

It's The Other Silver

by Ann M. Bassador

One day a neighbor said to me "my 'puter looks sick" and I truly thought she meant her *computer*, being a retiree trying to sound hip. What she meant was her *pewter*, as in that silver-ish stuff around the house....candlesticks and the like. So, always trying to be the helpful old lady I did some research and found out something about pewter.

Pewter fabrication dates back to 1500 B.C.; pewter production began in England during the Roman occupation. While there, the Roman soldiers smelted and molded pewter for their use from tin mined locally in Cornwall, England.

According to pewter expert Paul Messa, "pewter is an alloy comprised mainly of tin with trace amounts of copper, lead and zinc. Bismuth was added prior to the 19th Century to provide durability and finish. Craftsmen further discovered that the addition of antimony and exclusion of lead created Britannia pewter, a safer and more durable alloy. The added strength allowed craftsmen to shape forms on lathes, or by die stamping. Messa says pewter should only be hand-washed; in addition polished pewter may need polishing once

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Here Comes ??????

If you're thinking "Santa," you're in the wrong season! No, it's spring, and here comes those pesky fuzzy caterpillars we warned you about last fall. Depending on what part of the country from which you hail, you may know them as tent worms, bag worms, web worms, tent caterpillars or maybe another name. No matter what you call them, they are very destructive voracious eaters.

Last year we got off easy!! After ravaging Kitsap/Bainbridge and other parts south and east of us, the migration stopped just within our gates. If you look at the bare alder trees near the main gate, you will see globs of black ick that look like the trees have dirty gum in their hair. Those are the leftover tent/bag larva sacks.

According to our neighbor Darris Eccles (owned and ran a nursery for many years), we may do better because the winter did include a reasonably hard freeze. That could at least reduce the numbers. However, we all better prepare ahead to protect our vegetation. Darris recommends an organic spray called *Bacillus Thurengensis* on

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Swiftly Speaking

Safety and Comfort

By Judie Lewis, Editor

Safety and comfort are important amenities that are sought by people all over the world. When topics were requested two years ago for the annual brain trust get-together with all the committee chairs, one topic was reviewing safety issues in our community. It was assumed that the intention of the question was physical safety. One informational seminar that followed that fall covered this issue from that aspect.

However, there is another form of safety and comfort. This one is mental and emotional. Many KPOA members are retirees. As such, they live on varying levels of fixed incomes. For retirees, an issue that impedes the feeling of safety and comfort is, "Will we outlive our resources?"

This is a significant and hard question. It is also one of the most asked questions regarding issues here in Kala Point. That question is, "Is there an assumption of affluence within the KPOA membership by those in seats of power?"

Any knowledgeable observer would have to agree that at times this seems to be true.

Anyone can run out of money prior to their

death if they live long enough. Financial planners generally recommend a set-aside for a certain amount of spending per year until a reasonable average old age. In some cases, one or more of the persons living on that nest egg outlives that age. Plus, after one retires, economic conditions can change, making a set-aside that was adequate at the time it was planned seem very scant. This was the problem for those who retired just prior to the double digit inflation of the 70s.

Concerns have been raised about increases in fees here in Kala Point. Our annual dues are quite high in comparison with similar communities on the Olympic Peninsula. With the rules saying that the budget may be increased up to 15% per year, the increase amount is constantly going up, because each year's 15% is bigger than the year before. This is because the previous year's 15% increase is counted in the base upon which the new 15% is calculated.

First of all, 15% increases seem lavish when our cost of living has been raising at a much lower percentage. Why do we need to be raising our fees more than the increase in the cost of living?

Secondly, not that many years back, the fees were about \$300. So, the total possible increase was \$45 per property. Now, with our fees at \$568, our possible fee increase for next year is over \$85.

It isn't enough to say that the proposed increases have not always taken advantage of the full 15%. For someone to be feeling comfortable about living here into their seriously elder years, the rules need to be rewritten to put a cap on these fees, so one can plan better.

The second problem within the rules that could cost serious money is the idea that the board could buy property without even having a vote. The last time this came up, the then sitting board agreed that they would not exercise this option to buy unless they got a vote of the membership. This was very responsible of them. However, it is hard to say what another board would do the same if/when the occasion to purchase came up again.

What needs to happen is that the part in the CC&Rs that would allow such scurrilous behavior

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by any board needs to be amended. No small group of members should have the power to do something that would cost so much for so many without a super-majority vote of the members.

One newer board member has taken the time to visit with many of the KPOA members to get input about what would make them feel better about this lovely community. This is a very positive sign that some on the current board are interested in making the changes that would calm the angst.

Now, we need to make the changes necessary to curb the possible power of anyone with decision-making responsibilities. It is nice to assume that no one would get on the board and enact something that would be widely unpopular. But, that would also be very naive. It is generally accepted that power corrupts. Where there is money, the potential for this power to become overt rises. Having better rules that limit the power to raise fees, fines and capital investment levies would help keep this from happening. This is probably the most important thing that the board could do to make those living here feel they could just go about retirement, enjoying themselves, without needing to keep vigil lest something untoward happen that they simply could not afford.

Making Assumption

During the March board meeting, two board members presented information recommending a trial period for a possible subcommittee that would advocate with the various utility providers (i.e. cable, water, etc.) for the KP membership. The two were part of a group that had studied this since last fall. Another board member, with the claim that she had spent days researching the material presented, verbally attacked the two presenters in a most vitriolic tone and attitude. The abrasive member was one selected by the nominations/elections committee the year she was elected. This shows that the assumption that if the board members are selected solely by this committee less friction will exist on the board is truly bogus.

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Washington State Law & KPOA

By Lou Martel

Washington State passed a law in 1995 known as the Homeowners' Associations Bill, RCW 64.38. Previously, homeowners' associations were following law developed for business corporations and land developers.

The new law shifted the governance of homeowner associations from business-oriented interests toward broader, community-oriented interests and it takes precedence over business-oriented law on the same subject.

This law specifically mandates that "Boards shall act in all instances on behalf of the membership;" rather than the way it had been, that the membership act on behalf of the board and the CC&Rs.

This Washington State law passed in 1995 is currently unrecognized in KPOA governing documents, and barely recognized in the plethora of APPs being issued by the board.

This state law is important to KPOA members because it promotes and protects community interests. And, it protects the community, if complied with, from self-perpetuating adverse interests of cliques. This law deserves member interest, member understanding and member support.

Just A Click Away

-But Years Ago On This Day...

by D. Kilburn

www.historychannel.com/tdih This web site allows you to put in any day and then choose from 11 categories to see what happened in history. You can also watch this week's THIS DAY IN HISTORY clips in broadband-quality video. When one searches for whatever happened on a given day in history, though, you'll not get a simple list. It's more like reading a long story about the event(s). Of course, as part of historychannel.com's website, you have links on the page to other areas such as featured exhibits, a store, TV listings on the history channel, etc.

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or twice a year. To do this you will need pewter polish and two soft clean cloths. Apply the pewter polish to a spot on the pewter piece in a small circular pattern with one cloth. Remove the excess polish by using the same motion with the second cloth. Repeat these steps across the entire piece. Do not let the polish dry on your pewter.

Also, do not place pewter in direct flame, on a hot plate, or in the oven as it has a low melting point. For floral arrangements, use a glass liner or line the bowl with clear plastic wrap. Do not leave party dips, salad dressing or citrus juices in your pewter as extended exposure can stain the surface. Pewter...it's the other silver.

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Kala Kwips

Submitted by the original shy neighbor et al.

Confucius say...

"Man who run behind car get exhausted."

"Two wrongs not make a right... three lefts do."

"War not determine who's right. War determines who's left."

"If you want pretty nurse, you got to be patient."

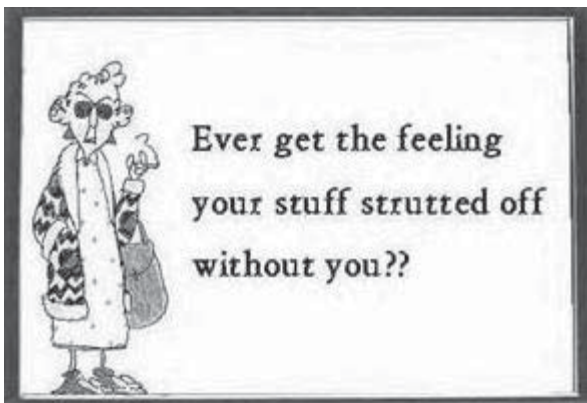
Prayers for the frustrated woman

Dear Lord, I pray for wisdom to understand my man, love to forgive him and patience for his moods, because if I pray for strength, dear Lord, I'll beat him to death.

God grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked, the good fortune to run into the ones that I do and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Laws of Life

1. The less important you are to a corporation, the more your tardiness or absence is noticed.
2. A pay raise is just large enough to increase your taxes and just small enough to have no effect on your take-home pay.
3. Insurance covers everything except what has just happened.
4. There are no answers, only cross-references.
5. The candy bar you planned to eat on the way home from the market is at the bottom of the bag.



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DORMITORY: When you rearrange the letters: DIRTY ROOM.

EVANGELIST: When you rearrange the letters: EVIL'S AGENT.

PRESBYTERIAN: When you rearrange the letters: BEST IN PRAYER.

DESPERATION: When you rearrange the letters: A ROPE ENDS IT.

THE MORSE CODE: When you rearrange the letters: HERE COME DOTS.

SLOT MACHINES: When you rearrange the letters: CASH LOST IN ME.

MOTHER-IN-LAW: When you rearrange the letters: WOMAN HITLER.

SNOOZE ALARMS: When you rearrange the letters: ALAS! NO MORE Z'S.

A DECIMAL POINT: When you rearrange the letters: I'M A DOT IN PLACE.

THE EARTHQUAKES: When you rearrange the letters: THAT QUEER SHAKE.

ELEVEN PLUS TWO: When you rearrange the letters: TWELVE PLUS ONE.

Take Time, Be Sure You Survive AND Recover

by Daphne Kilburn, PIO for Jefferson Co. Emergency Management

April is **Disaster Preparedness Month** in the State of Washington. This gives us a good opportunity to remind the community to check emergency supplies in their household. City and County officials meet and discuss joint emergency response plans, but the reality is (as shared with the EPC at Kala Point in March) that we here inside the gate could be "on our own" for several days after disaster strikes. Leon Koch and his team of volunteers are doing an excellent job and serve as an example of neighborhood preparedness when we present the concept to areas of Jefferson County that are just beginning to form such groups. But what about you individually? Have you heard of Leon and the EPC here at Kala Point? Perhaps you are new to the community.

Whatever your situation, don't be complacent. Have you checked your supplies and made sure you're ready? Here are some suggestions:

GENERAL SUPPLIES:

- Nonperishable food for 5-7 days, (canned goods such as stew, beans and fruit juice, dried fruit, dry milk, nuts, graham crackers, etc.), utensils (manual can opener), and water (one gallon per

person/ day, minimum 5 days).

- Cooking tools and pans, camp stove, fuel, charcoal.
- Special needs items for infants, elderly and disabled individuals.
- Medications and food for pets.
- Copies of important family documents, (Ownership certificates for autos, boats, etc. household inventory, pictures of each room at two angles, list of credit cards, checking and savings account numbers, wills, durable power of attorney, copy of driver's license, photos of household members and school emergency plans).
- Extra blankets, ponchos, clothes and shoes.
- Plastic bags for garbage and waste, rubber, latex, and heavy-duty gloves, utility knife, flat 12" pry bar, and duct tape.
- Tube tent, cell phone, flashlights (extra batteries), battery-operated NOAA emergency radio (extra batteries), whistles and signal flares.
- Matches in waterproof container.

MEDICAL & SANITATION:

- First aid handbook.
- First aid kit; gauze, bandages, aspirin, tape, scissors, disinfectants, antiseptics, and nonprescription medications.
- Prescription medication for at least 7 days plus dental and personal hygiene items (soap, tissue paper, toothbrush & toothpaste, feminine supplies etc.) & dust masks.
- Plastic zip-close bags, chlorine and shovel for personal waste.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT:

- Fire extinguisher (ABC type).
- Smoke detector and fire alarm in good working order.
- Whistle to blow if trapped or threatened
- Tools, including signal flare, pocket knife, shovel, 30"-60" crowbar, wrench, etc.

When an emergency situation happens, it is too late to "prepare ahead." Do yourself and those you love a favor, prepare NOW.

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“Letters to the editor” reflect the views of the person writing the letter. It should not be assumed that views expressed are shared by the publishers or staff of To The Point.

Dear Editor: I have been blessed by the articles dealing with arthritis and its treatment. Having been diagnosed with arthritis recently and fibromyalgia 9 years ago, and having a great deal of difficulty finding an antiinflammatory that works, the doctor’s knowledge has been wonderful to read! Though some days it’s difficult to get up and get going, it’s encouraging to know that there are so many things to try, and different drugs are being developed all the time. Arthritis can disable anyone at any age, and its effects can be embarrassing.

I encourage this newsletter to continue publishing such great medical articles. Thank you, and thanks to Dr. Canaan ! **D. Kilburn**

KPOA Minutes Correction: The minutes incorrectly state that I asked that the board to copyright the Kala Point logo. Not so. In my memo to the board members, I mentioned REGISTER 4 times. The secretary has been very gracious in acknowledging the recording error. It was someone on the board who suggested the patent office. Jay Garthwaite, in the audience, put them back on track.

The purpose of my suggestion was two fold. I have seen our logo adorn local web pages, and was concerned that outside developers would use it. I suggested the logo be placed on our guardhouse to set us apart from the mix. I am pleased by board approval of my suggestion.

Kala Point Development Company (KPDC) paid great attention to detail to make our community special. The logo is one small example, our distinctive blue and orange colors are another. KPDC, thanks for a job well done. You are to be lauded for your vision. Renate, your contribution is noted! Thanks! Mabel Campbell, GRI

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your deciduous trees (fruit trees and decorative Japanese/Asian maples like Lace leaf or Coral Bark). Starting early is recommended. Keep in mind the first sign of tent caterpillars in Kitsap last year was in early May. Once infested, it is harder to fight them than if you take preventative action. If you do nothing and your trees get attacked, recovery can be years in the making.

Our wild alders are at serious risk. There really isn’t anything we can do for them as they are too large for us to spray. This is part of the alder’s life cycle. The alder tree is to the forest what range grass is to the prairie. Its purpose is to grow quickly following fir removal to replenish the soil for new fir growth. Alders have nodes on their roots like grass or fescues that work with lightning, etc., to complete the nitrogen cycle. (Remember your biology class in high school?) The alder is also a very brittle, shallow rooted tree that is not meant to last long. The pest invasion is part of encouraging them to fall down or otherwise give way to more meaningful growth.

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Gatheringplace Spring Bake Sale

Gatheringplace is holding its First Annual Spring Bake Sale, Raffle and Easter Fun fundraiser on April 10, the Saturday before Easter. This event will be held at their new location at 430 Hudson Street, Point Hudson. Doors open for the "Cookie Express" at 11 am. Come and fill up a cookie tin with homemade cookies (or bring your own container)...plus a tasty variety of baked goodies for Easter Brunch will be on sale.

Easter games and decorating Easter baskets will start at noon for the children. Outstanding gift baskets (bath & body basket, coffee & chocolate basket, garden basket, kids basket, pet basket and Easter basket) will be raffled, with the drawing at 1:45pm by Gatheringplace participants.

Gatheringplace's Art Gallery and Gift Shop will be open from 11am - 2pm with live music filling the air. Come and have some complimentary punch and join the FUN! Proceeds support Gatheringplace programs, expanding possibilities for all community involvement and creative self-expression.

Gatheringplace, a privately funded nonprofit organization offering enrichment activities for adults with developmental disabilities, **would like to invite Kala Pointers to assist during the event.** We could especially use baked cookies to add to the "Cookie Express" and

other baked items.

Two participants at Gatheringplace live at Kala Point with their families. If you are looking for a great place to volunteer and support those in the community, please call 385-4172, or sign up on the volunteer board on April 10th.

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Inquiring Mind Lectures JC Library

The great depression of the 1930's turned the lives of ordinary people upside down in a manner that has not been experienced since. Stories and songs resulting from the era form a part of our history and heritage. An Inquiring Minds presentation, "The Great Depression, Hard Hitting Songs For Hard Hit People," presented by Carl Allen, will be held Thursday, April 22, at 7 p.m. This one is sponsored by the East Jefferson County Rotary.

Inquiring Mind lectures are held at the library, 620 Cedar Avenue, Port Hadlock. They are free to the public. For more info, call 385-6544.

Centrum Announces Executive Director

Centrum President Cindy Hill Finnie today announced that the Board of Directors has appointed Thatcher Bailey as the Executive Director of the nonprofit center for the arts and creative education, located at Fort Worden State Park in Port Townsend. Bailey has served as Interim Executive Director of the organization since November, 2003.

According to Finnie, his energy and vision made it clear to the Board that he was the right person to move the organization forward. Bailey has led an array of organizations, including Bay Press, Copper Canyon Press, Artist Trust, Bailey Boushay House and the Pride Foundation.

While the interim period may be over, Bailey still sees his job as helping to manage an extended period of transition for the organization.

"It is truly an exciting time. The Board and staff are committed to looking at everything we do, building on what works best, and re-imagining what is possible. It is rare for an organization to make that kind of commitment to artistic and organizational innovation. I am absolutely thrilled to be a part of this process."

Board President Cindy Hill Finnie shares Bailey's excitement about what's going on at Centrum. She also acknowledges that changes won't necessarily be visible right away.

"We are in conversations about where we want to go and how we are going to get there," says Finnie. We are talking with our founding partners—Fort Worden State Park, the Washington State Arts Commission, and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction—about how we can better meet their needs and serve their constituents. We are redoubling efforts to listen to, learn from, and engage our individual and business supporters. And we are listening hard to the artists, students, and audience members who are at the heart of our work."



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Woodland Hills Buffer Issue Resolved

Woodland Hills 2, the undeveloped property south and west of Kala Point's Pinecrest Drive, received subdivision preliminary plat approval in 1999. Final plat approval will be in phases.

County Commissioners approved Phase 1's final plat; the property along Kala Point's southern border from our Pinecrest water tower to Pinecrest Court. We thank David Goldsmith, County Administrator and David Alvarez, County Prosecuting Attorney for their extra effort to revise the plat and add easement documentation for the 50-foot buffer abutting Woodland Hills 2 and Kala Point to comply with the 1999 Hearing Examiner's decision.

The revised plat depicts the 50-foot vegetative buffer as land owned by individual Woodland Hills 2 lot owners and is also classified as open space. The plat states "The 50-foot wide buffer adjoining Kala Point Division, Janis Bulls Preserve and Old Fort Townsend shall remain naturally vegetated." Open Space Dedication: "...dedicate in perpetuity, for the uses of the residents of the development, such open space land as is depicted upon the face of this long plat, for any and all such uses consistent with Jefferson County ordinance 04-0526-92, section 6.307. The maintenance
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Ask The Doctor

Medical Treatment of Arthritis Continued

By Richard Canaan, MD, Diplomate of American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery.

Traumatic Arthritis: Arthritis that develops secondary to trauma to the joints is essentially treated the same as osteo, a degenerative arthritis.

Septic arthritis: the infection of a joint is treated usually by immediate surgical drainage and antibiotics. The one bacterial infection that does not require urgent drainage is gonococcal infection. Prompt antibiotic treatment is usually sufficient.

Viral joint infection does occur, but is very rare, (seen in immune compromised patients). Surgery is not recommended. Medication is indicated.

As previously mentioned, rheumatoid arthritis and related so called collagen diseases are terrible systemic afflictions. These conditions are hard to treat. There are physicians who specialize in just caring for these patients. Usually these physicians are internists, who take another year of training concentrating mostly on rheumatoid type diseases.

Aspirins, nonsteroidal antiinflammatory medications, (e.g. motrin), judicious use of steroids, sometimes gold salts, frequent use of methotrexate (an antimetabolite), have been the main stays

of treatment. In general these treatments often slow the progression and even occasionally stop the disease, but never reverse it.

However, in the last few years new drugs have been developed that block and even reverse rheumatoid arthritis. An example of such is inflymab (Remicade). Another similar acting drug is Enbrel. These drugs combine with the altered cells that are attacking the patient and thus block the attacking cell. (Enbrel was developed by a small Seattle "start-up" pharmaceutical company).

These new drugs are expensive, have to be injected, as do many older drugs, and there appears to be an increased patient incidence of multiple sclerosis and tuberculosis. Nevertheless, the discovery and production of Remicade and Enbrel is considered an exciting new development. It is hoped the research associated with these medicines will lead to great therapeutic advances. This type of medication is an example of the progress and promise of molecular biology and gene therapy.

There are various types of metabolic arthritis. Gout is probably the most well known. In these conditions, early successful treatment of the primary condition will control arthritis. In gout, a uricosuric agent (drug to lower uric acid) is used. It is important to diagnose and treat the underlying cause because once joint damage has occurred, it cannot be reversed.

Surgery options, next issue.

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by Patsy Mathys

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Our policy's annual cost is \$3,200/employee. We have budgeted \$15,300 for 2004.

We contribute 2% of each employee's gross wage into a SEP IRA account that is a fully vested, defined contribution plan. Our employees chose what to invest their funds into.

Thanks, Bud, for the great questions. We look forward to answering any of your KPOA budget, assessment, expenses, reserve or tax questions. Please send your questions to mathyspa@hotmail.com or mail to P.O. Box 816, Port Hadlock 98339. Please include your name and phone number in case we need to clarify your question. Names will be published if requested.

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nance and operation of said open space shall be the responsibility of the lot owners."

Per the new easement document: "Conditions and Restrictions: The buffer known as Open Space Tract A ... shall remain in native vegetation to function as a visual and physical barrier. Maintenance and operation of Open Space Tract A shall be the responsibility of the GRANTEE. The GRANTEE shall not be responsible for damage caused by lot owners in the adjacent Kala Point Development."

Thus, permanent construction, septic fields or anything that would disturb the existing vegetation will not be allowed in the buffer area. Phase 2, the property immediately west of Kala Point (from Pinecrest Court to our Admin Office), will have similar legal documentation when they receive final plat approval.

You can view these legal documents at our Admin Office, the County Courthouse Assessor's Office or the county website (www.co.jefferson.wa.us/assessors/parcel/ParcelSearch.asp).

We thank all Kala Point Pinecrest residents who are directly affected, as well as numerous other Kala Point residents, for their ongoing involvement, interest and patience during this 30-month process. Your efforts assured proper legal documentation of the buffer to maintain goodwill between Kala Point and Woodland Hills 2.

Submitted by: Pinecrest Representative Team

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