

## SPORTS

### GET THE HEISMAN

FOR MANY SPORTS FANS the end of summer means just one thing: football! If you want to do more than watch, you can get in on the gridiron action with two new videogames. **Madden NFL 2006** (\$49.95 for Xbox, PlaySta-



PASS IT ON: NCAA Football 06

tion2, GameCube; \$39.95 for PC and Nintendo DS; **ea.com**) remains the premier professional-football simulation, and this year's edition revolutionizes the passing game with a new quarterback-vision control system that lets you scan for defenders and throw to your open receivers.

If you're more of a college-football fan, **NCAA Football 06** (\$49.95 for Xbox and PlayStation 2; **ea.com**), with its improved stadiums, is the next-best thing to season tickets. The new Heisman Trophy mode lets you enjoy a career from high-school legend to Division IA coach. -PETER SUCIU

## ATTRACTIONS | AQUARIUMS

If you want to take a dip in the sea without getting wet this summer, how about a trip to a nearby aquarium? Here are the top picks from Zagat Survey's U.S. Family Travel Guide. (You can leave your underwater camera at home.)



BIG FISH: At the Monterey Bay Aquarium

**MONTEREY, CALIF. MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM** (831) 648-4800. "One would have to be a cold fish not to love" this California aquarium. It'll make for a "fantastic family outing" thanks to "stunning exhibits," from touch pools for toddlers to "shark tanks"; and watch sea lions in their natural habitat.

CHILD AP.	PUB. FAC.	SERVICE	COST
29	27	25	M

**BALTIMORE NATIONAL AQUARIUM** (410) 576-3800. Kids are "spellbound" by the "wonderful sea creatures" in this "jewel" that "gives a scuba diver's perspective"; add an "outstanding dolphin show" and a "walk-through rain forest," and you'd best "plan for a whole day."

CHILD AP.	PUB. FAC.	SERVICE	COST
28	25	22	M

**NEW ORLEANS AUDUBON AQUARIUM OF THE AMERICAS** (504) 581-4629. "You'll wish you were a fish" at this "river-front" "treasure," "one of the few good places to take kids" in New Orleans; the "ecosystem displays" feature "lots of unusual marine life" including "amazing white alligators."

CHILD AP.	PUB. FAC.	SERVICE	COST
28	26	23	M

**NEWPORT, KY. NEWPORT AQUARIUM** (859) 491-3467. This "surprisingly good aquarium" on the Levee is a "well-designed" facility that's "stimulating for all ages"; displays include an "excellent jellyfish exhibit," a "near hands-on area" where little folks can "touch turtles, starfish, etc." and an "entrancing shark tunnel."

CHILD AP.	PUB. FAC.	SERVICE	COST
28	25	23	M

**CHICAGO JOHN G. SHEDD AQUARIUM** (312) 939-2438. The "rainbow of colorful fish," "enchanted" dolphins and beluga whales, a shark reef and other "aquatic treasures" "will keep kids of all ages oohing and aahing" at the world's largest indoor aquarium; "make sure you're there for feeding time," say fans of the scenery.

CHILD AP.	PUB. FAC.	SERVICE	COST
28	25	22	E

**ORLANDO SEA WORLD ORLANDO** (407) 351-3600. Everyone from "1 to 100" can make a day of this salute to sea life; "you can never get enough of Shamu," and kids get to "feed the dolphins" and view so many "entertaining" attractions they "may want to take up marine biology," while two roller coasters "keep teens from dozing."

CHILD AP.	PUB. FAC.	SERVICE	COST
28	24	23	VE

### ZAGAT SURVEY

Child Appeal, Public Facilities and Service are rated on a scale of 0 to 30. The Cost column reflects the attraction's high-season price range for one young child and adult (M stands for \$16-\$30; E for \$31-\$60; VE for \$61 or more). Reviews are based on public-opinion surveys.

## MONEY

### TAKE YOUR 401(K) TO GO

A NEW SURVEY FROM Hewitt Associates, the Lincolnshire, Ill., benefits-consulting company, shows that almost half of all job changers are cashing out their 401(k)s. They're making a huge mistake. When you cash out a 401(k) before you turn 59½, you

immediately owe a 10 percent penalty, plus income taxes on the proceeds. Even worse, you'll sacrifice the income you would have earned on it. A better idea is to roll the money into an Individual Retirement Account, take it to your new company plan or leave it where it is. To move

money into a new IRA, pick a solid no-load mutual-fund company, like Vanguard Investments, Fidelity Investments or T. Rowe Price. There's no fee, and it gives you the biggest leeway to pick your investments, just in case you don't like the funds in your new employer's plan and prefer not to leave your retirement account with your old boss when you move on.

-LINDA STERN

## FOOD

### IN THE CHIPS

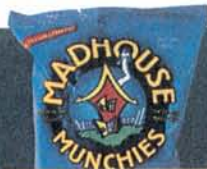
Summer is too fleeting for mediocre chips. Jim Leff of Chowhound.com gives you his top crisps.



**SHEARER'S KETTLE COOKED**  
(\$2.75 per 16-oz. bag, four-bag minimum; [shearers.com/store](http://shearers.com/store)) Golden, buttery, nutty chips. Thick and crisply addictive.



**MAUI KITCH'N COOK'D CHIPS**  
(\$3.50 per 5-oz. bag; 808-877-3652) A work of genius crafted from enormo spuds cut very thick and fried a deep dark brown.



**MADHOUSE MUNCHIES**  
(\$2.49 per 5.5-oz. bag, plus shipping; [madhousemunchies.com](http://madhousemunchies.com)) Gently expressive—a nocturne rendered in crunch and grease.



**RUSTY'S CHIPS**  
(\$1.75 per 4-oz. bag, plus shipping; [rustyschips.com](http://rustyschips.com)) Demonically crunchy, packed with flavor ... and hand-sliced!



**NIBBLES WITH GIBBLES**  
(\$2.59 per 10-oz. bag, 12-bag minimum; 800-928-6332) Great, thin, picnic-y chips fried in lard for extra oomph.