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**Car safety measures too risky for children, study finds**

**By Randolph E. Schmid**  
Associated Press  
WASHINGTON — A potentially deadly drama is played out thousands of times a day in America — driving children to school and playground and home.  
The combination of kids, cars, air bags and improperly installed child seats is a dangerous mix that worries the National Transportation Safety Board.  
"What we're finding is a majority of children are in the wrong position for their age, height and weight — and the majority of crashes are being used improperly," said Elaine Winters of the safety board staff, which reports today on its study of 129 accidents involving 87 children in cars.  
The board, which has no enforcement authority, is reported by several ways to improve child passenger safety. Among the recommendations from the staff will be that passenger-side air bags be designed to deploy at a slower speed. The Washington Post reports on today's edition.  
Although child seats can cut the chance of injury by 70 percent in accidents, "it is extremely difficult to use a car seat," Winters said, with as many as 10 different types available.  
That's no surprise to Transportation Secretary Federico Peña, who admits moving up his first effort back when he was mayor of Denver.  
"I went to the hospital to pick up my wife, Ellen, and our new daughter, Nola. I drove the car around, checked out, and came to my wife and opened the back door. And with all the seats there, with their bright lights and their cameras flashing, my wife whisper-squealed, you got the car seat in backseat," Peña recalls.  
When the safety board began making its child safety in cars, it expected to focus on two issues: car seats and the use of safety belts for children under age 12. As the study went on, though, the safety belts for kids became a separate issue.  
Air bags including in crashes have killed 50 children in the past few years, but they are designed to protect adults in seat belts. Authorities are becoming increasingly aware the bags can pose a danger to young kids.  
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**House of horrors**  
Miscous and mishaps have left 16-year-old Holmgren 0-4 at Minneapolis. 

**Environment: Concern or apathy?**  
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**Back to nature:** Environmental activist Annette Rasch will give up one of her favorite activities, feeding ducks and geese at the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary, when she moves to Washington this week. "I am an example of what happens to many activists who try to compensate for all the apathy around us," she said. "They quit, burn out."

**Frustrated activist: It's time to leave**  
**By Susan Campbell**  
Press-Gazette  
After 18 years of duking it out with industry and state regulators, environmental activists Annette Rasch is packing up and heading for the hills.  
One of the Green Bay area's most vocal activists for five years, Rasch says she's burned out by the fight — and the apathy — she's found in a town that drew life from its strong industrial base.  
"I've attended national environmental conferences and it's well known that Green Bay is considered Stegfordville/Apathyville — for environmentalists," she said. "It's well known that it's a little collar town with happy and mild workers."  
The frustration combined with stress-related health problems and a lifelong desire to live in step with nature, are driving Rasch's upcoming move to a remote mountain home in Washington next week.  
Rasch, 38, said that while her Green Bay experience may not be true of other places, the apathy is. "I am an example of what happens to many activists who try to compensate for all the apathy around us," she said. "They quit, burn out."  
who organized the first Earth Day back in 1970, and public concern for the environment is ever increasing. He said the pessimism only that inspired the joint Congress to begin dismantling environmental laws actually served to wake up local environmentalists.  
"The new group of congressmen made an all-out attack on almost every aspect of the environment," he said. "After about a year of that, when it finally seeped into the public that there was no hope."

**Drugs in our schools**  
**Survey: More kids smoking marijuana**

**Efforts to control alcohol use help, but it's still a problem**

**By Claudia Musocco**  
Press-Gazette  
Marijuana use continues to rise, especially among Green Bay high school students, and alcohol use is still a problem, a new survey shows.  
Green Bay School District officials said Monday they are encouraged about the 1996 survey results, which follow national trends.  
"We are looking at ways to improve what we've done," said Dennis Dronner, a senior at West High School, who was among the 100 students surveyed. "Because of our joint school problem, the entire community is a problem."  
Marijuana use among seniors increased to 25 percent in 1996 from 19 percent in 1994 while the number of sixth graders who have used marijuana has increased to 4 percent in 1996 from 4 percent in 1994, the survey shows.  
The study — which has been conducted every two years since 1990 — surveyed 118 Green Bay students from grades 6, 8, 10 and 12. Results were analyzed by the Social Institute of Minnesota.  
"The federal report released Aug. 10 also indicated that since 1992, teen-age drug use has increased sharply.  
"The results don't surprise reports or some students.  
Tina Rastan, a senior at West High School, said she has never used drugs and cannot think of any of her friends who do. She said the school makes students aware of the consequences.  
But Rasch said she has noticed younger kids are drinking. In some cases, she said, parents aren't as responsible or children are following older siblings' footsteps.  
Her concern is reflected in the survey, which found that parents of kids in higher grades were reported to be less upset about drinking.  
"Survey finds use of illicit drugs up in all grades," she said.

**Iraq worries area vets and families**

**By Paul Struss**  
Press-Gazette  
The warring game with Iraq has become the latest worry for the area's veterans and their families.  
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**U.S. set out for showdown with Iraq, Clinton says**

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From A-1

Activist

People were attempting to undermine the protection, there was a strong reaction... So strong that this year's election is the first time the environmental movement has been an issue in a presidential campaign.

Nelson, now an advisor for the Wilderness Society in Washington, D.C., said recent national polls show 40 percent of voters consider themselves environmentalists, and a large percentage of voters want to tighten environmental laws.

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heating on the proposed expansion of the forest also designed them in Green Bay... Katers said the cost, coupled with the narrow legal grounds on which the permit could be challenged, made the case impractical to pursue and disheartened the forest environmentalists.

As do most environmental groups, Katers said CWAC has a "hands-on" approach... CWAC has 1,500 members, comprising 400 paid membership and 1,100 dues-paying members.

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because of her advocacy role, including a call to a house full of people in which the caller threatened of "me" that she was protesting Exxon's proposed copper and zinc mine near Creighton.

Cliff Bowers, spokesman for Fort Howard Corp., said more cooperation and less polarization is needed between environmentalists and industry.

"To some degree, the environmentalists in this case — and there are some exceptions — are all about closing across the street, and let's be honest, it's not."

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Nation/World

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U.S. isn't out for showdown with Iraq, president says

By Suzanne M. Schaefer

WASHINGTON — The United States is not out for a showdown with Iraq, President Clinton said Monday, as administration officials cooled their rhetoric over a potential clash with Saddam Hussein.

"We have sought no confrontation with Saddam Hussein. We never did and we don't now," the president told reporters in the Oval Office.

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Facts from school survey on drugs, alcohol

Press-Gazette Some findings of the 1996 Green Bay School District survey on alcohol and other drugs... 23 percent of eighth-graders reported using marijuana at least once in the last year.

Soldiers

Press-Gazette The Defense Department said it has released the names of 900 American prisoners of war held in North Korea since the 1953 armistice.

POWs may still be in N. Korea

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Credit-card debt at all-time high

WASHINGTON (AP) — American consumers who have piling up mountains of debt... The American Bankers Association said today that delinquency — payments 30 days or more overdue — rose to a seasonally adjusted 3.6 percent in the fourth quarter from 3.5 percent during the previous three months.

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