rochelle Purpura and Freshmen Kathleen Gruber and Chelsea Suydam wrote their collective hearts out and won huge after submittal of their written works to the Kenai Peninsula Writer's Contest. The deadline has passed with three submittals from Seldovia and all three placing! Susan B. English High School English Teacher, Damara Burnett was enthusiastic over the win. She mentioned it was a great encouragement to the students that they had written a piece(s), submitted it for review, then ultimately received the finest nod possible by way of placing in the contest.

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Spotlight

▶ No Spotlight this week - sorry . . . Don't Forget Mother's Day on Sunday!



School

▶ Susan B English School by school reporter Katie O'Leary - [Click here](#)



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Sweeping poetry...!

Purpura made a clean “sweep” receiving 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention with her original poetry work in 10th through 12th grade bracket. She also received 1st and 3rd places in the Fiction Category for that grade bracket. Not to be outdone, Freshman Chelsea Suydam Received 1st and 2nd place in the Non-Fiction Category, in addition to 1st place in poetry for the 7th through 9th grade bracket. Kathleen Gruber, who was recently promoted to a grade ahead just last year, shone like a star netting the first place position for Fiction! The girls will have opportunity to do a reading of their work in Homer on the 18th and 19th. Way to go girls, you ‘do us proud!’

GOAC3 Presents Options for Seldovia

by Tamara Blodgett

Community Fishing Quota provides jobs and more...

The non-profit Gulf of Alaska Coastal Communities Coalition (GOAC3) visits small, coastal communities with populations between 20-1500 people to educate/ clarify and assist them on how to obtain Halibut and Sable Fish quota shares via grants and other resources to eligible fisherman and boats. The goal or “target” of the GOAC3 is to facilitate small boats with a 8-12 thousand pound holding capacity to fish up to 50,000 pounds maximum per vessel of Halibut & Sable Fish. Vessels individually or collectively cannot fish more than 50 thousand pounds of either species of IFQ if it fishes for any amount of Community Quota Entity (CQE).

Keeping IFQ in Seldovia and other villages...

An attendance of 17 souls, with 2 from Port Graham and 1 from Nanwalek spoke to the desire for local villages to keep IFQ’s while also providing a future livelihood to the next generation(s). Some of the facts that were presented at Tuesday’s meeting were poverty rates are one third higher in these coastal areas than in the rest of Alaska . In the last decade, 23 of these communities have had a decline in population, with an average decrease of 30% in populations of 250 or less (Seldovia stands at 284). Lastly, in the first 3 years of IFQ, almost 25% of the available Halibut Quota Share had transferred from Alaska ’s small communities and the number of rural residents holding quota share declined by 33%. Without quotas, young adults can not make fishing a valid career choice. Future generations will be unable to sustain themselves in small villages and the

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trend will be families moving away, instead of moving in due to lack of work.

A terrific solution with a stumbling block...

The biggest challenge facing the CQE would be availability of a low interest loan. If a loan or grant could be obtained, it would allow people wishing to enter the IFQ program opportunity and in eventuality, own their own quota. Of significant note, currently, Seldovia is eligible for 7 interim Halibut Charter Permits through the CQE. The GOAC3 does act as a liaison to the National Marine Fisheries amongst other groups.

Thinking for the present and the future...

Seldovia has progressively become forward thinking and has displayed a desire to think for the future first. Seldovia is very concerned about growth, families and jobs in our community. CQE is not *the* answer, but it is certainly *one* of the answers. There are families here that fish, and generations that wish to continue this tradition or begin one. Let's make that a reality. Become involved and familiar with the CQE IFQ's and see what you can do to be proactive for our mutual future. Please check out their website at www.goac3.org/ for more information.

City Council Meeting May 10 *by Tamara Blodgett*

The Seldovia City Council convened together to include the following members present: Keith Gain, Tom Glover, Walter McInnes, Tom Keesecker, Allison Miller and Gerry Patrick. Mayor Dick Wyland presided and City Clerk Ronda Haynes took minutes.

Ordinance Introduction

FY07-03, Appropriating funds for FY08

Action: Approved for introduction.

Committee and Advisory Reports

Planning & Zoning Commission received 4 building permits, 3 passed as submitted, one was referred back to the homeowner for revisions.

Fish & Game, SOS, Arts Council and Chamber have nothing to report at this time.

Mayor Wyland commented on the good attendance at the GOAC3 Meeting. A member of the Public gave a detailed explanation of what took place at the meeting. Please review article that summarizes this event.

Old Business

Blue Fish LLC lease for Lot 6, Block 4, Waterfront Resubdivision #1 (cannery property).

This is a proposal by David Wetzel, owner of Blue Fish LLC to lease city property that is currently located where the old cannery used to operate.

Councilman Glover clarified that this property must be put into use and have an

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operating facility. This property cannot just be "cleaned up" and left as is. EDA Grant requirements for the old cannery site mandates that the city markets the property for future use. This property would need to be improved and not left to sit for an indefinite amount of time.

Several members of the Public were in attendance to voice their mutual concerns over the submitted contract. *Dan Blodgett*, Seldovia resident and owner of Seldovia Fuel, was opposed to the wording of the contract. In summary, this valuable public asset will not create a local tax base or be an economic benefit for Seldovia. This proposed business will not create local jobs and the city will not collect tax from this establishment. The City will collect app. 6,500 dollars in the next 5 years in lease payments from this business. In contrast, the City will collect app. 108,000 dollars in the same amount of time from Seldovia Fuel. Blodgett wished to illustrate the unfair business advantage and precedent this sets for all local businesses. Seldovia Fuel will generate tax and lease revenues, and local employment. Blodgett wished it be "on record" that he would like the option to lease lot #1 with the same terms as Blue Fish LLC. He would then put up his own shop for hardware and keep a small portion of the existing fuel store for fuel only.

John Carluccio, Sarah Nichols, Tim Robertson and Paulie Carluccio categorically agreed with Blodgett. In addition, there was a concern with the length of the lease. As worded, 25-yrs. was felt to be a too-long timeframe to lock up property with a proposal that did not include a business plan. J. Carluccio is also interested in leasing one of the other lots. Robertson felt that the Public should be much more involved in the decision making of this property in addition to existing businesses submitting their proposals for this property.

Mike Miller and Tuggle Int-Hout were both against what they called a "stink plant" issue. Back when there were operating canneries and other, fish related plants, there was a terrible "stink" associated with their operation. They both wondered if this had been addressed and think that the contract should be looked over closely to address this concern of odor pollution.

Dave Cloninger came forward and mentioned he brought forward a proposal for his business last year (SeaTow) and heard no response. Cloninger's business generated in its first year 1,500 dollars in tax revenue for the Kenai Peninsula Borough. Furthermore, Cloninger wondered what the real property tax assessment would be on the proposed 16,000 square foot "Yurt" structure. He thinks the potential for "stink" may have an adverse effect on the tourist dollar that is part of the livelihood of the community.

It was the consensus of the Council that Members would speak more with the Public and move forward from there. Miller mentioned she was against it.

Action: None at this time.

New Business

Seldovia Island Homeowners Association Maintenance Agreement

Action: This will be tabled until next regular meeting.

Sale of Salvaged Material from Harbor Project

This is sale of the remnant salvage material from the harbor renovation. Council determined that a detailed list would be compiled for purchase from individuals. It will not be sold in "batches," rather; it will be sold individually for

community benefit. Councilman Glover is not in favor of selling off big batches and “getting it out of here.” He wants the community to have a chance to purchase these items fairly.

Action: A list will be compiled plus guidelines for Council review.

Opening Discussion with State D.O.T Concerning Assuming Ownership of Jakolof Bay Harbor

This is a proposal to buy Jakolof Bay Harbor to put Seldovia in a position to receive a monetary amount as compensation for the deferred condition of this harbor as part of a signed harbor transfer agreement with the DOT.

Action: Council wishes to pursue and explore this option.

Gaming Permit Application, Seldovia Hospital Guild

Action: Unanimously approved.

Manager, Council and Mayor Comments Concerning Items Not on the Agenda

Harbor Renovation Update May 9, 2007 by Tom Glover, City Council Harbor Committee

Most work has been completed and is scheduled to finish by May 15th, subsequent clean up completion by the 19th.

- Replacement of the main water line under the approach and gangway is delayed for another 1-2 weeks with a new completion date of Memorial Day.
- New transformer is set and power will be cut to the whole harbor from Wednesday through Friday.
- Electrical details will be finished up over the next 2 weeks.
- B-Float conversions will be completed by mid- next week with C-Float Conversion finished several days after that.
- Repair of decking and finish up work on the gangway float will be completed the week ending May 26th.
- As indicated in the letter in your packets from the City Manager, work has begun on the compilation of a salvage material list for the harbor demo. Once completed, formal quotes will be obtained for the copper salvage and cost of moving it.
- Cleanup for the 14-Day Parking Area continues over the past 2 weeks and should be in fine shape by the Independence Day Festival.

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

Mayor Wyland proposed to send City Clerk Ronda Haynes to Seattle to get

some missing information that concerns the Cannery Property and City Dock Grant(s).

Action: Unanimously approved.

No **City Manager's Report** this week.

Next Meeting: May 23rd, 2007 @ 7:30PM with a Workshop to precede @ 6:30 May 12th, 2007 @ 1PM will be a workshop to interview city manager applicants.

Adjournment: Time elapsed, 53 minutes, 58 seconds.

P&Z Meeting May 7

by Tamara Blodgett

The Seldovia P&Z Members convened together to include the following members present: Dan Blodgett, Paulie Carluccio (Chair), Jenny Chissus, Jim Hopkins with Bobbie Sweatt having an excused absence. City Clerk Ronda Haynes took minutes.

Approval of Agenda

Amended agenda approved to now include Keesecker permit submittal line item #4.

Consideration of Site Plans

1. Building Permit Submitted by Hugh Q. Smith, Lot 3, Block 9, Waterfront Resubdivision #3

This is a permit to build an addition onto Mr. Smith's current residence.

Action: Approved as submitted.

2. Building Permit Submitted by Gary and Melissa Corradi, Lot 2, Block 6, Frank Raby Subdivision

This is a permit to tear down an existing structure to be rebuilt with a new structure.

Action: Approved as submitted.

3. Building Permit Submitted by Liza and Michele Bieri, Lot 1, Block 10, Waterfront Resubdivision #3

This is a permit to build a temporary deck for the Bieri's seasonal food wagon enterprise.

Action: Approved as submitted.

4. Building Permit Submitted by Tom Keesecker

This is a permit to install a deck onto the existing residence.

Action: After Commission review, it was determined that

modifications need to be made to adhere to current setback restrictions.

Next Regular Meeting: June 4, 2007

Adjournment: Time elapsed, app. 45 minutes.

Join the Seldovia Arts Council for a community meeting about this year's Summer Solstice Music Festival

News

Release

The SAC Summer Solstice Music Festival meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 14 in the Multi-Purpose room. This year's festival is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 22 and 23, and headlines Oregon blues artist Lauren Sheehan with sideman Joel Tepp, and blues, roots and rock guitarist Matt Andersen. They lead the highest caliber slate of artists we've ever had in the 7 year history of the festival. These artists come from across Alaska, the lower 48 and Canada and include Antje Duvekot, Alex Weed, Caren Armstrong, Freebo, Tim Mason, Tom Begich, and Seldovia's own Billy Goat -- these really are top notch performers. Check out the Arts Council website for more information on the festival at www.xyz.net/~seldarts/.

This is a big event for Seldovia, and a big effort for the Art's Council. We'd love your help! Currently we especially need assistance in the areas of transportation, stage and venue setup, food for the performers, and help during the performance. There are lots of ways to contribute though, and we'll find a way to accommodate your interests. Keep an eye out for a sponsorship letter arriving in your mailbox in the next few days with more information on donating to the Council.

Please come to the community meeting, share your ideas and find ways to lend a hand. You'll meet wonderfully talented artists, get to know some of your fellow Seldovians, and have a lot of fun!

For additional information, please call Susan Mumma, at 234-7614.

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.

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

Rep. Paul Seaton Newsletter - May 7

Greetings from Juneau on this 112th day of the legislative session. That means there are only 9 days left if we are able to get our necessary work done within the regular session. A session can be extended for up to 10 days without calling a special session which would require the adoption of all new bills. We do not know yet how much disruption the recent federal indictments and/or arrests will cause in the final push for adjournment. I am not surprised that some elected officials had the same perspective and opinion as a segment of Alaskan industry, but I was very surprised at the specific allegations of exchanges of money and other valuables in the indictments. It would grieve me deeply if officials sent here to represent 16,000 or 32,000 of our citizens would be guilty of such charges.

The real remaining issues are AGIA and the budgets; operating, capital and education funding. Other high priority items are PERS/TRS reform, community revenue sharing, expansion of the Senior Care program and ethics legislation. I believe we will at least see a definitive formulation of these issues and probably reach accommodation between the House and Senate. If we do not each bill will still be on the table for the second session starting in 2008. Some other bills will

be squeezed in while committees are finishing work on the priorities but most personal legislation will wait for next year.

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Homer Electric Association Members Elect Directors at 2007 Annual Meeting

Incumbent Homer Electric Association directors Mike Nugent of Kenai (District 1) and Debbie Debnam of Sterling (District 2) were elected to three-year terms by the membership of the electric cooperative. Also elected to a seat on the board was Brian Hirsch of Homer (District 3).

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Special Notices

Boys & Girls Club Update

Hello, folks! Continuing the Boys & Girls Club's annual tradition, it is time once again to recognize the kids that have participated in our Power Hour homework club all year long. From September through April we had more than 950 visits to Power Hour and we're still in the final month! Can your business help celebrate the commitment our kids have shown to their schoolwork, and to getting it done?

Each year we hold a drawing for prizes for the kids to win to celebrate their hard work. Can your business donate an item ranging in value from \$10 to \$20 dollars? If so, simply reply to this email and I will get in touch with you. Thank you for supporting the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club and its efforts on behalf of the children of this community!

Despite one baker's absence, the community still pitches in... When Michelle Massion left for Indonesia last summer, the Boys & Girls Club knew it was losing an important figure in the lives of our students. Each day, kids attending the Club's Power Hour homework program after school were greeted by Mrs. Massion's friendly smile and her willingness to help with their studies, but it was her baked goods that endeared her to everyone. That gap was thankfully filled this year by the volunteer spirit of several members of our community. Each week, people have faithfully brought up baked goods or snacks for the kids to eat after school and before they start their homework. Those eight helpful folks are Barbara Carlough, Tamara Blodgett, Lisa Stanish, Renee Haller, Marcella Suydam, Lisa O'Leary, Ila Dillon, and Mark Janes. Our thanks go out to them for their willingness to bake each month for our kids!

The Club's outstanding Power Hour staff, Ronene Gain and Vivian Rojas, ran our after-school program this year, greeted kids, tracked students' homework needs and helped make sure they got it done. Also employees at Susan B. English School, they are able to connect with kids all day long, much to our benefit. Power Hour was helped out throughout this year by student volunteers Jennifer Giles, Dustin Baines, and Harold Haynes. The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District donates the space used for Power Hour each year, to the tune of more than \$3,500.00 annually. As the school year draws to a close, we would like to send a big thank you out to the KPBSD for its partnership with

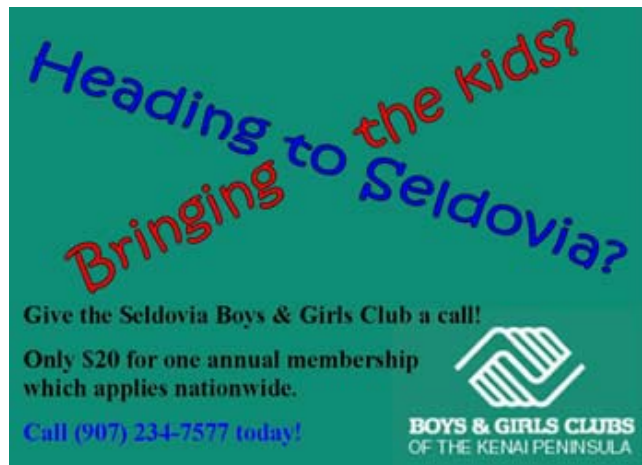
the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club and the willingness of the staff to keep this great program operating in the school.

Another program offered by our local Boys & Girls Club using school facilities is Pottery with Dede Higman. Dede has been working faithfully teaching our local youth the ins and outs of creating beautiful pottery. Using the pottery room at the school shop, our Club members can go weekly to design and create works that end up decorating many homes in our community. This winter, with donated funds from the Rasmuson Foundation, we were able to purchase new glazes and molds for the pottery program that folks are trying out now. Club member (and 7th grader) Amanda G. recently sold an original piece in Homer during a showing of Seldovia artists' work. Congratulations Amanda, and thanks Dede for making it all happen.

Please note that the Club will be closed for annual training from May 21 – May 28. We will reopen on Tuesday, May 29 with our new summer hours. The Clubhouse will be open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 1-6 p.m. Pottery will still run on Mondays from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. and Teen Open Gym will happen on Tuesday nights from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Teens can come to the Club one extra time with the addition of a Teen Club night on Saturdays from 9:00 – 11:00 p.m., and of course they can still attend the Seldovia Village Tribe's Teen Night on Fridays from 9:00 – midnight.

Regular Club Schedule

- Pottery: Mondays from 3:15 - 5:00 p.m.
- Clubhouse: Tuesdays - Saturdays from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- Teen Open Gym: Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Teen Club night: Saturdays 9:00 p.m. - 11:00 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

Governor Palin Appoints Members to Alaska Health Care Strategies Planning Council

May 8, 2007, Juneau, AK – Governor Sarah Palin today announced the appointment of 14 Alaskans to the Alaska Health Care Strategies Planning Council.

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SERVSAFE Class Sponsored by the SEE Project

> Repeat story this week <

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
907-234-7859 x 34

Tidbits . . .

Some interesting "characters" showed up at the Health Fair last week . . .



City Manager's Corner

by Kurt Reynertson

> **No report this week** <

Seldovia Police Report

by A.W. Anderson, Seldovia PD

> **Repeat story this week** <

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.

