

Bush compares Saddam to Hitler, swears to halt 'aggression'

From Associated Press reports
 ORLANDO, Fla. — President Bush launched a verbal attack against Saddam Hussein on Thursday, suggesting from the campaign trail that the Iraqi leader had surpassed Hitler in brutality and pledging to "see his aggression turned back."
 The harsh language prompted his spokesman to say that Bush was speaking out "to prepare the American people for any eventuality." Marlin Fitzwater said, "If we do have to take dramatic action, we want them to know why."
 Bush told reporters at a late-afternoon

news conference that he wanted a peaceful resolution to the Gulf crisis. "I am not ruling out further options," he said, "and I am not trying to prepare our country for war."
 His day blended political campaigning with remarks about the Persian Gulf crisis, and at his news conference he conceded it was a "little bit awkward because we are a few days before an election and I want to continue to work for Republican candidates."
 At the same time, he said he wanted to keep the American people informed about his feelings on the Persian Gulf, where more than 200,000 American

forces are deployed.
 Bush ordered the military buildup in early August, when Iraq's Saddam Hussein invaded oil-rich Kuwait and threatened Saudi Arabia.
 Top American officials have said the administration is considering sending another 100,000 troops.
 Earlier, in Mashpee, Mass., Bush said Saddam's tactic of using American civilians as human shields against attacks on military targets was "brutality that I don't believe Adolf Hitler ever participated in."
 The remark raised eyebrows, and Bush was asked at his Florida news

conference whether his comparison might be overdrawn. "I don't think I'm overstating it," the president replied. He said that Hitler at least had respected the legitimacy of foreign embassies, unlike Saddam.
 Bush also was asked about his wife Barbara's comments that he would be willing to meet with Saddam to resolve the crisis. He said his position at any such meeting would be "No condition, no negotiation, just leave" Kuwait.
 "There is no flexibility on our position. There is no compromise," he said. Asked about Saddam's offer to permit

families of the hostages to visit them during Thanksgiving and Christmas, Bush called the move a ploy and said the visits should take place in the United States after the hostages were freed.
 "I don't think he'll win the humanitarian-of-the-year award for that," he said, reiterating government advice that Americans not travel into Iraq or occupied Kuwait.
 Bush said he was speaking out forcefully about the Persian Gulf so the American people would know where he stood after a month in which attention was diverted to budget deliberations

with Congress.
 He said the public had to know how strongly he felt about the hostages and the treatment of the American diplomats who have been held in the U.S. Embassy for several weeks.
 Earlier, White House spokesman Fitzwater said the recent switch in emphasis had nothing to do with political motives or the beating Bush had taken in public opinion over the recently concluded budget battle with Congress. He said Bush was speaking more often and more forcefully about Iraq to prepare people for all possibilities surrounding the crisis.

Federal agreement would allow building of jetties to protect inlet

From Associated Press reports
 RALEIGH — A deal has been struck to build jetties to protect the Oregon Inlet from the forces of wind and sea that cause dangerous shoaling in the narrow channel, Sen. Jesse Helms said Thursday.
 "Late yesterday evening, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan informed Gov. (Jim) Martin and me that an agreement had been reached in his department which will lead to ... the issuing of the permits needed for construction of these long-delayed jetties," said Helms, R-N.C.
 "The jetties will save the fishing industry of North Carolina in that area," Helms said.
 Commercial fishing boats use Oregon Inlet to travel between the Atlantic

Ocean and a seafood processing center in Wanchese, but the shoaling can mean a treacherous crossing.
 Twenty-six people have been killed in accidents in the inlet in the last 26 years, Martin said.
 North Carolina has been trying for years to win federal permits to build the jetties, long fought by environmentalists concerned that the jetties would cause erosion of nearby Outer Banks beaches in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore and the Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge.
 One turning point on the issue apparently came last week, Helms said. That's when a hopper dredge that had been pumping sand to clear the channel broke free from its moorings in a gale and cut a 370-foot chunk from the two-

and-one-half mile Herbert C. Bonner Bridge over the inlet.
 Helms said that accident — and not next week's election — was behind the timing of the announcement, which came during Martin's news conference Thursday.
 North Carolina got a boost in its bid to repair the bridge Thursday. U.S. Secretary of Transportation Samuel Skinner presented a \$2.5 million check to state Secretary of Transportation Tommy Harrelson to go toward rebuilding the missing segment.
 Skinner said the check represents the federal government's 80 percent share of the repair costs. The presentation was made during a campaign news conference called by Helms in Greensboro.
 The jetties agreement came after the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said it would give the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service, which control land access on both the north and south sides of Oregon Inlet, a voice in the project's design, Helms said.
 The terminal groin still under construction at the southern end of the bridge also played a role in the agreement, Martin said, since it had not caused the erosion and other problems raised by opponents.
 Earlier estimates were that the jetties would cost \$115 million, Helms said. But he said changes that make the design more environmentally sound also bring down the cost — to \$84 million.
 Preliminary plans call for mile-long stone jetties to be built on each side of the inlet between Bodie and Hatteras islands on Dare County's Outer Banks.
 Permits could be issued for the jetties within six to eight months, Helms said, and a construction schedule, designs and getting the money needed would take one year to 18 months.
 Construction could take another year to 18 months.

Group of youths attacks New York City homeless shelter on Halloween night

From Associated Press reports
 NEW YORK — A dozen youths, some wearing Halloween masks, screamed "trick or treat" before attacking a homeless settlement with bats, pipes, knives and meat cleavers, killing one man, police said Thursday.
 Nine people were injured.
 "Why did they do it? It was Halloween," said a policeman close to the case who would only speak on condition of anonymity. "Last night, things just got out of hand."
 A 35-year-old homeless man, whose name was not released while police searched for relatives to notify, had his throat slashed and was pronounced dead at the scene, said a police spokeswoman, Officer Janice Swinney.
 The wooded area where the attack

occurred "looked like a horror movie, it was in the dark, down a little path," the police source said.
 The gang, which police said consisted of 10 to 12 people, crossed a footbridge at 102nd Street in Manhattan into Ward's Island on Halloween night.
 Ward's Island is home to the Fire Department training academy, several psychiatric hospitals and a sewage disposal plant. It lies beneath the Triborough Bridge in the East River.
 "They went armed with meat cleavers, bats with nails in them, and pipes. They were going to do serious damage," the source said.
 The gang walked to the homeless settlement, where at least one of the gang members screamed out "trick or treat," followed by an epithet, before the group began attacking the homeless

men, the source said.
 "There was no rhyme or reason to it, other than out and out violence," he added.
 The gang also robbed two or three of the homeless men of about \$10 to \$15 in pay they had received for performing minor chores.
 "It was a mixture of payday and Halloween," the source said.
 "Gettin' paid" or "payday" is a street term used by roving gangs who rob people.
 The gang escaped after the attack. Five of the injured homeless were treated at a hospital and released. Three others were treated by police at a precinct house, and another man was listed as stable at Harlem Hospital after he was beaten about the face with a baseball bat.

Martin speaks in favor of prison bonds, asks for support of N.C. taxpayers, voters

From Associated Press reports
 RALEIGH — Expanding North Carolina's prisons will keep inmates behind bars longer and give the state leverage to enforce rules for criminals in alternative programs, Gov. Jim Martin said Thursday.
 "We must build prisons to restore credibility to our legal system," Martin said at his weekly news conference. "Without adequate prison capacity, convicted criminals — even the more dangerous ones — are spending less time in prison and more time in our neighborhoods."
 "They're even turning down alternative punishments because they know they'll spend less time under supervision in prison," Martin said.
 Support for the \$200 million bond issue that goes before the state's voters Tuesday is bipartisan, Martin said.

"Both party organizations are supporting it and legislators in both parties voted overwhelmingly for it, just as they have on almost every other prison-related issue that I've put before them over the last six years," Martin said.
 The bond issue will cost taxpayers \$20 million a year for 20 years, including interest. And the operating costs for the additional prisons are estimated to reach about \$96 million a year, Martin has said previously.
 Martin acknowledged there is some opposition to the prison bonds.
 "Some say they don't want to build prisons because they don't want the state to provide more space for prisoners," Martin said.
 "Others say they don't want them because they don't want us to lock them up. They want us to have some paradise

situation where you don't have to lock up the dangerous criminals."
 Approval of the bonds by voters would not mean they would automatically be issued but would give the legislature the authority to do so.
 The bond issue comes as a compromise on the issue of expanding the state's prison system. The Governor's Advisory Commission on Prisons and Punishment recommended the state build more than 11,000 new prison beds.
 Instead, the legislature approved \$75 million to build 2,452 beds. It will be up to voters to decide whether to approve the \$200 million bond issue for another 5,646 beds.
 Some of the beds are replacements for facilities that don't meet standards, so the total increase is about 6,000 to 6,500.

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 Noon: CGLA will have a Lesbian Lunch in 218 Union.
 3:30 p.m.: UNC Information and Library Science present "The Oxford English Dictionary in America," with John Simpson, co-editor of the Oxford English Dictionary, in the Assembly Room of Wilson Library.
 7:30 p.m.: Carolina Fever announces a targeted volleyball game vs. Georgia in Carmichael.
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ITEMS OF INTEREST
Tar Heel Recycling Project announces that the mobile drop-off site for today is on Stadium Drive by the dumpsters between Teague and Parker dorms.
The North American Collegiate Bridge Championship qualifying game will be played on campus Nov. 6. All registered students are eligible. Top scorers win trip to Atlantic City for nationals. Entries due today. Call 933-8642 for details.
The Black Student Movement will sponsor an "Evening with the Soviets," on Monday, Oct. 5 in the Great Hall. Tickets are \$1 and are available in the BSM Office. Performers: Omega Psi Phi, Ebony Readers, Opeyo! Dancers and BSM Gospel Choir. Open to all. Come meet the Soviets!
SAFE Escort needs you! Applications now available at Union desk and in the Steele Building basement. Return or mail to SAFE Escort, CBR 5100, 13 Steele Building, ASAP.
PlayMakers Repertory Company will present the Southeastern premiere of "Nothing Sacred," by Canadian playwright George F. Walker, Oct. 24 - Nov. 11 at the Paul Green Theatre in Chapel Hill. For more information, call 962-2489. PlayMakers will also present "The Nutcracker: A Play," Nov. 28 - Dec. 22 at the Paul Green Theatre.
The Dept. of Dramatic Art presents "Hogan's Goat," by William Alfred Nov. 7-11 in the Playmakers Theatre. Call 962-PLAY for more info.

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