

Rising gas prices still lower than fall

By TOM SMITH
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A Daily Tar Heel survey of local gas stations shows that gas prices have risen slightly over the past two months; however, self-service prices are still 5.2 cents less on the average than they were in September.

According to this month's survey of 24 local gas stations, the average price for regular self-service gas was \$1.11 per gallon. Unleaded gas averaged \$1.18 at self-service pumps and premium unleaded averaged \$1.30 a gallon. The corresponding figures for September were \$1.17, \$1.24, and \$1.34, down 6 cents, 6 cents and 4 cents respectively.

Sav-A-Ton and Fast Fare, both in Carboro, reported the lowest regular self-service gas price in April — \$1.07 per gallon.

C.H. McFarling, manager of McFarling's Exxon, said his gas prices have risen about 1 cent over the last month. Likewise, Jeff Mitchum, attendant at

Village Texaco, said that their prices had risen 2 cents in the last one and a half months. Neither expected any significant price changes in the near future, however. Internationally, energy experts at the World Petroleum Congress in London predicted that oil prices should remain fairly stable at least through 1990.

Almost half of every barrel of oil is refined into gasoline. The average number of miles per gallon of an American-made car has almost doubled in a decade to 24.6 mpg.

Daniel Lundberg of Lundberg Oil Survey said that demand for gasoline this year would be slightly less than in 1973. Decreasing gasoline prices are creating sales of larger cars, he said, but these automobiles are much more energy efficient than those built in 1973.

Standard Oil of California predicts that the amount of oil used in America will dip slightly by the end of the century. Wilhelm van Ilsemann, president of the World Petroleum Congress, said that the ordinary gas customer need not worry.

Film on progress plays today

By VANESSA ORR
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Laura Nader, a professor of anthropology at the University of California at Berkeley, will be in Chapel Hill today to present her film, *Little Injustices*, and follow it with a discussion, "The Mirage of Progress." The film will be shown at 12 p.m. in the lounge on the third floor of Alumni building. Those interested should also bring a bag lunch. Nader will speak

at 3 p.m. in Gerrard Hall.

Nader said that the lecture, "The Mirage of Progress — Seduction and Reality," is "an analysis of the way in which belief in progress has forced us to action (science), inaction (women's rights and status), and mis-action (in economic and legal development plans)." She will also speak on the consequences of progress such as the women's movement, energy research and practice, and economic and legal development.

STATION NAME	SELF-SERVE			FULL-SERVE		
	Reg.	Unld.	Prem.	Reg.	Unld.	Prem.
Airport Rd. Gulf 1201 Airport Rd.	109.9	115.9	132.9	140.9	144.9	149.9
Brinkley's Eastgate Gulf Eastgate Shopping Ctr.	109.9	118.9	127.9	138.9	140.9	149.9
Carboro Mini Mart 502 W. Main St.	109.9	117.9	139.9	---	---	---
Chapel Hill Swift Serve 1501 E. Franklin St.	112.9	118.9	124.9	---	---	---
Doc-N-Dash Food Mart Smith Level Rd.	112.9	115.9	---	---	---	---
East Franklin Car Care 1710 E. Franklin St.	112.9	119.9	134.9	141.9	145.9	152.9
Eastgate Amoco Eastgate Shopping Ctr.	111.9	118.9	133.9	129.9	137.9	147.9
Etna Self Service 1509 E. Franklin St.	108.9	114.9	120.9	---	---	---
Fast Fare 1401 W. Main St.	106.9	113.9	---	---	---	---
Fast Fare 321 W. Rosemary St.	108.9	113.9	---	---	---	---
Glenn Lennox Gulf Raleigh Rd. at 15-501	109.9	117.9	131.9	141.9	145.9	149.9
McFarling's Exxon 126 W. Franklin St.	112.9	121.9	132.9	142.9	146.9	150.9
Mini Mart 1200 Airport Rd.	108.9	114.9	120.9	---	---	---
Sav-A-Ton 421 E. Main St.	106.9	113.9	119.9	---	---	---
Short Stop Food Mart 300 W. Main St.	108.9	113.9	126.9	---	---	---
Talbert's Food Mart 1009 S. Columbia St.	117.9	127.9	136.9	---	---	---
Talbert's Food Mart Raleigh Rd.	110.9	121.9	131.9	---	---	---
Talbert's Food Mart No. 6 Old 86 at Homestead Rd.	114.9	124.9	137.9	---	---	---
Top of the Hill 100 E. Franklin St.	113.9	119.9	125.9	---	---	---
Village Texaco Estes Dr. at University Mall	115.9	123.9	133.9	134.9	140.9	146.9
Walker Gulf 1500 E. Franklin St.	109.9	115.9	121.9	141.9	145.9	151.9
West Franklin St. Gulf 214 W. Franklin St.	109.9	116.9	132.9	141.9	145.9	149.9
White's Self Service 402 E. Main St.	108.9	113.9	---	---	---	---
Wilco Number 1 1213 Airport Rd.	108.9	114.9	120.9	---	---	---
AVERAGE PRICES	111.0	118.0	129.5	139.5	143.9	150.0

Thorpe enjoys council work

By DAN TILLMAN
Staff Writer

Town Council member Bill Thorpe credits his re-election to the council to his desire to serve and his ability to put a campaign together.

Thorpe, 42, was elected to the Town Council in 1977, leading the ticket by 500 votes. Four years later when his seat came up for re-election, he was defeated.

"The candidate has got to want to win. Nobody can put that in you," he said. "Your campaign organization can't put the spirit in you. There's some long hard days to get to that council and dreary nights, too. There's a lot of harassment you take, a lot of criticism you take from the papers, sometimes unjustified. But, I love it."

Thorpe said he was defeated in 1981 because he voted in favor of a housing project in the Pine Mountain Road area. "A lot of people in there who had supported

me in the past didn't really want that project back there," Thorpe said. "But that was the best decision because of the information that I had. The people today will say that project was not as bad as they thought it would be. You see, I made the best decision, but I lost the election."

The councilman also attributed his loss to property re-evaluation in the city which caused taxes to increase for home owners. "It appeared that the taxes had been raised," he said. "With re-evaluation everything just moves up. Yes, it did cost you more but it wasn't exactly what they thought. I had a tough time trying to explain that it wasn't Bill Thorpe who was raising taxes. I was trying to keep Chapel Hill services at the same rate."

Thorpe said citizens voted for him because he keeps them informed. "I believe in meeting anytime, anywhere," he said. "You can't hide behind a

secretary, you can't hide behind an administrative assistant. You've got to be there for the people."

Thorpe said he values the support and concerns of the students at UNC. He and the other council members recognize that without the University, Chapel Hill would have never become a town. Thorpe said he is glad that the county commissioners passed a half-cent sales tax this week because it allowed students to carry part of the burden of operating the town rather than taxing the land owners further.

The council member said when Pi Kappa Phi fraternity needed to get an exemption on the noise ordinance for its annual Burnout which raises money for the N.C. Burn Center, the fraternity brothers contacted him to ask for help. "They called and asked me how to handle that," Thorpe said.

Revising the town zoning ordinance, passed in 1981 and now under attack by many citizens because they feel it allows too much development, is Thorpe's big concern. The Town Council is trying to work out some of the problems caused by the ordinance, Thorpe said. "Chapel Hill citizens did not want that (the ordinance). They don't want it now and they didn't want it then. The council is now backing up off of that." Thorpe said he opposed the ordinance when it was passed.

"It's going to work out now because the people are involved," Thorpe said. "The people now are finally beginning to see exactly what that ordinance was doing to them. They are beginning to appear at the council and say 'hey, you won't put another one over one me.' Next time Bill! Thorpe says 'you all better wake up,' they'll listen."

Thorpe is optimistic about Chapel Hill's future. "It's going to continue to grow; it's still going to be the best place in this country to live," Thorpe said. "I don't want to say that loudly because all the boys from New York, Boston and Pittsburgh will be running down here. It is a beautiful place to live and it will continue to be a beautiful place in the future because the council is going to see that it develops in a moderate, neat way."



Bill Thorpe

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