

Moms and dads, by working on healthy choices not only for themselves but their kids, are doing their job as a parent. By exercising every day, by finding time, by carving out time, no matter how busy you may seem or how boring exercise may seem initially, it's a part of a responsibility culture. And I appreciate giving it—being given the chance to come and talk about this.

We'll work on health care matters. We're working on Medicare reform. That's—we need to work on Medicare reform. And we're working on how to make sure the working uninsured get insurance. But the truth of the matter is, one of the best reforms in America for health care is a strong, preventative health care program that starts with each American being responsible for what he or she eats, what he or she drinks, what he or she doesn't smoke, and is responsible for whether or not they get out and exercise on a regular basis. I encourage my fellow citizens to exercise.

Thank you all very much. Thanks for coming, and may God bless.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:04 p.m. in the gymnasium at the Lakewest Family YMCA. In his remarks, he referred to Chairman Lynn C. Swann, Vice Chairman Dorothy G. "Dot" Richardson, and Council Members Paul R. Carozza, John P. Burke, and Dr. Teddy L. Mitchell, President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports; Kenneth L. Gladish, national executive director and chief executive officer, YMCA of the USA; Gov. Rick Perry of Texas; Dr. Kenneth H. Cooper, President's personal physician; and Andrew Simpson, youth volunteer, Lakewest Family YMCA.

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### Digest of Other White House Announcements

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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.

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#### July 12

In the morning, in Abuja, Nigeria, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later,

in the courtyard of the Nicon Hilton Hotel, the President met with U.S. Embassy employees and their families.

Later in the morning, at the Abuja National Hospital, the President and Mrs. Bush had a briefing on HIV/AIDS programs, toured laboratories, and participated in a roundtable discussion with medical staff and beneficiaries of HIV/AIDS mother-to-child transmission prevention programs.

Also in the morning, at Aso Presidential Villa, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a welcoming ceremony with President Olusegun Obasanjo of Nigeria.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

#### July 14

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings and met with the National Security Council. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Gen. Tommy R. Franks, USA, combatant commander, U.S. Central Command, and his wife, Cathryn, in honor of General Franks' retirement.

The White House announced that the President will host Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, on July 20–21.

The President declared a major disaster in Arizona and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by the Aspen fire on June 17 and continuing.

#### July 15

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Prime Minister Vladimir Spidla of the Czech Republic to discuss the situation in Iraq and European-U.S. relations.

Later in the morning, he met with Secretary of State Colin L. Powell.

In the afternoon, the President participated in a photo opportunity with teenagers

involved in the Seeds of Peace camp program. Later, he met with bipartisan congressional leaders to discuss Medicare reform.

The White House announced that the President will host the G-8 Summit in Sea Island, GA, on June 8-10, 2004.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert B. Charles to be Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomasina V. Rogers to be a member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

The President declared a major disaster in Ohio and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on July 4 and continuing.

### **July 16**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he made brief remarks to U.S. Attorneys at the Department of Justice headquarters building.

Later in the morning, the President met with economists.

In the afternoon, the President participated in the ceremonial swearing-in of Office of Management and Budget Director Joshua B. Bolten.

Later in the afternoon, the President met with Members of Congress to discuss African affairs.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a reception in the Residence followed by a dinner on the State Floor for former President Gerald Ford and his wife, Betty, in honor of former President Ford's 90th birthday.

The President announced his intention to nominate George H. Walker to be Ambassador to Hungary.

### **July 17**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and met with the National Security Council. Later, he met with Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Veterans of Foreign Wars commander-in-chief Raymond C. Sisk.

Later, he participated in an interview with a journalist from *Leaders* magazine.

Later in the afternoon, the President met with U.S. Ambassador to Japan Howard H. Baker, Jr. Later, the President met with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Nestor Kirchner of Argentina to the White House on July 23.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) of the Palestinian Authority to the White House for a meeting and working lunch on July 25.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel to the White House for a meeting and working lunch on July 29.

### **July 18**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Dallas, TX.

In the evening, the President attended a Bush-Cheney reception at the Wyndham Anatole Hotel. Later, he and Mrs. Bush returned to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

The White House announced that the President will award the Presidential Medal of Freedom to the following individuals in a ceremony at the White House on July 23: Jacques Barzun, Julia Child, Roberto Clemente Walker, Van Cliburn, Vaclav Havel, Charlton Heston, Edward Teller, R. David Thomas, Byron Raymond White, James Q. Wilson, and John R. Wooden.

The President announced his intention to nominate John Joseph Grossenbacher to be a member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Peter Lichtenbaum to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration.

The President announced his intention to designate Joan Ridder Challinor as Chairman

of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science.

The President declared a major disaster in Texas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Claudette on July 15 and continuing.

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### **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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

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#### ***Submitted July 14***

Craig S. Iscoe,  
of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of 15 years, vice Frederick D. Dorsey, retired.

Margaret Catharine Rodgers,  
of Florida, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, vice Lacey A. Collier, retiring.

Paul Michael Warner,  
of Utah, to be U.S. Attorney for the District of Utah for the term of 4 years (reappointment).

#### ***Submitted July 15***

Robert B. Charles,  
of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs), vice R. Rand Beers, resigned.

Kristin J. Forbes,  
of Massachusetts, to be a member of the Council of Economic Advisers, vice Randall S. Kroszner, resigned.

Thomasina V. Rogers,  
of Maryland, to be a member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2009 (reappointment).

Harvey S. Rosen,  
of New Jersey, to be a member of the Council of Economic Advisers, vice Mark B. McClellan.

#### ***Withdrawn July 15***

William Preston Graves,  
of Kansas, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for the remainder of the term expiring December 10, 2005, vice Mel Carnahan, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2003.

#### ***Submitted July 17***

Gwendolyn Brown,  
of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, vice Arnold Gregory Holz, resigned.

Susan C. Schwab,  
of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, vice Kenneth W. Dam, resigned.

George H. Walker,  
of Missouri, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Hungary.

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### **Checklist of White House Press Releases**

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The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

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#### ***Released July 12***

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

#### ***Released July 14***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit of Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed into law H.R. 825,