

Dear Gov. Musgrove:

As I discussed with Lee Ann Mayo by phone, I'd like to ask you to consider being the subject for *The Clarion-Ledger's* "Sunday Morning With" interview for **Sunday, Dec. 14. Please answer these questions in as much detail as you like and return them to me by e-mail by Wednesday, Dec. 10 at noon.** My e-mail address is ssalter@jackson.gannett.com. The questions will not be reproduced, only your answers. This interview is all your words, so choose them carefully and have fun. The tone should be conversational. My direct phone is 601-961-7084. Thanks for allowing us to feature you in the "Sunday Morning With" series.

If I didn't ask you a question on a topic you wish to discuss, just freelance an answer and I'll edit it in.

We need your age and place of birth for this piece

Cordially,
Sid Salter

Gov. Ronnie Musgrove

1) What excites you most about Mississippi?

2) What confounds you most about Mississippi?

3) What are your memories of the early years of your political career?

4) Money? What does it mean to you?

5) Your most vivid memories of childhood? Lessons from your parents and grandparents?

6) You grew up in a rural home of modest means, yet you came to occupy the Governor's Mansion. What was the roadmap to that growth and success in your life?

7) You have two wonderful children What does your relationship with your children mean to you?

8)What is the greatest problem confronting Mississippi today?

9) The shining moment of your career in politics has been what? The worst mistake of your career has been what? Hardest lesson learned?

10) What do you think your re-election bid was unsuccessful? In hindsight, would you have campaigned differently?

11) How do you rate your term as governor? Highs, lows, successes, failures?

13) As the outgoing governor, what's the most pressing problem facing state government and the new administration? What does the Legislature need to do to help solve those problems? What's your sense of Barbour and his ability to lead?

14) Talk about poverty in Mississippi and the role of public education at all levels in addressing that malady? How have you made that problem better as governor?

15) Who are your heroes? Whom do you seek to emulate?

16) Do you have regrets from your terms as governor, personal or professional?

17) What's next for you? Do you plan to return to Batesville and practice law, or do you have other plans?

18) What part does faith play in your life?

19) Talk about the Nissan project. What is your vision of this enterprise in 20 years?

20) Is it possible for a governor to lead the Legislature, or does the governor necessarily occupy an adversarial role?

21) Did the Democratic Party help you to the extent necessary for you to win re-election?
Can a Democratic gubernatorial candidate be successful without increased party help?

22) Are you a Democrat in your heart, or are you as you suggested in your campaign more “conservative and independent?”

23) On the tenth anniversary of gaming in Mississippi, what has been the impact? Good?
Bad?

24) How does Mississippi go about improving the quality of jobs for our citizens? As the garment factories of the 1960s give way to Nissan and Howard Industries, how do we best provide opportunities for blue-collar Mississippians to better themselves?

25) Did the media treat you fairly during your term in office?

26) Marriage and family have been casualties in many gubernatorial administrations in the last three decades in Mississippi. What advice do you offer Mr. Barbour regarding life in the fishbowl of the Mansion?

27) Best part about being governor? Worst part about being governor?

28) Any future political plans?

