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DOOR BUSTERS!



	<u>Retail</u>	<u>Sale price</u>
Irwin drill bit set (wood boring spade set) Less than 2 bucks each for Irwin quality!!	\$34.80	\$24.99


Metal head leaf rake Save over 5 bucks—fall is coming; good to be ready!	\$19.05	\$13.99
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 Split cowhide gloves Sizes M, L, XL. Ideal for all types of material handling—go get those berry bushes!	\$6.50	\$4.99
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GrillPro grill brush w/Stainless steel bristles & steel scraper Save over \$20% and no rust!	\$4.88	\$3.99
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 Stanley measuring tape Leverlock 25'x1" Stanley quality @ Harbor Freight prices	\$8.78	\$6.99
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MINTCRAFT WRENCH SET

Combination: Ratcheting 7-piece Chrome Vanadium Steel
\$29.99 (barely more than \$4 each!)
I'm getting at least one set!



GILMOUR IS TO GARDENS AS KIRKLAND IS TO HOUSEHOLDS!

Check out our mostly turquoise colored GILMOUR premium irrigation products at great prices! Let's get through this together. If it has not rained on Orcas in the last 5 days, take off 20% on any irrigation product in our garden room.

REALLY WALMART!

Not made in the USA! Not 100% cotton!
Not \$2 each!

Better keep buying socks at Island Hardware!
Ours *are* made in the USA, *are* 100% cotton,
and *are* \$2 each



I'M BEHIND THE TIMES (AND PROUD OF IT)

About 25 years ago, I started the best time of my life by moving to Orcas Island. Back then, most visitors and residents alike could be seen visiting while gazing through fairly smudged ferry windows at arguably one of the most beautiful short ferry rides in the world!

On my last ferry ride, over 2/3 of the riders were staring at their electronic devices. There was very little conversation and the amazing island views were going unappreciated.

After departing the ferry, my trip across our magical island at a bit over the speed limit was hassled by a pack of tailgaters. They seemed upset at me for giving them a chance to enjoy the trip and just maybe keeping them from killing a deer (or themselves).

After my quarter-of-a-century love affair with these islands, I am still in awe of my great fortune. It started on the first day that San Juan Air delivered me to Orcas for a three-day stay at Rosario! My reaction was then and still is: I am not leaving here.

Paul ☺

EXTENDED!!!

ALL SHORT SLEEVE T-shirts are still **5 bucks** thru October.



Christmas is coming and this is a great chance to take care of old Uncle Milford for just **\$5**—just a thought. With Orcas stamped on them, they're \$40 in Eastsound. WLYB?

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 • **Kiwanis meeting:** Tuesdays from
 • 12:30 to 1:30 at the annex of the
 • Community Church, 176 Madrona St.
 • in Eastsound.

Note that this article was written in 2008.

It is the last week of August and it is a morning for a steaming hot bowl of oatmeal. I need that warm oatmeal to fill out good memories of sunny cold winter mornings. That's because the rain is pouring down at a forty five degree angle, driven by thirty mile an hour winds. It is out of the east and the waves crashing against our boat at the dock are getting bigger with each passing hour and this is summer?

Last night, the TV weather lady reported, "The temperature will drop to 38° in the foothills and the snow level is already down to 3500 feet."

In conversation with a friend from Vail today, he said, "Last week Vail got dumped on by six inches of snow that stuck around for almost a week." All of this weird weather is because Al Gore narrated a movie about global warming and he got a Nobel Prize in Norway for his forecast of a hot planet. In his effort to cut down on world wide pollution, he even flew to Norway in his private jet from his 22 bedroom house at an undisclosed location somewhere in the south.

If we are experiencing global warming, why is this the wettest August in the history of weather records in Washington State? Why are some of my friends phoning me and asking if the ski resorts will open early? What is early? One winter in the 1930's, no snow fell in Mammoth until February. One year they skied in two feet of powder in August. Living here on our island with the weather this month being identical

to a late November morning, you just make sure that there is plenty of chopped wood available for the fireplace and I can get caught up on my inside chores such as book reading and working on my wife's honey-do list.

As I think about some of those weird weather in my lifetime, it sometimes brings me up short when I realize the dramatic changes in the world since I started my film business so many years ago.

I lurched and skied through a lot of unusual weather conditions over the years. In 1943, in the mountains to the east of Los Angeles, it snowed twenty four feet in twenty four hours.

In 1944 when I was stationed in Asbury Park, New Jersey, the hotel I was living in was hit by a hurricane and the water was six feet deep in the hotel lobby.

In 1945 while I was in route from Guadalcanal to Pearl Harbor to have our ship converted to a shallow water mine sweep for the invasion of Tokyo, we got caught in another hurricane. This time it was a little more dramatic because the waves were over fifty feet high and our ship started breaking up. We managed to keep it afloat for almost twenty four hours until we had to abandon it and were rescued by another ship in the convoy half an hour before the sub-chaser sunk.

During January of 1946, I was skiing in Yosemite and six feet of snow fell overnight. Next morning when we finally made it up to Badger Pass to go skiing, a skier was missing from the day before. I volunteered to go with a pair of forest rangers to

search for him. Of course, we got caught by darkness and had to spend the night around a campfire. My ski boots were wet and cold and to keep my feet from freezing, I put them too close to the fire and managed to burn the soles off of them. Forest rangers found the missing skier still alive 13 days later but a lot thinner.

In fifty-five years of one night stands showing my movies, I only missed one show because of weather. I had flown from Los Angeles to Montreal and was going to drive to Quebec the next morning. When I got up the next morning, I couldn't see out of the motel window because it had snowed six feet in seven hours. Nothing was moving, not even the trains, and there was no way possible short of buying a snowmobile and twenty gallons of gas to get to Ottawa.

One year, a foot of snow fell in Buffalo the day of my show. Another year nine inches fell in Washington DC and still people came out to see what I had filmed the winter before. The film business started with black ice roads and a can of film alongside of me in my rental car and has progressed to satellite DVD projection. Do I miss the days of fighting my way through winter snow storms? Of course not. As soon as the ski lifts start up in December, I'll be out there looking for storms so I can go skiing with my friends in new powder snow and talking about how it snowed in August in Colorado and wonder whatever happened to the summer of 2008?

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GIVERS REALLY ARE HAPPIER THAN TAKERS

We're always searching for ways to be happy. Here's something you might not have expected. New research shows that even small acts of generosity trigger brain changes that make people happier than when they are thinking only of themselves. Interestingly, relatively small acts of giving gave rise to just as big a happiness bump as bigger acts, the researchers said. One explanation was that "generosity makes us look at ourselves differently. We see ourselves as better people and get a self-esteem boost when we're generous."

So, want to get happy? Try doing random acts of kindness or help someone in some way & see what happens. It might make your day. To get more info about the research, go to <https://www.everydayhealth.com>. Do a search for "Givers really are happier than takers."