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### **Saving Energy is All in the Family**

Americans are the world's leaders in spending energy ("Eco-Tizzy," by Dan Neil, 800 words, March 11). So how can we change that and still remain somewhat sane? One way is to make reducing energy consumption a "family affair."

On Saturday or Sunday morning, round up the kids and gather in front of a computer and calculate your carbon budget. There are a number of different calculators that can be accessed from any search engine.

You'll find that your children will embrace this process and it will become a fun game. There are a number of things that can be done that don't cost a dime.

At the end of the day, if we can find a cure for polio and smallpox and soon put a person on Mars, rethinking our energy consumption is not that difficult a task.

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