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DEAL BUSTERS



GIANT SIZE Sensodyne
6.5 oz.....\$8.49
The best for the price of the rest!



625 Q-Tip brand.....only \$4.49

DAWN PLATINUM, 90 oz — A year's worth for only.....\$13.99



OMEPRAZOLE — 3 complete 14-day heartburn treatments.....\$13.29
Compare the price to Prilosec OTC

STRAPPED FOR CASH?

And in need of a couple of battery-operated power tools? A buddy of mine was, so he checked with the “Hugo” of cheap tool stores. He also checked with us. It turned out that our name brand (**Porter Cable**) tools coupled with our discount brand matching 20-volt Lithium batteries and charger were identically priced with **Cheap Charlie’s Tool Shop**. Now I do not want to hurt any store’s feelings; you and all of us bargain hunter tool junkies know your real name.

TWO & 1/2 FERRIES ARE THE ONLY THING STANDING BETWEEN TOTAL ISOLATION OF SAN JUAN COUNTY & THE MAINLAND

Let’s hope nothing breaks down (equipment or crews). So far, so good, mostly. Used to be, you’d make a reservation, get there 45 minutes early, and you were usually good to go. Now, it’s best to get to the ferry landing two or more hours early with no reservation available on either end. That means that with a minimum of 20 minutes travel time to the ferry each way + 1½ hrs ferry time each way amounts to 7 hours 40 minutes minimum round trip which gives you no time on the mainland and that’s if all goes well.

With all of this said, I think we need to support and thank all of the ferry workers who keep this vital corridor open for us.

Chelan	328'	124 vehicles
	Built 1981, reconditioned 2005	
Samish	362'	144 vehicles
	Built 2015	
Tillikum	310'	87 vehicles
	Built 1959, reconditioned 1994	
	(Was interisland) half capacity	

SUMP PUMPS MADE IN AMERICA

- 1/3 HP plastic casing3750 GPH\$161.00
- 1/3 HP cast iron sump pump1200GPH\$171.00
- 1/2 HP thermoplastic sump pump4300GPH\$182.00
- 1/2 HP cast iron sump pump.....2040GPH.....\$183.00

We’re here for you! We’re sorry to hear about all the flooding and inconveniences during the recent huge rain storm, but we’re stocked with supplies you may need for any future storms.

- 200 bags of 60# tube sand in stock.....\$7.79 ea.
- 1000 in stock: add your own sand.....54¢
- 100# bag of sand\$10.39
- Dehumidifier w/pump 50 pint/day\$261.99



A Santa Monica SHELL dealer is offering their **regular gas** at \$5.19 a gallon and no Skagit Valley Reds. Stop by to get some \$4.56/gallon Passing Gas and free local potatoes. Better hurry — we have only 2,000 lbs. WLYB?

HEADS UP!

Again this year, we’ll be closing for Christmas at 1 PM on Friday, Dec. 24 and won’t reopen until 7:30 AM on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022.

Part 3 of how I got so lucky

You choose to visit your hardware in excess of 100,000 times a year for your household and business needs. For this, we are sincerely thankful. To our knowledge, no COVID-19 virus has passed between our employees or island supporters. For this, we all need to be profoundly thankful. I know I brag about this store, its amazing employees, and the one-of-a-kind islanders that make up this special recipe of island humanity with some regularity. I guess it's my feeble effort to express my gratitude to whatever higher power exists that landed me here some 28 years ago.

I mention "a higher power"; well He had help. I was a partner in a small but very special industrial construction company in a rough section of Los Angeles called Huntington Park. Our office and yard were located directly under the LAX flight path on the wrong side of the tracks. Oh, wait a minute — there were two wrong sides as I remember. Look it up on Google if you want. J H Parrish Construction on 7848 Salt Lake Ave if memory serves me right.

Well back to the help I was talking about... A very wealthy and lucky customer and, more importantly, great friend and I used to have lunch at local beaneries quite often. We would "call" odd or even for the lunch ticket's last invoice number. He, the millionaire, won 13 lunches in a row but it turned out that I was the big winner. He was quite the ladies man, TJ was. He told me about this amazing island that was his favorite get-a-way. He said you could fly out on Thursday afternoon to Seattle, catch an Island Air service and be in a place called Rosario by that evening. If by chance any of TJ's lovely companions (and there were many) should read this, I'm leaving his real name out of this little tale to protect your privacy. As for any men as homely as me reading this, take heart. TJ looked a lot like Archie Bunker but his personality, twinkle in his eye, Irish charm, and most importantly his honesty attracted more women than you could fathom. You know there were many women and he never had a bad word about any of them. I believe that he could make each one of them feel special and that he was the fortunate one to be with them... at least for the four days on Orcas.

I see this is getting a bit long, so I'll end it for this month. Thanks for listening again.



Orcas Car Talk

So what's so special about this 2001 Toyota Camry? Well, one way to find out is to ask anyone who has one. Many Toyota and Lexus SUV's and cars come on this Camry's tried and proven frame. Just load a lot of goodies, rare wood, leather, a heap of insulation in all the right places, and push it around with a spunky 3.5 V6 and you have a \$70,000 Lexus designed to ride trouble free for at least 200,000 miles. If you want, you can plunk a couple grand into it and run it at least another 100-150 thousand more.

I wish I could remember what auto expert group did the research. They graded all production cars ever produced for value, safety, reliability, looks, and comfort. They ranked this 2001 Camry the best overall automobile ever made. Marce absolutely loves her Camry even if it is only a 2002!

Oh, and by the way, these gems were manufactured in Japan and **Kentucky** with little or no variation in quality between plants. Go USA !

TRUTH IN ADVERTISING

Out of the top six windshield wipers is our feature brand Rain-X Latitude ranked #1? Yes and no. We looked up two testing companies' results, and much to our dismay, they came in 2nd to the more expensive Bosch Icon in one and 1st in the other, narrowly beating out the Chinese-made Bosch Icon. Added bonus: Rain-X brand is proudly made in America and still competitive priced with Bosch!

