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GET READY FOR SUMMER GRILLING!

OMAHA CHARCOAL KETTLE GRILL

22.5" x 31.75" **\$108.58**

First bag of charcoal is on us!

FOR THE BIG PARTY BARBECUING CREW

6 burner gas grill with side burner

65,000 BTU, 900 square inches of grilling space, stainless steel!!!

This big boy is yours for only **\$334.34!**

Hey, Father's Day is just around the corner!



SWEET DEAL

Karcher 2700 PSI **pressure washer**, 2.4 GPM Honda engine

\$420.00 while they last

We'll throw in the first gallon of deck or siding cleaner!

LAWN MOWERS

Poulan Pro 22" self propelled mower **\$279.99**

with Briggs and Stratton motor

Southland 21" push mower 139 cc **\$160.00**



GARDEN AMENDER

New product outside called garden amender.

You know the notorious clay that's in just about everyone's garden?

Apply this and it breaks it down! **\$5.09**

RAISED BEDS, BORDERS

Our spring stock order of 6x8-8' and 12' pecky cedar timbers is at the mill just waiting for production. They should arrive about the middle of May. Get your order in early — there may not be enough to go around.

SAVE SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH!

Join us to celebrate our 49th birthday on Saturday, June 25th. This year's theme is Mike's "Semi Retirement." More details about it will be in the next issue of the Hardware Herald.

RELIGION AND POLITICS

Much of my winters are spent in RV Parks throughout the Southwest. A good way to meet people is, about 4:00 PM, ask to join happy hour groups circled in \$9 plastic chairs next to \$250,000 motor homes. Repeat this process daily until you find folks of similar likes and join them for the rest of your stay.

I use several methods to help pick the right group for me. The average 40' motor home costs about \$22,000 extra to have full body paint in lieu of cheap decals over factory white like mine.

Folks who will spend this much on their vanity do not usually like to talk about food banks and child care centers as much as how much their "help" is over charging them and how much time it takes to keep the dust off their beautiful dark metallic paint job. Ah, man!

The last and most important rule to follow is to **never ever** mention religion or politics. This practice goes well with family and dear friends who may be on the complete opposite end of the political spectrum. As for religion... It's all good, especially **silent prayer!**

SHAME ON YOU, BAYER

Recently we were at Costco stocking up. To take care of my aches and pains, I selected some Aleve, a heavily advertised premium pain relief product by Bayer. As I put it in the cart, I noticed to my horror that Aleve is now made in **India!** Next to it on the shelf was the Costco Kirkland identical pain reliever at about 40% less and it's manufactured in Allegan, Minnesota.

Bayer, how much profit do you have to make? What if it was your children's jobs going to India?

Costco Kirkland, you rule!

Paul

SURFING

WARREN MILLER ©4/17/2014

I was onboard a Boeing 737 on a Friday night flight bound for Los Angeles at the start of spring break. The plane was full of half-legally-stoned-in-Colorado-college-students headed for the beaches of Southern California.

Many of them had chosen alcohol as the drug of choice to make the trip a lot mellower. I think I was the only senior citizen on board except for the gray haired stewardesses who were having a really lousy ride.

I was sitting by the window next to a giggling young lady who was on her first-ever, away-from-home for a week trip with someone of the opposite sex. He fortunately looked not too much older than she was.

I was going to Hermosa Beach to watch a surfing movie that my daughter had put together for a Saturday night show along with the opening of some new exhibits in the surfing museum.

It was very enjoyable to wander through the museum and see a lot of different sized, shaped, and colored surfboards that most people considered antiques according to the date on them when they had last ridden Hermosa Beach waves twenty years after I had moved to Colorado.

Hermosa is by no means a poor town. Ocean front lots on the sand that are only twenty-five feet wide with a three-foot setback start in the two million dollar price range.

However, it was a heyday for surfing in the 1960's and 70's when Greg Knoll, Hap Jacobs, Bing Copeland, Dewey Weber, and Dale Velzy all had retail surfboard shops in a short half mile on Pacific Coast Highway in Hermosa Beach.

Hermosa has always wanted to build and own a Surfing Hall of Fame but anyone who should be in it spent their youth riding a surfboard instead of earning the money to build

the Hall of Fame, so instead many years ago they built a statue in honor of a real hot surfer named Tim Kelly, who tragically died in a car accident on a surf trip with friends.

Next, someone thought it might be a good idea to honor hot surfers by putting their name on a brass plaque and burying it in the concrete on the Hermosa Pier, not unlike the stars on the sidewalk on Hollywood Blvd., except on Hollywood Blvd. the city charges you what used to be an \$8,000 labor fee to install your star so I turned down the opportunity after producing forty-nine feature length ski films. It's probably much higher now.

I had a great life living on the beachfront in Hermosa Beach and watching my three kids grow up where we would surf together every chance we got. The beach cities were really good places to live back then.

Back to the event on Sunday morning—there were white chairs and shade set up for everyone to listen to the speeches. I listened to five people introduce this year's Surfers Walk of Fame recipients. Then my daughter Chris stood up and started talking about the first time I took her out tandem surfing and how excited she was to be only eleven years old and riding towards shore way up in the air on her father's shoulders.

Then she presented me with a replica of the brass plaque with this year's six inductees. I was very pleased to receive the plaque when she said, "You're probably the only guy in the Surfers Walk of Fame who's also in the National Ski Hall of Fame."

With both of those trophies I still had to stand in line to check my baggage on the flight home.

It was really enjoyable to spend that much time in my old home town

with old friends. After things quieted down, everyone went to lunch at the latest "in" place to eat and drink on Pier Ave. The last time I was in the building, it was a grocery store. Today, it's a Mexican restaurant and stand-up drinking bar which is limited to only 180 drinkers at a time with 150 people waiting in line to stand up and eat a paper plate half full of not-very-warm Mexican food.

Southern California is not only a unique-to-California environment but almost a unique planet unto itself. I was born and grew up in Hollywood when the big red streetcars rattled down Hollywood Boulevard and you could ride the twenty-two miles to the beach for twenty-five cents. I rode that big red car only once and it took two weeks of selling Saturday Evening Post to pay for the one-way ride. Hitch hiking was the answer for me, my bathing suit, my towel, my swim fins, and me.

I was really lucky to have lived in Topanga Canyon in 1928 when I was taught how to body surf and found my freedom on the face of a breaking wave. I was mentally enjoying that same freedom while I was sitting on the Pier during the award ceremony. In my mind, I was riding each wave as it rolled towards the beach. I have been known to do the same thing on a bumpy airplane flight, which I managed to do on my way back to Bozeman, Montana.

To get there with all of my luggage and stuff I had to first stop in Denver where the airport is so busy that they have seven moving sidewalks running along the very long terminal, side by side. It was really nice to get back to our winter home in Montana. It is wonderfully much smaller than Southern California with barely a million people, regrettably however there is no surf to be found!

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