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## Pitchfork Music Festival, here we come!

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Last year The Prospectus and WPCD 88.7 The Wave made the trip to Chicago's Union Park for Pitchfork Music Festival, a three-day event organized by the online music magazine of the same name. This year, July 16 through 18, we'll be there again covering new and emerging indie artists, as well as old favorites and a first-ever comedy stage. And for any first-time P4Kers, we will share some pointers on getting to Pitchfork and surviving its three music-packed days.

Pitchfork is undoubtedly a great event. One of the greatest things about Pitchfork is its affordability. In comparison to other popular music festivals occurring at the same time, it's dirt cheap. Three-day passes cost only \$90 dollars, but sell out quickly—this year they sold out in an unprecedented five days. \$40 dollar single-day passes for Friday, Saturday and Sunday also sell out, although not as quickly.

Let's say that you miss out on every opportunity to get your hands on Pitchfork tickets. Luckily, checking websites such as eBay and Craigslist can sometimes land you last-minute passes at a fraction of their original cost. If that fails, don't fret—Pitchfork also usually releases a surplus of tickets during the week of the festival. This year they are doing so on Thursday, July 15 at 11:00 am.

You have the tickets, now how are you getting to Chicago? Gas prices aren't exactly at their cheapest and let's face it; most of us are poor college kids. Don't worry, there are



Pitchfork Music Festival can be a lot of fun if you plan your trip right.

alternatives.

If you live in downstate Illinois, take a train. Amtrak will cost you around \$80 dollars roundtrip from Champaign to Chicago. However, you will ultimately save another \$50 dollars or more in the money that you aren't spending to park in the city. If you want to go even cheaper, you can park and ride with the Metra train

line, which has stations as far south as University Park—only an hour and forty-five minute drive from the C-U. It may take an extra hour, but the tickets only cost about \$5 dollars, saving you money as well.

If you are driving, be sure to think about carpooling. A car-full of people to split the costs of gas and Chicago parking costs can always good. Extra

company to help navigate the tangle of Interstate highway outside of Chicago doesn't hurt either.

Transportation conundrums will ultimately follow you into Chicago, where you will be faced with the important decision of how to commute back and forth to Union Park for three days. Taxis and buses are usually what most people

equate with a big city, but there are cheaper and "greener" ways to go.

Try to familiarize yourself with the Chicago "L" lines beforehand, as they offer quick and inexpensive routes via train all over the city. Also consider walking, skating, or biking to Pitchfork if possible. The festival encourages environmentally friendly means of

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transportation and sets aside space for bicycle parking.

Once you're in the festival, you'll be hit with the shocking realization that you can't see and do everything—there's just too much. Performances take place on three different stages located in different corners of the park, and that means that you'll have to make

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## Things you need to do before the summer ends

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Summer—the perfect time for frolicking across a nearly empty campus, catching up on your favorite TV series, or remembering to keep moist towelettes on you when attending backyard BBQs. Every summer there always seems to be a pledge that claims this summer will be great, encompassing all that was mentioned before as well as outlandish schemes, yet somehow we end up going to that BBQ, pigging out on that pork and ending the day vegging out to a personal marathon of Lost, not accomplishing much and making the summer less epic and more fail. But this summer those actions are neither here nor there because instead of becoming permanently attached to your sofa cushion, you're going to blaze a new trail, rediscover why you love summer, and actually tell the truth when you say you had an awesome time. Since it's summer and you're supplied with an ample amount of time, what could be better than spending it doing something healthy and beneficial? You can do this by simply taking a hike. There are loads of trails across C-U just waiting for you to discover and all you have to do is find one that suits you. But for those of you who are looking for more of an extreme



Chris Wells, 20; Rosie Maynard, 23; and Holly Antal, 20; pose for a shot with the trailer they are fixing for their roadtrip across the United States.

Romain BLANQUART/Detroit Free Press

experience there are several parks around this area that can accommodate you. A fan favorite would be Turkey Run. It's an awesome place to hike, camp, canoe, or even go horseback riding. It's not very expensive, and it's well worth a gander. So load up your friends and take

a trip to uncover some nature. Another great thing to do in the summer is to devote a whole day to downtown Champaign. There's nothing better than sitting at your favorite cafe all day reading a nice book or hanging out with some friends. Often downtown is overlooked

by younger patrons because it gives off a more mature vibe. But don't let that fool you; it has a lot to offer between good grub, good music, and great people. For those of you who prefer a good movie but hate the mundane atmosphere of a theater, try a drive in movie. Some may

say that this is lame, but in all actuality it's a fun and nostalgic way to enjoy a movie. Not only do you get to be outside in the fresh air, you never have to leave the comfort of your own car. It's good clean fun, and it's only a hop, skip and a jump away to Gibson City.

With blistering heat, sweltering temperatures, and little shade to help keep you cool, the only way to prevent heat stroke is to indulge in childhood activities such as running through sprinklers, or the old classic slip and slide. These are all fun, cheap ways to cool off and it's a different alternative for those who have an aversion to swimming pools. Most importantly, it's a good way to remember why being a kid was so great. What could be a more ambitious way to end your summer than to take a road trip? There's nothing better than filling up the gas tank, collecting some choice friends, and packing some vital necessities to embark on a great voyage. This is a time to really enjoy where you're at. You're only young once, and even though you're in a cramped car with your friends traveling to gosh knows where, getting lost on the way, among other unfortunate happenings, it still always ends up as the best trip ever. You'll also never forget this trip for your whole life. Now that you've been provided with some great ideas, go forth and accomplish something grand, whether it's having an awesome balloon fight or taking in the local music scene. Do something that not only fits you but benefits you in a way that your summer is appreciated once it's all said and done.



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# Chuck Shepherd's News of the Weird

## Can't Possibly Be True

According to a May report by Seattle's KOMO-TV, former Oregon National Guardsman Gary Pfeider II is awaiting the results of his latest appeal to end the garnishment of his disability checks to cover \$3,175 for gear he supposedly "lost" when he was shot in Iraq. Pfeider was hit in the leg by a sniper in 2007, bled profusely and was evacuated (and is awaiting his ninth surgery on the leg), but the Oregon Guard apparently believes that, despite the trauma, Pfeider somehow should have paused to inventory the equipment he was carrying and to make arrangements for its safekeeping during his imminent hospitalization.

To ease the crowds entering the Texas Capitol building in Austin, officials recently opened an "express" line, bypassing most security precautions, for selected visitors and personnel. Obviously, members of the legislature use the express line, along with Capitol employees presenting ID. A third category of favored visitors: anyone with a Texas concealed-weapons carry permit. The Houston Chronicle reported in June that the lobbyists frustrated with the long security lines have been applying for concealed-weapons permits even if they expect never to touch a firearm.

Sydney's Daily Telegraph reported in May that Qantas Airways has acknowledged re-using plastic knives and forks from its in-flight meals as many as 30 times before discarding them. One supplier who visited Qantas' Q Catering center in the Sydney suburb of Mascot was told that the Qantas cutlery's plastic is "more robust" than ordinary plastic utensils and is completely safe (after special cleaning).

**Unclear on the Concept**  
 Psychologists generally discount that children at age 6 can form a specific intention to "sexually" molest anyone (as opposed to roughing someone up or being obnoxious), but the principal of Downey Elementary School in Brockton, Mass., nonetheless suspended a first-grade boy in 2006 for "sexual harassment." The boy admitted putting two fingers inside a girl's waistband, but his parents sued, livid that a "sexual" motive had been assumed. In February 2010, Brockton's daily Enterprise reported that the school would pay the boy a \$160,000 settlement for the principal's overzealousness.

**The Year of the Blind!**  
 In Urfa, Turkey, in April, pop singer Metin Senturk set the world speed record for an unassisted blind driver (in a Ferrari F430, at about 175 mph), an experience he called "like a dance with death."

In March in Watertown,

Mass., two blind teenage fencers from local schools for the blind squared off in what was believed to be the first such match ever.

The Edinburgh (Scotland) Arts Festival announced in June that it would display, beginning in August, an exhibit of images taken by the blind photographer Rosita McKenzie, 56.

**Sucker Nation**  
 The New Living Expo in San Francisco in May showcased such "healthy-living" breakthroughs as a \$1,200 machine promising to suck toxins out of your body; a \$249 silver amulet to protect you from "deadly" cell phone radiation; and a \$15,000 Turbo Sonic if your red blood cells need to be "de-clumped." A Canadian study at the same time found that 97 percent of people who admitted buying "anti-aging" products did not think they would work but nevertheless confessed their need to hope like those who "hope" the viperenom-derived \$525 Euoko Y-30 Intense Lift Concentrate will prolong their lives.

**People With Issues**  
 At her arraignment in Missoula, Mont., in April, Jackiya Ford, 37, refused to enter a plea to various fraud charges because, she explained, "Montana" is not a legal entity. According to the prosecutor, after Ford was shown a house for sale by a local agent, she tried to cut out the middleman by filing an ownership claim to it and all the land within 20 miles of it (although she generously offered to sell it to the current residents, aka the legal owners, for \$900,000, but only in "silver or gold"). Armed with her (fraudulent) ownership document, she broke into the home and posted a no-trespassing sign (the only visitors allowed: people authorized by "our Lord and Savior Yahushua"). (As if she weren't busy enough, she also disclosed that she is pregnant.)

**Armed and Clumsy (All New!)**

In this latest collection of men who accidentally shot themselves recently, private parts were the center of attention. University of Illinois campus police officer Bryan Mallin accidentally shot himself in the butt while shopping in Chicago (March), and Timothy Davis, 22, digging through a drawer in Fort Myers, Fla., last October, also accidentally shot himself in the butt. And four other men (a shopper at a Lowe's Home Improvement store in Lynwood, Wash., a 17-year-old in Vallejo, Calif., 20-year-old Jeffrey Disney in Hamilton, Ohio, and 50-year-old David Blurtin, in Dillon, Colo.) accidentally shot themselves in what for men is their most cherished spot.

# It's all about the beats

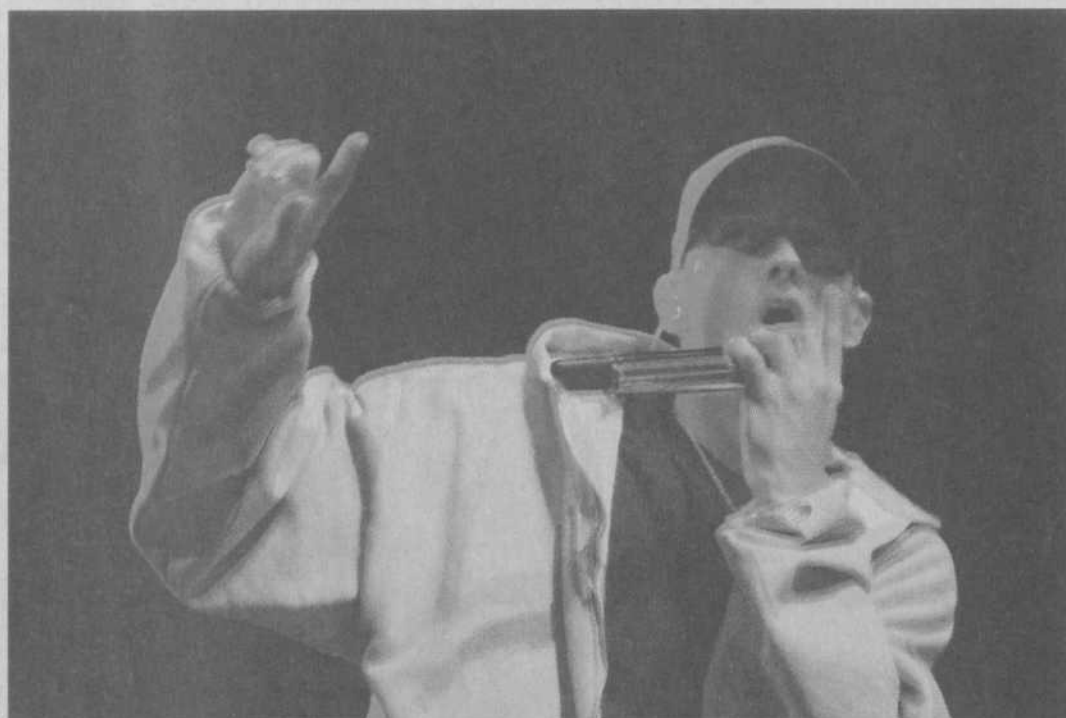
**Tara MOON CHRISTOPHER**  
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Although I will always save a place in my heart for the sorrow filled croons and devious cries of the rock musician, I have recently had to clear some space on my iPod, for what I like to call my unexplored musical territory—rap and hip hop. Sure these genres have been around for many

Eminem. Many doubted Eminem's ability to create another record-breaking album, but it seems the superstar has proven them wrong. Sales for his new album, *Recovery*, have passed the million-dollar mark in just under two weeks, making him the first rap artist to go platinum in nearly two years.

Even though fans still love the traditional styling of Eminem, the other hip hop and rap artists that are topping the

sive way to show that their talent branches beyond writing great vocals or a computerized beat. Sure this has been done before, groups like The Roots have had a jam band edge to them long before Bruno Mars picked up his first guitar, but none have mastered the blending of genres quite like artists today. It is these artists, who cross over to electronic, independent, and alternative genres that have caught my attention,



Eminem performs during the release party of his new album *Relapse* at the Motor City Casino in Detroit, Michigan.

(Kimberly P. Mitchell/Detroit Free Press/MCT)

years, but recently rap artists have blended the lines between different genres and are now getting widespread recognition from all music enthusiasts. The rap industry has taken advantage of the digital revolution and great talent is now being revealed. Everywhere I go people are blasting incredible beats with earth shaking lyrics and I've realized that no music this fantastic should be ignored. Even if you claim to be a hardcore metal fan, I recommend you check out the masterminds behind the ever-growing hip-hop and rap industry.

2010 has mass-produced hip hop and rap albums that will blow your mind. The much anticipated Drake album dropped last month and although it received mixed reviews, the album sales shot past established pop artists like Christina Aguilera and thankfully, even Miley Cyrus. The hottest album to top the Billboard charts surprisingly is not up-and-coming artist Drake, but longtime star

charts are blending the lines between what is considered urban and what defines different genres. One of these artists is soon to be super star, Bruno Mars. Although he is another talent that has been around for years, helping create the hit song "Right 'Round," Bruno Mars is finally getting the recognition her deserves. He is featured on Travie McCoy's recent single Billionaire and steals the spotlight right off of the former Gym Class Heroes front man. Bruno seems to have no musical restrictions and continuously blends the lines between genres. His style has been defined as everything from soul to alternative to independent and to what may possibly define him the best, experimental.

It is artists like Bruno Mars that have caught my attention and made me fall in love with the hip hop and rap industry this summer, as they are reaching out to audiences beyond their comfort zones. Introducing live instruments like the acoustic guitar is an impres-

and now that I'm under their spell, the hip hop and rap world doesn't look quite so daunting. Artists like Garbage, The Antlers, and even Mindless Self Indulgence have had to move over and make room for my newfound summer loves, Eminem, Jaheim, The Black Eyed Peas, Nicki Minaj, Travie McCoy, and of course—the fabulous Bruno Mars.

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# Respiratory Care: Nothing to cough at

**Josh GRUBE**  
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Have you ever thought about pursuing a profession where you can help others? If so, you should take into consideration the exciting field of Respiratory Care. There is in fact a great program for inspiring respiratory therapists at Parkland.

The Parkland College Respiratory Care Program held a poster presentation contest April 30 in the Flag Lounge. As a required assignment for class, both first and second year students prepared and presented their own posters.

A panel judged students on the presentation of their poster, the poster's content, and their ability to discuss the theme of the poster. There was extremely tight competition, with Tyler Kauffman winning first place with "Secretion Management" and Tomi Blanchard taking home second place with "VAP [Ventilator Associated Pneumonia] Prevention." These two students were then invited to compete at the annual Illinois Society For Respiratory Care statewide convention at Oakbrook, Illinois.

The panel of judges for the contest consisted of alumni

from the program. These three alumni were Del Sieber, Professor Emeritus of Parkland College's Respiratory Care Program, Jennifer Compton, the Director of Cardiopulmonary Diagnostics at Provena Covenant Medical Center of Urbana, and Guy Snyder, Registered Respiratory Therapist and Master of Public Health.

Held June 12 at the Illinois Society For Respiratory Care convention was the Betty Pendgraft Poster Contest. Amongst the tough, statewide competition at the contest, Blanchard received second place.

"The [Betty Pendgraft] poster presentation is your

opportunity to be a representative of your school of respiratory therapy here in Illinois, gain recognition from leading respiratory therapists, physicians, and other health care professionals in attendance at the meeting, receive valuable feedback on your work given by conference attendees and judges who view your poster, help the ISRC build a solid scientific basis for the profession of respiratory care, network with professionals and have fun!" states the Illinois Society For Respiratory Care's website [www.isrc.org](http://www.isrc.org).

The poster contest was named to honor Betty Pendgraft, a respiratory therapist who dedicated her career to teaching students about respiratory care and caring for her patients. The top two winners of the contest received a scholarship that covers the cost of taking the National Board for Respiratory Care Registered Respiratory Therapist exam. The value of this prize was \$390.

"The Respiratory Care Program [at Parkland College] prepares students to become respiratory therapists. In addition to treating respiratory disease, the respiratory therapist may also be involved with education, clinical supervision,

departmental management, and therapeutic decision making." States the Parkland College Course Catalog, "This program is accredited by the Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care."

For more information on Parkland's program for Respiratory Care, pick up Parkland's Course Catalog or view it online at [www.parkland.edu/academics/department/health/respiatory.aspx](http://www.parkland.edu/academics/department/health/respiatory.aspx) You may be one step closer to finding your dream job.

# Back to the nest puts families to the test:

More than the economy is at play as more young adults move back in with Mom and Dad

**Kristin TILLSTON**  
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Jean Samuels expected her two oldest sons to graduate from college. She didn't expect them to move back to the family home once they did.

Her oldest, now 26, lived at home for almost two years after college. His brother stayed for a year, recently leaving for a job out of state.

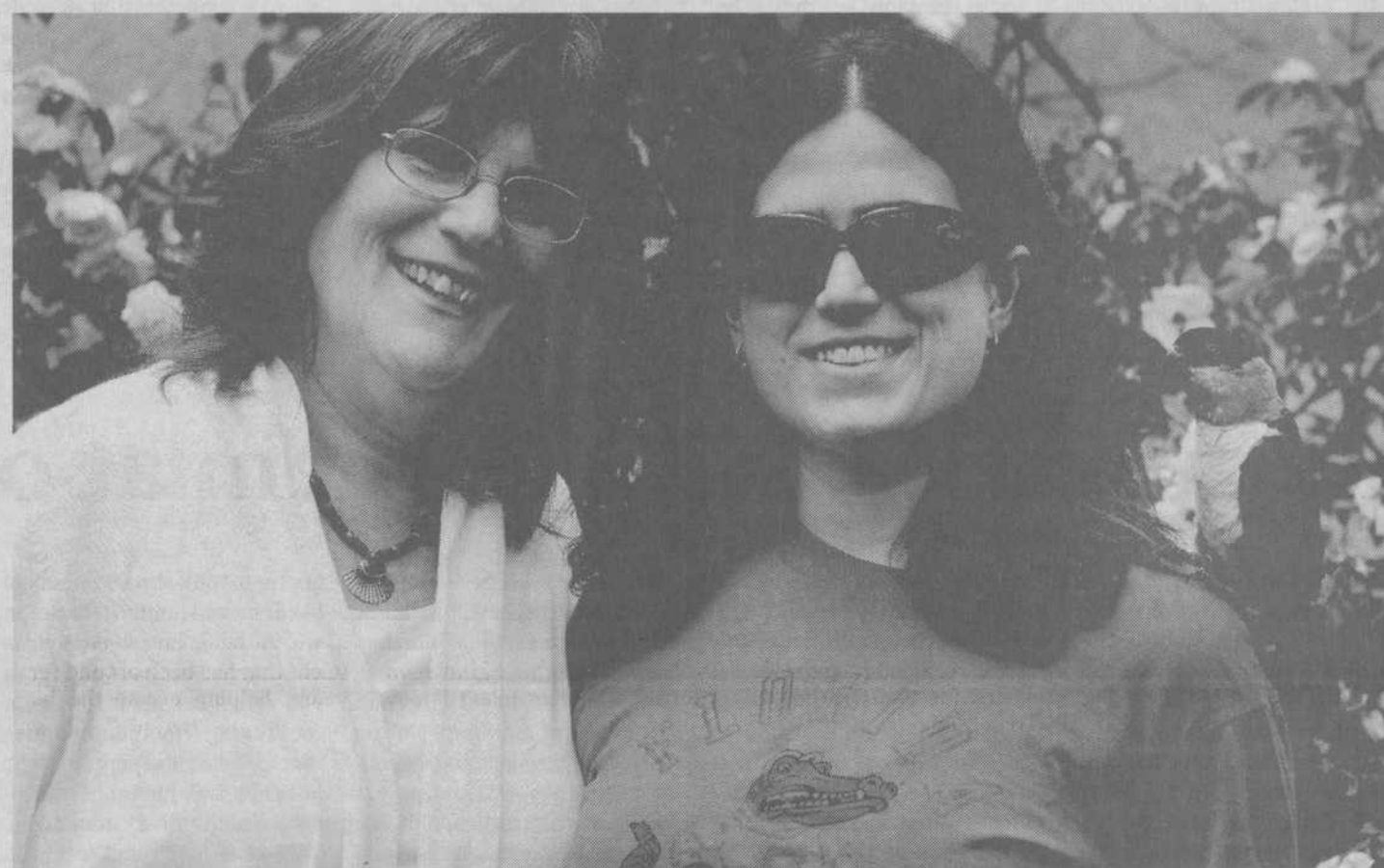
"It has been stressful and challenging, both for us and for them. It altered everyone's lifestyle and strained relationships," she said. "We had many confrontations about 'the rules of the house' and were not surprised that it caused conflict at times."

Many parents - and their twenty-something kids - can relate. With jobs tight, more parents expecting to turn their children's bedrooms into guest rooms are once again finding their refrigerators empty and their laundry tubs full.

A recent Pew Research Center study found nearly 20 percent of Americans ages 19 to 34 are living in multi-generational adult households, which in most cases means with their parents. More baby-boomer parents are also finding themselves pitching in to support these so-called "boomerang kids" financially. The economy plays a big part, as does the trend toward marrying later in life. But experts also point to another sociological shift.

Boomer parents and their children are often good friends, sharing interests and being one another's confidantes. And some parents just really don't want to push them out of the nest.

On top of that, having to move back in with one's parents was considered a penance a generation ago. Not so today.



Marjorie Rolland's daughter Rachel, 25, right, moved back in with her mother three years ago after her parents divorced.

Elizabeth FLORES/Minneapolis Star Tribune

"This generation is clearly different," Samuels said. "My husband and I would have starved before we moved back in with our parents after college." Barbara Risman, head of sociology at the University of Illinois at Chicago and an executive officer of the Council on Contemporary Families, sees two trends occurring simultaneously that have the same result: delayed adulthood.

"Many recent graduates aren't able to become adults in a real, structural way, because jobs are scarce, wages are low and the cost of living is so high," she said. "They are being pushed back into their parents' homes as a consequence."

If young people felt living at home was going to be oppressive, she said, they would cram

four or five into an apartment and live with just the basics. "But they don't need to, because the cultural difference between these two generations is very small, and the intimacy is higher than ever before. A high percentage of college freshmen say one of their parents is their best friend. Parents and children listen to the same music, have the same values. In many houses, children come and go as they please, with no rules about staying out with boyfriends or girlfriends or having them spend the night. There's no sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll gap like I had with my parents. That's why it's comfortable." Maybe too comfortable.

Risman said there's a push back into the home, because of

the economy, but no "push out." Still, she dismisses suggestions today's young grads are coddled thumbsuckers with entitlement issues because life courses are much less predictable today.

"It used to be, you get a job, buy a home and get married, then you're an adult," she said. "Every generation thinks the next one coming up is lazy. But we're moving into a post-industrial society with less need for people in the workforce, so socialization to adulthood is going to take longer."

The recession has hit young adults particularly hard. Only 46 percent of people age 16 to 24 are employed, the lowest figure since 1948. One in 10 of the 18- to 34-year-olds surveyed by Pew said they had moved back in with their parents for financial reasons, citing the tight

job market and higher costs of rent, gas and health care.

But the "enabling factor" appears to be in play, as well. Two studies published for a Princeton/Brookings Institution joint project found youths these days are taking much longer to achieve adulthood. One found today's home-leaving patterns are similar to those of the early 1900s, but for different reasons: More young adults stayed with Mom and Dad at the beginning of the 20th century to help the parents, not the other way around. The other cites evidence parents are spending 10 percent of their annual incomes to help adult children, regardless of the children's income.

A survey conducted this year by the Charles Schwab Corp., dubbing families that have both living parents and young-

adult children the "sandwich generation," found that 41 percent of the parents are helping to support their kids to some extent.

The Samuels household survived the boomerang-kid interlude, but Jean Samuels said she doesn't plan on a repeat with her two younger children.

"We weathered the storm and both of my oldest have moved on to independence," she said. "I love my kids to death, but if I had it to do over, I would remind them as they began their senior year in college, 'Have a plan, because you are not moving home after graduation.'"

Some kids still do move back in to help out their parents. When Marjorie Rolland divorced three years ago, her two daughters moved in with her to offer emotional support, and Rachel, 25, is still there, with a bedroom on the second floor of the house while Mom occupies the first.

"We really never argue," Marjorie Rolland said. "I wish I had a big enough house for my other daughter and her boyfriend. I love having the family together. Other people sometimes think, 'What's wrong that your daughter lives at home?' but we don't see it as a problem."

Rachel Rolland, who works full time as a coffee-shop manager, said she had some qualms at first. "After living on my own, I felt like I had to be checking in with her and couldn't have friends over too late, even though she wasn't asking for that," she said. "But it all worked out and at this point I just want to save money till I can buy a house of my own."

Jodi Dworkin, an associate professor of family science at the University of Minnesota, says the situation can be good for a family, because relationships can be redefined while family members are in daily contact. But expectations on both sides should be renegotiated.

"The rules should be different than they were in high school," she said. "Young people need to contribute to the household and family in some way, paying rent, doing their own laundry. They need to take responsibility and pursue goals."

As for parents, they need to give their young-adult kids "an appropriate level of independence," she said. "It's nice for them to have a safety net, but not all the time."

Meanwhile, the old joke "God let Jesus move back in with him and 2,000 years later he's still there" is starting to sound familiar to a lot more people here on earth.

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# Opinions

## Put academics first

**The ORLANDO SENTINEL**  
MCT

Homeowners aren't alone in this sluggish economy when it comes to finding themselves financially upside down.

Between 2005 and 2008, schools in the NCAA's Football Bowl Subdivision, formerly known as Division I-A, increased spending on sports by an average of 38 percent, compared with a 20 percent jump in spending on academics.

Schools opened their wallets for sports - spending an average of \$84,000 per athlete. Yet, they managed a comparatively measly \$13,000 on other students.

That imbalance is evidence

of a broken system, one that a new report from the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics insists must be repaired with bold financial reforms to check escalating athletic spending.

The findings are new, but not unexpected. Last year, most of the 95 presidents surveyed at schools with big-time football programs declared the current revenue and spending model for athletic programs unsustainable.

That "destabilizing influence" is the crux of "Restoring the Balance: Dollars, Values, and the Future of College Sports." The new report maps out a sensible, three-pronged blueprint that champions academics and better accountabil-

ity for college athletics.

As the commission sees it, Division I schools should show the public the money - releasing more information about athletic revenues and expenses. That includes publishing reports that compare spending on academics and athletics.

Good. Greater fiscal transparency could spur reform by subjecting college athletics to the same scrutiny other departments face.

Another proposal would create an academic litmus test for participating in championships. The commission suggests reserving that privilege for teams on track to graduate at least half its players. That's reasonable. Only teams meet-

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ing that modest benchmark should be rewarded with post-season play - and the accompanying revenue. Even still, 23 of the 65 schools that played in the men's 2009 NCAA basketball tournament wouldn't have met that standard. To remind schools that academics come first, the commission suggests the NCAA use money from basketball and football post-season play to create a fund that distributes money to schools that excel in the classroom.

Lastly, the commission wants to focus on the "collegiate" in collegiate sports. It proposes shortening sports seasons and scheduling post-season games at times that don't interfere with athletes' academic obligations. And it proposes end-

ing the practice of licensing players' likenesses to promote commercial products, particularly since amateur collegians are barred from getting a cut of the profits.

The report contains other fiscally smart proposals, such as reducing the number of non-coaching personnel and cutting scholarships at Football Bowl Subdivision schools.

These are necessary steps. Even among the 120 schools in the Football Bowl Subdivision - which rake millions from bowl games, TV deals and ticket sales - the NCAA reports nearly 80 percent of the major programs were bleeding an average of \$9.9 million in red ink in the 2007-08 school year, commission co-chairs noted in

a December Washington Post op-ed column.

Consider that in the context of today's economy, where schools are reducing staff and programs and raising tuition and student fees - while pumping more dollars in sports.

The commission can't legislate these changes. However, by embracing the commission's reforms, the NCAA and the individual schools would take a step toward putting the accent on "student" in "student-athlete."

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## U.S. public libraries: We lose them at our peril

**Marilyn JOHNSON**  
Los Angeles Times

The United States is beginning an interesting experiment in democracy: We're cutting public library funds, shrinking our public and school libraries, and in some places, shutting them altogether.

These actions have nothing to do with whether the libraries are any good or whether the staff provides useful service to the community. This country's largest circulating library, in Queens, N.Y., was named the best system in the United States last year by *Library Journal*. Its budget is due to shrink by a third. Los Angeles libraries are being slashed, and beginning this week, the doors will be locked two days a week and at least 100 jobs cut. And until it got a six-month reprieve June 23, Siskiyou County almost became California's only county without a public library. Such cuts and close calls are happening across the country. We won't miss a third of our librarians and branch libraries the way we'd miss a

third of our firefighters and firehouses, the rationale goes ... but I wonder.

I've spent four years following librarians as they deal with the tremendous increase in information and the many ways we receive it. They've been adapting as capably as any profession, managing our public computers and serving growing numbers of patrons, but it seems that their work has been all but invisible to those in power. I've talked to librarians whose jobs have expanded with the demand for computers and training, and because so many other government services are being cut. The people left in the lurch have looked to the library, where kind, knowledgeable professionals help them navigate the government bureaucracy, apply for benefits, access social services. Public officials will tell you they love libraries and are committed to them; they just don't believe they constitute a "core" service.

But if you visit public libraries, you will see an essential service in action, as librari-

ans help people who don't have other ways to get online, can't get the answers they urgently need, or simply need a safe place to bring their children. I've stood in the parking lot of the Topeka and Shawnee County Library in Kansas on a Sunday morning and watched families pour through doors and head in all directions to do homework or genealogical research, attend computer classes, read the newspapers. I've stood outside New York City libraries with other self-employed people, waiting for the doors to open and give us access to the computers and a warm and affordable place to work. I've met librarians who serve as interpreters and guides to communities of cancer survivors, Polish-speaking citizens, teenage filmmakers, veterans.

The people who welcome us to the library are idealists, who believe that accurate information leads to good decisions and that exposure to the intellectual riches of civilization leads to a better world. The next Abraham Lincoln could be sit-

ting in their library, teaching himself all he needs to know to save the country. While they help us get online, employed and informed, librarians don't try to sell us anything. Nor do they turn around and broadcast our problems, send us spam or keep a record of our interests and needs, because no matter how savvy this profession is at navigating the online world, it clings to that old-fashioned value, privacy. (A profession dedicated to privacy in charge of our public computers? That's brilliant.) They represent the best civic value out there, an army of resourceful workers that can help us compete in the world.

But instead of putting such conscientious, economical and service-oriented professionals to work helping us, we're hand-

ing them pink slips. The school libraries and public libraries in which we've invested decades and even centuries of resources will disappear unless we fight for them. The communities that treasure and support their libraries will have an undeniable competitive advantage. Those that don't will watch in envy as the Darien Library in Connecticut hosts networking breakfasts for its out-of-work patrons, and the tiny Gilpin County Public Library in Colorado beckons patrons with a sign that promises "Free coffee, Internet, notary, phone, smiles, restrooms and ideas."

Those lucky enough to live in those towns, or those who own computers, or have high-speed Internet service and on-call technical assistance, will not notice the effects of a dimin-

ished public library system - not at first. Whizzes who can whittle down 15 million hits on a Google search to find the useful and accurate bits of info, and those able to buy any book or article or film they want, will escape the immediate consequences of these cuts.

Those in cities that haven't preserved their libraries, those less fortunate and baffled by technology, and our children will be the first to suffer. But sooner or later, we'll all feel the loss as one of the most effective levelers of privilege and avenues of reinvention - one of the great engines of democracy - begins to disappear.

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## A Goodbye from a staff writer...

**Merry THOMAS**  
Staff Writer

I've been at Parkland for a long time. I never intended it to be that way mainly because I wanted to transfer on time but too many things came up. I was never really attached to Parkland because I never got involved with anything, and mostly I was looking to leave as soon as possible so why should I try joining a club? I had never felt like a student, more like someone who was going through the motions. I didn't expect anything to be different this year, but I was completely wrong in that thought.

This year I decided to join the *Prospectus* and that proved to be the best decision I've made while at Parkland. Before I joined the paper I had made very few acquaintances at school, mainly because I thought that there wasn't much

point. When I had joined the paper, I had found other students in similar situations as me, students who shared similar interests and obligations. I had found a place where I could finally feel like a real student.

When I first started I was a little nervous. The prospect of having my work read by hundreds (if not five) people was scary. However once I started acting like a real journalist—interviewing people, thinking of topics of real value and interest, working around problematic situations—I really enjoyed writing for the paper.

At the *Prospectus* I was able to express myself in a way that I couldn't before in an atmosphere that was encouraging. Even when I made huge mistakes my fellow writers helped me work through them and learn to do better. I also felt that I adapted as a writer. The writing style is different for

journalism so I learned a good deal (and still am) about how to write articles.

Something that I learned from this year is that I need to stay involved with a club or group. Working for the paper was the most rewarding thing about my year and it made me focus more on school, so my advice to anyone who's looking to join something in the fall is to go out for the paper. If journalism isn't your thing, get involved with something else. It makes your schooling experience so much better.

I'm really going to miss all the people that I worked with on the paper this year and I want to thank them for making my experience at Parkland more fulfilling. Because of them, I can think of my time here and be glad that I took my time with school.

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# Be prepared for injuries outdoors

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MCT

The camper only wanted to use the bathroom in the middle of the night. But it was dark at Olympic National Park in Washington and the man did not realize he was near a cliff.

"He fell off a cliff over 60 feet into a pile of rocks," said ranger Dan Pontbriand, now the chief ranger at Isle Royale National Park in Michigan.

The camper screamed for his wife to help. She climbed to the bottom of the pit and found he had two broken legs, ankles and feet. She stabilized his condition and hiked to the nearest ranger's station for help.

Along the way, the woman left notes on the trail asking others to call for help. A passerby found the note and called 911 before she reached the ranger's station. "She did everything right to save her husband," Pontbriand said. "She was in good shape, got him in stable condition, hiked out and left a bunch of clues around."

Other outdoor adventurers aren't sure how to respond when injured. Pontbriand said too many hikers assume a cell phone or location device will save the day. Others wander in search of help and become lost.

So how should adventurers respond when injured outdoors? The answer depends on the injury and the location.

**INJURY:** Head  
**LOCATION:** Remote

Sit in an open area and remain still in order to avoid raising your blood pressure. Send a partner for help. Partners should leave behind extra clothing and supplies, Pontbriand said.

If alone, hug a tree and wait for rescuers to find you. Solo exercisers are advised to tell friends or family about their plans so they can call for help if a return deadline is missed.

"Don't keep it a secret," said Alan Russell with the National Academy of Sports Medicine. "If you're going to run or walk in the park, hike in the mountains, let someone know. Say, 'I'm going to hike from 10 to noon, I expect to be back around one, I'll check in at that time.'"

**INJURY:** Heavy bleeding  
**LOCATION:** Urban area or populated recreational trail

Enlist the help of passersby to contact emergency authorities, Russell said.

Wearing an emergency bracelet is advised as first responders can collect basic information such as name, address, blood type and next of kin. "Those are pretty common with cyclists," Russell said. "I've heard stories of several cyclists who were treated by ID bracelet. They get caught in loose gravel, get knocked off and a car that comes upon them knows what to do with them."

**INJURY:** Heavy bleeding  
**LOCATION:** Remote  
Injured people can attempt



Be careful when doing outdoor activities; and always have a plan of action for when injuries occur.  
Val B. MINA/The Sacramento Bee

to stop the bleeding by applying direct pressure above the wound. If this does not work, the next step is to apply pressure to the artery.

A tourniquet is a last resort as it cuts off blood supply to the rest of the limb. "Everything down limb begins to die," Russell said.

**INJURY:** Broken arm or wrist

**LOCATION:** Urban area or populated recreational trail

Do not try to realign a broken or dislocated bone. Then, head towards help, Russell said.

"You're going to be uncomfortable but you're going to be fine," Russell said. "It's not comfortable, it's painful, miserable. You're bordering on the edge of shock. It's a little freaky."

**INJURY:** Sprained ankle

**LOCATION:** Urban area or populated recreational trail

Walk on your ankle and get help. Sprained ankles tend to stiffen and swell. "What the swelling does is provide external rigidity and stiffness to the joint," Russell said. "That provides you enough stability in that joint to get away."

The stiffness will be painful but can help exercisers leave the situation and get help. If necessary, Russell said a large stick can be used as a cane to minimize the weight placed on the ankle.

**INJURY:** Broken bone, unable to walk for help.

**LOCATION:** Remote  
Injured hikers who need to

wait for rescuers are advised to secure shelter. "You can deal without water for a couple of days, food for a couple of weeks but you cannot live without shelter," Pontbriand said. "Laying out there in the elements is not a good idea."

Shelter can mean setting up a tent or finding a covered area away from the wind or rain. If possible, shelters should be constructed in open areas so helicopter rescue teams can easily spot the missing person.

A fire can also be built to keep the injured warm and attract attention. Pontbriand said that many national parks ban fires but this rule can be broken in the event of an emergency such as a serious injury.

While cell phones can help injured people in urban or suburban areas connect with emergency authorities, Pontbriand said many electronic devices do not function in remote areas. He also warns adventurers to not assume an electronic device is a type of insurance. For example, hikers should not approach a stream and attempt to "risk it," assuming help is a mere call away if crossing the stream becomes dangerous.

"An emergency device is not to alleviate risk, you still have to make good, clean decisions," Pontbriand said.

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## Parkland's Transition Tour helps adults go back to school

**Merry THOMAS**  
Staff Writer

Going back to school is always hard, especially when you've already started a life. For those who have questions or may be confused on where to start, Parkland is here to help.

Thursday July 8 marked of the first ever Transitions Tour at Parkland. The goal of the tour was to show older students and adults that Parkland isn't only for those straight out of high school. The tour gave the future students an idea of how to navigate the college, the places to seek help with

school work, the departments in the school, and other helpful information. Representatives from the Adult Re-entry center were also there to answer questions and to explain some necessary information to those who attended the event.

Billie Mitchell, a worker at the Adult Re-entry center at Parkland, said that it's best to be prepared for everything before school starts up again in the fall.

"People often think that fall semester means to begin preparing in August," she said. "So we (the Adult Re-entry center) were wondering what activity we could do to get the students

to prepare earlier. Financial aid sometimes doesn't come in right away, or there are some last minute issues to consider so it's always good to prepare. These older students finally got the courage to come back to school, so knowing what's coming up is essential."

The topics that were covered at the event were admissions, financial aid, and transfer opportunities just to name a few. Something that was particularly stressed was that there are many universities that have a partnership with Parkland, meaning that a student could take classes at Parkland and have it count as

credit at one of the universities or even finish your four year degree without leaving Parkland. For those who have families and jobs to consider, this serves as a great option.

LeAndra Vogelzang and Ashley Miyasaki, two students who benefited from the program spoke at the event. They emphasized that you can finish school even though you have other obligations, and that Parkland was a great place to start again because people here actually care that you succeed.

"I really didn't feel like college material," said Vogelzang. "I had three children who were

pretty much raised at the time, and I felt that this was as good a time as any to go back, though I was very scared. The instructors were very helpful, and they encouraged adults to participate. All the older students helped each other out as well, so Parkland was a very good environment for me."

Miyasaki said of Parkland that, "this community college is different. They couldn't be more helpful, and because of this I enjoyed my time here and the community should be proud of this institution because they've got a good thing going here."

Vogelzang finished her

degree at Greenville, and Miyasaki is currently finishing her degree at Eastern, by taking classes at Parkland. Both feel that it's a good idea to do this program because not only is it convenient, it's more affordable because tuition is still priced at Parkland's cost.

If you've considered going back to school but don't know where to start, contact the Adult Re-entry center and they can help you with whatever you need.

## Smart gadgets may one day anticipate our needs

**Steve JOHNSON**  
San Jose Mercury News

Don't be surprised if one day your refrigerator nags you to lose weight, your phone blocks calls it figures you're too stressed to handle and your wisecracking car entertains you with pun-filled one-liners.

Within a decade or two, researchers at Silicon Valley companies and elsewhere predict, consumer gadgets will be functioning like hyper-attentive butlers, anticipating and fulfilling people's needs without having to be told. Life would not only be more convenient, it might even last longer: Devices could monitor people's health and step in when needed to help them get better.

"I think it's inevitable," said Michael Freed, an artificial intelligence specialist and program director at the Menlo Park, Calif., think tank, SRI International, which has been studying the concept for the military. Noting that some of these gadgets already are being developed, he added, "I expect we'll see more soon - a trickle and then a flood."

The technology propelling this new generation of per-



Scosche's solBAT II is a solar powered back up battery and charging device for any portable USB gadget.

sonal assistants is a combination of sophisticated sensors and carefully tailored computer software. As envisioned, the machines would adjust their own actions to the preferences and needs of an individual, by analyzing data on the person's past actions and monitoring current behavior with cameras, audio recorders and other sensors.

Santa Clara, Calif., chip-maker Intel, which has been

studying the technology for several years, believes that one day soon the gadgets will have the ability to read their owner's emotions.

While some experts have proposed that face- and voice-recognition gear be used to detect a person's disposition, Intel has been experimenting with heart monitors and galvanic skin-response sensors. A study it did last year envisioned the gadgets detecting

mood swings "while people are driving, singing, chatting with friends, attending a boring meeting and even while going to the dentist."

Others expect that household appliances eventually will be designed with humanlike personalities. In a study this year that was partly financed by Nissan Motor, researchers at Japan's Hokkaido University experimented with cheery-sounding devices that they imagined one day could serve as "artificial companions for elderly and lonely people" or as pun-spouting car navigation equipment that could "entertain drivers by talking and possibly by joking."

Although some gadgets already make assumptions about what people want, such as word processing software that automatically corrects grammar, the devices contemplated by Intel, Hewlett-Packard and other companies would be capable of much more sophisticated judgments about a broader array of human needs. That's a complex task - so difficult that some experts are skeptical the technology will be ready in the near future.

"My guess is that we will get there in time, but it's a little

further off than the most ambitious announcements from a lot of companies have indicated," said Bob Sloan, who heads the computer science department at the University of Illinois at Chicago. "There are a lot of hard problems to solve."

But other experts say the idea recently has become more practical because of the proliferation of computerized devices, from universal remote controls, MP3 players, air-conditioning equipment and microwave ovens to security systems, lawn-sprinkler controllers, exercise equipment and toys.

Because many of these devices come with cameras, global positioning systems and other sensors to monitor what's around them, these experts say, it's not hard to imagine them gathering enough data about people to act autonomously on their behalf, assuming the individuals let the gizmos have that authority.

Other products could be on the way soon, said Diane Cook, a researcher at Washington State University, which has an experimental smart house filled with such devices.

"We have companies large and small and in between vis-

iting us monthly - IBM, Bosch, Qualcomm - all wanting to commercialize it, all trying to decide what that first step is, that first niche," she said.

Stanford University operates a similar research lab. When it hosted a workshop on the technology three weeks ago, it attracted interest from Facebook, Google, Honda, Intel, Microsoft, Nokia, Panasonic, Sony and Hewlett-Packard, according to the lab's website.

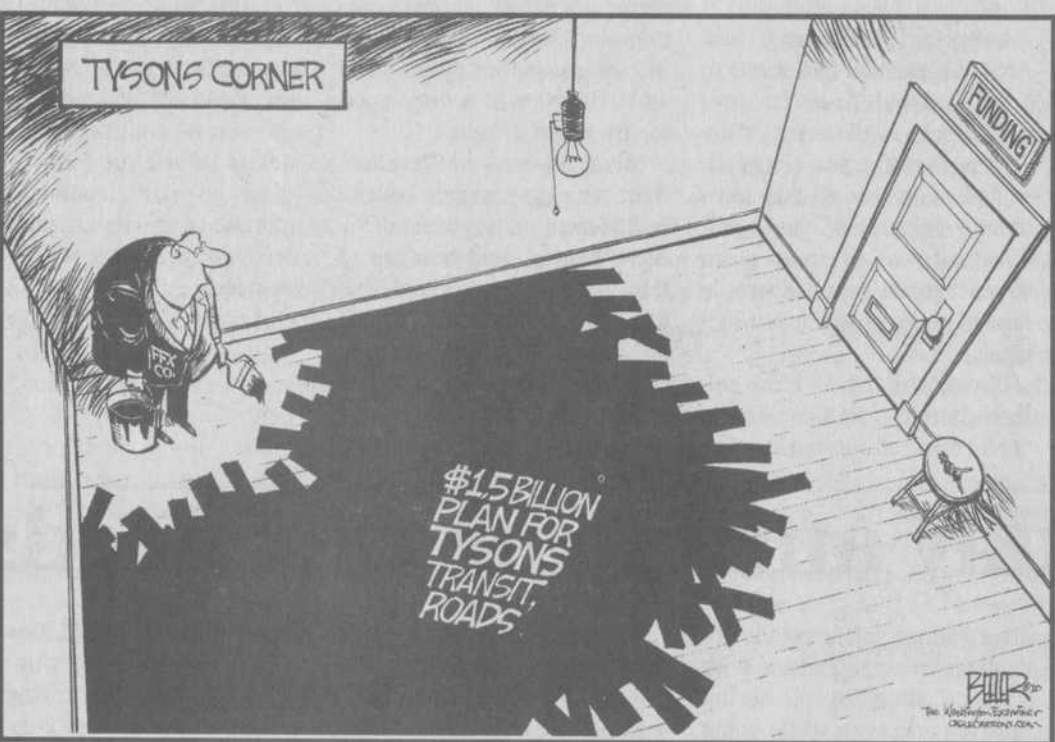
Hamid Aghajan, who supervises the Stanford University lab, foresees gadgets knowing enough about their human housemates to select appropriate lighting and music when the people are eating or reading, coaching them on their speaking skills during meetings and connecting them via social networking sites with people the gadgets determine share their interests.

Peter Hartwell, a senior researcher at HP, believes such devices could be built into new homes within a decade or so, though he cautions they must operate "in a way that doesn't annoy the user."





"I guess it wasn't 'just crazy enough to work' after all."



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# Steinbrenner dead at 80 after reported heart attack

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MCT

New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner has died at a hospital in Tampa, Newsday confirmed Tuesday.

Two sources close to the Steinbrenner family told Newsday the longtime Yankees owner, known to many simply as "The Boss," died Tuesday morning following a massive heart attack at his home late Monday night.

Local television stations in Tampa reported Tampa Fire Rescue was called to the Steinbrenner home and transported to St. Joseph's Hospital in extremely critical condition.

Steinbrenner had celebrated his 80th birthday on July 4.

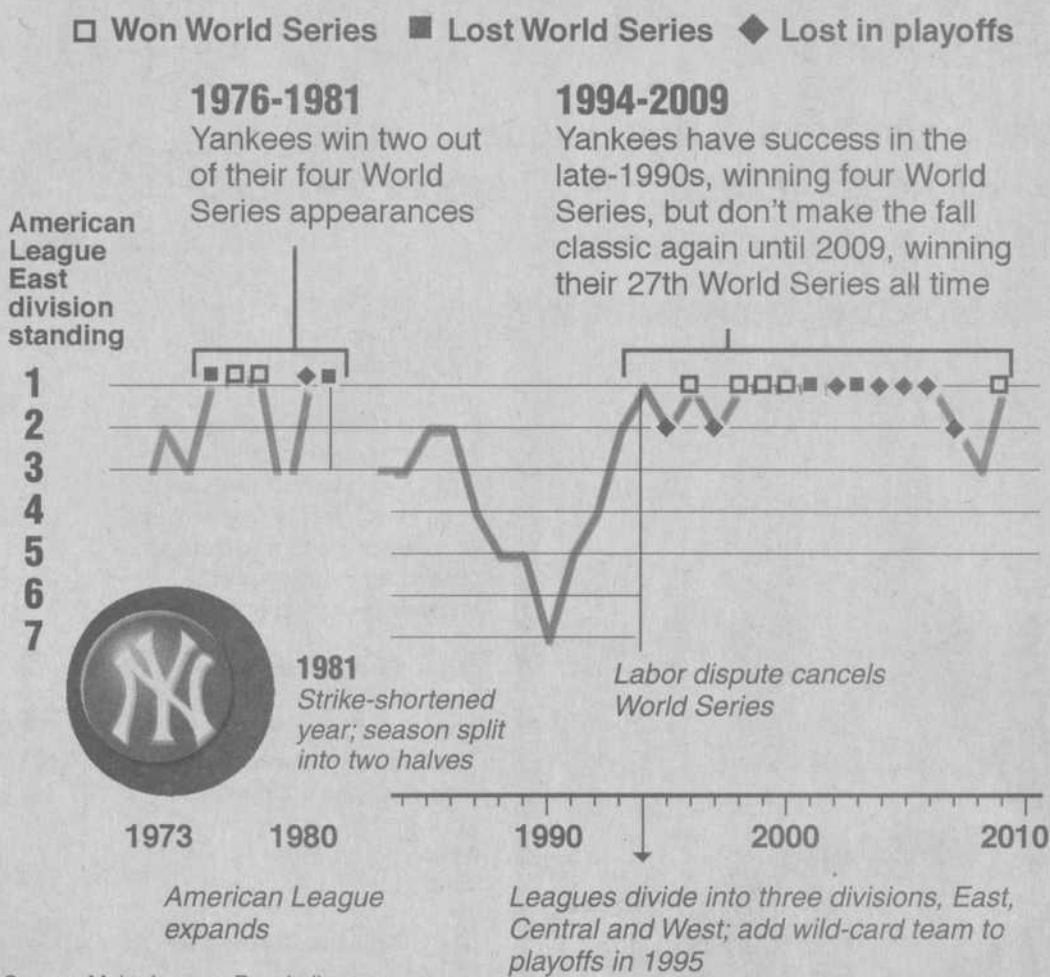
The death of Steinbrenner comes just days after longtime Yankee Stadium announcer Bob Sheppard died at age 99 at his home in Baldwin, N.Y.

"It is with profound sadness that the family of George M. Steinbrenner III announces his passing," said a statement released Tuesday morning by longtime Steinbrenner spokesman Howard Rubenstein.

"He was an incredible and charitable man. First and foremost, he was devoted to his entire family - his beloved wife, Joan; his sisters, Susan Norpell and Judy Kamm, his children, Hank, Jennifer Jes-

## Steinbrenner's Yankees

*George Steinbrenner (1930-2010), the outspoken principal owner of the New York Yankees, saw his team win 11 pennants and seven World Series titles. The former shipping magnate purchased the team in 1973 for \$10 million; today the team is worth approximately \$1.5 billion.*



sica and Hal; and all of his grandchildren.

"He was a visionary and a giant in the world of sports. He took a great but struggling franchise and turned it into a champion again."

The statement said funeral arrangements will be private. There will be an additional public service with details to be announced later.

"I think the thing I learned from him more than anything is to never quit," Darryl Strawberry, a star outfielder for the Yankees from 1995-99, told ESPN Tuesday morning.

"When I got knocked down, he was there to pick me up," said Strawberry, who has battled drug addiction.

After building his fortune in the shipbuilding industry, Steinbrenner purchased the Yankees from CBS in 1973 and returned them to the glory of the Babe Ruth-Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio and Mickey Mantle-Yogi Berra-Whitey Ford era teams.

It was later revealed Steinbrenner invested less than \$200,000 in the \$10-million deal - but turned the Yankees into the most valuable franchise in sports history, with an estimated worth of well more than \$1 billion.

"Owning the Yankees is like owning the 'Mona Lisa,'" Steinbrenner once said.

The success of the franchise

includes the launching of the acclaimed YES network.

During Steinbrenner's reign, the Yankees won 11 American League pennants and 7 World Series titles. But Steinbrenner, who also was known for his philanthropic work, also became one of the most vilified owners in sports - sometimes depicted in sports cartoons wearing a World War I German army helmet and dubbed "Gen. von Steingrabber."

He was often lampooned in episodes of "Seinfeld" as well.

In his first 23 seasons as owner, he changed managers 20 times - including firing Billy Martin five times. He also changed the general manager of the team 11 times in 30 years. However, he also built winning teams - and wasn't afraid to spend money doing so.

Among his notable free-agent signings were pitcher Jim "Catfish" Hunter and star outfielder Reggie Jackson.

Within the last decade, the team signed a host of high-profile free agents, including Alex Rodriguez, C.C. Sabathia, A.J. Burnett and Mark Teixeira - all key figures as the Yankees won the World Series in 2009. Steinbrenner handed over daily operations of the team to his sons, Hank and Hal, by the time of that win.

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some tough decisions prior to arriving. Showing up without a game plan can prove to be disastrous, especially if there are specific bands or artists that you can't afford to miss. Make sure to plan out your trip. Decide who you want to see, where you want to go, and what time everything is taking place.

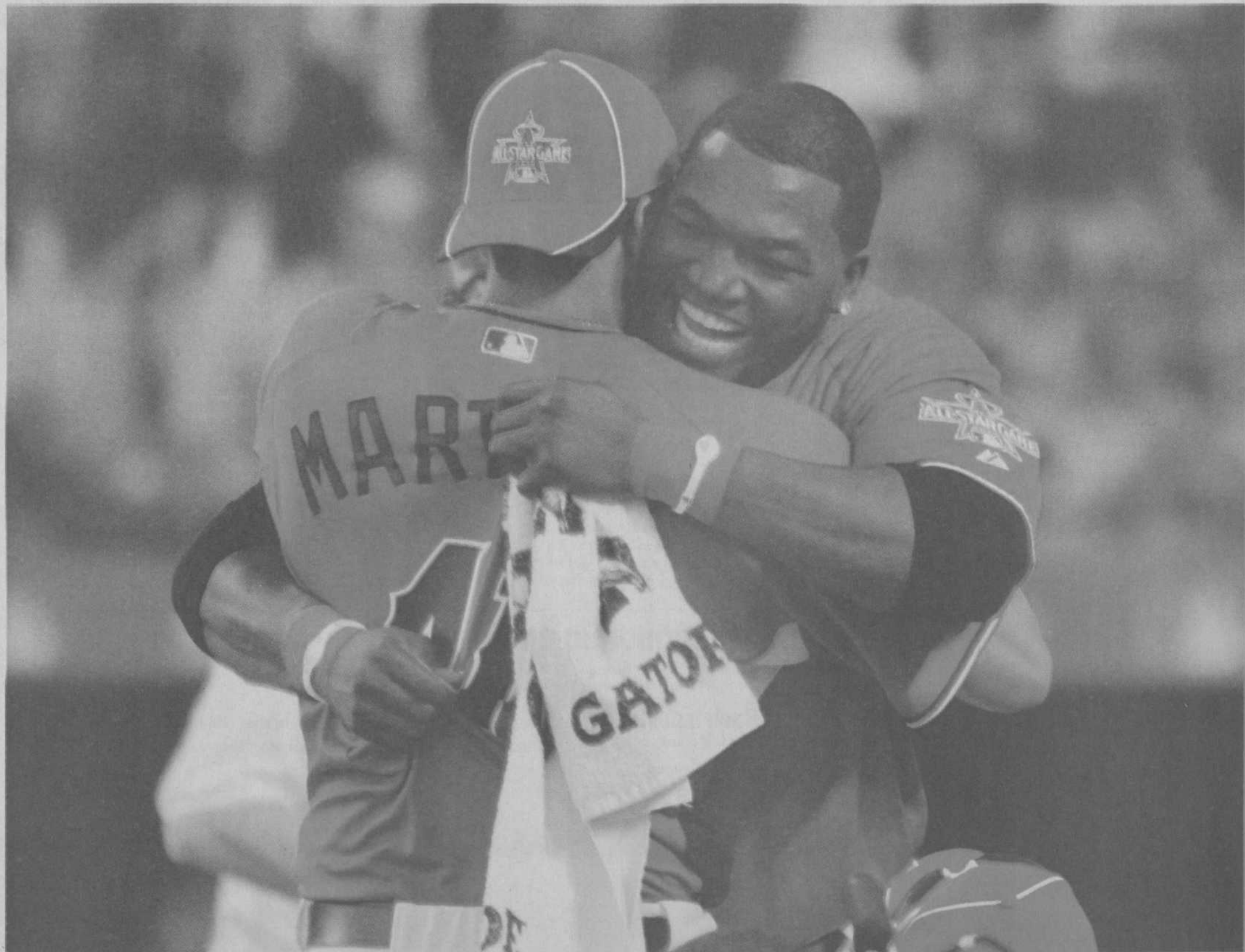
The final and most important thing we can tell you is this: enjoy every moment of Pitchfork. The driving, riding, and buying is more than worth it in the end, because for three days you get to immerse yourself in some truly fantastic music. Pitchfork 2010 is no exception to that fact, with bands and artists like Modest Mouse, Pavement, and LCD Soundsystem on the schedule. So get away

for the weekend and maybe pick up some of your own tricks for surviving The Pitchfork Music Festival.

For more information on who's playing this year, visit [pitchforkmusicfestival.com](http://pitchforkmusicfestival.com) and for questions or comments concerning The Prospectus or WPCD's presence at Pitchfork, feel free to email them to [prospectuseditor2@gmail.com](mailto:prospectuseditor2@gmail.com) or [promotions@887thewave.com](mailto:promotions@887thewave.com).

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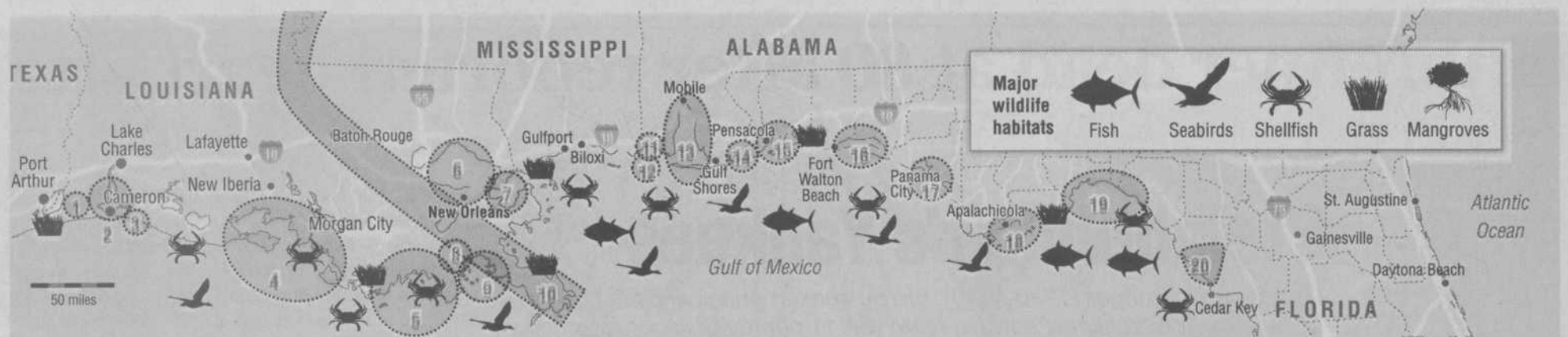
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Boston Red Sox's David Ortiz celebrates after winning the 2010 All-Star home run derby on Monday, July 12, 2010, at Angel Stadium in Anaheim, California, hitting a total of 32 home runs on the night.

Gina FERAZZI/Los Angeles Times





# In harm's way

Here's a look at some of the fragile environments and unique creatures that will be threatened by the spill if it rides the loop current around Florida.

By Sergio Bustos and Mario A. Ruiz, McClatchy Newspapers

## 1. Breton and Chandeleur Sounds

Part of Breton National Wildlife Refuge, which provides important habitat for a variety of species, mainly shorebirds.

## 2. Calcasieu Lake

Dominated by marshlands. Home to shrimp, Gulf menhaden, nutria, muskrat and waterfowl.

## 3. Mermentau River

Region dominated by several large freshwater lakes and wetlands.

## 4. Atchafalaya and Vermilion Bays

Home to a variety of marsh wildlife. Alligators, crabs, wading birds and shrimp are common.

## 5. Timbalier-Terrebonne Bays

Home to more than 730 bird species, finfish, shellfish, reptiles, amphibians and mammals. Also, estuary contains about 32,000 square km of forested wetlands and 1,500 square km of freshwater marshes.

## 6. Lake Pontchartrain

Popular for fishing, crabbing, swimming and boating. But is Louisiana's most environmental-ly impacted estuary.

## 7. Lake Borgne

Lake Borgne and adjacent lakes in Louisiana form one of the Gulf Coast's largest estuaries. Bounded by large marshes and coastal marshlands.



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Soft-shell crabs

## 8. St. Joseph Bay

Characterized by extensive sea grass beds and salt marshes, which provide nursery and forage grounds for fishes, migratory birds and other invertebrate species. Home to hawks from much of North America.

## 9. Barataria Bay

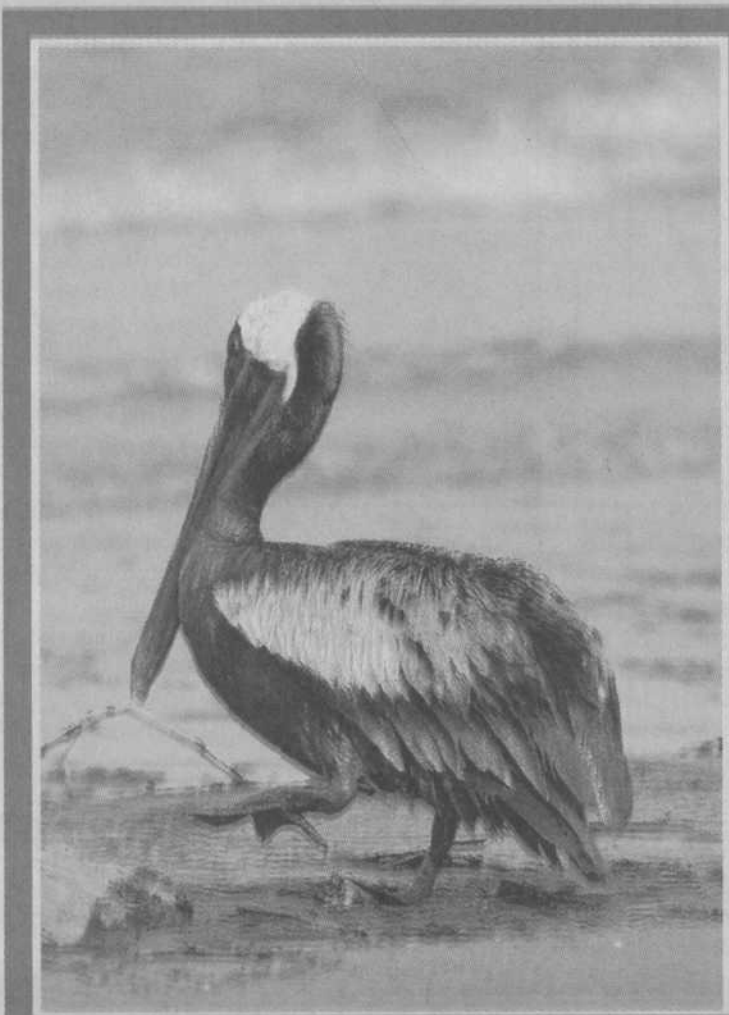
Characterized by swamp forests and marshes, which provide breeding ground for migratory birds. Home to alligators, finfish, shellfish, songbirds, ducks and geese.

## 10. Mississippi River

One of the world's major river systems in size, habitat diversity and biological productivity. Flows into Gulf of Mexico. Hosts 278 fish and mussel species and is included in the flyway of 40 percent of duck, goose, swan and eagle populations.

## 11. Grand Bay

Lands of reserve are so biologically diverse they are classified as one of The Nature Conservancy's Last Great Places



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A heavily oiled pelican tries to walk on the beach at East Grand Terre Island in Barataria Bay, La., in June. The BP oil spill continues to threaten wildlife in the Gulf of Mexico.

on Earth. Supports several rare or endangered plant and animal species, numerous important marine fishery resources, diverse habitat types and archaeological sites.

## 12. Mississippi Sound

Home to more than 20 marine reserves and protected areas form part of the Gulf Islands National Seashore.

## 13. Mobile Bay

Characterized by barrier islands, tidal marshes, cypress swamps, bottomland hardwoods and oyster reefs. Home to 49 species of mammals, 126 species of reptiles and amphibians, 337 species of fresh and saltwater fish, and 355 species of birds.

## 14. Perdido Bay

Characterized by saltwater sounds and marshes. Dominant species include fishes and birds, several of which are rare and/or endangered.

## 15. Pensacola Bay

Designated as an aquatic preserve in Florida. Extensive salt

and freshwater marshes and sea grasses characterize bay system and provide a nursery and migratory corridor for many bird species. Home to fish, reptiles and marine mammals.

## 16. Choctawhatchee Bay

Fringed by forested wetlands and characterized by marshes and patches of oyster beds. The system supports the endangered Okaloosa darter (*Etheostoma okaloosae*) and wildlife.

## 17. St. Andrews Bay

Designated as aquatic preserve in Florida and has the largest seagrass stock in the Florida Panhandle. Salt marshes and tidal flats are also dominant. Supports 3,643 species, including birds, fish and shellfish species.

## 18. Apalachicola Bay

Features 1,162 species of plants, and world's largest natural stock of tupelo trees. Home to 308 species of birds, 186 species of fish, 57 species of mammals,

and boasts North America's highest species density of amphibians and reptiles.

## 19. Apalachee Bay

Home to a wide range of terrestrial species and provides nursery grounds for oysters and other aquatic animals. Refuge attracts migratory waterfowl, shorebirds and wading birds.

## 20. Suwanee River

One of Florida's most undeveloped, unpolluted regions. Dominated by coastal marshes. Supports second largest sea grass area in eastern Gulf of Mexico, with oyster bars dominating the waters.

## 21. Crystal River and Tarpon Springs

Offshore of St. Martins Reef, which is dominated by extensive sea grass beds. Much of coastline is fringed with coastal swamps and bayous, and many areas are accessible only by boat.

## 22. Tampa Bay and Keys

Designated an estuary of national significance by the Environmental Protection Agency. One-sixth of the endangered manatees on Florida's Gulf Coast find winter refuge in the warm-water outfalls of power plants bordering the bay. Also home to dolphins and sea turtles. The refuges were established in 1951 and 1974 as breeding grounds for colonial bird species.

## 23. Sarasota Bay

Home to a variety of marine life, including dolphins, manatees, black mullet, red drum, spotted sea trout, snook, blue crab, stone crab and bait shrimp, as well as loggerhead turtles.

## 24. Charlotte Harbor

Designated estuary of Environmental



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Alligator



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Manatee

Protection Agency. Home to five National Wildlife Refuges and numerous species of plants and animals, including 42 federally and state-listed critical or threatened species.

## 25. Caloosahatchee River

Man-made waterway that diverts much-needed water away from Florida Everglades and Florida Bay.

## 26. Estero Bay

Estero Bay is Florida's first aquatic preserve dedicated in 1996. Characterized by salt marshes, sea grasses, oyster bars and tidal flats. Important home for bird nesting colonies and migrating birds.

## 27. Rookery Bay

Designated as a national estuarine research reserve, and is one of the few undisturbed mangrove estuaries in North America. It is part of the Ten Thousand Islands and forms one of world's largest mangrove-forested regions in the world. Home to 150 species of birds and 16 species of commercial valuable fish and shellfish species. Other species: dolphins and manatees.

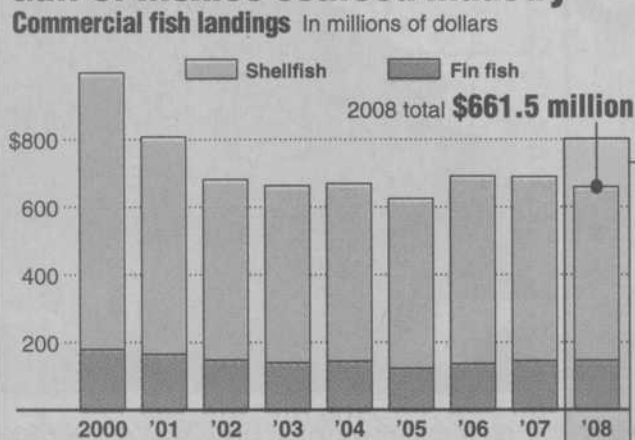
## 28. Florida Bay

Serves as estuary for Florida Everglades. Only place in the world where alligators and crocodiles coexist. Home to gray snapper, great barracuda and other commercial and recreational fish.

## Threatening an economic engine

Even if the leaking BP oil well is permanently plugged, the spilled oil in the Gulf of Mexico will threaten profits for recreational and commercial fishing operations, which make up one of the largest industries in the region.

### Gulf of Mexico seafood industry



### Breakdown of Gulf commercial landings, by state (2008) In millions of dollars



Source: NOAA, BP, USGS, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
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