



TEXAS! *You know you are in Texas in August when:*

- HOT** The trees are whistling for the dogs.
- HOT** The birds have to use potholders to pull worms out of the ground.
- WARM** The best parking place is determined by shade instead of distance.
- WARM** Hot water now comes out of both taps.
- COOL** You learn that a seat-belt buckle makes a pretty good branding iron.
- COOL** The temperature drops below 95, and you feel a little chilly.
- COLD** You discover that it only takes two fingers to steer your car.
- COLD** You realize that asphalt has a liquid state.

- Bob Byers

You know you drink too much coffee when:

- Your life's goal is to amount to a hill of beans.
- Instant coffee takes too long.
- When someone says, "How are you?" you say, "Good to the last drop."
- You want to be cremated just so you can spend the rest of eternity in a coffee can.
- You go to sleep just so you can wake up and smell the coffee.
- You think CPR stands for "Coffee Provides Resuscitation."

- Chuck L. Welch



FINALLY, THE BLONDE JOKE TO END ALL BLONDE JOKES!

A blonde called her boyfriend and said, "Please come over here and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get it started."

Her boyfriend asked, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?"

The blonde said, "According to the picture on the box, it's a tiger."

Her boyfriend decided to go over and help with the puzzle. She let him in and showed him where she had the puzzle spread all over the table.

He studied the pieces for a moment, then looked at the box, then turned to her and said, "First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a tiger."

He took her hand and said, "Second, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of hot chocolate and then" he sighed, "Let's put all these frosted flakes back in the box."

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We read, with interest, a column in the May 7, 2006, edition of the HOUSTON CHRONICLE by Loren Steffy, a business writer. Following are some quotes from that column, which we reprint with permission from the HOUSTON CHRONICLE.

"Rex Tillerson, Exxon Mobil's new chief executive, has a surprising message for everyone who's upset about high gasoline prices: Stop using so much of it.

That's basically what Tillerson said Tuesday when a phalanx of reporters caught up with him on a Washington street near the Capitol.

'We just have to ask people to make sure they are using energy wisely,' he told CNN. 'Be efficient with it, don't waste it.'

Tillerson's point is that there aren't quick fixes to our energy problems - not \$100 checks from Congress, not windfall profit taxes. This is the sorry state of our nation's energy policy: Oil companies are asking consumers to buy less of their products.

Congress and the administration have had ample time to urge conservation, to create incentives for alternative fuels and above all, to develop a meaningful energy policy. They've chosen not to. In fact, they haven't even done what Tillerson did: tell the public to conserve.

All of this gets clouded by the fact that while we're feeling the pinch of higher gasoline prices, oil companies are making more

money than ever. Exxon Mobil less than two weeks ago reported a first-quarter profit of \$8.4 billion.

So it's natural to look for a villain, and few villains come easier than big oil companies. Tillerson, strolling down the sunny side of the street last week, hardly seemed the villain. He seemed more the voice of reason.

Tillerson's message: 'There's not anything that can be done that is going to change this situation overnight.'

The solution to higher gasoline prices is, of course, to either consume less, produce more, or a combination of the two - not the easy answers politicians now seek.

He may be an unlikely messenger, but he seems to be the only one we have."

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