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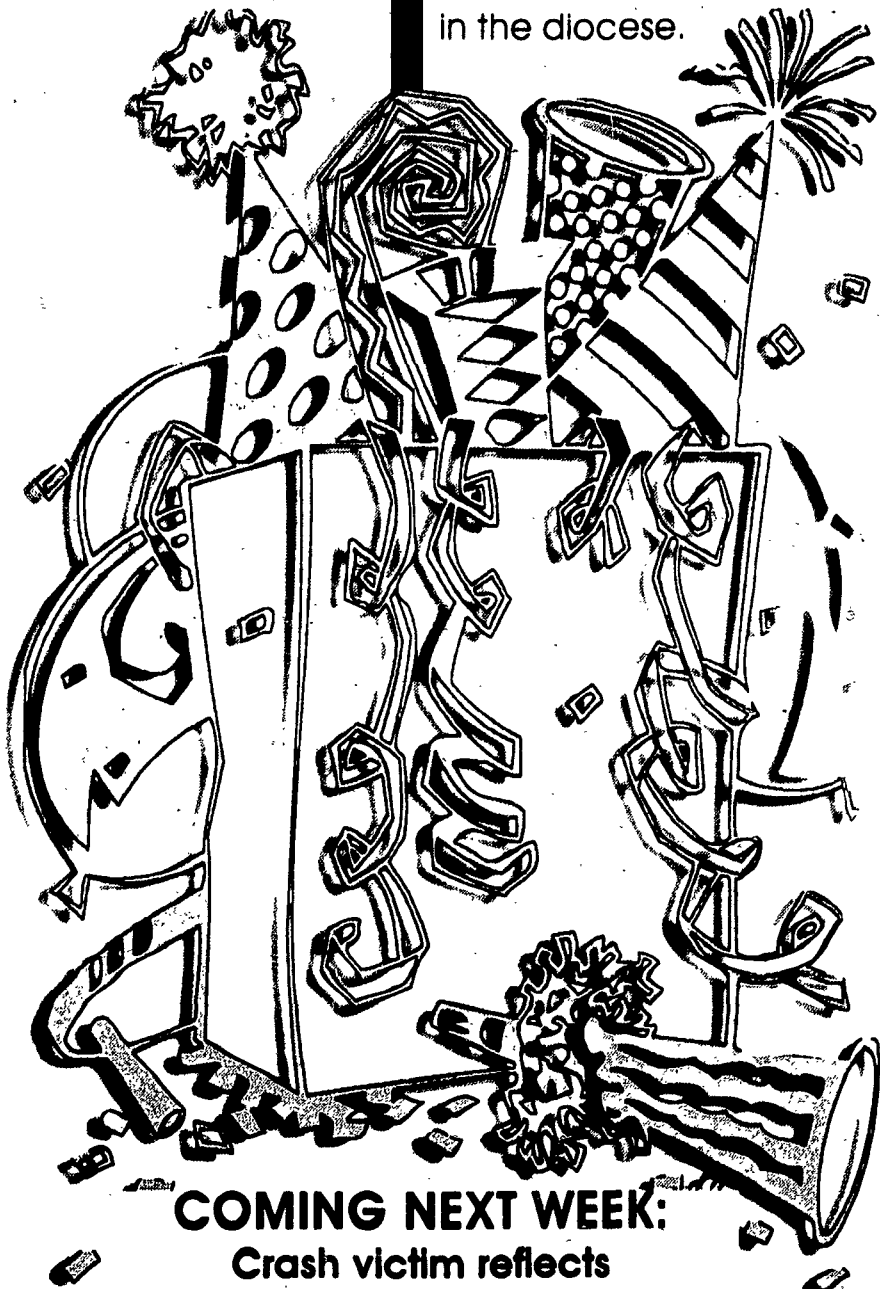


Story by Mike Latona

Are you going to Times Square? Attending a gathering with family or friends? Hanging out at an ATM to see if you can still withdraw money? Or just skipping all the hoopla, and going to bed at your normal time?

Maybe you're still undecided on where you'd like to be when the clock strikes midnight on Jan. 1, 2000. The new millennium? Y2K! The Big Two-Oh-Oh!

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I think I'm just going to be staying home with my family — watch a few movies and watch the ball drop. I don't think anything (Y2K related) is going to happen; it's a lot of hype.

My sister (who attends Cornell University) might be going to New York City with a friend. My parents aren't too thrilled about that!

**Vincent Curtin, 16 • Elmira Notre Dame HS
St. Anthony/St. Patrick, Elmira**

Me and my friends are going to go camping. I've never done that on New Year's Eve; for the millennium we wanted to do something special. We wanted to get away from all the excitement. I don't know if we'll have a TV there.

**Meredith Rogers, 17 • Elmira Notre Dame HS
Eastside Catholic Parish, Elmira**

My family is probably going to go down to my grandma's, and the rest of the family will be there. There will probably be 30 to 35 people. Usually we try to go down there every year. She lives in Jersey Shore, Pa., outside Williamsport. I think it'll be fun.

I don't think the Y2K will be a big problem. I don't think there'll be a big shutdown, the way some people think. We do have some extra food in the house, but only enough for a couple days.

**Cory Kilpatrick, 16 • Elmira Notre Dame HS
St. Casimir/St. Charles Borromeo, Elmira**

I'll probably hang out with friends, go to a party. No binge drinking or anything. I've heard a lot of people say they were going to do that, but it makes you do some pretty dumb things. You can have as much fun sober as you can drunk.

It's a change of a century and millennium, and it will be cool to watch the ball drop. I've heard about all the computer stuff, bank accounts being erased, mass confusion, all the radical people who think the world is going to come to an end. I'm not really concerned about the Y2K. It's just another New Year's to me; there's nothing really that different about it. But I'll probably be inside because there's some crazy guys out there. People do crazy stuff and this might be just another excuse for them to do something.

**Justin Pritchard, 16 • McQuaid Jesuit HS
St. Lawrence Church, Greece**

My family will probably have a party with aunts, uncles and grandparents. We always get together with family and watch the ball drop. (But) this will be different from other years; it's kind of exciting.

**Julie Spring, 15 • Nazareth Academy
St. Margaret Mary Church, Irondequoit**

Our youth group at Lake Shore Community Church is having a party with Westside Baptist Church. So I'm going to be with friends I don't see as often, not every day at school. I'm going to be shouting and screaming! I'll probably wear something sparkly instead of jeans. I'll be in a very festive mood, I'll tell you that — even more so than other years.

Becky Hillyard, 16 • Nazareth Academy

I'm going to be scared to go out and party. People are going to be drunk and driving. You know how everyone's all hung up on the Y2K thing? Some terrorist is going to try some big stunt, that's what I fear.

I might babysit. I haven't had any offers yet, but a couple New Year's Eves I made mad money babysitting. They were paying good!

**Erica Denninger, 17 • Nazareth Academy
St. Charles Borromeo Church, Greece**

I have a family of four. We're going to take a trip down to Miami; my aunt and her husband live there. In South Beach there's going to be a New Year's Eve party at the end of the pier. They're supposed to have a TV and music. I'm very excited. It's going to be breathtaking, to be right near the ocean with the new millennium beginning.

Last New Year's Eve we were in New York City (but not at Times Square) and after the ball dropped, we began talking about the year 2000 and how cool it was going to be. My mom basically said she wanted to spend New Year's somewhere warm for the first time in her life.

I'm kind of nervous because I don't know what's going to happen after this ball drops. I heard a lot about how the electricity may go out for a day or so.

**Tom Ortiz, 17 • Bishop Kearney HS
Corpus Christi Church, Rochester**