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## World's Biggest Holiday Items



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It's the season for spreading joy and cheer, and what better way to do it than with some oversize holiday gear? As much as you love decorating your Christmas tree or baking a new gingerbread house every year, other people have built extreme versions of beloved holiday toys, pies and symbols. From a 32-foot menorah to a 2,020-pound pumpkin pie, take a look at these record-setting items of the season. ([See All](#))

## Drunk Santa "looking for reindeer" arrested



Police in Sparta, Wisconsin pulled over a car on Sunday after mother Tina Reinart phoned emergency services saying a man in a red costume had entered her yard and hugged her children. He reportedly asked if they knew where his reindeer were while appearing intoxicated. "He smelled like alcohol," WEAU News reported Katie Dockerty, 9, as saying. "So I knew it wasn't the real Santa because Santa doesn't drink alcohol." He also reportedly tried to put his hat on Katie's six-year-old sister, Zoe. "He was yelling at them 'have you seen my reindeer? If you see my reindeer, call me right away,'" Ms Reinart said. A patrol car dashboard camera shows officers pulling over a car to find

Thomas Arnold, 55, riding as a passenger in the Santa suit. He was arrested and charged with having an open can of beer in a vehicle. The driver, Kevin Arnold, was also arrested for possessing open liquor as well as drunk driving. Police said the boozy Saint Nick was on his way home from a Christmas party and they believe he had no bad intentions. "He thought he was spreading good cheer and in some lights he may have been," Sparta Police Chief Mike Kass said. "I don't think Mr Arnold had any ill intent — I believe his level of intoxication probably impaired his judgment."

**Mildly Attractive Men of SLIS Calendar Now Available To Order!**



South Carolina -- Another year, another calendar to choose for your wall. Would you like some puppies in a basket? Perhaps a gallery of assorted fruits with faces drawn on them? Well, forget about them! The mildly attractive gentlemen attending USC school of library science have assembled for your viewing pleasure throughout 2010, arranging themselves in iconic poses from the history of film. And, lest you think the calendar is all sticks and veggies, witness some of the beef we've got. (Pricing: \$12 per calendar, \$3 shipping or purchase [directly from Davis College](#) and [its LISSA officers](#))

### Motorcycle with Rocket Pods Shoots Rockets at the Push of a Button



Though not very practical, this [rocket](#) pod-equipped motorcycle is sure to get you attention, and most certainly in trouble with the law if fired on public roads. [\(VIDEO\)](#)

### Mama's cubs get bear hug



China -- In a scene that would melt even the coldest heart, a giant panda mother paused to give her twin cubs a big bear hug as they frolicked yesterday in a snowy China reserve.

The cuddly family portrait was shot at the Wolong Nature Reserve in the mountainous Sichuan Province, where more than 50 captive giant pandas live. The land is one of the last protected homes of the endangered species. To help the rare bears survive, the Chinese government and other groups have build a special breeding center. Each year, new cubs -- including several sets of twins -- are born to the female pandas. Most of the giant pandas in the world's zoos come from the Wolong reserve.

### Injured swallow taught to fly again in harness



Here's the wing commander... an injured swallow chick getting some special help to learn to fly again. Sasso, rescued seven months ago by staff at the Ramat Gan Animal Hospital in Israel, has been put in a harness so he can flap his wings. It does make him look like one of those old model Spitfires that used to hang in boys' bedrooms. But when he's fully recovered he'll forget all about looking like looking a bit of a tweet...

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