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Mr. Bob Wiley  
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Re: Potential Water Needs

Dear Mr. Wiley,

Per our previous discussion with you and representatives of Genesee County, this will confirm that the Greenwood Energy Center is interested in future consumption of water up to 3 million gallons per day.

Sincerely,

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# I'm still not convinced the pipeline isn't a pipe dream

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Come Heller high water...

- Genesee County Drain Commissioner Jeff Wright **says** DTE Energy might want to buy 3 million gallons of water daily from the new pipeline he wants county taxpayers to pay for. If so, I suppose that's good news. But for now I'll believe it when I hear it straight from DTE. (You'll notice news reports contained nothing straight from them.) And "might" doesn't mean will. Until DTE weighs in with some certainties, this smells like public relations on Wright's part to make the pipeline seem inevitable, which it's not. So, obviously, I remain a doubter that a pipeline is needed.
- This is why people hate government. Six months ago, Grand Blanc voters approved a (in my opinion) needless millage that doubled the budget of the joint city-township **fire** department. And six months later next to nothing has been accomplished as far as improving fire protection for residents. Why? Because the city and township are squabbling. Millages should come with a money-back guarantee.

- Here's an assignment for an intrepid TV reporter. See which is harder: To get on an airplane at Bishop with a fake bag of heroin or to get into the Genesee County **Jail** with it. No, the sheriff shouldn't cancel the work release program because an inmate smuggled in heroin, which ended up killing another inmate. But if security doesn't improve, you're going to have addicts fighting to get into the jail rather than trying to stay out. Ridiculous. Was someone asleep at the switch?
- Nine people want to be Flint **mayor**. Despite the murders. Despite the drug trade. Despite the deficits. Despite the dwindling population. And I'll bet every one of them thinks, "Yeah, but I can turn it all around." And maybe they can, who knows? Either way, you gotta admire optimism.
- Seriously, my dorm room was nicer than Osama bin Laden's mansion. And who watches a 16-inch TV anymore? There's a lesson for you kids: Being a terrorist apparently doesn't pay well.
- Osama's son is being critical about the raid that killed his dad. He says they shouldn't have shot an unarmed man. Show of hands – anyone care?
- Not that I'm bragging, but let's do the math. For four straight weeks I whined in this space about the need for spring to finally arrive and, voila, here it is. Coincidence? I think not.
- The news says the oil and gas industry gets \$4 billion in tax **breaks** despite record profits every quarter. So tell me again why I shouldn't be annoyed at \$4 gas?
- Random Question # 203: So why is Head & Shoulders name Head & Shoulders when no one I know washes their shoulders with shampoo?
- Need Has a Face will return next week.
- "The lion and the calf shall lie down together but the calf won't get much sleep" – Woody Allen.

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