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Just before the end of 1999, 500 potential jurors in Pennsylvania were ordered to report for jury duty in January -- of 1900. No, time machines were not required. This is just one example of the kind of Year-2000 related problems that began to crop up even before January rolled around.

At press time, there were no problems anticipated for any of NERDC's computers, or indeed for the vast majority of systems in the United States. However, many people, including some NERDC employees, cancelled normal New Year's Eve festivities to be on call just in case of computer problems caused by the Y2K "bug." Many more people decided not to fly anywhere, fearful of aviation problems caused by Y2K computer glitches. Others decided not to go anywhere at all, opting for a quiet celebration at home. Authorities urged people to stock up on supplies in case of power failures. Some celebrities cancelled planned concerts or shows, citing Y2K concerns.

Now that January 1, 2000 has come and gone, it's time to evaluate whether all these precautions were necessary. How did your computer hold up? /Update wants to know! After all the hype about Year-2000 issues, we thought we'd take a poll to find out just how /Update readers fared. Did you have problems, either with software or hardware, related to Y2K? Did your systems work as they should? Send us an e-mail describing the experiences you had. Include information about the hardware or software involved. Describe how you resolved your problem, or you can ask our consultants for help with any problems you might have with NERDC systems. If things went well, tell us how the preparations you made prior to January 1 smoothed the way for you. Send e-mail to editor@nersp.cns.ufl.edu [mailto:editor@cns.ufl.edu].

In a future issue of /Update, we'll print your e-mails and gather input from the experts here at NERDC about the problems (if any) that occurred.

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