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What's being done to make data centers more energy efficient today, given increased demand from the growth in AI?
- Paul B., NHP

The modern world hums with data, over 2.5 quintillion bytes generated every day, driving a growing network of data centers that consume one to two percent of global electricity. These centers operate around the clock, using tens of thousands of gigawatt-hours of power monthly. As AI expands, the energy demands of the digital economy will push tech companies to seek cleaner and more efficient solutions.

One advance comes from the University of Waterloo, where researchers developed ultra-efficient “code kernels” to speed internet traffic while cutting power. Data centers rely on the Linux operating system to route information. Computer scientist Martin Karsten and Fastly engineer Joe Damato created roughly 30 lines of code that could cut energy use by as much as 30 percent. Karsten estimates that widespread adoption could save considerable electricity worldwide.

Companies are also rethinking how data centers are powered. Wind and solar offer clean energy, but their intermittence complicates matters. Google and Microsoft are investing in nuclear energy as a

steady, carbon-free power source. Despite high upfront costs and public concern, nuclear's reliability and low emissions make it an increasingly attractive option. Hardware efficiency is also improving. Nvidia's new “superchips” can train AI models more quickly using less electricity per task. But with over 400 billion transistors packed onto a single chip, these processors generate enormous heat—creating another environmental burden: Heat is a major byproduct of data centers, and removing it takes huge amounts of water. In 2022 alone, Google and Microsoft consumed a total of 32 billion liters.

AI amplifies all of pressures. A single chatbot query can require up to 10 times the power of a standard web search, and some estimates suggest models like GPT-3 can consume a liter of water for every 40–100 responses. Large AI models are especially energy-intensive. Shifting to smaller, more efficient models, companies can reduce both costs and environmental impacts.

So, what can people do? For one, use less data. Efficiency alone often boosts consumption rather than reducing it. Cutting screen time, limiting unnecessary AI queries, and prioritizing real-world interactions can all help slow demand. Instead of endless scrolling, the most powerful response may be stepping outside—before the energy sustaining our virtual habits overwhelms the landscapes we seek to protect.

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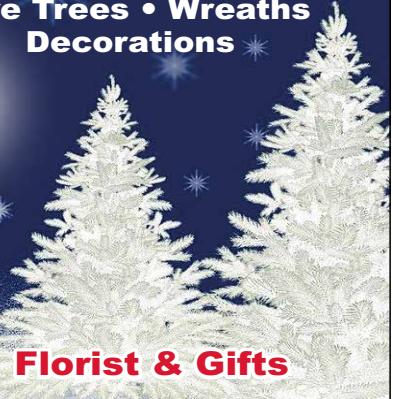
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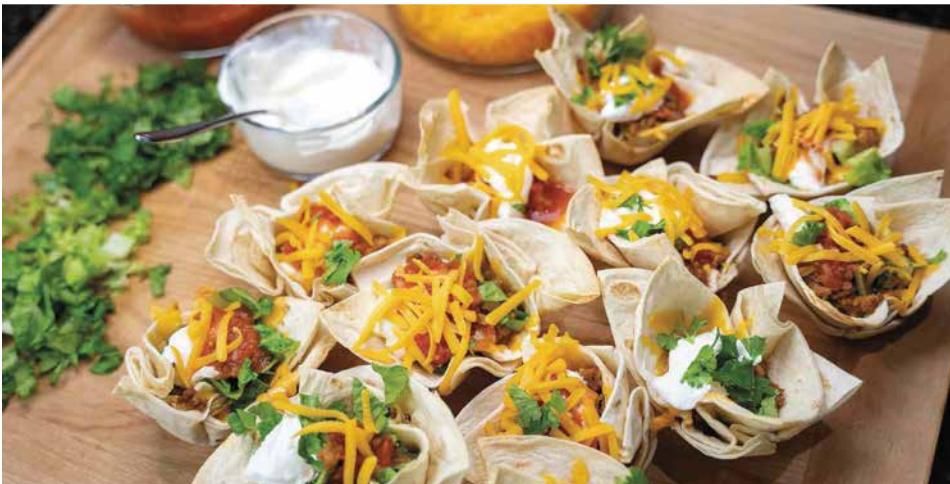
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RECIPES OF THE WEEK

Taco Cups



1 1/2 lb ground beef

1-2 tbsp taco seasoning

1 pkg (8 count) flour tortillas

shredded cheese

lettuce

cilantro

sour cream

salsa

guacamole (optional)

black olives (optional)

Heat oven to 350 F.

Brown ground beef with taco seasoning.

Cut tortillas in half then in half again, making four pieces. Place two pieces in each hole of muffin tin. Place browned ground beef in each hole then top with shredded cheese. Bake 15 minutes, or until tortillas reach desired crispiness.

Using knife, shred lettuce and cilantro. Top each cup with sour cream, salsa, lettuce and cilantro, as desired. Add guacamole and olives, if desired.

Recipe courtesy of “Cookin’ Savvy”

Sweet Potato Goat Cheese Bites



2 medium sweet potatoes

2 tbsp coconut or olive oil spray

1 tsp seasoned salt

5 oz goat cheese

2 tbsp honey, divided

1/4 cup chopped candied/toasted pecans

1/3 cup dried cranberries

1 tbsp fresh basil, sliced thinly, for garnish

Preheat oven to 450 F. Slice sweet potatoes 1/4-inch thick.

Line large baking sheet with parchment paper. Layer sweet potatoes on top

of parchment paper. Spray sweet potatoes with coconut spray and sprinkle with seasoned salt. Flip sweet potato slices and repeat.

Bake 10 minutes. Flip slices and bake 10 minutes. Transfer sweet potatoes to serving plate.

Mix goat cheese and 1 tablespoon honey until whipped and creamy. Spread goat cheese over sweet potato slices.

Sprinkle with pecans and cranberries. Drizzle remaining honey over sweet potatoes.

Recipe courtesy of Katie Crenshaw on behalf of the North Carolina Sweet potato Commission



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Guess This Familiar Place in Nassau County



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December 24th Answer:
Nativity at St. Hedwigs, Floral Park

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12/30 or 1/2/26 These sessions are in addition to the regularly scheduled public sessions. Rates \$5 to \$15. Skate rental \$5. For info: 516-571-8123. 500 Searingtown Rd., Roslyn/North Hills.

WHAT IS TAXONOMY?

AT APEC

12/30, 10-11:30am. Ages 8-12 drop off. Come learn how scientist's group different living things and how it can change. Students will meet real animals, learn and go on a nature walk. \$30 per child. Register early online: www.alleypond.org Alley Pond Environmental Center, 229-10 Northern Blvd., Douglaston

COCOA & CRAFTS

WORKSHOP -GARVIES

12/30 & 12/31, Ongoing from 11-4pm. **Garvies Point Museum & Preserve.** Fun, nature inspired crafts with a winter theme. Included with museum admission. 50 Barry Dr., Glen Cove. 516-571-8010. www.Garviespointmuseum.com

SCIENCE OF SPYING AT JONES BEACH

12/30, 2-3pm. Kids age 7-12. Join educator each week to explore different topics in science, technology, art & mathematics through experiments. \$4. Jones Beach Energy and Nature Center, 150 Bay Pkwy, Wantagh. RSVP required: www.jonesbeachenc.org

VANDERBILTS LASER STRANGER THINGS

12/30, 4pm. Experience 80's tunes and soundscapes from the safety of the dome. Adults \$16, seniors & students \$15, kids \$14 age 8 & up recommended. 180 Little Neck Rd., Centerport, 631-854-5579. Purchase tickets online: www.vanderbiltmuseum.org

FIRST DAY HIKE- HEMPSTATE LAKE

1/1/26, 11am-2pm. Start the new year with a brisk winter walk with our educators around the lake in this lovely state park. Meet at the Education Center at Field 1. No registration needed. 880 Lake Dr., West Hempstead. 516-766-1027

NEW YEARS DAY HIKE AT JONES BEACH

1/1/26 10am-2pm. Drop in anytime between 10 and 2. Talk to an educator and go looking for seals in the bay. 1.5 mile hike round trip along the shore. Bring your binoculars. Free. Meet at Field 10. Jones Beach Energy and Nature Center, 150 Bay Pkwy, Wantagh. No reservations needed. www.jonesbeachenc.org

MULCHFEST- TREE CYCLING EVENT

Now thru 1/13, 8am-2pm. Bring your real Christmas tree with decorations removed to North Hempstead Beach Park, 175 West Shore Rd. Port Washington or Michael J. Tully Park, 1801 Evergreen Ave., New Hyde Park to be upcycled and mulched. This mulch will be used to help the soil in our town parks. For info call 311 or 516-869-6311.



KIDS NEW YEARS EVE

BALL DROP- LICM

12/31, Noon, 2pm or 4pm. Long Island Children's Museum. celebrates the new permanent exhibit, Saltwater Stories, with an event full of fun sea-themed activities, 3 ball drops, live DJ entertainment, and confetti-filled dance parties. Craft table 11am-3:45pm. \$20. Reserve you time online. www.lcm.org 11 Davis Ave., Garden City

KIDS STORYTIME CORNER- JONES BEACH

12/31, 11am-12pm. Ages 0-8. Drop in for our hour of storytelling. Our educators will make picture books come alive. Free. Jones Beach Energy and Nature Center, 150 Bay Pkwy, Wantagh. Walk in. www.jonesbeachenc.org

LUMINOCITY FESTIVAL AT EISENHOWER PARK

Ongoing for the season. Prices vary. Free parking. Walk through 14 acres of state-of-the-art illuminated displays that bring art, light and color to life through remarkable 3D sculptures. This years' theme is Fantasy Winter Fairytale. 1899 Park Blvd., East Meadow. Field 4. Reserve tickets on-line. www.LuminocityFestival.com

MAKE A GINGERBREAD HOUSE AT CRADLE

Now thru 1/4/26. 12-4pm. Assemble your own foam gingerbread house and take home. \$5 add on when purchasing admission tickets. www.cradleofaviation.org 516-572-4066. Charles Lindbergh Blvd., Garden City.

NEW YEAR HIKE AT JONES BEACH

1/1/26, 10am-2pm. All ages, All levels of experience welcomed. Drop in between 10 and 2 to talk with educator and go searching for seals and wildlife. Hike is 1.5 miles round trip. Free. Field 10, Jones Beach Energy and Nature Center, 150 Bay Pkwy, Wantagh. RSVP required: www.jonesbeachenc.org



LITTLE LEARNERS- WINTER WONDERS

1/2/26, 10-11am. Ages 2-5 At Planting Fields. Create special memories with your little one during a cozy nature adventure and hands on creative activities. 1395 Planting Fields Rd., Oyster Bay. \$15 per child. Includes 1 parent. For more details & reserve: www.plantingfields.org

LIVING LEGACIES TOUR

1/2/26 10-11am. At Planting Fields. Explore the current exhibitions beginning with a 20 minute presentation that highlights the stories. Then a curator led tour with Marie Penny. A rare opportunity to get behind the scenes and discover what brings art, landscape and history to life. 1395 Planting Fields Rd., Oyster Bay. \$25 p.p. For more details & reserve: www.plantingfields.org

MESMERICA 360 PLANETARIUM SHOW

1/3/26, 1/17/26. 7:15 or 8:30pm. From the visionary mind of James Hood, discover a seated, multi-sensory 360° experience unlike anything else. With surround-soundscapes and visuals that envelop you. Ages 6+/ Tickets start at \$38. Buy tickets online: www.cradleofaviation.org 516-572-4066. Charles Lindbergh Blvd., Garden City.



STORYTIME WALK AT JONES BEACH

1/3/26 11am-12pm. Children age 0-8. Drop in for an hour of storytelling with our picture books that come alive by our educators. Free. Jones Beach Energy and Nature Center, 150 Bay Pkwy, Wantagh. RSVP required: www.jonesbeachenc.org

More Local Events

HEMPSTEAD HOUSE TOURS

1/4, 1/18, 12-1:30pm at Sands Point. Scheduled, timed guided tour to see the massive 50,000 square foot Tudor style mansion. A former summer home of Howard Gould (1912-1917) and later, Daniel & Florence Guggenheim (1917-1930) \$10 p.p. payable at the Welcome Center the day of. Tour is 45 minutes and designed for adults, children age 5 and up are permitted. 12 Middle Neck Rd., Sands Point. www.SandsPointPreserveConservancy.org

NEW YEAR/FRIENDS FAMILY WORKSHOP

1/4/26, 10-11am. Science Museum of Long Island. Meet and pet a variety of animas while learning about them. Children \$16. Adults save \$10. Register online: www.sml.org

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MONTHLY MEDITATION

1/8, 2/5. 6-7pm. at Sands Point. Led by Hildur Pallsdottir. Held in the beautiful Mansion or Garden weather permitting. Register online. Planting Fields. \$17 per class, non members, \$25. 12 Middle Neck Rd., Sands Point. www.SandsPointPreserveConservancy.org

TONH TAX TALKS

Free. Town of N. Hempstead Receiver of Taxes, Mary Jo Collins will host in the following locations below. Reservations suggested but walk ins welcome.

1/8: 11am: Mineola Public Library
195 Marcellus Rd.
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1/15, 1pm 2 Paper Mill Rd., Roslyn
1/21, 6pm 165 Searingtown Rd., Albertson
1/15, 1pm 2 Paper Mill Rd., Roslyn
1/22, 1pm 220 Plandome Rd., Manhasset
1/27 7pm East Williston Public Library, 2 Prospect St.
1/28, 4:30 pm. Port Washington Library, 1 Library Drive
2/2, 11:30am. Williston Park: 495 Willis Ave.
2/4, 6pm. New Hyde Park, Hillside Public Library, 155 Lakeville Rd.
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WINTERFEST- GARDEN CITY BIRD SANCTUARY

1/10 4-5pm. Rain-date 1/17. The GCBS began Winterfest in 2009 to honor all the supporters, volunteer and donors. Free event includes campfire, guided walk, candle lighting ceremony., hot cocoa & more. Dress for weather. Garden City Bird Sanctuary, 182 Tanner's Pond Rd., Garden City. www.ccbs.org

REIKI & MEDITATION WORKSHOP AT APEC

1/10, 11am-12:30pm
Join Sonia of Sonia Energy Healer for a deeply restorative workshop designed to help you reconnect with peace and presence. Through guided meditation, Reiki energy healing, and grounding techniques, you'll learn practical tools to calm anxiety, release tension, and cultivate inner focus. \$30 p.p. Register early online: www.alleypond.org

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SUPER FAMILY SATURDAY- AT THE MANES CENTER

1/10. 1:30-3pm. Nassau County Museum of Art. Special story time with children's author Valerie Goldstein, who will share her inspiring picture book *Violet's Victory!* Follow Violet, a determined young girl with lavender hair, as she discovers her strength, perseverance, and the power of adaptive sports on her journey to achieve her dreams. After the reading, meet the author for a book signing and enjoy a hands-on craft inspired by Violet's story of creativity, courage, and confidence. \$20 adults, \$10 kids. Register online: www.nassauhistoricalmuseum.org One Museum Drive, Roslyn.

HERE COMES THE SUN BEATLES TRIBUTE

1/11/26 2:30pm. Extraordinary musical celebration of a decade of Beatles music. Not an impersonation act, this five-person band of multi-instrumentalists/vocalists from Broadway, Lincoln Center, and the Trans-Siberian Orchestra creates a fresh, vibrant, and one-of-a-kind concert experience celebrating 10 years of music from the Fab Four. Tickets are \$40-\$45. Purchase online or call 516-599-6870. Elmont Memorial Library Theatre, 700 Hempstead Tpke., Elmont. www.plazatheatrical.com



WINTER DUCK WALK COLD SPRING HARBOR

1/11, 10am Join the Land Alliance for an introductory lecture about the numerous species of ducks that make their home in Oyster Bay/Cold Spring Harbor for the winter. Then test your duck-watching skills during a walk along the Harbor. Led by Christine Suter and Friends Of The Bay. Free but pre-registration required: 516-922-1029. www.northshorelandalliance.org

WINTER DREAMS MUSIC SANDS POINT

1/11, 3-5pm. Concert that blends music with messages of legacy, hope, and resilience. As we celebrate the life and vision of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Hear music that captures struggle and triumph, sorrow and joy, and the power of a cultural legacy that still inspires today. 12 Middle Neck Rd., Sands Point. See details of the performers: www.SandsPointPreserveConservancy.org



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