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**Winter Festival brings students indoors**  
Photo: Catherine Johnson  
The annual Winter Festival at the University of Louisville brought students indoors for a day of fun and games. The event featured a variety of activities, including snow machines, hot chocolate, and games. Students enjoyed the festive atmosphere and the chance to socialize with friends.

**Interpreter at Mandela event: I was hallucinating**  
A woman who served as an interpreter at a Mandela memorial event in Louisville said she was hallucinating during the ceremony. She described seeing a bright light and hearing voices that were not there. The incident occurred during a moment of silence for the late South African leader.

**Public support will share more than \$800 in prize money**  
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The Louisville Times has announced the winners of its annual public support contest. The contest, which ran from October to November, invited residents to submit photos of their favorite public spaces. The winners will receive a total of \$800 in prize money, which will be used to support local community projects.

**City commissioner Warren proposes building board, mayor isn't sold**  
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City Commissioner Warren has proposed the creation of a new building board to oversee construction projects in Louisville. However, Mayor Greg Fischer has expressed skepticism about the proposal, citing concerns about the board's effectiveness and the potential for increased bureaucracy.

**LIBRARY EXPANDS**  
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The University of Louisville library has expanded its services to include digital resources and online research assistance. The new initiatives aim to provide students and faculty with easier access to academic materials and support.

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**Aviation schools prepare for boom in drone jobs**  
Photo: University of Louisville  
Aviation schools across the country are preparing for a projected boom in drone-related jobs. As the use of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) grows, there is a need for trained pilots and technicians. Schools are offering specialized programs to meet this demand.

**CHRISTMAS PARADE**  
Photo: Downtown Louisville  
The annual Christmas Parade in Louisville is set to take place on December 17th. The parade will feature a variety of floats, including marching bands, dance troupes, and decorated floats. It is a beloved holiday tradition in the city.

**\$250,000 snow leopard among stolen items at LA backyard bash**  
Photo: Los Angeles  
A \$250,000 snow leopard statue was among the items stolen at a Los Angeles backyard party. The party was held in a private residence, and the theft occurred during the evening. The snow leopard statue was a centerpiece of the party and is now being sought by police.

**L&T now accepting 'Dear Santa' letters**  
Photo: Santa Claus  
The Louisville Times is now accepting 'Dear Santa' letters from children. The letters are being collected for a special edition of the newspaper. The letters will be read aloud during a Christmas Eve event at the Louisville Convention Center.

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