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Greetings:

THE STENNIS INSTITUTE WEBSITE has been redesigned. Among the items of interest in the PUBLICATIONS- Policy and Research section is a report on the IMPACT OF S.B. 3098 ON MUNICIPAL SALES TAX DIVERSIONS. This report and others are online at:
<http://www.msgovt.org/policy.html>.

SOME CITIES ON THE COAST ARE CONSIDERING GOING TO SMARTCODE - So what is SmartCode anyway? Find it out at:
www.placemakers.com.

RURAL COLLEGES SEEK NEW EDGE AND URBANIZE - And so a new concept of the college campus is taking root: a small city in the country that is not reserved for only the young. Read more at http://www.nytimes.com/2007/02/07/education/07campus.html?_r=1&oref=slogin

LOITERING TEENAGERS - Businesses complain to law enforcement them. To drive them away, some retailers play classical music, or even Barry Manilow. Now comes the MOSQUITO. More details and links at:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Mosquito.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT is long term. The Balance Agriculture with Industry (BAWI) program was created in the thirties, but it was not until the mid-sixties that nonagricultural employment exceeded agricultural employment in Mississippi. For more info about the roots of economic development and the BAWI program check out:
<http://mshistory.k12.ms.us/features/feature52/economic.htm>.

ANOTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SCORECARD is out. Find out what grade Mississippi - and every other state received - received at
<http://cfed.org/focus.m?parentid=34&siteid=2346&id=2346>.

CALENDAR:

February 12, Noon - Stennis/Capitol Press Corps Luncheon, George Street Grocery, Senator Tommy Robertson, Chair, Mississippi Senate Finance Committee, Speaker. Cost is \$12.00 inclusive (includes buffet, dessert, and tip).

CONTACTS: Bobby Harrison - Tupelo Daily Journal 601-353-3119 or Philip S. Pierce - Stennis Institute of Government - 601-331-1326.

February 20, NOON - Mississippi Economic Forum, The University Club, AmSouth Building, 22nd Floor Jackson, Senator Sam Brownback, United States Senator from Kansas. COST: \$20 - Cash or check. Please make checks payable to: The Mississippi Economic Forum.

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February 26-28 – Mississippi Delta Women's Leadership Conference, Delta State University, Gail Sheehy Keynote speaker. More info at <http://www.deltastate.edu/pages/1073.asp?item=2228>.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT -

“Don't it always seem to go
That you don't know what you've got
Till it's gone
They paved paradise
And put up a parking lot.” – Joni Mitchell (Big Yellow Taxi)

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