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## New Posting after Publication Date - Announcement

**COMMUNITY GAME NIGHT AT SUSAN B ENGLISH SCHOOL TO BE HELD IN THE "SCHOOL COMMONS"**

**FEBRUARY 27, 2008 7:00 – 8:00 PM**

- > ALL WELCOME TO COME AND PLAY GAMES OF ALL SORTS WITH STUDENTS, CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, FRIENDS
- > REFRESHMENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT ALL IN ONE PLACE!
- > ANYONE INTERESTED IN SUPERVISING A GAME, PLEASE CONTACT VIVIAN ROJAS AT SBE SCHOOL 234-7616 BEFORE Wednesday, FEB 27.
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## Opinions



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## AMHS in Crisis Continues

by Mary Glover

Is anything happening to correct the problem? The AMHS Winter 2008-2009 Schedule still has Seldovia and the other coastal cities being serviced once a month! Today, the M/V Tustumena brought the visiting basketball teams into Seldovia because the weather was too bad for the kids to fly into Seldovia. Had this been the winter of 2009, how could the teams have come to Seldovia in a safe and economical manner? What happens with the Russian families that travel from Homer to Kodiak in the winter? Many of them take their cars and make frequent trips back to their homes in Homer. A once a month trip is going to work a serious hardship on their lives and economics. In Seldovia, how are the building contractors going get supplies? If you have ever done a building project, one knows how a project gets started and surprise, some other building product is needed before things can proceed. Some supplies are just too large to get on a plane! With a once a month boat, the cost of fresh and frozen food products will probably be substantially higher since they will have to be either flown in or brought in on boats that are substantially more expensive.

Seldovia Mayor Dick Wyland and some assistants are working on compiling a comment sheet from every port in the AMHS Southcentral service. Mayor Wyland is hopeful to get a response from all the Mayors along the Aleutian Chain from Homer to Dutch Harbor. If you, as a citizen or business person, would like to voice your comments, just submit your comments as to how the once a month schedule is going to affect you or your business. Please send your letter to the City of Seldovia, Attention Mayor Dick Wyland, PO Box B, Seldovia, AK 99663. After all the comments are collected, this bundle of documents will be sent to all government pertinent officials including Governor Sarah Palin under cover letter from Mayor Wyland. This issue is too important to let it happen without some serious resistance on our part!

## Spotlight

- ▶ [Myra Mumchuck - Seldovia Lends a Helping Hand](#)



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Help keep sports and academic travel programs alive for our school!



**Seldovia Boat Slips for Rent**  
The Seldovia harbor has 32 foot and 42 foot slips for rent. Call for details:  
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City Office (907) 234-7643

## School

▶ Susan B English School by school reporters Katie O'Leary and Rochelle Purpura - [Click here](#)



## Notices & Newsletters

▶ The Seldovia Visitor 2007, Seldovia Chamber of Commerce. [Click here to download PDF \(6mb\)](#)

▶ Comprehensive Plan Public Final August 10, 2005 (pdf)

▶ Amended FY05 Seldovia City Budget 7-8-2005 (pdf)

▶ Boys and Girls Club Calendar

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## HEA & GVEA to Study Unified Power System

**Railbelt electric cooperatives announce plans to investigate the creation of a unified power provider and develop a gas-fired generation project**

Homer Electric Association, Chugach Electric Association, and Golden Valley Electric Association have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to explore the costs and benefits of creating a unified power system, called a Unified Power Provider. The entity would be responsible for providing transmission and generation services for the Railbelt area.

[Click here to read the full Press Release](#)

## Rep. Paul Seaton Newsletter - February 18

Greetings from Juneau on this 35th day of the 2008 legislative session. We are enjoying a warming trend that melted much of the accumulated snow and ice on the streets. Tina and I dealt with a small flood in our apartment this last week. A pipe in the apartment above us somehow developed a pinhole within the bathroom wall and was only noticeable when water started creating balloons in the paint of our bathroom wall and water started dripping from behind the medicine cabinet above the sink. At least we did not have to move out. The repairs were accomplished in one day after the midnight emergency shut off of the water to the building.

Things are very busy here with the impetus of the 90 day session. Saturday hearings are still taking place for House and Senate as well as House 'Open Caucus' evening meetings on the various gas line proposals.

[Click here to read the complete Newsletter](#)

## Special Notices . . .

### *SBE Family and Consumer Science Class Needs Miles!*

Six lucky students will be taking an exciting trip to New York City in the near future and would very much appreciate support in the form of Companion tickets or Miles. Please contact Sandy at Susan B. English School at 234.7616. Thanks for your support!

### *Boys & Girls Club Update . . .*

Seems life is running full-speed ahead for Seldovia's kids lately. This week not only included Valentine's Day and all the festivities that go along with it, but it also included a special presentation at the school and Club on avalanche safety. Toby Miller was brought over by the Seldovia Village Tribe to share the risks of avalanches and provide precautions to those who enjoy cavorting out in nature during the winter. Our teens also had a special lunch catered by the Seldovia Bible Chapel on Wednesday, before heading off Thursday for another basketball road-trip. Go, Otters! In the meantime, our junior high volleyball girls' team has been gearing up for the home games this weekend against

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Ninilchik and Nikolaevsk. Go, Otters again! There were even things to do for parents and grandparents this week. On Monday, the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club and SVT hosted a Parent-to-Parent luncheon at the Clubhouse. It was well attended, and everyone enjoyed watching the DVD and then the follow-up discussion, but the biggest hit was the lunch catered by the Tidepool Restaurant. In addition to all of that, there seemed to be non-stop music and karate and games going on in the Clubhouse each day. Phew. If you think there's nothing to do in Seldovia during the winter, come hang out at the Club.

Mark your calendar for a fine evening of dinner, music and dancing Friday, March 28th. This will be a Boys & Girls Club event and fundraiser, and it will coincide with Spring Fling festivities planned that weekend by the Seldovia Village Tribe, and the capping off of things with a Bearfoot Bluegrass concert Saturday night, the 29th, presented by the Seldovia Arts Council. It should be a great weekend, so leave the dates open.

Youth basketball continues, and next weekend the kids will have a chance to play in front of the home crowd during the Sea Otters' Seldovia Tournament. Plan to come on out and cheer on your future all-stars.

If you have any questions about activities going on, give Seldovia Boys & Girls Club Unit Director Laurel Hilts at call at 234-7577. Stay safe on those icy roads, folks.

*Clubhouse Hours:* Mondays – Fridays from 3-6 p.m.  
*Power Hour:* Mondays – Thursdays from 3:15 – 5:15 p.m.  
*Pottery:* Mondays from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.  
*Teen Open Gym:* Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. . **THIS IS NOW TEEN CLUB TIME UNTIL BASKETBALL SEASON IS OVER**

*Karate Classes:*  
 Kids Class – Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.  
 Adult Class – Mondays and Wednesday from 5:45 – 7:00 p.m. .  
 Intermediate – Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

*Music Lessons:*  
 Acoustic Guitar – Saturdays at 11:30 p.m. .  
 Electric Guitar – Saturdays at 12:00 p.m. .  
 Bass Guitar - Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. .  
 Drums – Saturdays from 12:30-5:00 p.m.

Any questions, contact: Laurel A. Hilts, Unit Director Seldovia 234-7577 office; 234-2004 fax & kid phone during Clubhouse hours  
 hilts@positiveplaceforkids.com

Tidbits . . .

[Landing at the Seldovia Airport on a cold, February day . . . what a beautiful winter we have had until the meltdown this week.](#)

Carnival

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### Corrections

▶ [None this week](#)



### City Manager's Corner

*by Howard Davis*

>> *Repeat story* <<

### Managers Report for 01-24-08 to 02/13/08

- **Denali Commission, Small Boat Harbor Grant:** We are reviewing the plans to determine the specific needs for the Bids and should see the Bids made public within the next few weeks.
- **Husky II:** On 2/11/08 the City Manager spoke with Mr. Poffenroth regarding two issues; 1) Care taker issue has been corrected and there is someone overseeing the Husky II. 2) Mr. Poffenroth's removal plan and timeline did not reach the City in time for the 2/13/08 Council meeting. According to Mr. Poffenroth he failed to get it completed as he had planned but would get it to the City as soon as possible. 3) Mr. Poffenroth also stated that he was planning to come to Seldovia in the next two weeks or so to look over the Husky II. He was informed by the City Manager that the next City Council meeting was scheduled for 2/27/08 and that it would be in his best interests to attend the meeting.
- **VSW/CRW:** Contracts for both Pipe Design and Water Filtration have been signed and sent to CRW/VSW. These are the steps to ordering the pipe and having it ready to put into the ground as soon as it thaws.
- **Waterfront Marine Industrial Center :** Progress is being made on the lot lease agreements. Potential tenants are being contacted.
- **Senior Meals:** Progress is being made.
- **Frozen Sewer Pipe:** The City DPW workers are working to repair them as quickly as possible in spite of broken equipment and frozen ground. Thanks to Jim Hopkins crew for opening up the road.

### Seldovia Police Report

*by A.W. Anderson, Seldovia PD*

The following article was received by the Seldovia PD and contains some excellent information concerning rapists and how to prevent rapes.

### [Through a Rapist's Eyes \(This is not a joke\)](#)

This is important information for females of ALL ages.

A group of rapists and date rapists in prison were interviewed on what they look for in a potential victim and here are some interesting facts:

1) The first thing men look for in a potential victim is hairstyle. They are most likely to go after a woman with a ponytail, bun, braid or other hairstyle that can easily be grabbed. They are also likely to go after a woman with long hair. Women with short hair are not common targets.

2) The second thing men look for is clothing. They will look for women whose clothing is easy to remove quickly. Many of them carry scissors around specifically to cut clothing.

3) They also look for women on their cell phone, searching through their purse, or doing other activities while walking because they are off-guard and can be easily overpowered.

4) Men are most likely to attack & rape in the early morning, between 5:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

5) The number one place women are abducted from/attacked is grocery store parking lots . Number two: Are office parking lots/garages. Number three: Are public rest-rooms.

6) The thing about these men is that they are looking to grab a woman and quickly move her to another location where they don't have to worry about getting caught.

7) Only 2% said they carried weapons because rape carries a 3-5 yearsentence but rape with a weapon is 15-20 years.

8) If you put up any kind of a fight at all, they get discouraged because it only takes a minute or two for them to realize that going after you isn't worth it because it will be time-consuming.

9) These men said they would not pick on women who have umbrellas, or other similar objects that can be used from a distance, in their hands.

Keys are not a deterrent because you have to get really close to the attacker to use them as a weapon. So, the idea is to convince these guys you're not worth it.

10) Several defense mechanisms he taught us are: If someone is following behind you on a street or in a garage or with you in an elevator or stairwell, look them in the face and ask them a question, like what time is it, or make general small talk: 'I can't believe it is so cold out here,' 'we're in for a bad winter.' Now you've seen their face and could identify them in a line-up; you lose appeal as a target.

11) If someone is coming toward you, hold out your hands in front of you and yell STOP or STAY BACK! Most of the rapists this man talked to said they'd leave a woman alone if she yelled or showed that she would not be afraid to fight back. Again, they are looking for an EASY target.

12) If you carry pepper spray (this instructor was a huge advocate of it and carries it with him wherever he goes), yell I HAVE PEPPER SPRAY and holding it out will be a deterrent.

13) If someone grabs you, you can't beat them with strength but you can by outsmarting them . If you are grabbed around the waist from behind, pinch the attacker either under the arm (between the elbow and armpit) OR in the upper

inner thigh VERY, VERY HARD. One woman in a class this guy taught told him she used the underarm pinch on a guy who was trying to date rape her and was so upset she broke through the skin and tore out muscle strands - the guy needed stitches. Try pinching yourself in those places as hard as you can stand it - it hurts .

14) After the initial hit, always GO for the GROIN . I know from a particularly unfortunate experience that if you slap a guy's parts it is extremely painful. You might think that you'll anger the guy and make him want to hurt you more, but the thing these rapists told our instructor is that they want a woman who will not cause a lot of trouble. Start causing trouble and he's out of there.

15) When the guy puts his hands up to you, grab his first two fingers and bend them back as far as possible with as much pressure pushing down on them as possible . The instructor did it to me without using much pressure, and I ended up on my knees and both knuckles cracked audibly.

16) Of course the things we always hear still apply. Always be aware of your surroundings, take someone with you if you can and if you see any odd behavior, don't dismiss it, go with your instincts!!!

You may feel a little silly at the time, but you'd feel much worse if the guy really was trouble.

### **Tips on being safe rather than sorry!**

1. Tip from Tae Kwon Do: The elbow is the strongest point on your body. If you are close enough to use it, do!

2. Learned this from a tourist guide in New Orleans . If a robber asks for your wallet and/or purse, DO NOT HAND IT TO HIM . Toss it away from you....chances are that he is more interested in your wallet and/or purse than you, and he will go for the wallet/purse. RUN LIKE MAD IN THE OTHER DIRECTION!

3. If you are ever thrown into the trunk of a car, kick out the back tail lights and stick your arm out the hole and start waving like crazy. The driver won't see you, but everybody else will. This has saved lives.

4. Women have a tendency to get into their cars after shopping, eating, working, etc., and just sit (doing their checkbook, or making a list, etc.) DON'T DO THIS! The predator will be watching you, and this is the perfect opportunity for him to get in on the passenger side, put a gun to your head, and tell you where to go. AS SOON AS YOU GET INTO YOUR CAR, LOCK THE DOORS AND LEAVE.

a. If someone is in the car with a gun to your head DO NOT DRIVE OFF, repeat: DO NOT DRIVE OFF! Instead gun the engine and speed into anything, wrecking the car. Your Air Bag will save you. If the person is in the back seat they will get the worst of it. As soon as the car crashes bail out and run. It is better than having them find your body in a remote location.

5. A few notes about getting into your car in a parking lot or parking garage:

A.) Be aware: look around you, look into your car, at the passenger side floor, and in the back seat.

B.) If you are parked next to a big van, enter your car from the passenger door. Most serial killers attack their victims by pulling

them into their vans while the women are attempting to get into their cars.

C.) Look at the car parked on the driver's side of your vehicle, and the passenger side. If a male is sitting alone in the seat nearest your car, you may want to walk back into the mall, or work, and get a guard/policeman to walk you back out.

IT IS ALWAYS BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY. (And better paranoid than dead.)

6. ALWAYS take the elevator instead of the stairs. (Stairwells are horrible places to be alone and the perfect crime spot. This is especially true at NIGHT!)

7. If the predator has a gun and you are not under his control, ALWAYS RUN! The predator will only hit you (a running target) 4 in 100 times. And even then, it most likely WILL NOT be a vital organ. RUN, preferably in a zigzag pattern!

8. As women, we are always trying to be sympathetic: STOP! It may get you raped or killed. Ted Bundy, the serial killer, was a good-looking, well-educated man, who ALWAYS played on the sympathies of unsuspecting women. He walked with a cane, or a limp, and often asked 'for help' into his vehicle or with his vehicle, which is when he abducted his next victim.

9. Another Safety Point: Someone just told me that her friend heard a crying baby on her porch the night before last, and she called the police because it was late and she thought it was weird. The police told her 'Whatever you do, DO NOT open the door.'

The lady then said that it sounded like the baby had crawled near a window, and she was worried that it would crawl to the street and get run over. The policeman said, 'We already have a unit on the way, whatever you do, DO NOT open the door.' He told her that they think a serial killer has a baby's cry recorded and uses it to coax women out of their homes thinking that someone dropped off a baby. He said they have not verified it, but have had several calls by women saying that they hear baby's cries outside their doors when they're home alone at night.

Please pass this on and DO NOT open the door for a crying baby ----This should be taken seriously because the Crying Baby theory was mentioned on America 's Most Wanted this past Saturday when they profiled the serial killer in Louisiana .

