

TAKES THE FLACK
and
Sends It Back
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If my tap water stinks, I ain't drinking it!

If tap water comes out of the faucet smelling like road kill skunk, it ain't fit for consumption, no matter what the BOPU says or broadcast media repeats.

To me, the tolerable level of stink in my drinking water is the same as the tolerable level of rat feces in flour. Zero.

Arrowhead or Dasani bottled water is just fine, thank you very much. And if the time comes when *that* water stinks, I ain't drinking it, either. I don't drink no stinkin' H₂O.

I may be in the minority, but there's just something about water that stinks that makes it seem a tad bit unhealthy to me. I can't conjure up a mental picture of Tim Wilson and the gang at BOPU guzzling down water by the pitcher if it has a offensive odor. I just don't see that.

And, I have to tell you, even if Tim proves to me that he will drink the malodorous stuff and encourage his family members

to join with him in a demonstration of confidence for City smelly water, I ain't drinking it. Not as long as Sam's Club has 30-bottle cases of Nestle's water for \$3.88.

Even without the noticeable stench, there are county residents with their own wells (or those in the city who still have wells) who refuse to drink water offered in Cheyenne restaurants.

Some may remember that the BOPU once held back on issuing a "boil water" order to the public when faucets were providing dangerously unhealthy water. So, when they tell us that water that stinks is safe to drink, you might want to think about that past.

As I write this, I have my safe 24 oz. bottle of Pepsi at the ready. I don't drink much water out of the faucet, basically just what I swallow while rinsing my mouth after brushing my teeth, and I did pick up that Yuppie habit of buying bottled water

somewhere along the way so the stinky tap water doesn't affect me too much.

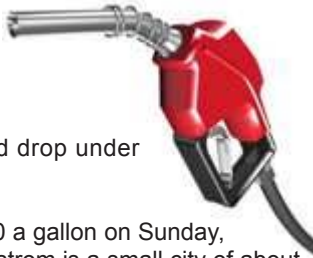
I'll shower in water with an unpleasant odor (so long as it isn't too bad) and I'll water the lawn, flowers, shrubs and trees with less than fragrant water (my wife even puts aquarium water on my trees when I'm not looking) but I ain't drinking it.

It's not a great time to have to deal with government's word that the smelly water you're getting through your faucet won't hurt you. The news every day and night recently from Washington has been to try to convince us that the stock market meltdown won't really hurt us either.

Neither are totally true.

I guess I'd rather have water that stinks but can be avoided than financial and economic crises that drain 401-K's and destroy retailers holiday season sales and profitability. But I'm not swallowing either.

\$2.99⁹ gas



A recent story in Cheyenne predicted gas prices would drop under \$3.00 a gallon by Thanksgiving.

Well, I've got news for local media. Gas was under \$3.00 a gallon on Sunday, March 5th. In, of all places, Lindstrom, Minnesota. Lindstrom is a small city of about 3,000 population, 30 miles northeast of St. Paul and a few miles less than that to the Wisconsin state line. There had been no bargains anywhere in the region during days leading up to Sunday. In fact, prices around \$3.49⁹ had just been seen in northern Wisconsin. And, even smaller towns within 20 miles of Lindstrom had much higher prices than the \$2.99⁹. But Lindstrom's five or six stations were all below \$3.00.

How can that be? The town isn't the site of an oil refinery. And when we got back to Cheyenne Tuesday night, prices hovered around the \$3.19⁹ a gallon price - some places here were quite a bit higher. If Lindstrom can sell unleaded regular for \$2.99⁹ with Minnesota having a state gas tax of a dime higher than Wyoming's, why is Cheyenne so tardy in getting down? (Prices in Minneapolis on March 10th were as low as \$2.79⁹!)

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14164.53

The Dow Jones

Friday October 3 Monday October 6 Tuesday October 7 Wednesday October 8 Thursday October 9 Friday October 10

11,000

10,000

9,000

8,000

Do you know where your 401-K is?

The Dow is down 5713.24 points from one year ago. -40.34%

10325.38

9955.50

9447.11

9258.10

8579.19

8451.19

Donations and Volunteers needed at the Wyoming Coalition for the Homeless

Donations of special foods will be needed for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Also needed for Christmas will be new items to be given as gifts to those coming into the WCH Welcome Mat during Christmas. Volunteers are also needed to work on Thanksgiving Day, the Friday afterwards and on December 23 through December 26.

Volunteers are also needed to help repair bicycles, make sleeping bags, help with some minor construction of partition type walls and sort clothing,

Other donations needed include cash donations to go toward the remodel of the Richards Center for the day care. The remodel will cost more than the funds received so far from grants. Those donating to this project will have their names listed in the lobby of the day care. Funds are also needed for day-to-day operations.

For more information on projects, donations needed, volunteers needed, etc., please check the web page at <http://www.wch.vcn.com> or call 634-8499.



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