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Sharon: Israeli Troops Will Leave Nearly All Of West Bank in Week

JERUSALEM – Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Monday that troops will be out of all West Bank cities except Ramallah and Bethlehem within a week. "Altogether, we are on our way out," Sharon said in an interview with CNN. Israel, he said, has no intention to stay in "cities of terror."

In the interview, Sharon also spoke of his desire for peace but reiterated his view that Yasser Arafat is not a partner in peace and that Secretary of State Colin Powell, who is in the region, should not have met with the Palestinian leader Sunday.

The United States has called on

CHARLOTTE - The fight over one

of the nation's longest-running school busing programs ended Monday when the U.S. Supreme Court turned away a

appeal to keep Charlotte's schools

The Associated Press

under hostile fire, Pentagon officials said. The blast occurred at a demolition range next to the compound that once housed former Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar, according to local government spokesman Yusuf Pashtun. An Afghan guard, who gave his name only as Ramatullah, said U.S.

troops had been collecting confiscated weapons and ammunition and storing the m at the compound for disposal. He said he heard a series of six explosions about noon Monday

Bush Pushes Congress To Make Last Year's **Tax Cut Permanent**

WASHINGTON - Using Monday's tax filing deadline as a backdrop, President Bush and his Republican con-gressional allies sought to build support for legislation making permanent the 10-year, \$1.35 trillion tax cut enacted last yea

Because of an arcane Senate budget rule, the entire package of cuts will expire, or "sunset," at the end of 2010. That could trigger tax chaos in 2011 and would be seen as a big tax increase when old income tax rates would go back into effect and the supposedly repealed estate tax would be resurrected full force.

The tax deadline also brought a new tax simplification proposal from Bush's Treasury Department aimed at removing confusion over the definition of a

a vote Thursday. Pope, U.S. Cardinals **Plan Meeting to Discuss Recent Sexual Scandals**

ROME - Pope John Paul II has summoned American cardinals to the Vatican for an extraordinary meeting to talk about sex abuse scandals in the U.S. church.

The talks will take place early next week, a senior Vatican official said Monday. The official said the cardinals would meet with some Vatican officials

would neet with some value as a well as the pope. A source close to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said the meeting has been scheduled for April 23-24. The ource spoke on condition of anonymity. The Vatican official said only the

eight American cardinals in charge of an archdiocese will be involved in next week's talks. They are Cardinal William Keeler of Baltimore, Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston, Cardinal Francis George of Chicago, Cardinal Adam Maids George of Chicago, Cardinal Adam Maida of Detroit, Cardinal Roger Mahony of Los Angeles, Cardinal Edward Egan of New York, Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua of Philadelphia and Cardinal Theodore McCarrick of Washington, D.C.

-The Associated Press

Officials Downplay Visa Policy's Effects

not decreased this year.

Hughes said the overall wait to obtain

a student visa can vary from a few days

to a few months depending on the nationality of the applicant because each consul sets its own visa policy. But Gabin, who works as the director

of international admissions, said many

international students apply for early decision in the fall, giving them addi-tional time to make student visa

"Many of these students come from

international prep schools," Gabin said.

"They have guidance counselors encouraging them to get their applica-

the country on tourist visas – which are easier to obtain than most other types of

visas - and extend their stay by apply-

students contending with the new visa policy, Gabin said the International

Center has taken extra measures to

ensure that international students at UNC do not feel threatened while at

She said she has already spoken at length with one Middle Eastern appli-

ty while attending school in the United

Gabin said the student decided to

attend UNC after learning of the sup-port available through the International Center, which she said offers a summer

orientation session to make internation-al students feel welcome and can also

help those students apply for student

helping them file their visa requests,"

UNC is working very hard to make sure

these students are taken care of."

"The international center is already

"The whole international team at

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In addition to providing assistance to

The new regulations were prompted by growing concerns from federal offi-cials that potential terrorists could enter

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Gabin said.

By BROOK CORWIN

University officials say a new policy imposing stricter regulations on students with foreign citizenship will not deter international students from applying to or attending UNC.

The new policy, announced last week by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, stipulates that foreign students must obtain a student view boffer they need to be a student visa before they can begin their course-work in the United States.

In the past, foreign students could start school with only a tourist or business visa, as long as they already had applied for a student visa.

Once they enrolled at a U.S. univer-

sity, they could obtain a visa. But University officials maintain that because the admissions process for international students follows the same timeline as the normal admissions process, these students will have plenty of time to file for a student visa under the new regulations before they come to Chapel Hill.

"I don't expect that the law is going to affect us at all," said Jean Hughes, associate director of the International Center.

"So far, we do not see fewer students applying." Hughes said UNC graduate school

departments also have pushed back their admissions deadlines to give appli-cants more time to work on obtaining a student visa

She said each department was advised to send acceptance letters by Jane Gabin, senior assistant director

undergraduate admissions, said acceptance letters for undergraduate international students were sent out at the beginning of April, in accordance with a timeline that gives each student the entire summer to apply for a student visa

Gabin said her office typically receives about 500 applications a year for 50 open spots, a number she said has

Campus Calendar Today

10 a.m. – **Campus Y** is holding a Relay for Life 50-cent Bake Sale in the Pit until 2 p.m. Cake, brownies and cookies will be 50 cents.

5 p.m. – Have you stretched your dollar as far as it will go? Worried about saving for the future? Do you want to See your money grow? Come to the Alpha Epsilon Omega Christian Sisterhood's Money Management. Seminar in 309 Gardner Hall.

5 p.m. – **Masala**'s last general body meeting of the semester will be co-spon-sored by the Arab Club and will include a discussion about current issues in the Middle East, as well as a video. It will be held in Union 218.

5:30 p.m. - Noted author and ethics expert Rushworth M. Kidder will speak

today as part of Integrity Week at the Kenan-Flagler Business School. Kidder brings more than 30 years of insight to his discussions of corporate global ethics. The lecture, which and will be held in the Maurice J. Koury Auditorium, is free and open to the pub

p.m. - Campaign to End the Death Penalty will host speaker David Kaczynski, brother of "Unabomber" Ted Kaczynski, in the Auditorium. Admission is free. Union

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Life TakES Guis Wednesday, April 17 10am - 4pm in the Pit

> **Guest Speakers and Student Groups Performing**

> > **Guest Speakers** Chris Klug

Completion will enter you in a drawing n for gift certificates to Circuit City. One \$500 and five \$100 certificates to be awarded. n Do it now! Your input is important to us. 9



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Share your thoughts concerning the Carolina experience so we

can improve student life both in and outside the classroom.

All it takes is 20-25 minutes to complete the CSEQ

(College Student Experience Questionnaire),

a web survey hosted by Indiana University.

Carolina Union Activities Board Upcoming Events Tuesday, April 16 Sunday, Abril 21

M1 and Fred Hampton Jr. Dare 2 Struggle* Dare 2 Win: Get Free Hip Hop & Power workshop ner 08, 6:45

Tom Deluca - Hypno morial Hall, 8nm FREE Thursday, April 18

Concert: Carla Bozulich with Nels Cline Singers Gerrard Hall, 8pm, FREE Tuesday, Abril 23 Student Film Showcase Union Auditorium, 7pm Wednesday, April 24 Woman Make Music: Isa Kremer: The People's Diva

plan that does not use race as a factor. Though they greeted the end of the saga with pleasure, Charlotte school officials said they are still working to give all students an equitable education. "This is the final chapter in pupil assignment, not the end of the work we need to do in our

schools," said school board Chairman Arthur Griffin, who is black and attended segregated schools in Charlotte. Charlotte's plan was the result of a lawsuit by black parents who claimed the school district had not done enough

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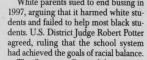
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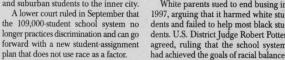
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ment in turning away the appeal from black parents, who argued that vestiges

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Israel to withdraw immediately from

consistently has said it cannot leave

until the job is done but previously had-n't indicated when that might be. Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat angrily rejected Sharon's statements. Erekat told CNN, "When he says he will will aut from built au eres it recent he is

pull out from built-up areas, it means he is

turning our towns into big prisons," deny-ing Palestinians the right to move freely

around the West Bank and even preventing people from reaching hospitals. The announcement came the same day as U.S. Secretary of State Colin Fowell embraced the idea of an inter-

national conference aimed at stopping

Middle East violence and restarting

At Least 4 U.S. Soldiers;

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan – At least four U.S. soldiers were killed Monday

and a fifth was injured when rockets they were trying to destroy accidentally blew

up. The casualty toll could rise because some soldiers were missing after the noontime explosion, U.S. officials said. The accident, coming at a time of increased combat activity, highlights the

dangers troops face even when not

under federal oversight. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg school

system became in 1970 the first major

urban district in the nation to use court-

ordered busing to achieve racial balance

The high court upheld the plan in 1971.

The high court's refusal to hear the

Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations

Exploding Rockets Kill

Incident Accidental

ank to end a massive mi campaign that began March 29 with the aim of crushing the Palestinian militias behind deadly attacks on Israelis. Israel





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CUAB 2002-2003 Interest Meeting 200 Student Union, 8pm

Road Trip, FREE w/UNC One Card OCUQ, 9pm Rain date - Friday, April 19, 9pm

April 18-21 8pm; 26-28 2pm and 8pm Is it a Human Being or a Girl: A Performance Swain Hall Studio Six \$5 admission fee/Union Box Office 962-1449

Friday, April 19 Soul Talent Showcas Doors open at 7:30pm Great Hall, FREE Reception & Open Mic following in West Lounge

7:30pm: Mulbolland Drive, FREE w/UNC One Card pm: Hedwig and the Angry Inch, FREE w/ UNC One Card Union Auditorium

Saturday, April 20 8pm: Hedwig and the Angry Inch, FREE w/ UNC One Card Mulbolland Drive, FREE w/UNC One Card **Union Auditorium**

Thursday. April 25

Photojournalism Student Exhibit Reception Union Art Gallery, 6-8pm

PCU, FREE w/UNC One Card OCUQ, 9pm Rain date - Friday, April 26, 9pm

Friday, April 26 8pm: Monsters Inc., FREE w/UNC One Card 10pm: The Others, FREE w/UNC One Card Union Auditorium

Saturday, April 27 8pm: The Others, FREE w/UNC One Card 10pm: Monsters, Inc., FREE w/UNC One Card

Friday, May 1

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Jump Arts Great American Road Tour Featuring avant-garde jazz! Gold Sparkle Band, the Transcendentalists, dance, spoken word and performance art! Sight & Sound Constructions aturing OKKyung Leeon Cello. Hill Hall Auditorium, 8pm Tickets on Sale Union Box Office 962-1449 \$2 students/\$5 general public

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