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... maybe they would charge me less if I had facial hair and Timberland boots on.
... I hatched a plan.
... which, buy the roll and a small can of tuna separately, and bring it back to me. I will
... tomato in the refrigerator."

The roll alone sold for about \$.75, and the small can of tuna sold for about \$1.50. I figured this way, I would spend \$2.25 for the sandwich instead of possibly \$6. I could save up to \$3.75!!!

Derek came back and said, "They knew what I was going to do, so they charged me the same price as if I purchased the entire sandwich (e.g. \$5)."

I asked him if he paid for it, and he said that he did. I told him that he was fired (just kidding). I didn't fire him, but I couldn't believe that he would pay the same price for a sandwich that wasn't put together as for one that was.

Further, I couldn't believe that those creeps in the Bodega knew what Derek was up to.

We just couldn't win!

It was - and is - a war between demand and supply at all levels!

Back to business?

Folks, the PPI (Producer Price Index) number came out the other day, and it was up 1.1% for March!!! Wall Street expected it to be up about .4%. Core PPI (PPI excluding food and fuel) was up .2%, about what was expected.

With respect to the CPI (Consumer Price Index), the number came out yesterday and it was up .3% for March! Core CPI (CPI excluding food and fuel) was up .2%.

There are, of course, other statistics that measure inflation, but the bottom line is that food and energy prices are going a lot higher!

This will continue to be the case as more people around the world demand more and more food and energy, and the supply stays relatively static.

Because of the mortgage meltdown and subsequent credit crisis, the Fed has cut interest rates significantly (the Fed Funds rate currently stands at 2.25%). They meet next on the 29th of this month.

Moreover, on the fiscal side, rebate checks have been going out to the public. This is all meant to drive consumer spending, which, in theory, should help stimulate the economy.

The bottom line is that the government is pouring cash into the system. That, coupled with the increase global demand, will continue to send prices
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