



In December, actor Jim Carrey portrays zany comedian Andy Kaufman in Man on the Moon. Carrey wins a Golden Globe award for his performance.

American Beauty, starring Kevin Spacey, Annette Bening and Thora Birch, captures the Golden Globe Best Drama Award. The dark satire of suburbia and family dysfunction receives a total of six Golden Globe nominations.



The new arcade game Guitar Freaks features two guitar controllers and a screen to help players follow along to popular songs.



- Set in 1980, the critically acclaimed NBC show "Freaks and Geeks" follows two groups of teens trying to make their way through high school.
- The long-awaited prequel Star Wars: Episode I The Phantom Menace hits theaters in May 1999, taking in a record-breaking \$28.5 million on its opening day and going on to gross more than \$420 million.







Michael J. Fox announces in January 2000 he will leave the popular ABC sitcom "Spin City" at the end of the season to promote awareness of Parkinson's disease in hopes of finding a cure.

After 10 seasons, Fox cancels the hit show "Beverly Hills, 90210." The show followed characters through high school, college and careers.



center opens in New York. The complex includes an amusement park ride on the roof, two skating rinks, 19 movie screens, restaurants, an arcade, a health club, a supermarket and a hotel.



The Talented Mr. Ripley, starring Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law and Cate Blanchett, opens in December and earns popular and critical praise.