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Gasoline prices remain too high, declares recent **AAA** report

NEW YORK (AP) — Motorists are getting some relief at the gasoline pump, but filling up is still more expensive than it was before Iraq invaded Kuwait, according to a na-

tional report released Tuesday.

The average price for a gallon of self-serve regular unleaded gasoline was \$1.225, the American Automobile Association said in its regular uneable current.

weekly survey.

That was down 2.4 cents from the previous week's figure, and the lowest pump price since the AAA survey pegged the average price at \$1.201 on Aug. 7.

Still, a gallon of gasoline costs Americans 15 cents more than they were praying Aug. 1, the day before

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Oil and gasoline prices were driven skyward after the invasion on worries of supply disruptions, but crude oil prices suddenly sank after U.S.-led forces launched a shooting war Jan. 17 aimed at forcing Iraq out

Gasoline prices lagged crude oil prices on the way up and the way down. Gas prices were propped up by a 5.1-cent per gallon federal tax increase imposed Dec. I to help cut the federal budget deficit.

A critic of the oll industry agreed

that the federal tax threw prices somewhat out of proportion, but he contended oil companies are still charging too much.

'Given the fall in crude oil prices we have seen, we still have not seen savings at the pump," said Edwin S. Rothschild, energy policy director of the Washington-based consumers

"I think consumers ought to be rightfully outraged as we get contin-uing reports of higher fourth-quar-ter earnings by the companies and the companies are still failing to follow through with lower prices at the

pumps," Rothschild said. Most major oil companies have re-ported dramatically higher fourth-quarter profits, but they have char-acterized them as a one-time increase based on high crude prices that have since fallen sharply.

Crude oil prices plunged a record \$10.56 per barrel in one day after the war began.

Police Beat

The following events were reported to the University Police De-PUBLIC INTOXICATION:

The Battalion

• Police reported a man was seen hugging a lamp post. The suspect then slid down the pole and could not stand up again. He was arrested and taken to the Brazos County Jail after the officer smelled alcohol and determined the man could not walk by himself.

• A student was arrested in a parking lot after an officer observed he was intoxicated. The served he was intoxicated. The suspect was being investigated for a possible car accident.

Officers reported seeing three men on the roof of a build the men of the roof of a build the roof of a bui

ing. They were determined to be intoxicated and were arrested and taken to the Brazos County Jail.

• Two security officers reported that a man walking unsteadily was slurring his speech and smelled of alcohol.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA:

• A student was arrested after police were sent to investigate a strong smell of marijuana coming ATTEMPTED SUICIDE:

• St. Joseph Hospital personnel reported treating a woman who ingested 24 tablets of penicillin. The student was upset about a break up with her boyfriend.

HARASSMENT:

• Three women reported receiving annoying telephone calls.

MISDEMEANOR THEFT:

• A man reported his 1990 Ford Tempo was missing from the parking lot where he left it.

• An investigator with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office was notified because the inscription in an Aggie ring did not match the name on the pawn ticket. The ring was reported stolen from a men's room.

• A woman reported \$100 was removed from her locked desk.

• A table and trash can were reported stolen from the Medical Sciences Building.

Three students reported sto-

len bicycles.

• Four students reported purses stolen. One purse and its contents were found in a stairwell.

• A woman reported \$40 stolen from her wallet which was locked in a custodial closet in the Medical

 A wallet was removed from a backpack left unattended in Blocker Building.

• A 300-pound lathe and metal cabinet were reported missing from the Eller Building loading

 Cash was reported stolen from a filing cabinet in the audio lab in the Academic Building.
 A student reported a maroon "TAMU Holiday Bowl" overnight kit and its contents were stolen from a waiting room in Read

• Police arrested two men who confessed to the theft of an instructional sign in McInnis Hall.

• A student reported that someone removed a calculator and other items left unattended in a study carrel at Evans Library. • The rear license plate of a

student's car was stolen.

• A man reported his coat was removed from his office. He later found it on the ground outside the

A large amount of cash was taken from the Weight Club's safe in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

A key ring and keys were taken from the top of a pay phone in Zachry Building.
A backpack was removed from a table in Duncan Dining Hall

DRIVING WHILE INTOXI-CATED:

• A police officer reported a vehicle traveling slowly and failing

to stay in one lane. After stopping the vehicle, the officer determined the driver appeared intoxicated. The driver was transported to the Brazos County Jail.

• A police officer pulled over the driver of a pickup truck for driving in the wrong lane of traffic. The suspect was arrested after the officer noticed he smelled of

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY OF HABITATION:

• A student reported someone entered her room in Neeley Hall and pried open the drawers of her filing cabinet. Nothing was taken. BURGLARY OF HABITA-TION:

• A student reported a silver dollar, a gold bracelet and a gnome removed from her room in Neeley Hall.

• Seven students reported their rooms in McFadden Hall were

broken into during the Christmas break. A compact disc was stolen from one room. Cash, ranging from \$1.50 to \$25, was stolen from

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the other rooms. • A student in Neeley Hall reorted that someone took six \$1

bills from a Teenage Mutant Ninja
Turtle bank which was in her
locked dorm room.

• A student reported six quaters were taken from her dorm
room in Neeley Hall.

• Cash and a commemorative Alaskan silver dollar were stolen from a student's locked dorm

room in McFadden Hall. • Two gold necklaces were taken from a room in Haas Hall. An empty metal cash box was

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pried open. • Several textbooks were removed from a room in Dunn Hall.

BURGLARY OF A BUILD.

• A hard disc, controller and cable were taken from a room in the Systems Administration Build-

• A laptop computer with carrying case and external power source and assorted software were taken from a room in the Agricultural Engineering Building.
BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE

• A student reported his parking permit was stolen.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:

• A fire extinguisher was taken from the Northside Parking Garage and its contents were sprayed across Asbury Street. It was found in the mud near Hobby Hall.

• Someone scratched the right

door of a blue Chevy Camaro.

 A student reported a booting device, placed on vehicles for excessive tickets, was on a Ford pickup. The device was found in a parking lot the next day and the truck was gone.

CRIMINAL TRESPASS:

• Two men were arrested on campus after officers found the suspects had previously been is sued criminal trespass warnings.

MINOR IN POSSESSION OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE:

• A minor was seen with an alcoholic beverage. The student was given a citation and released.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED:

• An officer reported a man pulled over for speeding was driv-ing with a suspended license.

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NASA delays Discovery launch to replace defective thruster jets

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) NASA's next shuttle launch is being delayed nearly a week so workers can replace three thrusters used to

steer the ship in orbit, the space agency said Tuesday.

The military mission had been targeted for late February but now is

scheduled for early March. Two of Discovery's 44 thrusters are leaking and another has a bad weld, NASA spokeswoman Lisa Ma-lone said. Three new ones will be installed Thursday, followed by seve-

ral days of hook-ups and tests. The steering jets are vital for the upcoming mission, which is dedicated to Defense Department work.

During the eight-day flight, Discovery's astronauts will use the steering thrusters to maneuver the shuttle into unusual positions. Then the ship's re-entry engines will be fired

Military experts hope that will

give them information that will enable them to better identify the plumes of missiles aimed against the United States or its allies in future

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration will set an official launch date in mid-February.

Also Tuesday, scientists and astronauts showed off a scientific observatory that is scheduled to be carried into orbit by the shuttle Atlantis in early April, the second mission of 1991.

The Gamma Ray Observatory, designed to measure high-energy gamma radiation from quasars, pulsars, black holes and other massive stellar objects, is the second of NA-SA's four so-called Great Observatories. The first is the Hubble Space so a satellite temporarily placed in orbit can observe the rocket exhaust

Telescope, which was carried aloft by the shuttle Discovery in April and

ror that has limited its usefulness.

John Hrastar, the Gamma Ray Observatory's project manager, said he is confident the spacecraft was designed and manufactured prop-erly. Each of its four scientific instru-ments was tested separately and again together, he said. Unlike Hub-

ble, it has no mirrors. Additional tests were conducted as a result of problems the Hubble crew encountered while deploying

the space telescope, Hrastar said.
"We asked the general question of where we're similar or dissimilar to Hubble," Hrastar said. "Our instru-ments by their very nature are tested

separately. They were calibrated separately."

"Wherever we had to ask that question ... we've tried to ask it and beef up the places where it might have helped us. So we've tried to have helped us. So we've tried to learn," he said.

Act Now

tion Unit of the University Police Department wants students to know they can find out about crime on campus by calling a special number.

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