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Musicians in the Seattle Symphony Orchestra are unhappy with music director Gerard Schwarz, a survey to be released next week is expected to show. And the executive director said Monday that he is resigning. **SEE B1**

**Chewing over death penalty**

In acrimonious debate about a capital punishment case, Justice Antonin Scalia accused four relatively liberal justices of contributing to international "sanctimonious criticism of America's death penalty." **SEE A3**

**Building the Dreamliner**

In newly built factories in Japan, Italy and South Carolina, production is about to begin on Boeing's 787 Dreamliner. In a three-day series, the P-I's James Wallace takes a look at how the new jet is taking shape around the world. **SEE C1**

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**"Disgraceful":** President Bush says newspapers' reports on secret monitoring of financial data "does great harm" to the U.S. **A7**

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**Surgery's on:** A judge rules that a 9-month-old baby should have an operation that doctors say is necessary. **B1**

**New DUI case:** A woman with a long record of drunken-driving arrests – and who ran over a woman in 1997 – pleads not guilty to new charges. **B1**

**Under scrutiny:** The chairman of a panel examining the Sheriff's Office disciplinary system says current and former deputies are ready to talk. **B1**

**Missing:** Authorities are searching for the deputy director of the state retirement systems agency. **B3**

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**Sales surprise:** Sales of new homes show unexpected gains in May. **C1**

**EU considers fine:** Microsoft could face a \$2.5 million daily fine dating back months in Windows case. **C1**

**No vacancy:** The vacancy rate for Seattle office space is tightening. **C1**

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## Attn. ID thieves: Look here

Councilman publicly points out exploitable weakness in Web site

BY NEIL MODIE  
P-I reporter

If identity thieves needed assistance plundering King County's records for sensitive personal data about its citizens, County Councilman Reagan Dunn may

have unwittingly helped them out Monday.

Dunn held a news conference to call attention to the fact that the county Records, Elections and Licensing Services Division posts documents containing Social Security numbers and other personal

data online for "potentially thousands of current and former King County residents."

Dunn, R-Bellevue, said anyone – including, of course, practitioners of the growing epidemic of identity theft – can look at documents such as deeds of trust online. He said the vulnerable records are only those filed between 1988 and 1995.

"I'm not aware of the relevance of that particular date range," Records, Elections and Licensing Director Dean

Logan said later, nor, he added, was his recording manager. But he said the trend among banks, title companies and other businesses and government agencies has been to block personal ID data wherever possible.

Aside from that, Logan said, his office wasn't aware of a single case where public documents filed with the county have been used for identity theft. He said King County, unlike nearly any other Washing-

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## WEATHER REACHES SOME NEW HIGHS



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Lifeguard Ame Demtseff keeps her eye on the water fun near the swimming-diving float at Madison Beach on Lake Washington on Monday. For the second straight day, the Seattle area saw record-breaking temperatures. Although it's expected to be slightly cooler today, air pollution is still a problem. **STORY B2, WEATHER B8**



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**Billionaire Warren Buffett, right, with Bill and Melinda Gates, speaks about his financial gift of \$31 billion to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation at a news conference Monday in New York City.**

## Gateses ready to explore

**"Just as Microsoft took off in ways I never expected, so has the work of the foundation, and it's growing rapidly."**

– Bill Gates, on the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Buffett's \$31 billion donation could open doors in new arenas

BY TOM PAULSON  
P-I reporter

NEW YORK – The world's largest philanthropy is about to double its war chest thanks to a billionaire-to-billionaire transfer of wealth, and some comments made at a celebration of this unprecedented charitable enterprise seemed to signal a more diffuse approach in its battle against global inequity.

On Monday, Bill and Melinda Gates joined Warren Buffett and several hundred others for an invitation-only event at the New York Public Library to hold a "town hall"-style meeting with supporters, grant recipients and local students to discuss Buffett's donation of about \$31 billion in stock to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

It amounts to about \$1.5 billion a year, effectively doubling the amount the Gates Foundation will disburse each year.

The foundation hopes to use the enormous gift to, among other things, find a vaccine for AIDS, the Gateses

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**Q:** What 'casual' industry rakes in millions of people and dollars every single year?

**A:** It's not a puzzle to figure out it's all fun and games

BY WINDA BENEDETTI  
P-I reporter

The blahs and bleechs of pregnancy had Amie Fisher in their grip. Nausea. Aches. Irritability. What she needed was relief. What she wanted was a break.

She found both. The 31-year-old freelance Web designer from Burien said it was Alchemy that gave her some of the respite she was looking for. Not to mention Text Twist and Bejeweled.

These aren't the latest medical miracles or some exotic vitamin cure. They're very simple, very entertaining and very popular computer games.

"I was so tired and felt so brain-dead, they were a really easy way to distract myself," Fisher said. "It was a nice way to check out for a bit and not think about the fact I was feeling nauseous."

When most people think of computer and video games, they think of complex wonders of graphical and technological advancement – games in which a young man hovering between the age of acne onset and college graduation sacrifices half his life to the

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Discover some of the most popular casual video games

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