

Kala kids turned KP street into sled run



Ice and Snow Make For Fun, Slow Go

Photos & Article by D. Kilburn

The January 6 "storm" gave Kala Point only a couple of inches of snow, but packed on top of icy roads, it made it a snow day for the kids and a day off from normal routines for many residents.

Dozens of driveways showed no evidence of residents coming or going while a few shoveled or blew snow clear to venture out. The mail delivery still took place though Shannon had to walk some mail down a hill to one mail stop. One vehicle ended up steeply pitched in a ditch near Kala Heights Drive. A towtruck assisting it ended up in the ditch as well. A second tow truck chained its front end to a tree uphill to free its company's stuck truck. The UPS truck, with chains, made a U-turn on Cedarview to disrupt the Kala Point sled run down a side road that joins Cedarview to Kala Point Drive. Meanwhile, over a dozen area kids screamed and laughed their way down a street on sleds of every shape and color.

Once again the unpredictable effects of the **Continue "Snow" on page 8**

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Who Am I Who Are You

By Judie Lewis,

Note: This is an Editorial page, i.e. expresses the opinions of the writer. This particular article will express opinions based upon recognized Jewish and Christian principles. It is not the wish of the writer to be offensive to non-believers.

Over the last few months, a few words were used within the context of KPOA Board meetings that need some review. The first one is "communication" and the second one is "elite."

Communication is a word that is bandied around a lot these days. Just about every marriage that breaks up is blamed on having a communication problem. Is it really possible that there are that many communication problems?

When "communication problem" is used in context of what is going on in Kala Point, as it was by **ALL** of the candidates running last summer for the KPOA Board, what does it really mean? The answer to that depends upon whom you ask. Unfortunately, with the seasoned Board members, it meant that they hadn't gotten "their" message out to the residents. To the residents who believe

there is a communication problem, their interpretation is that they have messages that they would like the Board to not just hear but accept as a valid complaint or suggestion.

There is evidence that at least some of the newer Board members understand this. However, it is still the policy of the Board to have member comments before and after the official meeting so that those comments do not show up in the minutes. Letters to the Board are equally sequestered as if the rest of the residents would be unable to "handle" knowing what their neighbors are thinking.

Communication is a two-way street. Yes, the residents need to know what the Board is thinking and doing. But, the residents also need to know that they are being listened to, not just respectfully, but with some indication that what they say might be considered as having validity.

The second word, "elite" was used to refer to the "elite candidates" in regards to the Board election in July. This, my friend, is scary!

Everyone seeks personal definition. By the time most people are adults, most have "found themselves." However, when someone needs to define his/herself by diminishing others, one wonders if they really understand "definition."

You and I are children of God! What better definition could anyone want. There is no word in any language that could possibly surpass this. As such, we need to recognize that the homeless drunk on the corner is also a child of God.

The value of a person is not related to how much money one makes or has made and accrued. If this were true, how would you classify someone like Mother Teresa? Most of us are parents. Do you love one offspring better than another because he/she makes more money?

The term "elite" is indeed defined as it was used in the October Board meeting. But, if we really want to be better people, maybe we should start by discounting such divisive words and remember that when "elite" is used in reference to humans, it really should be replaced with elitist, an adjective which notes an attitude problem.

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Another attractive feature is the listing of local festivals and events throughout the year. This is especially useful for those just moving to the area.

The 2004 edition honors our sister city, Ichikawa, Hyogo Prefecture, Japan, established in October of 2002. These calendars were presented by former Mayor Kees Kolff to the Washington-Japanese sister city delegation that visited Port Townsend in August 2003.

Proceeds from calendar sales benefit the Gatheringplace program, where participants choose from a variety of activities during the day. For specifics, visit the web site at www.gppt.org <http://www.gppt.org/>. You may view the calendar and happenings at their new location at 430 Hudson Street in Point Hudson. Gatheringplace is also a rewarding place to volunteer.

Calendars may still be purchased at local stores or by calling Linda Ferris, 385-4172. Free delivery is offered to residents in Kala Point.

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Deadline for each issue is the 20th of the previous month. All material is welcome. We accept "Letters to the Editor" and issue statements.



My Funny Valentine

by Anne M. Bassador

I admit it, I am totally drawn into the mushy aspects of Valentine's Day. I walk around giddy with love and delight and create some unique and fun experience for my husband each year. I am tickled by the sweet, loving gestures he makes when I least expect them, and I believe there must be some patron saint for those in love. It turns out I might be right.

(From a web search on the history of Valentine's Day): There may have been 7 men
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We Get Letters

Please remember, "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 Judie (Editor),

Thank you so very much for the lucid, concise article written by Sylvia Bowman, "Reprise of Lot 139 and the Vogt Matter." in the December, 2003 of To The Point.

I have long hoped for just such objective information, simply stated, to be presented to Kala Point residents. Thank you for To The Point. Sincerely, **Lucille Grassia**

Editor's Note: Thank you, Lucille, for your nice note. We received another similar note via email and another by mail plus many similar verbal comments regarding the December, 03 issue. I agree that Sylvia did a marvelous job of turning "legalese" into information we could all understand. She is truly a jewel to have in our community.

Hi Judith, (Editor)

I am writing to see if there may be an interest in Kala Point for the Relay for Life cancer program that will be happening in July on the 30-31st. We all did this last year & we need more teams. We have a kick off in January on the 24th at the **Continue "Letters" on page 8**

Monetary Matter\$

By Patsy Mathys

We are piloting a new monthly column: MONETARY MATTER\$. As a community open forum, you can ask any question regarding KPOA monetary matters. Typical questions may include KPOA's budget, the annual assessment, our expenses, assets, reserves (money set aside for major purchases) or taxes. After researching, one question and answer will be published monthly.

KPOA resident question: **"Why are our assessments going up each year when KPOA keeps adding new homes?"**

First we need to understand that each lot pays the same assessment, whether it is an undeveloped lot or an existing home. Thus, no matter how many homes are built in a given year, there is the same number of assessment-paying lots.

INCREASES: Each year as new homes are built, we have more residents using more services (roads, staff time and various amenities). Since the number of lots remains the same but our usage increases on some items, our assessments will increase to some degree. In addition, inflationary costs such as hourly wages, insurance and vendor costs continue to increase.

Also, there are 14 lots that have been legally merged with an adjoining lot. These merged lots now pay assessments as one lot. This option was grandfathered in 1994 (CC&R amendment Article VI section 1) and precludes any future mergers. Since this reduced the number of assessment-paying lots, fees for all remaining lots increased. If one of these lots would be legally resubdivided someday, it would then be assessed as two lots.

DECREASES: KP Development Company currently owns 18 lots and KP Village owns 1 lot, which do not pay assessment fees (per CC&R Article 6 Section 7c). As each of these lots is sold, the new owners will begin paying assessments. Gradually this will add roughly \$10,000 annually (19 lots x \$546) to our assessment income.

Also, our Articles of Incorporation (Article XII) **Continue "Money" on page 11**

Kala Kwips

Submitted by the original shy neighbor

Are You Older Than Dirt?

One grandchild asked me "What was your favorite fast food when you were growing up?"

"We didn't have fast food when I was growing up," I informed him. "All the food was slow."

"C'mon, seriously. Where did you eat?"

"It was a place called 'at home,'" I explained. "Grandma cooked every day and when Grampa got home from work, we sat down together at the table, and if I didn't like what she put on my plate, I was allowed to sit there until I did like it."

By this time, my grandson was laughing so hard I was afraid he was going to suffer serious internal damage. So I didn't tell him the part about how I had to have permission to leave the table.

Here are some other things I would have told him about my childhood if I figured his system could handle it: my parents never wore levis, set foot on a golf course, traveled out of the country or had a credit card; my parents never drove my brothers or me to soccer practice because we had never heard of soccer; I had a bicycle that weighed probably 50 pounds and only had one speed. Plus, we didn't have a television in our house until I was about 10, and then it was black and white. We bought a piece of colored plastic to cover the screen. The top third was blue, the middle was

red and the bottom was green. It was perfect when a fire truck was riding across a lawn on a sunny day. Kids always sat on the floor in front of the TV, and grownups got the chairs.

I was 13 before I tasted my first pizza. It was called "pizza pie." When I bit into it, I burned the roof of my mouth and the cheese slid off, swung down, plastered itself against my chin and burned that, too. It's still the best pizza I ever had.

Pizzas were not delivered to our home, but milk was. All newspapers were delivered by boys and all boys delivered newspapers. My brothers were delivery boys, six days a week, 4 am every morning. It cost 7¢ a paper, of which they got to keep 2¢. On Saturday they had to collect the 42¢ from their customers. Their favorite customers were the ones who gave them 50¢ and told them to keep the change. Their least favorite customers were the ones who seemed to never be home on collection day. They had a book with little tear-out receipts that showed which ones paid.

The only phone in the house was in the living room, and it was on a party line. Before you could dial, you had to listen to make sure some people you didn't know weren't already using the line.

Movie stars kissed with their mouths shut. Touching another's tongue with yours was called French kissing, and they didn't do that in movies. I don't know about French movies. French movies were "dirty." We weren't allowed to see them.

More on this in the next issue of To The Point.

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Local System's Nickname Adopted At State and Federal Level

From the office of Bob Hamlin,
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The nickname given to the local emergency alert and broadcast system recently installed at the Boat Haven has been adopted by state and national emergency preparedness organizations, according to the Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management. The name "AHAB" or All Hazards Alert Broadcasting, developed by a volunteer in the local department, is now officially listed for similar systems by Washington Emergency Management Division (EMD) in partnership with Federal Signal and by the federal Department of Homeland Security.

"This is significant because "AHAB" is going to become a familiar name and a common feature in cities and ports throughout the country," says Program Manager Bob Hamlin. "We coined a phrase here in Jefferson County that will be used on a widespread basis to represent hazard alert and warning."

The AHAB system provides tone or voice alert and notification to state and local emergency management and federal authorities with the ability to activate alert and notification devices for any hazardous situation. The Port of Port Townsend's Boat Haven became the first such installation in Puget Sound this fall. As installation



was taking place, Daphne Kilburn (volunteer Public Information Officer for Jefferson County's Department of Emergency Management, pictured above) named it "AHAB" and designed materials describing the system for local use.

"I thought it was a good nickname for it, but I never thought it would take on state and national importance. I hope people see AHAB as a tremendous safety and notification system if there is ever a local emergency. If the siren sounds or a voice broadcast is made, that's AHAB. Something's going on, and people should take appropriate steps," says PIO Kilburn.

The public can purchase similar receivers for personal use that will receive such warnings. A combination of the Emergency Alert System and NOAA Weather radio, these units have the ability to alert the public to any hazard and are becoming the warning system of choice for home/ office.

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Ask The Doctor

Arthritis

By Dr. Richard Canaan

One frequently hears the term arthritis, and hears it more as one ages. What does it mean?

The word "arthritis" is made up of "arthr," which refers to joint, and "itis" which may mean inflammation, infection or irritation. So the word means inflamed, irritated or infected joint. However, as most commonly used, there is no infection nor inflammation. (There is an effort to change the term to arthrosis, which is more correct).

The term arthritis, as most commonly used today, refers interchangeably to the arthritis of aging, (osteoarthritis), benign arthritis or degenerative arthritis. When somebody is said to have arthritis, this is usually the condition being described.

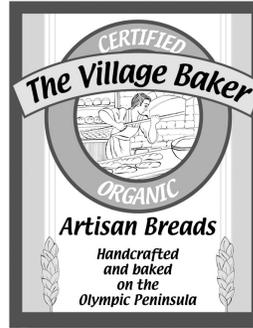
As a person ages, the smooth cartilage covered joint of youth changes. The joint becomes less smooth and narrower. Some roughening develops, there is loss of elasticity, the cartilage hardens, and bony or cartilaginous spurs may develop.

If one looks carefully, these changes may be first noticed in the late twenties, are usual by the late thirties, and obvious by the fifties. The changes are most common in the weight bearing joints. The rate of development may vary from person to person, but few escape this aging process. The areas of the body which usually become symptomatic are the neck, back, hip, knee and digits. Development of this may be influenced by heredity, activities, weight or body habits.

The next most common form of arthritis is traumatic arthritis. This arthritis develops after trauma to the joint, a fall, fracture, sports injury, etc.

Rheumatoid arthritis and its related forms are the next most common. This condition is a disease although the exact cause is not known. There are about twenty variants of this condition. These diseases are usually systemic, that is, the whole system is affected, all organs, all structures.

Rheumatoid arthritis sometimes is called by the lay population as "crippling arthritis." It certainly



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may be. It is not usual for a lay person to think of rheumatoid arthritis when the term arthritis is used. The physician should be sure the patient is not confused. The word "arthritis" is appropriate because the joints are inflamed.

Septic arthritis is an infection of the joint. If not treated promptly and properly the results can be catastrophic. Here again the term arthritis is correct as the joint is infected. The infection is usually bacterial, but in rare times can be viral.

Other much less common forms of arthritis are related to metabolic diseases, development conditions and various forms of poisoning.

In a later column, treatment of arthritic conditions will be discussed.

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rainshadow impacted the amount of snowfall we experienced here, while Seattle TV stations carried day-long coverage of the “big storm.” For a time, Sims Way was closed in town between Sheridan and the Safeway due to icy conditions, said Fire District Commissioner Mark Bowes.

Kala Point employees were out very early (and all day) to sand and plow our community’s streets. Our thanks for a job well done!

Additional Storm Reflections:

At 3pm the National Weather Service posted its first flood watch for the region, anticipating a quick melt-off followed by heavy rains. The storm served as a good reminder once again of the importance of having several days’ supply of food, water, medicine and pet food always on hand in your pantry for your household members and pets.

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Palindrome from 4 until 6 pm. We honor cancer survivors as well as the victims of this disease.

In July the various teams made up of businesses and groups of people will start pitching tents at the middle school in Port Townsend (Blue Heron). Then have a team of walkers walk for 1 or 2-hour periods until we have the whole 24 hours filled. It goes from 5pm on Saturday, the 30th until 5pm Sunday the 31st.

Last year we had a prize for the best tent set up. We will do that again this year. I just want to see if you are interested, or maybe we could put something in your paper about it.

You may phone me at 360-385-3711, 360-385-6537 or 360-301-3567. The benefits from this goes to our community. Thank you, Sandy Hampton

Editor’s Note: Here you are, Sandy. It would be very nice if someone organized a group from Kala Point for this event to honor all the KP residents who have recently died from this dreaded disease. It seems like there have been many. Definitely a worthy cause and worthy event.

Annual Victorian Festival in Port Townsend

Port Townsend, WA – Take a step back in time March 18-21, 2004 as Port Townsend is transported back to its Victorian Seaport roots for the 8th Annual Victorian Festival. Celebrate Our Heritage is the theme for this year’s event. Hosted by the Jefferson County Historical Society (JCHS), all proceeds will go toward the restoration of historic City Hall in downtown Port Townsend.

The festival will use the whole town as a venue, with events occurring in diverse historic structures. Since this is the only festival throughout the year celebrating Port Townsend’s rich, Victorian heritage, programs and educational activities will all revolve around the heritage theme. Participants are invited, though not required, to wear Victorian era costumes.

A vast array of activities is planned for the four-day event in March. Highlights include:

- History’s Mysteries—Solve a real Port Townsend mystery from the 1890s by gathering clues and interviewing historic characters.
 - Antique Auction—A professional auctioneer will auction a container of antiques brought specifically to Port Townsend from far and wide for the Victorian Festival.
 - Candlelight Homes Tour—Join a limited number of people on an escorted candlelight tour of three of Port Townsend’s Victorian gems. Refreshments will be served.
 - Heritage Homes and Buildings Tour—Self-guided tour will allow visitors to see some of Port Townsend’s loveliest architecture and historic homes.
 - Bed & Breakfast Parlor Teas—Local B & Bs provide Victorian Tea, served in their elegant parlors and dining rooms.
 - Victorian Fashion Show—Always a favorite, see local Jefferson County residents strut their stuff in glorious turn-of-the-century attire as a benefit for a scholarship fund.
 - Victorian Grand Ball—Come dressed in Victo-
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rian finery and dance to the music of a live band.

- Mercantile—Enjoy shopping in a Victorian-style mercantile, with products that might have been available in the 1890s.

- Activities for Kids—Organized activities for the younger set will be scheduled at various times throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday.

- Historical “Theatrics”—Two Victorian era character's will give “life and times” performances. One recreates the life of Nellie Bly and Louisa Boren-Denny (first bride in Seattle), and the other portrays "The Intrepid Victorian Traveler" with five costume changes and corseting while discussing the rigors of dress in the 19th Century.

- Historic City Hall Inside and Out—Visit the building that holds so many of the secrets of Port Townsend's past. Proceeds from the festival will be used toward the restoration of this treasured structure.

Tickets for activities go on sale by mail February 15, 2004. Discounts are available for selected pre-purchased tickets. Tickets for all events will be available beginning March 18th at the Festival Headquarters at the Pope Marine Building (on Port Townsend's historic waterfront).

For more complete information about the 8th Annual Victorian Festival or to learn more details about any of the activities, please visit their Web site at www.victorianfestival.org or e-mail inform@victorianfestival.org to find out more about specific areas of interest.

The Jefferson County Historical Society is an incorporated, non-profit organization located in the downtown historic district of Port Townsend. Since 1951, the JCHS Museum has resided in the old City Hall municipal building, dedicated in 1892. The Museum is open Monday – Saturday 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sunday 1 – 4 p.m. Admission is \$4 for adults; \$1 for children; JCHS members are free. The first Saturday of every month is free for Jefferson County residents. The new JCHS Research Center is located at 13692 Airport Cut-Off Road. For more information, call 360-385-1003 or 379-6673 at the Center or visit their Web site at www.jchsmuseum.org.

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Again, “A Personal Note”

Note: this first appeared in the December issue: It was 4 years ago that a death knell was sounded in the Kala Pointer regarding its own demise. An effort had been made to find an editor. Failing to find such caused those publishing to put in an article saying that if an editor was not found, the December, '99, issue would be its last.

I called and volunteered as long as someone else could do the January issue. At the beginning of January, 2000, I met with the Kala Pointer Committee, and we prepared for February and beyond.

That means many of you have been my loyal readers now for 4 years. For this reason, we, the To The Point committee, are seeking an editor to take over as “Lead Editor” of this paper. The person needs to have some experience in publication/newsletter editing, writing and/or journalism.

I will not be out of the mix totally. I will continue to help with advertising, maybe some production, and continue on the editorial staff. It is just time that someone else carries the ball.

We have two groups working for the benefit of KP residents. Now, To The Point needs to be informative, and straddle the middle, presenting both views as equally as possible. That would be easier to accomplish with another **lead editor**.

We will take time finding the right person. If you are interested, please call 379-8961; or email, lewis@olympus.net. Judith Lewis, Editor

Corrections Oversights & Omissions

Correction on TTP article, "Reprise of the Lot 139 and Vogt Matter"

My article on "The Lot 139 and Vogt Matter" in the December issue said that the Evanses and Vogts had rejected an early suggestion of mediation. Actually, the Evanses wanted to talk with the Vogts to see if some accommodation might be worked out, short of changing their construction schedule. Sylvia Bowman.

Correction: Statement Made At Board & Budget Meetings

During the December, 03 Board meeting, one person indicated that the bridge in the lagoon area of Kala Point was a part of the path system mandated in the original KP plan. This was repeated in the Budget Ratification meeting.

This was checked out with KPOA General Manager Brian Belmont for validity. According to Brian, he was unaware of such a stipulation. This matter was further checked with the county documents on Kala Point. Again the statement proved to be untrue. There is no such requirement in the KP plan or anywhere we checked.

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named Valentine who were honored with feasts on February 14th. Of these men, two stories link incidents that could have given our present day meaning to St. Valentine’s Day.

One of these men named Valentine was a priest during the reign of Emperor Claudius. Valentine was revered by the young and old, rich and poor, with people of all walks of life attending his services. At this time Claudius was heavily recruiting men to serve as soldiers for his wars, but the men preferred not to leave their true loves to fight in foreign lands. Claudius became angry and declared that no more marriages could be performed, and all engagements were cancelled.

Valentine thought this to be unfair and secretly married several couples. When Claudius found out, he threw Valentine in prison where he died. Friends of the priest retrieved his body and buried it in a churchyard in Rome.

Another version had St. Valentine jailed for helping Christians. While Valentine was in prison, he cured a jailer’s daughter of blindness. Claudius became enraged and had Valentine killed in a brutal way on February 14, 269 A.D. (Oh, that’s real romantic!)

Yet another story claims that Valentine fell in love with the jailer’s daughter and wrote her letters that were signed “From your Valentine.”

All of the seven Valentines eventually evolved into one. In 496 Pope Gelasius declared the day in honor of St. Valentine. Through the centuries the Christian holiday became a time to exchange love messages, and St. Valentine became the patron saint of lovers.

**Happy
Valentine’s Day,
all you Kala Point
lovebirds.**

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allow voter-approved property annexation. If we added residential property, assessments per lot could decrease, if spending did not increase proportionally.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY: As a KPOA resident, we each have a right to request details about KPOA monetary issues. We also have a responsibility to be knowledgeable for budget/assessment votes and also to express our monetary expectations to the KPOA Board.

We look forward to answering any of your KPOA monetary questions. Please send your questions to mathyspa@hotmail.com or mail to P.O. Box 816, Port Hadlock, WA 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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