

Gasoline up: wet fields, low crude supply blamed

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An increasing price for crude oil has caused an increase in gasoline prices at Lincoln gasoline stations.

Bus Whitehead, president of Whitehead Oil Company at 2537 Randolph St., said that oil companies don't have a supply of crude oil.

Dealers let their tank supplies fall, hoping that gas prices wouldn't go down after they filed them, Whitehead said. Now gas stations

are using a secondary supply, because the first supply was used up, Whitehead said.

Whitehead said another reason that gasoline prices are up is that the "price of doing business goes up." The weather and farmers have affected the market, Whitehead said. Because of the weather, farmers have not been working in their fields and using crude oil.

Whitehead Oil Company is the wholesaler to all Phillips 66 stations in Lincoln, Whitehead said.

"Fuel is short," said Chuck Salem, president of Salem Oil at 1234 N. 14th St. There is a strong relationship between volume and price, Salem said. If gas is available, it is sold at a lower profit for the station, Salem said. But when volume is not plentiful, gas prices go up.

No one knows what is going to happen, Salem said. Stations are not aggressive now with prices. Gasoline prices are "closer than they use to be," Salem said.

Salem Oil Company is the wholesaler to most Amoco and unbranded stations in the Lincoln area, Salem said.

Dan Hergert, vice president of Hergert Oil Company at 240 P St., sells crude oil to Conoco stations in Lincoln.

Hergert said he received a telegram from Conoco that gasoline is increasing in price. Hergert said he does not know why. Conoco did not give any reasons. "They don't tell us much," Hergert said.

Letters to the Editor

To the editor:

Since June 20, 40,000 political prisoners have been held and tortured in Khomeini's Shah-made prisons. In eleven months, 15,000 people, even pregnant women have been executed or hanged.

Khomeini's regime new trend was maked on June 20 when his anti-popular guards turned a 500,000 strong peaceful demonstration into a blood-bath; and since then an average of 100 political prisoners have been put before the firing squads every day. Among these martyrs are teenage girls and boys arrested by Khomeini's guards protesting against repression, suppression and participation in demonstration. To silent the angry masses the criminal regime of Khomeini finds no alternative but further executions.

Since June 20, the officially acknowledged number of the executed has gone beyond 4,000, many of them Mojaheds

(members and supporter of the people's Mojahedin Organization of Iran), and this is while there are quite reliable reports concerning the secret mass murder of 150 people's Mojaheds a month ago, who at midnight were transferred from the Evin prison to an unknown location and later their bodies were delivered to the cemetery collectively.

Despite all this, the new murderous prosecutor of Khomeini, issued an order by which Khomeini's guards can try on the spot and execute suspected people on the streets.

In this light, I ask all freedom loving and progressive people to condemn Khomeini, this ruthless criminal and his corrupt regime by any means possible; and to support the Iranian people's just struggle for freedom, independence, and social justice.

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Shows created for access channel

Last fall free air time on Cablevision became a hot item in Lincoln. In 10 months Cablevision expanded community access programming from one hour to 12 hours a week. Bob Olson, director of community programming, said that since last September, 20 to 25 groups have created their own television shows for the access channel.

A variety of programs has been on the air. For example, Olson said, one person produced a half-hour program with local musicians. In late July or early August, "Shadows of a Forethought," a two-hour original movie will be aired. The plot is a love triangle with a dash of suspense and drama, he said.

Olson said two recent programs were on Lincoln primary voting issues. One was on the

jail bond issue and the other on opinions of the sexual orientation amendment.

Because he anticipates more growth of community programming, Olson said, Cablevision is looking for an additional studio. However, he said, he doesn't know whether Cablevision or the city will operate the new studio.

Olson said he encounters problems when two groups request the same air time. The problem usually is solved first-come, first served, he said.

Cablevision promoted community access with eight workshops, held from late fall to early spring. The workshops gave the public an opportunity to learn about television production, he said. According to Olson, about 40 people attended each workshop. He said the workshops will resume in September.

Steady rain causes a fungus among us

Diseases stimulated by steady rains and cool temperatures are threatening many hardwood trees in eastern Nebraska, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln forest pest specialist said.

Mark Harrell said the plant disease diagnostic laboratory on East Campus and extension service offices around the state have received reports of ash anthracnose — a fungi disease.

Deadline is June 10 for degree applicants

The deadline for those applying for degrees to be received July 9 is June 10. Applications can be filled out at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Records Office, 208 Administration, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on weekdays.

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