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For U.S. Unit in Baghdad, An Alliance of Last Resort

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BAGHDAD, June 8 — The worst month of Lt. Col. Dale Kuehl's deployment in western Baghdad was finally drawing to a close. The insurgent group al-Qaeda in Iraq had unleashed bombings that killed 14 of his soldiers in May, a shocking escalation of violence for a battalion that had lost three soldiers in the previous six months while patrolling the Sunni enclave of Amiriyah. On top of that, the 41-year-old battalion commander was doubled up with a stomach flu when, late on May 29, he received a cellphone call that would change everything.

"We're going after al-Qaeda," a leading local imam said, Kuehl recalled. "What we want you to do is stay out of the way."

"Sheik, I can't do that. I can't just leave Amiriyah and let you go at it."
"Well, we're going to go."

The week that followed revolutionized Kuehl's approach to fighting the insurgency and serves as a vivid example of a risky, and expanding, new American strategy of looking beyond the Iraqi police and army for help in controlling violent neighborhoods. The American soldiers in Amiriyah have allied themselves with dozens of Sunni militiamen who call themselves the Baghdad Patriots — a group that American soldiers believe includes insurgents who have attacked them in the past — in an attempt to drive out al-Qaeda in Iraq. The Americans have granted these gunmen the power of arrest, al-

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Joint Chiefs Chair Will Bow Out

Pentagon Wary of Thorny Reconfirmation Hearings

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Marine Gen. Peter Pace served for a comparatively brief two years as chairman.

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates announced yesterday that Marine Gen. Peter Pace will step down as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in September, a move that Gates said will avert the contentious congressional hearings that would be needed to reconfirm the nation's top military officer. Pace will leave after just two years in the post, the shortest stint as chairman in more than four decades.

The surprise announcement yesterday at the Pentagon amounts to Pace being fired before a customary second two-year term. He has served as the top military adviser to President Bush and the defense secretary since 2005, leading a war effort that has frustrated the American public and appears no closer to a conclusion.

Gates said that his decision was rooted

in political considerations and that he took guidance from members of Congress who warned that Pace could face a maelstrom on Capitol Hill, where lawmakers would dissect the military's failures in Iraq. Pace has been at the center of war planning and policy since the days immediately following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, when he started as vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs.

Pace's departure — along with the simultaneous retirement of Adm. Edmund Giambastiani, his vice chairman — completes a nearly clean sweep of top military advisers linked to the tenure of Donald H. Rumsfeld as defense secretary. Both military officers were close to Rumsfeld and have been criticized for not challenging him.

In office since Rumsfeld was ousted after

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Cities Take Lead On Environment As Debate Drags At Federal Level

522 Mayors Have Agreed To Meet Kyoto Standards

By **ANTHONY FAIOLA** and **ROBIN SHULMAN**
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NEW YORK — To the long list of evils being blamed on global warming — hurricanes, heat waves, melting ice caps — tack on the smaller interior of Steve Benesoczky's cab. Inside, his passengers can already feel the squeeze of climate change in their knees.

"Of course it's less comfortable. Look, there's less leg room," said Benesoczky, 55, as he pointed to the back of his new taxi — a hybrid Ford Escape.

The company Benesoczky works for has started complying with a new directive ordering New York's entire fleet of 13,000 yellow cabs to go green over the next five years — part of an effort by the nation's largest city to cut its carbon emissions 30 percent by 2030.

Most taxis here are now roomy-if-gas-guzzling Ford Crown Victorias. But hundreds of boxy hybrid cabs have already hit the roads, gradually altering the autoscape of Manhattan's glittering byways.

"Some people are complaining — especially the tall ones — but most are saying, 'Finally, you're doing something for the environment,'" said Benesoczky, a Hungarian émigré and New York City cabbie of two-and-a-half decades. "Look, people will make a little sacrifice if they have to. They already are."

New York is among a faction of U.S. cities from Boston to Portland, Ore., that are racing ahead of

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Two-Hankie Hollywood Drama



A sobbing Paris Hilton returns to court in a sheriff's vehicle for a hearing on her early release from jail. A judge ordered her back to the detention facility for the remainder of her sentence for violating the terms of her probation. Style, C1.

Report Gives Details on CIA Prisons

NATO Pacts Exploited, European Probe Finds

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PARIS, June 8 — The CIA exploited NATO military agreements to help it run secret prisons in Poland and Romania where alleged terrorists were held in solitary confinement for months, shackled and subjected to other mental and physical torture, according to a European investigative report released here Friday.

Some of the United States' highest-profile terrorism suspects, including Khalid Sheik Mohammed, considered the prime organizer of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, were detained and interrogated at the facility in Poland, according to the 72-page report completed for the Council of Europe, the continent's human rights agency.

Dick Marty, a Swiss lawyer hired by the council, said the CIA conducted "clandestine operations under the NATO framework," providing military intelligence agencies in member countries — including Poland and Romania — the cover to assist the agency in disguising the use of secret flights, operations and detention facilities from the days immediately following the Sept. 11 attacks until the fall of last year.

Officials speaking on behalf of the CIA, NATO, Poland and Romania on Friday criticized the report's findings. Both Poland and Romania have denied that the CIA es-

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New ramps off interstates 95 and 295 are underway to handle the expected heavy traffic. B1

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How will the series end? Five Post writers come to their own conclusions, and so can you. C1

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Nationals Heat Up Bats In First Game at Minnesota
Dmitri Young drives in three runs in 8-5 win over Twins. E1



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Rep. William Jefferson Pleads Not Guilty to Bribery
The Louisiana Democrat, with wife, Andrea, vowed to "sell every stick of furniture," if needed, to defend himself. A2

Criticism, Refocused Efforts On Immigration Reform
Congressional aides say the president's bad relations with Republicans helped stall the bill, as supporters launched new talks to save it. A3

Romney Brothers Dish on Dad

Blog by Presidential Candidate's Five Sons Reveals G-Rated Details of Former Governor's Family Life

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BOSTON — Tagg Romney, 37, loves the Sox and has a thing for Billy Joel. Matt Romney, 35, always tunes in to "Saturday Night Live," and Josh Romney, 31, likes to surf and water-ski. Ben Romney, 29, hesitates to call his dog, Kingsley, a half yorkie and half poodle, "a yorkie-poo." And Craig Romney, 26, a Tom Brady look-alike, has 337 friends on MySpace and cites his dad, along with the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., as his heroes.

Wholesome does not really

begin to describe the five adult children of Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, who for the past few weeks have been sharing such details on Five Brothers, their blog and the most popular feature on the former Massachusetts governor's campaign Web site. The blog is yet another medium to convey the image of dedicated family man that is an essential part of Romney's identity as a candidate. Earlier this week, while most of his opponents introduced themselves during the Republican presidential debate by highlighting their ré-

sumés, Romney started with, "I'm a husband, a father, a grandfather..."

One way to measure a blog's popularity is its unpopularity, and Five Brothers has gotten enough attention to inspire parody. A blogger mocking the brothers writes: "Tagg is 37... likes... basketball... horses, travel... trust funds..."

Such carping does not seem to faze the Romneys. "It's a cynical world we live in, and my brothers are just being ourselves," says Tagg, sitting

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GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney is surrounded by sons, from left, Tagg, Ben, Josh, Matt and Craig.

Party Host Mom Set for Va. Jail Term

Alcohol at Son's 16th Gets 27-Month Sentence

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CHARLOTTESVILLE — Ryan Kenty, 20, and his brother Brandon, still a sophomore in high school, plan to drive their mother to jail Monday morning before heading back to her rented apartment to move the rest of her belongings into storage.

Their mom, Elisa Kelly, and her ex-husband, George Robinson, are paying the price for hosting Ryan's 16th birthday party — more than two years in jail each. Ryan had asked his mother to buy his friends some beer and wine, as long as they all spent the night.

"No one left the party," said Kelly, 42, who collected car keys that night almost five years ago to prevent anyone from leaving. "No one was hurt. No one drove anywhere. I really don't think I deserve to go to jail for this long."

But Albemarle County Commonwealth's Attorney James L. Camblos III, who prosecuted the parents, said it was the worst case of underage drinking he has had to deal with in 15 years. "Not only were they serving alcohol to 15- and 16-year-olds,

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COMING SUNDAY

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IN BOOK WORLD: Tina Brown on Princess Diana, a story made in tabloid heaven. Plus, Kevin Phillips on the Hillary Clinton books.

IN TRAVEL: Finding eco-friendly spots and getting there guilt-free.

IN ARTS: The "Riverdance" tapping may be prerecorded and piped in, but the billion-dollar enterprise keeps its fans happy.