Dealer cashes in on urge to ramble

■ Consignment business uses its Internet strategy to drive motor home sales

By SANDRA BRETTING

WHEN several hundred RV owners were traced by a trade group, more than 90 percent said they plan to hit the open road this summer, even with gasoline near $3 a gallon.

It’s a different highway altogether that drives the growth of one Houston RV company.

PPL Motor Homes, at the intersection of Highway 8 and the Southwest Freeway, has become one of the country’s largest consignment dealers of used RVs, primarily because of its Internet strategy.

With site, according to Ron Ramboh, who owns PPL Motor Homes with Ed Sadihian. “On an average day we’ll have about 125 employees’ union at the Houston office,” said his press secretary, L.M. Sixel.

Tensions send crude prices to all-time high

North Korean corries help push list of oil past 75 a barrel

By RUDOLF SIEGLE

Cruise oil prices broke a record Wednesday after North Korean corries help push the worries keeping fuel prices high.

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