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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - It's a tale of government contract gone awry temporary workers paid \$35 an our to make photocopies, then spending their time playing poker

napping on taxpayers' time.
Some also vandalized office restrooms, according to an investigaive report that paints a portrait of government savings and loan leanup project that on occasions resembled a late-night card party.

"At times, 50 to 150 tempoaries were observed playing poker during office hours," said the report by the Resolution Trust Corp.'s inspector general.

(Workers) would brag about sleeping on the job, taking 2hour lunches, reading the newspaper," the report said. Temporary employees were idle a lot of the time; one shift did

nothing for eight hours. The lax oversight cost taxpayers nearly \$20 million in unnecessary costs: The contractor charged the government 67 cents per phoocopy - four to six times prevailing market rates, according to the report obtained by The Asso-

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It criticizes the RTC, which is overseeing the S&L cleanup, for ailing to properly monitor the temporaries hired by the Price Waterhouse accounting firm under an RTC contract to audit Home Federal Savings Associaion, a failed San Diego thrift.

Some temporary workers were relatives of Price Waterhouse emloyees, the accounting firm has cknowledged.

'RTC ignored contracting policies, procedures, internal controls, and overall costs," the inspector general concluded in the 37-page eport to acting RTC head Roger

Altman dated June 25.
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tightened its management in response to the report. "There were also some things that we found that we passed on to them for their investigation," he said.

And in a prepared statement, Price Waterhouse defended its work as "done well, under extraordinary difficult circumstances, at a fair price.

"Price Waterhouse has been unfairly criticized and has somehow become a victim of a much larger dispute concerning alleged deficiencies in the RTC's contract-ing practices," the firm said.

The Home Federal case has be-come a symbol for critics who say

the RTC's contracting procedures can deepen the problems of the S&L bailout, which is expected to cost taxpayers up to \$300 billion. In addition to millions of dol-

lars in cost overruns, the report also cites disciplinary problems.

"Temporaries were involved in vandalizing the break room and rest room facilities," it said. "Briefcase searches were implemented to deter the theft of equipment.

The report said part of the problem was that the RTC had just three employees to oversee the work of a Price Waterhouse work RTC spokesman Steve Kat-sanos said the agency already has during the summer of 1992.

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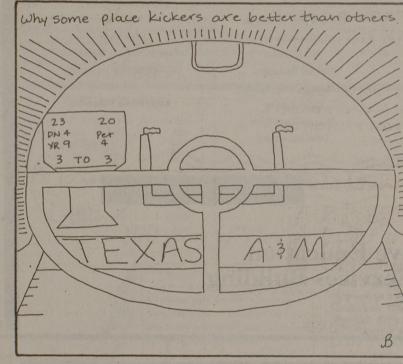
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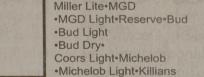
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