GOVERNOR'S DAILY NEWS SUMMARY

Saturday - Monday, December 21 - 23, 2002

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Scandal forces Lott out as GOP leader in Senate

Resignation draws variety of reactions

Jobs, funds for Miss. at risk

Public relations strategy fails

Miss. delegation: Right decision made

Opinions divided on senator's record

Miss. businesses face uncertain future without Lott clout

Lott fallout could have effect on state politics

Colleagues, president respect, support decision to step down

Tenn.'s Frist gains support needed to lock in top post

Dems will test unity of GOP leadership

Lott move applauded by black Americans

Refusal by Bush to defend senator helped seal his fate

State's black leaders miss opportunity for progress

Lott's record

After the storm, Newton counts blessings

Newton starts picking up the pieces in aftermath of storm

Former assistant secretary of state abducted, escapes

Ex-governor praised for ed reforms

'Lalee' inspires shower of support

<u>U.S. economy grew 4% in summer but worries persist</u> Editorials

Lott: Senator has much to prove on race The 'W': Sports programs are expendable

Mississippi sent post-storm crews



Lott spectacle deals state a blow, too

GOP's Southern legacy rocky

Pledge to minorities will be watched

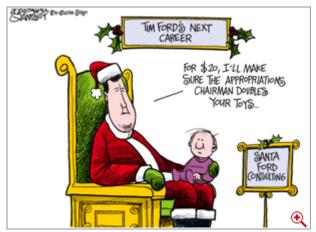
Absence of personal popularity in D.C. furthered Lott's demise

Lott controversy gets teens talking

MUW name change advised

Trip to mansion holiday dream

'Bear market clawed everyone' this year



Editorials

Education reform: Mississippi has unfinished business

GOP: Lott exposes political vulnerability

Sen. Lott's actions prove he works for 'all' constituents

Sen. Lott should resign as leader

Country needs leaders like Sen. Lott

Lott owes state apology for blunder

Lott's comment 'out of context'

Lott flap: Was it a slow news week?

Early childhood education failing

Alternate teaching program is working

Rep. Coleman heads National Black Caucus

Gov. Ronnie Musgrove: Holidays present opportunities for 'conspiracy of love'

Donald V. Adderton: GOP leaders must look to future

Bill Minor: Sen. Thad Cochran keeps low profile as state's senior senator

Time will tell senator's legacy

'I fell into their trap,' Lott says

GOP moves to limit damage of Lott furor

JPS to start new year with new schools

Telling truth at telecom lauded

New technology makes Miss. driver's licenses more secure

Waivers could put base at risk in future closings

250 lose jobs in Belmont closure

Sales for pre-holiday weekend good, not great

Editorials

Bad economics: Conseco bankruptcy forms triad And . . . Gov't not immune, given Star Wars Layzell: Ky. getting experienced educator

Melton putting himself in danger with anti-drug stand

Get 'em, Frank! It's long overdue!

Melton's example 'blessing' for state

Melton speaks truth; youth know it!

Melton's passion needed in drug war

Elderly at risk with records closeted

The Sun Herald Biloxi

It all comes down to money

Newton digs out from under tornado debris

Lott can turn tragedy to triumph

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lott'squickfall demonstratesneed todevelopall ofourtalents

Which way now? A fork in the road to Lott's legacy

Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal Tupelo

Reaction to Lott's resignation from state officials varied

EDITORIAL: Mississippi senator gives up majority leadership

N.E. Mississippians regret Lott's decision

M. SCOTT MORRIS: Embattled Mississippi senator desperately needs a friend

True Temper plans to expand in Amory

Belmont Homes to close

RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON: The South's GOP isn't about economics

LLOYD GRAY: Ford changed the role of House speaker

NORMA FIELDS: Fatal words render Lott ineffective

EDITORIAL: 1982 reform act remains a momentous state event

The Commercial Appeal Memphis, TN

Health agencies seek flexibility in spending

Ripped town takes stock, digs out

Editorial 12/23: State must confront TennCare crisis

Editorial 12/21: An American lesson in Trent Lott's trials

Hattiesburg American

Arriving alive a gift for all this season

Lott gave state many good years

Christians should be Democrats

Meridian Star

Russell puts himself on the line — Bynum

Ford sets race for speaker in motion — Cassreino

- Newton: A Christmas miracle
- A Lott lost
- State Farm: Hard row to hoe

Laurel Leader-Call

Now's time for Lott to prove he meant pledge to minorities

DeSoto Times Today Hernando

Officials: State lost a lot, but DeSoto projects still a go

MDOT study looks to make busy intersections safer

The Clarksdale Press Register

Money crunch persists for schools

Good can come from Lott chaos

Daily Times Leader West Point

Lott resigns Senate Majority Leader position 12/22

Where's the party in the 'two party'? 12/22

Vicksburg Post

The Bolivar Commercial Cleveland

Literacy Council notes progress

HOSEMANN: Throwing out the DUI cases

The Delta Democrat Times Greenville

Lott's decision saddens some

Richards: Leland schools seeing payoff after decade of hard work

Educational programs work to help inmates

Lott's action showed love for Magnolia

Ford told us what we knew all the time

Enterprise Journal McComb

Lott: 'Only myself to blame'

Lott's hometown none too happy

When included in polls, Hillary Clinton comes out on top

The Natchez Democrat

The Greenwood Commonwealth

MVSU accredited

Medicaid leaders: 'We need more flexibility'

Responses to Lott's decision vary

Legislative acts this session all 'tied to dollars'

If there was a trap, Lott set it himself

Change the name

GOP, not Democrats, pulled plug on Lott

Expendable athletes

School reform is work in progress

The Mississippi Press Pascagoula

Lack of support from GOP colleagues forces the issue

Locals react to Lott's decision

Lott loses clout, but can still deliver

Lotts resignation news rouses community leaders

The right decision for Lott, Mississippi

The Picayune Item

McCoy says he has votes for speaker post but uncertainty remains
Friede Goldman Offshore \$61M sale approved by bankruptcy judge

Starkville Daily News

The Daily Leader Brookhaven

State Farm agents monitor rate hike plan

Baker to challenge Moak in District 53 House race

An interesting two weeks; what's next?

The Daily Sentinel Star Grenada

Grenada plant tools up for Nissan

Hankins mill to close

Mississippi Business Journal

Magnolia Report

Stan Tiner: Political apartheid afflicts both parties 12/22

Frank Melton: Get ready for new MBN to fight bad guys 12/21

<u>SuperTalk's Paul Gallo Morning Diatribe: Racism for the Sake of Racism is WRONG!</u>

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DeSotoans support Lott 12/21

Media feeding frenzy around Lott's home 12/20

MSGOP Statement 12/21

Peggy Noonan: Rent by Trent - Why we mustn't cast our lot with Lott 12/20

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Probable New Senate Leader Has Tricky Relationship With Bush

Among Blacks, Mixed Feelings on Fall of Lott

Safire: Resigned to Quit

Herbert: The Other Trent Lotts

Fear of Economic Fallout in Senator's Hometown

Tornado Injures 60 in Mississippi

Republicans to Elect Frist

GOP Pins Future Hopes On Wooing Minorities

Civil Rights Groups Widen GOP Attack

Fla. Sen. Graham Weighs 2004 Bid

Lott Resigns as Senate GOP Leader

Lott Blames Self for Stepping Into 'Trap'

Louisiana stands to win some and lose some

In stunned hometown, shades of gray

Republicans hope they can finally stop squirming

Mississippi TV Stories

State Lawmakers Say 2003 Session Looks Bleak

MUW Could Become Welty University

Alcohol-Related Fatalities Down 30%

Lott Finally Talks

Can Lott Still Help Mississippi?

Trent's Move May Hurt Miss., Some Say

Magazine Names Local Woman 'Person of the Year'

Weekly Papers