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Lilly settles lawsuits
for anti-psychotic drug

Eli Lilly and Co. said Thursday it will settle about 18,000 additional lawsuits alleging the drugmaker did not adequately warn patients that its anti-psychotic medication Zyprexa carries a heightened risk of diabetes.

Lilly did not disclose the amount of the settlement but said in a statement it would take a fourth-quarter settlement charge that's not expected to exceed \$500 million.

The announcement follows a June 2005 settlement in which the Indianapolis-based company agreed to pay about \$700 million to resolve more than 8,000 similar lawsuits involving Zyprexa.

Lilly spokeswoman Tarra Ryker said that the new settlement covered more plaintiffs for less money because the 18,000 cases were less viable due to a 2003 Zyprexa labeling change, which addressed the drug's possible diabetes risk.

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FBI releases file on
former chief justice

The FBI's file on former Chief Justice William Rehnquist, made public more than a year after his death, indicates the Nixon and Reagan administrations enlisted its help in blunting criticism of him during confirmation hearings.

The file also offers insight into the hallucinations and other symptoms of withdrawal that Rehnquist suffered when he was taken off a prescription painkiller in 1981. A doctor was cited as saying that Rehnquist, an associate justice of the Supreme Court at the time, tried to escape the hospital in his pajamas and imagined that the CIA was plotting against him.

The FBI on Wednesday released 1,561 pages of documents on Rehnquist to The Associated Press, other news organizations and scholars in response to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act following Rehnquist's death in September 2005.

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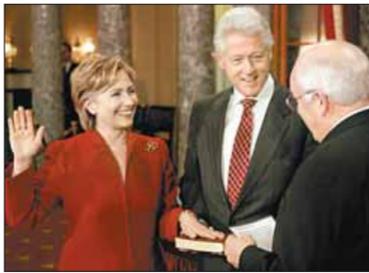
Bush names next
intelligence director

Retired Vice Adm. Mike McConnell, a veteran of more than 25 years in the intelligence field, will be named by President Bush to succeed John Negroponte as national intelligence director, a senior administration official said Thursday.

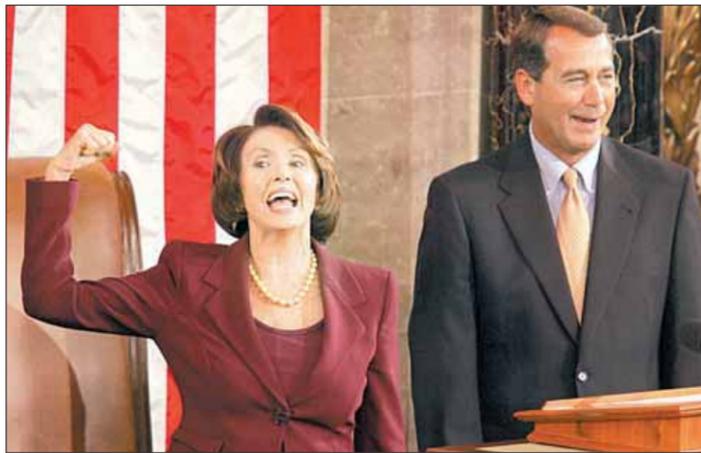
Negroponte will move to the State Department to become the No. 2 to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

The nominations of McConnell and Negroponte are expected to be announced by Bush yesterday.

The administration sought to dispel any suggestion that Negroponte's shift was a demotion.



A fresh start

Pelosi becomes first female speaker
as Democrats take control of House

Above: Newly elected speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi celebrates as Minority Leader John Boehner looks on in the U.S. Capitol in Washington on Thursday. Top left: Vice President Dick Cheney, right, listens to Sen. Edward Kennedy, Mass., Thursday on Capitol Hill. Top right: Cheney, right, administers the Senate oath to Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., as her husband, former President Bill Clinton, holds the Bible during a re-enactment swearing-in ceremony on Thursday.

By DAVID ESPO
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON

In a day of ceremony and historic change, Rep. Nancy Pelosi became the nation's first female House speaker on Thursday as Democrats eagerly took control of Congress for the final two years of President Bush's term.

"The Democrats are back," rejoiced Pelosi, and she immediately set the rank-and-file to work passing tougher ethics rules.

As is customary, the opening moments of the 110th Congress produced pledges of bipartisanship at both ends of the Capitol. Yet Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid signaled a new political order when they swiftly challenged Bush over the war in Iraq.

"No issue in our country is more important than finding an end to this intractable war," said Reid, D-Nev. "Completing the mission in Iraq is the president's job, and we will do everything in our power to ensure he fulfills it." Bush is expected to announce a revised strategy next week for the war, which has claimed the lives of more than 3,000 members of the U.S. armed forces.

The two houses convened at the stroke of noon, under Democratic control together for the first time since 1994.

That meant a return to power for men long used to wielding it. Liberals such as Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts and Rep. John Dingell of Michigan are committee chairmen again, for example.

And it brought reduced circumstances to others — no one more so than Rep. Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., just a member of the ranks after eight tumultuous years as speaker.

By custom, lawmakers brought their children to opening ceremonies in the House, and Pelosi swept into the chamber accompanied by her grandchildren.

Formality reigned, as always, in the Senate, where Vice President Dick Cheney administered the oath of office to 33 new and newly re-elected senators.

Former President Clinton watched as his wife, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, was sworn in for a second term from New York.

In a chance encounter, he dodged questions about her presidential ambitions. "I would like not to talk about it today," he said.

It fell to Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, the new House Republican leader, to hand the gavel — symbol of the speaker's authority — to Pelosi.

"Whether you're a Republican, Democrat or an independent, this is a cause for celebration," he said, noting her place in history.

"The Democrats
are back."Nancy Pelosi
Newly elected speaker
of the House

Family members visit Ford's grave site



AP PHOTO

Betty Ford is escorted by her son, Steven, left, and Maj. Gen. Guy Swan III as they arrive in Grand Rapids, Mich., for former President Gerald Ford's interment on Wednesday.

By JAMES PRICHARD
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GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.

Betty Ford and her family stopped at former President Gerald Ford's grave site on the Grand River for a few moments in private Thursday, a day after a stirring funeral and burial service.

Each family member touched a stone wall bearing the epitaph, "Lives Committed to God, Country and Love," and the names Gerald and Betty Ford.

A short time later, the grounds of Ford's presidential museum were opened and dozens of visitors headed toward the burial site, which was cordoned off by a wrought-iron fence.

"Watching Mrs. Ford (at

Wednesday's burial service), it was kind of like she was everybody's mother here yesterday, or everybody's grandmother or great-grandmother," said Tom Hall, 63, who drove to the museum from Holland, Mich.

Ford was laid to rest late Wednesday as thousands of people lined nearby streets and bridges to catch a glimpse of history. There was a 21-gun salute and a fly-over by 21 F-15E fighter jets, and light applause broke out as one jet in a missing man formation suddenly flew straight up as its rear engine glowed.

The former president was also remembered at his family's long-time church, Grace Episcopal in East Grand Rapids, as a man not afraid to laugh, make tough deci-

sions or listen to the advice of his independent wife.

"You learn a lot about a man when you run against him for president, and you stand in his shoes and assume the responsibilities that he has borne so well," Jimmy Carter, Ford's successor, said during the Wednesday church service.

"I relished his sound advice," Carter said as his wife, Rosalynn Carter, cried. "I want to thank my predecessor for all he did to heal our land."

Betty Ford wiped away tears as she sat with the couple's four children and more than 300 dignitaries and family friends, including Vice President Dick Cheney and golfing legend Jack Nicklaus, an honorary pallbearer.

Baghdad bombs
kill 13, wound 25

Iraqis prepare to execute Saddam's co-defendants

By LAUREN FRAYER
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq

Twin car bombs killed 13 people Thursday in an upscale Baghdad neighborhood after a lull in violence during an Islamic holiday, and Iraq prepared to execute two of Saddam Hussein's co-defendants despite an inquiry into an unruly scene in the former dictator's execution chamber.

The explosions went off one after another at 10:30 a.m. in the Mansour neighborhood, setting fire to a gas station and incinerating at least a half-dozen cars. In addition to the dead, police said at least 25 people were wounded.

Firefighters sprayed streams of water on the wreckage as soldiers and civilians staggered around in a daze.

"What do they want from us? What do they want from us?" one Iraqi soldier asked, referring to those behind the blasts. Blood pooled among scattered containers for propane and kerosene, near where tea cups lay toppled on a blanket spread over wood crates.

A woman in a black Muslim veil sat weeping on a curb outside Yarmouk hospital, where victims were taken. The wounded lay on stretchers crowded into the hallway inside.

Mansour is a primarily Sunni neighborhood in western Baghdad. During Saddam's regime, it was home to the most elite Iraqi families; many international embassies remain there, though shuttered.

Maj. Gen. William B. Caldwell said this week there had been a downturn in violence during the four-day Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha, which began last weekend. Thursday was the first day after Eid for both Sunnis and Shiites. Caldwell acknowledged



AP PHOTO

Iraqi Shiites carry a hanged effigy of the executed dictator Saddam Hussein during a protest in Basra, Iraq, on Thursday. More than 1,500 demonstrators took to the streets in support of Saddam's execution.

the possibility that violence could surge again.

Police said 47 tortured bodies were found dumped across Baghdad on Thursday, up from 27 a day earlier. An American soldier was killed by small arms fire in western Baghdad, the military announced.

Despite the burgeoning row over Saddam's hanging as well as a call for restraint from the United Nations, Iraqi officials said Thursday they planned to execute two of the executed dictator's co-defendants in the coming days.

"Nobody can stop the carrying out of court verdicts," Sami al-Askari, an adviser to the prime minister, told the BBC's Arabic service. "The court's statute does not allow even the president of the republic or the prime minister to commute sentences, let alone grant a pardon. Therefore, no pressure can stop the executions."

Benefits of more troops
in Iraq yet to be explainedBy ROBERT BURNS
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON

If President Bush orders thousands more troops to Iraq, it could mean greater dependence on American forces and more U.S. casualties, with no assurance Iraqis themselves would avert all-out civil war.

As Bush considers a new war strategy, advocates of boosting U.S. troop levels argue that step is the surest solution, despite the higher costs and potential risks.

They say it is possible and affordable — and perhaps the last chance to rescue a war effort after more than four years and 3,000 deaths.

Yet to be explained is what could be achieved by adding several thousand U.S. troops to the roughly 140,000 in Iraq and how that move would affect a grueling guerrilla war that military strength alone, the Bush administration now acknowledges, cannot win.

The idea would be to use the extra forces to help create a measure of security in Baghdad, where sectarian and insurgent attacks occur almost daily. That means more raids with Iraqi forces to clear and hold certain neighborhoods.

If successful, this approach would be a first step toward creating conditions that would allow more effective use of economic

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reconstruction money and other job-creating efforts. That, in turn, would strengthen the prospects for political stability.

One option the U.S. military has proposed to Bush is a modest troop increase — perhaps 9,000 in the coming months, possibly followed by a similar addition in the summer. Most would go to Baghdad, the critical battleground; some could go to western Anbar province, the focal point of the Sunni insurgency.

No one questions U.S. military superiority, but some wonder about the effectiveness of a burst of new troops.

Sen. Jack Reed, who has visited Iraq numerous times, said in a telephone interview he is skeptical of sending more troops because he doubts the administration will make it part of a new, broader approach.

"Unless there is a comprehensive approach involving political decisions by the Iraqis, economic development and security, then it's not going to work," said Reed, D-R.I., and a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Anthony Cordesman, an Iraq watcher at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, wrote in an analysis this week that the argument over whether to send more troops misses a larger, more important point: finding a way to heal Iraq's political wounds and reversing the drift toward civil war.



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