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Hoping for a better tomorrow



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Charles Milam rests while collecting valuables from his destroyed home on Clayton Avenue in Tupelo Tuesday. Milam, his wife and granddaughter were home at the time of the tornado. All survived.

BY LACEY RUSSELL
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Efforts to begin cleaning up areas that were affected by Monday's state-wide severe weather

er conditions were in full swing yesterday as thousands of volunteers and workers came together with one common goal: to restore peace and order within their communities.

In the city of Tupelo, ground

zero for the EF-3 tornadic activity was the historic residential community known by locals as the Joyner Neighborhood. Housing close to 1000 city residents who live in about 900 homes, much of the once charming and

quaint area now appears to be leveled and uninhabitable.

Despite the visible ailments that scar the community, the potent scent of freshly cut pine and

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Alumni Association forms council for LGBTQ alumni

BY MARY DANIEL SIMPSON
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A new alumni council for the LGBTQ community was formed by the University of Mississippi Alumni Association Executive Committee on April 10.

The Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender and Questioning Alumni and Friends Council is one of only three of its kind in the Southeastern Conference, according to Chancellor Dan Jones.

"Members of our LGBTQ community recently requested from our alumni association an opportunity to form a new affinity group for LGBTQ alumni, just as we have a black alumni group, as a symbol that the association is intentional about welcoming them," Jones said regarding the formation of the council.

Tim Walsh, executive director of Alumni Affairs, said that when he was approached with the idea, he immediately felt it was the right time to form the

council since the LGBTQ is another segment of the population that needed a formal structure to help members feel welcome on campus.

Jones was pleased by the "rapid, positive response" from the alumni board of directors.

University Director of Public Relations Danny Blanton released a statement about the formation of the new council.

"The University of Mississippi has a very diverse alumni, and we are committed to celebrating the differences of

our university community and to fostering an environment of inclusivity, civility and respect," the statement read. "The formation of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender and Questioning Alumni and Friends Council by the university's Alumni Association Executive Committee is a reflection of that commitment to inclusivity and an atmosphere of tolerance."

The "commitment to inclusivity and an atmosphere of tolerance" Blanton refers to

is felt by gay alumnus Tread Strickland. Strickland recently visited campus with his husband with apprehension of how they would be greeted because of their sexual orientation and marital status.

"I had read the national news about the incident at the Matthew Shepherd play and also the recent approval by the legislature of the Religious Protection bill," Strickland said.

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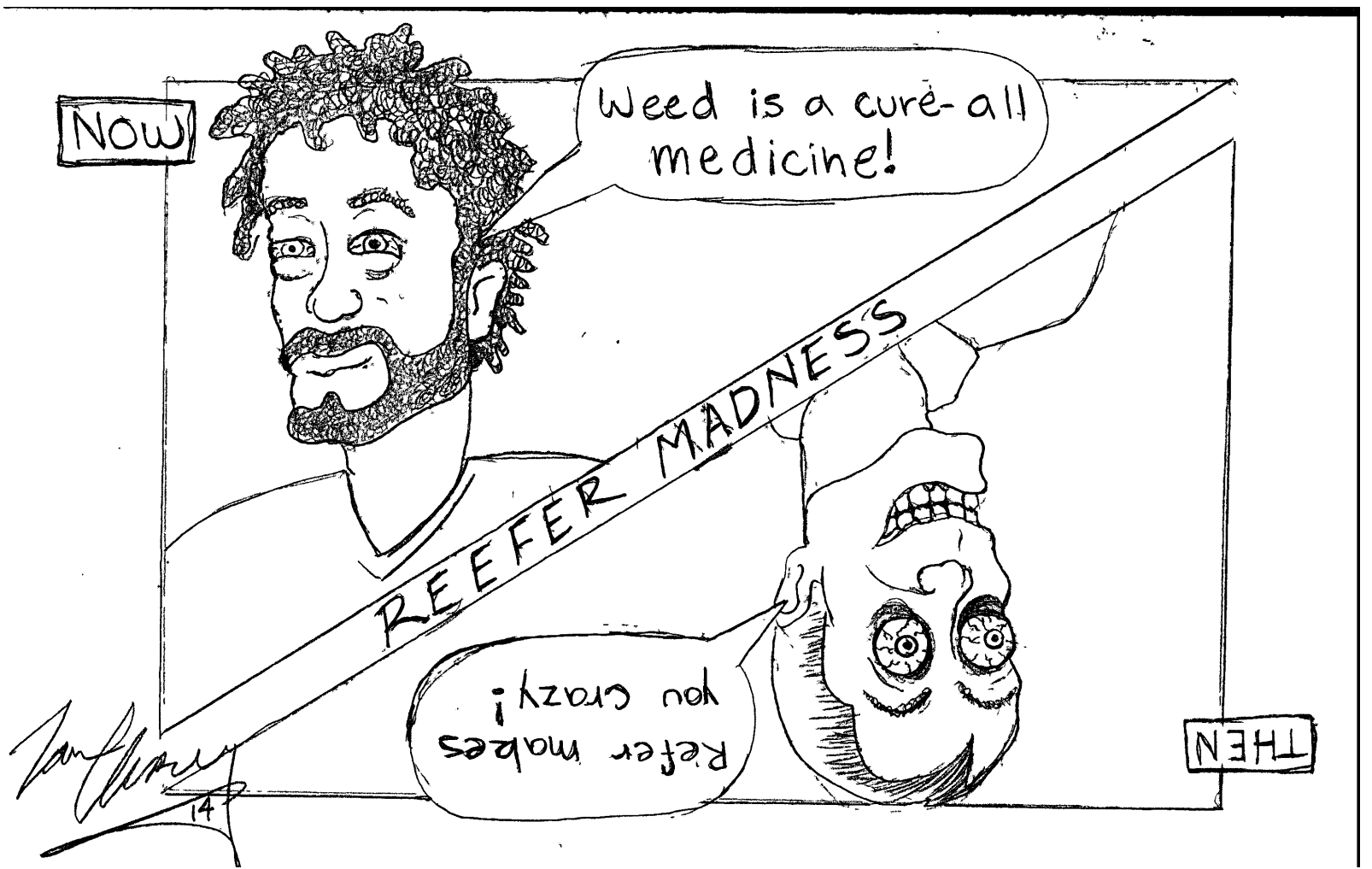
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Farewell from Trenton Winford



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I have spent some time contemplating how I wanted to end my writing career for The Daily Mississippian.

I had friends suggest that I write a column for my fellow graduates, similar to my letter to the freshmen from last fall. Others recommended that I simply reminisce about my time being employed by the student newspaper.

Ole Miss has provided me with a number of experiences that I will never forget. Most of those experiences have been great. Some have not.

I have had professors who I swear are the best of any college in the world. I have had others that appeared as though they did not even care to learn my name.

I have taken courses filled with material that I will hold on to and use throughout my professional career. I have had others that I do not even remember taking, much less the information that was taught.

I wrote paper after paper for some of my classes. I wrote my name on a single test in others.

I have had classmates with whom I forged great friendships. I have had others that may only remember me as that guy who had to sit in the top right corner, if they remember me at all.

I have had days where I sat in the Grove on fresh green grass under the sun. I have had others where I nearly lost my umbrella and wound up soaking wet.

I joined organizations in which I was extremely active, even entering leadership roles. I joined others that never even contacted me or hosted a meeting.

I had a unique experience here at Ole Miss.

I may never find anyone

else that took the exact same courses, joined the exact same organizations and enjoyed the exact same things. However, I know that just about everyone can likely relate to the experiences written above.

For those of you who are finishing your final classes, I encourage you to remember what brought you here in the first place and what got you to where you are today. Take care not to forget what has made you who you are.

For those of you who still have one or ten semesters to go, I encourage you to really take in the experiences you have had and will have while you are here. Do not let them pass you by.

Ole Miss is here for each of you to get the most out of her that you can. She is here for you to make your own, different from the person beside you.

We do not love Ole Miss because it is the same for everyone. We love Ole Miss because it was individually perfect for each of us.

I write this as I approach a time when I must regretfully terminate my tenure at The University of Mississippi, but I know that I will never truly graduate from Ole Miss.

Trenton Winford is a senior public policy leadership major from Madison.

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Out of bounds reaction by the NBA



BY WHITNEY GREER
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Donald Sterling, owner of the NBA team the Los Angeles Clippers, has been under intensive scrutiny and criticism since his ex-mistress Vanessa Stiviano, who had recorded Sterling making racist remarks, released over 100 hours of audiotapes of his comments to news agency TMZ.

While Sterling is undoubtedly in the wrong with requesting his girlfriend refrain from "broadcast(ing) that you're associating with black people," as the tapes reveal, there are several central problems with the melee of rhetoric that has been surrounding this incident since it's entrance into the mainstream's consciousness.

Firstly, the NBA has very limited legal options in this situation, as the Clippers is a private business, and it cannot simply be confiscated from

Sterling. Secondly, the comments made by Sterling are not the first time he's faced backlash for his racism, nor are they the most important manifestation of said racism. Thirdly, Stiviano, who is both Sterling's ex-mistress and almost 50 years his junior, recorded and released the tapes within California which has a two-party law, meaning that it is illegal to record someone there without their knowledge and consent.

The NBA is an association of private businesses, the respective teams, and it has its own constitution and bylaws. These documents govern the powers of the NBA commissioner, as well as discern what punishment can be meted out in an instance such as this. It is of worth to note that both of these governing documents of the NBA are privately held and have never been made public; however, they reportedly use limited language and are tailored to address predominantly financial matters, rendering applying them in this situation difficult.

There is severe and justified doubt as to whether Sterling's team, which he rightfully owns, could forcibly be taken from him. What can be done is the imposition of a fine and a suspension from games and managerial activities.

While a fine would be well received, fellow NBA team owners are already hinting at resisting suspending Sterling, as it would set a precedent for suspension based off of, technically, no wrongdoing. It's vital to remember that Sterling did not actually commit a crime, but rather offended the majority of the country and embarrassed the league while utilizing his right to freedom of speech.

Sterling has a history of offensive behavior. However, some of it has been far more tangibly harmful than his recent comments.

In 2009, Sterling paid \$2.3 million to the U.S Justice Department to settle a suit on allegations that his real estate companies in the Los Angeles area discriminated against blacks, Hispanics and families

with children in their renting policies. Several years early, he paid a record breaking 5 million dollars to settle a similar case.

Sterling victimized minorities and those in poverty by withholding quality housing or decent rental agreements out of elitism and pure racism and did so multiple times as his court record shows.

But yet, stating he doesn't want his mistress to be associating with black people is what fires up mainstream media?

Sterling has been in the wrong in both his business policies and personal beliefs; however, why is that the more menial of the two gets the most attention?

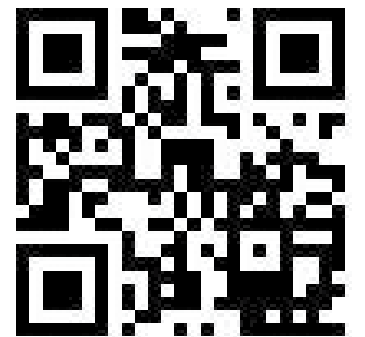
Sterling's personal views on race are discouraging and abominable, but they should not garner more scorn than subtle, but more impacting, discrimination.

Instances of tangibly harmful racism, such as Sterling's real estate schemes, should be combated and illuminated on an equal level as offensive but ultimately empty statements.

Sterling will maintain his racist views regardless of how the NBA chooses to punish him or how the court of public opinion views him.

Thus as a community, we should channel our efforts towards ensuring people like Sterling are not in positions of power, or at the least not allowed to transform their misguided beliefs into harmful actions. Clearly, any manifestation of racism should not be tolerated, but let us prioritize what forms of this social disease we focus the majority of our energies upon.

Whitney Greer is a sophomore English major from Medford, Ore.



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ASB approves Flex raffle for students, proceeds to benefit food bank

BY ALLISON SLUSHER
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The Associated Student Body passed a resolution Tuesday establishing a monthly raffle to give students a chance to win extra Flex money.

Former Sen. Kate Aspinwall and Sen. Pearce Crosland presented the resolution, and the senate unanimously voted to approve it.

The resolution stated that \$1 raffle tickets will be sold at the ASB-sponsored Let's Talk Booth, located in the Student Union, with a drawing at the end of each month beginning in the fall.

The resolution also explains that the raffle winner will win \$100 worth of Flex money. According to the resolution, ASB will give businesses, organizations and other groups the option to sponsor the money. If there are no sponsors, the money will come from the first \$100 collected in the previous month's raffle.

Crosland said he helped write the resolution after his constituents approached him about raising the amount of Flex dollars given to students.

"We had a bunch of other students ask if we could implement a bill that gave them more Flex," Crosland said. "That would require a whole bunch of different things, so what we decided to do after talking to contractual services and Aramark was (to) sell tickets and raffle it off; that way they have the opportunity to get more Flex."

The resolution also states that the money collected from



Vice President Emerson George counts votes during a Senate meeting.

the raffle will be given to the Ole Miss Food Bank.

Aspinwall said she and Crosland originally wrote the resolution to help students obtain more Flex money but knew they always wanted to donate the earnings to charity.

"We knew we kind of wanted to donate the money to some charity because we knew

there would be proceeds, and we obviously didn't want to just sit on that," Aspinwall said. "We didn't really know what charity we were going to give it to at first, but then we talked to the head of Aramark when we were discussing if this would be feasible, and he mentioned donating it to the Ole Miss Food Bank since Flex kind of has to do with food, and he's really passionate about that; he thought that would be a really great charity and also benefits the

Ole Miss students and community."

Sen. Natalie Truong said she thinks that the raffle will also help the student body connect with the ASB.

"I think it will get (the students) more involved in what is going on on campus," Truong said. "Right now, they don't even stop by the table as much as we would like, so having them come by and buy a raffle ticket, we can talk to them and see their opinion and see what is going on."

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determined to face the problems in a way that I am not sure much of Mississippi is willing to do."

Jones sympathized with this sentiment when he said that the formation of this group is a sign of a healthy community.

"I see positive signs that there is a great leadership and people that want to have a civil conversation about making progress," Jones said.

Strickland felt that the formation of the alumni council "made it clear that we are not alone."

"I feel so proud that there are alumni like myself who want to help make life better for not only gay students at Ole Miss, but also all students who might feel afraid of being themselves for fear of disapproval," Strickland said.

Although this society was originally intended for alumni, their long-term goal includes targeting students as well. Walsh recognizes that no future plans are definite because the society is new and still forming.

"We are still in the process of getting alumni to identify and register with the group," Walsh said.

However, Walsh said that the council intends to aid in the student recruitment and student mentoring processes.

Walsh hopes that a more short-term goal of the LGBTQ Alumni and Friends Council could be to help make the Lavender Graduation Ceremony, recognizing graduating LGBTQ students, a success next year.

Strickland said he hopes the council can one day provide "support in a financial and mentoring way to make Ole Miss as wonderful as it can possibly be."

Alumni and friends or graduating students who wish to be a part of the group can email Tim Walsh at tim@olemiss.edu.

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(*) Indicates that the ceremony will be held on Friday, May 9, 2014.



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School of Applied Sciences	Manning Center	11:00 a.m.	Gold/Yellow	Mailed to all graduates	Farley Hall	sas.olemiss.edu
Bachelor of General Studies (BGS)	Jackson Avenue Center	11:30 a.m.	Black	Mailed to all graduates	Thad Cochran Research Center/Natural Products	olemiss.edu/generalstudies
School of Business Administration	Tad Smith Coliseum	11:00 a.m.	Drab	Pick up in Holman 244, May 1-9 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Union Plaza	olemissbusiness.com
FRI. *Doctoral Hooding	Ford Center	7:30 p.m.		Pick up in Ford Center lobby upon arrival	Faser Hall	olemiss.edu/gradsch001
School of Education	The Grove	11:00 a.m.	Light Blue	Will receive during exit interview	Natural Products/Thad Cochran Research Center	education.olemiss.edu
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School of Engineering	Lyceum Circle	11:00 a.m.	Orange	Will be handed out as graduates line up for procession	Lamar Hall	engineering.olemiss.edu
<i>Inclement Weather:</i>	<i>Fulton Chapel</i>	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>				
FRI. *Honors College	Ford Center	4:00 p.m.	N/A	N/A	N/A	honors.olemiss.edu
School of Journalism and New Media	Ford Center	2:30 p.m.	Crimson	Receive during line-up at Ford Center	Farley Hall	mEEK.olemiss.edu
School of Law	The Grove	11:00 a.m.	Purple	Will receive prior to ceremony	E.F. Yerby Center	law.olemiss.edu
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College of Liberal Arts	Tad Smith Coliseum	2:30 p.m.	White	Distributed by the College of Liberal Arts	Ventress Hall	olemiss.edu/libarts
College of Liberal Arts - Master's Degree	Fulton Chapel	11:00 a.m.	White	Distributed by the College of Liberal Arts	Ventress Hall	olemiss.edu/libarts
<i>Inclement Weather:</i>	<i>Nutt Auditorium</i>	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>				
School of Pharmacy	Manning Center	2:30 p.m.	Green	Reader cards will not be distributed. Graduates will be instructed to line up in alpha order.	E.F. Yerby Center	pharmacy.olemiss.edu

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Ryan Humphries

B.A. IN BIOCHEMISTRY

"Domain-specific Probes for Calcium Binding to Neural Cadherin"
Directed by Dr. Susan Pedigo

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Brad Alexander Gordon

B.A. IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

"Nostalgia and the Myth of 'Old Russia': Russian Émigrés in Interwar Paris and Their Legacy in Contemporary Russia"
Directed by Dr. Joshua First

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Max Shumake

B.A. IN PSYCHOLOGY

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SENIOR HONORS THESIS PRESENTATION

Shelby Grady

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SENIOR HONORS THESIS PRESENTATION

Dakota Gilbert

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"An Investigation into Polyiodination of Activated Benzene Derivatives with Electrophilic Aromatic Substitution Reactions"
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magnolia trees along with the constant buzzing of chainsaws provide the people of the neighborhood with an increasing hope for a better tomorrow.

When Joyner resident and local real estate agent Wesley Webb first caught news that a tornado warning had been issued for Lee County, his immediate reaction was to leave his Clayton Avenue home and find safety.

“When I left here I didn’t think it was going to be that bad,” Webb said. “You don’t ever think it’s going to be you.”

Webb said calls from concerned family and friends immediately ensued when the warning was lifted. When he tried to travel back to his residence, he was unable to gain access to the necessary roads.

When he finally saw what

was left of his house, he could not believe his eyes. The once erect structure now sat in a number of pieces.

“There’s no way they would have survived,” said Webb’s family friend, James Beasley. “No matter where they would have been in the house, they wouldn’t have survived it.”

While some Joyner residents like Webb were able to avoid the tornado’s line of fire by taking cover in alternate locations, many hunkered down for safety in small interior rooms within their homes.

Local body shop owner Chuck Free, his wife Lauren and their five-year-old son Levi were among the residents to ride out the severe weather until it passed through the area.

“We got in the closet and prayed it away,” Lauren Free said. “It just devastated our house. It was horrible.”

Before the storm, a number of massive trees were scat-

tered throughout the Free family’s front and back yards. Following the disaster, not one of these 100-year-old giants still stood.

“A lot of people had said before that (a tornado) sounds like a train coming through,” Chuck Free said. “I didn’t hear a thing until the trees came through. All I heard was a pop from the trees cracking.”

“What I remember hearing is the sound of the trees landing on our house, and the limbs shooting through our roof. I heard that,” Lauren Free said. “Then with all the rain coming through the holes, it sounded like a waterfall in our living room.”

Lauren Free admitted to being in full shock while the unstoppable damage was occurring to her home. Her young son Levi shared the same feelings of panic and fear.

“He was screaming,” she said. “At one point he said,

‘I’m brave. I’m brave.’ And then he asked if we could start praying. When it was over, he didn’t even want to leave the closet. He was too scared to come out.

“He held on to me for quite some time afterwards just following me around the house. He wouldn’t let me go. He went around the rest of the day just saying, ‘I can’t believe it. I can’t believe it.’ I don’t think he’ll forget this experience.”

When the storm cleared and the Free family was able to fully inspect the irreversible damage that had been done, Lauren Free said what she saw was something she never expected.

“This is something like out of a movie,” she said. “I never expected something like this to happen. You never think it’s going to happen to you. It’s unbelievable.”

Though the Joyner neighborhood is still in vast disarray, members of the com-

munity are quickly working together to provide relief to the affected area’s families.

“It’s bad that it takes something this catastrophic to bring folks together, but that’s something you don’t see very often,” said Tommy Beasley, volunteer and life-long Tupelo resident. “They’re giving away free food up here to people helping and everything. You don’t usually see something like this in Tupelo, and for everybody to just come together to help, that means a whole lot.”

In the weeks to come, all residents of Tupelo’s Joyner Neighborhood plan to continue their group effort in cleaning up and repairing the place they call home.

“I’ve been here for a month now in this community and they’re amazing,” Lauren Free said. “They’re friendly. Everybody is so warm and welcoming and just wants to help. They have such a strong desire to help.”



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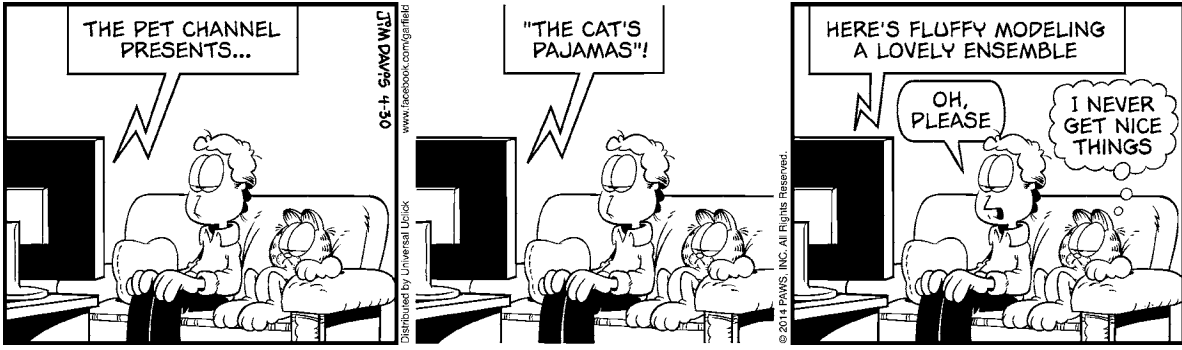
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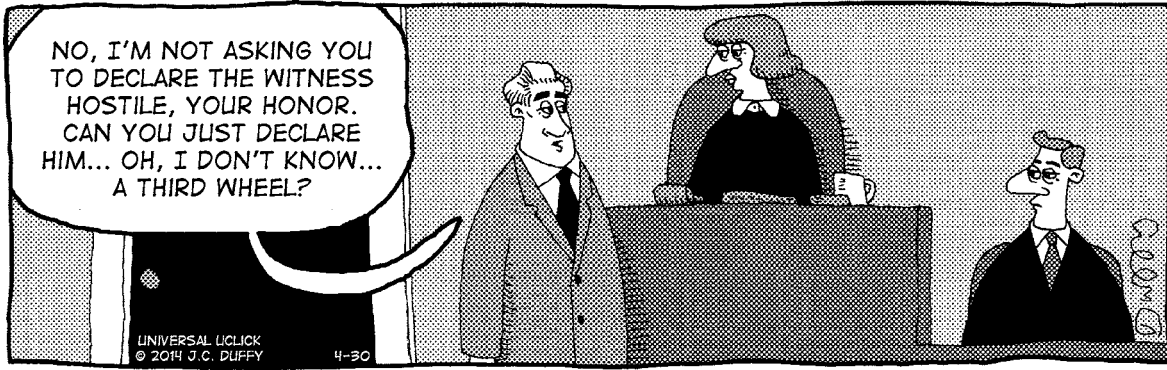
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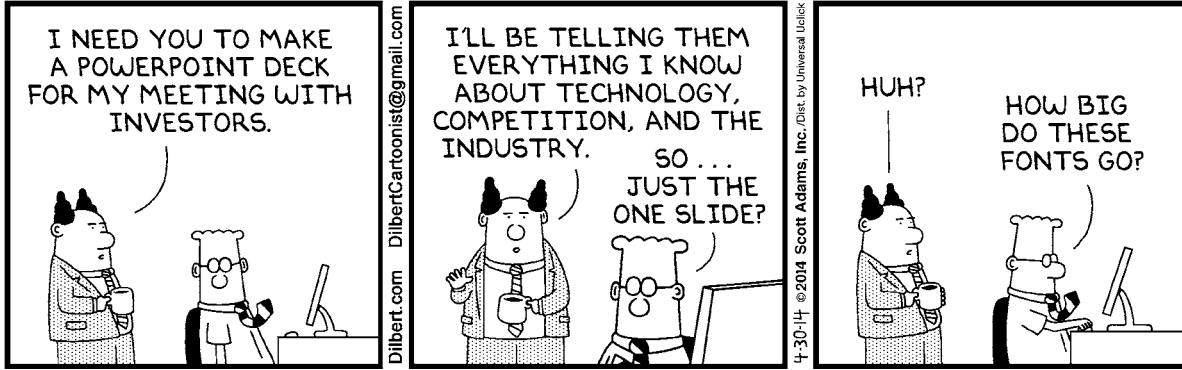
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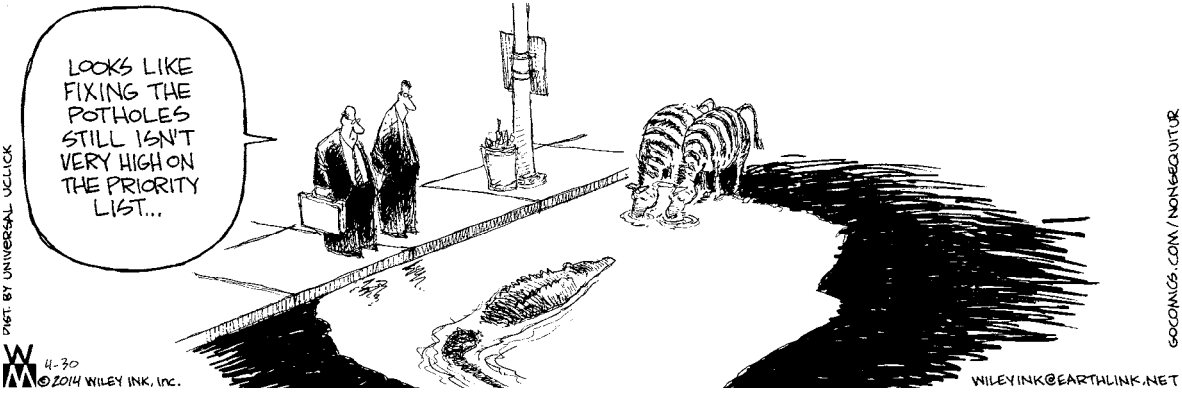
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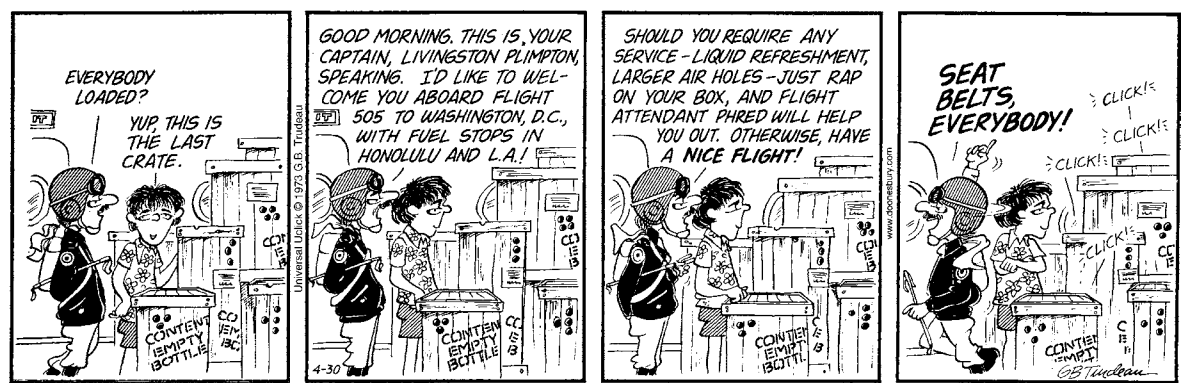
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‘Natchez Burning’ at Off Square Books

BY SAMANTHA ABERNATHY
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New York Times bestselling author Greg Iles will be showcasing and signing his new book, “Natchez Burning,” which was released Tuesday, tonight at Off Square Books.

Iles has visited the city before for a book signing of his first novel, “Spandau Phoenix.”

“I’ve been a Greg Iles fan for a long time,” said Johnny Livingston, an Oxford resident. “His novels are truly something else. I usually read them more than once, and I try to get my wife to read them as well, but she likes more romantic novels. Although, she did say she will come with me to the book signing.”

Born in Germany, Iles grew up in Natchez, and he graduated from Ole Miss in 1983. While attending Ole Miss, Greg lived in the cabin where William Faulkner and his brothers listened to countless stories told by “Mammy Callie,” their beloved nanny, who had been born a slave. Iles wrote his first novel in 1993, a thriller about Nazi war criminal Rudolf Hess, which became the first of 12 New York Times bestsellers, as stated on Iles’ own website.

“He has been a very good friend to us and our audience,” Square Books bookseller Teresa Spears said. “We are very excited to see him again and know that this will be a big event.”

Oxford is the second stop on Iles’ 24-stop nationwide book tour. The tour began Tuesday in Jackson, at the Lemuria Bookstore. During his tour, Iles will visit Arizona, South Carolina and Florida, and he will see many of his

literary fans.

“I am actually a really big fan of Greg Iles,” Oxford visitor Morgan Stacy said. “His books are so entertaining to me and always keep me on the edge of my seat. I will definitely be at the book signing and even some of my friends from Yazoo will be coming to attend.”

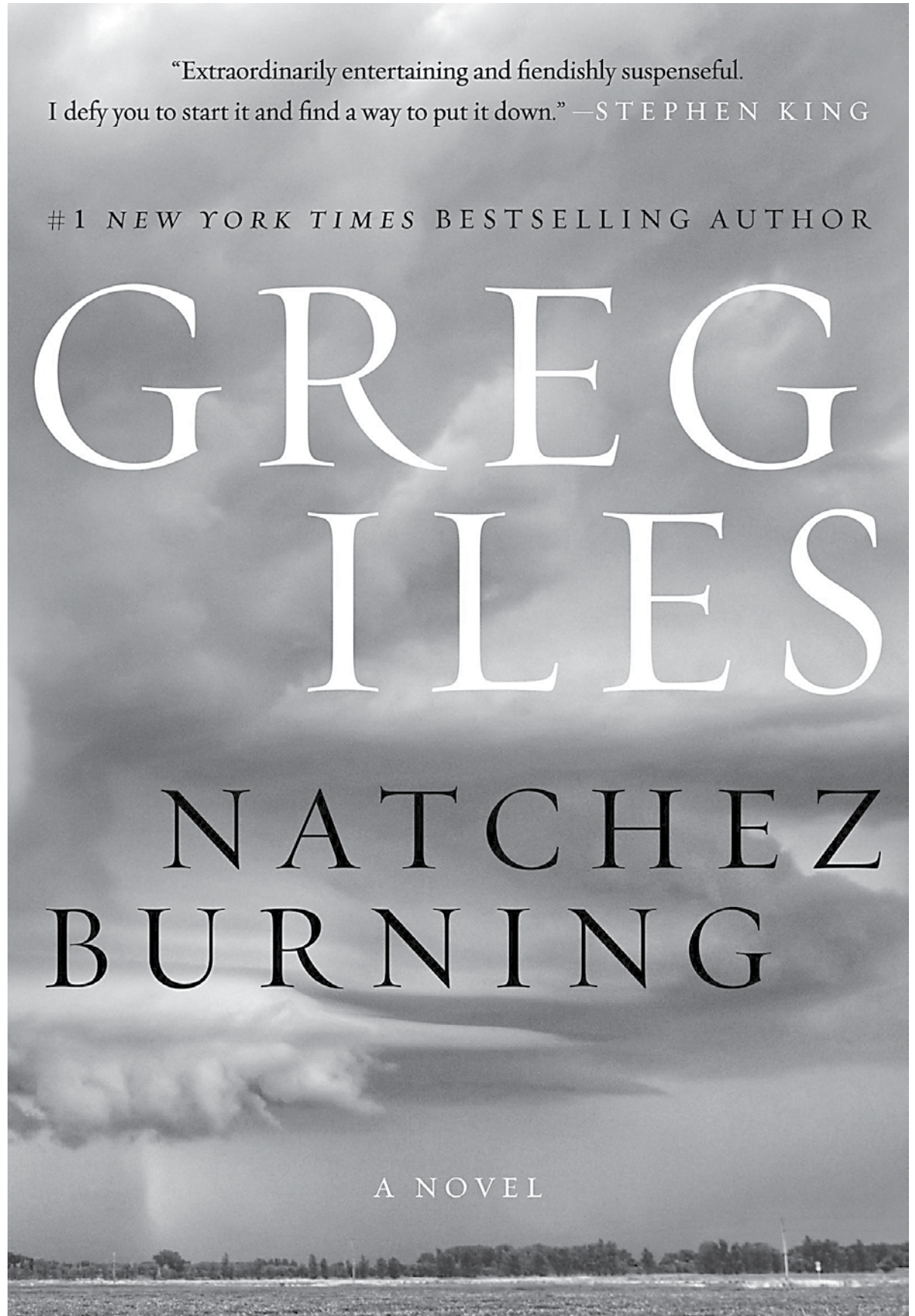
According to Square Books’ website, “Natchez Burning” is the “first installment in an epic trilogy that weaves crimes, lies and secrets, past and present, into a mesmerizing thriller featuring Southern mayor and former prosecutor Penn Cage,” and is highly anticipated.

Known for his crime driven, action-packed novels, “Natchez Burning” is just as driven as Iles’s other novels in this genre, and his Mississippi heritage seemingly offers him a helping boost of fans in Oxford.

“His books sell very well at our store,” Spears said. “Our clientele loves supporting local novelists, and Greg Iles is definitely a fan favorite.”

Square Books’ signings are a part of the Square Books experience and bring in visitors by the carload. Greg Iles’s book signing will be no different.

At 5:30 tonight, the book signing will begin with a reception that allows the guest to “mingle and chat amongst themselves” and enjoy the literary atmosphere that the store offers. After the reception, Iles will read an excerpt from his book. Later, he will answer questions and sign copies for his fans. Everyone is welcome to join Off Square Books tonight as it celebrates a beloved Mississippi novelists.



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Jenny Trout

B.ACCY. IN ACCOUNTANCY
“*Fraudsters, Churches, Economy, and the Expectations Gap: Applying Trends of Occupational Fraud to an Assurance Engagement Team Plan and Fraud-Prevention Client Proposal*”
Directed by Dr. Victoria Dickinson
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Elizabeth Carroll

B.ACCY. IN ACCOUNTANCY
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SENIOR HONORS THESIS PRESENTATION

Daria Schwartz

B.A. IN ENGLISH
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Rachel Crim

B.A. IN PHYSICS
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SENIOR HONORS THESIS PRESENTATION

William Steward

B.A. IN BIOLOGY
“*An Evaluation of Soil Extracellular Enzyme Activity in Response to Burning as a Forest Restoration Technique*”
Directed by Dr. Colin Jackson
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Motoring as a pastime

BY MATTHEW BISHOP
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Exams are right around the corner, and hopefully you have been studying for countless hours, cooped up in the library or in your small apartment.

Well, it's time for a study break.

So, what do you do?

Sure, you could re-watch all those "Breaking Bad" episodes on Netflix or check the life-sucking websites Facebook and Twitter. Or, even worse, you could Snapchat.

But, your eyes are already as bloodshot as Lindsay Lohan's on a Sunday morning, so, looking at a computer screen even longer isn't the best idea.

And, trust me, your friends aren't doing anything interesting, and they already see your face enough; I promise they haven't forgotten what you look like.

However, sitting outside your studio apartment is a big, unwashed piece of equipment that you use every day. It's called a car and, believe it or not, it can be used for more than just going from point A to point B. It can actually be a source of entertainment and enjoyment.

It's time to go motoring, or driving for the enjoyment of driving.

Soon after the advent of the automobile, people started using their cars for more than just the daily commute. Cars such as the Stutz Bearcat and hot-rodded model A's are evidence of this.

Too often people get fancy sports cars, not for their motoring prowess, but because they are "cute" or it makes



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them feel like a badass.

I'm not saying those are bad reasons to own a sports car. It just shouldn't be your only reason. A lot of engineering went into designing the car's performance features, and you paid a lot of money for them, so why not use them?

But, you don't need a Corvette to enjoy an afternoon drive. You can even enjoy it with the 1993 Corolla that you inherited from your Great Aunt Martha.

It's not necessarily about the car, it is about the experience of driving.

Willie Nelson's "On the Road Again" speaks to the qualities of a nice drive.

You don't have to be going

anywhere in particular. Turn the GPS off and let the road take you where it will. It's not about going from point A to point B, but going from point A to point Wherever You End Up.

You'll soon forget about the stress of exams and everyday life because when you are on the road, those things don't matter.

Sometimes it helps to live in the present and not regret the past or worry about the future. With the open road, it's all about the present.

To paraphrase Willie Nelson: You may even see some things you'll never see again.

I bet you didn't even know that the largest oak barrel in

the world is on Highway 6, just a few minutes away from Oxford.

And, here's a shocker, there are other towns in the United States other than Oxford. Some of them even have historic squares and amazing restaurants. You don't even have to go that far.

Motoring can be even more enjoyable when you share it with someone you enjoy being with.

For the majority of my short career as an automotive journalist, I have used the same photographer, Susie. When Susie and I go on test drives we drive around for hours, looking for the perfect place to take a picture.

Sharing the test drives with her has not only been some of the best memories of my college years but of my life. I may not remember the exact car we were driving, but I do remember our conversations and laughter.

When you are driving with somebody, you also have someone to act as the DJ and be the human radar detector — very important jobs. Plus, you need someone to take your picture in front of the largest oak barrel in the world. Otherwise, no one will believe you. Trust me.

So what are you waiting for?

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Diamond Rebs return to Swayze to face Southern Miss

BY DYLAN RUBINO
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After four games on the road and more than a week off from playing at Swayze, the Rebels (33-12, 13-8 Southeastern Conference) return home on Wednesday to face Southern Miss.

The game on Wednesday marks the final home mid-week contest of the season, and first pitch is slated at 6:30 p.m.

With the neutral site loss to Mississippi State and the weekend sweep against Kentucky on the road, the Rebels climbed in the rankings in the National College Baseball Writers Association from 18th to 15th. But, the Rebels fell in the USA Today coaches poll from 13th to 16th.

The Rebels continued to prove that they are one of the best offensive teams in the country by scoring 39 runs in three games against Kentucky.

With his strong performance over the past week, junior outfielder Austin Bousfield was named the player

of the week by the National College Baseball Writers Association. Bousfield also collected the honor of Southeastern Conference Player of the Week. Bousfield hit for an astounding .714 batting average for the series against Kentucky. He went 10-14 batting over the weekend, which includes four doubles and a home run.

If the regular season ended right this moment, the Rebels would be the 3-seed in the Southeastern Conference tournament, behind Florida and Alabama. The Rebels can make a big leap in the conference and national rankings by taking care of business against Southern Miss and picking up quality wins against their next two SEC opponents in Arkansas and Georgia.

The two teams above Ole Miss in the SEC standings, Alabama and Florida, play each other this weekend in a three-game series, which could help the Rebels move up in the SEC standings.

Southern Miss enters the



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Junior Austin Bousfield hits the ball during a game against LSU April 17. Bousfield was recently named SEC Player of the Week as well as the National College Baseball Writers Association Offensive Player of the Week.

match with a 26-19 overall record, going 14-7 in Conference USA play. The Golden Eagles as a team hold a .243 overall batting average and the pitching staff holds a

3.60 ERA.

After the contest against Southern Miss, the Rebels will begin a weekend series at home on Friday against Arkansas. The Rebels will then

have four days off and face Georgia at home in their last home series of the year.

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A look into the Donald Sterling debacle

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On Saturday, April 26, Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling received one heck of an 80th birthday present from his girlfriend, Vanessa Stiviano.

Sterling and Stiviano engaged in an argument in regards to a photo she posted on her Instagram which showed Stiviano and global icon Magic Johnson.

Now, who would want to argue about getting a picture taken with Magic Johnson?

Apparently, Donald Sterling does.

TMZ Sports released an audio recording of this conversation in which Sterling tells Stiviano, "It bothers me that you want to broadcast that you're associating with black people."

Happy Birthday Donald.

What does that tell you?

Donald Sterling is not an NBA owner. He's not deserving of being one of the 30 owners in one of the most profitable leagues in the world. Instead, he sounds like a hypocrite considering his team is constructed of only two white players.

Now, this is not the first time that Sterling has made racial comments towards his companions. Let's take a look at some of his racial claims after he bought the franchise in 1981.

1983 - Paul Phipps, the Clippers' general manager at the time, said Sterling used "the N-word" in an impromptu interview with prospective Clippers' coaching candidate Rollie Massimino.

2001 - Sterling was sued by the city of Santa Monica after he threatened to evict eight tenants who were living under rent control.

2003 - The Housing Rights Center and a group of people



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Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling, center, and V. Stiviano, left, watch the Clippers play the Los Angeles Lakers during an NBA preseason basketball game in Los Angeles.

that lived in Sterling's properties filed a lawsuit against him for using discriminatory statements towards him. He would pay nearly \$5 million in a settlement.

2004 - Hispanic woman Elisheba Sabi sued Sterling for refusing to accept her voucher to rent an apartment.

2009 - Former Clippers' general manager Elgin Baylor filed a lawsuit against Sterling for more racial discrimination. He accused Sterling of having a "vision of a Southern plantation type structure" for the team,

with "poor black kids from the South playing for a white coach."

2011 - Former Clippers' point guard Baron Davis said Sterling would heckle him by shouting mean comments during Clipper home games, where Sterling would sit on the floor.

And, here we are now.

At a press conference yesterday afternoon, NBA Commissioner Adam Silver dropped the hammer on Sterling after banning him for life from the NBA and fining him \$2.5 million.

(Deep breath)

I just breathed a sigh of relief.

Enough is enough. This man has no place in the NBA after his long track record of inappropriate and racial commentary.

Yesterday was a monumental day in the history of the NBA.

Adam Silver made his biggest splash in just three months of being commissioner, as the league will seek a three-fourths vote from the NBA owners to remove Sterling as the owner of the Clip-

pers.

Notice, I haven't even mentioned how wonderful the NBA Playoffs have been with seven games already going to overtime.

The NBA and the Clippers can now heal and move on to the best first round of the playoffs in recent memory.

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