

Daily Scoop for week of December 17th

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Friday

Winter officially begins today, it's the shortest day of the year...arriving at 6:11—so it's here! Also here is the projected time for the end of world

Today is National Flashlight Day.

There are about 20 states heavily affected by the storm, including us. Air tr too, 200 flights canceled at Chicago's O'Hare International and another 150 scrapped at Midway Airport in Chicago.

Kate Middleton, Queen Elizabeth, Honey Boo Boo and Taylor Swift are among People magazine's 25 Most Intriguing People of 2012.Blake Shelton, Miranda Lambert too...

Facebook is letting your non-friends message you for \$1. They announced on Thursday that they're testing a new plan to charge users a fee of \$1 to send a message to another user's inbox that they aren't friends with.

Ready for some more design tweaks to your Facebook Timeline? The new version is a return to tabs. Gone are the thumbnail pictures for "Friends," "Photos" and "Map"

Cosmetic surgeons across the country have enjoyed booming business at this time of the year, with many of them actually advertising "mommy makeovers."

According to a new survey, 132 million people haven't finished their holiday shopping yet – and 17 million expect to still be shopping Christmas Eve.

Jason Aldean's "Dirt Road Anthem" was the most popular jukebox song for the second year in a row, according to jukebox service Touch Tunes.

Thursday

It's Go Caroling Day. And it's also Sangria Day.

The final episode of Jersey Shore airs tonight on MTV.

And the Mayan End of the World is suppose to be tomorrow...coincidence?

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Time magazine has selected the President as its Person of the Year.

He beat out the 14-year old women's rights hero Malala Yousafzai of Pakistan.

Lindsay Lohan's hearing is scheduled for January 25 to decide if the troubled actress will face up to 245 days in prison. Lindsay isn't worried. She is said to be telling friends that the law has always been fair to her up until now and that she doesn't think she has done anything wrong.

Texting and walking is becoming a big problem. Injuries are rapidly on the rise nationwide.

Tune-in reminder: Jennifer Nettles hosts the CMA Country Christmas special tonight at 9 on ABC

McDonald's is encouraging its managers to keep restaurants open on Christmas Day. They are getting criticized for that.

It turns out that the video of an eagle carrying off a baby wasn't real but a student video project

Kip Moore Beer Money - Number one this week

Jason Aldean will ring in the New Year on the West Coast, performing on Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve With Ryan Seacrest

Wednesday

It's Oatmeal Muffin Day.

On this date in 1997, Titanic, opened in North American theaters.

New in the theatres: The Guilt Trip, Zero Dark Thirty, and Monsters Inc. in 3D.

Photo-sharing app Instagram set off a firestorm Tuesday when it released new terms of service that implied it was going to allow users' pictures in advertising. But after the negative reaction spread around the web, the company's co-founder said that they would remove the

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language suggesting such a plan.

A source says Facebook is developing a new video ad that will autoplay within the News Feed. The source reports that Facebook is still debating whether or not sound will be enabled automatically.

Twitter says it now has 200 million active monthly users.

A Chinese man gave new meaning to the term over-dressed when he strolled into an airport and put on more than 70 items of clothing – so he could avoid baggage fees for his flight.

Bad news for doomsday preppers: NASA says the Mayan doomsday prophecy isn't gonna happen. NASA scientists have posted a four-minute video explaining their findings, in an effort to answer hundreds of calls and emails they receive daily about the end of the world.

As we are getting closer to December 21st – the day some believe to be the end of the world – some experts say the Mayans never predicted the world was going to end. They says that December 21st is actually predicted to mark a milestone in human civilization – not doomsday.

Sources claim Ben Affleck could potentially run for John Kerry's Massachusetts Senate seat.

Tuesday Scoop --Tell Us Something Good Tuesday :-)

A team of 10 golden retrievers journeyed from Chicago to Newtown, Connecticut, in the hopes of bringing some comfort to the grief-stricken community. Lutheran Church Charities picked up the bill for the dogs to be brought by handler Tim Hetzner to the devastated town, so people could pet them while they talked, prayed and grieved. As to why the church thought this was a good idea, Hetzner said that dogs are always loving and non-judgmental and are a great way for people to heal in times of grief

Last minute gifts Walmart has slashed its prices on iPhones and iPads—and in a related story. A secret Santa paid off the layaway for toys in the Miami area. A non-profit is in its second year of surprise payoffs

Today is Bake Cookies Day.

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On this day in 1966 Doctor Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas made its debut on CBS.

The man who hacked Scarlett Johansson, Mila Kunis, Christina Aguilera and other celebs has been sentenced to 10 years in prison. Christopher Chaney pleaded guilty to nine felony counts in March after hacking into dozen of email accounts -- which led to several nude photos leaking onto the Internet.

Scrunchies are making a comeback! Cosmo reports a Victoria's Secret model has been tapped to promote a line of the puffy hair accessories for My Crazy Scrunchie.

According to a new study, both men and women find people with lower-pitched voices more authoritative, strong, attractive and socially dominant. So next time you want to get someone to do something – lower your voice. Hey, it's worth a try!

ALL MY CHILDREN AND ONE LIFE TO LIVE COULD RELAUNCH IN JANUARY - The ABC daytime dramas, both canceled in 2011 may find another life on the web after all -- and production could begin as early as January.

According to a new survey, one in three men think they are more attractive when they've been drinking booze. The problem is that women don't necessarily agree, as the survey also found that only one in eight women think men are more attractive when they are drunk.

Billboard's year-end charts are in, and Taylor Swift nabbed the top spot in three Best of 2012 categories. Taylor is the top country artist of 2012, Red is 2012's number-one country album., The country albums artists category has T at number-one.

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Kenny Chesney and Tim McGraw's Brothers of the Sun tour came in at number-seven on Billboard's list of the Top 25 tours of 2012.

Happy birthday to Randy Houser who turns 37 today.

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Monday Monday 17th, 2012

Today is Wright Brothers Day. The Wright Brothers changed the world forever, with their successful flight at Kill Devil Hill, Kitty Hawk North Carolina, this date 1903.

It's National Maple Syrup Day.

It's National Underdog Day.

Today is supposed to be the day that gas prices reach their lowest mark of the year.

The Hobbit earned \$84.8 million at the weekend box office, the best Friday-to-Sunday domestic debut for a December release of all-time.

According to a recent study, dieting can actually cause real depression. An extreme change in diet, like eliminating foods that are high in fat and sugar, can trigger brain functions associated with depression, causing symptoms of withdrawals and difficulty handling stressful situations. Do it gradually.

Bankrupt Hostess Brands has received a number of bids from companies interested in buying the maker of Twinkies, Ho Hos, and Wonder bread, including Walmart and Kroger.

According to a new survey, Facebook is now considered the number one company to work for in the world. How good do they have it over there? Well, even interns are making a whopping \$67,000 a year.

Dmitry Glubovskyi successfully pronounced the world's longest word – the 189,819-letter chemical name for tintonin, the largest protein – in a three-and-half hour YouTube video.

While most of us use the excuse that the camera adds 10 pounds every time we come out looking awful in a photo, the truth is: it really does. The first problem is the flash. Poor lighting will flatten your features by killing the shadows. The second problem is any lens, if not used properly, will fatten you up.

Kelly Clarkson is heading down the aisle! Boyfriend, Brandon Blackstock popped the question Friday night with a yellow canary diamond ring.

The Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum will be closed from January 22nd through February 6th while work is completed on a 200-thousand square foot expansion. The work will connect the Hall to the new Omni Hotel.