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It is surprisingly different now that the Democrats have the House of Representatives and the Senate.”

-Benjamin Moster, 11



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A shooter kills five girls, ages 7-12, in an Amish school in Paradise, Pennsylvania. The shooter killed himself at the scene.

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North Korea performs a successful underground nuclear test. The UN voted to impose sanctions on North Korea as punishment for testing the bomb. North Korea rejected the resolution and walked out of the Security Council chamber.

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Former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein and two other defendants are sentenced to death by hanging. They were charged for brutal 1982 massacre in the Shiite town of Dujail.

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Democrats took control of both the House of Representatives and the Senate for the first time in a dozen years during the 2006 U.S. midterm elections. As a result, Democrat Nancy Pelosi was appointed as the first female Speaker of the House. President Bush and top Democrats quickly promised to get along despite a rancorous campaign.