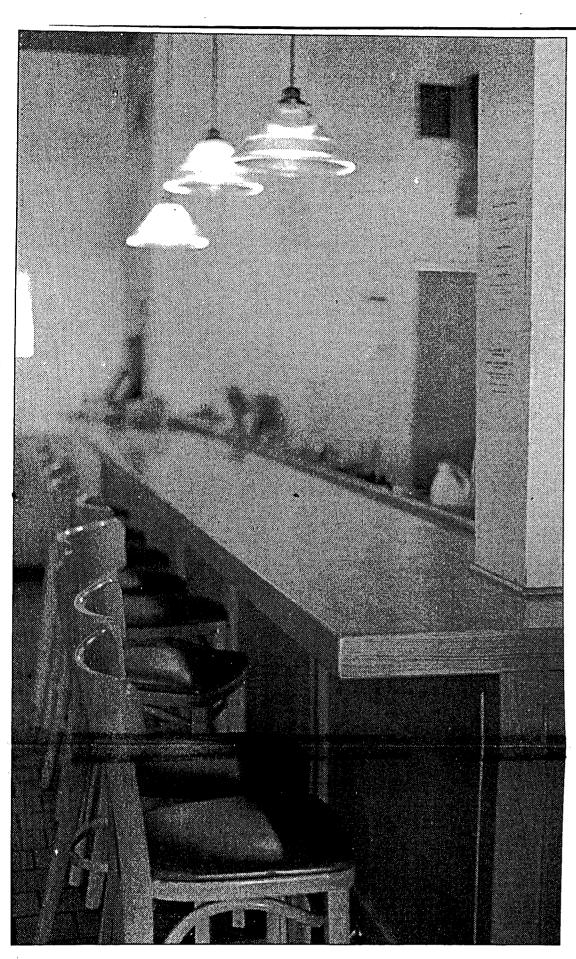
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There are many empty seats at the Garden Lounge this summer. The Garden's revenues have been cut in half. Many local businesses have been feeling the pinch since the spring semester ended.

It's a ghost town

Local businesses, summer students, residents feel the lag when UI students leave town

BY CASSIE SEARLE COPY DESK CHIEF

hen nearly three-fourths of the UI student population packed their bags and got out of town, they left behind more parking, less noise and a slower pace in Moscow. And local merchants are miss-

ing them already.

According to Dennis Lincks of the Registrar's Office, summer student enrollment was up to 3,036 by Friday — a far cry from the 13,362 enrolled for the Spring 2002 semester. Lincks expects enrollment to shoot to 5,500 by the end of the summer, but for now, campus is a little emptier, and Moscow is trying to adjust to the missing population.

The year 2000 census tallied Moscow's population, including students, at 21,291. During the summer, that number is nearly cut in half. Captain David Duke of the Moscow Police Department said summer brings less traffic density, fewer people shopping and less crime on campus.

"Things slow down when you take away half the population," Clover Coyner, acting manger of Hyperspud Sport, said. Coyner said Hyperspud will miss the student revenue over the summer, but regardless of the drop in customers, Coyner expects to see many of the same "hard-core types" still buying sleeping bags, tents, sunglasses and climbing equipent during the summer.

Local laundromats, pizza parlors and grocery stores are also beginning to miss the student population, as these businesses take a 10 to 30 percent cut in sales.

Cassie Tribble, owner_ Homestyle Laundry and Dry Cleaning, located in the Palouse Mall, says her store operates on a



ILLUSTRATION BY AMANDA HUNDT / ARGONAUT Main Street can be desolate during the summer months when the large population of students leave the Palouse.

high student clientele — about two students to one permanent resident. "[The missing students] make a dent, but not so much it kills us," she said. To make up for the missed dirty laundry, Tribble relies on tourists and RV campers who pass through the area.

Winco Foods manager Bruce Gilchrist said summers bring a customary 10 percent drop in sales. But this is no problem for Winco, according to Gilchrist. "We don't cater to students; we cater to the community. We've grown beyond being a neighborhood store," he said.

Some local merchants take a more direct hit when the students leave. The Garden Lounge will see a 50 percent cut in alcohol sales over the summer, said manager Steve Myers. Although locals usually visit the bar more often (during Happy Hours), it's the students who typically consume more alco-

hol per visit, Myers said.

Without the students, the bar atmosphere at the Garden "is not loud or rambunctious as on a

school Friday night. You've got no bar packed to the teeth; it's just more laid back," Myers said.

Branegan's Pizza manager Doug Davis said business is down about 20 percent from the school year. "Summer, in the pizza-selling business is bound to go down business, is bound to go down because more people are barbecuing and camping," he said. Davis said he misses the revenue that football weekends bring to his pizza/sub hangout during the fall.

Some businesses close their doors during the summer due to the missing students. The Beach, a dance club on Main Street, locks its doors, and various focd shops around campus temporarily shut down until students return.

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University employees laid off

31 positions eliminated, 28 effective end of June

BY JADE JANES EDITOR IN CHIEF

he work force at the University of Idaho continues to shrink. In addition to the 159 employees who are retiring, 31 employees have been laid off.

Three of those positions are faculty, according to April Preston of Human Resource Services. Faculty positions require one-year notice before termination, so those individuals will remain employed by UI until June 2003.

The remaining 28 positions will be terminated the end of June. Ten of those positions were characterized as classified staff; 18 were nonfaculty exempt.

Classified staff are positions paid by an hourly wage. Those positions are available for overtime pay if work exceeds 40 hours per week. A two-week notice is required for termination, so all classified staff who will be terminated before the new fiscal year must be notified by June 7, Preston said.

Non-faculty exempt are employees paid a salary. They are not eligible for overtime pay. A 60-day notice is required for termination. All nonfaculty exempt positions being eliminated were notified by April 22.

Preston would not comment on the individuals terminated or the departments affected most. Departments are still making decisions, she said, and making that sort

of assessment would be premature. Anticipation of the lay-offs was strong among employees, Preston

"There were a lot of uneasy peo-ple," she said. "There were a lot of rumors, a lot of stress prior to the position eliminations, beginning from the time the initial announcements were made.

It was uncertainty about the process that left people uneasy, she "That's what makes it stressful,

when you don't know." "Now they've seen the process work. For some people, this has put

them at ease," she said. Not everyone is completely at ease, she admits.

"For some people, they are still concerned that this additional cut we just heard about a few weeks ago is going to affect them," she said

People with different kinds of expertise all over the campus have sort of stepped up and volunteered some assistance to folks who are going to be affected by the layoffs,' Dan Blanco of Career Services said.

Career Services and other entities are holding an orientation session for terminated employees today at 10 a.m. in the Commons Crest

"We want to help our colleagues and co-workers who have been affected by this," Blanco said.

Career Services will be on hand to help people brush up their resumes, Blanco said. "There are some people who haven't been in a job search for a while," he said.

Interviewing techniques may also be different from when they last applied for a job. "If people aren't prepared for a new style of interview, they may not be able to put

their best foot forward," Blanco said. They may need help fine-tuning their resume and interview skills in order to be competitive in the job market, he said.

Roxanne Schreiber, a UI work/life specialist, will look at some of the personal issues that come with a change of this magnitude. She will evaluate ways of coping and getting through a job loss with the proper frame of mind. The orientation session is a means of helping people see this as an opportunity, Blanco said.

Human Resources will walk employees through university resources and go over options for regaining employment at the uni-

versity. "We want to be able to reemploy these employees at the University of Idaho," she said.

"Some people have already accepted other employment," Blanco

At least eight of the 31 have already found other employment, Preston said.

Preston expects the orientation to be more helpful in terms of answering specific questions. "Most people are going to be more comfortable talking one-on-one," she said. "They may want to schedule a meeting with one or the other of us, and that's fine. We're happy to do that."

Participants will receive release time from work to attend the orien-Organizers expect a small group,

fewer than 10 people according to "If there's 31 or one, we're going to be there," Blanco said.

UI to expand wireless Internet access over the summer

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he University of Idaho is moving to an expanded wireless system Summer work orders to Information Technology Services are part of an effort to move UI beyond its reputation as one of the most wired campuses to a highly wireless system. This will include wireless computing, web access, audio listening, networking and other electronic

"Our goal is to eventually become a wireless computing campus, which will reduce the demand for computer labs and allow students to connect in any classroom or public space anywhere on campus, Harvey Hughett, executive director of ITS, said in a press release.

learning.

ITS will install additional transmitters fixed to walls inside buildings during the summer. These, along with outside antennas, will allow users to roam across the access zones.

Hughett says wireless is economically

"The university will save money on electronic-cabling costs to hard-to-serve areas, and the network will be well-suited

ence of critical peers."

Wireless network access was first available at the Commons last year. Students could check out wireless capable laptops for use anywhere in the building. The project as been expanded to offer wireless computing in the library, SUB and Polya

Math Lab. ITS is working with the Student Computing Advisory Committee to devel-op an expansion plan for the wireless net-

to collaborative learning," Hughett said. "For instance, with conferencing software,

students anywhere on campus would be

able to form small online groups and work

on presentations or projects for an audi-

The project may not go without a hitch, Hughett said.

Federal Communications The Commission does not license the radio frequency used to transmit the wireless signal, he said. "As other consumer products use this open frequency, potential conflicts arise with the wireless network," he said.

Cordless phones, wireless audio speakers and some microwave ovens are some products that could cause these distur-

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Lt. Gov. Riggs to speak Saturday at Moscow's 1912 Center

Idaho Lt. Gov. Jack Riggs of Coeur d'Alene will join Moscow Mayor Marshall Comstock and other dignitaries for the opening of Phase II of the 1912 Center Saturday at 10 a.m. Riggs will cut a ribbon to celebrate completion of the \$557,000 project. Representatives of senior citizens and adults with developmental disabilities both of whom have centers in the building - will assist him.

Tours, displays and demonstrations will follow the brief dedication ceremo-

The Latah County Old-Time Fiddlers will play at 10:30 a.m. in the Great Room. The program is free and open to the public. The Senior Center, operated by the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"This is first for Moscow — to have a senior center that is more than just a meal site," said Duane LeTourneau, chair of the mayor's task force on the 1912 Center. The Friendly Neighbors senior citizen group sponsors lunches twice a week in the building's Great Room.

Friendship Hall, operated by Arc of Latah County, is envisioned as a place for persons with developmental disabilities to socialize with friends, participate in lessons and training, and meet for lunch and dinner. An art show and weaving demonstrations will illustrate the center's theme "Weaving Dreams Into Reality.

The project renovated two former classrooms at the east end of the building's ground floor. It was partially funded by a \$223,000 community development block grant for the idaho Department of Commerce.

The state grant was matched by \$334,375 in private donations, including a \$100,000 grant from the M.J. Murdock Trust of Vancouver, Wash. The grant also contained money for a four-stop elevator to provide access to the entire building. The two facilities are served by a ground-level entrance ramp and four nearby reserved parking spaces.

Design West of Pullman was the architect and Brown Construction and Development of Spokane was the general contractor. Phase I of the center opened last October. It includes a large meeting room, a commercial-sized kitchen and restrooms on the ground floor, and a plaza on the building's □ south side. The city is developing the 1912 Center in a building that served as Moscow's high school from 1912 to 1939. It later was used for school administrative offices and a warehouse. Using private donations, the city purchased the building in 1997 from the Moscow School District.

Gallery features local artist

The University of Idaho Prichard Art Gallery's 2002 summer exhibition "The Tattooed Ladies and the Dinosaurs," a ceramic installation by Marilyn Lysohir, will open with a reception for the artist June 7 from 5-

This installation project began in 1993 when the artist, inspired by an encounter with an Allosaur during a trip to Adelaide Australia, embarked on an artistic journey which would last for more than eight years.

Marilyn Lysohir earned her undergraduate degree in art from Ohio Northern University and her MFA from Washington State University in 1979. Her work has been exhibited in numerous one-person exhibitions in the United States, Canada and Denmark. Her work is included in the collections of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Tacoma Art Museum, the Butler Museum of American Art and the Kansas City Art Institute. She has been awarded fellowships, grants, and residencies and her work has appeared in many major publications. Lysohir lectures around the world and has been an invited to teach at major colleges and universities including the Kansas City Art Institute, Alfred State College of Ceramics and Ohio State University.

She lives and works in Moscow with her husband, artist Ross Coates. She operates an award winning chocolate candy company called "Cowgirl

The University of Idaho Prichard Art Galley is located at 414/416 S. Main St. in downtown Moscow. During the summer the gallery will be open Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m.- 7 7 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m., - 2 p.m. Admission to the gallery is free.

Professor's book accepted for publication

The State University of New York Press has informed UI Professor Nick Gier that his book "The Virtue of Non-Violence: from Gautama to Gandhi" has been accepted for publication.

The book has three major goals: (1) to interpret the ethics of nonviolence from the standpoint of virtue ethics; (2) to give Gandhi's philosophy its first Buddhist interpretation; and (3) to ally Gandhi with the constructive postmodern school of thought.

Gier took two sabbaticals and a semester's leave to do research at the Department of Gandhian Studies at Panjab University (1992, 1995, 1999) an at the Gandhi Peace Foundation in New Delhi (1995, 1999)

Gier will retire from the UI next year after 31 years of teaching and research. He will continue to write, travel, and volunteer his services for human rights activities and character education in the schools.

Farmer's Market marks summer

The LCSC Jazz Band will be featured performers Saturday at the Moscow Farmer's Market. Under the direction of Bill Peconti, the band will take part in the 9:30-11:30 a.m. show. held weekly at the market.

The Moscow Farmer's Market is located in downtown Moscow in Friendship Square. It is open from 8 a.m. - noon. Spaces are \$10 and assigned on a first come first served

Student Health suggests meningitis awareness

While no recent cases of meningitis have been reported at the University of Idaho or in Latah County, health authorities suggest awareness of the way it is communicated, in light of the third case of meningitis reported at nearby Washington State University within the past two months.

Dr. Francisco Saavedra, interim clinical care coordinator for the University of Idaho's Student Health Center, says UI students should become informed.

'The American College Health Association recommends that students who may have had contact with or exposure to the student who contracted meningitis or his associated living group might consider meningitis vaccination to reduce their risk for potential meningococcal disease," Saavendra

He urges all UI students to check information and recommendations for preventing meningitis on campus at http://www.uidaho.edu/shs/mening.ht

Meningitis is an inflammation of the linings of the brain and spinal cord caused by either viruses or bacteria.

eningitis is more commor than bacterial meningitis and usually occurs in late spring and summer. Signs and symptoms of viral meningitis may include stiff neck, headache, nausea, vomiting and rash. Most cases of viral meningitis run a short, uneventful course. Since the causative agent is a virus, antibiotics are not effective. Persons who have had contact with an individual with viral meningitis do not require any treatment.

However, the recent local cases reported are of the bacterial strain of meningitis, which occurs rarely and sporadically throughout the year. although outbreaks tend to occur in late winter and early spring. Because meningococcal meningitis can cause grave illness and rapidly progresses to death in 12 percent of cases, it requires early diagnosis and treatment.

In contrast to viral meningitis, persons who have had intimate contact with a case require therapy. Roommates, friends, spouses and children who have had intimate contact with the oral secretions of a person diagnosed with meningococcal disease are at risk for contracting the disease and should receive medication. Examples of such contact include kissing, sharing eating utensils and being exposed to droplet contamination from the nose or throat.

Common early symptoms of meningococcal meningitis include fever, severe sudden headache accompanied by lethargy and neck or joint stiffness. A rash may begin as a flat, red eruption, mainly on the arms and legs. It may then evolve into a rash of small dots that do not change with pressure. A vaccination fair is scheduled by UI's Student Health Center at the beginning of fall semester.

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Students taking summer classes see a much different campus and community during the summer. "Campus is so empty; there is nobody at all. It's very boring," junior Kenneth Sans said. Sans plans to attend school and rent a lot of videos this summer. "There is nobody to hang out with. It's deserted," he said.

Mark Secrist, a communication professor who teaches a summer advertising class, said many students complain that there's not enough to do during the summer. "A lot of students say it's boring and too small." But, according to Secrist, most residents are content with the laid-back atmosphere. "We locals aren't looking for U2 to come through in concert," he said.

Secrist, a resident for more than 20 years, said the beauty of Moscow summers comes through

cultural campus and community events, social gatherings, and the easy access to fishing trips. UI brings summer-time events that wouldn't otherwise be available. Secrist said. "Moscow's not just a small town — it's a small university town," he said.

Though Main Street cash registers miss the student wallets and some students are "bored" with the slower pace, most Moscow residents don't seem to mind the summer-time change.

"Some locals say, 'It's the best time of year to be here, but don't tell anybody," Coyner said.

Mimi Pengilly, a 20-year resideration

dent of Moscow said that between art events at the park, the Farmer's Market every Saturday, the outdoor music series and the smaller population, the missing students bring a nice change of pace.
"I enjoy it here when they

leave, but it's also nice when they come back. Each time it brings a welcome change," she

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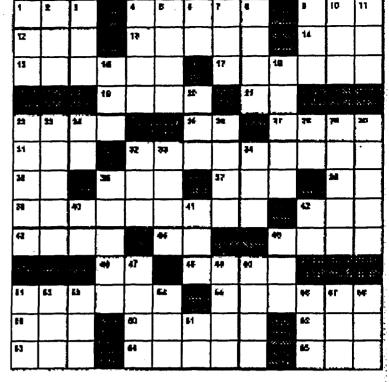
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AMANDA HUNDT / ARGONAUT People gather on the steps of the Moscow Hotel to listen to the band and relax during the Farmer's Market. The Farmer's Market is held every Saturday for the remainder of the summer from 8 a.m.-noon in Friendship Square.

Eminem's fans offer impressive Web sites

BY SUMMER SEAY ZAP2IT.COM

Marshall Mathers, Slim Shady, a movie star? From independent emcee to controversial rapper, who is the real Eminem? The world may never know. But one thing is for sure, since his debut album, "The Marshall album, "The Marshall Mathers EP" Eminem has Marshall garnered a fans who are so devoted they've created some of the best, most impressive fan sites on the Web.

Just in time for the release of his highly anticipated and much publicized new album "The Eminem Show," Zap2it has sifted through hordes of sites dedicated to the in-yourface performer to bring you the very best of Eminem

Enjoy the show.

Eminem (http://www.eminem.com/). Eminem's official site does nothing to disappoint. In fact, it's so full of features you'd think a fan was responsible for the rich content. You'll find contests and the latest Slim Shady news as well as extras like jukebox skins and Eminem screenmates. Be sure and check out cute, little Eminem in the photo gallery section.

eminemUnrestricted.co m (http://www.eminemunrestricted.com/). This is the place to go for up to the Eminem news. · minute Updated constantly, this site also features a filmography section with a preview for Eminem's upcoming film "8 Mile" available for Windows or Quicktime. Users will find a complete song list from the new album with some random lyric quotes. There are also clips available from the video for the first single.

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Eminem2001.com e-mail here! Mile" and "The Eminem When you're done signing up Show" as well as the new yideo for "Without Me." gallery, but plan on spending some time there. The archive is huge, including magazine shoots, the young Eminem, press photos, concert photos

and more. Eminem (http://www.eminem2001.c om/). True fans are encouraged to join in on the message board here to discuss Eminem and D12. Get information on an album giveaway and special listening parties, or check out an interesting write-up about Eminem that appeared in "The Source Magazine" in 1998, in the "Unsigned Hype" column.

Planet Eminem (http://www.eminem-planet.com/). Here on Eminem Planet, all the whack emcees better back up. Visitors can check out and order Eminem's new book and get the lyrics for all of Eminem's songs, including songs on the new album. In the tattoo section, get acquainted with Eminem's body art, which include tributes to his uncle Ronnie, his daughter Halie's and, of course, the Dirty Dozen (D12).

Eminem Planet (http://www.planeteminem.com/). If you want to really get inside Eminem's head, check out his infamous lost notebook, the one that had all of his lyrics for the new album in it. It may actually be fabricated here, but it's interesting nonetheless. You'll also find links to Eminem's crew as well as to his rivals.

Eminem (http://www.eminem2000.c om/). This is an impressive fan site, definitely a full time job for the Web master. Refer to the site map if you get lost, which is very possible due to the many categories. Users will find new details about "8

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Shady Eminem (http://www.shadyeminem.co.uk/). The UK's got the 411 on Eminem. This comprehensive site is updated frequently to give fans the latest in Slim Shady news. Download ring tones and logos for your phone, screensavers, wallpaper, WinAmp Skins and Midi Files. Be sure and read Eminem's bio before you check out the photo gallery, which is like an illustrated tour of his

About Eminem (http://www.commercemarketplace.com/estore/allabo uteminem/). Exclusive pictures of the stage set up for the Anger Management Tour will soon be added to this site, so be sure and check back. In the meantime there's plenty to see. Did you know that Eminem wears glasses? That he was beat up so badly in school that he suffered intermittent loss of vision in his right eye? That he wishes there was a Taco Bell in his backyard? Find out all this and more in the "EM Did You Know" section.

'Scow summer is not mediocre

here is no such thing as a mediocre student during summer school. It seems we're all either geniuses trying to get ahead or blockheads trying to catch up. There is no in between.

Case in point: I got a D in my one-credit choir class last semester. Don't you worry about me, though - my three-credit B in psychology more than evens

My three other Cs on top of that might make me be the closest thing to mediocrity this city's got right now (besides the Chinese restaurants).

I'd say a 2.15 GPA makes me mediocre. Others might say it makes me the blockhead I mentioned earlier.

Most of my friends have gone home. I partied it up with them nearly every day of finals week, and yet the town still seems empty. I'm bored most of the But who is having more fun?

My friends are in their hometowns living with their parents, working 40 hours a week and

going to grown-up bars.

I still have enough underachieving friends in town this time of year to consume a keg in three hours or less. The bars here aren't grown-up, either.

I don't even have a job yet (besides the whole Argonaut thing). I only have one class for two hours a day, four days a

week. I have already taken the very same class I'm taking now from the very same teacher - last summer. So now I'm

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reviewing material I learned a year ago. If I can pull an A in this class, it will replace the big, fat F on my transcript.

Therein lies the key to the allure of the 'scow: Underachieving produces permanent residents.

That's why (the administrators at UI, or) whoever controls the weather in Moscow turns up the heat when June hits. They know it keeps geniuses like you and blockheads like me here year-round.

The sun intoxicates us until our academic inhibitions are no more. Then come the financial aid beer munchies. We keep local businesses alive with the

last scraps of our couple-thou-

sand-dollar loans. I wait and wait for the sunny days here. It makes up for the

newspaper-gray days that dominate Moscow's climate calendar. I might as well be from Moscow now. I don't know anyone who is here in the sense I'm here. I'm here like those ghosts

in "Poltergeist." I think the average Moscow resident vacations at least once a year, don't you? I didn't even leave my homeon's aparts. on A Street last spring break.

I know what you're thinking: I'm a loser. Well that's just not true. The truth is, the Argonaut wouldn't let me write during the year when there are actually people around to read it.

There are other reasons I stay here. I stay to partake in the things you can't have in Moscow from September to May. Things like the sun and a lessdiscriminate dating pool.

So don't fret about summer school. Know that there are people like me around town, going to class for two hours and drinking (and writing, though not necessarily at the same time).

If you get bored, try to break the three-hour mark set by your award-winning school newspa-per's summer lackey.

Illegal movie downloading vexes Hollywood as activity increases

"Shaun" didn't need to wait in line to be among the first to see "Star Wars Episode II: Attack of

Instead, he joined hundreds of thousands of digital line-jumpers who downloaded an illegal copy of the movie off the Internet days before the film's

official opening.
"The quality was poor, but watchable," he cheerfully reports in an e-mail from England.

The 30-something Shaun says he has been downloading — the film industry calls it stealing movies for years because films released in the United States often take, months stos reach England,

Impatient and computer-savvy fans such as Shaun simply look for pirated copies online by Internet Relay Chat, on electronic bulletin boards and Usenet newsgroups, and via file-sharing services such as Morpheus and Gnutella.

Everything from the latest Madonna and Eminem singles to the summer's hottest blockbusters are available.

"Sadly, most of the films I've seen after downloading over the last few years (yes, this has been going on for a while) have just made me glad that I did not waste my money going to the cinema to see them!!!!!" Shaun writes.

It's this kind of talk that gives Hollywood producers worry wrinkles that even Botox can't

Movie downloading isn't a widespread practice so far, partly because only about 10 percent of Americans have high-speed Internet access at home.

But as that figure inevitably rises, the Internet could see an influx of movie-hungry file swap-pers itching to use their high-speed connections.

This could ignite a downloading frenzy, emulating the fast and furious movie swapping already occurring in college dormitories with the fastest Internet links on the planet.

"When a friend of mine downloaded 'The Matrix' while it was still in theaters (three years ago) ... it took him about a week to download and it was pretty hard to find," says Daniel Watts, a student at the University of

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Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
"Nowadays, with 10-megabit Ethernet in dorms, a movie can be downloaded in a matter of hours, and possibly even min-utes," Watts says.

Underground downloaders such 31-year-old "Chef" of the Twin Cities now fret that their piracy paradise could be spoiled too many newbies crash the

"We are concerned it's going the way of Napster," he says, referring to the pioneering music-downloading service that flourished for a time but withered from music-industry legal assaults and ultimately van-

ished as an independent entity. One thing keeps movie downloading from becoming a consumer craze, though: Most bootlegged films are barely watch-

Often shot with camcorders sneaked into theatrical previews, such "cam" bootlegs often get spoiled by silhouettes of peo-

ple rising from their seats to get popcorn or stray comments picked up on the camera's boom mike. will sneak preview films to a pro-

duction facility where they can quickly convert the footage to digital form. They then sell discs overseas in places such as Hong Kong, tourists, where mostly

Americans, snap up stacks of VCDs (video compact discs) for as little as \$2.50 apiece. "Americans love this stuff. We love free stuff and we love to

cheat," says Dave Hecker, who travels extensively to places like Hong Kong as president of RevMedia, a digital media consulting firm in Los Angeles' entertainment industry.

"It's not going away," says Joey Santley, an official at a Los Angeles anti-software piracy company called Media Defender

that works with the entertain-ment industry. "It's getting worse.'

So why hasn't everyone stopped trekking to the Cineplex? Largely because pick-ing a movie off the Internet requires technical finesse still far beyond the average computer

user's grasp.
Raw digital movie files don't fit on an average PC hard drive. This means they must be compressed to a fourth or even a 10th their normal size using various specialized techniques.

That decreases their quality and how large they appear on a computer screen.

Downloading difficulties also discourage all but the most determined cyber-movie buffs.

Under perfect conditions, the average home DSL or cablemodem connection can download a compressed film in a little over two hours, almost the same amount of time it would take to watch it.

But competing traffic on these lines slows a typical download down to 10 to 20 hours — plenty of time to be cut off, as sometimes happens.

"If everybody had nice computers, and lots and lots of bandwidth, everybody would be doing it," Hecker says. "But it's not a

perfect world. Paul Stark, a co-founder of Minneapolis' Twin/Tone Records, which launched artists like Soul Asylum, The Replacements and The Jayhawks, downloaded hun-

dreds of movies over the past

He did so as a consultant for a research project on downloading technology, and he says recent compression advances threaten to produce movies about as good as the original DVDs.

A popular compression technology called DivX has just been updated, allowing movies with near-DVD quality, he says.



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Evidence shows Chandra Levy was murdered, authorities say

BY JIM PUZZANGHERA KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

WASHINGTON Chandra Levy's death was ruled a homicide Tuesday, but the city's medical examiner said there was not enough evidence on her skeletal remains to determine how the 24-year-old former federal intern

was murdered. "It's possible we will never know specifically the injury that caused her death," said Dr. Jonathan L. Arden, Washington's chief medical examiner.

Police expected to finish by Wednesday their search of the densely wooded section of a park where Levy's body was found on May 22. Clothing found at the scene will be sent to the FBI crime lab for further testing and detectives met Tuesday to plan their next steps.

"We will solve this case, I guarantee you that," Washington Metropolitan Police Chief Charles Ramsey said, bristling at questions about whether his department should have handled her disap-pearance any differently. "How long it takes, I don't know ...We are not going to stop, whether it's a day from now or 10 years from now, it

doesn't matter to us."

The official homicide ruling came just hours before Levy's parents held a memorial service for her in the family's hometown of Modesto, Calif. The disappearance of Levy on May 1, 2001, touched off a nationwide search and led to the downfall of Rep. Gary Condit, D-Calif. Condit, who reportedly told police and Levy had a romantic relationship, has denied any involvement in her disappearance.

Ramsey on Tuesday said it was too early to call anyone a suspect and wouldn't say whether Condit would be reinterviewed.

"We'll speak to anyone who we feel we need to speak to further this investigation," Ramsey said. "Right now we have a lot of people we want to interview or perhaps need to reinterview."

Ramsey also would not rule out additional interviews with Ingmar Guandeque, 20, of Washington,

who is serving 10 years in federal prison for two knifepoint attacks on women jogging in Rock Creek Park on May 14, 2001 and July 1, 2001. Police talked to him about Levy's disappearance last year.

Although police recovered almost all of Levy's skeleton, the bones — exposed to the elements for about a year — showed no con-clusive evidence of a cause of death, such as strangulation, knife or gunshot wounds, Alden said. He could not determine if Levy was killed where her body was found.

"There's less to work with here than I would like ... but certainly enough to render some conclusions," Arden said of the body. "The circumstances of her disappearance and her discovery, having been secluded in the park, and tak-ing into account the personal effects that were found at the scene allows me to conclude her was death was homicidal in nature."

Police also recovered at the site a jogging bra, tennis shoes and a sweatshirt from the University of Southern California, where Levy had earned a master's degree.

Levy was last seen April 30, 2001, as she prepared to return to California after her internship with the U.S. Bureau of Prisons ended. The next day, she sent e-mail from her computer and searched the Internet for directions to an old mansion in the park.

Levy, a jogger, left her apartment sometime after logging off her computer about 12:30 p.m. May 1, 2001. Only her keys were missing from her apartment, leading to speculation that she might have headed to the park for a run.

Ramsey said it helps police to know that Levy was murdered and did not somehow die accidentally in the park. He said the investigation would not necessarily be hindered by not having a cause of death.

"It's always good to get a cause, but it doesn't really stop us from moving from forward," Ramsey said. "We know the manner of death was homicide. The questions still remain how did she get there, was she going to see someone when she got there, was she just out for a walk?"



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WASHINGTON, D.C. — D.C. Police Capt. Michael Jacobs tapes off a section of Rock Creek Park on May 22, where remains of Chandra Levy, the Washington intern, were found.

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