

the place where dreams can be realized and people can own something. People can own their own business. People can own their own home. People have a chance to say, "This is mine. This is my property." And we're making good progress here, doing just that.

Remember where I started? I talked about the hurdles we've overcome. We really have. The country is a strong country. It's overcome a lot, and there's more hurdles to overcome in the future. I'm confident of that. But you know what else I'm confident of? We'll overcome. This is such a great country, full of decent and honorable people.

Thank you for coming. May God bless. Thank you all.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:45 a.m. at Expo New Mexico. In his remarks, he referred to John Kaltenbach, owner, John Kaltenbach Homes; and former President Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

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.

March 20

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Orlando, FL.

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

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Alvaro Uribe of Colombia to the White House for a meeting on March 23.

March 22

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Secretary of State Colin L. Powell.

Also in the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Umar Hasan Ahmad al-Bashir of Sudan and Dr. John Garang de Mabior, Chairman

of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement, to discuss the peace process in Sudan.

Also in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with NATO Secretary General Jakob "Jaap" Gijshert de Hoop Scheffer to discuss counterterrorism efforts and the situation in Kosovo. He then had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy to thank him for his support against terrorism following the March 11 terrorist attacks in Madrid, Spain, and to discuss the situations in Iraq and Kosovo.

In the afternoon, the President participated in a meeting and photo opportunity with White House Fellows. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor recipients.

Later in the afternoon, in the East Room, the President participated in a photo opportunity with Children's Miracle Network Champions Across America Representatives.

March 23

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with President Alvaro Uribe of Colombia. He then had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Jose Manuel Durao Barroso of Portugal to discuss counterterrorism efforts and the situation in Iraq.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder of Germany to discuss counterterrorism efforts.

Also in the afternoon, at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, the President dropped by a meeting of chief State school officers.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Ministers Simeon Saxe-Coburg-Gotha of Bulgaria, Juhan Parts of Estonia, Indulis Emsis of Latvia, Algirdas Mykolas Brazauskas of Lithuania, Adrian Nastase of Romania, Mikulas Dzurinda of Slovakia, and Anton Rop of Slovenia, and NATO Secretary General Jakob "Jaap" Gijshert de Hoop Scheffer to the White House on March 29 for a meeting and ceremony marking the formal accession of these nations into NATO. The White House

also announced that the President will welcome Prime Ministers Fatos Nano of Albania, Ivo Sanader of Croatia, and Branko Crvenkovski of Macedonia, whose nations are seeking NATO membership and participating in NATO's Membership Action Plan.

March 24

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Konstandinos Karamanlis of Greece to the White House on May 20.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Paris, France, on June 5 to meet with French President Jacques Chirac, and that he will travel to Normandy, France, on June 6 to participate in ceremonies marking the 60th anniversary of D-day.

The President announced his intention to nominate Christopher R. Hill to be Ambassador to South Korea.

The President announced his intention to appoint Steven J. Law as a member of the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China.

March 25

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then traveled to Nashua, NH, where, upon arrival, he greeted USA Freedom Corps volunteer Lawrence Jeffery.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Boston, MA, where, upon arrival, he greeted USA Freedom Corps volunteer Kareen Wilkinson.

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

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomas Charles Krajeski to be Ambassador to Yemen.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michele J. Sison to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates.

The President announced his intention to appoint Marta Araoz de la Torre, Meredith J. Long, and James Lorand Matory as members of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee.

The President announced his intention to appoint Charles A. Horner and Armstrong

Williams as members of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

March 26

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Albuquerque, NM, where, upon arrival, he greeted USA Freedom Corps volunteer Irving Hall. He then met with Pueblo Governors.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Phoenix, AZ, where, upon arrival, he greeted USA Freedom Corps volunteer Barbara Lockwood.

Later in the afternoon, the President toured the Carpenter's Training Center in Phoenix. He then participated in a conversation on homeownership at the Center. Later, he traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, on April 12.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel to Washington, DC, on April 14.

The White House Announced that the President will welcome King Abdullah II of Jordan to the White House on April 21.

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 March 22

Jonathan W. Dudas, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, vice James Edward Rogan, resigned.

Jendayi Elizabeth Frazer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of South Africa.