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Oil Costs More Again

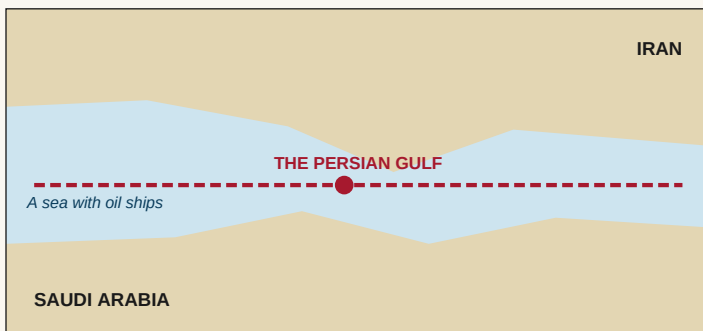
Oil is a fuel. It cost more this week.

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Oil is a fuel that ships carry around the world. A barrel is a big drum of oil. On Friday, one barrel cost about \$114.50. Later it cost \$117.20.

Oil costs more because of fighting near Saudi Arabia. A group from Yemen, called the Houthis, said they hit places there, including airports. A big oil company moved its workers out of one office.

Saudi Arabia sells a lot of oil. When it is harder to get, oil costs more. Oil has cost more for three weeks in a row.



Oil ships sail on this sea.

WHY IT MATTERS

Oil becomes fuel for cars and trucks. When oil costs more, fuel can cost more too.

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WORLD • SEYCHELLES

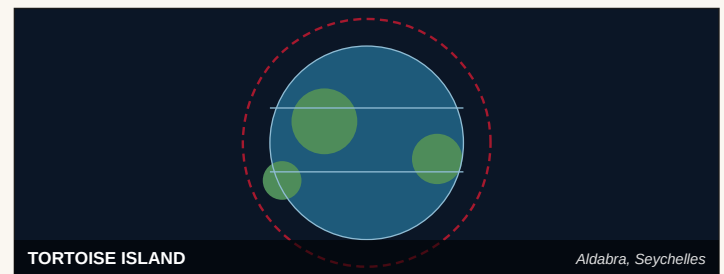
Giant Tortoises Come Back

An island has more tortoises than people.

Seychelles is a country of islands in the Indian Ocean. A ring of small islands there is called Aldabra. Giant tortoises live on Aldabra.

Scientists think about 183,000 tortoises live there. That is more than the people in Seychelles. About 123,000 people live in the whole country.

Long ago, people took too many tortoises. Fewer than 1,000 were left. Then Aldabra became a nature park in 1981. In 2012, people removed goats from the island. Today the tortoises are safe.



A ring of islands in the sea.

WHY IT MATTERS

When people protect a place, animals can come back.

UNITED STATES • VOTING

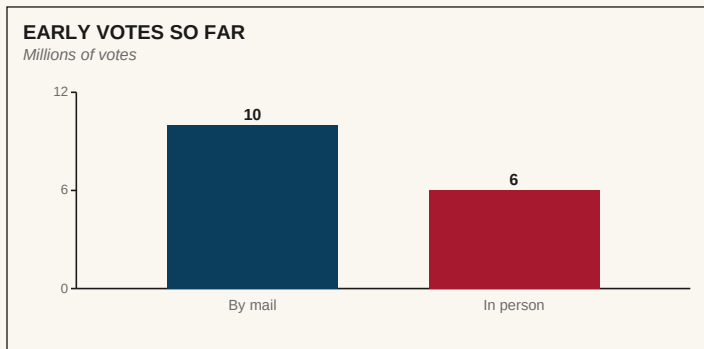
Many Grown-Ups Are Voting Early

Election Day is November 3.

Grown-ups in the United States will vote on November 3. They will choose people for Congress. Congress makes the laws.

Many people do not wait. They vote early. About 10 million sent their votes by mail. About 6 million voted in person.

Votes came in from 41 states and Washington, D.C. That is more than 16 million votes so far. Kansas and Texas had big jumps. A vote is a way to choose who will speak for you.



More than 16 million in all.

WHY IT MATTERS

Voting lets people have a say in the rules everyone follows.

ONE-LINE BRIEFS

- India: The air in Delhi is dirty, so the city has new rules, like no burning garbage.
- South Africa: Scientists found bones from an early human that are about 2 million years old.

SCIENCE & TECH • SPACE

A Robot Drives Far on Mars

A rover has set a driving record.

A rover is a robot car. It explores another world. NASA's rover Perseverance is on Mars. Mars is a planet far from Earth.

On October 11, the rover passed a record. It has driven 28.10 miles. An older rover, Opportunity, drove 28.06 miles.

Perseverance took about five and a half years. Opportunity took nearly 15 years. Perseverance mostly steers itself. It has also collected 29 rock samples. Next it will visit a huge block of old rock.

WHY IT MATTERS

A robot that can pick a safe path can explore more of a faraway world.

VOCABULARY BUILDER

New words this time

Rover

A robot car that explores another world. Today: Perseverance is a rover on Mars.

Tortoise

An animal with a hard shell that walks slowly on land. Today: Giant tortoises live on Aldabra.

Ballot

The paper a person uses to vote. Today: Millions of ballots have come in early.

Keep exploring. See you next week.