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A Prospectus guide to camping

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Summer is the perfect time to get away from it all: work, school, and your every-day responsibilities. But for some, a vacation doesn't exactly cooperate with a college student income. Plane, train, and bus tickets, hotel costs, and the sheer amount of time it can take to get somewhere can be nearly impossible to handle. So, why not look into a fun, inexpensive escape? Why not go camping?

Camping, if done properly, can be a lot of fun. With the right supplies and know-how, it can easily surpass a weeklong stay at an overpriced resort. Knowing the pains of being poor and having several avid camping enthusiasts on staff, *The Prospectus* has compiled a few tips for first time campers to ensure that their experience is beyond great.

Location: Obviously it's good to know where you're going, but it also helps to know where you can go, and what to expect when you get there. The State of Illinois offers plenty of parks and recreational areas within an hour of Champaign-Urbana that include camping



facilities.

An excellent source for planning your camping trip is the Illinois Department of Natural Resources home page (<http://dnr.state.il.us/>). The Illinois DNR splits the state into five different regions: Northwest, Northeast, East-Central, West-Central, and South. Champaign-Urbana, being located in the East-Central region has over 16 different locations to camp at. Some, such as the Wolf and Eagle Creek State Recreation Areas, are located near a large body of water, in their case Lake Shelbyville, while others such as Weldon Springs State Park are located near smaller lakes.

Some important factors to take into account before going anywhere, however, is camping availability for the time of week and year, the extended weather forecast, and what kind of campsites are available. There are 17 campsite classifications that range from D (primitive tent camping with no vehicle access), to A (sites with electricity, showers and vehicular access).

Tents: Probably one of the most important pieces of camping equipment. Tents can make all the difference in how

much you enjoy your camping experience. If you're buying a tent, first look at the size. Single-person tents are usually good for backpacking and have just enough room in them for you and your pack, while larger, 4-person tents provide a much roomier setting for either more occupants, or gear (packs, coolers, etc).

Try to gauge how well you will be able to assemble your new tent. Take some time to put up your tent before your trip to see how it works and to check for any potential damage or missing parts. Most tent designs are relatively simple and easy to erect, but some are not. Most importantly, know whether or not your tent is water resistant or waterproof. Water resistance only repels water for a short time, while waterproof keeps moisture outside the tent. If you already have a tent that is not waterproof, or even if yours is, you can purchase waterproofing products to guarantee that you stay dry.

First Aid: Have a first aid kit handy at all times. It's usually a good idea not to cut corners with this tip. While camping is fun and in most cases not

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Parents deported, he pushed on and won a full college scholarship

Steve LYITTLE
MCT

Bill Ngha sometimes pulled all-nighters when the basketball team returned to school late and he had to take two different buses to get home.

And sometimes the Phillip O. Berry Academy senior came to school hungry, because there was no food at his northeast Charlotte, N.C., home.

His parents had been ordered deported to Africa, and he'd been left alone with his sister, then 19.

"It could have gone so wrong," said Tavia Tubbs, a Communities in Schools counselor at Berry Academy.

But Bill, 18, will graduate Sunday with a grade-point average approaching 3.5 and a full scholarship to college.

"After what my parents went through for me," he said, "I couldn't even think of not succeeding."

Bill's parents, Agnes and Ivo Mih'Ngha, were ordered deported to Cameroon, a west central African nation, near the end of Bill's freshman year. Agnes, still in Cameroon, hasn't seen her son in three years. Ivo was permitted back into the U.S. last year.

"They gave up everything for us," Bill said.

His mom spent six months in jail in 2007 over a deportation issue. His father, who had two college degrees, delivered pizzas while his children were growing up, because his student visa wouldn't allow him to get a higher-paying job.

His parents came to the U.S. in the mid-1980s to attend college in Kentucky. Their children - Bill and his sister, Neynsia - were born in this country and are U.S. citizens. In 2000, Bill said, the family was called to Atlanta for a deportation hearing. Bill's parents asked for political asylum.

The family heard nothing for six years. But in 2006, they

learned their appeal had been denied. They appealed again but lost.

Ivo flew back to Cameroon in April 2007. Agnes, not wanting to leave her children, tried to circumvent the order but was

caught and jailed before being sent to Cameroon.

Meanwhile, Bill tried to live a normal life as a student.

His parents had given their children a choice of remaining in the family home, liv-

ing with friends in Fort Mill, S.C., or staying with friends in Kentucky. Bill and his sister tried living in Fort Mill but returned to their home after a few months.

"For more than a year, I

didn't tell anyone what was happening," Bill said. "Every time I would talk about it, I'd start crying. And I always try to be cheerful, to be upbeat. I couldn't allow myself to make anyone else miserable."

Gradually, a few teachers learned the truth.

Tubbs and Communities in Schools, an organization aimed at preventing dropouts, provided extra counseling and help in landing college scholarships.

English teacher Chiquita Boyd, knowing Bill didn't have a printer at home, allowed him to e-mail his essays so she could print them. Social studies teacher Erica Gipson became a special friend, helping Bill with his senior exit essay and much more.

"People rallied around Bill, but ... he was responsible for all he accomplished," Gipson said.

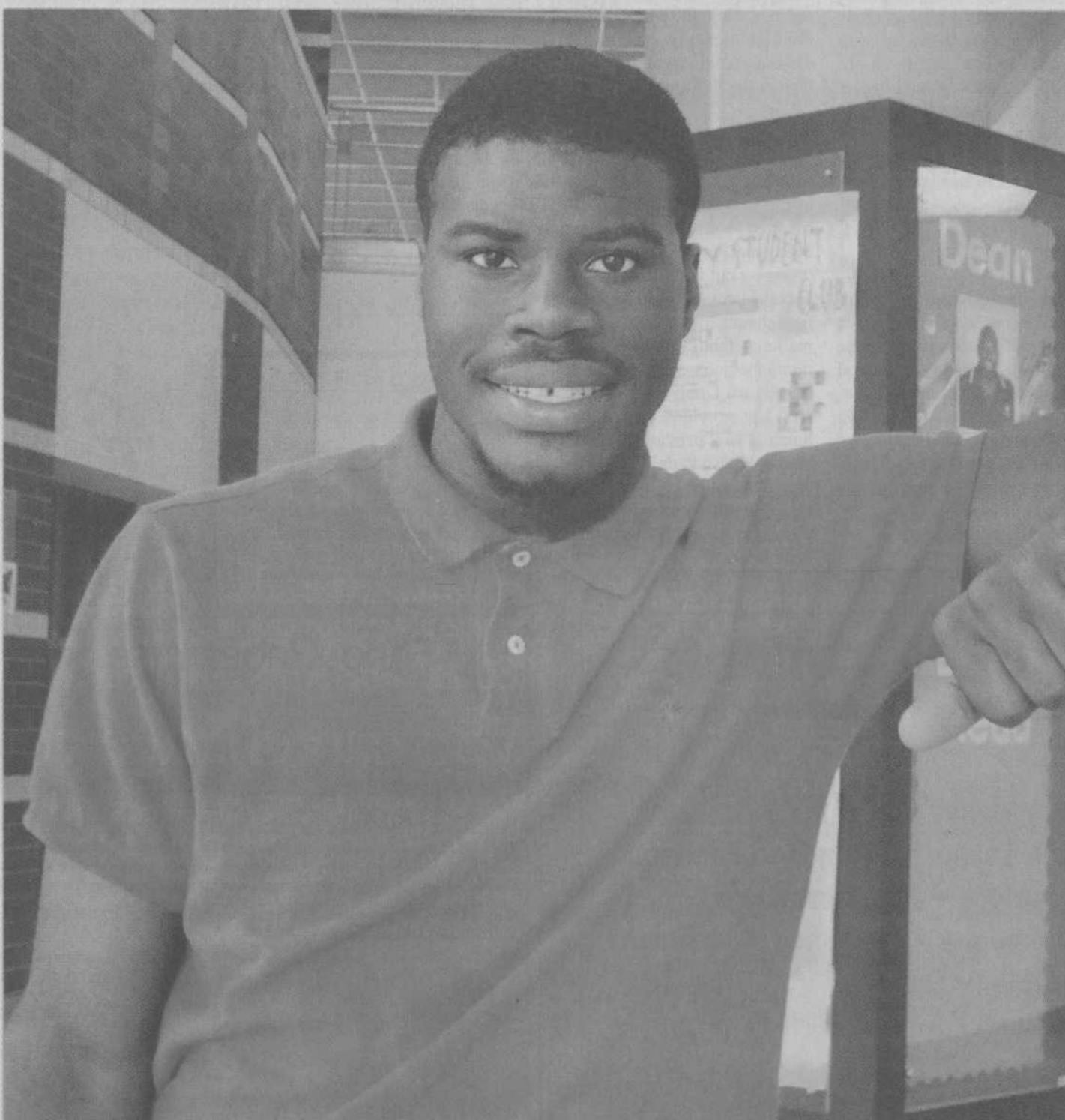
Bill played three years of varsity basketball and was the team's captain his senior year. He also was the cross-country team's captain, a member of the school gospel choir, treasurer of the student body, and a second-place finisher in the Communities in Schools public speaking contest.

He also excelled in the classroom, and the college scholarship offers came. He accepted a full ride to Georgetown College in Kentucky, where a friend of his father is president.

He says he is happy his father, who now has a job in the financial services industry, is here to see it. He hopes his mother - whom he last saw on Mother's Day 2007 while she was in jail - can overcome immigration issues and return one day.

He also hopes he can get a medical degree and eventually build a clinic in his family's village in Cameroon.

"What happened to me is something God wanted to happen," he said. "I wouldn't be the person I am today if I hadn't faced those challenges."



Bill Ngha was in ninth grade and his sister 19 when their parents were deported to Africa, leaving them to go at it alone in Charlotte, North Carolina.

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Lead Story

America What a Country! In 2007, after a stay in the United States distinguished mainly by his acquisition of a long police record, illegal immigrant Cecil Harvey, 55, was deported to his native Barbados. However, according to records revealed by the New York Post in May, Harvey received, in late 2009, one last remembrance of America: \$145,000 from the city of New York in settlement of his lawsuit over having once been held at Rikers Island jail for about a month longer than the law permitted.

Ironies

Betty Lou Lynn, 83, was mugged and had her wallet stolen in her new hometown of Mount Airy, N.C., in April. Lynn is the actress who played Barney Fife's best girl, Thelma Lou, in the Andy Griffith TV show and had lived in Los Angeles until she became alarmed at the city's crime rate. She decided in 2007 to move to the quieter, peaceful Mount Airy, which was Griffith's birthplace and the model for the TV town of Mayberry.

Gary Wolf filed a lawsuit in New York City in April against the maker of a nutrition supplement called Ultimate Power Meal, alleging that he had suffered constant pain, kidney damage and internal bleeding from the product's recommended daily regimen. Ultimate Power Meal is one of the "health" supplements packaged under the label of ... Gary Null, a nationally prominent pitchman for homeopathic remedies. Null is suing the manufacturer who supplies the product on which Null affixes his Ultimate Power Meal label. (According to consumer advisers at Quackwatch.org, Null is "one of the nation's leading promoters of dubious treatment for serious disease.")

Compelling Explanations

Paula Wolf, 41, was arrested in Stevens Point, Wis., and charged with hitting four pedestrians at random with projectiles on April 21. In Wolf's car, police found a blow gun, a slingshot and a bucket of rocks, and after questioning, Wolf told police that she just "liked to hear people say 'ouch.'"

Lame:

The reason career criminal Kevin Polwart gave for his brief February escape from New Zealand's Auckland Prison was to demonstrate that he posed no threat to society on the outside (and thus that he should be paroled). (Instead, authorities added nine months to his sentence.)

The Litigious Society
In April, George Black's

lawsuit to be compensated for his injuries was permitted to proceed to trial, following an Ontario Superior Court decision. Black was playing third base (the "hot corner") in a softball game in Hamilton when he lost track of a line drive in the sun. The ball hit him in the head, smashing his glasses into his face and causing serious trauma to his eye. Black figures his injury is the fault of the owner of the softball field for failing to put up any kind of shade to block the late afternoon sun.

Melanie Shaker filed a lawsuit recently against the Fases Salon in Chicago for her 2008 injuries, which she incurred when she fell through the salon's front window and badly slashed herself. She fell after losing her balance while attempting to kick her husband during a quarrel along Sheffield Avenue following dinner (and, of course, drinks). Shaker suffered deep cuts to her arm, back and feet, which she now says was the salon's fault in that they had neglected to use "safety glass" in their front window, which would not have shattered into glass shards.

Jo Ann Fonzone's four-year quest to divorce the rock singer David Lee Roth (of Van Halen) continues, according to a May report in the Morning Call of Allentown, Pa. Roth, through his publicist, denied any connection whatsoever to Fonzone, who has filed nearly two dozen lawsuits against various people who she claims have done her wrong, including Hollywood executive Cary Woods and MTV CEO Judy McGrath, who each has been accused of trying to steal Fonzone's identity. Judges have noted that Fonzone's claims are unaccompanied by any "evidence" (such as a marriage license to Roth, or even photographs of the "couple" together), and most judges who have heard her claims regard the lawsuits as "frivolous." Said a court records chief of Fonzone's prolific filings, "When (the clerks) see her, they all want to run." Fonzone actually has a law degree, from Western State University in Fullerton, Calif.

I Demand My Rights

In April, warehouse workers at the Copenhagen, Denmark, brewery that makes Carlsberg beer went on strike after the company cut back on its allowance of providing up to three free beers per shift, which workers thought made their mundane jobs easier to take. As of April 1, only one beer per shift was provided, and only at lunch. (The previous "right" belonged also to delivery drivers, according to a Reuters report, but it was not clear how that right squared with drunk-driving laws.)

Tara MOON CHRISTOPHER
Music Columnist

Many aspiring musicians do not wish to be caught in the whirlwind that is popular entertainment, but try as they might - the industry still catches them on the radar. Many times these musicians, who have stayed true to music in its purist form, are asked to evolve and fit in with societal standards. Many artists disregard these pressures, which causes the government in many cases to take action. Through the creation of new bills and laws, the government has effectively silenced many of these musicians with a voice and in the process dictated what one can and cannot listen to; a clear breach of our freedom of speech.

In 1992, the Washington State Legislature shocked the music industry by attempting to censor album sales. Musicians and fans alike stood up to protest the passing of the Erotic Music Law, a law banning certain albums from being sold to individuals under 18. Nirvana, a band that had recently been picked up by the mainstream, was one of the many bands that took a stand against such legislation. Krist Novoselic, the bassist of Nirvana, took a personal interest in the idea of governments attempting to control music content.

Although the Erotic Music Law never came to fruition, the potential for governmental regulation of the music industry persisted, growing in popularity. Parents agreed with this bill and the idea that they could censor what their children heard. However, Novoselic strongly protested any form of censorship, believing that statements should be made and opinions should be heard.

As the co-founder of the most popular grunge band of all time, Novoselic knew what it was like to be oppressed by industry and wanted to reach out to other aspiring musicians. In 1995, he started the political action committee titled JAMPAC or Joint Artists and Musicians Political Action Committee. JAMPAC was created in response to the Washington State Legislator, creating the Matters Harmful to Minors Bill. This bill was a recreation of the failed 1992 Erotic Music Law, which Novoselic had protested as well.



Detroit Free Press

Once again musicians were put to the test and their dedication was tried again by mainstream society. Even with JAMPAC, laws requiring explicit notices on album covers and restriction on radio content were still passed. JAMPAC has prevented a great deal of bills from passing and has raised much needed awareness about the reality of mainstream music and the problems of government censorship.

Since the creation of the Internet, music enthusiasts can worry less about music censorship and legal ramifications. We must remember that there was a time where getting your hands on "explicit" tunes was not as easy. For this we must praise Krist Novoselic for his political work beyond his years in Nirvana and learn from his activism. But even though the Internet has relieved some of the pressure of music censorship, musicians and fans alike must not take this moment of leeway and become complacent. It is important for those who want to be heard, that they

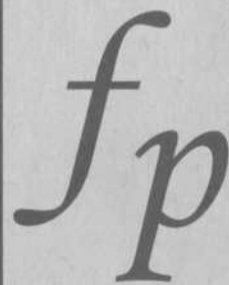
remain vigilant in the protection of their musical freedoms and remember never to sacrifice musical expression for the sake of being politically correct or a false sense of security.

If individuals like Novoselic had sat back and watched the Bills against musical freedom be passed, many of today's greatest hits would have never reached our ears and for that I thank the incredible musicians who have stayed true to who they are and what they believe. Thank you Krist Novoselic and those participating with the wonderful organization that is JAMPAC.

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Green graduation:

■ Many campuses are adopting environmentally friendly garb

Larry GORDON,
Los Angeles Times

The ceremonial gowns for Animo Venice Charter High School's graduation will be navy blue, but the philosophy behind them is all green.

The campus is among a number of high schools and colleges across California and the nation that are adopting environmentally friendly graduation garb made from either renewable wood fibers or recycled plastic bottles. The eco-robos being worn at Animo Venice, for example, are designed to decompose quickly if graduates decide to discard them.

"If it ends up in the trash, at least we know we won't hurt the environment," said Animo Venice salutatorian Monica Bautista, 18. That's why her class decided to pay \$10 more for the wood-fiber "Elements" gowns from Minnesota-based Jostens Inc. instead of going with the firm's more traditional polyester graduation robes.

Call it social responsibility or savvy marketing, graduation eco-chic was launched this year by several companies and taken up by such California schools as Mills College in Oakland, the University of San Diego, the University of California Berkeley and Humboldt State. Elsewhere in the country, the University of Oregon, Michigan State, Wake Forest University in North Carolina, Yale University in Connecticut and Smith College in Massa-



Animo Westside Charter Middle School salutatorian Monica Bautista, 18, left, and valedictorian Waldo Sigala, 18, poses with their graduation gowns made of eco-friendly material in Venice, California, June 2, 2010.

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chusetts are among those joining in.

Douglas Bolin, recent past president of the North American Association of Commencement Officers, said college students' tastes probably will expand the trend next year. "It seems that a lot of college students are sensitive to the environment, and I do think they

are demanding different products," said Bolin, artistic director of university events at the University of Texas, Austin.

His school last month used the new "GreenWeaver" gown, made of two dozen water-bottled-down plastic water bottles. That robe accounts for about 6 percent of the graduation gown business this year for

Virginia-based manufacturer Oak Hall Cap & Gown Co., and that share will probably double or triple next year, according to its president, Joseph D'Angelo. "Sustainability is something many schools are embracing," he said.

Another of his customers is Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, where bookstore customer

service manager Janet Carlstrom said the decision to switch to those gowns for the school's Saturday commencement "just seemed like the right thing to do." The price is \$36.75 for undergraduate cap, gown and tassel, she said.

Mills College gave graduates a choice for their May 15 commencement. Nearly 70 percent selected the environmentally themed outfit from Jostens: \$28 for the cap, gown and tassel, according to Renee Jadushlever, the college's vice president for operations. The rest stayed with the traditional polyester, which cost \$7 less, she said.

Alissa Chasten of Sacramento, she bought Mills graduate, said she thought an eco-gown even though she suspected it might be a sales stunt. "Regardless if it was a marketing tool to accrue a lot more money for the companies, I thought it was still a great idea," said Chasten, who was involved in recycling projects at school. Other than being a slightly darker black, the new gown did not look or feel different from others. "It was pretty comfortable. It was breathable," she said.

Older alumni might be surprised that most schools do not rent cloth gowns that are returned for cleaning and re-used. Companies say that became more difficult as students kept the garb for post-graduation photos and parties and some robes were lost. Also, they say, the dry cleaning and

return shipping created extra costs and pollution. So cloth rentals were replaced mainly by polyester gowns, which graduates would buy and then save, toss or donate to a future student.

For this latest generation of robes, Oak Hall stresses that the use of plastic bottles for its GreenWeaver gowns reduces waste and saves trees. D'Angelo said the company will accept used gowns that will also be recycled and made into new ones.

Jostens says the fibers in its Elements gown are from renewable forests and that most of the robe will decompose in a year if buried in the ground. Its advertisements ask: "Help protect the Earth's future as your students begin their own? Now that's a legacy worth living."

At its June 30 ceremony, Animo Venice will be the first high school in Southern California to use the gown, according to Jostens representative Alfredo Martin.

Assistant Principal Samantha Matamoros-Rangel said it fits well with the school's ecologically friendly new building, which features solar panels. "We really wanted to keep the momentum going and teach our kids to be conscious about the environment."

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Human Figure portrait exhibit

Josh GRUBE
Staff Writer

The Parkland Art Gallery is currently preparing their newest exhibit. Running from June 28 to August 5 is "Patrick Earl Hammie: Recent Works," a solo exhibit that features paintings inspired by the human figure.

"Patrick Earl Hammie: Recent Works is a solo exhibition of paintings that explore the human figure as a subject matter, not unlike landscape as subject matter. The human figure is also studied and used to create interesting and provocative work," said Lisa Costello, director of the Art Gallery. "Hammie really merges the idea of a classic academic concept of the figure and incorporates it with contemporary

issues in art and society. He is particularly focused in this exhibition on the male nude and issues surrounding that subject matter to include ideas about vulnerability, power, gender politics and race."

Hammie is currently an assistant professor at the University of Illinois. He was born in 1981 in New Haven, Connecticut. He received a Bachelor of Arts with a concentration in drawing and a minor in psychology from Coker College in Hartsville, South Carolina and received a Master of Fine Arts in Painting from the University of Connecticut in 2008.

"My work explores the tension between power and vulnerability as I re-imagine the modern male," Hammie stated on his website. "Blending traditions of the Old Masters with



Courtesy of the Parkland Art Gallery

contemporary modes of representation, I question and present visual alternatives to historical examples of masculinity."

On July 8 from 6 to 8 pm, Hammie will be at the Art Gallery to talk about his exhibi-

tion. This reception will also include refreshments and live music by local bluegrass musician and Parkland professor Jordan Kaye.

"We are very happy to have a solo exhibition of such a talented artist in the Parkland Art Gallery. It fulfills our mission to bring innovative and thought provoking work to our gallery and to our community," said Costello. "I am sure our students will be thrilled to be able to see these large scale self-portraits and be able to see his style of painting. I think his work speaks to a lot of different types of people. You don't have to be an artist to appreciate his work. It is really inspiring."

The exhibitions and educational programs at the Parkland Art Gallery are offered

to the public for free. The Art Gallery strives to promote the development of artist's talent and aesthetic awareness through its exhibitions while educating the audience a more eclectic taste in art.

For more information on Hammie and his art you can visit his website at patrickearlhammie.com.

The Parkland Art Gallery is located at 2400 West Bradley Avenue, Champaign, Illinois in the central commons area of the school. For more information visit their website at www.parkland.edu/gallery or call (217) 351-2485. The Art Gallery is open Monday-Friday at 10am to 3pm, Monday-Thursday at 6 to 8pm, and Saturday at noon to 2pm.

For access to the Parkland Art Gallery, parking in the M

parking lots is suggested. Enter through any of the doors and follow the ramps upward to the highest point of the first floor, where the gallery is located. The gallery overlooks the outdoor fountain area.

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dangerous, there is always the possibility of injury involving lacerations, abrasions, burns, broken bones, fractures, animal bites, and illness. Remember to clean out and sterilize any open wounds, and if need be, seek medical attention. First aid only works if applied with common sense and good judgment. Also remember to wear long pants or high socks to avoid coming in contact with poison ivy.

People: Remember when you go camping that you will most likely be in very close quarters with the people you are going with. You may even be sharing a tent. That's why it's important to know your fellow campers. Of course you won't be going with complete strangers, but if you have a friend that shares, it would be wise not to share a tent with them and it helps to trust those you are going with.

These are just a few helpful hints to get you started out camping this summer. The best way to find out what works and what doesn't is by just doing it yourself. Everyone learns somehow, and it may turn out that camping isn't your cup of tea. But if it turns out that it is, you will have discovered a cheap, fun, and relaxing way to get away from the daily grind of your life. The only thing you'll be sure to hate is packing up your tent and heading home.

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Making college sports clean again

James O'TOOLE,
Los Angeles Times

The governance of intercollegiate sports is an ongoing national embarrassment. Just last week, dozens of major universities took part in an unattractive scramble to realign their conference memberships in an effort to maximize their television revenue. While that greed-induced feeding frenzy was going on, the governing National Collegiate Athletic Association was hypocritically meting out severe punishment to Southern Cal largely because two of its "student athletes" had been accused of the same kind of self-enriching behavior that their school routinely engaged in with impunity.

The old ideal of the serious student who also is a fine amateur athlete has become progressively corrupted in recent decades, particularly in the top-rated football and basketball programs at roughly 100

universities. As television revenues and professional sports salaries have soared, these universities have taken to offering scholarships to athletes who have little interest in obtaining an education and, instead, view their increasingly brief tenures in higher education as a form of unpaid minor-league preparation for their future professional sports careers. In effect, universities now suit up unpaid mercenaries in their school colors, then cash in on their efforts.

There is nearly a complete disconnect at some universities between their academic missions and the practices of their athletic departments. At worst, the system amounts to the exploitation of vulnerable adolescents who, in fact, are likely to end up with neither a college degree nor a professional sports contract.

For a variety of financial, cultural and political reasons, all efforts to reform this corrupt system have failed and, realistically, are likely to fail in the

future because the NCAA is dominated by large public colleges and universities whose alumni and governing legislatures have little appetite for change.

Nonetheless, a significant minority of NCAA members are increasingly uncomfortable with the status quo. In particular, such private universities as Stanford and Notre Dame have higher academic standards than most NCAA state schools, and they aspire to be seen more as peers of Ivy League colleges rather than of schools in, for example, the academically wanting South-eastern Conference that are increasingly dominating football (the sport where the big money is made). These private universities nonetheless continue to partake in the system, perhaps because they feel they have insufficient leverage to change it; and surely they would lose alumni support if they were to follow the Ivy League in abolishing athletic scholarships.

In fact, these schools have an alternative worth considering: Stanford and Notre Dame could take the lead in establishing a national conference of first-rate academic institutions that offer athletic scholarships only to true student athletes, as defined, largely, by an iron-clad commitment to graduate with their classmates in four years. An invitation to join this conference could be extended to other private institutions with both high academic standards and proud athletic traditions - such as Northwestern, Duke, Boston College, Pittsburgh and Brigham Young (which could substitute a suitable variation on the four-year graduation policy to accommodate Mormon missions). The three United States service academies might also be asked to join.

The 12th member of this conference, I suggest, should be my alma mater, USC, where I was on the track team in the early 1960s and on the faculty for more than two decades. In

the last dozen years, USC's academic reputation has improved markedly, largely because of policies adopted under its soon-to-retire president, Steven Sample. Unfortunately, as a result of the current NCAA sanctions imposed on the university, Sample finds his excellent record sullied at the end of his term. But as the new president, Max Nikias, prepares to take office, he is well-positioned to turn the current crisis into an opportunity to create an athletic program worthy of the university's emerging academic status.

Yes, some alumni would scream bloody murder at the prospect of USC no longer competing in the storied powerhouse Pac 10 and against football factories supported by various state governments. And yes, the quality of the football and basketball played in the new conference may deteriorate a bit as some non-student athletes decide to opt for Ole Miss and Florida State instead of Northwestern and

USC.

But most fans will continue to pay to see the Trojans take on the Fighting Irish in the Coliseum, as networks will continue to pay to see Duke and Stanford tussle on the basketball court. Granted - and I realize this is a major obstacle - the fans and networks may not pay quite as much as they might pay to see future pro players. Yet the schools in the proposed conference are well-endowed financially and, more important, should be willing to forgo a few dollars made off student athletes in order to regain their integrity and enhance their academic reputations.

An important ethical principle is involved here: Whenever one finds oneself part of a corrupt organization or group, and one lacks the power to change it, there is a moral obligation to absent oneself from that system.

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Working-class fathers are suffering amid a 'mancession'

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John Longenecker, a married father of three children, was a custom cabinetmaker in rural Pennsylvania when he suddenly found himself out of a job during the Great Recession. Growing up in a working-class family that took great pride in their work, he endeavored to perfect his trade and said that he often toiled long hours. He had been a cabinetmaker for 18 years. With Father's Day approaching, he told his local paper, the Sunday News, that "It's going to be a bittersweet type of thing. I'm not feeling really proud right now."

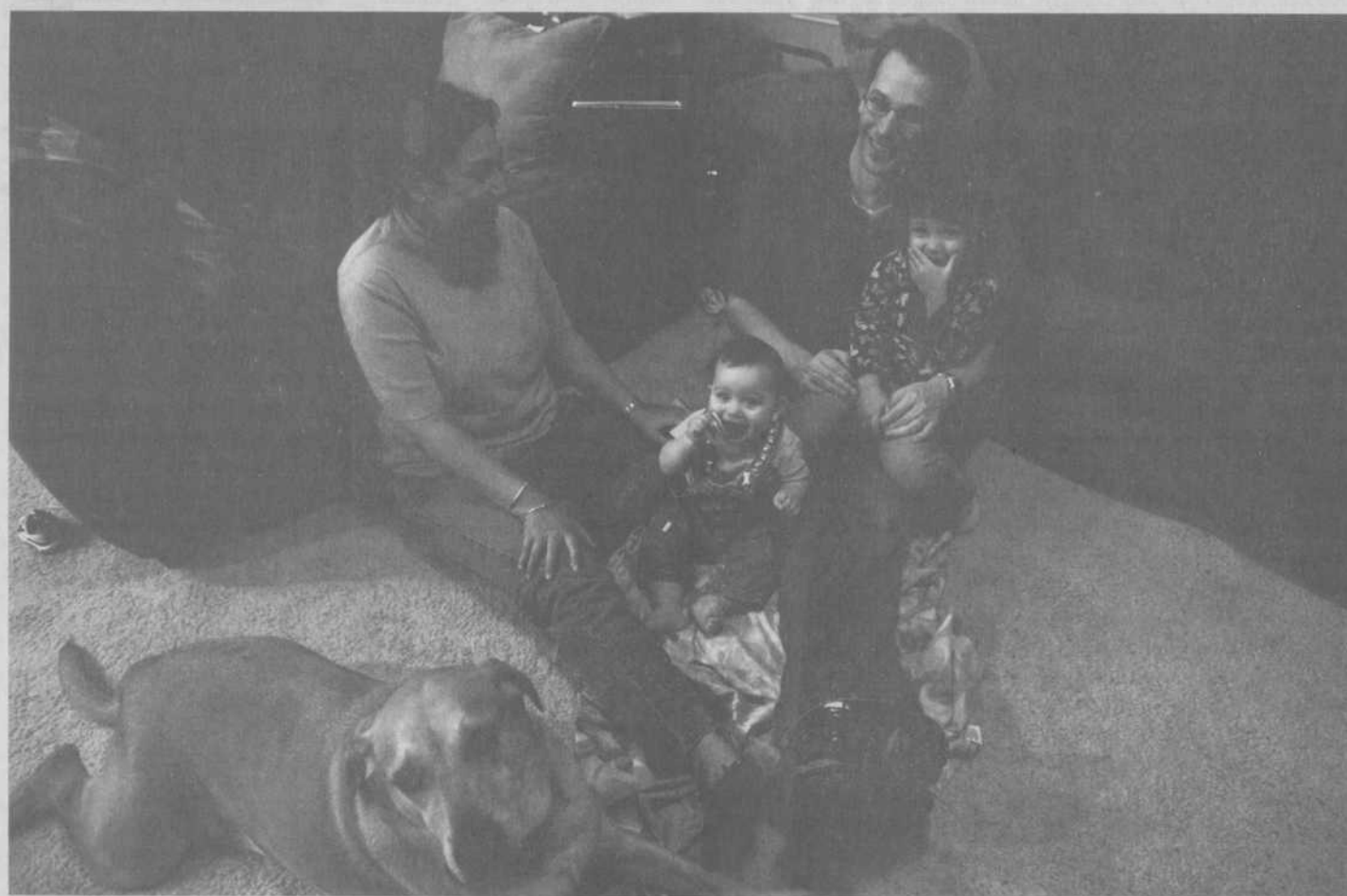
He's not alone.

In 2000, the annual unemployment rate for high-school educated men was 3.4 percent. According to the latest employment figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, today it is 11.4 percent. By contrast, the unemployment rate today for college-educated men is 4.3 percent, and 8.8 percent for high-school educated women in the labor force. This means that unemployment is higher among all less-educated workers, but also that a rising share of working-class families are now being headed by female breadwinners.

Further, 75 percent of the job losses have been concentrated among men - the majority of which are among working-class men. All of this means that a sizable segment of working-class men are struggling with the effects of what some economists now call the "mancession."

HAPPY AT HOME?

How is the family life of these unemployed fathers? Are they spending more time with their children, overseeing more of the household chores, and preparing dinner for the



Mark and Melissa Wolff, of Wylie, Texas, have made several adjustments in their finances since the recession has put a dent in their income.

family when Mom comes home? Sociologist Christine Whelan, in an essay "A Feminist-Friendly Recession" published in the 2009 State of Our Unions report, predicts that current unemployment trends will foster more gender egalitarianism and greater marital happiness on the home front, as unemployed or underemployed men take up more child care and housework.

It's possible. But it would be unwise to discount the deep sense of meaning and purpose that men have traditionally drawn from providing for their family. Indeed, my (Wilcox) own research indicates that husbands are significantly less happy in their marriages and more likely to contemplate divorce when their wives take the lead in breadwinning. Men today do not have difficulty with working wives, so long as their wives work about the same amount of time or less than they do.

But, according to my analysis of the 2000 Survey of Marriage and Family Life, husbands do not like it when they are clearly displaced as the primary breadwinner in their families. For instance, husbands in families with children at home are 61 percent less likely to report that they are "very happy" in their marriages when their wives work more hours than they do.

FRAGILE MARRIAGES

Judging by this research, high rates of joblessness among working-class and poor men are likely to harm the quality and stability of married life among lower-income couples over the long term, as men's economic contributions to their families become more marginal in working-class communities. Some men may embrace their new role at home and take up more child care and housework. But job

loss and instability can be a big blow to a man's sense of self-worth, can undercut his wife's faith in him, and cause considerable financial stress for the couple. Men's unemployment can lead to a vicious cycle of conflict, recrimination, and withdrawal that ends in divorce.

This latest economic blow comes at a time when the marriages of working-class Americans are already vulnerable. Over the past 30 years, there's been a growing marriage divide between college-educated and less-educated Americans, a divide marked by dramatically higher rates of divorce and out-of-wedlock births among those without college degrees compared to those with college degrees.

Consider the following: Since 1980 the divorce rate spiked by 6 percent among non-college-educated persons, while falling 30 percent among the col-

lege-educated. Among recent non-college-educated mothers, about 50 percent have had a child outside of marriage, compared to only 7 percent of recent college-educated mothers. The mancession threatens to strain this already fragile marriage culture and to further undermine the long-term health of marriage in working-class America.

What's the solution? One of the biggest things we could do is to create a culture that affirms the great worth of fatherhood. Women are now more likely to give their husbands more marital slack if they play an active role in parenting - and men are also happier if they take a hands-on role in the home. As men's economic contributions to the family become more attenuated in some homes, the culture should encourage them to invest more in their children and give them status for doing so.

WAYS TO HELP

Wives and girlfriends: Recognize that your children need their father's active presence in their lives and affirm his role as father. Religious groups and civic organizations: Create gatherings that bring fathers and their children together. Also, seek out the men in your pews and communities who are facing job loss and instability and whose marriages thus have greater risk of marital discord. By elevating fatherhood, we reinforce the self-worth of unemployed and underemployed men, which in turn strengthens the marital bond.

Still, these men want to go back to work and need jobs, which is where government can play a role. Policymakers should pursue policies that target unemployment among working-class men, which means strengthening vocational education, toughening trade laws to ensure that countries like China are penalized for taking advantage of lax environmental laws, and passing legislation - such as right-to-work laws - that make it easier for companies to keep manufacturing jobs in the U.S.

The mancession has taken a devastating toll on the psyche of working-class men and threatens to exacerbate the growing marriage divide between the working-class and the middle/upper class. While it's easy under the radar screen, the integrity of families and communities all across America depends on us taking note of the deteriorating economic position of working-class men and taking action to reverse their declining fortunes.

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Burned by the sunscreen chemicals

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It feels almost like a betrayal, a complete absence of harmony with the ecosystem, to accept that the sun is in some ways harmful to humans.

But it is. My eye doctor recently told me I need sunglasses to retard the cataracts I now have growing. Dermatologists also tell us we need gooeey sunscreen to prevent skin cancer.

And now, to top everything, health advocates say many of those lotions and sprays don't work as well as we think, and some might even be harmful.

We have to pay attention. In February, NASA scientists analyzing 30 years of satellite data measured just how much the UV radiation reaching the Earth's surface had increased, largely due to decreased stratospheric ozone.

At Washington, D.C.'s latitude, it increased 9 percent since 1979. The good news is that they also concluded the trend might be leveling off, the result of countries' limiting the emission of ozone-depleting gases such as some refrigerants.

Just before the start of the summer beach season, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency declared a "Don't Fry Day," reminding people that the number-one prevent-

able risk factor for skin cancer is to avoid overexposure to UV radiation. (They even have UV Index apps for smart phones.)

But sunscreen is no panacea. Typically, we underapply it, or don't reapply it after swimming, or use it as an excuse to stay out in the sun too long so we burn anyway.

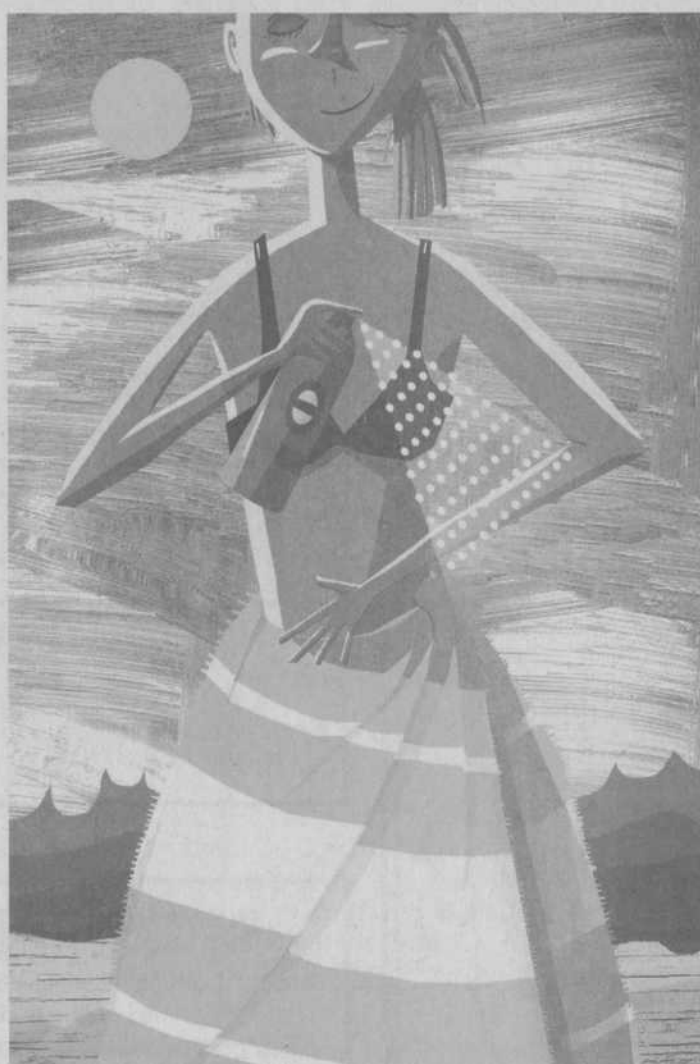
In a study published in November in the journal *Cancer Research*, scientists found that nanoparticles of titanium dioxide, a common sunscreen ingredient, caused genetic damage in mice that typically raises the risk of cancer.

But the researchers said the nanoparticles cannot go through skin, so they recommended lotion sunscreens rather than spray-ons, which can be inhaled. Above all, don't let your kid eat it.

Also just in time for summer, the Environmental Working Group just issued its annual sunscreen guide. The national nonprofit is skeptical of industry and focused on the "body burden" of chemicals such as bisphenol A.

Analyzing more than 500 products, its researchers concluded they could recommend only 39, or 8 percent.

They liked sunscreens with zinc and titanium (although, again, don't inhale it or eat it). They're the ones that are kind of whitish, which may not go over so well with anyone but



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lifeguards, who can get away with white noses.

They provide a literal block, scattering the UV rays, as opposed to other sunscreens that have complex molecules that actually absorb the UV rays. The group recommended brands by Miessence, Kabana Skin Care, Badger and All Terrain, among others.

What the EWG didn't like were sunscreens containing oxybenzone, which it said is a hormone-disrupting compound that penetrates the skin and enters the bloodstream.

They also have new worries about a vitamin A compound in about 40 percent of sunscreens, retinyl palmitate, which may be "photocarcinogenic," which means sunlight may cause it to undergo complex biochemical changes. It has been linked to accelerated growth of skin tumors and lesions in lab mice. They said that while the research is inconclusive, why take a chance?

The EWG is pressing the Food and Drug Administration to finish its research on the compound, not to mention complete the sunscreen regulations it started in 1978.

The organization also is concerned about SPF, sun protection factors, of more than 50, which often come with "exaggerated" claims of protection. Plus, higher-SPF formulations contain greater concentrations

of the sun-blocking chemicals that may be harmful.

The group's report, including an online query to check on specific products, is at www.ewg.org.

As incredible as it may seem, sunscreen may even be bad for other creatures on the planet.

Italian researchers looked at their effects on corals. Their peer-reviewed study, in a 2008 issue of *Environmental Health Perspectives*, found that even at low concentrations in seawater, sunscreens cause viral infections that can kill the coral.

To be sure, sunlight has benefits. The vitamin D we get from it maintains our calcium levels, benefits the immune system, eases depression, and more.

Plus, it plain old feels good. When I was a kid visiting my grandmother at the Jersey Shore, nothing felt better than staying in the ocean until my mother insisted I get out because "you're so cold your lips are blue," and then flopping on a beach towel to let the sun dry and warm me.

But in the end, as long as we have to limit exposure, perhaps the advice of our grandmothers is the best: Wear long sleeves and a hat.

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Summer common sense: Things you need to know to survive the summer

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How many times have you left home this summer without considering the consequences? What about drinking a ton of degree going out in 90-degree weather? Or wearing tons of layers in equally hot temperatures? It seems like these things are

Speaking of keeping cool, hydration is a key component in body temperature regulation. One sure fire way to stay cool when out in the heat is to drink a refreshing glass of ice-cold water. Your body is made up of an estimated 60-70% of water. Do yourself a favor and keep hydrated. Water is the means for nutrients to travel to all your organs. Water also

to avoid using your oven. Little things like this can make your summer, if not more enjoyable, at least more comfortable.

Tip number three: please, do yourself a favor and wear deodorant. When you're sweaty and smelly, you instantly become a source of uncomfortable annoyance for all those who are around you. Sweat stains are also quite scary, and

No one likes farmer's tans; they're probably one of the most annoying things in the world. It makes wearing certain clothes a pain, especially because everyone seems to want to point them out.

What's even worse is the multi-leveled farmer's tan, which can occur when you wear several different types of shirts and your skin becomes a



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common sense, but it happens all of the time. People forget that summer can do funny things to you, so please keep in mind that now is a good time as any to exercise some summer common sense.

Your know when you park your car in a really sunny spot and you think to yourself, "Well, I'll only be gone for a little bit?" Bad idea. Whether it's 15 minutes or 3 hours, your car is going to heat up fast. Imagine opening your door and instantly being hit with hot air. Also, if you have leather seats, nothing is worse than sitting down on scorching hot seats. Park in the shade, even if it's a little out of the way—you'll be saving yourself a lot of pain and suffering.

transports oxygen to your cells, removes waste, and protects your joints and organs. Drinking plenty of water helps your body wonders and even helps regulate temperature, keeping you not only healthy, but cool in the process.

The next tip is to avoid doing things that could make you miserable, such as using an air conditioner, wearing clothes that don't breathe well, or mowing the lawn at the hottest point of the day. What could be worse than being in an environment that you can't get comfortable in? Try doing things according to the weather, like doing lawn work early in the morning or eating more fresh foods in order

deodorant (with antiperspirant) can prevent such a problem.

It's also way more comfortable when you wear it, especially when you wear certain types of clothing. For example, when you wear shorts, a nice coat of deodorant on the back of the knees is just as nice as under the arms. It can prevent chaffing and irritation on more sensitive parts of your skin, but it also makes you smell nice. As long as you don't mind getting it on your clothes, deodorant can make you feel a lot better especially in warm places.

Tip number four is vital: wear sunscreen. Aside from the fact that it helps prevent skin cancer, it also helps prevent the dreaded farmer's tan.

miss-matched nightmare. To avoid that you might want to stick to a cut off tee-shirt rather than a regular tee-shirt later. The best way to prevent problems like this is wearing sunscreens with a high SPF number. Prevention is the best cure; otherwise you're stuck with uneven skin for some time.

Use some discretion this summer when making decisions and be sure to weigh out the consequences. Only you can prevent summer mishaps, so drink a lot of water, make sure to not stay out in the sun for too long, and use some sense when doing your summer activities.

Prospectus Pick: A Crepe to die for

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I love to cook. It's quite possibly my favorite activity, so naturally when my sister (who also loves to cook) came to visit me we immediately decided to make something. When we get together, we like to take traditional recipes and add things to it, and this particular crepe recipe that we made was a winner.

If you don't know what a crepe is, the only thing it can be likened to is a really thin pancake. They're really good for filling with anything you want. They can be savory, sweet and can be eaten at any point of the day.

Crepes are not hard to make but they do require a few things before you can make them. You can use a regular pan if you want, but unless you are skilled in crepe making, it'll only end in tears and devastation. Crepe mix is a lot thinner than pancake mix, so the best thing to use is a crepe pan.

The actual recipe for crepes is really easy. Traditional crepe mix usually calls for milk, flour, butter, salt, and eggs, and if it's a sweet crepe mix, sugar. My sister and I were feeling adventurous, so we put nutmeg, cinnamon, and vanilla in as well, and it was a winning combination.

The actual process of making crepes is the difficult part. After combining all of the ingredients in

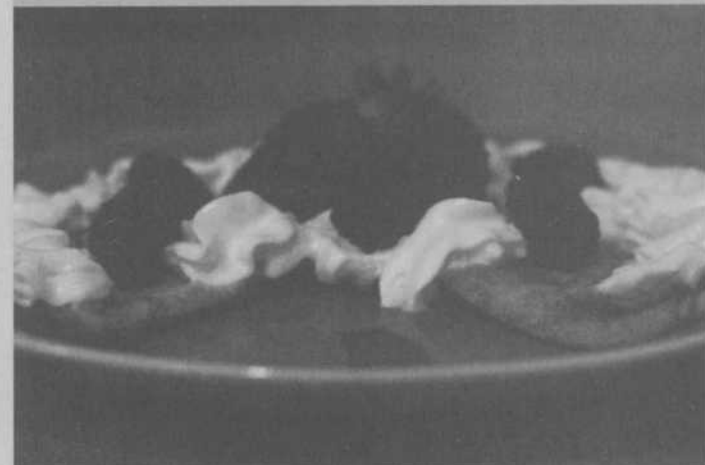
a large bowl, heat a small oiled skillet or crepe pan over medium-high heat, then pour a 1/4 cup of the mix in the pan. Tilt the pan and move the mix in a circular motion in order to cover the entire surface of the pan evenly. Since the mix is thin it will cook quickly.

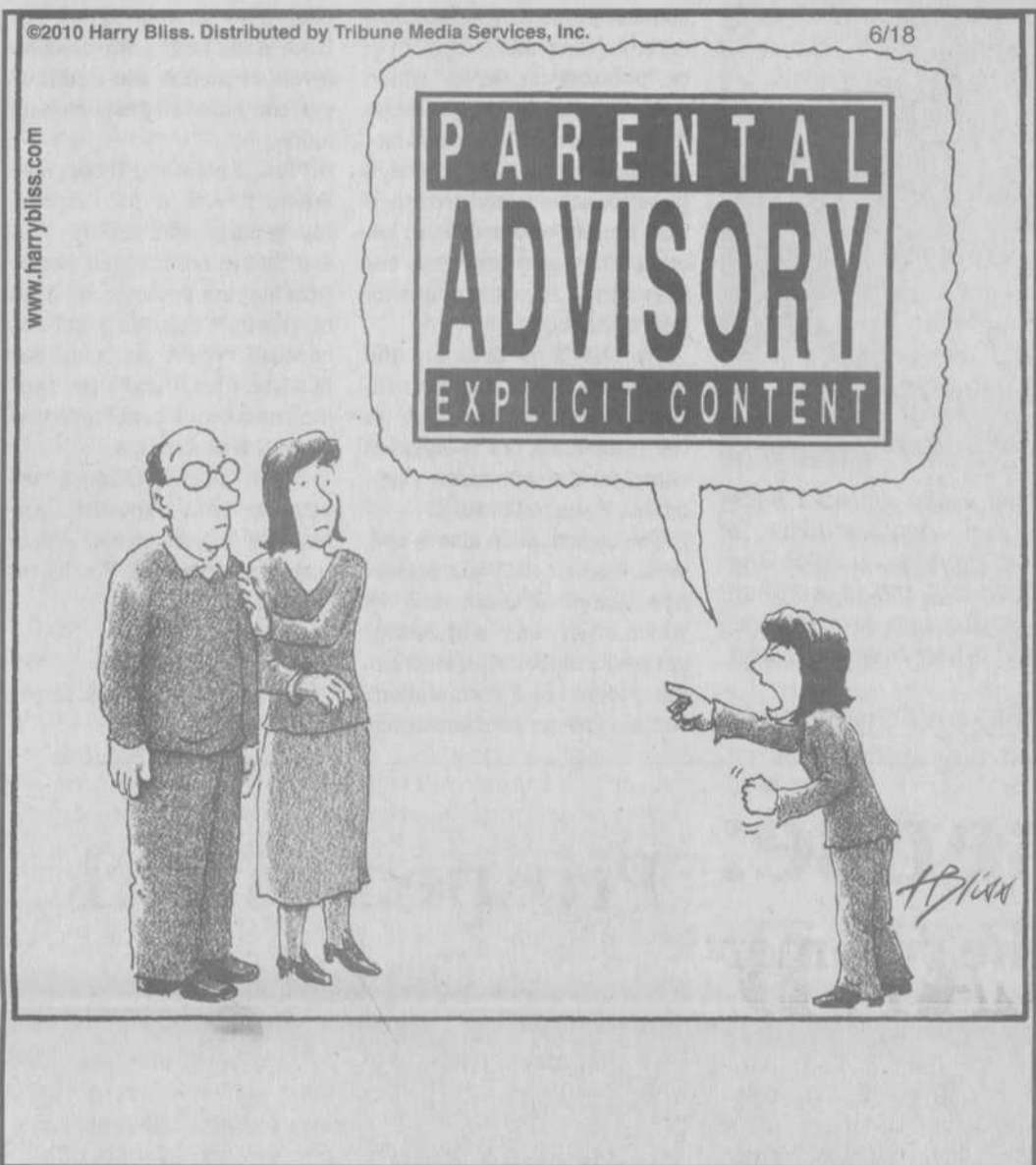
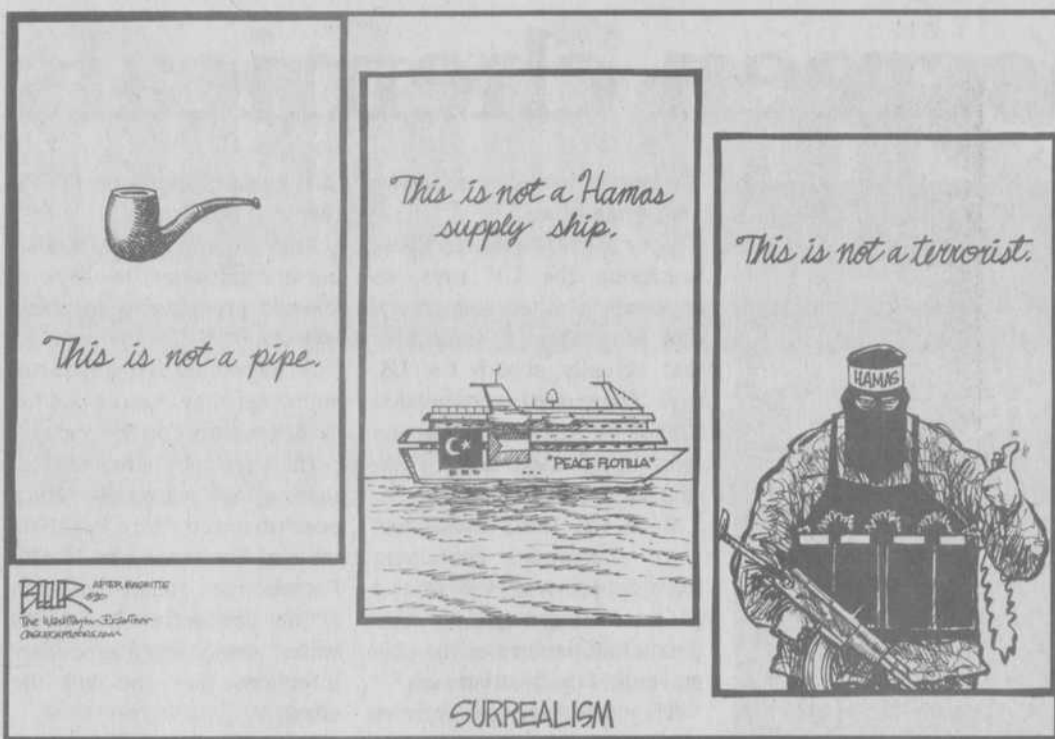
When it comes time to flip the crepe, the look of the crepe will look dry rather than gooey. Using a spatula, flip it. The reverse side should be browned a little. Cook the other side for a few seconds and then it's ready to eat.

There are so many things you can fill crepes with, but my all time favorite is a chocolate-hazelnut spread called Nutella, and it specifically compliments the recipe my sister and I made. If you use Nutella, it's really thick so you have to spread it on the crepe when it's still hot. Put it only on one half of the crepe, then fold in half or in fourths. Finish up the crepe with a little whipped cream and some fresh fruit, and you have a really tasty, semi-easy treat.

Ingredients

- 1 cup flour
- 2 tablespoons melted butter
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 tablespoon vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg





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Cobras earn recognition and awards for outstanding spring

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The Cobras had another exceptional spring with two teams making it to Nationals and numerous awards handed out to the outstanding coaches and their athletes. With hard work and performances for the record books, the Cobras pleased both the fans and Parkland Athletic Director, Rod Lovett, and are making a name for themselves.

"Parkland has established itself as one of the premier NJCAA programs in the entire country. We are known and respected throughout the country and I'm especially pleased to have sent three women's teams to Nationals this year," said Lovett.

One outstanding team Parkland is proud to support is Cobras baseball, who gave it their all this season, making it to nationals and showcasing some great talent. The Cobras reached the 50 win plateau for the 5th time in the past 9 seasons, finishing 50-13 this year.

"As a whole I was very proud of this team for what they accomplished. Winning 50 games, winning a Regional Title, grabbing a couple World Series wins and the way they played with energy and enthusiasm and never giving up is a testament to them," said Matt Kennedy, Head Coach of the baseball team.

The Cobras had a very nice run throughout the season but some were disappointed in the post-season performance.

"I think we overachieved a little in the post season. Our

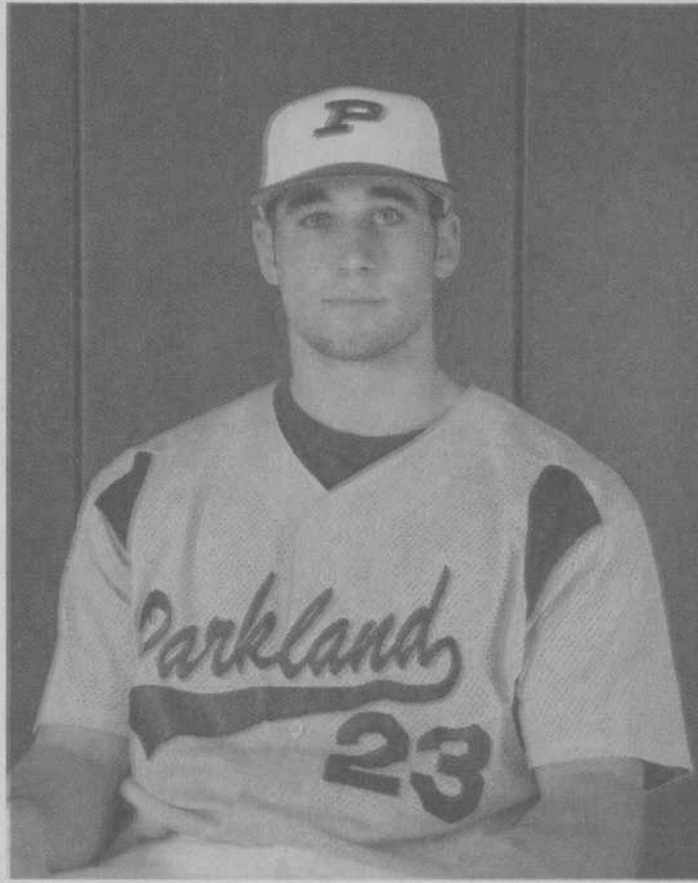
kids heard about how good Heartland was and played to the fullest of the ability and came back to win 6 straight to capture our second regional title in as many years. Once we got to the World Series, I thought we were physically and mentally exhausted from our Regional Tournament. We came out flat and played horrible against LSU-Eunice, which is a great team. Our kids again bounced back and battled to win 2 games before losing to U-Conn Avery Point in our 4th game out there," said Kennedy.

While the Cobras failed to repeat last year's run at Nationals, the future of the team is looking very good.

"I believe the future of Cobras Baseball is very bright. Parkland has always had a strong tradition and high expectations and I think we have raised the bar once again. We are very excited about the recruiting class we are bringing in this fall and have gotten a great start to the 2011 class and feel we will be a very good team for the next 2-3 years," said Kennedy.

Cobras baseball had great representation across the boards with the awards earned this season. Sophomore TJ McManus (1B) was named 1st team All-American, a Rawlings Gold Glove award winner, All-Region, and 1st team All-Conference, hitting .415 with 15 home runs and a school record 88 RBI's. The Ohio State University transfer also broke the school record for doubles with 27 and is second all-time in home runs (15) and fifth in hits (90).

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"I'm very grateful for the opportunity the Rays have given me and hope to make the best of it. I plan on working very hard on all my weaknesses and hope to make it up

to the big leagues," said Kiermaier.

Kiermaier was the Cobras MVP this year, hitting .430 this year with 17 home runs and 71 RBI's, breaking the season school record for home runs, runs (90) and walks (51). He also led the team in stolen bases, and triples. Kiermaier has the all-time best career batting average (.429), and is also the career leader in home runs, runs scored, triples, and walks.

The Cobras Softball team also had an outstanding season, making it to nationals and finishing with an overall record of 47-18 (29-4.)

"We set lofty goals in August, we worked hard and we reached them. Our players played well, and worked hard all year. The sophomores did great and the freshmen put forth a great effort. It was a yearlong process and we are ready for nationals next year," said Chuck Clutts, All-Region Coach of the Year.

The players worked tirelessly throughout the season and have high hopes for next year as well.

"The season went very well this year. It was exciting, and even though we did not win Nationals, we still played hard and tried our hardest. It was a wonderful feeling making it that far, and hopefully next year turns out even better," said Sam Inman, Cobras 2nd Team All-American Outfielder. Inman was also named First Team All-Region and 2nd Team All-MWAC for the Cobras who won their first Region 24 tournament since 2007.

Also earning recognition was shortstop Sarah Gray, who was named first team All-American as well as Region 24 player of the year, M-WAC Freshman of the Year, Cobras Most Valuable Player, and First Team All-Conference and All-Tournament team selections. Gray led the Cobras with a .477 batting average, while also leading in hits, runs, and stolen bases. Her 50 stolen bases was a school record and placed her in the top 5 in the NJCAA this season.

Cobras Golf had their struggles at times this year but still won the conference title and were not that far from returning to Nationals. With 2-3 top players back and a strong recruiting class, Coach McNabney's team will once again be in contention for another M-WAC and Regional title.

"Our team underachieved this year. We had several quality players but were unable to get five players to all play well in the same tournament, whether that was due to pressure or nerves, we just were unable to get over the hump many weeks," said Head Golf Coach, Zach McNabney.

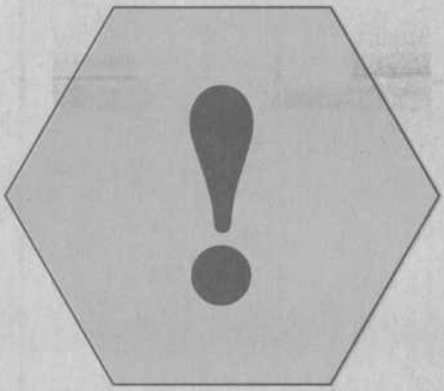
There were a few highlights on the season with Bryan Ideus qualifying for Nationals and finishing 36th and Corbin Sebens earning a scholarship to Eastern Illinois University.

"We had two goals at the beginning of the season: win conference and win nationals. We won conference but we came up short on nationals. McNabney is a good coach and he has a good recruiting class coming in, I think they have a good shot (at nationals) next year," said Corbin Sebens, a graduating sophomore.

Cobra Athletics not only looked great this year, but have a very promising future in sight as well.

"Our motto has been to reload, not rebuild so I see no reason why that won't continue," said Lovett.

Be on the lookout for more great teams and outstanding players next year as the Cobras try to top their success and remain a force to be reckoned with.



PARKLAND MASTER PLAN UNDER WAY

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Deepening disaster

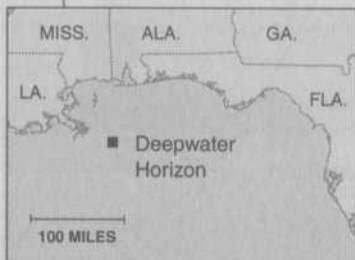
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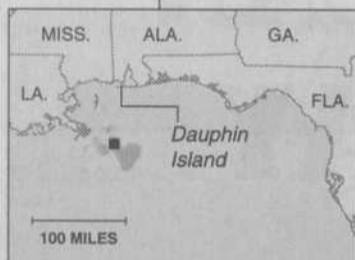


A robotic arm controlled by BP technicians attempts to stop the flow of oil from the main leak. This attempt, like so many others, failed.

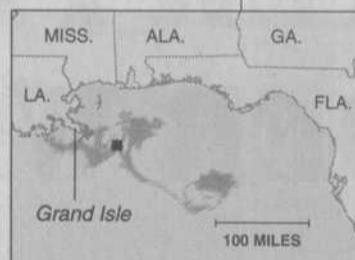
Growth of the spill



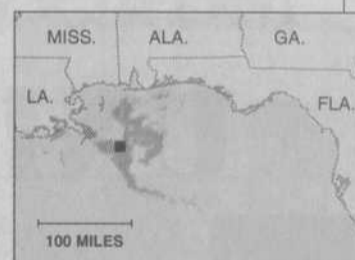
April 20: The rig explodes and catches fire, killing 11 workers. Two days later the rig sinks as concerns mount that the well could be leaking oil into the Gulf. Those concerns are confirmed days later.



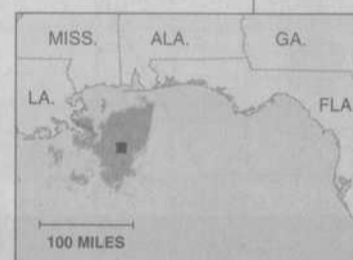
May 8: In the first sign of the oil spill reaching Alabama, tar balls begin washing up on Dauphin Island, a recreation area just off the state's coast.



May 19: Oil enters the loop current near Florida, sparking fear Florida's beaches could be inundated with oil. Two days later, oil reaches Grand Isle, La., a major tourist destination.



June 3: Louisiana officials begin creating berms — giant mounds of sand — along the shore to try to prevent oil from entering the state's delicate marshlands.



June 12: The Coast Guard tells BP the company needs to come up with a better plan to capture the oil leaking from the well.

BP's attempts to stanch the flow

BP has tried numerous, complicated procedures to plug the oil leak, almost all of which have failed. One of the primary obstacles, the company has said, is the unprecedented depth of the leak, which has required all of the work be completed by small submersible robots.

1 April 28: Protective boom

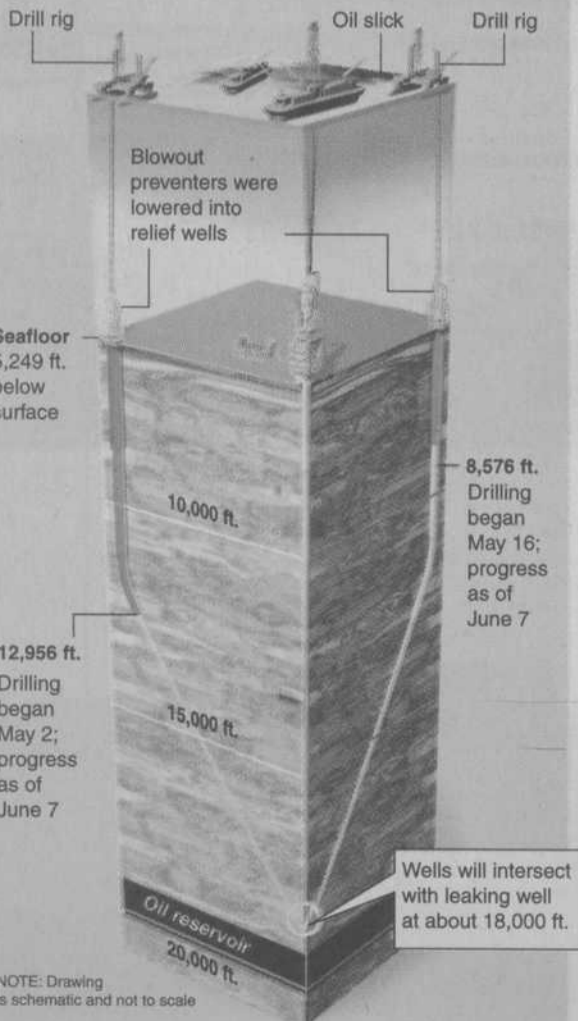
In the first efforts to contain the spill, crews conduct controlled oil burns and lay out protective boom — netlike structures designed to corral the oil into pools away from the shore where it can be burned.

2 May 2: Relief wells

Chemical dispersants are sprayed along the Gulf surface and underwater, intending to break up the oil. Underwater robots are deployed to install a shutoff valve on a piece of broken pipe underwater. BP plans drilling two relief wells that could take months to complete.

RELIEF WELLS

BP is drilling two relief wells, slated for completion in August. Once one of the wells intersects with the leaking well, heavy liquid and cement will be pumped in, with the hope of stopping the flow of oil.



NOTE: Drawing is schematic and not to scale

SOURCES: BP, Deepwater Horizon Response Unified

3 May 8: Containment chamber

A large, building-size chamber placed over the leak days before fails to capture leaking oil. Crystal-like structures called hydrates, which are produced when oil and gas mix with extremely cold water, clogged the top of the chamber.

4 May 11: "Top hat"

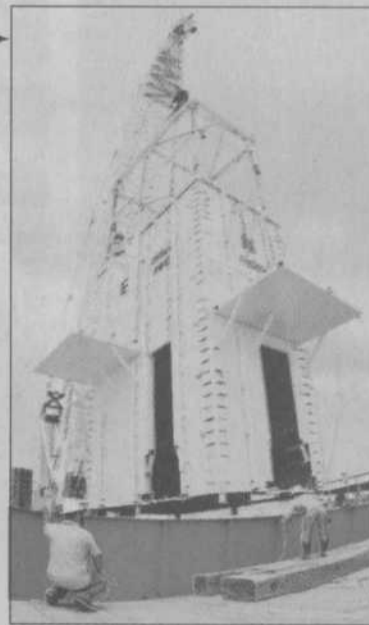
Workers lower a second, smaller containment device called a "top hat" onto the seafloor. The hope is that the structure is too small for hydrates to form and clog the flow of oil. The device is never used.

5 May 16: Insertion tube

A tube connected to a ship on the surface is inserted into the damaged pipe to siphon the leaking oil. Despite what appears to be initial success, the pipe fails to collect a significant amount of oil.

6 May 26: "Top kill"

Officials eventually force drilling fluid into the well in an attempt to drive the leaking oil back into the earth. The procedure, which had never been performed at this depth, ends up failing.



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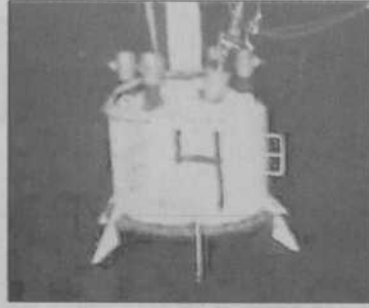


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A containment cap is lowered to the area of cut riser pipe on June 3.

7 May 28: "Junk shot"

Workers attempt to jam the well with golf balls and pieces of rubber. It fails.

8 May 29: "Sever and cap"

BP announces it will attempt to cut the well pipe near the leak and place a giant cap on it. The cap is intended to contain the oil and siphon it through a tube to an awaiting ship on the surface. On June 2, the cutting of the pipe is briefly halted when the saw gets stuck. It is later resumed, and the cap is placed atop the well. The device eventually begins to siphon a portion of the leaking oil.

9 June 15: Capture efforts increased

To assist in capturing more oil, BP has added a second vessel, which is expected to boost the total volume of captured oil by 10,000 barrels a day to a total of 28,000. The company hopes to be capturing about 50,000 barrels a day by the end of the month.