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[Smaller To Become Better](#)

Higher temperature fallout from global warming will require greater energy expenditures and that will generate demand for smaller, easier-to-heat-and-cool homes.

"There is no way electric bills are going to go down. They are going to do nothing but go up and it will be more severe if you live in the suburbs or 'exurbs' (the ring of rural communities beyond the suburbs). It will also cost you more to cool your house than it does to heat it and that is related to global warming as summers continue to get hotter. The amount you save in the winter is not going to be enough to cover the extra amount you need for the summer," said McIlwain.

[Update by Prof. Goose on 08/28/06 at 11:27 AM EDT] Apparently, our friend [Paul Salopek has been arrested as a spy in the Sudan](#) (perhaps for a previous piece on oil):

Paul Salopek, a two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning foreign correspondent for the Chicago Tribune, was charged with espionage and two other criminal counts in a Sudanese court Saturday, three weeks after he was detained by pro-government forces in the war-torn province of Darfur.

[U.S. rails seek ways to haul more Wyoming coal](#)

GILLETTE, Wyoming (Reuters) - The long trains that seem to be everywhere in this sparsely populated stretch of land haul nearly 1 million tons of Powder River Basin coal to power plants daily, but that's simply not enough.

Utilities are clamoring for more of this fuel, which has become a popular alternative to costly natural gas. The mines in this region, dubbed the "Saudi Arabia of coal," say they are able to increase production.

[Disaster-prone China takes heed of global warming](#)

BEIJING (Reuters) - Storms, floods, heat and drought that have killed more than 2,000 people in China this year are a prelude to weather patterns likely to become more extreme due to global warming, the head of the Beijing Climate Center said.

China was braced for further hardship as rising temperatures worldwide trigger increasingly extreme weather, Dong Wenjie, director-general of the climate center, said.

[Industry thwarting efforts to keep fuel pumps honest](#)

The Hawaiian gallon contains nearly 234 cubic inches of fuel -- about three cubic inches more than is dispensed in the rest of the United States.

The extra volume, required by state law, helps offset the hotter temperature in this tropical climate, which causes the gasoline to expand. If the gallon wasn't temperature-adjusted, Hawaiians would receive less energy per gallon than called for under the government standard.

[For struggling West Texans, giant turbines bring winds of change](#)

[Japan, China clash over gas site](#)

[Foreign oil producers put Arroyo on notice](#)

PRESIDENT Arroyo's decision to revoke a contract awarded to a foreign company for oil production in the Philippines has sent a shudder through the heart of the foreign investment community.

The President's Executive Order 556 effectively terminated Malaysian-based Mitra Energy Ltd.'s rights to take part in the development of oil deposits in the Camago-Malampaya field off western Palawan Island.

[Oil expulsions 'will burn Chad'](#)



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