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Opinions



NEWS TODAY: The team, John LeClare just informed us that all but three of his cleanup crew will be leaving tomorrow. Cleanup went a little faster than we all expected. The Tide Pool is open for tonight and then will close for dinner meals.

CONCERT TONIGHT

*The Seldovia Arts Council presents the **Soul Street Dance Company**, Monday February 23 at 7:00pm at the Susan B. English School. Don't miss this group of professional male dancers. With a modern style that incorporates Hip Hop, House, and Break Dancing, they dance to an eclectic mix of music that ranges from Classical to live sound effects. You'll hear music from Leonard Bernstein, Michael Jackson, the Kodo Drummers, and even Vivaldi. The group is from Houston, but has traveled throughout the U.S. and Europe, and has performed at venues such as the Lincoln Center in Washington D.C. and the Kennedy Center in New York. Soul Street Dance is a highly athletic group that is always high energy, fun and funny. They know how to keep you on the edge of your seat as they appear to do the impossible. A show for all ages to enjoy Tickets available at the door. Concert prices are \$15/adult, \$8/child, or \$35/family. Please note concert time is 7:00pm (not 7:30pm as originally advertised).*



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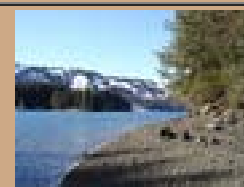
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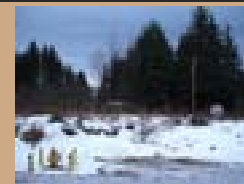
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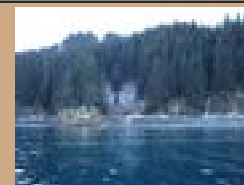
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\$75k Waterfront parcel



\$34k Sunny lot in city limits



\$375k 134acres on the water

▶ Letters to the Editor
- None this week

Spotlight

▶ Stork Brings Two Babies!



School

▶ Susan B English School by school reporters Katie O'Leary and Rochelle Purpura - Click here



Notices & Newsletters

Senior Meals

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon in Seldovia's MultiPurpose Room. Seniors 60 and over and spouses any age qualify, as well as, disabled persons and their caregivers. Suggested donation \$4
- - -



Mary Ellen Webber 1/15/1938 - 2/12/2009 **OBITUARY**
Memorial service will be held on Friday, Feb 20th at 2:00 PM at St. Bartholomew's in [Poway, CA](#). There will be a reception immediately following the service in the church parish hall. For those that are out of town, the family is planning celebrations of Mary's life at a later dates in Lemoore, Seldovia, and Black Earth. If any of you want to send a card to Mike and his family, Mike's San Diego address is:
Mike Webber
12302-B Paseo Lucido
San Diego CA 92128



Click here for the PhotoStory!

Top Stories

Husky II Cleanup Work Starts the Week of February 16

Alaska Chadux has started the cleanup of the Husky III! As we all anxiously await the departure of the Husky, keep an eye on the progress with the webcam below. Image refreshes every 20 seconds, click on image to view full size. Camera courtesy of Corky & Carol Myers at Alaska Treetops Lodge and camera location courtesy of Joe & Heather Miller at the Linwood Bar.



\$170k Little house in woods

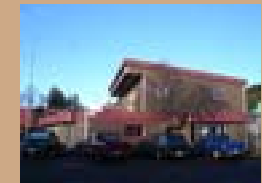
NEW Listing!



\$259k 5 Star home in Seldovia



\$198.5k Lakeside home Seld.



#350k Main Street business



\$549K Business Opportunity

WebSite Favorites

- ▶ AllMyFaves
- ▶ Animal Poison Control Center
- ▶ Bubble Wrap Stress Relief
- ▶ GE Home Energy Cost Calculator
- ▶ Glossarist
- ▶ Google Earth
- ▶ Health Square Medical Information

Guests (under 60) \$8



Seldovia Boat Slips
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 Only 32 foot slips are
 available. Call for
 details:
 Harbor Master
 (907) 234-7886
 City Office (907) 234-
 7643

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 Seldovia Sea Otter
 Booster Club
 Help keep sports and
 academic travel
 programs alive for our
 school!

Archives

2008 Archives

- ▶ Archive of all pages
- ▶ Seldovia Walking
 May - 8-1/2 x 11 pdf
 (Coming in May)
- ▶ Seldovia Summer
 Visitor Newspaper
 2008

July

2008 PhotoStories

- NEW! ▶ Halloween
 Carnival
- ▶ July 4 Festival
- ▶ Craft Invitational
 Chainsaw Carving
 Contest - May
- ▶ SBE Graduation
- ▶ SBE Prom April 12
- ▶ B&G Club Talent
 Show and Dinner
 March 28
- ▶ Basketball
 tournament State -
 March
- ▶ Basketball
 tournament in
 Seldovia - February



Alaska Chadux, project managers for the cleanup, will begin work in Seldovia next week (the week of February 16). We are currently working on turning HarborCam2 back on so that progress can be enjoyed by everyone. If we are able to get the webcam reactivated, the image will be available at this location: *[Note: the address below is different than the one published here originally.]*

<http://www.seldovia.com/webcam/bay.jpg>

As updates become available, we will post them at the top of the Seldovia Gazette's main page.



Foods Class Gets Cooking by Rochelle Purpura

“Food is our common ground, a universal experience” – James Beard

If you find yourself walking through the commons during forth period, around eleven-thirty to twelve-thirty, you may smell something awfully good. That smell wafting through the air is not coming from where you might think it is, the school's lunch menu has not changed. No, in fact it is the Foods Class mixing up some fun in the Home Economics room. These brave students are tackling more than just foods they have never prepared but also tight cooking quarters for such a large class. It is almost a miracle that they usually get their food done on time and without too many

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 Coordination
- ▶ Line of Site
 Calculator
- ▶ Pronounce any Word
 in ALL Languages
- ▶ NASA Picture of the
 Day
- ▶ Reaction Time Test
- ▶ Shoot the Turkey
 Game

NEW! ▶ Spider Walk

This weeks addition to our favorite websites is simply amazing. Poke and prod the spider with your mouse, also 'grab' one of its legs with your mouse and drag it around the screen -- tell me it's not alive! Also anywhere on the map, hold down (or hit) the Space Bar, and it leaves little bugs, watch the spider go after them, this is totally crazy and creepy too! Flash player is required, if your browser asks to download it, say yes.

NEW! ▶ Inauguration
 Gigapan Photo

Regardless of how you voted, this photo is amazing. Use the scroll button on your mouse or click on the zoom in-out area in the upper left corner of the photo. There are literally thousands of photos that make up this one big image. As far as we can tell, an individual photo holds 1 to 3 people!

2007 Archives

▶ [Archive of all pages](#)

▶ [Seldovia Walking Map - 8-1/2 x 11 pdf](#)

▶ [Seldovia Summer Visitor Newspaper 2007](#)

2007 PhotoStories

▶ [Christmas Play](#)

▶ [Halloween Carnival](#)

▶ [July 4 Festival](#)

▶ [Craft Invitational Chainsaw Carving Contest - May](#)

▶ [SBE Graduation - May](#)

▶ [Seldovia Lodge Fire](#)

▶ [SBE Prom - "Casino Royale 007"](#)

▶ [SBE Last Home Basketball Game of the Season](#)

2006 Archives

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▶ [Seldovia Summer Visitor Newspaper 2006](#)

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▶ [Halloween Carnival](#)

▶ [Aleutian's Tasty Trip - July 25 - Part 3](#)

▶ [Aleutian's Tasty Trip - July 25 - Part 2](#)

▶ [Aleutian's Tasty Trip - July 25 - Part 1](#)

▶ [July 4 Festival](#)

▶ [Summer Solstice Music Festival - June](#)

▶ [CofC Chainsaw Carving Contest - May](#)

▶ [SBE Graduation - May](#)

▶ [SBE Spring Concert - May](#)

▶ [SBE School Play - May](#)

▶ [SBE Science Fair - May](#)

▶ [Prom - May](#)

▶ [SBE Basketball -](#)

problems.



Karen Bornheimer is the one running the show, taking on a class that has previously not been too successful. The first week of class all the students could do was clean. Most of their dishes, utensils and pots were made in the nineteen-seventies and almost all looked like they had not been cleaned since. Yes, it was true preceding classes and visitors to the kitchen in the Home Ec room had left it a mess. There was goo on the shelves, crusted food on dishes and unmentionable horrors of food that had been left to ferment in the cabinets. The students scrubbed and sanitized as well as organized until the kitchen was spotless and ready to be used.

So what have they cooked so far? With eight people in the class and exactly eight burners, on stoves that only worked when they wanted to, things were going to be tough. The first month was all about the macaroni and cheese. In fact students had to prepare three different variations using boxed Kraft mac and cheese as a base. Not only that but they also had to orchestrate the execution of a homemade mac with a partner. At the end of the month they made their best version and had the kids from Mr. Winters math class taste them and determine a winner for a free project pass in a kind of Iron Chef cook off. The winner was a tie between Mariah Turner's macaroni and cheese chowder and Jordan Geagel's extra cheesy mac with lots of meat. After a whole month of mac and cheese many students felt like they would not want to be eating it for a long time.

In foods class though students have not just delved into the possibilities of macaroni, there was also some time spent on eggs. The recipes varied from plain scrambled to a new take on eggs benedict. Not long after that students got to taste the difference between homemade, out of the box, sugar and sugar free pudding by whipping up several servings of the creamy stuff. Not only that but on the days they do not cook the students have learn about nutrition, how their own body processes food and about the chemical breakdowns of foods we use almost every day, like dairy products.

Now it February and the class is moving to potatoes as being their star ingredient and are even getting close to making some deserts and other recipes with milk as the celebrity component. So if you are coming by the school close to lunch time and smell something delicious in the air you should stop by. There is always something interesting happening in Foods Class and who knows maybe, if you are lucky, you could snag some leftovers.

Special Tide Pool Dinner Hours!


Feb.
▶ SBE Basketball - Feb.
▶ SBE Basketball - Jan.
2005 Archives
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▶ Seldovia Summer Gazette Newspaper
▶ Seldovia Summer Gazette Newspaper 2004
2005 PhotoStories
▶ SBE Christmas Play
▶ SBE Halloween Carnival

Photo Archives

▶ Click here to view all photos from the Gazette over the past years

Classified Rates

▶ Instructions and rate sheet



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Corrections



The Tide Pool will be open for dinner starting Monday, February 17th, 5:30 - 8:30 PM, 7 days a week throughout the clean-up of the Husky II vessel. Come celebrate its imminent departure with us! All lunch items will be available including rotating dinner specials.
Thank you, Seldovia, for your steadfast support during the "slow" months!

City Council Meeting February 11

Too many people out of town and only one item on the agenda prompted canceling of this weeks City Council meeting.

Workshop-Village Safe Water: February 19, 2009
Next Regular Meeting February 25, 2009.

Redoubt Volcano Activity Update

KPB News Release

Update Report: 2009-02-12 15:27:17
 Redoubt Volcano has not erupted. Elevated seismicity is continuing, dominated by ongoing volcanic tremor and occasional small earthquakes.

Station RDN is experiencing some technical difficulties and the webicorder display shows some high amplitude signals. These are "noise" likely caused by temporary data transmission problems and are not the result of volcanic activity.

AVO continues to monitor Redoubt 24 hours a day.



Redoubt Volcano webcam, February 1, 2009

Officials with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) believe there is a high likelihood that an eruption will occur from Redoubt Volcano. The District has an Emergency Action Plan that covers volcanic activity and earthquakes, and will work with the Borough's Office of Emergency Management to respond to any incident. The timing and

severity of such incidents will determine the response or responses to be taken.

Parents should monitor the District website and listen to the local radio stations for updates if an event occurs.

Information relevant to volcanic activity and preventive actions can be found on the Borough web sites listed below:

KPB Office of Emergency Management – Volcano Status Report

<http://www.borough.kenai.ak.us/emergency/default.htm>

KPB Office of Emergency Management – Informational Brochures

<http://www.borough.kenai.ak.us/emergency/prepared/volcano.htm>

[Click here for pdf on Ash Alert Flyer](#)

[Click here for pdf on Community Preparedness Brochure](#)

[Click here to go directly to Alaska Volcano Observatory's page](#)

Rep. Paul Seaton Newsletter

Greetings from Juneau , California , and Mexico , this 21st day of the 26th Legislative Session. Tina and I have had a wonderful celebration with my father for his 100th birthday, which was Saturday the 7th. Our family participated in a Long Beach - Catalina Island - Mexico cruise and it included every child, grandchild and great grandchild from around the country. Walking around Avalon which Dad had visited in 1928, playing miniature golf on the ship and visiting was a great reconnection for us all. We had a party with 100 friends and family members to celebrate his centennial on Saturday, and another with his church on Sunday. He really enjoyed listening to the archived January 30th Floor Session of the Alaska House singing Happy Birthday to him.

It has been wonderful to have such a great staff that has been able to carry the load with only intermittent cell phone contact. I will be back in Juneau Monday the 9th.

I have been following the ups and downs of the federal 'stimulus package' and the on and off inclusions of state, medical, and education components. I don't think we will know until it is signed what it will mean to Alaskans and Alaskan communities.

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

Sen. Gary Stevens Capitol Report

Hello again from the Capitol. It's been about three weeks since the start of session and the pace of work in both legislative bodies has picked up. Much of our focus in these early days has been on the federal economic stimulus package and what it means to the state. In my role as Senate President, I've had the opportunity to work with the leadership in both bodies and Governor Palin on the state's goals for this program. Some estimates are the state could receive up to \$1 billion in funding.

We're all anxiously awaiting the full implications of the Congressional

decision on the stimulus package. Naturally, I want Alaska to receive its fair share of this funding, which will be put to great use for our state and citizens. I do, however, share the governor's concerns about earmarks, particularly if that funding only boosts programs in the short-term, but leaves us unable to fund them in the long term.

I appreciate the input I've already received from my constituents on the stimulus plan. Please feel free to contact me with your thoughts on this and any other issues we're working on in the Capitol.

[Click here to read the full Report](#)

Special Notices

Change in Library Hours

For the remainder of winter, the library is discontinuing the Thursday evening opening and instead will be open on Wednesdays from noon-2:00 pm in conjunction with the Senior Meals service.

[Click here for more information on the website.](#)

SOS Office Manager Position Open

Part-time – 10-20 hours/week-\$10.00-12.00/hr. DOE
Flexible schedule with set weekly hours.

Job description: The office manager must accept total responsibility for maintaining the office. This requires being: punctual, dependable, accountable, detail-oriented and able to work independently without supervision.

Desired skills:

- computer literate
- bookkeeping ability – responsible for accounts payable and receivable
- payroll and associated reports
- prepare treasury reports for Board of Directors. Quickbooks knowledge helpful.
- knowledge of basic office machines
- professional attitude when relating to public
- ability to follow procedures during drills, training's and spill response
- assist trainers in gathering training materials
- monitor contracts
- writing grant applications

Other duties as they arise...

Please call the office at 234-7400 or drop by the SOS office (located in the city offices) to submit your application. Office hours are currently 9 AM-1PM. Monday-Friday.

Summer Music & Dance Camp for Kids

Sitka Fine Arts Camp offers over 60 classes in visual arts, dance, theater, Alaska Native arts, writing, and music for students entering grades 6-12. [View Public Announcement](#)

2009 Camp Dates:

Middle School Session June 14-27
High School Session June 28 - July 12

Costs: The Middle School Session (June 14-27) costs \$965 for students staying in the dorms on campus. The off campus price which students who are local or have family or friends in Sitka to stay with is \$695. The High School Session (June 28-July 12) costs \$995 for on campus students and \$735 for off campus students. Scholarships are available. Inquiries should be directed to Camp Director, Roger Schmidt. More information about camp on our website at www.fineartscamp.org, including a new movie that was made last summer which may give you more of an idea of what SFAC is all about. Kenley Jackson kenley@fineartscamp.org
Sitka Fine Arts Camp
(907) 747-3085

 ***NO Parked Vehicles allowed on Roadway!***

“PUBLIC NOTICE”

Winter is here and with it comes the snow. Due to problems in the past concerning snow removal and vehicles being parked on the roadway, we are going to be enforcing “*Off Road Parking*” starting immediately. Please do not park on the streets or roadways. Those of you who do park on the streets at your homes must now make other arrangements for parking your vehicles. With enforcement comes “*Citations*” and/or “*Impounds*”, neither of which we wish to do. We will, however, do whatever necessary to insure the snow removal can take place without any obstructions on the roadways. Thank you, in advance, for taking necessary steps to comply with this request.

A.W. Anderson
Chief of Police

 ***Boys & Girls Club Update . . .*** *by Laurel Hilts*

[Seldovia Boys & Girls Club Quarterly Newsletter - Click here . . .](#)

The Clubhouse is open from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Pottery is open Mondays from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Power Hour is open Mondays – Thursdays from 3:15 – 5:15 p.m.
The Seldovia Village Tribe offers Teen Night on Fridays from 9:00 – midnight.

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





Seldovia Oil Spill Response Team
is accepting applications
for workers to assist with the clean up
of the Husky II.

Please pick up and submit applications at the
SOS office located
in the City Office Building.

The job requires minimum 24hr. HAZWOPER Cert. and
may last 10 days to 2 weeks.

For more information call:
Sharon-234-7400
Mark- 299-3224

Tidbits . . .

Amelia Dillon, daughter of Tim and Ila Dillon, just completed an environmental engineering degree at Humboldt State and the family took the opportunity to travel with her before she embarks on her future. They are in Patagonia, Chile and enjoying fantastic hikes in the famous Torres del Paine national park. (That was a six hour hike to the base of the Torres.)



City Manager's Corner

by *Tim Dillon, City Manager*

>> No Report this week

Seldovia Police Report

by *Chief A.W. Anderson, Seldovia*

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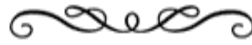
The following report covers Seldovia Police involvement from January 29th through February 12th.

- A man was arraigned on four Misdemeanors and one Felony charge and, through his attorney, pled Not Guilty and a Preliminary Hearing was set for March 2nd.
- A man was contacted regarding the moving of his vehicles off City streets for the snow removal efforts. Because he had moved the vehicles on another occasion and no snow removal occurred, it was decided he would call the City Office to insure snow removal efforts were underway prior his moving them in the future. Others who park on the streets and need to know when the snow is going to be plowed should also call the City Office and inquire.
- A report was received that a number of dogs were running at large on Shoreline Drive. Some animal owner's have been contacted and told that the Police are receiving complaints and they are to keep their dogs up.
- A man, who was ordered to have a breath test taken weekly to insure he is not consuming alcohol, has reported to the Police Department on two separate occasions and breath tests were given.
- Police were called reference a Domestic Dispute that involved alcohol. Contacts were made and a report was filed. No apparent laws had been violated and no violence had occurred in this incident.
- A lady was stuck in her company vehicle and requested assistance. Police responded and assisted in the removal of the vehicle from the location where it had gotten stuck.
- A call was received of two dogs running at large on Main Street. The Police responded and contacted both owners and the dogs are no longer allowed to run at large.
- Police received a call of a boat taking on water in the boat harbor. Upon arrival the Harbor Master had everything under control and the water was pumped off the boat and the leak was stopped. The owner

was not in town at the time of the incident.

- Police received a call of tracks on Jakolof Bay Road indicating a vehicle had been towing a snow boarder on the roadways. Upon responding to the area a man was contacted who was carrying a snow board and he was told of the laws prohibiting the boards being towed by motorized vehicles. No admission of guilt was given nor was a denial voiced. The fines are pretty high for this type activity.
- A complaint was received that a property owner was pushing snow from his property onto his neighbor's property. When contacted the man told the Police he was pushing the snow from his area into the snow berm on the edge of the street and didn't think it was illegal.
- A man, in an attempt to assist the DOT, opened a taxi way from the airstrip to the airport apron with his snow blower. He was contacted and told this was forbidden by airport laws. He felt he was assisting DOT but assured the Officer he would not be assisting them in the future.
- A report of two dogs barking after the hour of 10:00 p.m. was received and the owner was contacted and quieted the animals. With the animal control ordinances being enforced, the dogs that were allowed to run are not taking the new restrictions by their masters to well. Keep up the good work folks.
- Another report of two dogs at large on Main Street was received and upon investigation the owners of these animals were contacted and assured the Officer there would be no future problems with the dogs being at large.
- Police received a call in the early morning hours that a 42' Bayliner had sunk in the Seldovia Harbor and a man and his 10 year old daughter were aboard and had gotten very wet before getting off the vessel. EMT's were dispatched and the City Manager and Harbor Master were called. The man and his daughter were treated and released by EMT's. The boat was raised by local residents and sank a second time two days later. Arrangements are being made to float the vessel again and then remove it from the water.
- Police received reports of erratic driving evidence being observed on the airstrip, the airport apron and on Jakolof Bay Road, from town to Jakolof Bay. The activities took place in the late night or early morning hours. When this type activity is witnessed by the public a 911 call should be placed so the activity can be stopped before an accident occurs and, God forbid, another life is lost.
- The Alaska State Troopers requested Police collect further evidence regarding the fatal accident that occurred last summer. The evidence was collected and shipped to the Troopers. The case is still under investigation but should have a disposition soon.
- Police were contacted regarding personal property that is stored on private property. A domestic dispute resulted in the property owner wanted the personal property removed. Following Police intervention the owner of the property was given until the weekend to move the items to another location.
- A dog was observed running on Shoreline Drive by the Police. The owner was contacted and verbal warnings were given for future infractions of this nature.
- Civil papers were served on a local residence following their receipt from an attorney.

I want to thank the animal owners for their efforts in the care of their dogs. We have seen a significant decline in dogs running at large and many people have expressed their pleasure in not having to dodge the animals when they are out on the streets. Please continue to care for the animals and I will continue to remind those of you who fail to participate in the program. Let's make this work to everyone's benefit.



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