

## The Comedy Corner

### Visiting Santa

A grandmother took her grandson to the shopping mall in December to see Santa Claus. The young boy was very excited to sit on Santa's lap. "Now, little boy," Santa said, "tell Santa what you want for Christmas."

In a very loud voice, the boy said, "I want a NINTENDO, and a NEW BIKE, and some BOOKS, and—"

"You don't have to shout," Santa chuckled. "Santa isn't hard of hearing."

The boy leaned forward and whispered, "No, but my grandma is."

### Gift Exchange

My friend reviewed her young son's fill-in-the-blank homework. One line: "At Christmas, we exchange gifts with \_\_\_\_." His response: "Receipts."



## This Month in History - December

- 1 In Montgomery, Rosa Parks is arrested for refusing to give up her seat in the front section of a bus. (1955)
- 2 Barney B. Clark receives the world's first artificial heart transplant. (1982)
- 5 The 21st Amendment repeals Prohibition. (1933)
- 7 Pearl Harbor was bombed in a surprise Japanese attack. It marked the U.S. entry into WWII. (1941)
- 8 John Lennon was assassinated in New York City. (1980)
- 15 Gone With the Wind premiered in Atlanta. (1939)
- 17 The Wright Brothers made their first airplane flight at Kitty Hawk, N.C. (1903)
- 28 William F. Semple patented chewing gum. (1869)
- 30 Edwin Hubble announces the existence of other galactic systems. (1924) Yes, the Hubble telescope was later named after him.



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**BIRTHSTONE:** Blue Topaz

**FLOWER:** Holly

**ZODIAC:**  
Sagittarius & Capricorn

### SPECIAL DATES

World AIDS Day .....	12/01
Full Moon .....	12/03
Pearl Harbor Day .....	12/07
Hanukkah .....	12/12-12/20
Winter Solstice .....	12/21
Christmas Day .....	12/25
Kwanzaa .....	12/26-1/01
New Year's Eve .....	12/31

## Fun Holiday Facts

- Candy canes began as straight white sticks of sugar candy used to decorate the Christmas trees. A choirmaster at Cologne Cathedral decided to have the ends bent to depict a shepherd's crook and he would pass them out to the children to keep them quiet during the services. It wasn't until about the 20th century that candy canes acquired their red stripes.
- The modern Christmas custom of displaying a "wreath" on the front door of one's house, is borrowed from ancient Rome's New Year's celebrations. Romans wished each other "good health" by exchanging branches of evergreens. They called these gifts Strenae after Strenia, the goddess of health. It became the custom to bend these branches into a ring and display them on doorways.
- Christmas caroling began as an old English custom called Wassailing - toasting neighbors to a long and healthy life. The earliest collection of carols was published in 1521.



## 'Gone with The Wind': A Southern Success

Over 300,000 people took to the streets in Atlanta, Georgia, as they made their way to Lowe's Grand Theater one exceptionally frigid night in 1939 for a motion picture debut of epic proportions. Spotlights filled the sky on December 15th as the premiere of the historical romance 'Gone with the Wind' broke more than just a few box office records, as the film garnered nine Oscars, as well as countless other awards. Several of the film's stars were at the Atlanta premiere, including Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh, as well as the author of the Pulitzer Prize winning novel from which the film was adapted, Margaret Mitchell. The film has long been criticized for its portrayal of slavery. However, it has also been instrumental in changing the way African-Americans were depicted on screen.

'Gone with the Wind' remains the most successful film in box office history to this day, and a digitally remastered version of 'Gone with the Wind' was re-released in 1998.

  
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>  <div> <div>HarborChase of Sarasota • The Cove</div> <div>December 2017</div> <div>  HarborChase </div> </div> </div>					<div> <div> 9:45 Chair-Cizing 10:30 Listmania 1:30 Basketball Fixture <b>2:30 Superman Interesting Facts and Trivia</b> 4:00 Shelly Tormans Fabulous Flute-L 6:30 Simon Says 8:00 All about Me </div> <div>1</div> </div>	<div> <div> 9:45 Sing &amp; Be Fit w/Jody 10:30 Earmuff Fun Facts <b>1:15 Singing Tree Outing-sign up</b> 2:15 Magnetic Dard Tournament <b>3:00 Join and Sing w/ 'The Sparrows'-C</b> 4:00 Selling Bee 6:30 Movie and Refreshment 'Holiday Miracle' </div> <div>2</div> </div>
<div> <div> <b>9:15 Joy Fellowship Morning Worship</b> 9:45 Sing and Exercise w/ Jody 10:30 Tree Trimming 1:30 3 Hoops and a Ball 2:30 Karaoke Challenge 6:30 Porch Social 8:00 Sunday Night Football 'Eagles at Seahawks' </div> <div>3</div> </div>	<div> <div> 9:45 Fitness On the Go <b>10:00 Cookie Cottage Downtown Sarasota-sign up</b> 1:30 Cheryl and The Cove Holidays Choir 2:30 Jazz Hands W/ Steve 3:30 Name That Tune 6:30 Everything About Me 8:00 Mellow Music </div> <div>4</div> </div>	<div> <div> 9:45 Chair Dancing <b>10:30 Christmas Trees Ornaments</b> 2:00 The Cove Boom Whackers 3:00 Art History Class ' Ludwig van Beethoven' 4:00 Brain and Body Fitness w/ Melissa 6:30 News Currents Chat 8:00 Music Medley </div> <div>5</div> </div>	<div> <div> 9:45 Move and Be Fit <b>10:30 Enjoy Callie's Music-C</b> <b>1:30 Popular Holidays w/The Hawaiian Shirts</b> 2:30 Soccer League <b>4:00 Joan Streits Holiday Memories-L</b> 6:30 News and Views 8:00 Fish Tank Floorshow </div> <div>6</div> </div>	<div> <div> 9:45 Yoga Fitness 11:00 Party &amp; Dance w/ Brenda-C 1:30 Garden Oasis <b>2:30 Art and Craft/ Christmas Centerpiece</b> <b>3:30 Pearl Harbor Trivia and Facts</b> 4:30 Name that Sound 6:30 The Puzzle Club 8:00 Remember When </div> <div>7</div> </div>	<div> <div> 9:45 Chair-Cizing 10:30 Peanut Butter Spread 1:30 Basketball League 2:30 Smile and Sing Holidays Songs 3:30 Chat Circle ' Christmas Memories' <b>4:00 Jingles w/Joe Thayer-L</b> 6:30 News Current Discussion Group </div> <div>8</div> </div>	<div> <div> 9:30 Sing &amp; Be Fit w/ Jody <b>10:30 Holiday Town Gingerbread House Decorating</b> 1:30 Silver Parachutes 2:45 Holidays Karaoke 4:30 Everything about Me 6:30 Saturday Night Movie 'A Very Murray Christmas' 8:00 Classical Composers </div> <div>9</div> </div>
<div> <div> 9:00 Joel Osteen Lake Wood Church 9:45 Chair Dancing <b>10:30 Famous Nobel Price Winners</b> 1:30 Jumbo Jenga Tourney <b>2:30 ArtDeadline ' Snowy Mason Jars'</b> 4:00 Holidays Karaoke 8:00 Sunday Night 'Ravens at Steelers' </div> <div>10</div> </div>	<div> <div> 9:45 Cardio Corner <b>11:00 Lunch at Millie's -sign up</b> 1:30 Music Trivia 'A Sign of the Times' 2:30 Kickball Green vs Yellow <b>4:00 Sing Along W/ Cheryl-C</b> 6:30 Pondering for Puzzles 8:00 Porch Social </div> <div>11</div> </div>	<div> <div> 9:45 Let's Get Fit <b>10:30 Drum Therapy w/ Edsel-C</b> 1:30 Music Americana <b>2:30 Circle Chat/ Chanukah: The Festival of Lights</b> 4:00 Brain and Body Fitness w/ Melissa 6:30 Patient for Puzzles 8:00 Mellow Music </div> <div>12</div> </div>	<div> <div> 9:45 Yoga Fitness 10:30 Travelogue 'Hawaii' 1:30 Magnetic Dard Play Off <b>2:30 Trimming 'The Cove Tree'</b> 3:30 Impressionism 'A Look at Matisse' w/ Cheryl 4:00 Second Chanz Band's Jazz Christmas-L 6:30 News and Views 8:00 Mellows Tones to Unwind </div> <div>13</div> </div>	<div> <div> 9:45 Fitness On The Go <b>10:30 Trimming 'The Cove Tree'</b> 1:30 Drawing Class <b>2:00 Winter Wonderland Holiday Shopping &amp; Festival of Trees</b> 3:00 Christmas Tree Raffle 6:30 Take a Healthy Stroll w/ Friends 8:00 Music and Relaxation </div> <div>14</div> </div>	<div> <div> 9:45 Step on It 10:30 Christmas Stocking Craft 1:30 Garnish Cupcakes 2:30 Tea and Cupcakes at the Porch 3:30 Ugly Christmas Sweater Fun Facts <b>4:00 Connie Kurts &amp; Her Holiday Spectacle-L</b> 6:30 Table Game Challenge 8:00 Fish Tank Floorshow </div> <div>15</div> </div>	<div> <div> 9:30 Sing a Be Fit w/ Jody 10:30 Holly Jolly Jello Shots 1:30 Bowling League 2:30 Arts and Crafts 'Petite Santa Claus' 3:30 Animal Memorabilia 4:30 Play That Vinyl 6:30 Classic Cinema '12 Days of Christmas' </div> <div>16</div> </div>
<div> <div> <b>9:15 Joy Fellowship Morning Worship</b> 9:45 Sing &amp; Be Fit <b>10:30 Wooden Birdhouses</b> 1:30 Basketball Play Off 2:30 This Day In History ' Christmas Carol' 6:30 Classic 'The Winds of Kitty Hawk' 8:00 Sunday Night 'Cowboys at Raiders' </div> <div>17</div> </div>	<div> <div> 9:45 Move w/ The Ball 10:30 A look at Egyptian Art w/ Cheryl 1:30 Can You Find The Bit? 2:30 Jazz Hands w/ Steve 3:30 The Cove Boom Whackers 6:30 Dazzling Dominoes 8:00 Meditate and Relax </div> <div>18</div> </div>	<div> <div> 9:45 Fitness On The Go 10:30 Arm Travel 'New Jersey' <b>1:30 Cheryl and The Cove Holidays Coir</b> 2:30 Impressionism ' Renoir' 4:00 Chair Fitness w/ Melissa 6:00 Men's Corner 'Football' 8:00 Music is Good for the Sould </div> <div>19</div> </div>	<div> <div> 9:45 Morning Zumba 10:30 Art History Class ' The Poet Laureate Around The World' 1:30 Soccer Final 2:30 Finish The Lyrics <b>4:00 Holiday Serenades w/ Rob Satori</b> 6:30 Christmas Lights Night Rides-Sign up 6:30 ESPN Sports Wrap Up 8:00 Mellow Music </div> <div>20</div> </div>	<div> <div> 9:45 Chair Fitness 10:30 Holiday Cupcake Decoration 1:30 Silver Parachute 2:30 Holidays Crossword 3:30 Circle Chat 'Solstice Fast Facts' <b>6:30 Christmas Lights Night Rides-Sign up</b> 8:30 Everything About Me </div> <div>21</div> </div>	<div> <div> 2:30 Chat Circle 'Kindness' 9:45 Be Fit w/ Music 10:30 Aprons Tied 'Snowing Strawberry's' 1:30 Balloon Ball Championsip 2:30 Silly Dumb Trivia <b>4:00 Harbor Chase Choir w/ Andrea &amp; Joshua-L</b> 6:30 Card Game Tournament 8:00 Relax and Reflect </div> <div>22</div> </div>	<div> <div> 9:45 Sing and Be Fit w/ Jody <b>10:30 Bake like a Chef/Christmas Cookies</b> 4:00 Dance Dance Revolution 6:30 Movie and Popcorns 'White Christmas/ 1954' 8:00 Saturday Night Football 'Vikings at Packers ' </div> <div>23</div> </div>
<div> <div> <b>Christmas Eve</b> 9:15 Joel Osteen Lake Wood Church 9:45 Chair-Cizing 10:30 Brownies Christmas Tree <b>2:00 Christmas Tradition Around the World</b> <b>4:00 Chalyce Plays the Holidays Keys-L</b> 5:00 Christmas Eve Dinner 6:30 Remember When </div> <div>24</div> </div>	<div> <div> <b>Christmas Day</b> 9:45 Move &amp; exercise 10:30 Impressionism 'A Look at Van Gogh' 1:30 Ladder Ball Tournament 2:30 Cheryl and The Cove Choir <b>4:00 Christmas Carols w/ Tommy Allison-L</b> 6:30 News and Views 8:00 Easy Listening </div> <div>25</div> </div>	<div> <div> 9:45 Jazzercise 10:30 What make Christmas Music Christmas Music? 1:30 Lets Compose a Song w/ Cheryl 2:30 'Kwanzaa' Fun Facts 4:00 Chair Fitness w/ Melissa 6:30 News Currents Discussion 8:00 Meditation Music </div> <div>26</div> </div>	<div> <div> 9:45 Morning Zumba 10:30 Kooky Kitchen Strawberry Santa Hat 1:30 Classic Music Appreciation 2:30 Arts and Crafts 'Wooden Pine Tree' 2:30 The Howdy Doody Show Fun Facts <b>4:00 Eastman Clarinet Duo's Holiday Serenades-L</b> 6:30 ESPN Sports Wrap Up </div> <div>27</div> </div>	<div> <div> 9:45 Chair Fitness <b>10:30 Hot Chocolate and Conversation</b> 1:30 Penny-Ante Antics 2:30 Arts and Crafts 'New Year Tablescapes' 3:30 This Day in History ' Pledge of Allegiance' 4:15 New Year Memorabilia 6:30 Table Games 8:00 Classical Composers </div> <div>28</div> </div>	<div> <div> 9:45 Be Fit w/ Music 10:45 Paint by Number 1:30 Jumbo Jenga Tournament 2:30 Herb Bouquets as Centerpieces <b>4:00 Jazz Pianist Amanda Jantzten-L</b> 6:30 Card Game Play Offs 8:00 Relax and Reflect </div> <div>29</div> </div>	<div> <div> 9:45 Sing and Be Fit w/ Jody <b>10:30 Christmas Fruit Salad Taste</b> 1:30 Indoor Volleyball Men vs Women 2:30 Arts and Crafts 'Lava Lamp' 3:30 Gardening Oasis 4:30 Word Wizards 6:30 Movie and Popcorns 'Love Actually' </div> <div>30</div> </div>
<div> <div> <b>New Year Eve</b> 9:45 Sing and Exercise w/ Jody 10:30 H2H Sport Trivia 1:30 Knock the Balls Series <b>2:30 New Year Traditions Around the World</b> 3:30 Porch Social 'My Home' <b>4:00 New Years Bash w/ Johnny Casablanca-L</b> 6:30 Classic Cinema ' When Harry met Sally' </div> <div>31</div> </div>						





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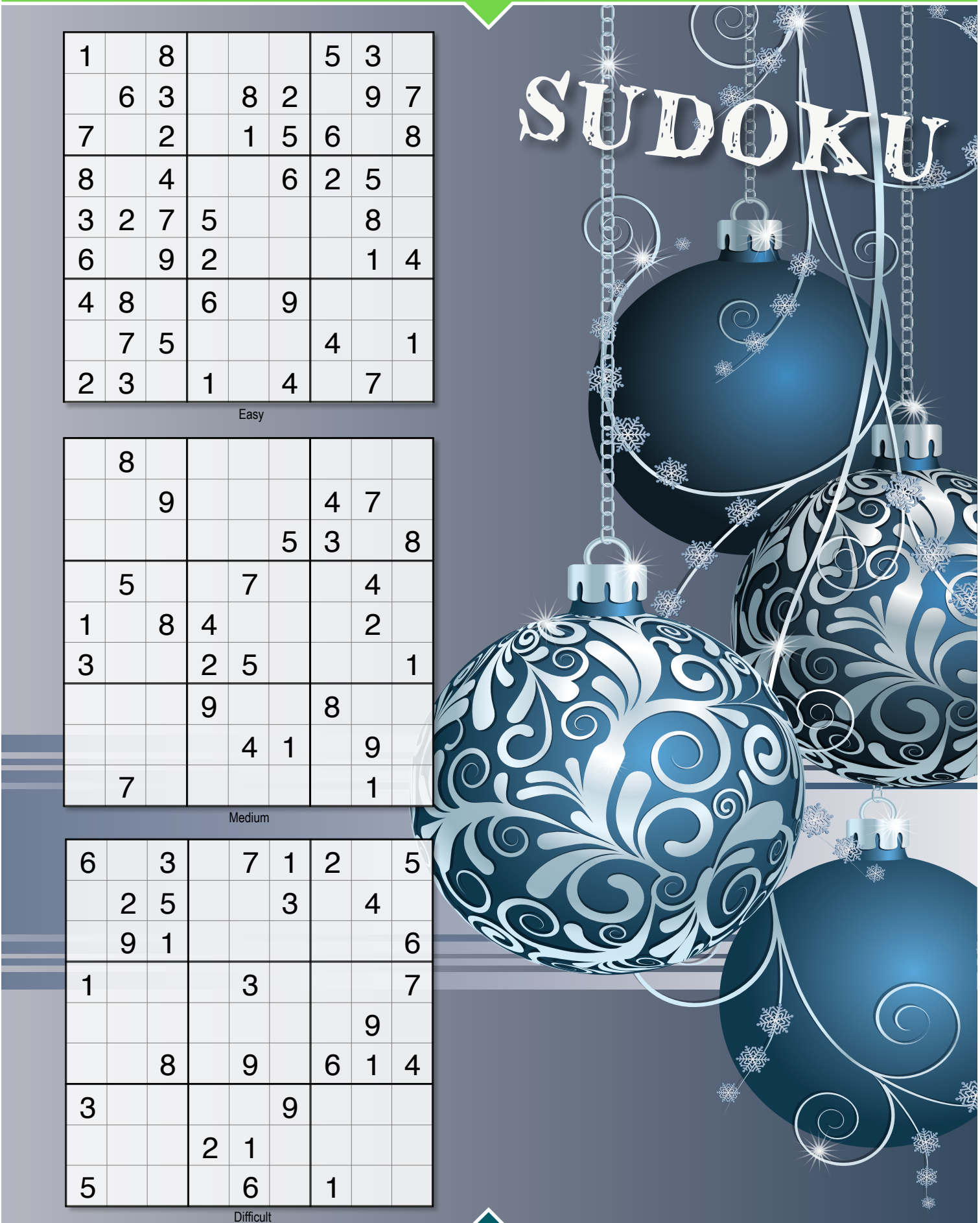
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## *"The Greatest Benefit to Mankind"*

Chemistry. Peace. Medicine. Physics. Literature. These five areas of study became a bit more prominent on Dec. 10, 1901. On the fifth anniversary of esteemed Swedish inventor Alfred Nobel's death, the first Nobel Prizes were awarded. Nobel set up the awards prior to his death, leaving \$9 million in his will for their creation. The prizes would be awarded to those who "...shall have conferred the greatest benefit to mankind."

The original ceremonies were a little different than they are today, however: The Laureates' names were kept hidden from the masses! So when the scholars arrived in their award destination of Stockholm, Sweden, talk immediately began to emerge about the special visitors in the country who would be receiving their awards at the old Royal Swedish Academy of Music. Hosting international guests was a rare occurrence in those days. The first Nobel Prize recipients included Sully Prudhomme, Frédéric Passy, Jean Henry Dunant, Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen, Jacobus Henricus van't Hoff and Emil Adolf von Behring. To date, 579 Nobel Prizes have been awarded.

## NEON LIGHTS

The stage was set, both literally and figuratively, for the evolutionary culture of Broadway on Dec. 3, 1947. "A Streetcar Named Desire," which ran until Dec. 17, 1949, opened at the Ethel Barrymore Theatre and concluded its run on the road with 855 total performances. Written by Tennessee Williams, this two-act play won Williams the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1948, inspiring a number of revivals and adaptation.

The likes of such a play had never before been seen on Broadway, with the enigmatic

brutality and sexuality shown through the lead characters played by Marlon Brando and Jessica Tandy. Tandy's role led to a Tony Award for best Leading Actress in a Play and a lifetime career in acting. Brando's role and his epic enunciation of "Stella!" led him to star in the film adaptation of "A Streetcar Named Desire." This ultimately catapulted Brando's career and life of stardom. The original "Streetcar Named Desire" managed to impact the entertainment industry in new and unforeseen ways for years to come.

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