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Mentions

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Climate Change

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<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2026/01/counting-birds-for-community-science-bird-project/>

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Data Centers

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Waste

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<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/011626/page/1/story/toilet-paper-wiped-68000-from-fair-budget>

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