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Greetings:

There are so many items on the calendar in the near future that we will begin this issue of CONNECTIONS there.

Next Monday, September 8, will be the first of three Stennis-Capitol Press Luncheons featuring candidates for the Mississippi Supreme Court. Monday's speakers will be Northern District Mississippi Supreme Court Candidates Gene Barton, Ann Hannaford Lamar, David Chandler and Charles 'Chuck' Easley. The luncheons are open to the public, however advance registration is required. For more info, and to register, go to <http://stenniscapitolpress.wordpress.com/>

On Tuesday, September 9, the Mississippi Economic Development Council offers a seminar on "Wetlands: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly." It will be from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in Jackson. Details at [www.medc.ms](http://www.medc.ms).

The New South Economic Development Course will be held September 21-26 in Gulfport. Check out the brochure at:  
[http://www.usm.edu/profdev\\_edoutreach/NewSouthBrocFall08.pdf](http://www.usm.edu/profdev_edoutreach/NewSouthBrocFall08.pdf)

September 23-24 is the date for Mississippi State's Leadership Summit, which features General Colin Powell, USA (Ret.) and a host of Mississippi business leaders. Details can be found at:  
<http://www.aoce.msstate.edu/summit>

ENERGY DRIVEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT is the theme of the Southern Economic Development Council Annual Conference in Hot Springs, Virginia, October 4-7. More info at:  
<http://www.sedc.org/annualconference08.pdf>

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Greater Starkville Development Partnership selects Jon Maynard as its new CEO.  
Details at

[http://www.cdispatch.com/articles/2008/09/02/local\\_news/area\\_news/area01.txt](http://www.cdispatch.com/articles/2008/09/02/local_news/area_news/area01.txt).

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LEE COUNTY/MARCHBANKS HELPING HAND TUITION GUARANTEE PROGRAM. The program, which is the first county sponsored program of its kind in the State of Mississippi, is designed to guarantee fully paid tuition for four regular semesters of instruction for Lee County residents attending Itawamba Community College. Read about it at:

[http://www.cdfms.org/cdf/media\\_room/press\\_8\\_22\\_2008-Tuition.cfm](http://www.cdfms.org/cdf/media_room/press_8_22_2008-Tuition.cfm)

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BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW that the Educational Resources page of the Stennis Institute Web site has OVER 100 LINKS to everything from historic speeches to congressional records to state constitutions to current events. The site includes a complete collection of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's fireside chats, the text of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, and many links to lesson plans for US. history and government. It's on the Web at:

<http://www.sig.msstate.edu/eduresources.html>.

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THIS DAY (September 3) IN HISTORY (1783) - The American Revolution officially came to an end when representatives of the United States, Great Britain, Spain and France signed the Treaty of Paris. The signing signified America's status as a free nation, as Britain formally recognized the independence of its 13 former American colonies.

Source: <http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history.do?action=VideoArticle&id=5315>

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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:

"The strength of the nation derives from the integrity of the home."  
- Confucius

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