Gasoline prices increase for first time in 5 weeks (long version)

The U.S. average retail price for regular gasoline rose for the first time in 5 weeks to $3.31 a gallon on Monday. That’s up 1.7 cents from a week ago, based on the weekly price survey by the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Pump prices were highest in the West Coast states at 3.52 a gallon, up 2½ cents from a week ago. Prices were lowest in the Gulf Coast region at 3.09 a gallon, up 3-tenths of a penny.

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