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In the 1946  
classic holiday movie  
“It’s A Wonderful Life” -  
what happens every  
time a bell rings?



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An angel  
gets his wings



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**What well-known  
Christmas Carol became  
the first song ever broadcast  
from space in 1965?**



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# Jingle Bells

Played on the harmonica and with bells jingling,  
the song was performed by astronauts  
Tom Stafford and Wally Schirra on Gemini VI



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**Who was the first person to dress up as a department store Santa, thus starting the tradition?**



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## James Edgar

He owned a department store in Brockton, Massachusetts. He first dressed up as Santa in 1890 to the great delight of his patrons, with children coming from miles around to visit him.



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**When did NORAD  
(North American Aerospace  
Defense Command)  
start the program of tracking  
Santa on Christmas Eve?**

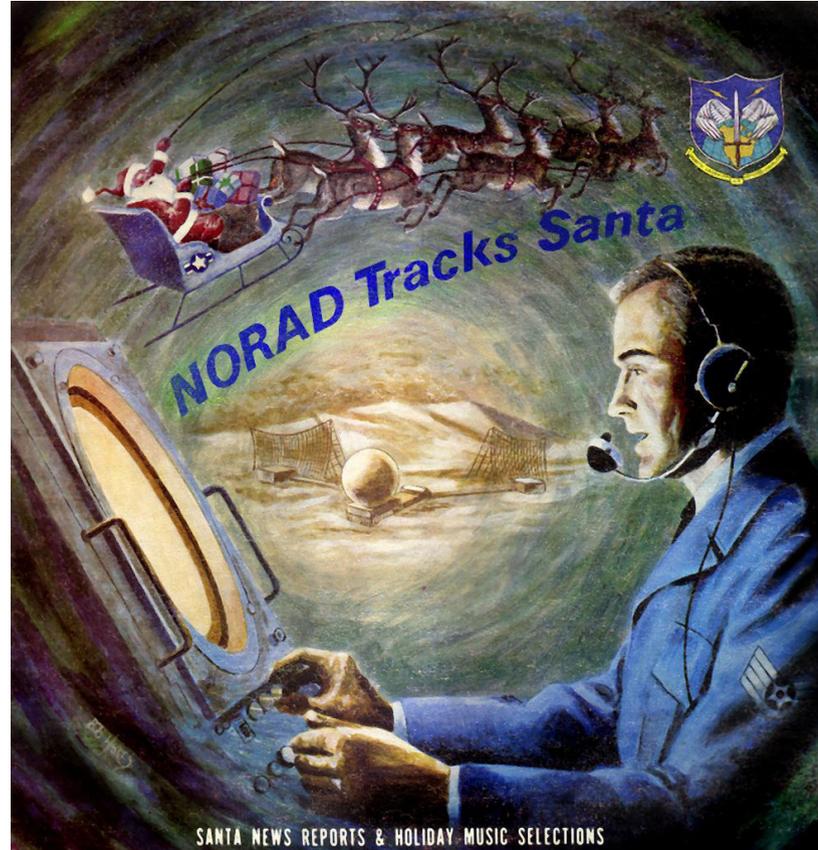


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The **NORAD Tracks Santa** program officially started on December 24, 1955 when a child accidentally called NORAD (then CONAD) when trying to call Santa. The Director of Operations, Colonel Harry Shoup, answered the phone and instructed his staff to check the radar for indications of Santa making his way south from the North Pole. The program has continued every year since.



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Who was the actor who voiced the Grinch in **How the Grinch Stole Christmas**, and what other movie role is he most known for?



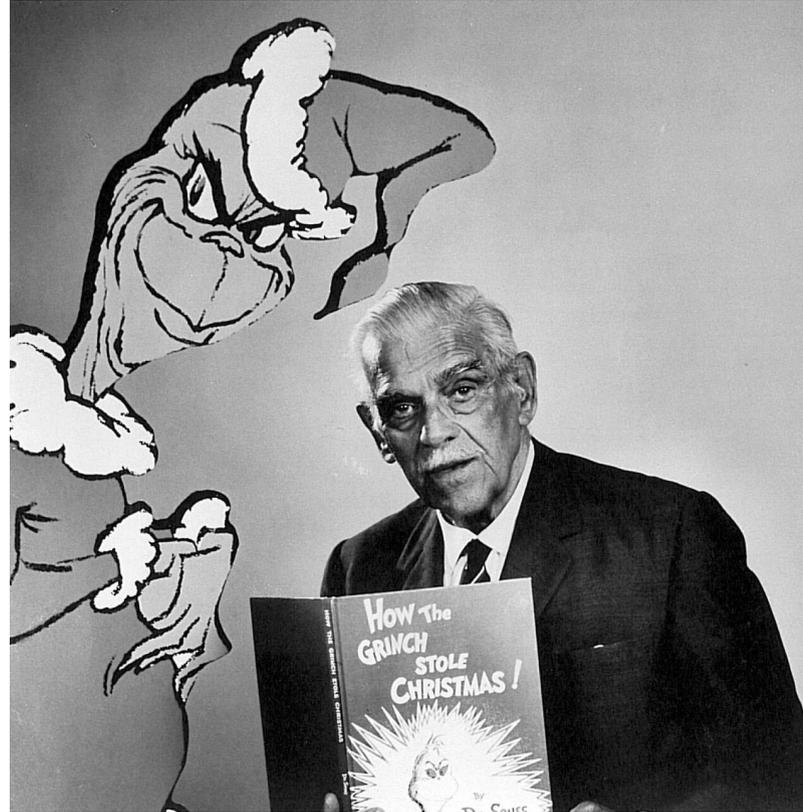
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## Boris Karloff

William Henry Pratt whose stage name was Boris Karloff, voiced the Grinch as well as playing Frankenstein's monster in Frankenstein (1931), Bride of Frankenstein (1935), and Son of Frankenstein (1939) as well as roles in many other horror films.



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What is the  
highest-grossing  
Christmas movie  
of all time?



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## Home Alone

**Home Alone** was the number one film at the box office for 12 straight weeks - from its release on November 16, 1990, through the weekend of February 1, 1991. Unadjusted for inflation, the final worldwide box office was \$476.68 million.



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The legend of the modern Santa Claus is mainly a mix of what two figures?



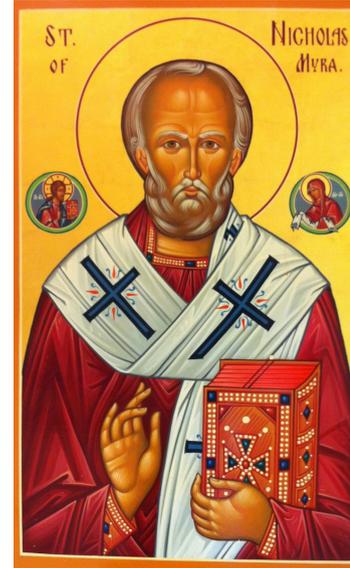
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## Saint Nicholas and Father Christmas

St. Nicholas (Sinterklaas in Dutch) was a Greek bishop who lived in the 4th century and was famous for his generosity and gift giving. Father Christmas dates back to at least the 16th century in Europe, and is the personification of Christmas cheer. He is widely considered synonymous with the modern Santa Claus.



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What political cartoonist is largely responsible for defining what the modern Santa Claus looks like?



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## Thomas Nast

Thomas Nast drew a picture of Santa Claus for the January 1, 1881 issue of Harper's Weekly and the rest of the media ran with it. It became the visual prototype of the Santa Claus we all know and love.



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**When did Coca-Cola start using Santa Claus in their advertisements?**



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## 1931

Coca-Cola began to use the red-suited image of Santa on their advertising in 1931, when the company hired artist Haddon Sunbloom to create a character of Santa Claus for use in festive campaigns. The idea was to ensure people continued to drink Coke during the winter months.



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What was the first year  
that the Rockefeller Plaza  
Christmas Tree was erected?



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## 1931/1933

1933 was the year that 30 Rockefeller Plaza opened. There is a story of workers putting up a tree on Christmas Eve in 1931 during the construction of Rockefeller Plaza that began the tradition, but the tree was not decorated with lights. There was no tree in 1932, so the tree in 1933 is deemed the first official Rockefeller Plaza Christmas Tree.



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What country is the  
Poinsettia native to?



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## Mexico



It derives its English name from Joel Roberts Poinsett, the first US minister to Mexico. He introduced the plant to the US in 1825.



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What is the most popular meal for Christmas in Japan?



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## KFC

### Kentucky Fried Chicken

is so popular in fact, that you have to order in advance or face standing in long lines to get your Christmas fried chicken. Some people even start lining up Christmas Eve to make sure they get their Christmas KFC.

The screenshot shows the KFC Christmas 2017 website menu. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'クリスマスメニュー' (Christmas Menu), '予約方法' (Reservation Method), and '店舗検索' (Store Search). A banner in the center reads '今年のクリスマスは 22・23・24・25' (This year's Christmas is 22・23・24・25). Below the banner, there are images of a KFC Christmas bucket, a salad, a chocolate cake, and a plate of fried chicken. A price list on the right shows the 'Party Barrel' (パーティバーレル) with an early cut (早割) discount of ¥4000. The price list includes: Original (オリジナル) ¥4400 > ¥4000, Parfait (バラエティ) ¥4400 > ¥4000, and Deluxe (デラックス) ¥5400 > ¥5000. A 'Party Barrel Original' (パーティバーレル オリジナル) is also listed with an early cut discount of ¥4000. At the bottom, there are four menu categories: 'パーティバーレル' (Party Barrel), 'クリスマスパック' (Christmas Pack), 'プレミアムシリーズ' (Premium Series), and 'サイドメニュー' (Side Menu).



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