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Tap the Gulf

Regarding "We could soon be gulping from the Gulf" (Page A1, Monday), the story tells us that the high cost for a desalinization plant on the Gulf Coast is \$2,000 per acre-foot of water produced or enough to supply 2.5 families for one year. That comes to \$66.60 per month per family.

Now, I pay \$125 a month for water, which includes sewage and garbage collection. It sounds to me as though we should be building 50 such plants along the coast immediately and incorporating solar and wind farms on each property to help defray the cost of relying on natural gas to run them.

If the article's numbers are accurate, the headline should read, "Get off your complacent keisters and get busy!"

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