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Twenty-six percent of America's workforce is classified as "non-standard." That includes temps, contract workers, and part-timers. For employers, labor is evolving from a fixed cost to a flexible resource. For employees, it's a pretty raw deal, and it could last for years

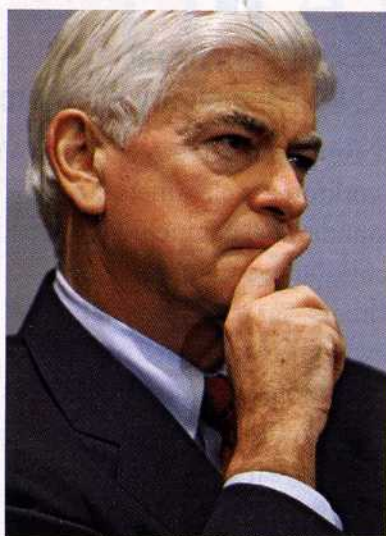
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At Providence Regional Medical Center in Everett, Wash., they don't wheel patients from treatment to treatment—they bring the equipment to the sickbed in a "single-stay" ward. It's one of many innovative, cost-efficient changes that have made Providence a rarity: a U.S. hospital that offers high quality as it cuts costs

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"Peak oil" theorists insist that worldwide oil production is in irreversible decline. But innovative drilling techniques, shifting politics, and lower demand may combine to produce enough crude to last a century and beyond

No segment of the workforce has escaped the temp revolution



▲ Senator Chris Dodd (D-Conn.)

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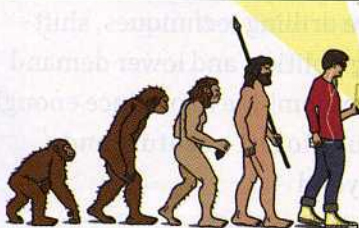
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