

GO FIGURE



1 town

Florida is the only state in the U.S. with a town named "Christmas", featuring a population of 1,162. Other towns that have holiday related names are North Pole, Alaska, Santa Claus, Georgia and Noel, Missouri.

1.2

billion dollars

...is the value of candle products that were shipped last year for Chanukah, according to the Annual Survey of Manufacturers.



364 gifts

"On the first day of Christmas my true love sent to me..." If your true love actually gave you all the gifts in the song "Twelve Days of Christmas," you would receive 364 gifts, most of which you will have to return, unless you're running a zoo.

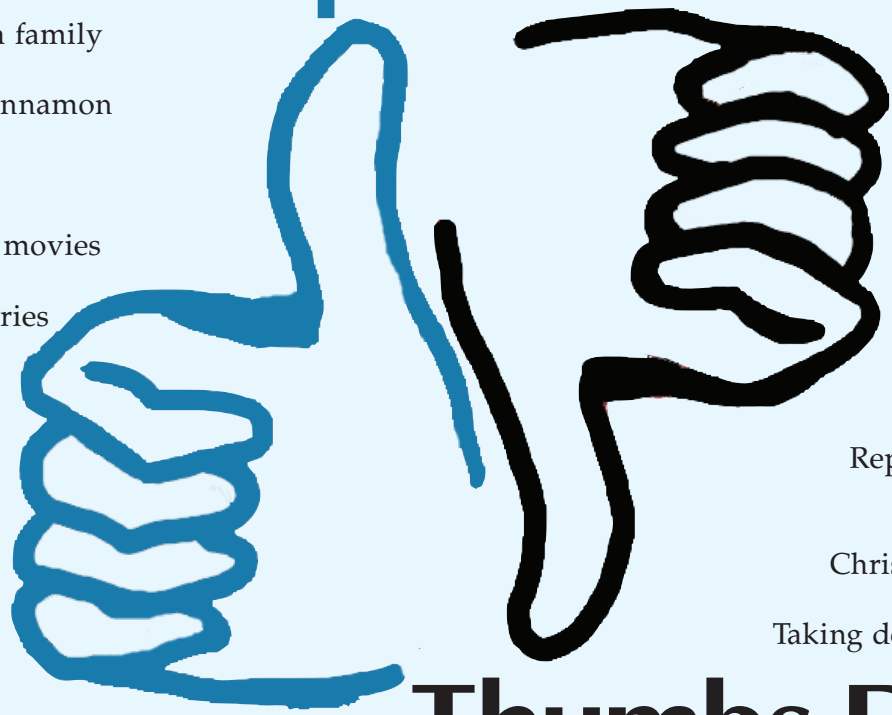
3,000 calories

The USDA recommends that the average adult consumes between 1,600 and 3,000 calories per day. However, most adults consume 3,000 calories and 229 grams of fat in ONE Thanksgiving meal. An average 160-pound adult would have to jog for four hours, swim for five hours, or walk 30 miles to burn off that ONE Thanksgiving meal.



Thumbs Up

- Being with family
- Smell of cinnamon
- Latkes
- Christmas movies
- Family stories
- Santa
- Pie
- Gifts
- Turkey
- No school
- Light show in Forest Park



Returning presents

Pine needles

Squirrels

Eating too much

Being with family

Holiday sweaters

Repetitive holiday music

Christmas tree fires

Taking down Christmas trees

Thumbs Down

November 26

Football

The football schedule is New England Patriots at Detroit Tigers at 11:30 a.m. on CBS, New Orleans Saints at Dallas Cowboys 3:15 p.m. FOX, Cincinnati Bengals at New York Jets 7:20 p.m. on NFL Network.

December 3

Godfrey's Snowflake Festival

The free festival features carriage rides, caroling, hot cocoa and pictures with Santa. The Festival runs from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Glazebrook Park at 1401 Stamper Lane in Godfrey, Illinois.

November 28

Chanukah at the Botanical Garden

From noon to 4 p.m. at the Ridgway Visitor Center, The Garden will host "Chanukah: Festival of Lights" beginning with a symbolic lighting of the menorah, Jewish music and dancing. Admission is included with Garden ticket.

December 11

Gingerbread Walk

Take a walk along Main Street in Belleville with a gingerbread cookie bag and collect a different cookie at each of the participating 36 stores along the way. The cost for the walk is \$3 and cookie bags are \$8.

December 13

Yuletide Reflections

Sheldon Corale will perform favorite Christmas songs from around the world in Sheldon Concert Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors.

December 29

Kwanzaa at the Botanical Garden

Celebrate African traditions with Kwanzaa crafts and jewelry. The celebration is from noon until 4 p.m. Admission is included with a ticket to the Garden.

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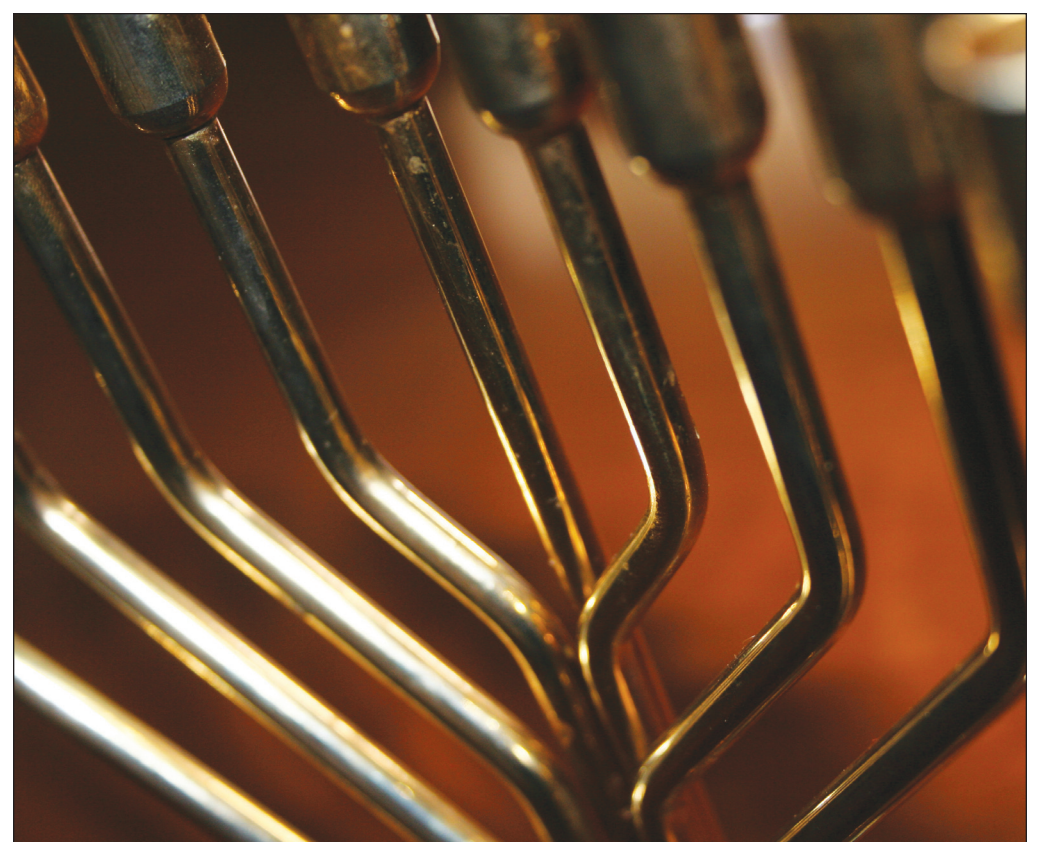
Candlelight Christmas

Go back to the good ole 1800s by taking a candlelight tour through The Boone Home and Boonesfield Village. There are nearly a dozen buildings decorated in 19th century Christmas. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children.

Wake Up Call

The Transportation Security Administration plans to install 450 scanners in 50 U.S. airports before the holidays arrive. 33 airports will receive the "backscatter" machines that use low-dose X-rays to produce chalky nude images with blurred facial features. These nude images will be inspected by an inspector in another room, who radios another agent if anything suspicious is detected. The TSA claims that these images are not stored and the person is not identifiable, but the Electronic Privacy Information Center in Washington D.C. has labeled this technology as a "digital strip search" and filed a lawsuit to restrict usage of the new scanners. Others are against the new scanners because the risk of radiation emission to children and adolescents has not been fully evaluated, and there is no policy in place for pregnant women. The sudden implementation of these revealing scanners is the result of Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab's attempt to blow up a plane over Detroit on Christmas Day by detonating explosives hidden in his underwear. However, not only do these high-tech scanners cost \$130,000, but they can't detect low-density materials such as thin pieces of plastic, powder, or anything resembling skin. Currently, travelers over the holidays can choose between using the new scanners or sticking with the old metal detectors, although agents will steer travelers to a specific scanner depending on wait times. If travelers refuse to go through the scanners, they can request private screening, or receive an aggressive and thorough pat-down. If travelers do go through the scanners, they will have to go through standard procedures such as removing everything out of their pockets, such as wallets, and at some airports, not-so-standard procedures, such as removing earrings and jewelry. Not only will lines at the airport get longer, but the chances of theft will also increase, so leave more time for travel.

Zoom In



This picture is a close-up of an object. What is it? Go to [chsglobe.com/zoomoutnovdec](http://chsglobe.com/zoomoutnovdec) for the answer!