

**What is a tree gift? Aren't all gifts trees?**  
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**Decorating is a piece of 'CUP' CAKE**  
The Best American Cupcake Contest is being held in the city. The contest is open to all ages and is a great way to celebrate the city's love for cupcakes. The contest will be held on February 1st and 2nd at the city's public library. For more information, visit [www.cityofcupcake.com](http://www.cityofcupcake.com).

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**Ceramics class for kids in K thru 6th grade**  
The city is offering a ceramics class for kids in kindergarten through 6th grade. The class will be held on February 1st and 2nd at the city's public library. For more information, visit [www.cityofcupcake.com](http://www.cityofcupcake.com).

**Americans react to Obama's address to nation**  
The President's State of the Union address was met with mixed reactions. Many Americans praised the President's message, while others criticized his tone. The address was widely covered by the media and sparked a lot of discussion on social media.

**Lawrence studying environmental, taxpayer benefits of natural-gas vehicles**  
Lawrence is studying the environmental and taxpayer benefits of natural-gas vehicles. The study is part of a larger effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save money on transportation costs. The results of the study will be published in the next few months.

**Texas woman charged with killing fiance's daughter, 2**  
A Texas woman has been charged with the murder of her fiancé's daughter. The woman is accused of poisoning the girl's drink. The girl was 12 years old at the time of the murder. The woman is currently in custody and facing multiple charges. The case is being handled by local law enforcement.