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The lights stayed on. The phones and computers kept working. Nobody panicked. And everybody breathed a little sigh of relief, even those who were pretty sure that the Y2K bug wouldn't bite too hard.

By now, everyone knows that the Y2K problem didn't create any major catastrophes. In fact, fallout from the Y2K bug has been so slight that a Cuban state newspaper suggested the whole thing was a capitalist plot to sell more computers. But the rollover was not problem-free. Problems ranged from video store customers getting socked with 100 years' worth of late charges to U.S. spy satellites going "blind" for a period of time. More glitches are likely to show up as the year goes on, such as in programs that are scheduled to run only periodically.

At NERDC, there have been only slight problems. Users were unable to change their NERSP passwords after January 1. This was not Y2K-related; it happened coincidentally on January 1 and has been resolved. A problem with the CHRGLIST utility has also been corrected.

/Update is still collecting your Y2K stories for an upcoming issue. 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.

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