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SPRING IS IN THE AIR (WE HOPE!)

and Island Hardware is going to push the envelope.

It's time for plants and projects. For your enjoyment, we have

Flower bulbs galore

Dahlias

Elephant Ears

Potato starts

Onion sets

Leeks, too!

Bare root raspberries

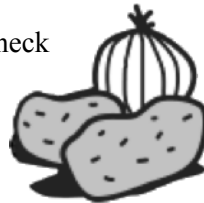
Peas, beans, and more seeds

Inoculant, as well!

Got your attention yet?



How about 130 pallets of dirt and other amendments trickling in this month! Come check out all the new things we've brought in over the winter and have a look at the garden room redo.

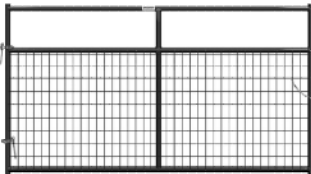


SOME STRANGE THINGS ABOUT MY WINTER HOME, NEVADA

1. The town of Goldfield was once the largest city in Nevada. It presently has less than 300 residents. Sounds like my old home town in the future... LA.
2. About 60,000 lbs of shrimp are consumed daily in Las Vegas. That's more than the whole rest of the country combined.
3. In 1919, Nevada was the only state in the union to allow boxing.
4. The Las Vegas strip has more than 75,000 miles of neon. Where did I put the keys to my Prius?
5. Kangaroo rats can live their entire life without water in the Nevada desert. Imagine how big they might become on Orcas!

I guess one of the things I love about Nevada is that a strange guy like me can feel right at home in such a strange land.

GARDEN FENCE ANYONE?



Now that your garden fence is in and looking good, did you ever consider a 7' x 8' mesh filled gate? We've got these bad boys in stock and ready for your garden tour made by Behlen.

\$459.99

type of fence shown, but not exact model

Did you get started on the raised beds last spring and got bit by the **Behlen stock tank** shortage? Good news! **They're back in stock** and ready for the new raised bed soil we now carry!

HEY! ALL YOU CEDAR FURNITURE FANATICS

Rumor has it, "Mike says" we're going to get a delivery of cedar goodies from Stanley Furniture out of Graham, WA, the first week of March if WSF cooperates (fingers crossed). Keep a look out 'cause these bad boys go super fast!



Six% of young men create 50% of all crime in America. These young men's crime rate drops drastically as they age. Shall we arbitrarily incarcerate 6% of our nation's youth. Our government has acted just about as inately lately.

Not particularly pleased with our two party system's constant bickering? In Clark County, NV, as of December 9, the board of registration reported that 3rd party registered voters exceeded both the Democrats and the Republicans.

A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself.
~ Josh Billings

A DIET PILL THAT REALLY WORKS! SIDE EFFECTS, DEATH!

I'm not even close to being qualified to dispense medical advice, however I feel that I should pass on a layman's experience with a diet pill laced with FENTANYL! A few years ago I, like many other overweight older men, was warned by my Washington State doctors that I was "pre-diabetic."

As soon as I got to my winter digs in posh Pahrump, Nevada, I joined a diabetic organization and started sticking my finger at least daily. Boy, was I scared! I searched for the highest rated diabetes doc in all of Las Vegas. Cost was not going to be an issue even for a skinflint like me. This is my life we're talking about!

I settled on a specialist in the Summerlin area (considered by many as the Beverly Hills of Las Vegas). The good doc had underground parking and a fountain in his waiting room— what's not to like? Among his recommendations were for me to lose 30 lbs. He even started to write a prescription for a diet pill that he said really worked! I didn't know such a pill existed. He paused as if to remember something, then said that he had a supply here in his office and he assured me that he could sell them cheaper than a pharmacy. He proceeded to climb a step ladder and retrieved a large box of cotton balls from the highest locked medical cabinet in the room. I know about this time in the process, any person with at least a low two-digit IQ would have left the room. I was

blinded by the thought of having a diet pill that really worked is my only pathetic excuse. I paid the good doc cash at his request. Actually, quite a bit of cash, but for a diet pill that worked — what a bargain, or so it seemed at the time.

Fortunately, I did not take my first and what was to be my only pill until I got home. I would not have been able to drive if I had! One Fen-Phen laced pill put me into a complete slumber! What may have saved my life was the large amount of water my body told me to drink and the soft place in my house to land on when I passed out minutes later. To top off my stupidity, I experienced this medical nightmare completely alone!

By now you probably have surmised that I lived through this utter terror because I am relaying the story to you now in the hope that it will just maybe stop someone as desperate to lose weight as I was from going down this path.

In conclusion, the other 29 "**death pills**" were disposed of. I don't eat real sugar and have lost only 12 lbs, but I am still alive some twelve or so years later. I guess I decided to tell this rather embarrassing tale because it's just another reason for us to try to stop the flow of Fen-Phen from coming into our country.

A wrinkled and, yes, still over-weight but not diabetic, contributing old geezer,



FELLOW BARGAINERS, CHEAPSKATES, & SCROOGE: LISTEN UP!

Usually we like to point out bargains from our store but this was too good to pass up. A company on the internet specializes in used books for super cheap. I recently purchased a \$30, 1200 page RV Campground Directory for under \$4 with free shipping because my total order was over \$9! OK, the book was a couple of years out of date, but, hey, so am I! To get over the magic \$9 total to get free shipping, I now have the easy RV Cook Book recipes and a West Coast Camping Guide. Check it out at discoverbooks.com to see what you can find for cheap.

I'M CONFUSED!

In the "Olden Days," say the 1980's, if inflation raised its ugly head to 7%, an item that originally sold for \$1.00 would sell for \$1.07, maybe even \$1.08. Dollar Stores across the country have had to increase (I guess due to our current 7% inflation) thousands of \$1.00 items to \$1.25! Is this the new math I keep hearing about?