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THE MILLENNIUM NOTEBOOK

From the Great Pyramid to Machu Picchu

SEASONED PARTYGOERS HAVE a name for New Year's Eve: Amateur Night. Come Dec. 31, they complain, every once-a-year warrior with a gullet and a liver feels the need to fasten his tie around his forehead and usher in the new year in style. But getting ready for the Big Day three years hence is going to take some serious forward planning. As the world gears up to greet the new millennium, you have the right—perhaps even the duty—to celebrate in a once-every-thousand-years fashion. And thanks to a bunch of visionary entrepreneurial types, on Dec. 31, 1999, there ought to be plenty of options—though precious little space at the bar—for everybody.

Old standbys like New York's Rainbow Room, the Ritz in Paris, London's Savoy Hotel and Seattle's aptly futuristic Space Needle are already booked. There's always Times Square, where organizers are mapping out a massive 24-hour celebration, complete with live video hookups to parties around the world. But why settle for the ordinary when just about every state, city, country, province and canton with two glasses to clink together has some sort of millennial fete penciled in?

Tour operators will gladly whisk you and your wallet to the ends of the earth—literally, in some cases. Among the millennial hot spots being touted by Abercrombie & Kent International, the Chicago-based purveyor of luxury travel, is Antarctica, where for \$5,210 per person, you and your loved ones can toast the icebergs from the deck of the ship Explorer. Other packages include a "Millennium Waltz" at Vienna's Imperial Hotel, a fest at the ancient Incan city of Machu Picchu and a jaunt through India and Nepal culminating in a "maharaja's banquet" at the Taj Mahal. (Caution: some of these trips may

already be sold out.) For those of a more contemplative bent, Deja Vu Tours/Spiritual Adventures, of Berkeley, Calif., offers a trip to Brazil and the Amazon, with a New Year's stop in Rio to pray to Yemanjá, the goddess of creation. "We'll communicate with the energy of the universe," says Deja Vu's Susan Hull Bostwick. "Plus, it's a party, of course."

It wouldn't be New Year's Eve if it



A bonfire party that got out of hand

weren't. But those planning to celebrate with Donald Pevsner should try to resist the urge to overconsume. The Florida lawyer and aviation buff is planning to charter an Air France Concorde and play beat-the-clock en route to a "quadruple midnight" millennial celebration. The first shindig will take place in Paris. Then it's on to Gander, Nfld.; Vancouver, B.C., and Kona, Hawaii. Pevsner claims the 8,686-mile, four-party trek ought to be "exhilarating," but cautions that "if everyone gets sloshed at the first one, it ruins everything." He says he has a waiting list of 80

people willing to ante up \$65,000 each—and pace themselves.

Clearly, a lot of money stands to change hands as we ring in the year 2000. Some of it may even go to charity. Dom Pérignon, the champagne maker, will bottle 1,993 jumbo jeroboams of bubbly, and donate the purchase price (an estimated \$2,500 apiece) to worthy causes. And the Millennium Society of Washington, D.C., has long been planning a World Millennium Charity Ball, to be held simultaneously at landmarks around the world, including the Great Pyramid of Cheops in Egypt. "Caesar stood there. So did Napoleon. It's a symbol of civilized man's earliest dreams," raves Edward McNally, who conceived the benefit, appropriately enough, during an evening at Mory's, the storied Yale University drinking club.

Others hope for a kind of New Age networking. British impresario Bruno Peek is pushing a plan under which individual communities around the world would ring the planet with light by firing up torches, fireworks, lasers, bonfires—anything—to celebrate the dawn of the new millennium. Illuminating the globe, says Peek, will foster international fellowship and promote peace. High-minded, yes. But there's still room for a little revelry. "There's nothing wrong with a party," says Peek. "Let's not be boring about it." Something tells us he's got nothing to worry about.

KENDALL HAMILTON with PATRICIA KING

Going to the Cats

Dog lovers, beware! The cat, traditionally the nation's No. 2 pet, seems poised to overtake the dog in American households sometime in the next century. Why? Smaller living quarters? Less romping space? Cheaper food bills? Who knows—but get ready for a "cat eat cat" world.

	HOUSEHOLDS OWNING PETS, IN THOUSANDS		
	1993	2010	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
Dogs	27,144	31,529	16%
Cats	20,522	27,103	32%
Other	9,723	10,764	11%

SOURCE: AMERICAN DEMOGRAPHICS

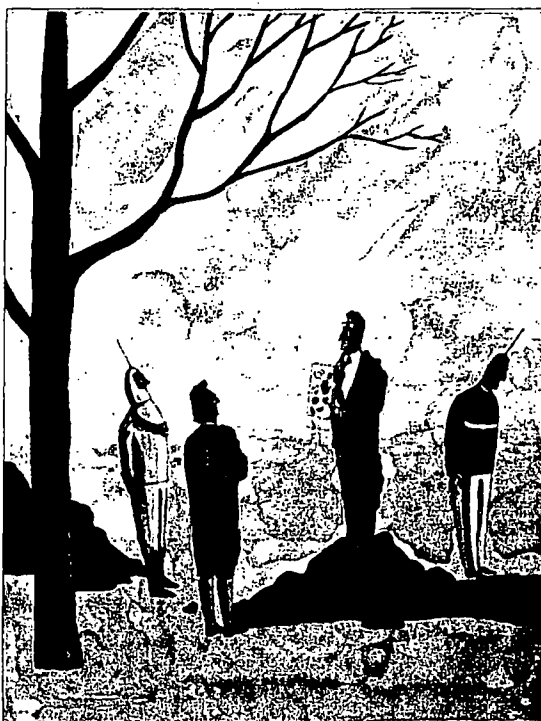
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Our Gifts to the Future: Books, Beer and a Wonderbra

SOMEWHERE OUT there, an estimated 10,000 time capsules lie in wait for the historians of the future. Just what conclusions our descendants might draw from a Nirvana CD, a pair of Air Jordans or a sack of moldy Ring-Dings remains to be seen, but odds are these and other totems of the 20th century will one day find their way into somebody's doctoral dissertation. Time capsules, as you might imagine, are undergoing something of a boomlet at the moment. "Business is really picking up," reports Gillian Barr, who works at a company called BarrTek, which sells custom-engraved aluminum capsules. She says sales have tripled in the past year. Over at the International Time Capsule Society in Atlanta, inquiries are up to a dozen a day. "The drumbeat is just getting louder," says Paul Hudson, who cofounded the society at Oglethorpe University in 1990. "It really represents the American mentality, where you can bottle up something. I call it instant archeology."

There's one hitch, however. Most time capsules get lost long before it's time to crack them open. Historians, for instance, may dig up something at Valley Forge in 2076, but it's not going to be the time capsule containing the signatures of 22 million Americans that President Ford was supposed to bury there in 1976. After touring the nation, the capsule was stolen from an unattended van at the burial site. Kind of a fitting tribute to mid-'70s malaise, actually. A capsule interred in the Twentieth Century Fox parking lot by the cast of "M*A*S*H" in 1983 is now believed to await retrieval from somewhere beneath the hulking Marriott hotel that was later built on the site. And what more eloquent testament to the effectiveness of American government than the fate of the time capsule buried in 1953 by the state of



I'm not quite sure what it is. Apparently they called it 'Parental discretion advised.'

Washington to mark its territorial centennial? A two-ton capsule somewhere under the capitol grounds in Olympia is lost because the legislature failed to approve funds to mark the site.

Some of the best capsules that we can still find aren't slated to be opened for thousands of years. The Crypt of Civilization, a swimming-pool-size repository sealed up at Oglethorpe University in 1940 by Thornwell Jacobs, won't reveal its treasure until 8113. Jacobs, a poet and Presbyterian minister who headed the school, loaded his chamber with microfilm of books "on every subject of importance known to mankind," materials detailing 6,000 years of history, photos and recordings of contemporary world leaders, and a quart of Budweiser. "Jacobs figured that by then everything would've changed except beer," says Hudson. "Whoever opens it in 8113, that Bud's for them." They're welcome to it.

Plan on getting thirsty sooner? You'll have plenty of options. On May 26, 2045,

for example, revelers are expected to gather in Sandusky, Ohio, to open a capsule meant to capture "the triumphs and tragedies of life in America during 1995." Officials at the Cedar Point amusement park used a Faith Popcorn book for guidance. Among the booty: a purple Wonderbra, a "Buns of Steel" video, Pop-Tarts, a Twinkie, crayons and the May 29, 1995, issue of NEWSWEEK. Alternatively, you could head on over to Euclid, Ohio, where in 2043 they'll bust into a seven-foot torpedo tube packed with videos of local assembly lines; a history of town organizations including the Polka Hall of Fame, and a "Not Too Young to Polka" cassette recorded by the Slovenia Junior Chorus. And mark your calendars for the 2022 opening of National Car Rental's Minnesota-based capsule containing 50 years of rental-counter-culture memorabilia. Sample item: Converse high-tops in the company's trademark green. Says spokesman David Schoeneck: "You see pictures of uniforms from various decades and go, 'Oh, jeez, what were they thinking?'" It's a question likely to be echoed at capsule openings for millennia to come.

KENDALL HAMILTON and STEVE RHODES

Where the Bucks Are

San Francisco, the nation's richest metro area, will still be on top in 20 years, but suburban New York is gaining ground.

	PER CAPITA INCOME
1976	
1. Anchorage, Alaska	\$28,111
2. San Francisco	25,264
3. Bergen-Passaic, N.J.	20,190
1996	
1. San Francisco	\$35,914
2. New Haven-Bridgeport-Stamford-Danbury-Waterbury, Conn.	33,580
3. W. Palm Beach-Boca Raton, Fla.	33,507
2016	
1. San Francisco	\$42,790
2. New Haven-Bridgeport-Stamford-Danbury-Waterbury, Conn.	41,248
3. Bergen-Passaic, N.J.	39,391

IN 1992 DOLLARS. SOURCE: NPA DATA SERVICES, INC.

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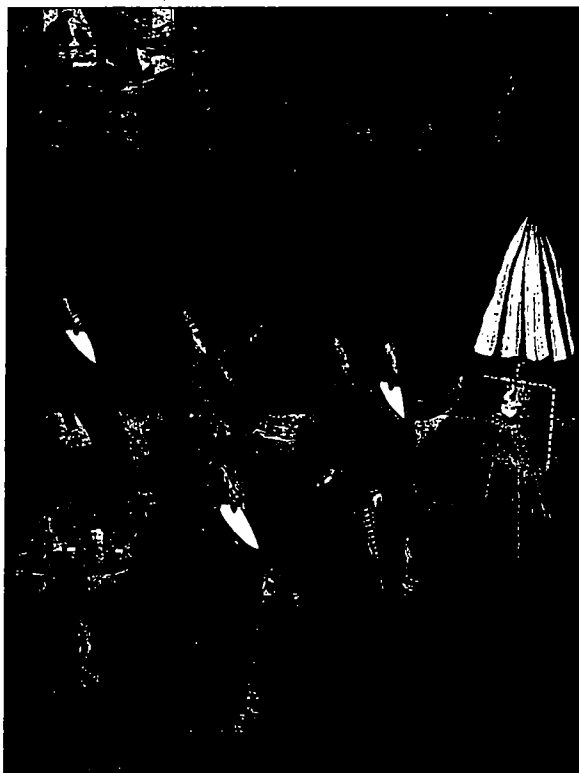
Coming Soon on the Thames: A Giant Whoopee Cushion

AS A TOURIST ATTRACTION, the prime meridian, passing within a few miles of central London, is one of the world's great unexploited natural resources. Rich in historical associations and scientific significance, offering people the unique experience of standing with one foot in each hemisphere, it still somehow fails to make most visitors' "must see" lists.

Tourists, perhaps, are put off going to see something whose description invariably begins: "An imaginary line ..." But it is precisely the imaginary nature of the meridian that gives it marketing synergy with another great abstraction, the millennium. Jan. 1, 2000, will arrive locally at dozens of instants around the globe, but by agreement of the 1884 International Meridian Conference it becomes official for the entire world "at the moment of mean midnight" in the London suburb of Greenwich. More or less in the same spirit in which Columbus, Ohio, welcomed tourists commemorating the 500th anniversary of the discovery of America, London has begun styling itself as "the millennial city."

To turn the thousands who now visit the old Royal Observatory at Greenwich into the hoped-for millions, Britain has an audacious plan: to redevelop a desolate 130-acre site where the meridian crosses the Thames for a yearlong festival commemorating Time itself. The centerpiece, designed by honored British architect Richard Rogers, is a net of translucent plastic supported by a dozen steel masts, loosely referred to as the world's biggest dome. Unawed British journalists described it as "a giant saucepan lid" or "a whoopee cushion run through with oock-tail sticks." The cost of around £600 mil-

lion (\$1 billion) is to be funded in part from national lottery profits, which are being parceled out for millennial projects around the country—among them cycling paths, village halls and a new home for the Tate Gallery of Modern Art. "This is a thundering great birthday for civilization," says Simon Jenkins, a member of the Millennium Commission. "We wanted something hyperbolic."



The unveiling: Another project to astonish the world

Characteristically, the British public has greeted the Greenwich project with the suspicion it lavishes on all new ideas. It hasn't helped that no one has been able to describe its precise purpose or nature, beyond serving as a catch basin for the flood of tourists expected to be unleashed by the millennium. Millennium Central chief executive Jennifer Page assures reporters that the dome's contents will "inform, entertain and uplift ... over and above an ordinary theme park or world's fair." Pressed

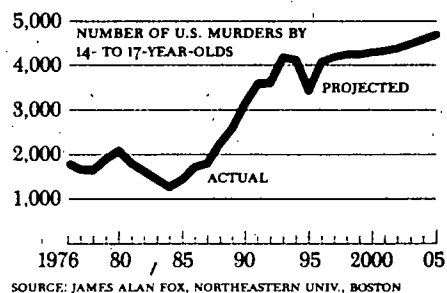
for details, she says there will be "a unique blend of entertainment ... a whole new range of activity that can be accommodated in an entertaining and stimulating way." "No one has said what's inside," says a bemused Michael Manser, a former president of the Royal Institute of Architects. "Here we are, just two years away from the exhibition, and no one knows."

Yet is it not the nature of Time to reveal all things in due course? The project's Conservative Party backers, such as Deputy Prime Minister Michael Heseltine, see the project in grand terms, a "bold, defining statement" of "our pride and confidence in this country." Its detractors question whether British pride for the next thousand years ought to be so closely identified with the establishment, in the 19th century, of Greenwich mean time as the world standard for steamships and railroads. "There is a total lack of interest," declares Labour M.P. Austin Mitchell. "To celebrate Time is barny." If it takes power in the May 1 election, Labour may have other plans for the money, in which case the honor of ceremonially ushering humanity into the next century may fall to some other city on or near the meridian: Madrid, Accra or perhaps Ouagadougou, capital of Burkina Faso. Or maybe the world's tourists will decide, for one blessed day, to honor the millennium by staying home.

JERRY ADLER with WILLIAM UNDERHILL in London

Baby-Faced Killers

While the homicide rate (murders per 1,000) among teenagers has slowed, the number of teen murders will keep rising as the teenage population climbs.



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Catalyst: Rethinking the Millennium

Washington, DC and around the world

"RETHINKING THE MILLENNIUM... is about youth, as the leaders of tomorrow, gathering our ideas and resources to decide what our world should look like in the 21st century. In June of 1999, we will gather in Washington, D.C. for one week as the culmination of a two year "Rethinking the Millennium" process.

Rethinking the Millennium has two focuses: NEW DIALOGUE and COORDINATED ACTION. Many of us are talking about the same things, but we're not talking to each other, and most of us aren't doing much about it. We believe that we can change all this through collective action.

We are now helping young people to start Catalyst groups in their communities, high schools, colleges, technical schools, and graduate schools. Through the Spring and fall of 1998, these Catalyst groups will organize volunteer projects and hold seminars, working groups, and symposiums to find practical solutions to the problems we face. In these groups we want to ask each other some fundamental questions such as:

- ☐ What do we want our families and communities to look like?
- ☐ How should our working lives be structured?
- ☐ What can we do to eliminate gender inequalities and systemic racism?
- ☐ How should our finite resources be distributed in our nation and world?
- ☐ What kinds of alternative energy sources can we turn to in order to reverse the harm we've done to our planet?
- ☐ What can we do, as individuals and as members of the global community, to make a real difference?"

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Community Projects for Boston 2000

Boston, Massachusetts

Community based arts/humanities/internet projects where millennial themes are conveyed. The Website includes the "Millennium Mail Art Project" page, a time sensitive "1000 days 'til 2000" countdown idea, which can be replicated in any community, anywhere in the world.

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Cincinnati 2000

Cincinnati, Ohio

"The Tristate's countdown to the new millennium has begun, with initial plans under way for what is expected to be one of the area's largest celebrations.

Planners of the event -- knowing it'll be 1,000 years until the next millennium -- want to make it memorable.

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission and Covington's Recreation Department have separately started brainstorming about such things as the celebration's size, possible venues, sponsorships and entertainment for 2000."

For more information, see:

Cincinnati Recreation Commission
Cincinnati, OH USA
http://enquirer.com:80/editions/1996/12/23/loc_millennium.html

Drumming In The Year 2000: A Global Event

Taos, NM and around the world

"Folks who haven't yet made plans for New Year's Eve 1999 may be interested to learn of a global party to which they're all invited. To affirm their visualization for the coming Millenium, people in cities and towns around the world will drum together in unison for the final hours of 1999. As they drum, an affirmation of their collective vision for the future will be read in every major language of the world, by the United Nations, a supporter of this event for world peace. "

"Organized by the Taos, New Mexico-based All One Tribe Foundation of Taos, New Mexico, in collaboration with other global-community networking organizations worldwide, the event will be

covered by satellite and broadcast live. People in centralized locations in major cities will be able to see their Earth neighbors in other countries joining in this collective, energetic, wordless prayer for world peace. People in these locations will drum in shifts to coincide with the midnight hour as it arrives in time zones around the world."

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First Light 2000

Boston, Massachusetts

"First Light 2000 is a diverse group of people celebrating and inviting visions of the new Millennium."

Jean Wright

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First Night Boston

Boston, Massachusetts

First Night Boston is how Boston celebrates New Year's Eve. First Night is a non-alcoholic, community-oriented festival which takes place on New Year's Eve (December 31st). It is a celebration of the arts on that every year transforms the city into a wonderland of artistic expression. There are performances, exhibitions and demonstrations by over 1,000 artists.

Boston was starting place for First Night celebrations; now there are more than 50 others across the United States and Canada. Follow the links from the First Night Boston Web site to find the others.

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Interfaith Meditation For World Peace

New York, NY

Lois Nicolai is helping to organize an Interfaith Meditation for World Peace in New York City, to

be held at the United Nations.

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Millennium Day Broadcast

Nationally across the U.S.

A television station in Boston, WGBH, is working on a Millennium special for PBS. It will be a 24-hour television program, consisting of half-hour segments from different countries around the world -- starting on the international date line and moving west.

"A group of international broadcasters plan to collaborate on a 24-hour worldwide television event for the day in which the century and the millenium turn. Cultural differences and common humanity will be celebrated, and each participating country will produce a segment that is entertaining and inspirational."

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Millennium Festival Iowa City, Iowa

Hancher Auditorium at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, IA, USA, is planning a Millennium Festival for the 1999-2000 performing arts season. The festival will include several major commissions in music and dance, and many of these works will have their world or US premieres in the auditorium during the 1999-2000 season. The festival will also include speeches, discussions, symposia and New Year's Eve performance/social events in several locations.

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Millennium Institute Washington, DC

The Millennium Institute is facilitating observances in cities, villages, and towns around the world during the "Millennial Moment", the period of 1999-2000-2001, including i) the Parliament of World Religions in Cape Town, South Africa in 1999 (confirmed), ii) a Gathering of World Leaders in Thingvellir, Iceland in 2000 (probable), and iii) a series of Youth Conferences in 2001

beginning in Costa Rica (being planned).

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Millennium Society

Washington, DC

"The Millennium Society, founded in 1979, is the oldest and largest organization established to celebrate the Year 2000 by organizing an international New Year's Eve 1999 Celebration. The purpose of this worldwide celebration is to commemorate the achievements of the current millennium and help pave the way for even greater achievements in the next millennium by giving the gift of education to young people around the world and promoting international understanding and cooperation among all nations."

The Millennium Society is planning World Millennium Balls and other celebrations at 23 sites around the world.

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National Millennium Foundation

Washington, DC

The National Millennium Foundation, among other activities, is proposing the establishment of a "National Millennium Commission".

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Scottsdale, Arizona

Mark Boyer has been working for over a year to begin plans for millennium activities in Scottsdale, Arizona. He has met the School District supervisors, the city managers, the Art Museum, and many others. The millennium activities will be endeavors to mark the moment not only with celebration and observances but with programs that will be transformative for the Scottsdale community well into the next century.

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USC School of Urban Planning and Development

Los Angeles, CA

Several people at the USC School of Urban Planning and Development are working on research for their own, state millennium celebration.

[contact information will be available later]

The White House Millennium Program

Washington, DC and around the nation

On Friday, 15 August 1997, the Hillary and Bill Clinton announced the White House Millennium Program, including plans for a range of commemorative activities to "honor the past and imagine the future", and an invitation for all Americans to "give our own gifts to the future" [see related item at [Millennium Gifts](#)].

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"Year 2000 Group" of the Washington National Cathedral and the Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington

The "Year 2000 Core Group", comprised of representatives from the Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington (representing the Jewish, Islamic, Protestant, Sikh, Hindu, Church of the Latter Day Saints, and Roman Catholic faiths), the Washington National Cathedral, and interested others, have been meeting regularly since August of 1995 to discuss ideas and plans for observing the year 2000 in Metropolitan Washington and across the nation.

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15 September 1997



Instigators: Marilyn Ansem, founder of Mobius & Clara Wainwright, founder of First Night.

Premise: As the third millennium approaches, enormous potential for change is generated in anticipation of a new era. This potential is fueled by emotion rather than intellect and has the capacity to involve and motivate many people to bring about change in their communities and in the city as a whole.

Concept: Boston is rich in arts organizations and artists; it also is rich in community involvement. Let's create an arts-based series of community projects which will utilize millennial energy to create dialogue about positive change and create common goals, some of which can be realized by the year 2000.

Participants: People of all ages from the many communities of Boston, working in collaboration with visual & performing artists, poets & writers, videographers, InterNetters, psychologists, historians, etc. from their neighborhoods.

Timeline: This project could spread, neighborhood by neighborhood, over a three year period, culminating in citywide involvement in 1999.

Challenges:

- ☐ To create an open framework which allows for widespread community involvement in the generation & implementation of these ideas.
- ☐ To generate community visions which mobilize residents & resources.
- ☐ To create events which operate on multiple levels, so they can engage people in both simple and playful ways or provide a more profound experience for those who choose to engage in more depth.
- ☐ To create a culminating event for First Night 2000 which involves all.
- ☐ To leave something concrete from the Millennium Project for future generations.

Sample Ideas for Neighborhood & Citywide Projects:

- ☐ Community Books, containing oral histories of who we are, how we want to be remembered, how we envision the future -- with photographs.
- ☐ Countdown projects -- community advent calendars, Web Pages, newspapers, billboards.
- ☐ Kiosks in every neighborhood with interactive video touch screens.
- ☐ Millennium shrines in neighborhood parks.
- ☐ Murals or mosaic walls with community resolutions.
- ☐ Global Drumming 2000

□ **Millennium Mail Art Project -- A 1000 Days 'til 2000 Event**

Implementation: That is the big question. We hope that community and city agencies -- the Mayor's Office, First Night, UrbanArts, The Parks Department, Arts in Progress, the Boston Redevelopment Authority, Boston Society of Architects, the Boston Museum School, MassArt, Main Street districts, etc. will come together in a huge collaboration which results in neighborhood renewal and a magnificent celebration of community and common ground.

The above ideas were generated with the input of Bill Walczak & Patrice Keegan of the Codman Square Health Center and John Woodall, who lives in Codman Square, Dorchester, MA.



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NEWS

2000 celebration plans getting under way locally

BY JOHN HOPKINS
The Cincinnati Enquirer

The Tristate's countdown to the new millennium has begun, with initial plans under way for what is expected to be one of the area's largest celebrations.

Planners of the event - knowing it'll be 1,000 years until the next millennium - want to make it memorable.

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission and Covington's Recreation Department have separately started brainstorming about such things as the celebration's size, possible venues, sponsorships and entertainment for 2000. They will be among numerous celebrations planned around the world.

The Vatican plans a series of Masses and celebrations to mark Christianity's third millennium. Pope John Paul II has formally launched the Roman Catholic Church's three-year preparation to celebrate 2000, a "Jubilee year" that he declared a time of pilgrimage and celebration.

"There are some events that you have to look at as important," said Chod Hobbs, Covington's parks and recreation director. "The millennium is that type of event, because we won't be around for the next one. This is one of those once-in-a-lifetime celebrations."

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission's events team is expected to work with the park board and other city departments to produce the event, said Wayne Bain, assistant director of the commission.

Plans to hold the event are expected to be presented to city council this month. Quarterly meetings should begin in 1997, said Mr. Bain.

"We have to start planning it now," he said. "There's just a lot of work to do."

"We envision celebrations throughout the Cincinnati downtown area. I think it will be one of the largest opportunities for people to celebrate a new era."

Cincinnati planners envision a millennium event similar to the city's 1988 bicentennial celebration, which included the opening of Bicentennial Commons at Sawyer Point and the city's first Tall Stacks.

"It will be like the bicentennial event, but probably larger," said Mr. Bain.

Covington planners envision parties in such sites as Devou Park, the Memorial Building and the soon-to-be constructed convention center, said Mr. Hobbs.

"I will say this, I expect us to have some type of celebration, whether it's in conjunction with Cincinnati or Newport, I can't say," he said.

In all actuality, planners are jumping the gun on the new millennium, said Joe Foster, University of Cincinnati anthropologist.

"They're a year early," he said. "The new millennium actually begins one millisecond past midnight Jan. 1, 2001. But, of course, people can have a party any time they want to."

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You are invited to a Party!

Drumming In The Year 2000: A Global Event

We have three years to prepare for the biggest party the Earth has ever thrown!

Folks who haven't yet made plans for New Year's Eve 1999 may be interested to learn of a global party to which they're all invited. To affirm their visualization for the coming Millenium, people in cities and towns around the world will drum together in unison for the final hours of 1999. As they drum, an affirmation of their collective vision for the future will be read in every major language of the world, by the United Nations, a supporter of this event for world peace.

Organized by the Taos, New Mexico-based **All One Tribe©**; Foundation of Taos, New Mexico, in collaboration with other global-community networking organizations worldwide, the event will be covered by satellite and broadcast live. People in centralized locations in major cities will be able to see their Earth neighbors in other countries joining in this collective, energetic, wordless prayer for world peace. People in these locations will drum in shifts to coincide with the midnight hour as it arrives in time zones around the world.

The event's organizers recognize that the western calendarmarks time differently from the timekeeping of other world cultures. They nevertheless agree upon the dawning of the Millennium as a significant moment for global prayer.

The organization of this event will take place at a grassroots level with local groups and individuals organizing in their cities and towns. Much of the preliminary communication will take place over the Internet, with **SoulZone** acting as the clearing house for initial queries. **SoulZone** is a Taos-based service organization which provides networking and other services for non-profit organizations via the **SoulZone** website, among other activities.

The 1990 drumming event in Taos is part of the annual **All One Tribe©** Fall Drumming Festival and concludes a "Drumming for Unity" theme. In 1998 the Festival, held at the Sagebrush Inn and Convention Center September 17th -- 20th, is entitled "Drumming in Our Right Minds." The reference is to drumming as a right-brain activity which increases intuition and helps to develop the often repressed, vitally important feminine aspects in both men and women.

The **All One Tribe©** Foundation, which produces the annual Festival, donates half its profits to indigenous world causes. Half of the future profits will support the Tarahumara Indians of northern Mexico, whose survival has been threatened.

Below is the English language version (1st draft!) of the prayer for the year 2000.

"Together we drum in the Year 2000, linked as one spiritual community in cities and villages around the globe, we affirm the following:

We emphasize our Unity as Earth family-citizens while celebrating the beauty of our diversity;

We envision a world without divisiveness and vow to collaborate creatively to solve our global problems in the coming millenium, using a holistic perspective and finding "win-win"solutions;

We drum to celebrate the "International Decade for the World's Indigenous Peoples", and we honor the Earth wisdom and the anima of these Peoples worldwide. May the sacredness and interrelatedness of all life -- an awareness central to indigenous belief -- become our guiding principle;

That we drum together using the universal, vibrational language of the drumbeat to convey this prayer to the Earth, Her inhabitants, and all living things.

How You Can Participate in The December 31, 1999 Millenium Celebration

**1. Volunteer as an area coordinator (or maybe you know just the person!)
Email us your name, address, phone number and email address (if applicable)**

2. We will put others from your area in touch with you when they contact us.

**3. Plan a coordinated Dec 31, 1999 New Millenium's Eve Party in your area
Phone or Email us with the location of your event as you have it confirmed.**

4. Send us your great ideas for The Party. We'll post them here for others to get ideas for events in their regions.

5. We will put a "Coordinators Guide" on our website in early 1997.

6. Stay in touch with us. Give us your ideas and feedback as the planning of the 1999 Millenium Party - Drumming in the Year 2000 takes form. This is a live, evolving, collaborative event which we hope will reflect the spirit of its prayer in the organizing phase.

7. Spread the word! Tell others by word of mouth, link this page to other websites, get the message out to begin organizing the December 31, 1999 New Millenium Celebration - Drumming in the Year 2000.

Let's begin now!.

About The All One Tribe Foundation



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The theme of the 1998 Festival, scheduled in Taos September 17th-20th at the Sagebrush, is "Drumming for Balance." The All One Tribe© Foundation, which produces the annual Festival, donates half of its profits to indigenous world causes. The

Foundation plans a college scholarship focusing on global leadership for a Native American Pueblo youth in 1997.

For more information on the Global Event: Drumming in the Year 2000
and the 1997 & '98 Drum Festivals in Taos, New Mexico
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Compact for the New Millennium

The compact is a gift to you as a member of the global community. It came into being in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, in the Autumn of 1996. It is meant to be shared.

The compact is a model for how people can come together and enter the Millennium in partnership.

The writing of this compact was accomplished through dialog, inspired by meditation, with an appreciation of the gifts entrusted to us by courageous women and men of all races, tribes, and faith traditions. Rising to the challenges of their times, they created visionary documents, institutions, and communities that catapulted humanity to new hopes and possibilities for a more conscious and civil society.

Now we face a challenge as pivotal as any that has gone before. It is only as a united, caring planetary community that we can give the gift of hope and rebirth to ourselves and future generations. This compact is an offering to that end.

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The Millennium Society, founded in 1979, is the oldest and largest organization established to celebrate the Year 2000 by organizing an international New Year's Eve 1999 Celebration. The purpose of this worldwide celebration is to commemorate the achievements of the current millennium and help pave the way for even greater achievements in the next millennium by giving the gift of education to young people around the world and promoting international understanding and cooperation among all nations.

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The Millennium Society has designed the New Year's Eve 1999 World Millennium Celebration in a manner which not only provides an opportunity for everyone everywhere around the globe to celebrate this historic event. It is also designed to ensure that a small portion of what will most certainly be one of the largest commercial events of our lifetimes will be given to the young people of the next Millennium through a scholarship fund called the Millennium Scholars Program.

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The cornerstone of the 1999 World Millennium Celebration will be an event at the Great Pyramid of Cheops in Giza, Egypt, with sanctioned events in many of the remaining time zones. The celebrations will be a series of cultural, musical and entertainment events simultaneously telecast time zone by time zone around the globe. Through this worldwide event and the commercial opportunities it presents, The Millennium Society plans to raise \$100 million to permanently endow the Millennium Scholars Program.

The Millennium Society has been gearing up for this event by hosting Countdown 2000 New Year's Eve Celebrations in locations around the world. Countdown 2000 Events have been held throughout the years in the following locations:

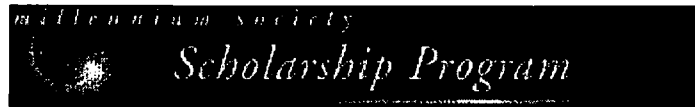
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Purpose

The Millennium Scholars Program was launched in 1984 to provide scholarships for international study to exceptional young students from around the world. Through this program, The Millennium Society seeks to promote international understanding among the peoples of all nations, and foster great achievements in the Third Millennium by helping educate the world's future leaders.

Scholarship Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for a scholarship, a student must meet the following eligibility requirements: Acceptance to an accredited, undergraduate, degree-granting college or university that offers a cross-cultural environment (i.e. outside of the applicant's country or culture of origin); Be between the ages of 17 and 25; and Have a verifiable need for financial assistance.

Scholar Qualifications

There are several qualifications that The Millennium Society looks for in a scholarship applicant. These are: Outstanding academic ability; Strong capacity for leadership; and Commitment and desire to further international understanding.

Application Review Process

To apply to be a Millennium Scholar, complete the [Scholarship Application](#) and submit it to The Millennium Society with a copy of the following materials: your academic transcript; your enrollment application to the institution(s) to which you have been accepted; acceptance letter(s) from the institutions to which you have applied; and your personal statement.

Applications are accepted throughout the year, and scholarship decisions are generally made by The Millennium Society's Scholarship Review Committee between May and July of each year. Applicants will be notified, in writing, of decisions as soon as possible following the meeting of the committee. Scholarship are awarded for one academic year.

Applicants seeking a scholarship for multiple years are required to reapply each academic year.

For more information about The Millennium Society, please contact Abbott Bailey at: 1250 24th Street, NW, Suite 350, Washington, DC 20037 Phone: 202-332-1999 Fax: 202-835-1618

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