

## MERRY MILLENNIUM

SATURDAY

Partly cloudy today. High 58; low 42. Tomorrow, partly cloudy again. High 63; low 47. /B10

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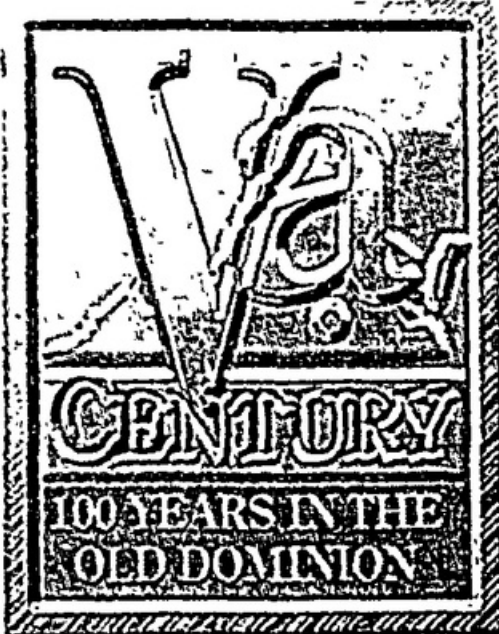
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## New Year, New Age

## COMING TOMORROW



## A VIRGINIA CENTURY

Remember the 1900s? Seems like only yesterday. . . See what you and a panel of experts selected as the most notable events, trends and people of our recently departed century.

## Y2K SCARE: FACT OR FICTION?

After months of trepidation, we're finally into the year 2000. But did all of us make it unscathed? If you have Y2K stories — funny or otherwise — and want to share them, please call 775-8145, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. today. Leave your name, phone number and a quick description of your tale. (In case of a Y2K glitch on that line, try 649-6148.) Or send email to: news@timesdispatch.com

## IN TODAY'S PAPER

## WORLD VIEW

Virginia-based sailors in some of the world's hot spots had a holiday to remember. At home, base personnel reported a calm night. **Page A14.**

## FORTUNATE LIFE

Hugh Burkholder Carpenter awakened to his third century this morning. **Page A17.**

## MOUNTAINS TO SEA

Tolling bells, fireworks and parties marked the celebrations statewide. There was even a laser-generated tomato among the displays. **Page B1.**

## LOOKING AHEAD

Children from across the region share their thoughts about what the new century may bring. Time will tell if their visions become reality. **Page B1.**

## LOOKING BACK

Thirty-five years ago a local family sealed their predictions for what the world would be like in the year 2000. Columnist Steve Clark tells us how they did. **Page B1.**

## BACK IN TIME

A Charlottesville first-grade teacher kept a promise he made more than 20 years ago. **Page B1.**

## BUSINESS IN '00

The century dawns with Richmond an economic powerhouse. The year is 1900. **Page C1.**

## COZY FUTURE

Homes in the 21st century will look more like the 'Waltons' than the 'Jetsons'. **Page E1.**

Year 2000 arrived on schedule at midnight without the Y2K computer bugs that some people feared could disrupt life as we know it starting at the stroke of midnight.

It just didn't happen — at least, it hasn't happened yet.

The rollover to 2000 started in the Pacific and moved westward through Asia and across Europe, lighting up

city after city with fireworks and celebration but few early signs of computer chaos.

Worldwide, the easy passage into the New Year eased anxiety from years of preparation and billions of dollars spent to fix a widespread bug in some older computer hardware and software.

In the Richmond area, local

government and public service officials kept one eye on the clock and the other on a TV screen through the day and gradually breathed easier as they watched midnight harmlessly approach from the other side of the world.

No Y2K glitches had showed up in the Richmond area, nor in much of the state, by well past midnight. City

Manager Calvin D. Jamison said it appeared likely to him that the much-feared Y2K disaster would turn out to be "a non-event."

But the jury is still out. Computer problems related to the changeover from 1999 to 2000 could take some time to develop.

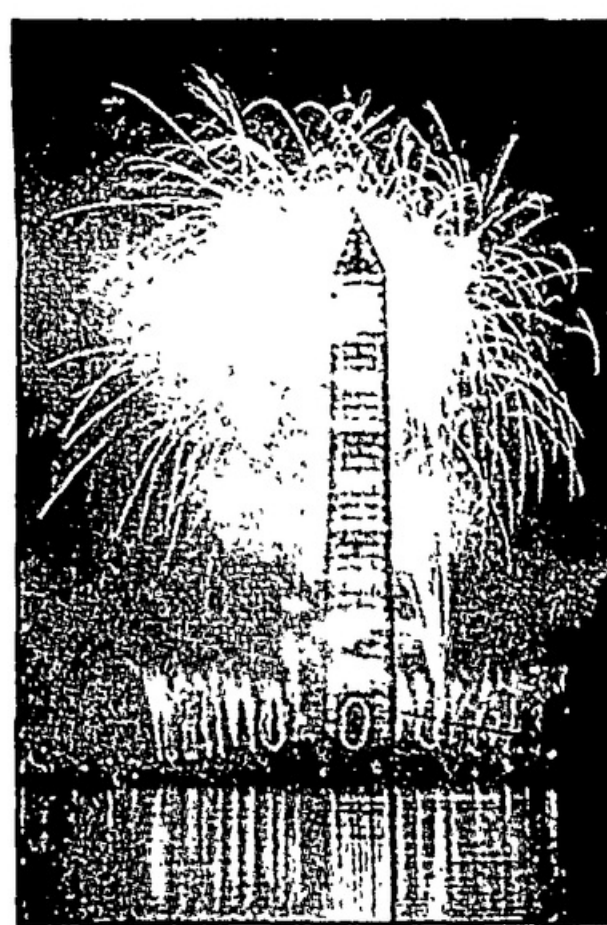
For a wrapup of how local utilities and state and area governments fared, see **Page A15.**



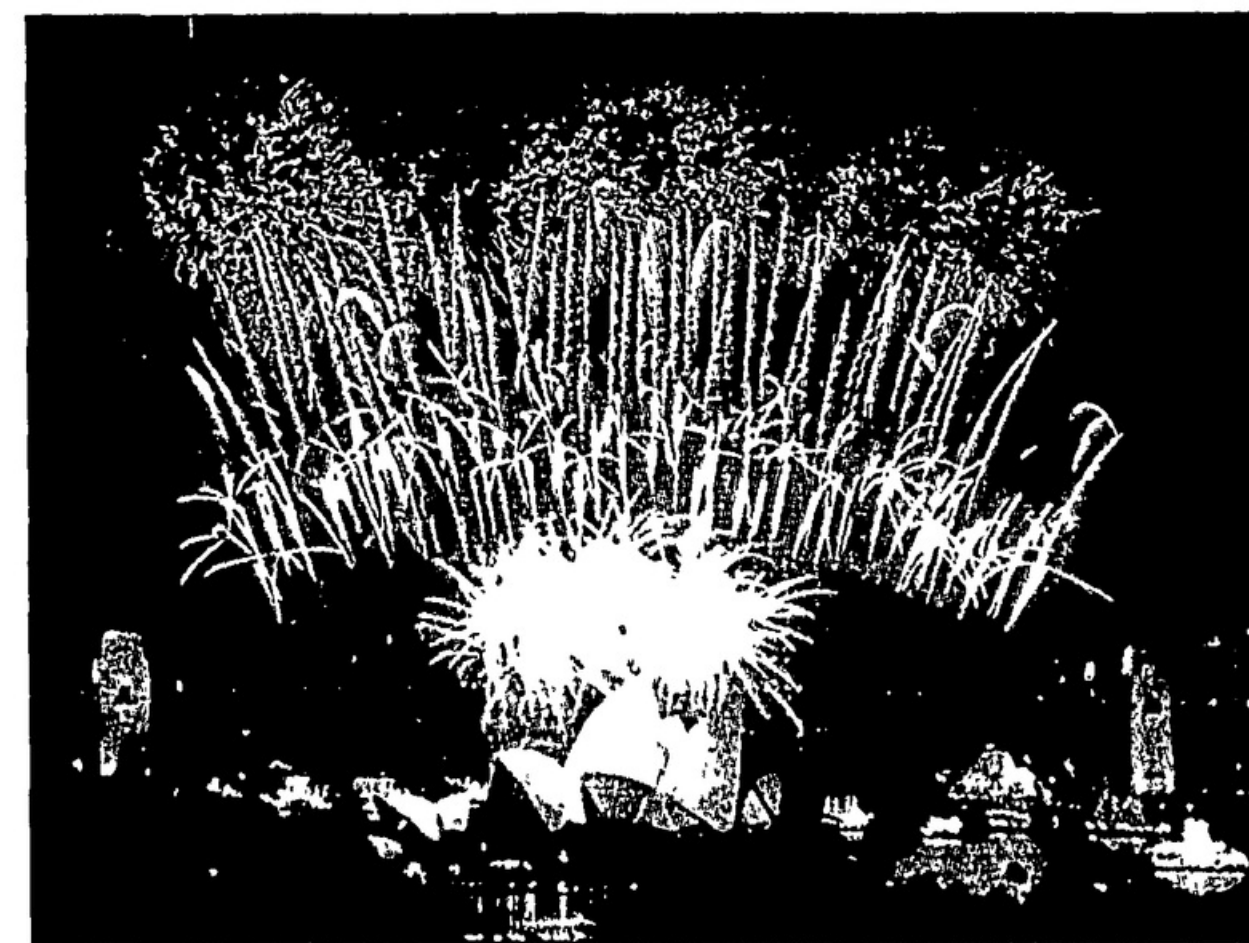
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## WORLD PARTY

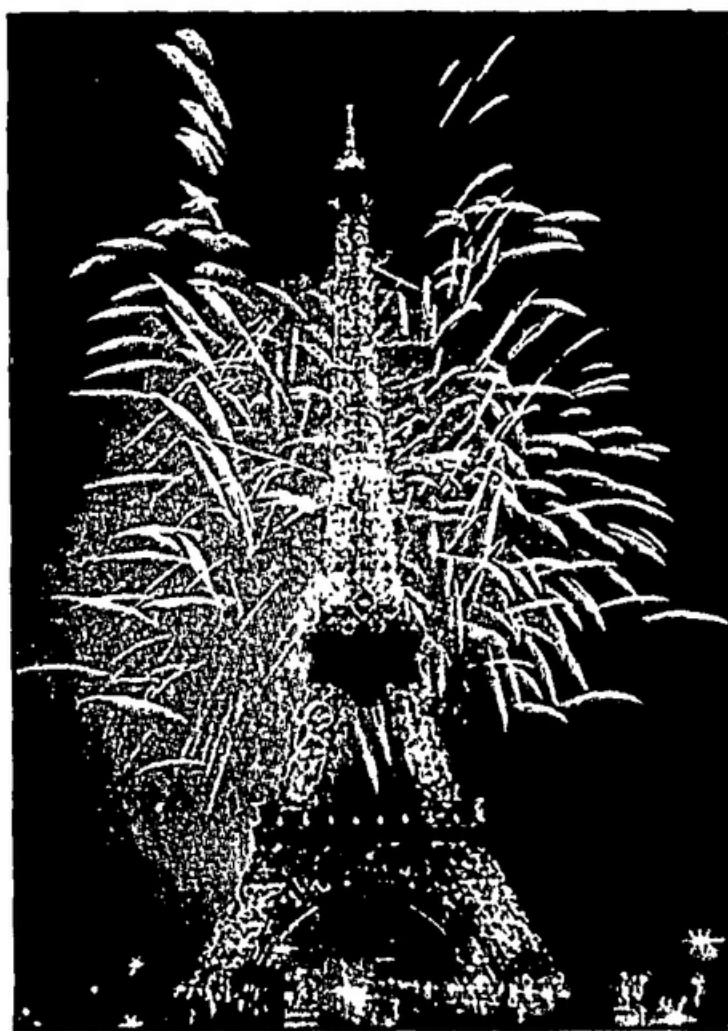
Fireworks lit up skies around the world as partiers cheered the New Year. Among those enjoying the midnight moment at Brown's Island in Richmond were Brian Rucker and Theresa Geraty (left) and Farida Millwala and Murtuza Balasnor. Other celebrations (clockwise, starting below) centered on the Washington Monument, the Kremlin in Moscow, the Eiffel Tower in Paris and the Opera House in Sydney. For a wrapup of area festivities, see **Page A16.**



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## Yeltsin resigns; Putin steps in

## Premier's elevation adds to election edge

COX NEWS SERVICE

**MOSCOW** — President Boris Yeltsin, who climbed atop a tank to help usher democracy into Russia, stepped down unexpectedly yesterday, apologizing for failing to transform his nation into a "rich, civilized country."

In an emotional nationally televised address, the 68-year-old Yeltsin bid farewell to his countrymen after eight years in power during which economic

crises, corruption charges and ill health have tarnished his image as a freedom fighter.

"Russians should enter the new millennium with new politicians, new people who are clever, energetic and strong, while we, who have been in power for many years, should rather go," he said, his voice choking back emotion.

Under the Russian Constitution,

Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, the country's most popular politician, becomes acting president and new elections must be held within three months.

With reporters looking on in the wood-paneled president's office in the Kremlin, Yeltsin passed a black briefcase to Putin containing the codes for Russia's nuclear weapons.

Within hours, Putin granted Yeltsin immunity from prosecution, a development some analysts believe could have motivated the resignation.

Yeltsin's two daughters, his son-in-

PLEASE SEE **YELTSIN, PAGE A10**

## Captives freed as India yields

The eight-day hijacking drama that took 155 hostages on an odyssey across South Asia and into the desert of Afghanistan ended yesterday when the Indian government surrendered to the demands of the terrorists by freeing three jailed guerrillas.

The militant Islamic hijackers, still masked as they left the Indian Airlines jetliner in Kandahar, may have a hard time finding anywhere to flee to. Afghan leaders refused to grant them asylum.

Details, **Page A4**



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Leaving the Kremlin, Boris Yeltsin waves farewell after he surprised the nation by resigning.

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