

# Cheap gas not welcomed by distributors

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The recent rash of terrorist attacks abroad combined with a drastic drop in the price of oil within the United States has made in-country travel by car more and more appealing to the average American consumer. Though the price drop has been a welcome windfall to such consumers, it has not been given such a warm reception by producers and distributors.

Kycal Inc., a Sanford petroleum and propane distributor, has recently seen a rise in orders from area service stations scrambling to fulfill the increasing consumer demand. However, company manager Brian Kietham claims that he

and his employees are not benefiting, simply because of the sheer drop in prices.

"Of course, the stations are paying us less than they are charging the consumers, so no matter how many orders we receive, we're losing money," said Kietham.

Hiram Rogers, the manager of Mathis' Phillips 66 station located near South Square Mall has not lost money as such, but feels that in the long run, his and other gas outlets will also suffer.

"I definitely hope that this thing (the price drop) won't continue," said Rogers, "because if it does, we might start seeing the death of a few stations."

On a more grandiose level, the slash

of gas prices has translated into trouble for some of the largest American producers. Such companies as Standard Oil and Phillips Petroleum have recently announced plans which will help them adjust to the crunch.

Phillips is preparing to lay off nearly 10 percent of its work force in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, and wishes to at least temporarily cease its merit pay increase policy. In an announcement released several weeks ago, the company stated that the actions would save about \$200 million per year.

Standard Oil of Cleveland, Ohio, intends to cut its exploration investments by about one third. It also hopes to slash its 1986 capital spending budget

from the \$1.25 billion it originally proposed to \$980 million.

One economy analysis magazine fears that the decrease in exploration will eventually lead the United States back to a shortage surpassed only by the energy scare of the early seventies.

The April issue of Southeastern Financial Monthly cited well-capping and de-exploration as two chief causes of that shortage, noting that those two methods are once again being employed at an alarming rate.

"All we can hope for," said Standard Oil spokesman Larry Horst, "is that OPEC cuts production so that the demand for our (American) own oil increases."

# House Republicans confident of reviving Contra aid package

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Republicans, who in a surprise move voted to block President Reagan's proposed \$100 million in assistance for the Nicaraguan rebels, expressed confidence they can revive the package later.

Democrats, however, predict the GOP lawmakers will lose the tactical gamble they have taken, and say they will likely approve a different version of the aid containing restrictions the president opposes.

The Republican tactic prevented the House from voting on a proposal by Rep. Dave McCurdy, D-Okla., which would have granted Reagan his \$100 million package, but delayed spending \$75 million of it.

## Real-life suicide on TV

AMHERST, Mass. — A 17-year-old boy killed himself on live, closed-circuit television at Hampshire College by drinking a glass of Kool-Aid apparently laced with cyanide, students said Thursday.

"Everyone thought it was a joke. No one realized he had actually done it," said Philip Jackson, student producer of the broadcast on the college television station.

## State & National

### N.C. man on Khadafy hit list?

A North Carolina native is firm in his belief that he remains on Libyan leader Moammar Khadafy's hit list, but with the U.S. Navy positioned off the Libyan coast, he figures the list isn't Khadafy's top priority.

"Khadafy has a lot more on his mind right now than W.W. Pearce. Maybe that is to my advantage," William Wayne Pearce said in a recent long-distance telephone interview with the Greensboro News and Record published Wednesday.

However, Pearce declined to reveal his whereabouts.

Pearce's name arose nationally in 1981 during the trial of Eugene Tafoya in Fort Collins, Colo. Tafoya was convicted of assault in the shooting of Libyan dissident Faisal Zagallai, who was attending Colorado State University at the time.

In Tafoya's home later, authorities found a hit list that included Pearce's name.

# ARA payroll unaffected by outdated time cards

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ARA's having time cards for people no longer employed by ARA in the payroll files of Lenoir Hall and the Commons when representatives of other companies toured the facilities would not affect potential food service bidders, according to Connie H. Branch, ARA campus manager.

Time cards for people who didn't work for ARA were often in the files, Branch said, because of the six-week payroll cycle and the high employee turnover. "I've always got time cards out that nobody's punching," Branch said.

Charles Antle, associate vice chancellor of business,

said he was unaware of any problem with extra time cards and didn't know if the cards could have an effect on the food service bidding procedures.

Branch said payroll clerks worked on three sets of time cards at the same time so they could keep up with the work schedule. Each set of cards was for a two-week period, he said, so six weeks could pass before a former worker's time card was removed from the files.

Time cards for employees discharged in February, up to nine weeks ago, were still in the files because the payroll clerk did not work the weekend of February 19, Branch said.

Branch said ARA was required by state law to tell

all interested companies how many people its operation employed.

"If they're a viable bidder," he said, "I hope they wouldn't be running around counting time cards."

"We provide whatever information the state requires us to provide," Branch said, including the size of the management staff and the amount of money invested in equipment.

The number of employees was determined by counting the names on the payroll, he said. If an employee with a time card in the files had not worked and had not punched a card, that employee's name would not appear on the payroll, he said.

# Red Cross to offer variety of new safety classes

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The Chapel Hill-Carrboro chapter of the American Red Cross will soon begin a new set of safety classes in Adapted Aquatics Instruction, Water Safety Instruction, Lifeguard Training, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Standard First Aid.

Those interested should register at least two weeks in advance because classes fill up very quickly, according to Judy Jennings, executive director for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Red Cross.

The Adapted Aquatics Instructor

class is open only to those who are currently certified as Water Safety Instructors and are at least 17 years old. The class is very demanding because it is designed to teach physically and emotionally handicapped children to swim, Jennings said.

The AAI class costs \$13 and will be taught at the community center pool May 2, 3 and 4. As of Thursday, Jennings said, there were fourteen spaces left.

Classes for Water Safety Instructor will be held at Woollen Gym April 22

May 9. The program costs \$20, and participants must be 17 years old and have current advanced lifesaving certification. Jennings said there were eight more spaces.

Lifeguard Training will be offered April 28 - May 9, also at Woollen Gym, for \$20. Requirements include current advanced lifesaving, CPR, and first aid certifications. The minimum age for the class is 16, and Jennings said there were plenty of spaces available.

CPR classes and Standard First Aid classes will both be held at the local Red Cross chapter on Main Street in Carrboro. CPR classes will begin April 28 and Standard First Aid on May 3. Each course costs \$15.

Jennings said local demand for these

types of classes, which are held every year at the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Red Cross, is very high.

The largest demand used to be for CPR classes, but now it is for classes in first aid, Jennings said.

She attributed the jump to the fact that many jobs now require first aid training.

"They (the classes) are important because they can save other people's lives and our own lives," Jennings said.

They can also prevent accidents and are a good insurance policy, since there's no way to tell when you'll have to use those skills, she added.

The American Red Cross is the only agency in the United States that teaches first aid, Jennings said.

## Libya

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ominous development, the Soviet Union summoned foreign ambassadors and formally asserted its right to free passage through the seas and air around Soviet-aligned Libya, a move that might signal Kremlin intentions to move naval vessels or other military equipment into the tense Mediterranean.

The Reagan administration was clearly braced for further shocks.

"We are prepared for an increase in terrorism," White House spokesman Larry Speakes said in Washington.

But he said the U.S. leadership believes its bombing of Libyan cities Tuesday will "in the long run... reduce the risk to Americans" from terror attacks.

Speakes said he did not know of any ties between any of the victims and the CIA.

"The U.S. had no choice but to drive the point home to (Libyan leader Moammar) Khadafy that he would have to pay for terrorist activities," he said.



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