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## Marines split on Rumsfeld leaving

One says the president should have kept the defense secretary on; the other looks forward to a new strategy.

**BY MARK ARSENAULT**  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

Two Marines from the same platoon, good friends and combat veterans of the Iraq war, split on President Bush's decision to replace Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, mirroring public opinion on the six-year tenure of the defense secretary.

Though 58 percent of American adults favor a "fundamentally different approach in Iraq," according to a national poll conducted shortly before the mid-term election, public opinion was more closely split on Rumsfeld. The survey by the national pollster Rasmussen Reports found that 43 percent said Rumsfeld should resign, and 36 percent disagreed.

Cormick Lynch, a 21-year-old Marine from South Kingstown,

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## State will review voter roll

The move comes on the same day a published report shows that nearly 5,000 dead people are among the state's registered voters.

**BY PAUL EDWARD PARKER**  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

The secretary of state's office ordered a copy of a federal list of dead people yesterday, the same day The Providence Journal published a story reporting that the paper had found nearly 5,000 registered voters from Rhode Island on the federal list.

The Journal had found 4,991 matches by comparing names and birthdates on the state's central voter registration list to the Social Security Administration's Death Master File. Since the

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## Suit over pollution settled

**BY MICHELLE J. LEE**  
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PROVIDENCE — For four years, homemaker Gina D'Ambra has had to close all the windows and quarantine herself at home because of air pollution from the Bradford Dyeing Association.

D'Ambra, whose backyard abuts the textile finishing plant in Westerly, said she developed a chronic cough her lung specialist couldn't cure. She also has to use air ionizers every day to purify

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### ELECTION 2006: THE FALLOUT

# Anger at his own party



THE PROVIDENCE JOURNAL / MARY MURPHY

Sen. Lincoln D. Chafee in his office following his news conference where he talked about his defeat to Democrat Sheldon Whitehouse in Tuesday's election. Chafee did not rule out a run for governor, or possibly leaving the Republican Party.

## Chafee blames the GOP's right wing for his defeat

**BY KATHERINE GREGG**  
JOURNAL STATE HOUSE BUREAU

PROVIDENCE — In his first interview since losing the Republican U.S. Senate seat that has been in his family for three decades, Lincoln D. Chafee yesterday said a lot of people had been coming up to him "and saying, 'We're sorry you lost, but glad the Congress switched'" from GOP to Democratic Party control.

Asked if deep down, despite his personal disappointment about the outcome of Tuesday's election, he felt the same way, Chafee looked into the TV cameras and said: "To be honest, yes."

"When you enact a divisive agenda, don't talk to the other side. I don't think that's good for the country," Chafee said. At least now, "I think the president is going to have to talk to the Democrats. I think that is going to be good for America."

But he admitted that on the most personal level, "losing is traumatic.... It's a kick in the guts ... mostly because you've vested so much time and energy.

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**SEN. LINCOLN D. CHAFEE**

some point; half-joked that he now has a house in Providence that would enable him to run for mayor there if an opening presents itself. He also left the door open, again, to possibly changing his party affiliation.

You hit the point of exhaustion and then boom, the numbers aren't there."

In a free-wheeling interview, a serene Chafee did not rule out a return to the political arena at the

He almost laughed when asked if it might have been helpful to him and other Republicans across the country if Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld had resigned before — rather than a day after — Tuesday's political tsunami.

Chafee, who so famously cast the only Republican vote against authorizing the Iraq war, never joined his opponent's call for Rumsfeld's resignation, saying the decision was the president's. Yesterday, he admitted wishing "it had happened two or three weeks earlier," but said he doubted "it would have

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## Deep political roots prepared Pelosi for her place in history

**BY BOB DART**  
COX NEWS SERVICE

BALTIMORE — A fire hydrant around the corner from the brick row house where Nancy Pelosi grew up is painted the green, white and red of the Italian flag.



AP / HARAZ N. GHANBARI

**Democratic House Leader Nancy Pelosi of California meets yesterday with reporters on Capitol Hill.**

It is here amid the cannoli and Chianti of Little Italy — not around the brie and chablis of her adopted San Francisco — that a politically precocious Catholic schoolgirl learned about elections and governing on the knee of her Democratic daddy, legendary Baltimore Mayor Thomas J. "Tommy the Elder" D'Alesandro.

It is those lessons that will guide the 66-year-old congresswoman likely to become the first female speaker of the House. The caricature of a loony California granola liberal that many Southern Republicans ran against — failing to keep the House by raising the specter of a Speaker Pelosi — is in reality a savvy inner-city pol.

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## It's now official: Democrats take over power in Congress

With Virginia's Republican senator giving up his fight to retain his seat, the Democrats gain control of both houses for the first time since 1994.

**BY JOHN M. BRODER**  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — Virginia Sen. George Allen, R-Va., conceded yesterday to Jim Webb, his Democratic challenger, giving Democrats a majority in both houses of Congress for the first time since 1994 and increased influence over President Bush's policies at home and abroad, starting with the war in Iraq.

Including two independents who align themselves with the Democrats, Democrats will have a 51-to-49 advantage in the new Senate.

Within moments of Allen's announcement, Democrats rallied outside the Capitol to celebrate their victory, cheering and chanting, while their leaders began planning how to proceed after a dozen years in which their only taste of power in Congress was when they controlled the Senate for a period in 2001 and 2002. "The election's over," said Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada, who will be the new Senate majority leader. "It's time for a change."

Mr. Bush continued adapting to the new political climate by having lunch with Rep. Nancy Pelosi, the California Democrat who stands on the



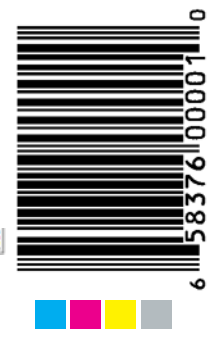
AP / GERALD HERBERT

**Sen. George Allen, R-Va., addresses supporters as he concedes the election to Democratic challenger Jim Webb in Alexandria, Va., yesterday. With him is Sen. John Warner, R-Va.**

cus of becoming the first woman to serve as speaker of the House. He invited Reid to join him at breakfast at the White House today.

But Mr. Bush also was demanding action on

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### AN ACTIVIST APPROACH

U.S. Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts says that if he heads the House Financial Services Committee, as expected, he will push issues important to middle-income and working-class families. **F1**

### NARRAGANSETTS TO GET \$400,000?

Chief Sachem Matthew Thomas says the tribe will wait until the General Assembly convenes in January before deciding whether to accept the money, part of a deal involving Lincoln Park. **B1**

### NO VOTE ON GAY MARRIAGE

Bay State lawmakers recess without deciding whether to put a proposal to ban same-sex marriage on the 2008 ballot. **A2**



### PASSAGES

#### ED BRADLEY DIES

Ed Bradley, the award-winning 60 Minutes correspondent, who was CBS' first black White House reporter, dies of leukemia at 65. **A2**

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