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Y'd We Worry?

In the end - or is this the beginning? - all the hype and technological paranoia about the arrival of 2000 dissolved in a sea of light. First dawns, last sunsets.

Sensational firework displays that celebrated humanity from the South Seas to Cape Cod.

Happy New Year.



STEPHAN SAVOIA/Associated Press

NEW YORK

From the black drizzle of dawn until the pyrotechnic spectacle of midnight, a mighty crush of New Year's merrymakers welcomed the year 2000 in Times Square, the world's most famous intersection. Undeterred by fears of terrorism or Y2K havoc, the crowd showed every sign of being the biggest and noisiest ever, bent on watching history happen.



JACQUELINE MIA FOSTER/Associated Press

LONDON

The new millennium arrived here with the familiar midnight toll of Big Ben followed by 20 minutes of thundering, dazzling bursts of multi-colored fireworks reflected in the rushing currents of the River Thames.



PETER J. JORDAN/Associated Press

MOSCOW

"It has been a horrible century for Russia - it seemed we lived well under the czars and are knocked down now." Lena Razumova, a 22-year-old unemployed French teacher, shouted over the firecrackers and her friends singing next to her. "But we've come here to celebrate the New Year with all Russians. I'm an optimist. I am!"

Boston residents Rie Shinkai, left, and Jonlee Mendes watch the last sunset of 1999 at Craigville Beach.

MATT SUESS

LOTTERY

Massachusetts Daily Lottery: 7-7-6-8
Mass Cash: 7-10-12-32-35
Big Game: 4-17-32-38-46
Big Money ball: 25

IN OTHER NEWS

YELTSIN RESIGNS

Boris Yeltsin, Russia's first popularly elected leader, turns the presidency over to Vladimir Putin. **1A-1**

HOSTAGES FREED

An eight-day hijacking ordeal ends as 155 passengers and crew are freed in Afghanistan. **1A-1**

RICHARDSON DIES

The former Massachusetts politician earned praise for defying President Nixon during Watergate crisis. **1A-2**

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