

healthier society by helping parents build stronger families. Many studies have shown that children do better in two-parent households where the parents are married; and as part of our plan to promote the well-being of children, I have committed significant resources to programs that encourage healthy and stable marriages. While no law can ensure that people love one another, we can support initiatives that help couples learn how to build successful marriages and be good parents.

My Administration supports community-based efforts that help delinquent fathers improve their lives so they can become effective parents. With job training, employment, counseling, and career advancement education, we hope to make it easier for more fathers to have positive relationships with their sons and daughters. We have also taken important steps to empower and inform parents through the No Child Left Behind Act, ensuring that they will be vital partners in their children's education. Further, every child in America deserves to live in a safe, stable, and loving family; my Administration is committed to increasing public awareness about the importance of adoption and to encouraging Americans to consider adopting children. By pursuing these significant measures, we increase compassion in our society, and we make America a better place for all.

The nurturing and development of children require widespread investment, focus, and commitment. While Government plays an important role in this process, citizens, schools, and civic institutions must also assist parents by reaching out to help meet the needs of young people in their communities. By working together to provide for our children, we will show them the way to a brighter future.

Now, Therefore, I, George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States and consistent with Public Law 103-362, as amended, do hereby proclaim Sunday, July 28, 2002, as Parents' Day. I encourage all Americans to join me in honoring the millions of mothers and fathers, biological and adoptive, foster parents, and stepparents, whose selfless love and determined efforts

influence lives for the good of their children and our Nation. I also urge all Americans to express their love, respect, and appreciation to our parents, and I call upon all citizens to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-sixth day of July, in the year of our Lord two thousand two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-seventh.

George W. Bush

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Digest of Other White House Announcements

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.

July 21

In the afternoon, the President returned from Camp David, MD, to Washington, DC.

July 22

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. He then traveled to Argonne, IL, and later returned to Washington, DC.

July 23

In the morning, the President had CIA and FBI briefings. Also in the morning, he had a telephone conversation with President Megawati Sukarnoputri of Indonesia to discuss cooperation against terrorism and Secretary of State Colin Powell's upcoming visit to Southeast Asia.

In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President met first with House Democrats and then with House Republicans to discuss homeland security. Later, he dropped

by a meeting between National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice and President Rafael Hipolito Mejia Dominguez of the Dominican Republic to discuss trade negotiations.

The President announced his intention to appoint Susan Schanlaber (historic preservation expert) and Emily Anne Rich Summers (public representative) as members of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

July 24

In the morning, the President had a breakfast meeting with Speaker of the House of Representatives J. Dennis Hastert, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, and House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt to discuss foreign policy issues, including events in the Middle East, and the congressional agenda. He then had CIA and FBI briefings and met with the National Security Council.

Later in the morning, the President met with Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe of Sri Lanka to discuss efforts to resolve the civil conflict in Sri Lanka and other issues. He then met with a group of Cabinet ministers from Afghanistan who were in Washington, DC, to attend a summit on recovery and reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan.

In the afternoon, the President met with American missionary Gracia Burnham and other members of the Burnham family to express his condolences concerning the death of Gracia's husband, Martin, during the June 7 effort to rescue the couple from the Abu Sayyaf terrorist group which held them hostage in the Philippines. Later, in the Cabinet Room, he met with Republican Members of Congress to discuss homeland security.

The President announced his intention to nominate Joaquin F. Blaya to be a member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

The President announced his intention to nominate Juanita Alicia Vasquez-Gardner to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation (State court representative).

The President announced his intention to appoint Lyle Richard Brown as U.S. Commissioner and Presiding Officer of the Upper Colorado River Commission representing Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the National Cancer Advisory Board: John Edward Niederhuber, Marlys Jane Popma, and Franklyn Grenfel Pendergast (public representatives); Moon Shao-Chuang Chen, Jr., and Lydia Ryan (science/environmental carcinogens representatives); and Kenneth Harvey Cowan and Jean Bayhi deKernion (science representatives).

July 25

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. Later, in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, he spoke to National Future Farmers of America State President's Conference participants.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to High Point, NC, where he participated in a roundtable discussion on medical liability reforms at High Point Regional Hospital. Later, he traveled to Greensboro, NC.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

July 26

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

In the afternoon, in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, the President met with American Legion Boys Nation and Girls Nation participants.

The President announced his intention to nominate James C. Miller III to be a Governor on the Board of Governors of the U.S. Postal Service.

The President announced his intention to appoint David Brady as a member of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

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.
