

## Re: OT – What wouldn't you give up?

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Our well is supposed to be okay to drink, but it tastes terrible to me. Where we lived in NJ we had a natural artesian spring. It was cold, clear, and tasted wonderful. In fact when we sold the farm one of the potential buyers was interested in the property because of the spring with the potential of bottling it. You should see the stuff our distiller leaves that we have to clean out!

My dogs have to have their treats. I was feeding the freeze–dried chicken treats until I heard about them killing dogs. My dogs loved them. However Purina makes an 85% chicken treat, made in this country, and they probably like the other ones better, but these work. We also buy them "Red Barn" which is a meat roll and they LOVE them. They get a slice of that for breakfast. My cats are treated pretty well but they actually like BJ's brand better than Fancy Feast! And my horses have to have their nightly carrot—always go out and check them before I go to bed.

Speaking of dogs—there was a thread a few weeks ago about man being the only animal who recognized his own reflection and I challenged that! Well I have been finding things from the top of my dresser on the floor—not chewed up or anything, but Ava is very curious and likes to closely "examine" items, and I knew it was her. The dresser has a huge mirror above it. I walked in the bedroom yesterday afternoon, and Ava was on TOP of the dresser preening in front of the mirror. Now they bark at strange dogs, so there is no doubt she was admiring herself. I reprimanded her, but I had a really good laugh! Vanity thou name is Ava!

I am sure you know, Judy, that you should not drink artificially softened water. Usually when they set up a system they bypass the softener for the kitchen sink where you use water to cook, etc. Otherwise there is too much sodium in the water and it can be harmful. Since you said you do not drink your well water, not to worry.

I don't like Starbuck's coffee. It has a "burned" taste to me. I buy BJ's house brand, Columbian. Once in a while I try something different, but I end up going back to that, and it is cheaper than most others.

Yes, I remember 5 cent Cokes. I liked the cherry Coke. An ice cream cone used to be a nickel, too with 1 scoop, 2 scoops for a dime! The French fry place across from the high school gave the best fries—a very generous

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serving for a quarter. Oh, well..... Money just seems worthless now!

Barb C.

"Judity" <Judity01@xxxxxxx> wrote in message  
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(( I would not drink the water that comes out of our  
ground—or cook with it. We are surrounded by farms that use  
chemicals. ))

When I had my well checked years ago, I was told most of the wells on  
my road were slightly contaminated from all the small farms. I do  
have a water softening machine out in my well shed, but I keep  
forgetting to check it for salt. Must remember to do that, I guess.

((They reported on the news that they  
could remember when you could get a cup of coffee for a dollar. Well  
I  
remember when it was only a dime—boy does that date me. I like my  
coffee,  
but I have only had a couple of Starbucks in my life, and what I make  
at  
home is just as good.))

I remember when I could get a large glass of vanilla Coke for a  
nickel. I make my own now at home. Starbucks black coffee is given  
out for free where I used to bring my car in for oil changes.  
Personally, I didn't care all that much for the flavor. When it goes  
on sale at Targets for around \$3, I stock up on the cans of General  
Foods International coffee, orange cappuccino flavor. This is  
delicious good both hot and cold, and I can get maybe three or four  
cups out of the one small can.

Even though I only have to pay an automatic \$43 a month to PG&E, I've  
started turning off my electric blanket during the day instead of  
keeping it on constantly. My cats have had to find other places to  
sleep and keep warm, but they're spoiled enough in other ways.

Anyone else have tips on saving money or what you refuse to give up to  
save money? No, Barb, you haven't bored me at all.

Judity

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