

# opinion

## Conserve now

Iranian oil production has come to a near halt, with exports completely at a standstill in the country disrupted by political upheaval. If in the next few months the exports are not restored, the oil shortage in the United States could hit between a 4 and 7 percent deficit.

President Carter says the oil situation in the United States is not at an immediate crisis level. But in the same breath, he urges consumers to conserve energy by obeying the 55-mile-per-hour highway restriction and set thermostats at no higher than 65 degrees.

Closer to home, Oregon and other west coast states have a good supply of oil, according to Sam Vanvactor, Oregon Department of Energy's head of planning. Much of our oil supplies come from Alaska, which gives us a geographical advantage over the east coast states.

But if Oregonians do not take measures now to conserve energy, our fuel supply could also be depleted in the near future, ultimately resulting in the sharing with Eastern states, through costly processes.

But, what if economists' speculations prove too optimistic as to how bad the "energy crunch" really is? Where, then, will we get our oil?

I do not want to discover what the end result will be if we consumers do not begin conserving energy now.

If voluntary consumption is not sufficient to get us through this energy turmoil, federal officials will have to set mandatory restrictions on oil consumption. This will result in gas rationing, possibly even more restrictive, depending on how critical the oil problem is.

According to Vanvactor, if Iranian exports resume in the next few months and in the meantime consumers conserve energy voluntarily, it is possible that no mandatory restrictions will have to be set down.

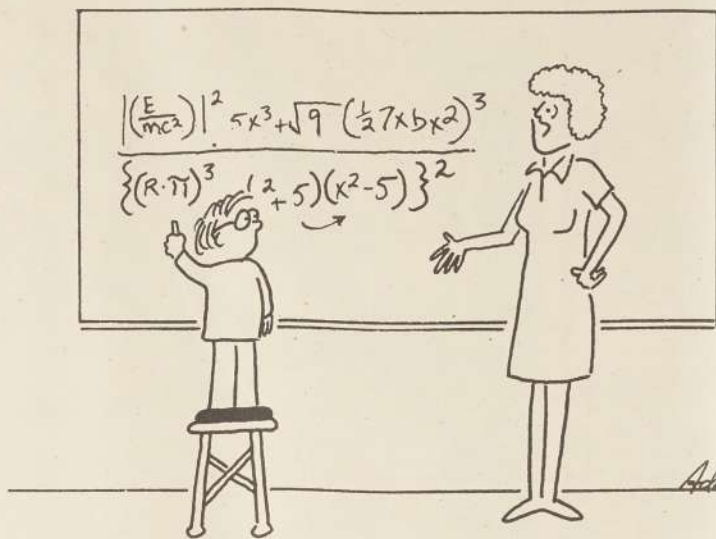
If Iranian production does not resume and we do not conserve now, the crunch could be devastating to our economy.

We should use our personal energy now to preserve our nation's energy later.

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BY JIM ADAMS



"BILLY, JUST LET US KNOW HOW MANY APPLES WERE LEFT IN THE BASKET!"

## Cupid sets records straight

By Kelly Laughlin  
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What am I going to do for Valentine's Day? You've got to be kidding. First tell me when Valentine's Day is. Today? All this shopping and running around for the holidays has still got me kind of burned out. I'm not sure I could handle another holiday just yet. Now I'll have to go out and buy presents for all my friends and relatives, and get eats and drinks for the party, and cards and... what? I don't have to do all that? What kind of a holiday is this? I mean, it's no wonder I can't never remember what day it falls on—but what are you supposed to do on Valentine's Day if you can't spend your money, and get stuck in traffic jams and long lines, and confront impersonal salespersons, and go home tired?

Well, at least I won't have to work, it being a holiday and all.

What? I have to work? I guess we'd better not call it a holiday anymore. I mean, when I can't spend the day relaxing and enjoying myself. Valentine's Day is different than any other special day? I'll say, I can't even sleep in.

But tell me about this day, have I missed anything important yet? You must be kidding. You mean all I have to do is give a card to my favorite sweetheart, and fill it with love and sentiment. That seems pretty easy, and kind of neat too...and I don't even have to

do that? I can just go up to a good friend and give her a hug? But what do I tell her? Will you be my Valentine? That's kind of silly, how can anyone "be" a Valentine? Ha...all she has to do is say yes. Hey, you're pretty funny little guy. How long have you been up in that tree? Oh, only

once a year. I thought you lived up there.

What else should I do on Valentine's Day? Remind my girl that I love her, or send her flowers or candy. Well, I'll stick to the flowers, she's watching her weight. Give blood? I'll have to think about that one. What else, Cupid? Make a match? Say, that might be kind of difficult, I mean where do I find sulphur, and wood that thin, and...oh, that kind of a match. Yeah, I know this guy and this girl that would make a really cute pair.

So, what are you gonna do? Oh, don't worry about me, I got a girl, but do you mind if I make a suggestion? Go get some clothes on. This is Oregon, not Palm Springs.

See ya next year, Cupid.

"Bye."  
Oh yeah, and watch where you point that arrow...ouch.

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