

In October, a new \$50 bill was unveiled. A larger face of President Ulysses S. Grant makes the bill harder to forge.



After almost 40 years of Mattel's Barbie doll figure, her body shape and face was changed to a softer hair style, smaller chest, larger waist, and smaller hips.



Actor Jimmy Stewart died in July at the age of 89. His 1946 movie, It's a Wonderful Life, has become a part of American culture.



Notorious B.I.G. was killed in a drive-by shooting in L.A. in March 1997. After his death, he was awarded MTV's 1997 Best Rap Video Award for "Hypnotize."



Puff Daddy & the Family went multiplatinum. The single, "I'll Be Missing You," an elegy to Notorious B.I.G., topped the charts.

The Tibetan Freedom Concert, held in New York in June, was organized by

Adam Yauch of the Beastie

Boys. Providing entertain-

ment were 27 music acts

and a free-Tibet political

message.



In December 1997, Jerry Seinfeld announced the final episode of "Seinfeld" which aired in May 1998. The show has been on the air for nine years.



Chris Farley died at the age of 33 due to a drug overdose on December 18. He starred on "Saturday Night"



Live."

42.7 million people watched the season premiere episode of "ER," which was broadcasted live.



-Christy Edwins

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