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ANALYSIS

Big Iraq price tag provokes scrutiny

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Vice President Dick Cheney's allusion that the Bush administration might seek additional money for Iraq and Afghanistan signals the administration's commitment to the rebuilding of those nations, experts say.



Vice President Dick Cheney said more Iraq funds might be requested.

Yet some analysts believe it might not be wise for the United States to shoulder the financial burden alone.

Cheney indicated Sunday that the \$87 billion President

Bush requested from Congress last week might not cover rebuilding costs this fiscal year.

The \$87 billion and any additional funds would be granted on top of the \$75 billion Bush asked for in April.

This considerable amount of money has many officials concerned that the United States might be assuming too much of the monetary burden — a sentiment that polls indicate is shared by many U.S. residents.

A New York Times poll conducted last week found that 51 percent of Americans oppose unilateral monetary support. The poll had a 3 percent margin of error.

Although the Bush administration has promised continued U.S. support for the operation, Joseph Grieco, a political professor science at Duke University, said he is concerned its efforts will not be enough. "If the United States were to undertake this rebuilding alone, it would need to commit more than \$150 billion more dollars than what has been asked for."

But Richard Kohn, director of UNC's curriculum in peace, war and defense, said Republicans are worried that the more international aid and reconstruction are integrated into the peace process, the more difficult it will become for the United States to achieve its goals.

Yet, Grieco said, the U.S. government could benefit from any compromises with foreign countries.

"American goals can be accomplished with international aid; yet

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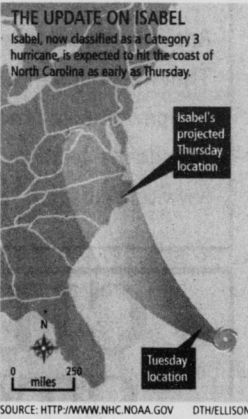
HURRICANE ISABEL



Ramone Santiago of Kerwick Painting Service covers the window of an oceanfront house with plywood on Monday at Carolina Beach. Kerwick Painting Service also has been contracted to prepare condominium units for Hurricane Isabel, which is expected to hit the coast Thursday.

N.C. COAST BRACES FOR ISABEL'S WRATH

Ocracoke Island begins to evacuate; emergency workers organize shelters



THE UPDATE ON ISABEL
Isabel, now classified as a Category 3 hurricane, is expected to hit the coast of North Carolina as early as Thursday.

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Several communities along the Outer Banks are evacuating in anticipation of Hurricane Isabel, a Category 3 hurricane that could hit the mideastern coast of North Carolina as early as Thursday afternoon.

Ocracoke Island was declared in a state of emergency at 7:30 a.m. Monday, and residents were ordered to evacuate.

The N.C. Division of Emergency Management is beginning to organize centers to provide shelter, mass care and other needs that might arise if the hurricane lands as expected.

The storm's wind speed fell from 140 mph to just above 125

mph as of 5 p.m. Monday. Isabel now is classified as a Category 3 storm — a drop from its Category 5 status, the strongest hurricane level, earlier this week.

Isabel's strength could diminish as it nears the coast and moves inland, but it will maintain its status as a major storm — the rare storms that inflict almost 85 percent of all hurricane damage, said Tom Matheson, the Wilmington-area representative for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association.

The winds that could reach the N.C. mainland Thursday would start at about 39 mph and then pick up as the brunt of the storm moves across the state.

The largest threat from the storm would be the accompanying rains. About 8 to 15 inches of rainfall are expected in a 48-hour period, with the inlets of the Outer Banks subject to flooding.

Isabel's impact is expected to be far greater than that of Hurricanes Fran and Felix, the last storms of this magnitude to hit the East Coast. "Felix was nothing," Matheson said. "(This could be) one of the worst ever experienced in North Carolina."

Matheson said Isabel could be compared to an unnamed hurricane in 1933 that wrought devastation incomparable to recent storms that have hit North

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Drink vendor's degree pays off

Alum's soft-drink business is a hit

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During the fall semester of 1999, Cañita was merely an idea for a class project in the Kenan-Flagler Business School.

Today, it is a realization in two flavors: Tamarindo and Jamaica. Jorge Goldsmit, CEO of Chapel Hill-based company Eat Inc., has been working since his May 2000 graduation from the business school to develop and promote his pet product — Aguas Frescas, a Hispanic drink he fondly remembers from his childhood in Mexico. "It all started with my mom's recipe. I came out with a product I thought people would like."

The long road for Goldsmit and the Cañita brand began in New York, where Goldsmit met with Ian Cuttler, whom he had known for 20 years. A graphic designer for Sony, Cuttler encouraged Goldsmit to pursue the product's creation and eventually designed the logo for Eat Inc.

"He was very serious. He started researching and he set his mind on it and did it, which I think is great," Cuttler said.

Goldsmit gives Cuttler credit for inspiration. "(Cuttler) not only encouraged me, he originally raised the question, 'Why isn't anyone doing Aguas Frescas?' He's the one that sparked the idea."

Just before graduating, Goldsmit incorporated the company, but that was only the beginning. The next step was finding a food technology group to refine the product's quality and shelf life.

After trying several companies and universities, Goldsmit contracted services from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in January 2001.

More than a year later, UN-L completed flavor prototypes, and in August a taste test took place at a Chicago flea market. Interested people paid \$5 for samples and answered 30 flavor questions. "The general reaction was that people liked it very much," Goldsmit said.

Proud of his product, Goldsmit said the drinks are "very Hispanic," 100 percent natural and "not from any industrial process," with a shelf life of as long as one year.

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UNC taps pair of acts for Homecoming week

Va. Coalition, Emma Gibbs to play

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After last year's organizers failed to include a band as part of Homecoming festivities, the Carolina Athletic Association and the General Alumni Association have scheduled two concerts for Homecoming week.

CAA looked at more than 50 local and regional bands, varying in style from rap to reggae to bluegrass and even heavy metal, before choosing the pop-rock band Virginia Coalition.

Virginia Coalition will headline the first concert of the week Oct. 15 with opening local act SpencerAcuff.

Virginia Coalition — which has played with groups such as Dave Matthews Band, Ben Folds Five and O.A.R. — was voted the best band in Washington, D.C., in 2000, according to the band's Web site.

The CAA hopes Virginia Coalition will live up to that reputation for UNC students.

"We would like to have as many good events as possible," said CAA President Sherrell McMillan. "A reason we decided on Virginia Coalition was diversity; they have appeal that crosses over to many different students."

Last year, CAA did not schedule a Homecoming concert for the first time in recent history, mainly due to a lack of available venues and construction on campus, McMillan said.

This year's show will be held in the George Watts Hill Alumni Center at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 15.

With the center's capacity ranging from 900 to 1,000 students, the CAA and GAA are looking forward to a large student turnout at the new venue.

"We wanted to get a venue that had a large capacity and still had good acoustics for the students," said Ginny Franks, CAA Homecoming chairwoman.

In addition to the concert, the

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NRC opens new probe on power plant

BY DAN SCHWIND
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Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant is the subject of yet another investigation by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission because of inadequacies in safety procedures.

The south Wake County facility, which is under scrutiny for previous violations, now is being examined to determine its ability to recirculate cooling water properly during a core accident.

Officials worry that if the plant's coolant pipe were to burst, the pipe's insulating material might scatter onto a drain below. This blockage would prevent cooling water from recirculating to the reactor and could result in an overheated reactor.

According to Ken Clark, NRC senior public affairs officer, the concern arose after the NRC issued a bulletin, which went to power plants nationwide, expressing the potential for a drain blockage in the event of a coolant pipe burst.

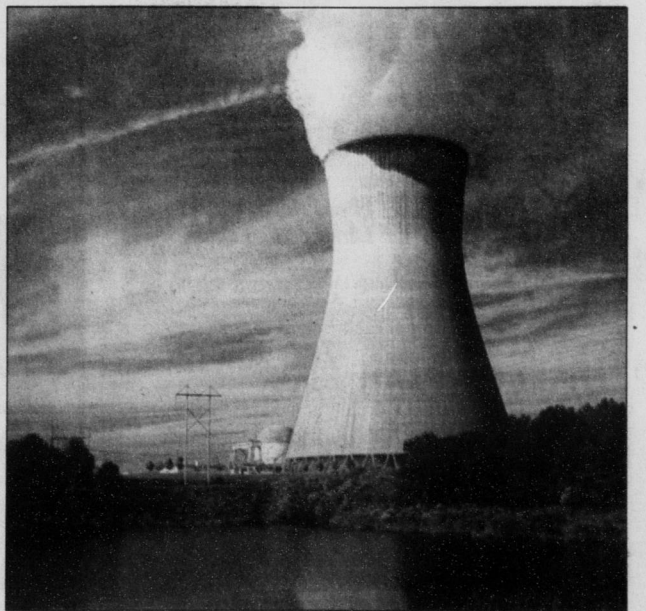
"They're calling it a design flaw," Clark said. "But it hasn't been determined that it is a design flaw."

The bulletin, issued June 9, emphasizes the "potential impact of debris blockage" and includes compensatory solutions that all affected plants must implement in preparation for any situation in which debris blocks the drains.

Rick Kimble, spokesman for Progress Energy, which owns and operates Shearon Harris, said that although debris blockage is a concern, there is no cause for alarm.

"It's a pretty strong design we have," Kimble said. "There would have to be a tremendous amount of debris

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Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant in southern Wake County is having its safety procedures and code violations investigated by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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