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## Ole Miss Rebel Baseball Team Riding a Wave of Victory

UNIVERSITY, MISS. (TLV) - Back in early February of this year, Ole Miss Head Coach Mike Bianco hosted the annual baseball media days in the South End Zone of Vaught-Hemingway Stadium. He was paraded with questions as to how his team would manage to stay afloat in what many had already written off as a rebuilding year at Ole Miss.

"We don't use the term rebuilding at Ole Miss," Bianco said. "We signed one of the best classes in the country this past year and they will have to step and play."

Step and play they have. After being picked to finish near the bottom of the SEC, the Rebels rallied to take home the SEC Tournament Championship. Some critics did not even think this team of "who's that guy's" would even be in uniform at Hoover, Alabama.

One could say that the most recent turning point came on May 19 in Starkville, Mississippi. The Rebels had



just dropped a game to the Maroons 12-1. The most runs they had given up in a while. Some teams would have folded up the tent. I have witnessed many teams in the pre-Bianco era fade away after a loss like that one. Not this bunch.

Over the next two and half weeks, Ole Miss would put together a string of nine straight victories and out scored their opponents by a score of 82-38. Please repeat that. Ok, 82 to 38. That is an average final score of 9.1 to 4.2.

Oh yeah, these wins came against the likes of Mississippi

State, Arkansas, LSU, Alabama, Vanderbilt, Bethune Cookman, South Alabama and Tulane.

Nevertheless, Ole Miss is hosting its second straight NCAA Super Regional.

The Longhorns made their way to Mississippi's best kept secret in 2005 and took a hard fought victory in the three game series last year. Bianco still talks of how close that series was to going the Rebel's way. Oh, yeah...Texas never lost another game in 2005.

Miami will be the next team to visit was has become one of the best college baseball venues

in the south. If the games aren't exciting enough, the plethora of Ole Miss girls in the outfield will leave you wanting more.

His demeanor remained the same as it was the day he walked on campus. Humble, yet confident. Courteous, yet firm. Aggressive, yet considerate. His winning ways continue to give Rebel fans pride at the office, on campus and around the nation.

Just six years ago, this was a dream. We are now living it. Take time to stop and smell the roses. Thanks Coach Bianco!

--Gordon P. Shumway

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## How is Ole Miss gonna keep

### Coach Mike Bianco?

Ben Lindsey  
"Continue supporting the team financially."



Carter Wilkes  
"Give him a free tab at Pizza Den."



John Stokes  
"Poison the gumbo in Louisiana"



George Sheldon  
"Pay him the money or else!"

Heather Sneed  
"Who is that?"



## Six Rebels Selected in the Major League Baseball Draft

UNIVERSITY, MISS. (OMSI) - Three Rebels were selected on the first day of the Major League Baseball First Year Draft, led by Chris Coghlan, who was taken in the supplemental first round with the 36th overall pick by the Florida Marlins.

Coghlan is the highest drafted Rebel ever since Major League Baseball first began making the order of selection of drafted players available to the public. Michael Rosamond was selected with the 42nd overall pick in the 1999 MLB Draft.

Garrett White (Jr., LHP) was drafted in the sixth round (173rd pick) by the Los Angeles Dodgers, while Alex Presley was taken by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the eighth round (230th pick).

Coghlan, the third baseman for the Rebels, is in his junior year and has posted a record-breaking season for Ole Miss. Coghlan currently leads the team in batting with a .349 average and set the single-

season record for runs scored in a season in the NCAA Oxford Regional with 71 runs scored. Coghlan has also moved up into the top 10 of the single-season charts of hits, doubles, RBI and stolen bases.

White is in his first season with the Rebels as the left-handed pitcher transferred to Ole Miss from San Jacinto Junior College. The southpaw has posted a 3-0 record with 10 saves out of the bullpen for the Rebels, as a big part of the SEC Tournament and Regional Championship runs. White is currently tied for third in the single-season saves list for the Rebels.

Presley has anchored the Rebel outfield this season and been a consistent contributor at the plate as he has helped lead the Rebel offense with a .343 average for the season and 60 RBI. The junior has tied the school record for triples in a career (14) with seven triples this season, using his power and speed to help push Ole Miss. He

is also 20-of-24 in steals.

Three more Rebels were added to the list of drafted players as Major League Baseball completed the 2006 edition of its First-Year Player Draft. Tommy Baumgardner, Will Kline and Justin Brashear were selected on the second day of the draft.

Baumgardner was taken in the 28th round by the Colorado Rockies, while Kline was tabbed by the Houston Astros in the 39th round and Brashear was selected by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 44th round.

"We're obviously excited to have six guys go in this year's draft, especially with a team as young as ours," said Ole Miss head coach Mike Bianco. "These six young men are all deserving and we're proud of them."

Baumgardner has spent the past two years with the Rebels compiling a 5-5 record as a starter and has proven to be a strong arm out of the bullpen. The

southpaw picked up his biggest win as he led the Rebels to a win over 2005 regular season SEC Champion Florida in an elimination game at the SEC Tournament. Baumgardner has posted 67 strikeouts in 93.1 innings of work primarily as a reliever for the Rebels.

Brashear has been an offensive spark for the Rebels this season in addition to being a solid defensive presence behind the plate. Brashear is second on the team in home runs this season with 12 and has driven in 41 runs while scoring 53. Brashear was also a candidate for the Johnny Bench Award, honoring the nation's best catcher.

Kline, who has announced that he will return to Ole Miss next fall, has come on strong for the Rebels since drawing the start against Mississippi State in the Mayor's Trophy game on April 11. Since that time, Kline has posted five wins on his way to a 5-2 record and has picked up three saves. Kline has struck out 71 batters and only walked 21 on the season.



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## MUSIC

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**The Library:** Daybreakdown

Monday 06.12.2006

**Two Stick:** Lightnin' Malcolm

Tuesday 06.13.2006

**Two Stick:** Pithecanfunkus Erectus

Wednesday 06.14.2006

**Two Stick:** Seth Libbey & The Liberals  
**Proud Larry's:** Slim Chance & The Odd Beaters

Thursday 06.15.2006

**Two Stick:** Mayhem String Band

Friday 06.16.2006

**Two Stick:** Rockett 88

Saturday 06.17.2006

**Two Stick:** The United  
**Proud Larry's:** The Bluerunners

Each Sunday in June

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Monday 06.19.2006

**Two Stick:** Bad Mamma Jamma

Tuesday 06.20.2006

**Two Stick:** Pithecanfunkus Erectus

Wednesday 06.21.2006

**Two Stick:** Billy Luso & The Restless Natives  
**Proud Larry's:** Rocket 88

Thursday 06.22.2006

**Two Stick:** Blackbird Hour

Friday 06.23.2006

**Two Stick:** Cary Hudson Trio

Saturday 06.24.2006

**Longshot:** The Cooters

Thursday 06.29.2006

**Proud Larry's:** Wilx

## MOVIES & FILM

Cine 4:

**United 93** (121 min.) R 4:30, 7:00 PM

**Just My Luck** (103 min.) PG-13 4:55 PM, 7:30 PM

**RV** (99 min.) PG 4:45 PM, 7:10 PM

**An American Haunting** (90 min.) PG-13 4:50 PM, 7:20 PM

**Oxford Studio Cinema:**

**See No Evil (R)** 1:30, 4:40, 7:00, 9:45 PM (84 min.)

**Just My Luck (PG-13)** 1:10, 4:30, 7:30, 9:35 PM, (103 min.)

**Over the Hedge (PG)** 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 6:50, 9:15 PM (84 min.)

**The Da Vinci Code (PG-13)** 1:20, 4:30, 7:50 PM (149 min.)

**X-Men : The Last Stand** (105 min.) (PG-13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:30, 9:55 PM

**The Break-Up (PG-13)** 1:40, 4:45, 7:20, 9:40 PM (105 min.)

**The Omen (R)** 1:50, 4:20, 7:40, 10:00 PM (110 min.)

**Cars (G)** 1:05, 3:50, 6:45, 9:25 PM (122 min.)

**Cars (G)** 2:00, 4:50, 7:45, 10:10 PM (122 min.)

**Public Library Children's Movie:**

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## VISUAL ART

**Exhibit: "Journey of the Spirit: The Art of Gwendolyn Magee"** June 6-Aug. 27 "Journey of the Spirit: The Art of Gwendolyn Magee." Vibrant expressions in fabric & thread. University Museum, Tue.-Sat. 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sun-1-4 p.m. Reception July 23, 1-3 p.m.

**Art Show & Sale:** Summer Group Exhibition, Through June 30; Various artists and mediums. Location: Southside Gallery, Mon.-Thu. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. 10 a.m.-9 p.m.;

## THEATRE

**Oxford Shakespeare Festival:** Season of Adventure: "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by William Shakespeare; "Shakespeare's Fight Scenes" by William Shakespeare, adapted by Brian Evans; and our Family Production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance" on Jun. 16-17, Jun. 22-25 & Jun. 29-Jul. 2. Location: Ford Center for the Performing Arts, Ole Miss campus. Jun. 16 & 17: "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at 8 p.m.

## BOOK SIGNINGS

Saturday 06.10.2006

**Off Square Books:** *Song for My Fathers: A New Orleans Story in Black and White* by Tom Sancton, 12 Noon

Tuesday 06.13.2006

**Off Square Books:** *The End of California* by Steve Yarbrough, 5:30PM

Wednesday 06.14.2006

**Off Square Books:** *Barefootin'* by Unita Blackwell, 5:00PM

Thursday 06.15.2006

**Off Square Books:** *Sideshow* by Sidney Thompson, 5:30 PM

Friday 06.16.2006

**Off Square Books:** *Bloomsday* Honoring James Joyce

Saturday 06.17.2006

**Off Square Books:** *Donuts: An American Passion* by John T. Edge, 9:30AM

Monday 06.19.2006

**Off Square Books:** *Back To Wando* Passo by David Payne, 5:30PM

Tuesday 06.20.2006

**Off Square Books:** *Lucy Somerville Howorth: New Deal Lawyer, Politian, and Feminist From the South* by Martha H. Swain and Dorothy S. Shawhan, 5:30 PM

Thursday 06.22.2006

**Off Square Books:** *Between Here and the Yellow Sea* by Nic Pizzolatto, 5:30PM

Tuesday 06.27.2006

**Off Square Books:** *Drowning in Greul* by George Singleton, 5:30 PM

Thursday 06.29.2006

**Off Square Books:** *Miss American Pie* by Margaret Sartor, 5:30PM

## GROUP MEETINGS

**Yoknapatawpha Arts Council Annual Membership Party** live music by *Rahsaana Ison, formerly from New Orleans.* 4pm - 6pm at Powerhouse Community Arts Center

**Yoknapatawpha Arts Council Dramatic Expressions Youth Music Theatre Workshop** with Julia and Robert Aubrey June 5 - June 16, 2006, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Powerhouse Community Arts Center, 10th Anniversary Reunion Event.

**The Yoknapatawpha Arts Council Presents Powerhouse Summer Art Camps June 6-23, 2006** visit the YAC website at [www.oxfordarts.com](http://www.oxfordarts.com)

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Mon. 10AM-8PM,  
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## GOVERNMENT

**Monday 06.12.2006**  
Oxford Planning Commission Meeting, 5PM, City Hall Courtroom

**Tuesday 06.13.2006**  
Oxford Tree Board, 5:15pm in the Conference Room at City Hall.

**Wednesday 06.14.2006**  
Oxford Park Commission Meeting, Administrative Building, 310 South 15th Street

**Monday 06.19.2006**  
Lafayette County Board of Supervisors Meeting, 7PM, Chancery Court Building

**Tuesday 06.20.2006**  
Board of Aldermen Meeting, 6PM, Courtroom of City Hall

**Wednesday 06.21.2006**  
Oxford Tourism Council Meeting, 5PM at the Oxford Conference Center.

**Thursday 06.15.2006:** Sunrise: 5:45am, Sunset: 8:11pm, Moonrise: 11:55pm, Moonset: 9:39am

**Friday 06.16.2006:** Sunrise: 5:45am, Sunset: 8:11pm, Moonrise: none, Moonset: 10:50am

**Saturday 06.17.2006:** Sunrise: 5:45am, Sunset: 8:12pm, Moonrise: 12:27am, Moonset: 12:00pm

**Sunday 06.18.2006:** Sunrise: 5:45am, Sunset: 8:12pm, Moonrise: 12:56am, Moonset: 1:07pm, Last Qtr: 8:09am

**Monday 06.19.2006:** Sunrise: 5:45am, Sunset: 8:12pm, Moonrise: 1:24am, Moonset: 2:15pm

**Tuesday 06.20.2006:** Sunrise: 5:45am, Sunset: 8:13pm, Moonrise: 1:53am, Moonset: 3:22pm

**Wednesday 06.21.2006:** Sunrise: 5:45am, Sunset: 8:13pm, Moonrise: 2:23am, Moonset: 4:31pm

**Thursday 06.22.2006:** Sunrise: 5:46am, Sunset: 8:13pm, Moonrise: 2:58am, Moonset: 5:41pm

**Friday 06.23.2006:** Sunrise: 5:46am, Sunset: 8:13pm, Moonrise: 3:39am, Moonset: 6:49pm

**Saturday 06.24.2006:** Sunrise: 5:46am, Sunset: 8:13pm, Moonrise: 4:27am, Moonset: 7:53pm

**Sunday 06.25.2006:** Sunrise: 5:46am, Sunset: 8:14pm, Moonrise: 5:22am, Moonset: 8:49pm, New Moon: 10:06am

**Monday 06.26.2006:** Sunrise: 5:47am, Sunset: 8:14pm, Moonrise: 6:22am, Moonset: 9:36pm

**Tuesday 06.27.2006:** Sunrise: 5:47am, Sunset: 8:14pm, Moonrise: 7:25am, Moonset: 10:15pm

**Monday 06.26.2006:** Sunrise: 5:47am, Sunset: 8:14pm, Moonrise: 8:28am, Moonset: 10:48pm

**Tuesday 06.26.2006:** Sunrise: 5:47am, Sunset: 8:14pm, Moonrise: 7:25am, Moonset: 10:15pm

**Monday 06.26.2006:** Sunrise: 5:47am, Sunset: 8:14pm, Moonrise: 8:28am

## AND THE RICH EAT YOU

by Louis E. Bourgeois louisbourgeois@hotmail.com



The Cressons owned the village. All the land was theirs and it was out of generosity that they let the rest of us live on the land and pay them so much a month to do so.

Some didn't have money. One old man who drove an old rusty '36 Dodge truck everywhere paid in freshly caught baskets of crabs he trapped from Lake Ponchartrain twelve miles away. The Cressons were a fat-tish dark haired uppity Acadian family and they loved to eat crabs. I'd even seen them eat crabmeat for breakfast.

My father, he paid the Cressons in dollars he earned at the sugar plantation where he drove a tractor 10 hours a day making other people very rich. My mother paid the Cressons in sweat and blood, working as their house servant six days a week and raising their fat ugly children.

I was too young to pay, in fact, I took. I shot their homing pigeons dead with my battered Daisy B.B. gun. I stole the hen's eggs from the Cresson's luscious red barn and I stole kisses from their bad breathed daughters. And now so many years later, I steal their destinies by writing about them in most hostile and lyrical prose.

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**Saturday 06.10.2006:** Sunrise: 5:45am, Sunset: 8:09pm, Moonrise: 7:36pm, Moonset: 4:25am

**Sunday 06.11.2006:** Sunrise: 5:45am, Sunset: 8:09pm, Moonrise: 8:42pm, Moonset: 5:13am, Full Moon: 12:04pm

**Monday 06.12.2006:** Sunrise: 5:45am, Sunset: 8:10pm, Moonrise: 9:42pm, Moonset: 6:09am

**Tuesday 06.13.2006:** Sunrise: 5:45am, Sunset: 8:10pm, Moonrise: 10:35pm, Moonset: 7:15am

**Wednesday 06.14.2006:** Sunrise: 5:45am, Sunset: 8:11pm, Moonrise: 11:19pm, Moonset: 8:26am

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June 22: Blackbird Hour  
June 23: Cary Hudson Trio

# PAIN IN THE GRASS

by Sarah Reddick: [sbrrocket@hotmail.com](mailto:sbrrocket@hotmail.com)

I was four years old, and highly impressionable. I peeked out through chubby, fanned fingers at the mad woman screaming in the kitchen. The mad woman was my mother. Her long, blond hair flew through the air behind her like the string of a kite, as she jumped and lunged, sidestepped and parried.

The cause of all this? A giant flying cockroach. In San Antonio, Texas, these monsters outnumber the pecans on the trees.

I had been drawing with chalk on the steps of our apartment when this unlucky bastard flew in. As I watched, my mother let out a mighty, kung fu "HI-YAAAAA!" and smashed it to smithereens with her frying pan.

This display was one of many that instilled in me a serious fear of all things creepy and crawly. My mother is a petite woman, but strong. Seeing her panic made me wonder what would happen to my tiny self if I was ever accosted by a creature that heinous. Would my face melt off? Would it bite me until I begged for mercy? Would its very presence cause me to eat my Play-Doh uncontrollably, an act which would undoubtedly lead to an eternal time-out? The possibilities seemed endless, and I vowed to keep a healthy distance.

I guess I forgot that vow when I moved to Mississippi. I had exterminators come shortly after my arrival, and then began the dirty business of cleaning up the little corpses.

Winter was uneventful. No freakish, unwelcome visitors...unless you count the night I woke up to a T.V. tuned to Fox News. (Must have rolled over on the remote.) But, oh, the spring and early summer. The parade started with a marching band-like procession of cave crickets and water bugs, and finished with a long black King snake slithering through my living room several weeks later. I repeat, through my living room.

I was just sitting on my couch enjoying an overpriced salad when I saw it out of the corner of my eye. I pulled my bare legs up slowly, because I know they go after the ankles. My puppy did her best to scare it off, but I think she most likely just amused it. I sat, folded up and terrified, until my ass went numb. Then, in what felt like one fluid, single, movement, I leapt off of my couch, scooped up the dog, and went screaming out onto the patio.

My neighbor was upstairs listening to some Dylan. I banged on his door until he answered. He came out smiling, his long hair in a ponytail.

"Hey," I said breathlessly, "are you afraid of snakes?" The Zen-like smile fell from his face as he answered, "Yeah, uh kind of. Why?"

I told him the story and he said he would be right back. When he reemerged he was wearing knee high cowboy boots with his cut-offs, and he was carrying a pool stick.

We walked into my apartment rather timidly. He saw the snake at the same time the snake saw him, and they both recoiled. He then began to prod the snake towards the door.

The snake seemed to be on its way out when it suddenly made a hard left turn into my closet. My neighbor, the pool stick, and I were out the door in two seconds flat.

I haven't stayed in my apartment since. I went back the next day to get some clothes, and when I opened the door, a dead snake fell on my

head. No, you did not misread that. It fell from who knows where, hit me on top of the head, and landed scaly belly up at my feet. It was a different snake, white with black markings. It seems the snake population has tired of their kudzu kingdom behind the house, and has decided to take up residence in my shabby chic abode.

I am now moving out. I don't have the courage it would take to fight a long drawn out battle. And so, it seems my mother passed on her fears, but neglected to school me in the ways of kung fu.

## Chaos – a cool word

or a word characterized by sorrow and distress, confusion and complete disorder. It also has an obsolete meaning which is described as "a gaping void." Though obsolete, it is nevertheless a fitting image for some-thing I saw at the local mall.

Last Friday, after running errands and walk-ing around two large stores with my daughter, I grew tired of walking due to a foot problem and decided to sit-out any other stops along the way home. The next thing I knew, I was sitting in the parking lot in front of Penney's watching the progression of late afternoon and studying the deterioration of our once useful mall. The mall looked and felt desolate like the feeling you get in the run-down areas of Memphis. Trees that used to grace the front of Penney's had been cut down with only stumps left as proof of a former existence. The new cinema seemed out of place as I studied the contrasts of its new urbanist style against the old disintegrating karma of former suburban sprawl now gone awry.

As a contrast to Ugly, I looked to the sky and to the birds. The wind was blowing quite hard as it brought in a summer cold front. The tempera-ture had fallen about 10 degrees and the sky was filled with a fast moving blanket of clouds.

Young sparrows flitted and fluttered about the dilapidated parking lot. They kept trying to fly up into the grills of various vehicles. After attempting to fly up and land within grills with narrow openings, they figured out that vehicles with wide-spaced openings in the grills were the ones suitable for perching. Their process of elimination was quite entertaining.

One of the smallest sparrows seemed to have a landing problem. When landing, it sort of fell to one side as if it had a weak foot. For an instant, it was funny, but then, thinking that a problem like that could some how eventually shorten its life, I felt sorrowful.

When the sparrows had flown to other places, I began people-watching. An elderly couple came out of Penney's. The lady could barely walk so she waited at the curb while the man went for the car. When he drove up to the curb, he got out and helped her in. Immediately after that, a man with a cane walked slowly by himself toward the store. A few minutes later, I noticed a very hunch-backed man making his way to the old Goody's entrance.

It seemed to be the day for the ambulatory-challenged to be out doing errands at the mall. However, one very ambulatory-capable woman caught my eye as she walked behind the man with the hunchback. Her profile reminded me of a long lost friend, a former "best friend," who for some mysterious reason has refused to talk to me for two and a half years. Our friendship lies lost in a gaping void for no apparent reason.

# LOCAL CHAOS

by Gara Gillentine: [www.sarabluesky.com](http://www.sarabluesky.com)



A few minutes later, a gleaming red SUV drove up and parked in front of the vehicle that the above mentioned woman had gotten out of. A man and a little girl got out and she immediately began skipping and running with the wind in a joyous fashion. The man opened the passenger door on his side and leaned in as if to get a baby out of a car seat, but then he just stood there a second and closed the door. As he walked to the front of the vehicle, the girl had decidedly headed for the mall entrance because she saw the woman (mentioned above) standing in the doorway. She was about to run across the road, when the man spoke to her as if to warn her to look for cars. She stopped for a second, then ran across.

The man was following her and was almost across to the curb when suddenly a small boy, who looked to be around 8, came from inbetween the two SUVs and into my view. He was using a walker and was struggling to make his way. He moved slowly on his bent legs and walked on the tips of his shoes. The man glanced back a couple of times, but kept up his eager pace until he got to the doorway.

Now, the man, the woman, and the girl were at the doorway together talking with each other as the girl jumped around excitedly. The little boy was now at the curb and slowly trying to manipulate the step up. The "family" walked inside of the mall and the dad then pushed back on the door to hold it open as if he'd forgotten that someone else was coming in. It took a several seconds more for the boy to finally make it up to and through the door.

The image of three of the family members inside the mall and the way the man had walked completely away from the boy leaving him isolated left me feeling confused and further disillusioned with most people in general and the current state of our government in particular.

"Pull-yourself-up-by-your-bootstraps," "I'm the decider," and "it's hard work" were all shout-ing at once. Where is love, respect, compassion, concern, and care in these remarks? Certainly not in the scene I witnessed!

That gaping void is forever etched into my mind.

## BLUES FESTIVAL ROUNDUP

Compiled by Scott Barretta

If you're reading this, you're probably not up in Chicago, where the Mississippi Development Authority's Tourism Division is sponsoring the "Mississippi Juke Joint Stage" at the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual **Chicago Blues Festival** (June 8—11). Artists on the stage include Clarksdale's James "Super Chikan" Johnson and the "Mississippi Round Robin," featuring acoustic bluesmen Louis "Gearshifter" Youngblood, Ben Wiley Payton, and Terry "Harmonica" Bean, with Oxford's Swarthy Menace serving as MC. Super Chikan will also be appearing as a folk artist, displaying his "Chikantar" instruments fashioned from Army surplus gas cans, while Water Valley's MacArthur Chism will be working wonders with bottle caps.

About a month ago Bentonia's Jimmy "Duck" Holmes celebrated the release of his debut CD *Back to Bentonia* on the new Broke and Hungry label out of St. Louis. On Saturday **June 10** he'll be presiding over the 34<sup>th</sup> annual **Bentonia Blues Festival** [bentoniablues.com], which starts at noon in downtown Bentonia, where Holmes runs the fifty year-old juke joint the Blue Front Café. Also appearing at the free event are Lightnin' Boy Malcolm from Jimbo Mathus' band and Bentonia harmonica player Bud Spires, who'll be featuring special guest "Sabrina, five year old harp master."

Bentonia, located on Highway 49 between Jackson and Yazoo City, is well-known in the blues world as the home of blues pioneer Skip James, who was managed by Oxford's Dick Waterman back in the '60s. James' typically eerie style recently received broader attention when it was featured in the film *Ghost World*, in which the character played by Thora Birch becomes entranced with James' 1930 recording of *Devil Got My Woman*. His music was also central to Wim Wenders' film *Soul of a Man*, which featured covers of James' songs by Lucinda Williams, Jon Spencer, Alvin Youngblood Hart.

For many years blues fans regarded James' style as idiosyncratic, but research by Dr. David Evans uncovered the fact that several others played in the same style, namely Henry Stuckey and Jack Owens. Although Jimmy "Duck" Holmes never met James, who died in 1969, he studied for many years under Owens, whose front porch concerts were treasured by blues fans from around the world until his death at 93 in 1997. On Back to Bentonia Holmes continues the tradition, and is backed on several tracks by Spires, who accompanied Owens for many years, and drummer Sam Carr.

The heat slows down the festival season after early June, but a welcome addition to the calendar is the first annual **North Mississippi Hill Country Picnic**, held in Potts Camp east of Holly Springs on **Monday July 3**. The festival is the brainchild of guitarist/vocalist Kenny Brown, a resident of Potts Camp who played guitar with Hill Country elder R.L. Burnside for decades. According to Brown, the impetus for the festival was the fact that Hill Country music has become famous worldwide over the last decade or so, but back home can still mostly only be heard at scattered venues.

The festival will be held at a beautiful 1100 acre site in Potts Camp just south of Route 78 off of Highway 349, and features an astoundingly good lineup. Already announced are **Duwayne Burnside & the Mississippi Mafia**, the **Kenny Brown Band**, **Burnside Exploration**, "T Model" Ford, David Kimbrough, Cary Hudson, the **Rising Star Fife and Drum Band**, **Robert Belfour**, **Jimbo Mathus & Knockdown South**, and soul-blues legend **Bobby Rush**, who made a cameo appearance at Othar Turner's picnic a couple years back.

The festival is run by the recently established non-profit organization North MS Hill Country Picnic, Inc. The festival will begin at noon, with admission of \$15 and \$5 for coolers—no glass please! Food will be available on-site, including North Mississippi favorite barbecued goat. For more information on the festival visit [www.nmshillcountrypicnic.webhop.net](http://www.nmshillcountrypicnic.webhop.net)

# Television

by Max Bishop Hipp [max\\_hipp@hotmail.com](mailto:max_hipp@hotmail.com)

Sydney was kneeling in front of his television. He'd been playing video games for hours when the groaning and creaking began. The television started rising almost imperceptibly, but soon a quarter of an inch became an inch, then a half-foot. A chill shot through him because he'd seen so many programs about poltergeists, he thought his television possessed. He dropped the video game controller and backed away.


The television was anchored to the VCR, the DVD player, the stereo receiver, the stereo speakers, the game console and controllers. It knocked Sydney's movies off the TV table onto the carpet. Two feet off the table, the television caught on all the wires attached to its rear panel. It held at that height and banged against the wall like a cumbersome balloon. Sydney wished he could record this event, but he'd left the video camera plugged in and was afraid to get too close because he didn't fully understand electricity; he only knew enough to fear electrocution. With a great mammalian whine, the television rose higher, pulling the VCR, DVD player, video camera, and receiver with it. All of the components were dangling from their cables as the television rose and crashed against the ceiling.

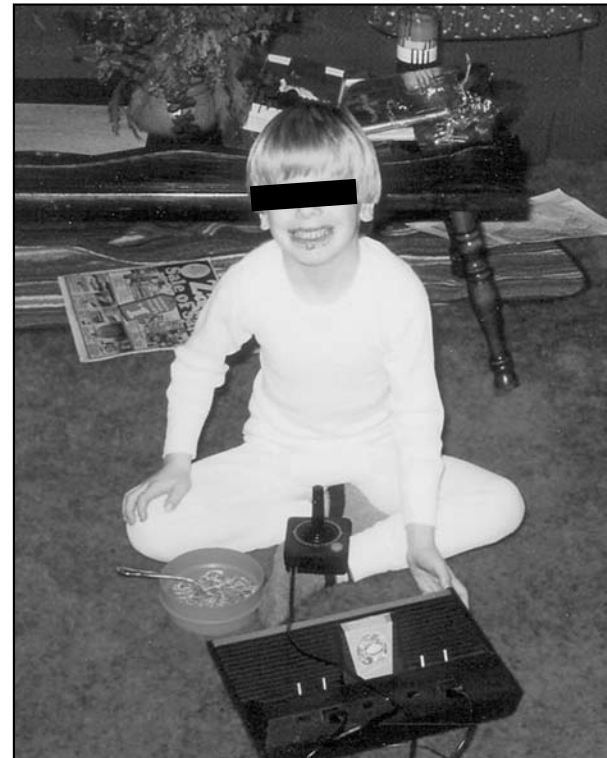
Sydney considered calling the police but he feared, if the television was rebelling against him, everything else with plugs and wires could be involved in the mutiny. The stereo speakers scooted along behind the nest of cables and plastic as the television moved into the hall.

Sydney followed the procession until it bumped against the kitchen door. The television began to slam violently against the door, the VCR and receiver dangling beneath it, flapping together like cheap wings.

After a few minutes, the wires suddenly hung slack. The television hovered there for three days while Sydney kept vigil. He placed screws and bits

of copper wire on a plate beneath it as offerings. On the third day the television let out a cry of desperation that was both familiar and pathetic. Sydney rushed to the television's aid and stood by helplessly as it crashed into the heavy wooden door again and again. Something shattered inside and it screamed.

Sydney loved his television and he'd learned, on some program, that if you love something, you must set it free, so he opened the door. The television rose buoyantly out into the yard, speakers dangling over the high weeds. Sydney's neighbor was in his underwear, watching his own television float away into the blue evening. Above the houses all over the subdivision, televisions rose in echelon into the sky. Sydney and his neighbors looked at each other with countenances of loss and desperation, for they knew that the Rapture had come and that God and the television were now one. 



# THE REBEL ROUSER

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## Ole Miss Rebel Tennis Stars Earn All-America Honors

UNIVERSITY, MISS. (OMSI) - Ole Miss men's tennis players Erling Tveit and Eric Claesson earned ITA All-America honors for the 2006 season. The pair became the 18th and 19th All-America selections for the Rebels.

"Being named All-America is one of the greatest honors a student-athlete can achieve," head coach Billy Chadwick said. "Erling and Eric did a great job leading our young squad to the SEC West Championship and the NCAA Final 16. They are very deserving of this honor and everyone is excited about the prospects for next year."

Players earn ITA All-America honors in singles and/or doubles based on their final Fila National Ranking, advancement at the NCAA Championships and/or seeding at the NCAA Championships. The ITA All-America Team for men dates back to 1957.

Tveit, a sophomore from Oslo, Norway, earned the honor in both singles and doubles. He advanced to the NCAA Final Four in singles before losing to the eventual national champion. The 2006 ITA Southeast Region Player to Watch and an All-SEC first team selection, Tveit finished the year ranked No. 12 in singles with a 35-9 overall record, 18-4 in his first season at No. 1 singles.

Claesson, a junior from Bastad, Sweden, earned All-America honors in doubles. He teamed with Tveit to finish the season ranked No. 7 in the nation, and the pair was seeded No. 5-8 in the NCAA Doubles Championship. Claesson finished the year ranked No. 42 in singles with a team-leading 36-13 overall record, 16-5 at No. 2.

## Ole Miss Rebel Kyle Ellis Wins Mississippi Amateur Golf Title

CHOCTAW, MISS. (OMSI) - Ole Miss rising senior Kyle Ellis, of Senatobia, took home the 2006 Mississippi Amateur title on Sunday afternoon. It was the second title of the spring for Ellis, who also took home the top medalist honors at the South Alabama Spring Classic in March.

"It was a definitely a grind," said Ellis, who is majoring in Business at Ole Miss. "It's a good feeling to pull out the win. Two years ago I was leading down the stretch and gave it away, so I know it takes some time to win it. I felt like I was the favorite again, so to actually accomplish the win was great! This is definitely the biggest win of my career."

Ellis and Clay Homan of Starkville were tied at 13-under-par playing the 18th hole at Dancing Rabbit Golf Course. Ellis hit his approach to three feet, with a great birdie opportunity. Homan missed the green to the left. Homan had a delicate chip shot and left his third shot short of the green. Homan recorded a double bogey on the 18th hole, while Ellis sunk his three foot birdie putt to claim his first MS State Amateur Championship.

Ellis recorded all four rounds under par during the tournament recording three rounds of 69 and one round of 67.

"I am extremely proud of Kyle," said Ole Miss head coach Ernest Ross. "he won a college tournament for the first time and winning the state amateur will improve his confidence even more. He showed why he is the top player on our team right now."



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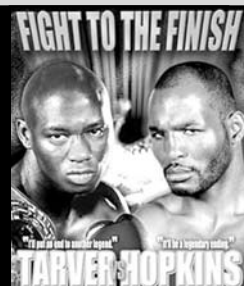


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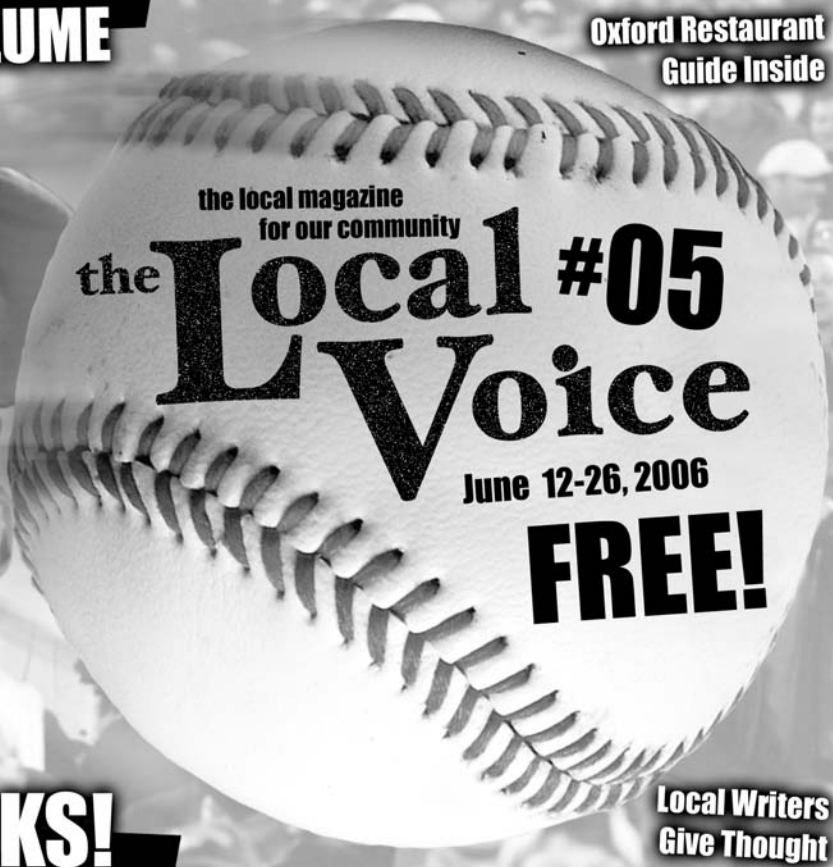
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