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*"As they approach Baghdad, our fighting units are facing the most desperate elements of a doomed regime. ... We cannot predict the final day of the Iraqi regime, but I can assure you, and I assure the long-suffering people of Iraq, there will be a day of reckoning for the Iraqi regime, and that day is drawing near."* • **GEORGE W. BUSH**, President

## ARMY DESCENDS ON N. IRAQ

1,000 PARATROOPERS SECURE NORTHERN FRONT AS ELITE GUARD HEADS FOR U.S. TROOPS

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Army airborne forces parachuted into northern Iraq on Wednesday, seizing an airfield for a new front against Saddam Hussein. U.S. and British warplanes bombed an enemy convoy fleeing the besieged city of Basra in the south.

One week into the war, the possibility of a major battle loomed within 100 miles of Baghdad as

another convoy — this one made up of elite Republican Guard forces — moved in the direction of U.S. troops aiming for Hussein's seat of power.

Jumping from low-flying planes into the Iraqi night, an estimated 1,000 paratroopers landed near an airstrip in Kurdish-controlled territory less than 30 miles from the Turkish border.

Hundreds of miles to the south,

the unchallenged bombing of Iraqi forces leaving Basra raised hopes that ground troops soon could enter the city, feared at risk for a humanitarian crisis.

The military developments unfolded as the first humanitarian delivery of supplies rolled into southern Iraq, greeted at the border by hungry children.

With U.S. and British forces massing to the south, west and

now the north of Baghdad, the Iraqi government kept much of the news from its own people. Instead, it emphasized a claim that two U.S. cruise missiles had killed 14 civilians in Baghdad and wounded dozens more.

"This war is far from over," President Bush said in a quick trip to the Florida headquarters of U.S. Central Command, which is overseeing the war. Still, he said victo-

ry is only a matter of time, adding, "There will be a day of reckoning for the Iraqi regime, and that day is drawing near."

Bush later flew to the Camp David presidential retreat for a meeting to be held today with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, his partner in the Iraq invasion.

Swirling sandstorms hampered U.S. units for a second day. The bombing campaign was crimped as

well, but Baghdad television was knocked off the air for several hours and explosions were heard near the oil-rich city of Kirkuk in the north.

Lt. Col. Thomas Collins, spokesman for the U.S. Army Southern European Task Force, confirmed that paratroopers are on the ground, many of them elite

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## Bush ties Iraq to war on terror

*Hussein's links to terrorism debated*

BY STEPHANIE CHIULLI  
STAFF WRITER

With two simultaneous wars, one on terror and one in Iraq, some experts say the Bush administration is trying to coalesce separate military campaigns in the minds of the U.S. public.

But some foreign policy experts say the connection is legitimate because the Iraqi government could have ties to terrorist organizations.

"The reason people are afraid of Iraq is that not only do they harbor weapons of mass destruction but they are also a state sponsor of terror," said Dana Dillon, senior policy analyst at the Heritage Foundation, a conservative public policy think tank.

Richard Kohn, chairman of UNC's curriculum on peace, war and defense, said he believes the war on terror and the war in Iraq are one and the same.

The war on terror, which commenced immediately after the events of Sept. 11, 2001, was supported by an overwhelming majority of Americans. Some analysts have said President Bush is attempting to link the war with Iraq with the popularly supported war against terrorism.

But some say they disagree with this connection.

"I think the two are really distinguishable," said Ole Holsti, professor of political science at Duke University. "All we need to do is look at the makeup of the 19 (hijackers) in 9/11 — zero had any connection with Iraq."

Holsti said Bush's rhetoric attempts to portray Sept. 11 and Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein as part of the same package to raise public support for the war, hoping to amass the same patriotism Sept. 11 incurred.

But he also said Bush has made a point to leave nostalgic Sept. 11 rhetoric out of his comments about Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Part of the general strategy is that since 9/11 engaged (the country) in a war against terrorism, Iraq and Saddam Hussein are the core of the whole thing," Holsti said.

Vague connections between Iraq and its association with terrorists also are being scrutinized by the CIA.

"Right now, Iraq has been linked to a terrorist cell inside of the Philippines," Dillon said.

He said the discovery of a relationship between the Iraqi govern-

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Above: Alex Johnson (right), 5, gets some assistance from a friend to try on his mother, Mary's, equipment while visiting her barracks at Fort Bragg. Below: Mary gets a new filter for her gas mask before being deployed.

## Saying final goodbyes

*Army mom prepares to leave her family, head to war*



BY MATT HANSON  
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Maj. Mary Johnson stood in fatigues, beret and aviator sunglasses Monday, her chemical bag slung over her shoulder. She leaned into the door of a friend's Suburban, giving kisses and hugs to her children, who had come to see her on one of her last days on U.S. soil.

"Don't you want to tell your mom bye, Alex?" Mary asked her youngest son, who is 5.

"Bye, Mom," he said naively, and turned away.

"Make sure Claire has her seat belt on," Mary said, the nagging of a seasoned mother in her voice.

The doors closed, the cars pulled away, and Mary stared, sniffing hard and wiping a tear from under her shades.

A group of family friends had brought her children and a group of about 10 of their school friends to the post unexpectedly. Mary had planned to spend the day tying up some loose ends.

"Every time you think it's going to be the last time,"

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## War leaves its mark on civilians

BY JOE RAUCH  
STAFF WRITER

Civilians, particularly families and children, are often the forgotten sufferers of war — left with lifelong emotional and psychological scars.

Even though President Bush has made it a point that coalition forces will do everything in their power to limit civilian casualties, some are certain to die in the crossfire.

But even for the millions of Iraqis who will live to the war's end, the psychological pain inflicted by living in an atmosphere of death and destruction could linger for years.

Melina Selimbegovic, a senior psychology major who lived in Bosnia and Herzegovina until 1993, still is coping with her memories of war. "Even today, you always wonder what's behind your back. I don't think this experience will ever leave me."

Selimbegovic, originally from Tuzla, Bosnia, experienced the Bosnian war's earliest and most intense period. "My brother and I were introduced to the dark side of the world at a very young age. We've seen the dark side of people."

She said the war made her grow up very quickly. "We came to the United States with nothing. I think I have

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## TICKET MASTERS



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Fans storm through the doors of the Smith Center as they open Wednesday. Thousands of people arrived up to 2 1/2 hours before tipoff to secure a general admission seat for UNC's NIT quarterfinal game.

## Ban might not be legal, experts say

BY JORDAN WOODARD  
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Recent legislation banning vocal panhandling from dusk to dawn in Chapel Hill might be unconstitutional, say some legal experts.

The Town Council voted 7-2 Monday to pass the legislation, which outlaws vocal and direct approach by panhandlers at night.

Council member Mark Kleinschmidt, who opposed the new restrictions, said the legislation is unconstitutional and out-of-step with the values of the town.

"This violates constitutional rights, and it violates the principles of Chapel Hill," he said.

Kleinschmidt, an attorney, said the ordinance is too

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#### CRUISING TO VICTORY

UNC batting, pitching destroy Towson 15-1 at Boshamer Stadium.

### WEATHER

TODAY Partly Cloudy, High 65, Low 42

FRIDAY P.M. Showers, High 68, Low 52

SATURDAY Scattered T-Storms, High 68, Low 46

