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- Racehorses are halfway around the Kentucky Derby racetrack.
- Giant machines make over 6,000 feet of toilet paper.
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