

Katrina blamed for gas prices

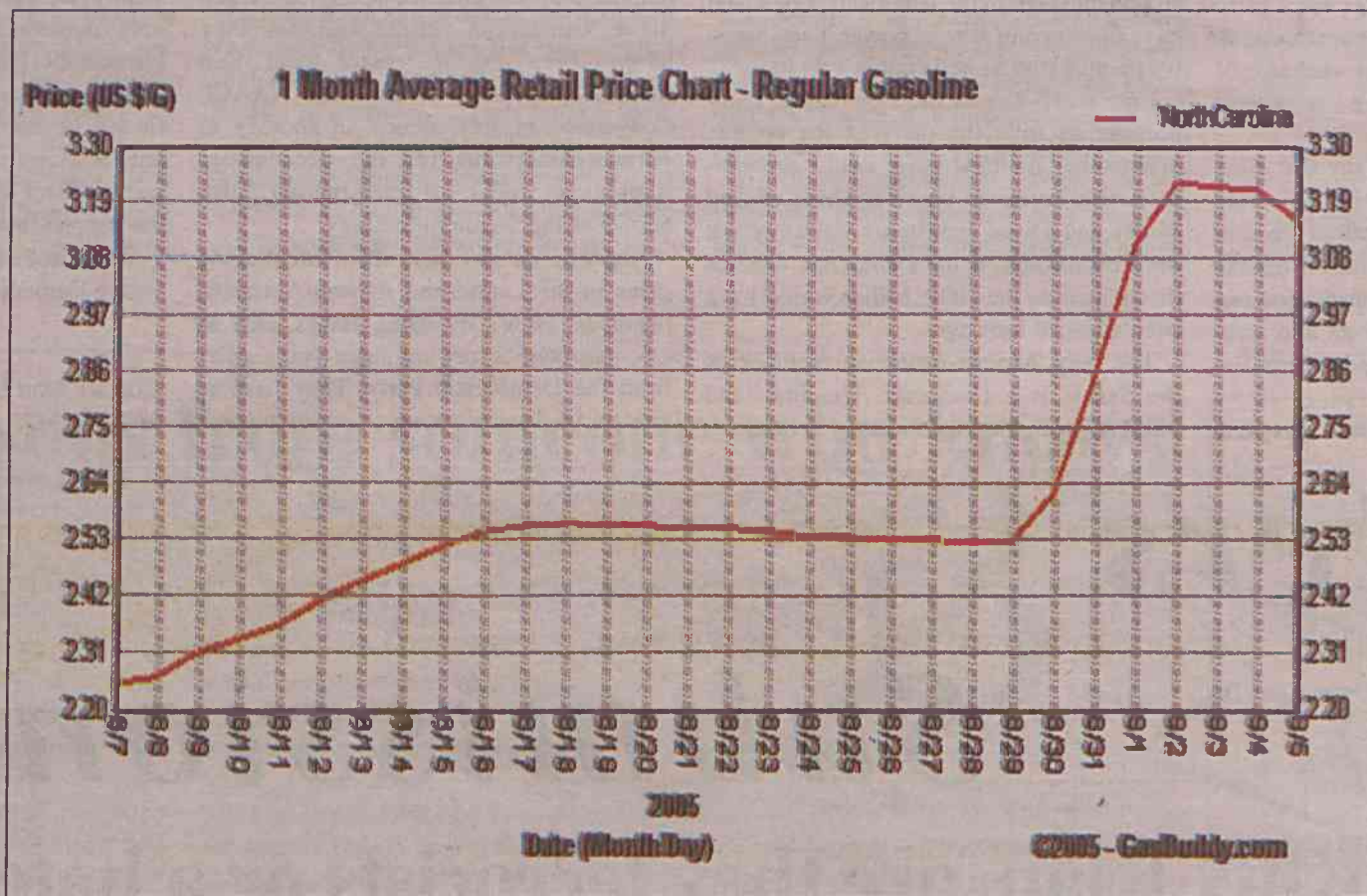
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Gas prices are skyrocketing and conservation is urged due to the effects of Hurricane Katrina. In the heart of the storm, Katrina knocked out power to the major pipelines that North Carolina and other states depend on. Ninety percent of North Carolina gas comes from these pipelines according to The Burlington Times News. These are the pipelines that provide the fuel for the entire Southeast, signifying the price surge and supply shortage. Gas is running low, but not running out.



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Gas prices hit an all-time high last Wednesday night, making gas as high as \$3.59 a gallon. With the onset of high prices, stations were bombarded with long lines of people trying to beat the price climb. “It seemed like the higher the prices got, the more people came,”



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said Patty Bradsher, manager of the Quality Plus gas station on Webb Avenue. “I think people got scared.” Several gas stations had to limit the amount of gas people were allowed to get. In Boone, N.C. visitors to the pump could only get \$20 worth of gas.

