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Greetings:

WANT TO BUY A MISSISSIPPI TOWN? Actually, it's an unincorporated community with an unelected mayor, but the "downtown" is on the market. Details at:

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,294426,00.html>

SMART GROWTH is a concept that is getting a lot of attention, pro and con, around the country and especially on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Here are links to two perspectives on the subject and the Smart Growth Website:

Conventional Zoning vs. the SmartCode -
<http://www.smartcodecentral.com/about.html>

"Smart-Growth" Opportunities Are Dumb for African-Americans, by Wendell Cox, The Heartland Institute -
<http://www.heartland.org/Article.cfm?artId=21952>

Smart Growth Network Web site - www.smartgrowth.org

CAN A CITY PROHIBIT PICKUPS? Find out what happened when the Coral Gables Pickup Truck Case hit the courts -
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/09/03/AR2007090301145.html>.

LOOKING FOR DATA - State & Local Sourcebook is Governing's authoritative compendium of data on the states and the largest U.S. municipalities - and for the first time it's only available online. Check it out at
<http://sourcebook.governing.com>.

WEBSITES OF STATEWIDE CANDIDATES

Governor: www.Eaves2007.com www.HaleyBarbour.com
Lt. Governor: www.Jamie2007.com www.philbryant.com
Attorney General: www.JimHood07.com www.AlforAG.com
Secretary of State: www.voterobsmith.com
www.DelbertHosemann.com
Auditor: www.ToddBrand.com www.StaceyPickering.com
www.SumrallforAuditor.com
Treasurer: <http://www.msdemocrat.net>
www.TreasurerTatereeves.com
Insurance Commissioner: www.Anderson07.com
www.Chaney07.com

Agriculture Commissioner: www.RickeyCole.com
<http://votelesterspell.com>

www.RileyForAgriculture.com

(NOTE: Diligent effort was made to verify the authenticity of the above sites, but such is not guaranteed.)

BUZZWORD BINGO - Can your next meeting get to its end without someone using "empowerment," "strategy" or "accountability?" These are buzzwords and can pop up because many, if not most, meetings are boring and contain little thinking. Liven up your next meeting with a game of Buzzword Bingo. Bob Behn tells you how at <http://www.ksg.harvard.edu/TheBehnReport/August2007.pdf>

CALENDAR -

September 17: STENNIS/CAPITOL PRESS LUNCHEON, The Capital Club, 19th Floor, 125 South Congress Street, Jackson, MS. Program begins at NOON; arrive at 11:45 a.m. for buffet. Cost is \$15.00 - Cash or Check (Please make checks payable to: The Capital Club).

SPEAKERS:

Gary Anderson- Democratic Candidate for Commissioner of Insurance

Mike Chaney - Republican Candidate for Commissioner of Insurance

October 9: MISSISSIPPI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL SEMINAR SERIES, 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Denney's Restaurant, Jackson. CATCHING THE TAILWIND -THE GROWING AEROSPACE INDUSTRY IN MISSISSIPPI presented by George Freeland, CECD, Incoming President of MEDC and Executive Director of the Jackson County Economic Development Foundation.

\$30 per person / lunch included / limited space / please register by Thursday, October 4.

Details at www.medic.ms.

October 17-19: MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPAL LEAGUE SMALL TOWN CONFERENCE, Silver Moon, Philadelphia, MS. Details at <http://www.mmlonline.com/newstory.asp?id=31>.

November 6: GENERAL ELECTIONS - Polls open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:

"It is folly to punish your neighbor by fire when you live next door."
- Publilius Syrus
