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Enter into the realm of Florida Tech...

Olin Buildings—Engineers Domain
School of Psychology
School of Aeronautics
The School of Business
Dr. Revay

Florida Tech will forever remember you!

Best of Wishes!

Dr. Andrew W. Revay Jr.
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Andrew W. Revay Jr. retired at the end of the 2000-2001 academic year after 34 years of service at Florida Institute of Technology.

Dr. Revay is an Air Force veteran, a member of Sigma Xi, the National Scientific Honor Society, the National Society for Professional Engineers and the American Society of Engineering Education. He has an outstanding record of service to the Brevard County community, including serving the past four years as a member of the Brevard Workforce Development Board.

Dr. Revay joined Florida Tech as an associate professor of electrical engineering from the University of Pittsburgh, where he had earned three degrees, including a Ph.D. in electrical engineering.

After his promotion to full professor, Dr. Revay served as the first president of the faculty senate. He was named Florida Tech’s head of electrical and computer engineering in 1971, and served in this position throughout the 1970’s. During this time, he also did consulting work with Harris Corporation, the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab and the National Academy of Sciences.

In 1980, he was named the dean of the College of Science and Engineering, a position he held until 1986. During his time as dean, Dr. Revay was recognized for a number of awards, including the IEEE Centennial Medal and recognition as IEEE Florida Council’s Educator of the Year in 1984 and the Brevard County Engineer of the Year in 1985. In 1986, Dr. Revay was promoted to vice president for academic affairs (VPAA). He has served in this position ever since. During this time as VPAA, he has overseen the growth of Florida Tech’s two colleges and four schools.
(Above Left) Olin Engineering Building (Above) Skurla Hall (Left) Keuper Administration Building (Below Left) Sports Centre under construction (Below Right) Crawford Science Tower
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WHAT'S GOING ON?

A PARKING SPOT JUST OPENED UP AT FLORIDA TECH.
Smiling Faces, Happening Places...Florida Tech
Panther Pride
Just too Cool

[Images of various group photos of people smiling and having fun]
Halloween 2000

[Images of various Halloween costumes and decorations.]

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What makes Florida Tech Unique
The people who make a Difference at Florida Tech
or Hardly Working
Don’t Give Me That Look!
Florida Tech's Pride
The Future is Here
Florida Tech is looking Good!
These are the future writers of our next generation. See Florida Tech students open themselves up in their writings........
Poems
by
Silvia Rouskin

Feelings on paper
I’ve read for the greatest lovers
And heard poets sing what they feel
Talented artists creating the covers
So beautiful and so unreal
And I wonder if I’m wrong
In my simple conclusion
Why are feelings on paper so strong?
When in fact they are only illusion
We experience love, hate, and passion
Changed with one move of the eraser
We create new trends in fashion
And we live, but only on paper

Feel It
When you can see the ash of the perishing night
Into his tired eyes
And you can feel the passion drawn in delight
Where time slowly dies
You know you had one moment in life
To make it real
And when all nights in eternity dive
You can’t see, you can only feel
So when you can’t hold the wild emotion
And in his eyes you find your tears
You’ll know not just the meaning of devotion
But the way to seize the years
Despite distance, time, and space
When you get lost in the minute
You won’t see the marks on his face
Because you are within it

The Painting
I’m looking at a painting
And I’ve been looking for so lon
But somehow I can see it changing
New shapes come up, old ones are gone
But still there’s something left the same
And as my eyes go further
I wonder if I go insane
Or those shades become darker
The green is leaving and red is fading away
Even the blue is gone, there’s only gray
But all those kinds of patterns
And different forms in different styles
Bizarre shapes and weird matters
They almost smile
And as I stare at them I wonder
How can they change like that?
At the beginning so soft and tender
Once white they’re turning black
And as I slowly dive
Among those fading flowers
I know if it was worth my life
I won’t think twice, if only I could give them colors
Talent Show 2001
Miss Florida Tech

[Images of three women wearing pageant sashes and crowns, possibly at a pageant event.]
Picture Perfect
Just Hanging Out
Time to Party!

Party Time!

Lovely!

Under, there you go!

Fire! Fire!
Kim Fuch's Page

FIT Women's Crew Team
Nov. 17th 2000 Regatta

Miss Florida Tech Contest
Left: John and Jen
Right: Pedro and Kelly

Kim and Claire
Pleasure Island

Shuttle Launch
Left top: Tristan, Amber, Sarah, Susie, Pedro
Left bottom: Kim and Claire

Universal City Walk
Front to back: Kelly, Shanna, Jen, Laura, Kim
Rachel, and Claire
Keeping the Best Memories

The Grelch Family
Jeanne (Mom) & Tom (Dad)
Amy (Sister) & David (brother)

With Special Thoughts
To Kevin

Sean Stavely    Aviation Management

Sean with Mom    Honor Student    Skiing
Man's Best Friend    After first solo flight    Boating
Family Tech 2001

Robert J. Steele
Aviation

From right to left:
Robert, Laura, Uncle,
Dad & sister with Toby

The De Santo Family

Richard, Danielle,
Deborah and Quinn

Sean Gilbertson
(Junior)
with sister Shannon
Keeping the Most Precious Memories Alive
The Bennett Family

Family Picture
Ben  Mom  Florence
Ko  Grandma  Johnny

Elliot Bache and Family
"We are all susceptible to suggestion... It is a natural human trait."

- Chuck Milligan

Milligan, who has delighted crowds for almost 20 years, has never had any formal training. Milligan worked as a therapist and developed his own style of hypnotism to aid him in his endeavors. He says that while most people can be hypnotized, there are a select few who are psychologically incapable of ever reaching a hypnotic state.
The Armstrong Family's Precious Memories
Keeping the Greatest Memories Alive

The Valacheryil Family

Simon, Susan
Bobby, Bigi & Unnichamma (Grandma)

To our Dearest Bobby,

You have grown up so fast before our very eyes,
From Little League to Karate to Basketball,
You have been our shining star.
Always with a nose for curiosity, you always had
to try new things.
Whether you had to learn the hard way it made you
stronger.
And now you are a man, mature and strong, ready
to achieve your goals.
We are so proud to call you son and brother.
May you continue to be successful in all that you do.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, & Bigi
I HATE GETTING A NEW ROOMMATE.
...And only the Best will Survive!
Tri-Beta Haunted Lab 2000
Panthers are in style!
MULDER, WHAT IS THAT?!

IT LOOKS LIKE PLANS FOR A NEW SPORTS COMPLEX.

CAN IT BE? I DON'T BELIEVE IT. THE TRUTH IS OUT THERE...

FLORIDA TECH TOP SECRET!
Chillin out at the RAT....
The place to hang out and have a little fun after classes
Florida Tech Baseball
# Panther Baseball 2001

## The Team

Coach: Les Hall

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Karate
Soccer

RICK STOTTLE FIELD

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

GUEST PERIOD HOME
Soccer
ROTC FOOTBALL
Florida Tech Athletes
Panther Volleyball!
Florida Tech’s 2001

Cross Country

Accept the CHALLENGE

Join Cross Country
Good Friends, Good Times
Having Fun
Hanging Out

INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
At Florida Tech

Florida Int
Academics:
A Florida Tech Odyssey

I'd like to register for physics, please.
I can't let you do that Dave...

Forty years into the future and nothing's changed.
Working Hard
Appreciate the Beauty...
The Florida Tech Jungle
In Loving Memory

Jasper Henry Mendes,
Florida Tech
Will not be the same
without you!

Jasper Henry Mendez passed away after a tragic accident early Monday morning. Henry Mendez was an Aeronautics Major from Kuwait.

Our most sincere condolences,
May God’s strength be with the Mendez Family
Carolyn’s Page
Who knows how to have Fun?

They sure do!
Fun at night!

Fun in the Sun!

Florida Tech 2001
Don’t we look nice!

Definitely Professional Material!
ORGANIZATIONS

IS THIS THE SCI/FI CLUB?
NO, IT'S THE NEEDLEPOINT CLUB. WHAT DO YOU THINK!

JOIN TODAY!

CLUB FAIR

[Signature]

Chris Sommerville
(Upper Left) Mmm! I love these new corn dogs! (Upper right) A little bit of duct tape and you're ready to go! (Left) It's always a good idea to leave at least one can of gasoline sitting on the runway. (Below) The Royal Florida Tech Air Force stands ready to defend Melbourne from attack.
College Players is Expanding!!!

We sing!

Welcome the New College Players’ Additions!

We Dance
Indian Students
SO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING
IS THIS IS ALL AN ILLUSION?

WELL, IT'S EVEN WEIRDER
DURING GREEK WEEK.

FOLLOW THE WHITE
RABBIT, MAN! -HIC!-
Kelly & Chris

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby meet the Family

An Entire Cast of Talents

Mrs. Wellington discusses her stage experience

The girls get beautiful for the show
Claire, Sara, Kelly and Tricia (from front to back)
IVCF
Gamma Phi Beta

Hanging out at Chumley’s

The sisters during Bid Day of Recruitment Week

The sisters at the Pink Carnation Ball to celebrate Founders Day

Dinner at the Olive Garden.

Fall 2000 new member class with their new member mom, Natalie Wilbanks.

Gama Phi Beta always know how to have a good time!

Lindsey and Carla

You are never too old to hang out in the tree house.

Carving Pumpkins for Halloween!

Adding Greek Week Champs 2001
The Florida Tech Student Ambassadors are a fun, spirited group of students, dedicated to promoting Florida Tech wherever they go. They are highly motivated in their duties, which include conducting campus tours, tutoring local high school students, helping with college fairs and open houses, assisting alumni events, and raising money for Florida Tech scholarships.
Building the Future
The Yearbook would like to thank all of those who helped make the Millennium Yearbook so Memorable!

We would like to give special thanks to:
Dean Watson and the Baseball Team
The parents and families of FamilyTech 2001
The students who took their pictures
Gamma Phi Beta, SHPE, and most important of all, Bertrand Flamant, Lisa K.,
Carolyn, Gretchen, Mimi, Kerry Covey, Shamayra, Angela, and Chris Sonnenberg
without you, there would be no Yearbook!

Thank you very much,
Lizande Loesener
Editor and Chief
Ad Astra Yearbook
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Graduates

The Florida Tech 2000 people!!!
Graduation
Graduation
December 2000
Florida Tech Class of 2001!!!!!
The Yearbook Attack Squad

[Image of a group of people in a classroom]

[Image of two women sitting at a desk]
Gas prices soar across Europe. Heavy taxation policies in France and England cause massive protests and transportation blockades. Both governments eventually promise relief.

President Clinton travels to Southeast Asia in November to help mend relations between the United States and Vietnam. He is the first U.S. president to visit Vietnam since the end of the war in 1975.

A cable car carrying skiers and snowboarders in Austria catches fire inside a tunnel, killing more than 150 people on board. It is the worst Alpine disaster in the country's history.

Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic is ousted from office in October, ending 13 years of violent rule. Vojislav Kostunica becomes Yugoslavia's first democratically elected president.

President Clinton makes a last-ditch effort to broker a Middle East peace deal before his term ends in January 2001 by drafting a plan for leaders of both Israel and Palestine to review. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian Yasser Arafat agree to review Clinton's proposal, but no deal is signed before month's end.

A Singapore Airlines jumbo jet crashes during takeoff in Taiwan, killing 81 of the 179 people on board. In a blinding rainstorm the pilot uses the wrong runway and collides with construction equipment.

Canada mourns the death of former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, who served the country for nearly 16 years. Trudeau, who was 80, is remembered for his flamboyant style and his commitment to keeping Canada a single nation.
In August, the Russian nuclear submarine Kursk sinks to the bottom of the Barents Sea after an unexplained explosion. All 118 crew members are killed.

AIDS reaches epidemic proportions in southern Africa. Leaders and citizens throughout the world conduct a massive educational campaign on World AIDS Day December 1 to teach people about the disease that is killing 6,000 sub-Saharan Africans each day.

Uganda is struck by an occurrence of the deadly Ebola virus that is linked to more than 100 deaths. The outbreak is traced to a Gulu woman who died in September and whose body infected other people during the ritual cleansing of the dead.

In January 2001, a 7.9 magnitude earthquake devastates Gujarat in western India. The huge quake causes an estimated $5.5 billion in damages and kills more than 20,000 people.

In August, Somalia elects its first president in nine years. President Abdiqasim Salad Hassan promises to bring peace and economic recovery to the African nation.

Former Coca-Cola executive Vicente Fox, of the National Action Party, is elected president of Mexico in July, ending the Institutional Revolutionary Party’s 71-year reign.

More than 150 world leaders meet at the U.N. Millennium Summit in September to discuss war, poverty, disease and other global problems. The meeting is the largest gathering of world leaders in history.

The worst wave of Middle Eastern violence in years erupts between Israelis and Palestinians, leaving more than 350 dead. A visit by Israeli opposition leader Ariel Sharon to a Jerusalem holy site on September 28 is claimed to have sparked the fighting.

In July, an Air France Concorde supersonic jet catches fire and crashes outside Paris, killing 113 people. The crash is blamed on metal debris which punctured the tires and damaged the fuel tanks.

Two hundred North and South Koreans separated from family members since the 1950-1953 Korean war reunite in August. The four-day visits are a goodwill gesture by both countries’ leaders, who met for the first time in June.
In the worst forest fire season in 50 years, more than 20,000 firefighters battle blazes in the western United States. More than 80 major wildfires burn across 13 states, forcing hundreds of people to leave their homes.

Summer air travelers wait out some of the worst flight delays on record. Bad weather and heavy air traffic cause delays that reach a peak in June, when only 90% of the flights arrive on time.

Illegal downloading and missing computer tapes threaten the security of the Los Alamos nuclear weapons lab in New Mexico. Several workers at the lab are penalized for mishandling nuclear secrets.

The Oilman's Museum: An Institute for the Future opens in September in Dallas. The museum profiles 3,000 remarkable American women and features more than 20 interactive exhibits.

Many brands of taco shells and corn chips are pulled from store shelves and restaurants after a consumer group detects traces of genetically modified corn not approved for human consumption.

A wave of Internet startup companies, once the darlings of the online economy, file for bankruptcy after falling short of stockholders' earnings expectations. The NASDAQ stock exchange, where most dot-coms are traded, loses 39% of its value for the year.

Millions of Californians go for hours without power in January 2001 as utility companies cut off electrical supply due to low reserves. The crisis, blamed on aging generating plants, deregulation, soaring wholesale prices and debt-ridden utilities, spurs other states to begin devising prevention plans.

The Oklahoma City National Memorial is unveiled in April 2000. The memorial is built to honor the 168 people who died in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.
On December 4, 2000, the U.S. presidency remains in limbo as both Florida and New Mexico officials recount ballots to determine who will win their state's electoral votes. New Mexico goes to Gore. Ultimately, Bush wins Florida which gives him a narrow victory.

In the closest presidential election in more than 100 years, Republican George W. Bush of Texas beats Democrat Al Gore from Tennessee. The race isn’t decided until 36 days after the popular election, when Florida’s hotly contested 25 electoral votes are awarded to Bush.

On election night, several TV networks prematurely declare Al Gore the winner in Florida, only later to reverse themselves, twice. The fiasco confirms many Americans’ distrust of polling and early “calling” of elections.

In one of his first duties as President-elect, George W. Bush nominates Colin Powell to be Secretary of State. The four-star Army General becomes the first African-American in history to serve in this role.

Chads, dimpled chads and butterfly ballots become common terms during the election as Florida officials assess voter intent. The confusion generates national discussion for uniform methods of voting.

The U.S. Supreme Court casts the deciding vote in the nation’s election. The court ends the Gore-Bush legal battles in Florida by stopping all recounts, an action that effectively gives Bush victory.

In a fiery and highly publicized political battle, Hillary Rodham Clinton beats Republican Rick Lazio decisively to become senator from New York. She is the first first lady to be elected to public office.

Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan is elected to the Senate days after he dies in a November plane crash. His widow, Jean Carnahan, agrees to serve as senator in his place.

The Federal Trade Commission charges the film, recording and videogame industries with marketing violent and adult-rated materials to teens. The entertainment giants are requested to stop the practice or face legal intervention.

In October, the USS Cole is bombed while refueling in Yemen. A number of terrorist groups are suspected of the blast that kills 17 sailors and injures 39.
In August, a mile-wide patch of open water is spotted at the North Pole, dramatizing concerns about global warming.

In July, Stephen King shakes up the publishing world by releasing one of the first online books, The Plant. More than 150,000 copies are downloaded the first week at $1 per chapter.

In a Guatemalan jungle, archeologists uncover remains of an ancient Mayan palace. Bigger than two football fields, the palace is one of the largest ever discovered.

Internet appliances that provide surfing and e-mailing capabilities make their way to homes and schools. The devices offer less expensive Internet access to consumers without home computers.

In 2000, more than 200 animal species join the Iberian Lynx on the World Conservation Union’s List of Threatened Species. Their addition brings the world total to 11,046 plants and animals having threatened status.

Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) capable of calendar scheduling, note taking, e-mailing, phoning and Web browsing go mainstream in 2000. Competition among manufacturers heats up with Microsoft, BlackBerry, Palm and other brands vying for shares of the teen and business markets.

Paleontologists identify a new species of dinosaur from fossils found in northern Italy. The 26-foot-long, meat-eating Saltasaurus is one of the world’s oldest dinosaurs, dating back 200 million years.

Scientists are forced to rethink the traditional definitions of a star and planet when 18 massive planet-like bodies that don’t revolve around a sun are discovered in the Sigma Orionis cluster.

Final touches are made to the International Space Station for its first residents. American astronaut Bill Shepherd and two Russian cosmonauts live on the space station for four months starting in November.
Wireless devices that send real-time personal messages between users become the latest communication craze. The "instant messages" can be typed, written or spoken, depending on the brand, and devices cost less than $100.

In 2000, both Honda and Toyota launch gas-electric hybrid cars. Operated by a battery-powered electric motor and a gas-run engine, the hybrids get up to 70 miles per gallon on the highway and release minimal emissions.

New internet domain names are created to lessen the load on the old .com standard. The new names, slated for use in mid-2001, include .info for general use, .biz for businesses, .name for individuals and .pro for professionals.

Scientists complete a rough "map" of the genetic code that makes a person human. The map will aid in the detection and prevention of cancer and other illnesses.

A PlanetPortal unveils the WebRemote, a remote built for use with the Internet. Users can surf their favorite sites at the touch of a button instead of keying addresses or scrolling a list of bookmarked pages.

Scientists discover an ancient standing lizard fossil in a German quarry, suggesting that dinosaurs may not have been the first creatures to walk upright.

The Hubble Space Telescope shows never-before-seen details of a "cosmic butterfly," material ejected by a star in the later stages of its life.

A Computer scientists at Brandeis University make a robot that can design and build other robots with minimal help from humans.

Apple Computer unveils its new G4 Cube computer in July. The 8-inch crystalline cube is commended for its small size, high speed, low noise level, touch-sensitive power activation and padless optical mouse.

Amtrak introduces the nation's first high-speed train in November. The "Acela Express" travels up to 150 miles per hour and runs between Washington, D.C., New York and Boston, with other routes planned for coming years.
A new Web site, Customatix.com, lets users design their own sneakers. Starting from scratch or selecting a prefab model, users can pick everything from the colors and styling to the fabric and personalized logo at a cost of $80 to $95 a pair.

A new prepaid credit cards and online credit lines are the latest high-tech means for parents to control their teens’ spending. Depending on the account, parents determine the spending limit or the online stores where the money can be spent and receive monthly statements of purchases made.

Mr-18, billed as the first national lifestyle magazine for guys 13 to 19, hits newstands in August. The Men’s Health offshoot covers sports, fitness, school, relationships and issues teenage boys face growing up.

American Heritage, among other publishers, releases new dictionaries, capturing the language of our computer-savvy culture. “Dot.com,” “netiquette” and “cybersurfing” are among the new entries.

Techno pants, as functional as last year’s cargos but with cleaner lines and nylon fabric, are popular with teens. They come in a variety of colors and feature zippered legs and pockets, toggles and nylon drawstrings.

A Feather, a synthetic fabric that looks like leather, comes in an array of colors and prints and is popularized by celebrities like singer Christina Aguilera.

A Laser eye surgery becomes an increasingly accepted alternative to eyeglasses and contact lenses as the technology continues to improve.

FLASH

For the first time, females outnumber males in Internet use in the United States, representing 50.4% of the online population in 2000. Teenage girls are the fastest growing user segment.

The popularity of Apple Computer’s translucent berry-colored iMac sparks a wave of similarly colored cell phones, CD players, cameras, irons and other household appliances.

Designers faceplates become a popular way to personalize cell phones. The decorative attachments come in a variety of designs and colors to match the user’s mood or outfit.

Wordstretch bracelets become a trendy accessory in Hollywood and around the nation. The multi-colored elastic bands come inscribed with “Call me,” “Money is overrated,” “Snap out of it!” and other simple messages designed to spark conversation.
Message T-shirts become fashion statements among teen girls. "Foxy Lady," "Princess" and "Monkey Around" are just a few of the tongue-in-cheek logos that appear on the popular shirts.

By the end of 2000, an estimated 75% of U.S. universities offer courses online and more than 5.8 million students have logged on.

With the 2000 unemployment rate at a low of 4%, college students working as summer interns command wages up to $20 an hour, along with compensation packages, from high-tech and Internet companies.

Companies like Estee Lauder, Origins, Hermes and Blister begin to market products in portable single-use packets. Products include nail polish remover, scented wipes, hair conditioners and moisturizers.

Stick-on crystals and gems become popular fashion accessories for teen girls, accenting the face, neck and shoulders.

Mail-order clothing pioneer Lands’ End introduces “scan wear.” The technology captures customers’ body measurements, and allows users to virtually “try on” clothing when ordering via the Internet.

“Personal TVs” by TiVo and ReplayTV allow users to control live TV by pausing or rewinding and to record their favorite shows without having to set a VCR timer or purchase videotapes.

Teens involved in anti-smoking organizations such as The Truth and Target Market strike back at Big Tobacco for marketing to youth, by launching their own in-your-face advertising campaigns targeting cigarette makers. The print and broadcast ads are sponsored by funds won from tobacco suit settlements.

Chrysler rolls out its 1930s retro car, the PT Cruiser, in spring 2000. The five-door “personal transportation” wagon is a hot seller, beating the popular Volkswagen New Beetle by two to one in the first month. It also wins Motor Trend magazine’s 2001 Car of the Year.
The Millennium Force, the world's tallest and fastest roller coaster, opens in May 2000 at the Cedar Point amusement park in Sandusky, Ohio. The ride has a 300-foot drop and travels up to 92 miles per hour.

Meet the Parents, starring Robert De Niro and Ben Stiller, opens in October. The movie wins Favorite Comedy Motion Picture at the People's Choice Awards, and De Niro earns a Golden Globe nomination.

In July, CBS launches "Big Brother," a reality-based show in which 10 people share living quarters for three months until all but one are voted out. Viewers can monitor contestants 24/7 on the show's Web site.

In December, Carl Away is released, starring Tom Hanks as a crash victim stranded on a desert island for four years. For his nearly one-man performance, Hanks wins Best Actor at the Golden Globes.

The first big hit in 2001 is Save the Last Dance, which opens in January. The teen romance, starring Julia Stiles and Sean Patrick Thomas, earns close to $50 million in its first two weeks.

Pay It Forward, a movie based on the idea of performing random acts of kindness, opens in October starring Haley Joel Osment, Kevin Spacey and Helen Hunt.

Gamers camp outside electronics stores to secure the long-awaited Sony PlayStation 2, which goes on sale in October in limited quantities. The new version allows users to listen to CDs and watch DVD movies in addition to playing games.

Tom Cruise reprises his role as Ethan Hunt in the action sequel Mission: Impossible 2. The May release is summer's biggest box-office draw and 2000's second-highest grossing film, earning more than $215 million.
Popular television series prompt the introduction of board game versions. “Survivor” and “Who Wants To Be a Millionaire” lead the list of new releases.

In November, illusionist David Blaine is encased in ice for 62 hours in New York’s Times Square, assisted only with air and water tubes and a catheter. Blaine, who was seeking notoriety over national TV, survives the stunt but requires hospitalization.

Russell Crowe becomes a household name with the release of Gladiator. The epic film wins a Golden Globe Award for Best Drama as well as an acting nod for Crowe.

NBC’s White House drama “The West Wing,” starring Martin Sheen, Allison Janney and Richard Schiff, sets a record for receiving the most Emmys in a single season with nine wins, including Outstanding Drama Series.

NBC’s “Will & Grace” is one of television’s 10 most watched shows in 2000. Actors Sean Hayes and Megan Mullally win Emmys for their roles as Jack and Karen.

Scary Movie, the Wayans brothers’ spoof on horror movies, is among the year’s 10 highest grossing films. The July release earns more than $167 million and is voted the Teen Choice Awards Movie of the Summer.

Fox’s “Dark Angel” is voted Favorite New Television Dramatic Series at the 2001 People’s Choice Awards. The series, set in the year 2019, explores the life of a genetically enhanced heroine named Max.

In July, Wolverine, Cyclops, Storm and other super-powerful comic book characters are brought to life in X-Men. The movie grosses over $157 million, one of the year’s 10 biggest box-office draws.

Charlie’s Angels, based on the popular ’70s TV series, is one of the top 20 box-office draws in 2000. The movie, starring director Drew Barrymore, Cameron Diaz and Lucy Liu, earns $40 million its opening week in November and grosses more than $123 million during its run.

The year’s hottest TV show is CBS’s “Survivor,” in which 16 contestants compete for a million dollars by surviving on a tropical island for 99 days. More than 51 million viewers tune in for the final episode. Based on its success, CBS launches a second “Survivor” series in January 2001 set in the Australian Outback.
In response to the growing interest in Latin music, CBS airs the “1st Annual Latin Grammy Awards” in September. The show is the first primetime network Spanish language telecast on American TV and draws 7.5 million viewers.

“A New Board Game Called “Hip-Hop Hall of Fame” capitalizes on the popularity of the music genre. Players make their way around an album-like board by answering questions about Hip-Hop performers, songs, culture and history.

Hip-Hop remains one of the year’s dominant sounds, with acts such as DMX, Jay-Z and Ludacris all making Billboard’s Top 40 with new songs and selling more than a million copies of their latest CDs.

A ‘N Sync’s “No Strings Attached” becomes the top-selling album of 2000 with 10 million units sold. The lead single “Bye Bye Bye” wins three MTV awards and receives a Grammy nomination for Record of the Year.

A Pop Star Björk wins MTV’s Breakthrough Video Award for “All Is Full of Love.”. The Icelandic newcomer is also nominated for a Golden Globe and a Grammy for her music in “Dancer in the Dark.”

A Macy Gray wins MTV’s Best New Artist in a Video award for her hit single “I Try.” Gray is also nominated for three Grammys.

A Lee Ann Womack wins the Country Music Association’s award for Best Single with “I Hope You Dance.” Womack also receives several Grammy nominations.

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Madonna scores a record-setting 12th No. 1 single with the release of “Music.” In December, she wed director Guy Ritchie in a Scottish castle.

New brands and styles of portable MP3 players inundate the market in 2000. The new-generation devices store and play digital music from the Internet and feature more playing time than their predecessors.


A Creed, with lead singer Scott Stapp, proves to be one of 2000’s hottest rock bands, with their singles “Higher” and “With Arms Wide Open” hitting the top 5 on Billboard’s Hot 100 singles list. The group wins American Music Association’s Favorite Alternative Artist and Favorite Pop/Rock Album.
Opening week sales records are shattered in 2000 with benchmarks set for the number of albums sold. Britney Spears’ *Oops... I Did It Again*, Eminem’s *The Marshall Mathers LP*, Limp Bizkit’s *Chocolate Starfish and the Hot Dog Flavored Water*, and Backstreet Boys’ *Black & Blue* all break the million-unit mark.

The Beatles begin 2001 atop the Billboard album chart with the album 1. The CD sells more than 5 million copies over the holiday season.

Siyo, a member of the R&B band Dr. Dre Hill, goes solo in 2000. The singer tops the singles chart with “Incomplete” and “Thong Song” and takes home awards from *Billboard* and the American Music Association.

MTV’s “Total Request Live,” which allows viewers to vote for their favorite music videos, continues to gain popularity. Host Carson Daly becomes one of the year’s best-known faces.

MLK’s Child achieves three back-to-back No. 1 singles in 2000, making the band Billboard’s Top Pop Artist of 2000. The group is nominated for five Grammys, four for the single “Say My Name.”

Faith Hill and Tim McGraw perform to sell-out crowds on their Soul 2 Soul tour. Hill and McGraw win the Country Music Association’s Female and Male Vocalist of the Year, making them the first couple to win in the same year.

Pink is one of the year’s top new artists. Her debut album, *Can’t Take Me Home*, sells 2 million copies, and two of her songs are Top 10 hits.

Rock music dominates the music charts and award shows in 2000. Groups including Matchbox Twenty, Vertical Horizon, and 3 Doors Down top both the rock and pop singles charts with their respective singles “Bent,” “Everything You Want,” and “Kryptonite.”

Baha Men’s hit song “Who Let the Dogs Out” reaches anthem status at sports stadiums across the country. The song also wins a Grammy nomination for Best Dance Recording.
American Marion Jones, 24, becomes the first woman to win five track and field medals in a single Olympic Games at the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney. Jones wins the 100- and 200-meter sprints and the 4x400 relay, and finishes third in both the 4x100 relay and long jump.

The New York Yankees defeat the New York Mets four games to one in the first “Subway Series” since 1956. It is the Yankees’ third straight World Series win and their 26th overall.

Bobby Labonte wins the 2000 NASCAR Winston Cup, his first after eight years on the circuit. Labonte and his brother Terry, winner of two previous Winston Cups, are the first brothers to win titles.

The Houston Comets beat the New York Liberty to win the 2000 WNBA championship. The win is Houston’s fourth in a row, and star Cynthia Cooper is named the finals MVP.

In the 2001 Orange Bowl, the underdog Oklahoma Sooners defeat the Florida State Seminoles 13-2 to win the National Championship. It is Oklahoma’s first title in 15 years.

Australian Karrie Webb is named the LPGA’s Player of the Year for the second time in a row. Webb wins seven titles in 2000, including the U.S. Women’s Open in July, and sets an earnings record of $1.8 million.

Venus Williams dominates women’s tennis. The 20-year-old has a 35-match winning streak, which includes the titles at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open as well as an Olympic gold medal.

With a win against the University of Dayton in September, Yale becomes the first college team to win 800 football games.

In January 2001, after a three-year hiatus, legendary Mario Lemieux returns to play for the Pittsburgh Penguins, the hockey team he now part-owns. Lemieux becomes the first owner/player in the history of the NHL.

Cyclist Lance Armstrong wins his second consecutive Tour de France in July. Armstrong, a cancer survivor, also writes his autobiography: It’s Not About the Bike: My Journey Back to Life.
The Los Angeles Lakers win the NBA championship, the franchise’s first in 12 years. The Lakers beat the Indiana Pacers in game six of the finals. Center Shaquille O’Neal is named MVP.

The racing world is stunned when NASCAR legend Dale Earnhardt Sr., a seven-time Winston Cup champion, is killed on the last lap of the Daytona 500 in February 2001. NASCAR does not retire numbers, but car owner Richard Childress said he will never again race Earnhardt’s black No. 3 car.

Xtreme Football debuts in February 2001. The game combines conventional football rules with some of the mayhem of professional wrestling. Eight teams play in the league’s first season.

Laura Wilkinson overcomes three broken toes to win the women’s 10-meter platform diving competition. Wilkinson is the first American woman to earn the gold in this Olympic event since 1964.

In a huge upset, American Greco-Roman wrestler Rulon Gardner defeats Russian legend Alexander Karelin for the gold in the super heavyweight class. The loss is Karelin’s first in 13 years.

American swimmer Missy Hyman beats out heavily favored Susie O’Neill of Australia to win the 200-meter butterfly. Hyman’s winning time of 2:05.66 is an Olympic record.

American runner Michael Johnson makes history by winning the 400-meter run for an unprecedented second time in a row at the Olympics. Alvin Harrison, also from the United States, wins the silver medal.

The Baltimore Ravens beat the New York Giants 34-7 in Super Bowl XXXV for their first NFL title. Ray Lewis of Baltimore’s highly touted defense is named MVP of the game.

Cathy Freeman carries the Olympic torch at the opening ceremonies of the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney. Freeman goes on to win the 400-meter dash, becoming the first Aboriginal Australian to earn an individual Olympic gold medal.
Comedian Dennis Miller debuts as co-announcer on ABC's "Monday Night Football." Miller's offbeat humor gets a mixed reaction from fans, and the series earns some of the lowest ratings in its 31-year history.

To observe society and learn about himself, New Jersey native Brett Banite, 16, takes a one-year vow of silence. He communicates by e-mail, facial expressions and business cards.

Runner Martha Runyan, who is legally blind, becomes the first U.S. Paralympian to compete in the Olympics. Runyan places 8th in the 1,500-meter run at the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney, Australia.

England celebrates the 100th birthday of the Queen Mum, mother of Queen Elizabeth, in August. The beloved Mum becomes the oldest living royal in the history of the British Monarchy.

In October, Slovenian climber Davo Karnicer becomes the first person to ski down Mount Everest. Karnicer's two-mile descent down the world's highest mountain takes five hours.

In honor of the late cartoonist Charles M. Schulz, 101 fiberglass Snoopy statues — each in a theme wardrobe — are displayed in Schulz's hometown of St. Paul. Several are auctioned off in October to raise money for aspiring cartoonists.

Video gamer Josh Griffith, 17, starts a business filling in for other gamers involved in an online roleplaying game called "Acheron's Call." Players are required to put in hours of game time to keep their online characters powerful. Busy executives pay Griffith up to $40 an hour to play for them.

After a record 3,545 wins and $81 million in earnings during her 19-year career, jockey Julie Krone becomes the first woman inducted into the National Racing Hall of Fame.

Controversial Indiana University basketball coach Bob Knight is fired in September after allegedly violating a University-imposed code of conduct. During his 29 years at Indiana, Knight was often criticized for temper outbursts. His dismissal provokes student protest demonstrations.

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