friendly way to obtain information about recreational opportunities in the national parks and other public recreation sites.

As we observe National Park Week, I encourage all citizens to explore our national parks and to commit to the conservation and stewardship of these timeless treasures. By working together, we can ensure that these special places thrive for generations to come.

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, do hereby proclaim April 21 through April 27, 2003, as National Park Week. I call upon the people of the United States to join me in recognizing the importance of our national parks and to learn more about these areas of beauty, their historical significance, and the many ways citizens can volunteer to help preserve these precious resources.

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

George W. Bush

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Executive Order 13296—
Amendments to Executive Order 13296, Protection of Children From Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks
April 18, 2003

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in order to extend the Task Force on Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks to Children, and for other purposes, it is hereby ordered that Executive Order 13045 of April 21, 1997, as amended, is further amended as follows:

Section 1. Subsection 3–303(o) is amended by striking “Assistant to the President and”.

Sec. 2. Section 3–305 is amended by:
(a) striking “cabinet agencies and other agencies identified” and inserting in lieu thereof “executive departments, the Environmental Protection Agency, and other agencies identified”; and
(b) inserting the following new language after the second sentence: “Each report shall also detail the accomplishments of the Task Force from the date of the preceding report.”

Sec. 3. Section 3–306 is amended by:
(a) striking “6 years” and inserting in lieu thereof “8 years”; and
(b) striking the second sentence.

Sec. 4. Section 6–601, the second sentence, is amended by deleting “an annual” and inserting “a biennial” in lieu thereof.

Sec. 5. Section 6–603, the third sentence, is amended by deleting “submitted annually” and inserting “published biennially” in lieu thereof.

Sec. 6. Section 7 is amended by adding new section 7–703 as follows: “7–703. Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budget, administrative, or legislative proposals.”

George W. Bush


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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.