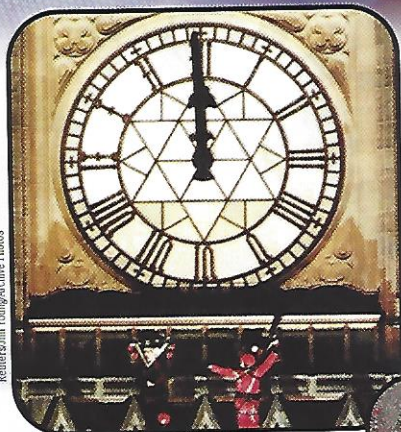


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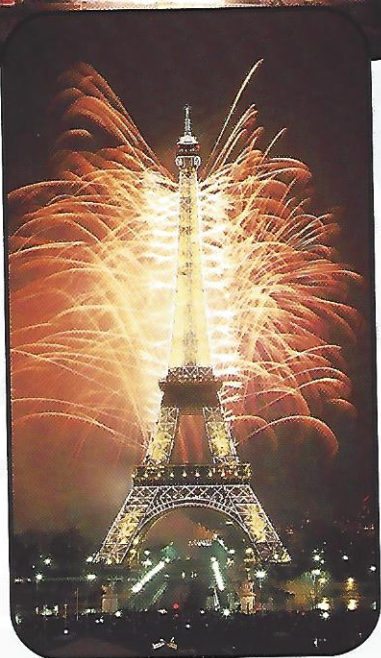
⦿ Clock Tower
Ottawa, Canada

⦿ Pyramids
Cairo, Egypt

⦿ Times Square
New York City,
New York



As time zones welcome the new millennium on January 1, the world celebrates with grandeur, pageantry and spectacular fireworks. President Clinton gives a hopeful speech in the minutes before midnight at the Washington Monument, and 2 million people gather in Times Square to watch the specially built 1,000-pound Waterford crystal ball drop at midnight.



⦿ The Eiffel Tower
Paris, France

⦿ Space Needle
Seattle, Washington



Flash

The public and private sectors spend hundreds of millions of dollars to ward off the Y2K bug. The world lets out a sigh of relief after midnight strikes and no major computer malfunctions occur.

The FBI warns of possible terrorist acts on New Year's Eve and stays on national alert throughout the celebration. After the arrest of one man with bomb-making materials, Seattle decides to cancel its Space Needle celebration.



⦿ Fearing the collapse of the world's banks, utilities and transportation systems, thousands of people stock up on food, water, money, ammunition and generators. After midnight, it soon becomes apparent that the preparations were unnecessary.

⦿ A surprising number of people, appalled by the exorbitant costs of travel and events, decide to stay home on New Year's Eve. Many companies and performers drastically slash prices as a last-minute lure.

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