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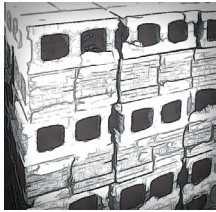
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## TO ALL MASONS ON ORCAS:

First let me apologize for not making a better effort to stock dry CMU's.



We should know that wet concrete masonry units do not accept mortar well. You masons are so polite that you have not complained enough to get us to keep your block dry! Well, that has changed. Pallets will now be delivered to us bagged and wrapped. Open pallets will be stored in their own curtain container. Again, we're sorry it has taken us so long.

## FOR THOSE OF US WHO AREN'T PERFECT!

Your Island Blue Collar Store strikes again!

Slightly irregular 5 pocket work Dickie jeans

\$14

## NOVEMBER ACCOUNT HOLDERS SAVINGS

10% off on all electric portable heaters. WLYB!

## FISHERMEN LISTEN UP

We have one **WEBER** large premium wood or charcoal Smoker. Years ago, it sold for \$345. No telling what today's retail is, but the first \$200 will take it home.

## NEED MORE ROOM

Like Manhattan, when you need more room, you have to go up. OK, so the second floor may not quite qualify as a skyscraper but it's what we have. As many of you know, Pex pipe and fittings are the water supply lines of the future. We needed more room in the plumbing department that we just don't have to display our four kinds of Pex fittings and supplies. We finally have the clamp fitting that the plumbers use! To make room for everything, our PVC fittings are finding a new home upstairs next to the ABS fittings. This move gives us the room for the over 20+ new PVC fittings that you've been asking for.

As for the stairs and your fittings, if you feel healthy enough to use the stairs, they'll just add a little heart exercise to burn off some popcorn. If the stairs are not for you, just ask one of us to set you up with a desk and computer where you can make your fitting list, then we'll get them for you. Or better yet, we may be able to switch your project to Pex.

It's been 7 to 12 years since we had all of our water supply lines switched to Pex in our house, barn and the store with **not one frozen pipe repair!** Your witness, copper or pvc.

## PILLS TO HELP ELDER PET



In the past my 14 lb, 14 year-old dog, Kelly, on occasion would urinate in her sleep. She

was also having trouble with her joints especially after a nap (you may know how that feels). For her incontinence, our veterinarian prescribed Incurin by Merck. Since her first dose over two months ago, she has not had one accident!

For her joint pain, the vet suggested the over-the-counter supplement, Cosequin DS chewable + MSM. This treatment has taken a little longer (2 to 3 weeks). It's great to see our little member of the family hopping up and down off the forbidden furniture with only a guilty look. No limping or apparent pain.

First off, Island Hardware does not sell either of these remedies (yet). I don't say they'll work on all of your pets but don't you think it's worth a try? Oh yeah — Kelly recommends them too!

## SOME CLARIFICATION

Once in a while, you'll see "WLYB!" (short for "Who loves ya, baby!"). This describes our relationship with the core of our business — our 2500 charge account holders who deserve and receive special pricing, services, and love as our way of showing appreciation to those who, over the last 50 years, have been the mainstay of our success.

Deeper discounts, the box on the back door, and LBII are just a few of the privileges that only account holders experience. Tired of spending half your weekend running around on the mainland trying to save a little on your household needs? Come join our family.

## A LITTLE BOY AND HIS SHOWER

The boy grew up like many kids these days with a single mom. Five days a week, she had to be at work for 9 to 10 hours (equal pay for women had not yet been thought of). She could make barely enough for the two of them to eat, live in a room in a boarding house, and little else.

There was never enough money for professional child care. That left unlicensed, untrained, and in some cases unfriendly, private home after-school care. Now some of these homes were just fine.

School vacation was always the best for the little boy. He got to live with his grandmother and experience real unconditional love.

Now about the shower. The shower in his present home is a smooth white acrylic, one-piece shower that was installed about 35 years ago. The little boy is now a man. He's been entertaining the idea of up-grading this old shower. He thought that maybe one of those beautiful green granite showers with glass block and multiple heads would suit him. Here's the thing; the old white acrylic unit shows almost no age and is a snap to clean. On the other hand, he could impress the few friends and family who visit with an extravagant granite shower. Life has been really good to him financially speaking, so he could easily afford the \$8,000 to \$12,000 the remodel would cost. He then remembered the year spent after school with Dorothy, her three kids, and "the room."

Dorothy's kids got to play outside all afternoon after school. She told the little boy that his mom wanted him to take "afternoon naps" and proceeded to isolate him in a small room with black curtains with no lights allowed.

It's been 65 years since that time, yet he still gets flashbacks of the dark little room with black curtains and the mean lady who broke her fancy new hairbrush over his behind—that's another story. He decided that keeping even one child out of Dorothy's dark life would be worth the price of one granite shower.

All children's stories deserve a happy ending. The shower money went to childcare assistance scholarships for single moms at Kaleidoscope day care center. The little boy turning into an old man decided to keep his priorities straight; when you grow up poor, even a 35 year-old sparkling white plastic shower looks really good to you.

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## THE MERCY TRUCK

I pulled up in Costco's loading area to pick up our regular six pallet order and came across these fellows and this truck. Just another reason why I'm such a big fan of Costco.

