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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 a snow machine, a hot chocolate bar, and a game area. Students and faculty alike enjoyed the festive atmosphere.

**Interpreter at Mandela event: I was hallucinating**  
A translator at a recent event in Louisville reported that she was hallucinating during the proceedings. She described seeing a large, dark figure in the crowd, which she later identified as a hallucination. The incident occurred during a talk by Nelson Mandela.

**City commissioner Warren proposes building board, mayor isn't sold**  
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The Louisville City Commission has proposed the creation of a new building board to oversee the city's construction projects. However, Mayor Greg Fischer has expressed reservations about the plan, citing concerns over the board's structure and the potential for increased bureaucracy.

**\$800 in prize money**  
A contest held by the Louisville Courier-Journal has awarded a total of \$800 in prize money to several winners. The contest was open to residents of the Louisville area and featured a variety of prizes, including cash and gift certificates.

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**Aviation schools prepare for boom in drone jobs**  
Aerospace schools across the country are preparing for a projected boom in drone-related jobs. As the use of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) continues to grow, the industry is expected to create a significant number of new positions for pilots, technicians, and engineers.

**CHRISTMAS PARADE**  
A festive Christmas parade is set to take place in downtown Louisville on Saturday, December 14th. The parade will feature a variety of floats, including marching bands, dance troupes, and decorated floats. The event is expected to draw a large crowd of spectators.

**\$250,000 snow leopard among stolen items at LA backyard bash**  
A high-profile theft occurred at a recent party in Los Angeles, where a snow leopard was among the stolen items. The animal, valued at \$250,000, was stolen from a private collection. Other items stolen from the party included jewelry, artwork, and cash.

**L&T now accepting 'Dear Santa' letters**  
The Louisville Courier-Journal is now accepting "Dear Santa" letters from children in the Louisville area. The letters are being collected for a special holiday edition of the newspaper. The deadline for submissions is December 15th.

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