

I say societies can change one soul, one person at a time. If each person makes a dedicated effort to exercise more, you'll be serving your Nation. The accumulative effect will be incredibly positive for America.

And what a nation you'll be serving. I want you to tell your grandchildren or your children, the young of America, that this great Nation stands for peace; that this Nation, as we defend our freedom, we do so to keep the peace; that we're a nation that is compassionate and decent. When we unleash our military, we do so not as conquerors but to liberate people from the clutches of a barbaric regime such as the Taliban, that was so repressive they wouldn't even let young girls go to school. That when they hear their President talking about chasing this person down or that, he does so because he wants the children to grow up in a peaceful world and to realize the freedoms that we've realized. He does so because we defend civilization itself, and we have the obligation to do so.

We're making progress in the war against terror. It's going to take a while, but America understands that it's going to take a while. And for that, I'm grateful. And as importantly, we're making progress in showing the world the compassionate face of America as well. Hundreds of thousands of our fellow citizens are loving a neighbor just like they'd be liked—just like they'd like to be loved themselves. And that's good. Out of the evil done to America is going to come incredible good, because we're such a good nation.

Thank you for coming today. And may God bless you all, and may God bless America.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:45 p.m. in the ballroom. In his remarks, he referred to Gov. Jeb Bush of Florida; Julie Graf, site supervisor, Marks Street Senior Recreation Complex; Abu Sabaya, a leader of the Abu Sayyaf terrorist group who was killed June 21 by Philippine military forces; and President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo of the Philippines.

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

June 16

During the day, from the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, the President had a telephone conversation with President Vicente Fox of Mexico concerning the World Cup soccer game between the U.S. and Mexico to be held the next day in Chonju, South Korea. In the evening, he had a telephone conversation with U.S. team members to express his support.

June 17

In the morning, the President traveled to Atlanta, GA, where he met with Habitat for Humanity volunteer Darryl Hicks and later toured the Pryor Road Corridor housing development. In the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will meet with President Abdoulaye Wade of Senegal on June 18.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jeffrey S. Merrifield to be a member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate John S. Bresland to be a member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ellen Sauerbrey to be U.S. Representative to the Commission on the Status of Women of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

The President announced his intention to nominate Norman J. Pattiz to be a member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board: Michael Corradini, Mark D. Abkowitz, Thure E. Cerling, David J. Duquette, and Ronald Michael Latanision.

June 18

In the morning, the President met with President Abdoulaye Wade of Senegal to

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commend him for his work toward a resolution of the political crisis in Madagascar and discuss development in Africa.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with the leadership of Disabled American Veterans.

The President announced his intention to nominate Richard Allan Roth to be Ambassador to Senegal and Guinea-Bissau.

June 19

In the morning, the President had CIA and FBI briefings.

In an afternoon ceremony in the Oval Office, the President received diplomatic credentials from Ambassadors Boudewijn van Eenennaam of The Netherlands; Kassahun Ayele of Ethiopia; Phanthong Phommahaxay of Laos; Carlos Jose Ulvert Sanchez of Nicaragua; Aziz Mekouar of Morocco; Ishaq Shahryar of Afghanistan; Mihail Manoli of Moldova; and Mario Miguel Canahuati of Honduras. He then participated in a roundtable interview with health and fitness reporters in the Roosevelt Room.

The White House announced that the President has invited President Aleksander Kwasniewski of Poland to Washington, DC, for a state visit on July 17–18.

The President declared a major disaster in Colorado and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by wildfires beginning on April 23 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in Iowa and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the areas struck by severe storms and flooding beginning on June 3 and continuing.

June 20

In the morning, the President had CIA and FBI briefings. Later, he dropped by a meeting between National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice and President-elect Alvaro Uribe Velez of Colombia. Also in the morning, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel to express his sympathy for the families of victims of recent suicide bombings in Israel.

The President announced his appointment of the following individuals as members of the President's Council on Physical Fitness

and Sports: Lynn Swann (Chairman); Dot Richardson (Vice Chairman); Denise Austin; James Baird; John Burke; Paul Corrozza; Katherine Cosgrove; Amanda C. Cromwell; Pamela Danberg; Jamie Davidson; Dan Gable; Nomar Garciaparra; Marion Jones; Ivette Lirio; Nancy Lopez; T.L. Mitchell; Charles Moore, Jr.; Derek Parra; Emmit Smith; and Lloyd Ward.

The President announced that he will award the Presidential Medal of Freedom to the following individuals at a ceremony in July: Hank Aaron, Bill Cosby, Placido Domingo, Peter Drucker, Katharine Graham, D.A. Henderson, Irving Kristol, Nelson Mandela, Gordon Moore, Nancy Reagan, Fred Rogers, and A.M. Rosenthal.

June 21

In the morning, the President traveled to Orlando, FL, where he met with volunteer Marie Wieland.

In the evening, the President attended a fundraising event for the Republican Party of Florida and Gov. Jeb Bush of Florida at the Universal Studios Portofino Hotel. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted June 17

John S. Bresland, of New Jersey, to be a member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of 5 years, vice Devra Lee Davis.

Jeffrey S. Merrifield, of New Hampshire, to be a member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of 5 years expiring June 30, 2007 (reappointment).