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HAPPY NEW CENTURY!

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The crowd in the center of Clinton Street celebrates the new year.

By Keith Hickey of The News-Sentinel



City reveled in countdown to new year

By Scott Hickey and Michelle Klumpe

Dressed in jeans or tuxes, gathered large or small, Fort Wayne revelers had one thing on their minds New Year's Eve, ringing in the new century.

8 p.m. Early in the evening, Tower Bank filled with hundreds of Enely dressed people for the Millennium Ball. Pretty faces and formalwear decorated the scene like photos from a newspaper society page.

White lights glowed from the balcony as Frankie Zucco and the Journey 2000 Band filled the arched lobby dome with music. See REVELED, Page 12A



Fireworks over Fort Wayne celebrating the midnight hour going into the year 2000.

No Y2K bugs seen here yet; man is shot

By Michael Dawson, Jennifer Boen and Doug LeDuc

After months of preparation and thousands of dollars in expense, the year 2000 dawned in Fort Wayne without power failures, planes falling from the sky, threats from terrorists or water contamination.

Just as in cities across the globe, wash machines were functioning, computers were put in the test, spotlights worked and people partied.

During the reveling downtown, an off-duty Allen County confinement officer was struck in the head by a stray bullet, but his condition was not life-threatening, officials reported. See BUG, Page 12A

Nobody crashes Earth's 1st planetary party

The world seems smaller - and safer - after shared hoopla.

From The Associated Press Millions joyously packed the streets of cities around the globe to join in a worldwide welcome for the new millennium today. They ignored fears of terrorist attack and computer collapse to revel in a shimmering spectacle of seag, light and fireworks.

the southernmost city in the world, from the Eiffel Tower to New York's Times Square, they partied and prayed for a better world.

The drop of a huge crystal ball in Times Square, a ritual almost as old as the century, set off an explosion of fireworks, cheering and tears as the millennium came to the U.S. mainland.

Woven together by satellite TV, the world's nearly 200 continents, in their 24 time zones, became a jamboree of disparate cultures - South Pacific island-

ers singing Handel's 'Hallelujah' choros, Buddhist monks praying for peace in Japan, a German choir singing in a church in Nazareth, Israel, and a huge French-made bell tolling a welcome in Newport, Ky., for each time zone entering 2000.

Fireworks lit up the skies over Sydney, Australia, and over Rome, where Pope John Paul II gave thanks for humanity's triumphs and asked forgiveness for its sins.

In Russia, where a variety of Y2K experts had predicted cata-

strophe, midnight came and went 11 times with much drinking, cheering and lighting of dangerous fireworks. But the power grid held, the missiles stayed aground and the nuclear power plants hummed along.

In Paris, the 2,000-year-old city that glorifies light, splendor and furiously fermented grapes, there was a millennium-warming on Friday with grand feasts and a street party such as the world has never seen.

At midnight, the Eiffel Tower See PLANET, Page 12A



Daisuke Hirano from Fukucka, Japan, celebrates Japan's new year as he records the crystal ball that dropped at midnight in New York's Times Square.

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MY HOPES FOR THE NEXT CENTURY

My hope is for an end to ethnic, religious and racial intolerance that is the result of centuries old conflicts and beliefs. - Graham Richard, mayor of Fort Wayne

The Muses will again live among us: Imagination will be prized as much as possessions, the artist as much as the entrepreneur. - Patricia Watkinson, executive director, Fort Wayne Museum of Art

We are leaving a century marked by war, the Holocaust and racism, but also by great goodness and holiness of life. With Pope John Paul II, I hope and believe that, across the threshold of the new millennium, we will find a new springtime for the Christian faith, which will be marked by closer, more respectful ties between Christians, with our dear Jewish friends and with all other religions. May God grant it to us. - Bishop John M. D'Arcy of the Catholic Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

WEATHER TODAY: Partly cloudy, 50/36 FORECAST & STATS, 13A



IN THE SPOTLIGHT MILLENNIUM BABIES Charles Lee Hacker is Fort Wayne's first baby of 2000, born at 12:00:05 at Parkview Hospital to Carl and Jeff Hacker. In Indianapolis, Julie Wallman delivered twins one minute on either side of midnight. 11A

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