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The Army Grew into the Job

By Frederick W. Kagan

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We Made Mistakes in Iraq, but I Still Believe the War Was Just

By Richard Perle

Only the Iraqis themselves can build a humane, open society that fairly reflects the diversity of a great civilisation...

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There's No Freedom Gene

By Danielle Pletka

The mantra of the antiwar left—"Bush lied, people died"—so dominates the debate about the run-up to the Iraq war that it has obscured real issues that deserve examination...

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Sustaining the Military Effort

By Gary J. Schmitt

At times, it appeared that what we were asking of the Iraqis was the equivalent of asking a teenager who had just gotten a driver's license to drive in the 24-hour race at Le Mans, and do so with no lights and car bombs going off all around...

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Free Countries Must Defy Chinese Blackmail and Greet the Dalai Lama

By Timothy Garton Ash

Gordon Brown yesterday promised to meet the Dalai Lama when he comes to Britain in May. So should all other leaders of free countries, whenever the opportunity arises. Anything less would shame us all. And it wouldn't help China either.

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Chancellor Merkel's 'Alleingang' in Moscow ahead of The Nato Summit

By Vladimir Socor

"Alleingang," a go-it-alone policy of rapprochement with Moscow and differentiation from Washington, is an oft-discussed temptation and pitfall of German foreign policy. At present the Christian-Democrat chancellor, Angela Merkel, is engaged in an Alleingang to satisfy Russia by stopping Georgian and Ukrainian Membership Action Plans (MAPs) ahead of the upcoming NATO summit...

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Is Nato Facing a Russian Veto Through Franco-German Hands?

By Vladimir Socor

Several articles appearing in quick succession in the French press suggest a possible understanding with Russia to block Georgian and Ukrainian Membership Action Plans at the upcoming NATO summit.

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Why Don't Jews Like the Christians Who Like Them?

By James Q. Wilson

Whatever the reason for Jewish distrust of evangelicals, it may be a high price to pay when Israel's future, its very existence, is in question...

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