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Miss Illinois, Katherine Shindle, is crowned Miss America 1998. For the first time in its 77-year history the pageant allows contestants to wear two-piece swimsuits in competition.



Beloved actor Jimmy Stewart dies in July at 89. Stewart's enduring nice-guy popularity is exemplified by It's a Wonderful Life, his 1946 movie that is now an American cultural icon.

Chelsea Clinton begins her freshman year at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California. Despite security measures, she reportedly will lead as normal a college life as possible.





J.T. MacMillan, San Diego Union-Tribune

Roman Catholic nun Mother Teresa of Calcutta dies September 5 at the age of 87. Revered for a lifetime of helping the poorest of the poor, her many honors include the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize.



For the first time, a computer beats a world chess champion when IBM's Deep Blue beats Russian Garry Kasparov in a six-game match in May 1997.



American Jody Williams and the International Campaign to Ban Land Mines are awarded the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize in October. The U.S. and China refuse to sign an international treaty that would ban land mines.



Ted Turner, vice chairman of the Time Warner media empire, pledges \$1 billion to United Nations programs. It is the largest single gift in philanthropic history.

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Former leader of the Soviet Union Mikhail Gorbachev films a TV commercial for Pizza Hut. He reportedly earns \$1 million for the appearance, money he plans to use to benefit his Gorbachev Foundation.

Singer John Denver dies in October at 53 when the experimental plane he is piloting crashes into California's Monterey Bay.



Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, appears in ads as a spokesperson for Weight Watchers International. She is the former wife of England's Prince Andrew.





