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ELI Weekly

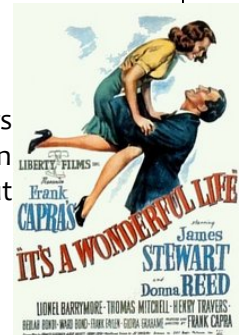


Christmas Classic Movies

It's already December! Are you feeling in the mood for Christmas? Try one of the following Christmas classic movies and it will get you in the mood for Christmas. Plus, watching movies is one of the best ways to learn English!

- **It's a Wonderful Life (1946)**

Directed by Frank Capra, *It's a Wonderful Life* is one of Jimmy Stewart's best-remembered films. George Bailey (Stewart) has misplaced \$8000, and he's ready to end his life. Thanks to the prayers of many who love him, an angel is sent to help him. Clarence (Henry Travers) takes George back in time, to show George all of the wonderful things that he has done -- things that seemed small, but that made a tremendous difference in the lives of the people around him. Clarence's interventions gives George new hope, and he returns to his family with a brighter outlook on life. This is probably the most popular classic Christmas movie ever made.



- **Miracle on 34th Street (1947)**

In *Miracle on 34th Street*, Edmund Gwenn is Kris Kringle, a nice old man who is institutionalized for claiming that he really is Santa Claus. His employer Doris (Maureen O'Hara) and her daughter Susan (Natalie Wood) don't believe that he is who he claims to be. But Doris's friend Fred (John Payne) does believe the old man, and, as Fred happens to be a lawyer, he's just the one who can arrange the legal hearing to let Kris prove himself. This Christmas classic was nominated for four Academy Awards and two Golden Globes in 1948.

- **White Christmas (1954)**

In *White Christmas* Bob Wallace (Bing Crosby) and Phil Davis (Danny Kaye) get together after the war and join forces with Betty and Judy Haynes (Rosemary Clooney and Vera-Ellen) to become a top-rated song-and-dance team. When they go to Vermont to perform a Christmas show, the men find that the inn they are working is owned by their former general, who has fallen on hard times. Romance ensues as the foursome tries to put together the perfect show to help the general.



For more Christmas classic movies, visit to:

http://classicfilms.suite101.com/article.cfm/10_classic_movies_for_christmas

Free Students Activities on Campus

- **University Film Series: 4 Months, 3 Weeks And 2 Days**

Romanian film is a drama about a young college student that finds herself in big trouble in a country where abortion is illegal.

When: Monday, 12/1, 7 PM / Where: PSU Theater



- **SAC films presents Burn After Reading**

SAC will be showing the film *Burn After Reading* as part of the fall 2008 weekly films Series. The movie will be playing Wednesday, December 3rd and Sunday, December 7th at 9pm in the PSU Theater.

For more events and activities, visit: <http://calendar.missouristate.edu/>

Also, ALWAYS check **the Student Activities Board** across from the 2nd floor Computer Lab!

Announcements

- Hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving
- **Friday, 12/5** is the last day of regular classes.
 - Study for Finals Next Week!
 - Check your final exam schedule on the Student Activities Board

Eat & Greet

- Make some native and international students and get some **FREE PIZZA @ PSU food court** on **Tuesday, 12/2, 12:30pm-1:30pm**



ELI End Of Semester Party

- We are **STILL** looking for students who will shine at the end of semester party. If you want to perform singing, playing an instrument, dancing, or whatever you are good at, please come to the office and let us know ASAP! The party will be:



- **When:** December 10 (Wed) at 5:30 pm
- **Where:** Kentwood Hall Crystal Ballroom

Weekly English Expression

Have a memory like an elephant.



- A:** How does he remember all that information?
- B:** He ***has a memory like an elephant.**
- A:** Why can't I remember as much as him?
- B:** Well, that's what he likes to do. Everyone has a special talent, I guess.
- A:** Oh, really? That's interesting. So what's my special talent?
- B:** I don't really know. Maybe you haven't found yours yet.
- A:** Maybe my talent is finding out other people's talents.

* **Have a memory like an elephant:** to be able to remember things easily and for a long period of time.

Christmas Fun Facts

- "It's a Wonderful Life" appears on TV more often than any other holiday movie.



- Coca Cola was the first beverage company to use Santa for a winter promotion.

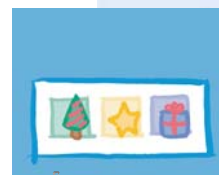
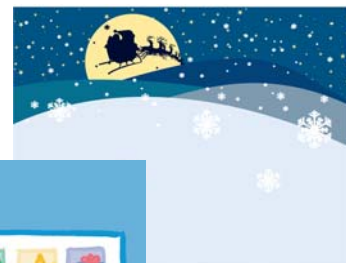
- Electric lights for trees were first used in 1895.



Weather Forecast

Forecast for December. 1— December. 7

		Fahrenheit (High/Low)
Monday:	Flurries/Wind	31/25
Tuesday:	Mostly Sunny	51/38
Wednesday:	Showers	46/24
Thursday:	Mostly Sunny	41/28
Friday:	Partly Cloudy	45/33
Saturday:	Partly Cloudy	51/29
Sunday:	Partly Cloudy	54/32



Weather forecasts are **always** changing, so for the most up-to-date forecast, go to: www.weather.com, or watch the local news or the weather channel.