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### NEWS BRIEFS

#### MERIDIAN

**DRUG SWEEP UNDER WAY:** A six-month investigation by the East Mississippi Drug Task Force has resulted in 17 arrests and more to come, authorities say. In addition, two people were held Thursday for questioning. Lauderdale County Sheriff Billy Solie said.

Solie said task force agents began making arrests after lunch Wednesday. Suspects were taken to the Lauderdale County Detention Facility for booking. The sheriff said the roundup continued Thursday and 15 to 20 additional arrests were possible before the weekend. All the charges stem from possession and sales of cocaine, crack cocaine, marijuana and marijuana.

#### OCEAN SPRINGS

**HEART FAILURE DEATH:** An autopsy has determined Ocean Springs Police Lt. Scott Johnson, son of the late Lt. Scott Johnson, died of heart failure. Jackson County Sheriff Mike Ford said. Johnson, 30, was found dead in his car Monday afternoon by the brother, Lt. Kenneth Johnson of the Pascagoula Police Department on Tuesday night. Their father is Chief Alan Johnson. Funeral services are 11 a.m. today at Huddar-Wells Funeral Home in Moss Point.

#### MATCHEZ

**PROJECT COMPLETE:** State transportation and local officials on Thursday marked the completion of the \$3.8 million, 11.8-mile, 84-foot-deep project between Washington and Brookhaven. "This route is a major link between the two communities," said James Williams of the Adams County office of the Mississippi Department of Transportation. "This gives us an average of 100,000 and it was many years in the making."

#### MONROE COUNTY

**FATAL ACCIDENT:** A Monroe County man died in a two-vehicle wreck near his home north of Aberdeen. James Jones, 36, was pronounced dead at the scene Wednesday night. Monroe County Coroner Alan Barber said. Authorities said Jones' 1993 Honda overturned after leaving McAllister Road.



Showing their spirit

Stephanie Lander (left), a University of Mississippi freshman from Spain, helps Mike Lander, a sophomore from Ohio, and Jonathan, from Brazil, work on a homeworker banner on Thursday in Oxford. When Lander, the banner will be hung in front of Miller Gym on the Ole Miss campus. The Ole Miss Rebels play their homecoming game, Saturday against Middle Tennessee State University.

## Attorney: Correct jail violations

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### PASCAGOULA

A private right attorney says Jackson County is in violation of state law in its use of extra inmates in the local jail. Jackson lawyer Ron Wick was responding to a request from the state for clarification of the county's validation of the jail, most that involve overcrowding in the county jail.



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## \$37M hospital expansion to begin

### OXFORD

Health Memorial Hospital North Mississippi is set to begin a \$37 million building expansion that includes a new emergency room, surgical suite and expansion to other clinical areas. "This is the highest level investment hospital has ever made in this facility," said Jim VanderSteg, hospital administrator.

The investment is expected to be completed in about 18 months, VanderSteg said. The certificate of need, which represents official approval of the project, was issued about a week ago by the state Department of Health. The new emergency room will have 13 patient rooms that will be similar to those in the existing ER. In addition, it will have two "trauma" rooms that are subdivided for use by two emergency rooms. The full project, a three-story wing, will include an outpatient surgery area, new operating rooms, a central sterile area and two new labs for heart diagnostic procedures.

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# HOCKEY SEASON STARTS TODAY!

2001-2002 HOME SCHEDULE	
10/19	Friday - Mississippi
10/20	Saturday - Lubbock
10/26	Friday - Madison
10/27	Saturday - New Orleans
11/2	Friday - Mobile
11/3	Saturday - New Orleans
11/7	Wednesday - South Carolina
11/9	Friday - Arkansas
11/10	Saturday - Baton Rouge
11/14	Wednesday - Baton Rouge
11/15	Thursday - Baton Rouge
11/18	Sunday - Pensacola
11/19	Monday - Pensacola
11/21	Wednesday - Baton Rouge
11/24	Saturday - Arkansas
11/25	Sunday - Arkansas
11/28	Wednesday - Mississippi
11/29	Thursday - Memphis
12/2	Sunday - Madison
12/3	Monday - Madison
12/7	Friday - Pensacola
12/8	Saturday - Pensacola
12/10	Monday - Arkansas
1/1	Friday - Mississippi
1/5	Monday - Baton Rouge
1/6	Tuesday - Baton Rouge
1/12	Saturday - Pensacola
1/13	Sunday - Pensacola
1/15	Monday - Louisiana
1/16	Tuesday - Louisiana
1/17	Wednesday - Mississippi
1/20	Saturday - Arkansas
1/21	Sunday - Arkansas
1/22	Monday - Pensacola
1/23	Tuesday - Pensacola
1/27	Saturday - Louisiana



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