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Rotary Club members and SANTA CLAUS bring Christmas cheer to students at Washington Elementary
WASHINGTON — A group of Rotary Club members and Santa Claus brought Christmas cheer to students at Washington Elementary School on Tuesday. The group, which included Santa Claus, Mrs. Paul Stone, and several other members, visited the school to bring gifts and cheer to the children. The students were very excited to see Santa Claus and receive their gifts. The Rotary Club members also spent time with the students, talking to them and wishing them a happy holiday season.

Parks dept. making progress at Leece Park
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WASHINGTON — The Parks Department is making progress at Leece Park. The department has been working on improving the park's facilities and landscaping. The project includes installing new benches, picnic tables, and playground equipment. The department also plans to plant more trees and shrubs to enhance the park's appearance. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Only a few pounds of pecans remain
WASHINGTON — Only a few pounds of pecans remain in the city's supply. The city's pecan supply has been depleted due to a combination of factors, including a poor harvest and high demand. The city is currently working to replenish its supply and is looking for ways to attract more growers to the area. The city is also considering ways to promote the sale of pecans to consumers.

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Vote's in the mail?
If Swain County has had a mail ballot, it was before my time, clerk says
SWAIN COUNTY — A Swain County clerk says that the county has never had a mail ballot. The clerk, who has worked for the county for many years, says that the county has always used a traditional voting system. He says that the idea of a mail ballot is a relatively new concept and that the county has not yet adopted it.

Police find no link to 2011 shooting
A Christmas Eve shooting in Swain County has no link to a 2011 shooting, police say. The police are currently investigating the shooting, which occurred on Christmas Eve. The police are looking for any leads that might help them identify the shooter. The police are also looking for any witnesses who might have seen the shooting.

Biartisan budget agreement nears final passage
WASHINGTON — A bipartisan budget agreement is nearing final passage in the U.S. House of Representatives. The agreement, which was negotiated between Democrats and Republicans, would provide for a balanced budget over the next 10 years. The agreement also includes provisions for reducing the deficit and increasing the national debt ceiling. The agreement is expected to be passed by the House in the coming days.

'Dear Santa' letters due by noon Friday
WASHINGTON — The deadline for "Dear Santa" letters is noon on Friday. The letters are to be sent to the Santa Claus office at the U.S. Postal Service. The letters are to be addressed to Santa Claus, P.O. Box 137, Washington, D.C. 20591. The letters should be written on a separate sheet of paper and should be no longer than one page. The letters should be written in a child's own handwriting and should include the child's name, address, and phone number. The letters should be mailed in a separate envelope.

Hutchinson Tyson Foods plant cited by OSHA
WASHINGTON — OSHA has cited a Tyson Foods plant for safety violations. The citation was issued after an OSHA inspector found several safety hazards at the plant. The hazards included inadequate fall protection, unsafe work practices, and inadequate training. The citation requires the plant to take corrective action to address the safety hazards. The plant is expected to appeal the citation.

N.D. to let man in same-sex marriage wed woman, too
WASHINGTON — North Dakota is considering a bill that would allow a man in a same-sex marriage to marry a woman. The bill, which is currently in the state legislature, would allow a man who is already married to another man to marry a woman. The bill is expected to be passed by the legislature in the coming months.