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Summer-Grade Gas Fuels High Prices

During March 2007, unleaded regular gasoline surpassed \$3.00 a gallon in Southern California, this price increase comes about a month earlier than last year. High prices can be attributed to several factors, such as refineries experiencing maintenance work, the conversion from winter-grade to summer-grade gas, and the rate of crude-oil processing decreasing since last year.

Gas prices typically fluctuate with each passing season. Producers of summer-grade gas are unable to produce as much gas as they are capable of producing during winter months, leading to lower overall levels of gasoline production.

As a nonrenewable resource, oil is becoming more difficult to find. According to the California Energy Commission, California's motorists burn more gas, almost 16 billion gallons a year, than the 14.4 billion gallons per year the state produces. The supply and demand balance of oil in California is fragile and sudden jumps in prices could easily occur as the result of any one disturbance in the supply chain.

What's more, these higher prices are expected to directly impact the travel methods used by Californians throughout the always-busy summer travel season.

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