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[American vehicles are piling on the pounds](#)

“This is a huge issue,” Kevin Reale, an automotive analyst at Boston-based AMR Research. “One of the biggest things driving this weight increase is everyone wanting bigger engines and more horsepower. And then on top of that we are seeing people want all of the new components like DVD players and other entertainment devices in their vehicles. All these things are starting to add up.”

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Ancient plant life recovered in recent Arctic Ocean sampling cores shows that at the time of the last major global warming, humidity, precipitation levels and salinity of the ocean water altered drastically, along with the elevated temperatures and levels of greenhouse gases.

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Bread makers say poor crop harvests and rising energy costs are forcing a hike in the price of bread on the shelves.

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Bolivia's decision to suspend an ambitious plan to nationalize its oil and gas industry has reinforced doubts about the ability of its state-run energy company to manage the country's extensive gas reserves.

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BAGHDAD - Under a scorching sun, Baghdad taxi driver Sameer Abdul Razzaq wraps a wet towel around his head and waits for gasoline in a line stretching a mile.

"I've been here since 6 a.m.," he said Sunday. "If I'm lucky, I'll get to the end of the line by sunset. I actually think I might end up spending the night here."

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