

# Entertainment news



ABC from the Kobal Collection

- ▶ *The Lost World*, Steven Spielberg's *Jurassic Park* sequel, breaks summer box-office records everywhere. It earns \$229 million in the U.S.

- ◀ ABC's gritty police drama "NYPD Blue" remains one of the most popular one-hour dramas on television in 1997, capturing four Emmy Awards.



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- ◀ Jerry Seinfeld, creator and star of the NBC hit "Seinfeld," announces in December that the 1997-1998 season is the show's last. The final episode airs in May, ending the popular show's nine-year run.



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- ▶ Comedian Chris Farley dies at 33 of a drug overdose on December 18. He starred in NBC's "Saturday Night Live" and movies including *Tommy Boy* and *Beverly Hills Ninja*.

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- ▶ Horror films draw teenagers to the box office. *I Know What You Did Last Summer*, starring Jennifer Love Hewitt and Sarah Michelle Gellar, is one of the year's biggest attractions.

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In its second season, the WB's campy sitcom "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" blossoms into a huge favorite with many viewers.

Jenny McCarthy stars in a new fall NBC comedy "Jenny" that, in January 1998, goes into hiatus only a few months into its first season. McCarthy had been an MTV personality before moving to the network.



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- ▶ Fox network launches "King of the Hill," an animated show that focuses on the lives of a propane dealer from Texas and his family. The show goes on to become a smash hit.



Dimension Films from the Kobal Collection

- ▶ *Scream 2*, the chilling hit sequel to *Scream*, is a wildly successful mix of carnage and comedy starring Neve Campbell, Jerry O'Connell, Tori Spelling, Jada Pinkett and a host of other stars.



Dreamworks Pictures from Shooting Star

- ▶ Critically acclaimed *Amistad*, directed by Steven Spielberg, tells the story of an 1839 slave ship mutiny. The film culminates years of effort by producer Debbie Allen to bring the story to life.



▶ Religion is a common theme on eight fall-season network TV shows inspired by the success of CBS's "Touched by an Angel" starring Roma Downey, Della Reese and John Dye. New programs include ABC's "Nothing Sacred" and "Teen Angel."

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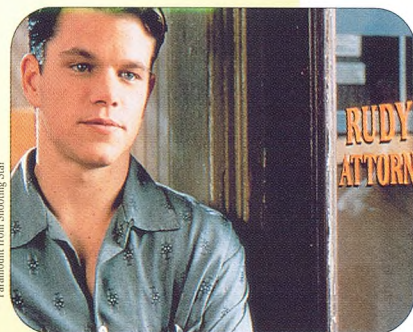


▶ *Titanic* is a huge critical and box-office success. The movie event of the year, this \$200 million picture is the most costly in history. After 45 days in the theaters, *Titanic* had earned \$308 million.



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▶ *Star Wars* captures a new generation of fans when George Lucas re-releases the film trilogy 20 years after the first film was shown. In Washington, D.C., the National Air and Space Museum mounts a huge exhibition of now-historic *Star Wars* artifacts.



▶ Matt Damon stars as an attorney in *The Rainmaker*, a movie based on the John Grisham novel. Damon's successes also include the film *Good Will Hunting*.

▶ Michael Flatley's pulsating show "Lord of the Dance" fuels the extraordinary popularity of Irish dance. The show tours 15 cities in the U.S. through October.

▶ In the fall, Fox debuts "Ally McBeal," a comedy/drama starring Calista Flockhart as a young Boston attorney. The show captures a Golden Globe Award in January 1998 for best series/musical or comedy.



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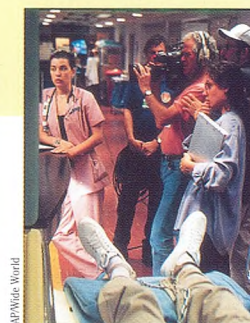
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▶ Summer blockbuster *Men in Black* grosses more than \$500 million worldwide to become 1997's biggest hit. The sci-fi comedy stars Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones.

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*The Wonderful World of Disney* presents its adaptation of "Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella" on ABC, starring Brandy as Cinderella and Whitney Houston as the Fairy Godmother.

*Tomorrow Never Dies*, starring Pierce Brosnan as 007, is a holiday box-office hit and confirms the enduring popularity of James Bond movies.



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▶ The 1997 season premiere episode of "ER" is broadcast live and draws 42.7 million viewers for NBC, including those who watch it on a giant screen in Times Square.

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