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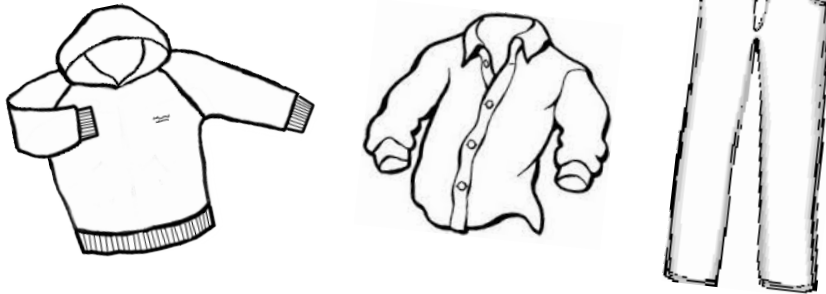
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THE BIG ORANGE BULLY CAN'T DO THIS!

The January 13th county-wide power outage reinforced why doing business on Orcas is like no other. First, our 7500wt generator ran for a while. Evidently we are the only island station that can dispense without OPALCO. After a short tour of duty, our generator decided to send gas out of the side of the carbtorator. We then enlisted our only other generator in stock, but 4000 watts just wasn't enough! Our electrician Kevin Loomis to the rescue—his 6500wt Honda would run only one gas pump for awhile then it got mad and quit. Our good customer Armondo's 7500 wt Honda then took command and ran until the power revisited us that evening. During this whole time our general manager was out on the fuel islands pumping fuel and directing traffic. Not a job for someone as important as a general manager, you say? You just don't know Marce!



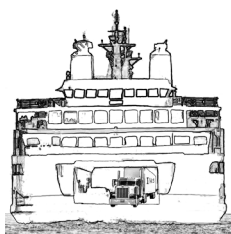
PERFECT GENERATOR FOR HOME OR JOB SITE!

We gave this little guy a try but it didn't have enough power to run our gas pumps... So, our loss is your gain. This bad boy has gas, oil, and the will of the little engine that could. (No extra charge for the break in period!) ;) We're selling this at our cost! Come check it out.

WHICH FIGURE COMES CLOSEST TO OUR YEARLY FERRY FEES?

\$19,000, \$27,000, \$43,000, \$67,000, \$74,000

Guess the closest and pick up a 75¢ candy bar free on your next visit. One time deal!



THERE ARE HEROES...

Around 16 full time employees make up the staff at Island Hardware & Supply. They were deemed "essential workers" by your government at the start of the pandemic. Knowing of the Covid risks, each IHS member chose to accept these risks to be there for you. I guess you could say that they were fortunate to have a full time job. Many islanders did not.

In the COVID infested first ten months of 2020, the staff served over 115,000 customer visits. Knock on wood — no virus was passed between staff and customers !

Now, we did have one employee experience the virus. It was thought to have been transmitted at a family dinner. Our employee and family are thankfully fully recovered. I consider that *all* IHS employees are true heroes! They will not let down. We use disinfectant by the gallons and are still offering our Kn95 and blue surgical masks at our cost. If you can't afford one, it's free.

Now here's a story of a group of *super heroes*. The Pahrump Nevada Community Church Food Bank serves well over 1,100 families out of two old 40' shipping containers. The staff are all unpaid volunteers mostly made up of retirees. The only two volunteers who've come down with the virus are younger members and they have fully recovered. You may remember the story of Chris who volunteered three days a week at the food bank and three at the animal shelter with Sundays reserved for laundry and church. He remains one of my very favorite human beings.

We can feel sorry or depressed (Lord knows, I've done enough of that) or we can look around and find someone who needs the help that we can give...

Hotdog Man

A PARADOX OF OUR AGE

*This timely essay was written by Dr. Bob Moorehead, a pastor of Seattle's Overlake Christian Church who retired in 1998 after 29 years). It appeared in **Words Aptly Spoken**, Dr. Moorehead's 1995 collection of prayers, homilies, and monologues used in his sermons and radio broadcasts.*

We have taller buildings but shorter tempers; wider freeways but narrower viewpoints; we spend more but have less; we buy more but enjoy it less; we have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences, yet less time; we have more degrees but less sense; more knowledge but less judgement; more experts, yet more problems; we have more gadgets but less satisfaction; more medicine, yet less wellness; we take more vitamins but see fewer results. We drink too much; smoke too much; spend too recklessly; laugh too little; drive too fast; get too angry quickly; stay up too late; get up too tired; read too seldom; watch TV too much and pray too seldom.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values; we talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often. We fly in faster planes to arrive there quicker, to do less and return sooner; we sign more contracts only to realize fewer profits; we talk too much, love too seldom, and lie too often. We've learned how to make a living, but not a life; we've added years to life, not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet the new neighbor.

We've conquered outer space, but not inner space; we've done larger things, but not better things; we've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul; we've split the atom, but not our prejudice; we write more, but learn less; plan more, but accomplish less; we make faster planes, but longer lines; we learned to rush, but not to wait; we have more weapons, but less peace; higher incomes, but lower morals; more parties, but less fun; more food, but less appeasement; more acquaintances, but fewer friends; more effort, but less success. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but have less communication; drive smaller cars that have bigger problems; build larger factories that produce less. We've become long on quantity, but short on quality.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion; tall men, but short character; steep profits, but shallow relationships.

These are times of world peace, but domestic warfare; more leisure and less fun; higher postage, but slower mail; more kinds of food, but less nutrition.

These are days of two incomes,

but more divorces; these are times of fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, cartridge living, throw-away morality, one-night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to prevent, quiet, or kill. It is a time when there is much in the show window and nothing in the stock room. Indeed, these are the times!

Remember to spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever. Remember to say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side. Remember to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.

Remember to say "I love you" to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all, mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.

Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment, for someday that person will not be there. Give time to love, give time to speak, and give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.

Readers, listen up! What do you think of a small travel section once in a while?

The Very Large Array: That's right, this is your federal government looking into deep space to locate alien life. I don't know why. All they need to do is visit Roswell, NM. There are 27 antennas 82' in diameter in Socorro, NM. I've been there twice! Really cool—very few earthlings to have to social distance from. What about alien distances?

