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LOS ANGELES — The average price of a gallon of self-serve regular gasoline in Los Angeles County rose today for the sixth consecutive day, increasing four-tenths of a cent to \$3.629.

The average price is 2.2 cents more than one week ago but 7 cents less than one month ago and 40.4 cents lower than one year ago, according to figures from the AAA and Oil Price Information Service.

The rising pump prices are the result of the increased wholesale price stemming from investors' fear of a diminished supply of gasoline because of maintenance work at refineries, according to Marie Montgomery of the Automobile Club of Southern California.

The Orange County average price was unchanged today, remaining at \$3.621 after rising five of the past six days. It is 2.3 cents more than one week ago but 6.1 cents less than one month ago and 39.4 cents lower than one year ago.

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