

# Withdrawal/Redaction Sheet

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3/12

**SCHEDULE FOR HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON**  
**DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 1994**  
**DRAFT #2**

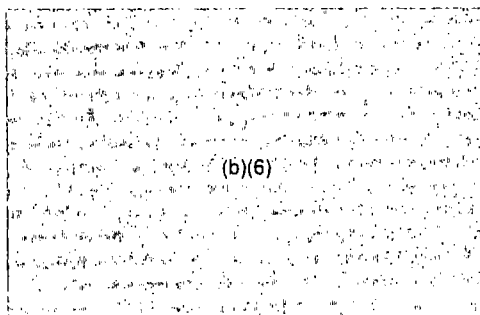
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**Scheduling Desk:** Julie Hopper  
202-456-7561 office  
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202-544-4223 home  
1-800-528-7528 WHCA#4096

**PREV RON** The White House

8:00 am



001

10:00 am

**DEPART** The White House South Portico  
**EN ROUTE** Democratic National Committee Bldg.  
[Drive Time: 10 minutes]  
Travelling w/HRC:  
Kelly Craighead [will meet you at the DNC]  
Lisa Caputo  
Melanne Verveer  
WH Photographer

10:10 am

**ARRIVE**  
DNC Headquarters  
430 S. Capitol Street [Main Entrance]

10:15 am-

11:00 am

**NHCC TELECONFERENCE**  
Studio in Basement  
Attire: Business  
**CLOSED PRESS** [at the DNC]  
**OPEN PRESS** [at each downlink site]

**PARTICIPANTS:**

**Cities Participating In The Teleconference:**

- Norristown, PA [UFCW Union Hall]
- Piscataway, NJ [Rutgers University]
- Phibodeaux, LA [Nicholls State College]
- Bucks County, PA [Delaware Valley Community College]
- Tampa, FL [Hillsboro, College]
- Omaha, NE [Univ. of Neb Medical College]

**SCHEDULE FOR HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 7, 1994**  
**PAGE 2**

**FORMAT:**

- Virginia Trotter Betts; Pres. of American Nurses Assoc. welcomes everyone and will be the National Moderator.
- NHCC Video - "Challenge to America" [16-minutes]

**NOTE:** HRC arrives studio as video is concluding.

**NOTE:** Each downlink site will have it's own moderator.

- Virginia Trotter-Betts intros HRC

10:21 am

- HRC delivers remarks [15-minutes]

10:36 am-

11:25 am

- HRC takes questions from downlink sites

**FORMAT:**

- Ms. Trotter Betts will control the Q & A from Washington. She will call on people, including members of Congress, in a pre-arranged order.

- Members of Congress and any Senators attending will lead off the questioning section. Each member will be allowed to ask HRC one question. Following the members' questions, HRC will field at least one pre-arranged question per down link site.

11:25 am

- HRC gives brief closing remarks

11:27 am

- Virginia Betts-Trotter gives brief closing remarks and turns program over to local MC's

11:30 am

- Program concludes

Event Contact: Amy Wilkins 202/488-5060

11:35 am

**DEPART DNC**  
**EN ROUTE** The White House

11:45 am

**ARRIVE** The White House South Portico

**RON**

The White House

TO: Interested Persons  
FROM: Amy Wilkins  
DATE: March 11, 1994  
RE: Order of Questions for the Videoconference 3/12

**Site 1: Piscataway, NJ**

1. Representative Frank Pallone,
2. Connie Gilbert-Niece,
3. Michael Delucia,

**Site 2: Thibodeaux, LA**

1. Herman Armour,
2. Pat Porche,

**Site 3: Bucks Co., PA**

1. Martha Drapuca (Dra-poo),
2. Frank Flatch,

**Site 4: Omaha, NE**

1. Terry Moore,
2. Linda Lazure,

**Site 5: Tampa, FL**

1. Dr. Mark Varadin,
2. Jane Silverberg,

**Site 6: Norristown, PA**

1. Dr. William Wade,
2. Joan Coombs,
3. (only if there is extra time) Kate Maus



## THE NATIONAL HEALTH CARE CAMPAIGN

To: Liz Boyer  
From: Amy Wilkins  
Date: 3/11/94  
Re: A Note about the Florida Questioner

We have sent you info that either a Dr. Mark Varidin or a Dr. Plato Varidin will be asking the question of the First Lady tomorrow morning from Tampa.

Dr. Mark is the son of Dr. Plato, they are working on building a medical school in Tarpon Springs, FL, and they are related to G. Stephanophoulos (cousins).

We have a call in to find out exactly which one (father or son) will ask the question, but essentially, they are the same in terms of profession, etc. We will be able to tell Virginia Trotter-Betts tomorrow morning.

We are almost 100% sure it will be Plato the father, so I'd work from this assumption.

Thanks and sorry for the inconvenience.



## THE NATIONAL HEALTH CARE CAMPAIGN

To: Liz Boyer 45C - 2279  
From: Amy Wilkins  
Date: March 10, 1994  
Re: What Follows

- 1) Trotter-Betts Biography
- 2) Questioner Descriptions
- 3) Moderator Biographies
- 4) Audience Descriptions
- 5) NHCC Info on Relevant Members of Congress

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THIS IS 19 PAGES.

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To: Liz Boyer  
From: Amy Wilkins  
Re: Flavor of Questions and info. on questions  
Date: March 10, 1994

First, I'm really very sorry that this is so late. We will do something *nice* for you when this is all over.

Most of the questions that people plan to ask seem to come very much from their personal experience, and from issues which have recently been highlighted by the media. What follows are brief descriptions of the people that will be asking the First Lady questions on Saturday. Please note that these people are not listed in the order in which they will be asking questions, if you need that we can get that to you in the morning.

Dr. Richard Johnson, at the Norristown, PA. site.  
He is a member of the State Psychological Association

002  
(b)(6) at the Bucks, Co. PA. site.  
(b)(6) and her husband live in a long term care facility.  
She is a retired nurse - the campaign found her through a caseworker at the county legal aid society.

Jane Silverberg, at the Tampa site.  
She is a small business woman who owns Silverberg Jewelers.

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(b)(6) at the Thibodaux site.  
In his early sixties and has a heart condition. His wife has cancer.  
He's been denied insurance. He has also worked with the mentally ill.

Terry Moore, at the Omaha site.  
He is a leader of the Omaha Central Council. He has been working very hard on behalf of the HSA.

Connie Gilbert-Niece (Neese), at the Piscataway, NJ site.  
Connie belongs to several family planning organizations, she is very active on choice and other women's health care issues.

Linda Lazure, at the Omaha site.  
RN in Omaha, member of the Nurses Assoc.

Vikki Peay, at the Thibodaux site.  
Young Social worker from Houma.

These are eight real people asking questions. Liz, remember we have at least three members of Congress asking questions (Margolies-Mezvinsky, Pallone, and Gibbons, we still don't know what Hoagland is doing). This would give 11-12 questions in an hour of Q and A - which would mean around five minutes each for each introduction, question, and answer. This may be a little long. Let me know what you think. We could certainly add more questions without a problem.

**BIOS****LOUISIANA  
Tibldaux Site****Moderator****Dr. Thomas Mortallero**

Dr. Thomas Mortallero is head of the Department of Government at Nicholls State University. He is a strong Democrat who supports the Health Security Act and is willing to work closely with the National Health Care Campaign in its efforts to promote the plan.

**WONK****Marcus Carson**

Marcus Carson is the executive director of the Louisiana Health Care Campaign, a health reform group made up of 60 organizations including small business, consumers, health care advocates, and seniors who have studied each of the reform proposals. Mr. Carson and the LA Health Care Campaign are supportive of the principles of the President's plan.

**FLORIDA  
Tampa****Moderator****William Norsworthy**

William Norsworthy has been working in the Tampa Bay area for more than fourteen years in the managed health care business. He is President of SunHealth Care Plans- Gulf Coast, Inc., a locally based Preferred Provider Organization (PPO). Having devoted his professional career to improving the quality and cost effectiveness of medical services, Mr. Norsworthy is very knowledgeable of the issues facing the health care industry today.

**NEBRASKA  
Omaha****Moderator****Mark Hager**

Mark Hager is the Executive Director of a children's theatre in Omaha, Nebraska. Mr. Hager is a strong supporter of President Clinton, Representative Hoagland and the Health Security Act. As a nurse and Democratic activist, Hager is an excellent proponent of and spokesperson for health care reform.

**NEW JERSEY****Piscataway****Moderator****Betty Hutcheon**

Betty Hutcheon is a Senior Account Executive at Keyes Martin, Advertising and Public Relations firm in Springfield, NJ. Ms. Hutcheon is the co-founder and co-chair of the NJ Women's Coalition for Clinton/Gore, the Vice President of the Women's Health and Counseling Center in Somerville, and a trustee of the Democratic National Committee. Betty Hutcheon is long-time Democratic activist and a strong supporter of health care reform.

**PENNSYLVANIA****Bucks County Site****Moderator****Joanne Fischer**

Joanne Fischer is the Executive Director of the Maternity Care Coalition. The Maternity Care Coalition has spent the last decade working to bring the public and private sectors together to establish policies and programs that genuinely support families. Today the MCC is taking the lead in infusing the voices of women and children into the debate on health reform. Joanne Fischer is a true advocate of health care reform and strong ally of the President's plan.

**PENNSYLVANIA****Norristown****Moderator****Gary Gurian**

Gary Gurian is the present director of the Montgomery County Department of Health. He is a board member of the Pennsylvania Public Health Association, and is out-going chairman of the association's Public Policy Committee. He has long been an active state-wide lobbyist for improvements in public health policy. Mr. Gurian is a dedicated and ardent supporter of meaningful health care reform.

**WONK****Steven M. Passin**

Mr. Passin is a consultant to business and government in the areas of national health policy, managed care and the continuing education of health professionals. Passin is a former Deputy Health Secretary for the State of California responsible for statewide alternative health systems. In addition, Mr. Passin was the executive director of the McGerrigan Center for Continuing Medical Education, designing educational programs for physicians and other health professionals in partnership with major university health and science centers. Passin also formed his own company, Well-Being, Inc., which specialized in the provision of health promotion and disease prevention programs for employees through business and industry. He is currently an senior consultant and advisor to the National Health Care Campaign in Washington, D.C..



## THE NATIONAL HEALTH CARE CAMPAIGN

To: Liz Boyer  
From: Amy Wilkins  
Date: 3/10/94  
Re: General Audience Description for 3/12/94 Teleconferences with Mrs. Clinton

### Tampa, Florida

**Sam Gibbons will be present/Mike Bilirakis will not attend**

The audience will consist of diverse constituencies from Bilirakis' district and statewide association/organization leaders.

20% seniors/aging organizations  
20% from women's organizations  
20% labor  
10% disabilities/Long-Term Care  
10% doctors  
10% nurses  
5% Citizen Action/Americans for Democratic Action

The room will be filled out by small business, county Democrats, a few state electeds from the area, social workers, and hospital board executives. A number of those present are Bilirakis donors.

### Thibodaux, Louisiana

**Billy Tauzin will not be present, but staff from Tauzin's, Breaux', and Johnston's staff may be present.**

Labor (SEIU, NEA, AFT, other)  
Nurses  
AARP/Aging Councils from several parishes  
Occupational Therapists/Social Workers/Catholic Social Services  
Students from Nichols University  
LA Alliance for the Mentally Ill  
NAACP  
Some small business and nonprofits

**Omaha, Nebraska**

**At present, Peter Hoagland and Bob Kerrey will not attend, but their staff will most likely be there.**

Hoagland's key constituencies that helped him win re-election in 1992:

Labor, Women's organizations/Choice groups

Nurses

Disabilities (Arc, High Risk-Insurance Pool People, children)

Key Hoagland donors

**Piscataway, New Jersey**

**Frank Pallone will be present.**

Heavily recruited seniors, AAUW/women's organizations (PP, N.O.W.)

Public health professionals

Local electeds (county and state legislature)

Disabilities community

Rutgers Board of Executives

**Bucks County, Pennsylvania**

**At present, Jim Greenwood will not be present**

20% nurses

30% seniors

10% labor

10% small business

30% children's advocates

**Norristown, Pennsylvania**

**Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky will be present**

25% labor, 25% political (local electeds, election activists, donors)

25% professional organizations/associations (docs, nurses, etc.)

25% women's and children's issue advocates

A handful of small businesspeople and a lot of seniors.

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Honorable Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky Work: (202) 225-6111 Democrat 13  
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Washington, DC 20515-3813 DC Aide: Jim Pearthree

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Suite 200 FAX:  
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004 District Aide: Linda August

## ----- B I L L S -----

Health Plan: Sponsor Plan:  
Budget Vote: No  
NAFTA Vote: No

## ----- R A N K I N G -----

Rank: 2 Won by: 50.00% Clinton 3: 44.00%  
Hill Code: Activity:  
Field Code: Activity:

## ----- O T H E R -----

Health Aide: Bradley Edgell Work:  
FAX:  
Other Aide: Work:  
FAX:

## ----- C O M M E N T S -----

FRPT 3/7/94: MMM to attend teleconference; concerned about the Date Added: 3/09/94  
"workability of alliances" and "burden" of the employer mandate

2/14 letter: signed women's reproductive services letter to Date Added: 2/18/94  
Cooper

12/10: pro cost control; undecided on empl. mandate; conc: address Date Added: 2/10/94  
to women's health issues; financing look at new taxes; small  
business; effect on pharm/academic hospitals; favors cost sharing

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515 Cannon House Office Building FAX: (202) 225-9511 U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-3808 DC Aide: Judy Berger

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District Aide: Linda Franklin

## B I L L S

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NAFTA Vote: Yes

## R A N K I N G

Rank: 3 Won by: 52.00% Clinton &: 39.00%  
Bill Code: Activity:  
Field Code: Activity:

## O T H E R

Health Aide: Susan Cobb Work:  
Other Aide: FAX:  
Work:  
FAX:

## C O M M E N T S

FRPT 3/7/94: G. disparages employer mandate, regional alliances and global budgets in newspaper interview, yet says he supports meaningful health reform Date Added: 3/09/94

FRPT 3/7/94: No logistical problems with teleconference on 3/12, just political. Has yet to commit. Date Added: 3/09/94

FRPT 2/8: only Energy and Commerce, Health Sub member not cosponsoring a health bill; not convinced on universal coverage & has grave reservations about employer mandates Date Added: 2/18/94

12/10: not signed onto any; against payroll tax; concerns: caps on growth; limits on alliances on market plans; bureaucracy/finance; voted for Penny/Kasich wants further cuts in federal spending Date Added: 2/10/94

12/10: increased frustration dealing with administration Date Added: 2/10/94

12/22: concerns: cost to small business; quality; creation of another entitlement program; malpractice reform; wants to provide mental health coverage; doesn't want "deadbeats" to milk program Date Added: 2/10/94

FRPT 10/18/93: Ed Dougherty heard analysis that Greenwood talks like a centrist but usually votes with his party's leadership. Date Added: 2/03/94

FRPT 3/30/93: The "Inquirer" quoted small business/restaurant owner lobbyists making misrepresentations to Greenwood. Date Added: 2/03/94

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Honorable Peter Hoagland Work: (202) 225-4155 Democrat 02  
1113 Longworth House Office Building FAX: (202) U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-2702 DC Aide: Kathleen Ambrose

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Omaha, NE 68102 District Aide: Paul Landow

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FAX:  
Other Aide: Work:  
FAX:

## C O M M E N T S

FRPT 2/11: says Clinton bill was already in trouble, CBO report doesn't help Date Added: 2/18/94

FRPT 1/24: increasingly more nervous about position on employer mandates; hope he will not oppose mandates as trade off for stand fast opposition to insurance premiums limits and alliances Date Added: 2/18/94

FRPT 1/24 cont. pro choice and labor won last election for him which leads us to believe must do something for health care to please them; he often follows Kerrey's lead on issues Date Added: 2/18/94

FRPT 1/14: Lombardi said that "Hoagland is saying deplorable things in the papers about health care reform lately." His problems are: price control/premium caps; mandatory alliances; Date Added: 2/18/94

FRPT 1/14 cont. the 5,000 opt out, thinks any size employer should be able to opt; benefit pkg too pricey; No problem with employer mandate; needs labor/prochoice support--think he will Date Added: 2/18/94

FRPT 1/14 he will come out for mandate to appease labor and shy away from Cooper to not upset pro-choice groups--will not yield on alliance/insurance premium limit issues. Date Added: 2/18/94

FRPT 11/15/93: He will focus on the Alliances that don't work in Nebraska; Insurance companies are against them as well and have tacit support of close Governor advisors Date Added: 2/03/94

FRPT 2/2/94: Opposes mandatory purchase, opposes single payer, leaning against employer mandate; newspaper article: universal Date Added: 2/03/94

coverage but no government regulations and price control

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Herman Armour, at Thibodeaux site  
African-American AARP member

Dr. Plato Varadin / Dr. Mark Varadin (father and son), at Tampa site  
The father may not be able to make it, so Mark would  
ask if Plato's not there.

They are uncle and cousin of George Stephanopolis.  
Varadin Sr. is building a med. school in Bilirakis'  
district and is a big Bilirakis donor.

(b)(6) <sup>003</sup> at Piscataway site  
Father of two children with 8 and 12 years old. The 8 year old  
girl was bone with spina bifida. She's been Hospitalized ten  
times.

Joan Coombs, at the Norristown site  
President, Planned Parenthood of Southeastern, PA

Last but not least, a yet to be named labor leader will ask  
a question from the Bucks, Co. site. I'll get you a name as soon  
as I have one.

One more thing...we understand that both Rep. Gibbons  
and Rep. Mezvinsky have said that they will pass on their questions  
so that more real people have the opportunity to ask questions.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

09-Mar-1994 05:05pm

TO: Elizabeth C. Bowyer  
FROM: Deborah L. Fine  
Office of Communications  
SUBJECT: RE: United Methodist Church

The United Methodist Church supports a single payer health care system, although they are very friendly to the administration. They work with the Interreligious Health Care Access Campaign -- which is an interfaith coalition of over 78 national and state religious denominations and organizations. ( They are the umbrella group in the religious community that is most active on the health care issue.)

United Methodist Church recently participated in a press conference that denounced the tactics of the Christian Coalition's politicized campaign. I have their statement if you're interested.

On the ANA:

You have Gina Betts' bio. As HRC knows, the ANA has been very supportive throughout the campaign and the administration, primarily because of health care. Nurses are a constituency that we consider a 'base' groups in terms of support, and the ANA is the largest nursing association representing 200,000 nurses (?).

She just participated in a health care strategy meeting with other key allied supporters on Friday with the President (VPOTUS also participated).

We have a great relationship with her and her organization. There's not much else to note, except maybe:

1. We are currently planning to have a day-long briefing modeled after the ones we did with physicians on April 9 with nurses (and maybe social workers). The ANA would be the key sponsoring organization (along with NASW if social workers are included)
2. The nurses continue to express the importance of mentioning all providers when we talk about doctors in our presentations.

Let me know if you need anything else (like their statement of support.)

no Michael Bilirakis (FL)

old people

no

Tampa

Hillsborough College

Ways and Means:

maybe Peter Hoagland, (NE)

Omaha → Univ. of NE Medical Center

yes Sam Gibbons, (FL)

[As you know, this is xx days before the Energy and Commerce mark up.]

next week: [boucher, payne, lambert, lehman, schenk, slattery, kleztcka, and klug]

#### **Audience:**

\* Key individual donors/contributors, leaders/directors of key constituencies/the member's electoral coalition, local supportive elected officials, real people with real health care stories

\*Health care activists and opinion leaders in each member's district.

Key turn out rather than big turnout?

Approximately 200?

#### **Participants:**

HRC

Master of ceremony/moderator – local respected individual

Policy Person

Member of Congress

#### **Format:**

Local MCs welcome

[video uplink begins]

Intro from national moderator [3-5 min.]

Video [16 minutes]

HRC remarks [20 minutes]

Each Member of Congress asks HRC on question [20 minutes]

Questions from audiences

[end uplink]

Which questions are pre-selected? Need those and a list of probable questions



## THE NATIONAL HEALTH CARE CAMPAIGN

TO: PEOPLE WORKING ON MARCH 12 HRC TELECONFERENCES  
FROM: AMY WILKINS  
DATE: MARCH 9, 1994  
RE: SCRIPT FOR VIDEO CONFERENCE

### 9:00 EST HALL OPENS / REGISTRATION BEGINS

Remember, you'll need both an attendee and a press registration table and volunteers to staff both. If your member of Congress is attending, you'll also need someone on the look out for her or him and move them into the right place.

If you have not done so already, you should use this time to point out the people who you have prepped to ask the members of Congress to your local m.c.

At 9:30 Washington will start a test pattern, running for half an hour. Your tech co-ordinators will have to deal with this.

John Goodman is now working to line up wireless mikes for all of the halls. This will help a lot with control of the event. However, if we are unable to get you a wireless mike, you will need to make sure that the person who will be asking Mrs. Clinton a question is seated so that they can move to the phone without making a big mess.

### 9:50 M.C. WELCOMES FOLKS TO THE EVENT

This is a way to get people into their seats so that the show can start on time. The MC should do an overview of the agenda, including how much time will be spent on each section, so that people will understand ahead of time that there will only be one hour of questions for the First Lady, and only half an hour of questions for the member of Congress, if he or she is there.

At this point your member of Congress, your MC and your policy person should all be at the front of the hall, and the MC should introduce anyone else, local electeds and big NHCC supporters who need to be introduced. After the introductions are done, the MC should do any housekeeping announcements (i.e. where the bathrooms are, etc.).

\* *Greenwood* -

**10:00 ESTABLISH UP-LINK, NATIONAL MC GREETES PARTICIPANTS, AND DESCRIBES FORMAT**

Virginia Trotter Betts, President of the American Nurses Association, will be the National MC.

**10:05 NHCC VIDEO - "CHALLENGE TO AMERICA"**

This will be shown over the uplink, so it won't be an issue for you on the ground.

**10:21 MRS CLINTON'S REMARKS**

**10:36 Q and A FROM THE SITES**

Ms. Trotter Betts will control the q. and a. from Washington. She will call on people, including members of Congress, in a pre-arranged order. The order of questions will be determined after all questions from the field are received on Thursday. We will fax out the order on questions to you on Friday.

Members of Congress and any Senators attending will lead off the questioning section. At present, we understand that only Margolies-Mezvinsky, Pallone, and Gibbons are confirmed attending. Each member will be allowed to ask Mrs. Clinton one question. Following the members' questions, Mrs. Clinton will field at least one pre-arranged question per down link site.

**11:25 MRS. CLINTON MAKES BRIEF CLOSING REMARKS**

**MS. BETTS MAKES BRIEF CLOSING REMARKS AND TURNS PROGRAM OVER TO LOCAL MC'S**

**11:30 DOWN LINK BREAKS**

## **PART TWO (IF THE MEMBER IS PRESENT)**

**11:30 LOCAL MC TAKES OVER, REVIEWS CONTENT OF UPLINK, RE-EXPLAINS NEXT PORTION OF PROGRAM, INTRODUCES PANEL, AND THE MEMBER(S) IF THEY ARE PRESENT.**

At this point it will be important for the MC to tell the group how long the member can stay, so that people understand that the number of questions the member can take is limited by the amount of time that the member has. This means that you will need to know this before the event so that you can brief the moderator.

**11:35 MEMBER OF CONGRESS MAKES BRIEF REMARKS**

Each of you will have to figure out how much time the member(s) get depending on how many come. Remember, you want to leave a good chunk of time for audience questions, and you must make sure that the three mandatory questions are asked (these are forthcoming).

**11:50 Q AND A FROM THE AUDIENCE TO THE PANEL, INCLUDING THE MEMBER OF CONGRESS**

This is the part in which your local folks get to ask the member questions. You should have people prepared and the moderator prepped to ask at least one question each about the functions of alliances (this will actually be a set of questions), a question about employer responsibility, and a question about universal coverage. Following, or better yet mixed-up with these questions, people should be prepped to ask questions designed to address or expose particular problems that your member is having with the bill. After these key questions have been dealt with, the moderator can open it up for general, unscripted questions.

The role of the policy person here is to answer policy questions that the member may not be prepared to handle, and to correct any misstatements that the member may make.

**12:15 MC WRAPS UP Q AND A SECTION AND THANKS THE MEMBER FOR ATTENDING.**

The hope here is that the member will leave at this point. If the member leaves, the panel should be broken up, so that our policy person gets into the hall at the same time that the member does and can answer press questions. You should have a very strong volunteer out there in the hall with the member and the policy person to help spin the press.



THE NATIONAL HEALTH CARE CAMPAIGN

# FAX COVER SHEET

TO: Patty Solis

FROM:

~~Anthony Winnicker~~ AMY WILKINS

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DATE: 23 FEB 1994

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NOTE:

This is my memo

on tele conferences.

Let's talk.

*If you have trouble receiving this fax, please call Tony Winnicker at (202) 863-7176.*

430 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET, S.E. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20003 202 863-7174

To VOLUNTEER AND CONTRIBUTE 1-800-923-1993



## THE NATIONAL HEALTH CARE CAMPAIGN

To: Patti Solis  
From: Amy Wilkins  
Re: HRC Teleconference  
Date: February 21, 1994

First, let me say that all of us over here at the NHCC, are just **thrilled** that Mrs. Clinton has agreed to participate in a teleconference with us. Secondly, as I said when we spoke earlier today, given the fact that she is only able to do one, rather than four, and the fact that it would seem we have some work to do with members of the Energy and Commerce Committee; it makes the most sense to use the time that we are able to get from the First Lady to work key Energy and Commerce votes rather than to work the key constituencies, as we proposed in our original memo to you.

### WHY DO THE TELECONFERENCE

To give those people who can "get to" the members on Energy and Commerce whose votes we need the opportunity to be briefed by the First Lady, as well as, I would suggest, a panel of experts, so that they in turn will make contact with the member supporting the NHCC position on HR 3600.

### WHEN

In early March, so we are out in front of an Energy and Commerce Mark-up.

### WHERE

In the districts of members deemed to be critical E and C votes. Our belief is that these members are: Reps. Boucher, Lambert, Lehman, Margolies-Mezvinsky, Pallone, Schenk, Slattery, Tauzin, Greenwood, Klug, and Upton. The NHCC has staff that can do turn-out for sites in Lehman's, Mezvinsky's, Pallone's, Schenk's, Tauzin's, and Greenwood's districts. Heather Booth, who does our national outreach to organizations, is talking to other national groups about doing turn out for sites in Boucher's, Lambert's, Klug's, and Upton's districts.

### WHO

We believe that the audience for these events needs to be the people who have the most influence on the members of Congress, therefore we may not have big turn-out at our downlink sites, but we will aim for key turn out. We are now in the process of talking to our field staff about who they are currently working with, or know of, who can speak to the member or can influence the member. We are also asking our opposition research staff to develop a list of major donors who we believe should also be there.

To: Patty Solis  
From: Amy Wilkins  
Date: 2/21/94  
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## HOW

The organizers are now working to put together very specific briefing materials on what the members are saying back home about what their concerns are. We are also speaking with Chairman Dingell's office about their thoughts on what the concerns of these members are. Based on these two information sources, the NHCC will put together briefing materials and an agenda designed to address the concerns **common** to E and C members.

## NEXT STEPS

- 1) We need to set a date that works for the First Lady. As I said at the outset of this memo, we would like to do this before the Energy and Commerce markup.
- 2) Based on materials developed by the field staff and research on individual member positions and concerns, we need to develop briefing materials and an agenda.
- 3) Depending on what the agenda is, we will need to identify and recruit members of the administration who can back the First Lady up.

Finally, Patty, because we will be using these events to try to get people to *influence* their members of Congress, we do not think that the members should be invited. We can talk more about this if you want.

Thanks and I look forward to hearing from you. My number is (202) 863-7184, but it is going to change soon (we are moving) but the 7184 number should be forwarded....



## THE NATIONAL HEALTH CARE CAMPAIGN

**FAX COVER SHEET**

TO:

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NOTE:

This is the memo  
to the field on  
Mrs. Clinton's teleconferences.

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TO VOLUNTEER AND CONTRIBUTE 1-800-923-1993



## THE NATIONAL HEALTH CARE CAMPAIGN

To: NHCC State Coordinators  
Re: Teleconference with E&C/W&M Members  
Date: 3/4/94

This memo outlines the agenda of the teleconference, and the steps you should take to make them happen.

### What

The focus of this teleconference is obviously the First Lady. She will speak to health care activists and opinion leaders in the member's district, and we are inviting the member to participate. The member will have an opportunity to speak and answer questions from the audience, as well as ask the First Lady one question about the HSA and health care reform.

The member will then have a chance to talk to the audience, followed by a Q&A session. The final fifteen minutes of the event will be devoted to organizing those in the room to contact the member and urge them to support the HSA and its key elements. Obviously, the tone and content of what you say to these people might vary depending on whether the member is in the room.

### Why

- \* To give the member the "goodie" of sharing in a teleconference with the First Lady, one of fewer than 20 members of Congress in the country.
- \* To demonstrate to the member of Congress that there is support in his or her district for the HSA and particularly for those elements (alliances, employer contributions) that they may not support in committee.
- \* To organize those attending - the individuals and constituencies key to the member - to contact the member and move him to support the HSA.

### When

Saturday, March 12, 1994 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. e.s.t.

### Where

John Goodman is negotiating now with the sites you have suggested to us. Each site will ideally hold about 200 people. He will likely be talking to you, and we will let you know as soon as the site in your state is confirmed.

### Who

There are five types of "participants" in these teleconferences - the master of ceremony, the policy person, the member of Congress, the audience, and the press.

### Master of Ceremony

You will need a moderator on-site as well as someone who can help answer policy questions posed by the audience.

- \* Ideally, the moderator will be a local respected individual (doctor, local elected, business person, columnist, etc.) WHO YOU ARE SURE SUPPORTS THE HSA, KNOWS OUR MESSAGE, AND CAN CONTROL AN EVENT WITH PARTICIPATION BY THE FIRST LADY VIA SATELLITE AND A MEMBER OF CONGRESS IN THE ROOM.

If you are not confident you have such a person, then YOU should probably moderate your teleconference site. If your member is a Republican and he attends, you should make a strong effort to find someone else to moderate.

### The Policy Person

- \* You will need to find someone who knows the policy and provisions of the HSA, as well as our message, to support (and/or correct) the member's responses to questions from the audience. If the member of Congress is not on-site, this person would field questions from the audience directly. Ideally, this will be someone from the district, but Jon-Christopher Bua and Jason McManigal from the NHCC Surrogate Speaker's Bureau can provide policy people as well.

### The Member of Congress

- 1) We will deliver to the member of Congress an invitation from Governor Celeste to participate in a teleconference with the First Lady, sponsored by the NHCC in his or her district.
- 2) Bernard will call the A.A. of each invited member to make sure they receive the invitation.

- 3) You should call the district office and staff to make sure they are aware that an invitation was received.

### The Audience

You should remember that this teleconference is an NHCC event. We are the hosts, and the member is our guest. You determine who will be invited to attend the teleconference. The member can make suggestions that you should consider, but you make the final decision. You should invite the following types of people to the teleconference:

- \* Key individual donors/contributors
- \* Leaders/directors of key constituencies/the member's electoral coalition (women, seniors, small business)
- \* Local supportive elected officials
- \* Real people with real health care stories (the woman who can't get insurance because of a pre-existing condition, the child who needs in-home long term care, the man who lost his family coverage when he was laid off, the man who has reached his lifetime limit, etc.)

There is only limited space, and we must make sure that key people are present. Therefore, you must design, print, and distribute tickets to the people you are inviting, or to those who RSVP.

Please reserve 25% of the tickets for distribution to people from key national organizations that will call you and ask to be allowed in the teleconference. Heather is notifying national organizations of the teleconference sites, so you may get nurses or labor people, etc. in your state calling and asking to be included. If people from the state affiliates of national organizations do not call you to fill the seats, you will get them back two days before the teleconference to give to your own folks.

### The Press

You should invite the media to attend these town meetings as witnesses. They will not have the opportunity to ask the First Lady or the member questions during the event. They can, of course, talk to the member outside afterwards.

After the town meetings, you should make sure that you steer "real people" types with stories towards the reporters/cameras to talk about how great the First Lady was and why the member should support the HSA.

## How

Obviously, the agenda of the teleconference will vary depending on whether or not the member is present.

### Agenda If the Member is Present

- 1) Your m.c. welcomes people to the event  
[Begin video uplink]
- 2) Intro. from national moderator (3-5 min.)
- 3) Show Video (16 min.)
- 4) HRC talks (20 minutes)
- 5) Each Member Asks HRC one question via telephone (20 minutes)
- 6) People on-site ask HRC questions via telephone (and pre-selected questions)  
[End Uplink]
- 7) Member speaks about health care (15 minutes)
- 8) Q & A with people in the audience (pre-determined questioners) (30 minutes)

These questions should focus on those elements of the plan that the member may be hesitant to support, i.e. alliances and the employer contributions.

- 7) Moderator (organizer/local respected individual) organizes room to contact member about support for HSA (15 minutes)
- 8) Steer individuals towards the press who talk about how great HRC was and how much the member should support the HSA.

### Agenda If the Member Isn't Present

Steps 1 - 6 see above.

- 7) Q&A with policy person and moderator
- 8) Organize audience to contact member of Congress
- 9) Letter-writing session?

### What You Need To Do NOW

Call your member and invite him or her yourself  
Find and brief a policy person  
Find and brief a moderator  
Develop and implement a ticket distribution system  
Invite the key individuals and constituencies  
Find and brief real people with real health care horror stories and "help" them with their questions

Send out press advisories/releases, coordinating with member offices if necessary

Solicit and submit questions from health care story people to ask HRC. You must have these questions into us by 5:00 p.m. e.s.t. Thursday, March 10 to (202) 488-5014. Make sure these people will be present at the town meeting

Find people who will ask the member questions about his or her concerns (the alliances/insurance market reforms, employer responsibility, etc.)

Work with John Goodman to make sure technical and logistical arrangements are complete.

New Jersey  
guy

March 11, 1994

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## NATIONAL HEALTH CARE CAMPAIGN TELECONFERENCE

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DATE: Saturday, March 12  
TIME: 10:00 am  
LOCATION: Democratic National Committee  
FROM: Liz Bowyer

Can she see all the <sup>sites</sup> people at once?

### I PURPOSE

The purpose of this teleconference is to build support for the key elements of the President's health care approach among local opinion leaders in the districts of pivotal members of the Ways & Means and Energy & Commerce Committees.

### II BACKGROUND

the NHCC Conf  
Teleconference (official name?)

This teleconference was organized by the National Health Care Campaign and its state coordinators. The objective is to reassure local community and political leaders of the viability of the President's approach and mobilize their support; and thereby demonstrate to Members of Congress existing support for the plan in their districts, especially for those elements ~~that~~ <sup>of this to</sup> they may not support in Committee.

The teleconference is structured so that you and Virginia Trotter Betts, the national moderator, <sup>can</sup> interact via satellite with <sup>which</sup> individual downlink sites <sup>to different</sup> in ~~six~~ Members' districts. At each downlink site, there will be a local moderator, a local policy expert, an audience of approximately 200, and possibly a Member of Congress (see list below for which Members are participating).

Following your remarks, Virginia Trotter Betts, President of the American Nurses Association, will recognize each downlink site and allow participating Members of Congress at the sites to ask you one question. After the Members' Q & A, local moderators at each site will allow pre-selected members of the audience to ask you questions (total Q & A time: 1 hour).

### Downlink Sites

Continue for an hour  
afterwards ->

Following is a list of downlink sites, and the Members of Congress who represent each district:

Site

Member of Congress

Norristown, PA

Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky (participating)

Piscataway, NJ

Frank Pallone (participating)

Thibodeaux, LA

Billy Tauzin (not participating)

Bucks <sup>County</sup> City, PA

James Greenwood (not participating)

Tampa, FL

Sam Gibbons (participating)

Michael Bilirakis (not participating)

Omaha, NE

Peter Hoagland (participating?)

[next week: boucher, payne, lambert, lehman, schenk, slattery, kleztcka, and klug]

### Audience

Each audience will be composed <sup>mainly</sup> of opinion leaders and key constituencies in the ~~six~~ Members' districts, along with local people who have compelling health care stories. ~~Most of the people in each audience are already~~ supportive of the President's plan, and view this teleconference as a morale booster or "pep rally", rather than a persuasion event. <sup>The audiences are already</sup>

### American Nurses Association/ Virginia Trotter Betts (moderator)

As you know, the American Nurses Association has been very supportive of the Administration's health care reform efforts. The ANA is the largest nursing association, representing 200,000 nurses nationwide.

Virginia Trotter Betts attended a health care strategy meeting with other key allied supporters last Friday (3/?) with the President and Vice President (please also see attached bio).  
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### III PARTICIPANTS

HRC

Virginia Trotter Betts

Members of Congress

Local moderators

Local policy people

<sup>For</sup> Members who are not part, staff will be present -

### VI SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

### V. PRESS

Closed press at the DNC  
Open press at the downlink sites

**VL    REMARKS**

Prepared by Lissa Muscatine

Is she going to have enough interaction w/wonks to put them in?

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## NORRISTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

Location: UFCW Local 1776

Member's District: Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky

Local Moderator: Gary Gurian  
Gurian is the director of the Montgomery County Department of Health, and a board member of the Pennsylvania Public Health Association. He is an active statewide lobbyist for improvements in public health policy.

Local Questioner: Dr. Richard Johnson *Psychologist*  
(what kind of doctor, where does he practice?) Member of the State Psychological Association

Audience Profile: *Predominantly*  
~~The audience will be comprised of mostly seniors,~~ children's advocates, representatives from health care professional associations and labor and women's groups, and local political activists.

General Concerns:

*-Pronounce?*

**PISCATAWAY, NEW JERSEY**

**Location:** Rutgers University *Piscataway*

**Member's District:** Frank Pallone

**Local Moderator:** Betty Hutcheon

Hutcheon is a senior account executive at an advertising and PR firm in Springfield, NJ. She is the co-founder and co-chair of the New Jersey Women's Coalition for Clinton/Gore, vice-president of the Women's Health and Counseling Center in Somerville, and a trustee of the DNC.

**Local Questioner:** Connie Gilbert-Niece (NEEse) *family*

*Co-founder - Sister of Now*  
Belongs to several planning organizations, and is very active on choice and women's health care issues. *What does she do?*

**Audience Profile:** *P*  
~~The audience will be comprised of mainly representatives from~~ seniors' and women's organizations, public health professionals, members of the disabilities community, the Rutgers Board of Executives, and local elected officials.

**General Concerns:**

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## THIBODEAUX, LOUISIANA

Location: Nicholls State College

Member's District: Billy Tauzin (not participating)

Local Moderator: Dr. Thomas Mortallero, Ph.D. (?)  
Mortallero is head of the Department of Government at Nicholls  
(???) State University/College(?). He is very supportive of the  
Administration and wants to work closely with the NHCC to  
promote the HSA.

Local Questioner: <sup>004</sup> (b)(6) (pronun?)  
his early 60s, has a heart condition and his wife has  
cancer. He has been denied health insurance (has she?). He  
has worked worked with the mentally ill in his community.

Vikki Peay

Peay is a young social worker from Houma, LA (?)

Audience Profile: The audience will be comprised of mainly students, nurses and  
representatives from labor groups, the AARP and aging councils  
from neighboring parishes, the NAACP, the Louisiana Alliance  
for the Mentally Ill, and small businesses and nonprofits.

General Concerns:

## BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Location: Delaware Valley Community College

Member's District: James Greenwood (not participating)

Local Moderator: Joanne Fischer

Fischer is the executive director of the Maternity Care Coalition, a group that has spent the last decade working to bring the public and private sectors together to support programs and policies that support families. The MCC is taking the lead in ?? in infusing the voices of women and children into the health care debate.

Local Questioner:

(b)(6)

004

*Billy* (b)(6) a retired nurse, lives with her husband live in a long-term care facility. The NHCC found her through a caseworker at the county legal aid society (capitalized?)

Audience Profile: The audience will be comprised of mostly nurses, seniors, representatives of labor organizations, small business owners and children's advocates.

General Concerns:

Whose district is it?

## TAMPA, FLORIDA

Location: Hillsborough Community College

Member's District: Sam Gibbons (participating)  
Michael Bilirakis (not participating) – Bilirakis' district is nearby  
Clearwater, FL and northern Hillsborough County

Local Moderator: William Norsworthy

Norsworthy has been working in the Tampa Bay area for more than 14 years in the managed health care business. He is President of the SunHealth Care Plans-Gulf Coast, Inc., a locally-based PPO.

Local Questioner: Jane Silverberg  
Silverberg, a small business owner, owns Silverberg Jewelers in  
Tampa (?)

Audience Profile: ~~The audience will be~~ comprised of mainly representatives from seniors/aging organizations, women's organizations, labor organizations, the disabilities community, doctors, nurses, small business owners and state and local elected officials.

General Concerns:

## OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Location: University of Nebraska Medical Center

Member's District: Peter Hoagland

Local Moderator: Mark Hager  
Hager is the executive director of a children's theater in Omaha.  
He is a nurse??? He is a very strong supporter of President Clinton and the HSA.

Local Questioner: Terry Moore  
Moore is a leader of the Omaha Central Council and has been working very hard on behalf of the HSA.

Linda Lazure  
Lazure is an RN in Oklahoma, and a member of the American Nurses Association (?)

Audience Profile: ~~The audience will be~~ comprised of mainly of nurses, representatives from labor and women's organizations, the disabilities community and key Hoagland donors.

General Concerns:

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10am Paul  
[2:00pm]

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btwn 14 & 15 St.

March 11, 1994

## NATIONAL HEALTH CARE CAMPAIGN TELECONFERENCE

DATE: Saturday, March 12  
TIME: 10:00 am  
LOCATION: Democratic National Committee  
FROM: Liz Bowyer

### I PURPOSE

To demonstrate support for the key elements of the President's health care approach among local opinion leaders in the districts of pivotal members of the Ways & Means and Energy & Commerce Committees.

### II BACKGROUND

#### The National Health Care Campaign Teleconference

The objective of the teleconference is to reassure local community and political leaders of the viability of the President's approach and mobilize their support; and ~~thereby demonstrate to Members of Congress the support for the plan in their districts, especially for those elements which they may not favor in Committee.~~ This teleconference was organized by the National Health Care Campaign and its state coordinators. *That there is strong President's*

The teleconference is structured so that you and Virginia Trotter Betts, the national moderator and President of the American Nurses Association, can interact via satellite with six different downlink sites in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Florida, Nebraska, and Louisiana. At each downlink site, there will be a local moderator, an audience of approximately 200, and possibly a Member of Congress (see list below for which Members are participating). *Even for aspects of reform they disagree with.*

Following your remarks, Virginia Trotter Betts will recognize each downlink site and allow participating Members of Congress ~~at the sites~~ to ask you one question (they may yield their questioning time to the audience, ~~however~~). After the Members' Q & A, local moderators at each site will allow pre-selected members of the audience to ask you questions (total Q & A time: 1 hour).

Discussions will continue for one hour after your appearance via satellite, ~~and~~ local policy experts will ~~be on hand to answer~~ questions about the HSA. *answering*

## Downlink Sites

Following is a list of downlink sites and the Members of Congress who represent each district:

| <u>Site</u>      | <u>Member of Congress</u>                                            |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Norristown, PA   | Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky (participating)                         |
| Piscataway, NJ   | Frank Pallone (participating)                                        |
| Thibodeaux, LA   | Billy Tauzin (not participating)                                     |
| Bucks County, PA | James Greenwood (not participating)                                  |
| Tampa, FL        | Sam Gibbons (participating)<br>Michael Bilirakis (not participating) |
| Omaha, NE        | Peter Hoagland (participating?)                                      |

## Audience

*compr* *mainly of supportive*  
*consist of mostly*  
Each audience will be ~~mainly comprised of~~ opinion leaders and key constituencies in the six Members' districts, along with local people who have compelling health care stories. The audiences are already supportive of the President's plan, and view this teleconference as a morale booster or "pep rally", rather than a persuasive event.

## American Nurses Association/ Virginia Trotter Betts (moderator)

*The NHCC-selected the audience*

As you know, the American Nurses Association has been very supportive of the Administration's health care reform efforts. The ANA is the largest nursing association, representing 200,000 nurses nationwide.

Virginia Trotter Betts attended a health care strategy meeting with other key allied supporters last Friday (3/?) with the President and Vice President (please also see attached bio).

[Note: The NHCC would like for you to do another teleconference next Saturday to the districts of Representatives Boucher, Payne, Lambert, Lehman, Schenk, Slattery, Kleczka, and Klug.]

## III PARTICIPANTS

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Virginia Trotter Betts

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Honorable Peter Hoagland Work: (202) 225-4155 Democrat 02  
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Washington, DC 20515-2702 DC Aide: Kathleen Ambrose

## ----- D I S T R I C T -----

Federal Building, Room 0424 Work: (402) 344-8701  
215 N. 17th Street FAX:  
Omaha, NE 68102 District Aide: Paul Landow

## ----- B I L L S -----

Health Plan: Sponsor Plan:  
Budget Vote: Yes  
NAFTA Vote: Yes

## ----- R A N K I N G -----

Rank: 2 Won by: 51.00% Clinton #: 32.00%  
Hill Code: Activity:  
Field Code: Activity:

## ----- O T H E R -----

Health Aide: Work:  
FAX:  
Other Aide: Work:  
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## ----- C O M M E N T S -----

FRPT 2/11: says Clinton bill was already in trouble, CBO report Date Added: 2/18/94  
doesn't help

FRPT 1/24: increasingly more nervous about position on employer Date Added: 2/18/94  
mandates; hope he will not oppose mandates as trade off for stead  
fast opposition to insurance premiums limits and alliances

FRPT 1/24 cont. pro choice and labor won last election for him Date Added: 2/18/94  
which leads us to believe must do something for health care to  
please them; he often follows Kerrey's lead on issues

FRPT 1/14: Lombardi said that "Hoagland is saying deplorable Date Added: 2/18/94  
things in the papers about health care reform lately." His  
problems are: price control/premium caps; mandatory alliances;

FRPT 1/14 cont. the 5,000 opt out, thinks any size employer Date Added: 2/18/94  
should be able to opt; benefit pkg too pricey; No problem with  
employer mandate; needs labor/prochoice support--think he will

FRPT 1/14 he will come out for mandate to appease labor and shy Date Added: 2/18/94  
away from Cooper to not upset pro-choice groups--will not yeild  
on alliance/insurance premium limit issues.

FRPT 11/15/93: He will focus on the Alliances that don't work in Date Added: 2/03/94  
Nebraska; Insurance companies are against them as well and have  
tacit support of close Governor advisors

FRPT 2/2/94: Opposes mandatory purchase, opposes single payer, Date Added: 2/03/94  
leaning against employer mandate; newspaper article: universal

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coverage but no government regulations and price control

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Honorable Peter Hoagland

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leaning to Cooper; wants less regulatory plan;  
favors univer. cover., some sort of mandate & cost containment  
sensitive to new technology; concerned about effects on small bus

Date Added: 2/03/94

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| Honorable Bob Kerrey            | Work: (202) 224-6551  | Democrat             | S2 |
| 316 Senate Hart Office Building | FAX:                  | United States Senate |    |
| Washington, DC 20510-2704       | DC Aide: Paul Johnson |                      |    |

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| 7602 Pacific Street | Work: (402) 391-3411          |
| Suite 205           | FAX:                          |
| Omaha, NE 68114     | District Aide: Lonnie Michael |

## ----- B I L L S -----

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| Health Plan:    | Sponsor Plan: |
| Budget Vote: No |               |
| NAFTA Vote: No  |               |

## ----- R A N K I N G -----

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| FRPT 2/11: gives largely supportive floor speech on the irrelevance of some of the arguments against health care reform                                                                       | Date Added: 2/18/94 |
| FRPT 1/14: told people at a public health meeting that he would offer an amendment that guarantees three years of total coverage to children of teenage mothers thru special initiatives and  | Date Added: 2/18/94 |
| FRPT 1/17 targeted programs. If this amendment is included he will support Pres. bill                                                                                                         | Date Added: 2/18/94 |
| FRPT 2/15/94: Joins Moynihan in saying the Medicaid reimbursement rates are too low. Looking at an initiative that includes upping Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement.                       | Date Added: 2/17/94 |

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| Health Plan:    | Sponsor Plan: |
| Budget Vote: No |               |
| NAFTA Vote: No  |               |

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Honorable W. J. (Billy) Tauzin Work: (202) 225-4031 Democrat 03  
2330 Rayburn House Office Building FAX: (202) 225-0563 U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-1803 DC Aide: Ellen Hollis

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Suite 1041 FAX: (504) 589-6394  
New Orleans, LA 70130 District Aide: Martin Candienne

## ----- B I L L S -----

Health Plan: Sponsor Plan: Cooper  
Budget Vote: Yes  
NAFTA Vote: No

## ----- R A N K I N G -----

Rank: 3 Won by: 82.00% Clinton %: 44.00%  
Hill Code: Activity:  
Field Code: Activity:

## ----- O T H E R -----

Health Aide: Dona Boice Work:  
FAX:  
Other Aide: Work:  
FAX:

## ----- C O M M E N T S -----

FRPT 2/22-28/94: T. looking more and more like a "maverick." Long Date Added: 3/09/94  
time AFL-CIO President says Tauzin "isn't worth fooling with."

FRPT 3/7/94: will not attend teleconference; Barry Erwin believes Date Added: 3/09/94  
he has already come out against employer mandate. No sign of  
commitment to universal coverage either.

FRPT 2/15/94: Rep. William Jefferson suggested setting up a Date Added: 2/17/94  
meeting between Democratic House members and someone with clout  
at the White House and some pressure could be mounted on Tauzin

FRPT 2/15/94 cont.: to moderate his far right position and Date Added: 2/17/94  
perhaps agree as a delegation to supporting certain concepts like  
universal coverage.

12/15: Cooper; against empl.mand.; against price control; no new Date Added: 2/10/94  
taxes no premium tax; favors malpractice reform; constituents in  
opposition to empl.mand.--small business

FRPT 1/31/94: Said that president has veered too far left, wants Date Added: 2/03/94  
to influence the President to "coming around" to a more moderate  
position

FRPT 1/12/94: His big concern is small business and is therefor Date Added: 2/03/94  
leaning to go slower towards universal coverage; possibly  
personal sentiments towards the White House

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| Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.     | Work: (202) 225-4571    | Democrat                      | 06 |
| 420 Cannon House Office Building | FAX: (202) 225-9665     | U.S. House of Representatives |    |
| Washington, DC 20515-3006        | DC Aide: Russell McGurk |                               |    |

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| Kilmer Square           | Work: (908) 249-8892             |
| 67/69 Church Street     | FAX: (908) 249-1335              |
| New Brunswick, NJ 08901 | District Aide: Patrick Gillespie |

## ----- B I L L S -----

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| Health Plan:    | Sponsor Plan: |
| Budget Vote: No |               |
| NAFTA Vote: No  |               |

## ----- R A N K I N G -----

Rank: 2 Won by: 52.00% Clinton %: 44.00%

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| Health Aide: Sean Murphy | Work: |
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| FRPT 2/8/94: states support for Clinton plan to AFSCME                                                                                                                                            | Date Added: 2/17/94 |
| FRPT 2/15/94: There were quite a few of our people at his town meeting last Monday and he was happier.                                                                                            | Date Added: 2/17/94 |
| 12/8: leaning toward single-payor; pro cost control method; pro empl.mand.; conc:cuts in Medicare (large senior pop in district sees constituency pulling away from momentum of reform; financing | Date Added: 2/10/94 |
| 12/8: viability; malpractice reform impt. issue                                                                                                                                                   | Date Added: 2/10/94 |
| FRPT 11/12/93: Hold two health care forums to which Clinton supporters have been invited; however claims not to be on the President's bill yet                                                    | Date Added: 2/03/94 |

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| Honorable Michael Bilirakis        | Work: (202) 225-5755   | Republican                    | 09 |
| 2240 Rayburn House Office Building | FAX: (202) 225-4085    | U.S. House of Representatives |    |
| Washington, DC 20515-0909          | DC Aide: Robert Meyers |                               |    |

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| Suite 1600                | FAX: (813) 442-8180           |
| Clearwater, FL 33515-6993 | District Aide: Patricia Faber |

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| Health Plan:    | Sponsor Plan: Michel-Lott |
| Budget Vote: No |                           |
| NAPTA Vote: No  |                           |

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Rank: 3 Won by: 59.00% Clinton %: 34.00%

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| Health Aide: Pattie DeLoatche | Work: |
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| Other Aide:                   | Work: |
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12/14: Michel, Bilirakis/Rowland bill; pro incremental reform;  
against empl.mand.; favors reform on basis of 7 issues of concern

Date Added: 2/10/94

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| Honorable Sam M. Gibbons           | Work: (202) 225-3376    | Democrat                      | 11 |
| 2204 Rayburn House Office Building | FAX: (202)              | U.S. House of Representatives |    |
| Washington, DC 20515-0911          | DC Aide: Janice Stoorza |                               |    |

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| 2002 N. Lois Street | Work: (813) 870-2101           |
| Suite 260           | FAX:                           |
| Tampa, FL 33607     | District Aide: Gregory Wonders |

## ----- R T T L S -----

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| Health Plan:     | Sponsor Plan: Wellstone |
| Budget Vote: Yes |                         |
| NAFTA Vote: Yes  |                         |

## ----- R A N K I N G -----

Rank: 1 Won by: 57.00% Clinton %: 41.00%

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1516 Longworth House Office Building FAX: (202) U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-3813 DC Aide: Jim Pearthree

## ----- D I S T R I C T -----

One Presidential Boulevard Work: (215) 667-3865  
Suite 200 FAX:  
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004 District Aide: Linda August

## ----- B I L L S -----

Health Plan: Sponsor Plan:  
Budget Vote: No  
NAFTA Vote: No

## ----- R A N K I N G -----

Rank: 2 Won by: 50.00% Clinton #: 44.00%  
Hill Code: Activity:  
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## ----- O T H E R -----

Health Aide: Bradley Edgell Work:  
FAX:  
Other Aide: Work:  
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## ----- C O M M E N T S -----

FRPT 3/7/94: MMM to attend teleconference; concerned about the Date Added: 3/09/94  
"workability of alliances" and "burden" of the employer mandate

2/14 letter: signed women's reproductive services letter to Date Added: 2/18/94  
Cooper

12/16: pro cost control; undecided on empl.mandate; conc: address Date Added: 2/10/94  
to women's health issues; financing look at new taxes; small  
business; effect on pharm/academic hospitals; favors cost sharing

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Honorable Jim Greenwood Work: (202) 225-4276 Republican 08  
515 Cannon House Office Building FAX: (202) 225-9511 U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-3808 DC Aide: Judy Berger

## ----- D I S T R I C T -----

69 East Oakland Avenue Work: (215) 348-7511  
Doylestown, PA 18901 FAX: (215) 348-7658  
District Aide: Linda Franklin

## ----- B I L L S -----

Health Plan: Sponsor Plan:  
Budget Vote: No  
NAFTA Vote: Yes

## ----- R A N K I N G -----

Rank: 3 Won by: 52.00% Clinton #: 39.00%  
Hill Code: Activity:  
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## ----- O T H E R -----

Health Aide: Susan Cobb Work:  
FAX:  
Other Aide: Work:  
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## ----- C O M M E N T S -----

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| FRPT 3/7/94: G. disparages employer mandate, regional alliances and global budgets in newspaper interview, yet says he supports meaningful health reform                                           | Date Added: 3/09/94 |
| FRPT 3/7/94: No logistical problems with teleconference on 3/12, just political. Has yet to commit.                                                                                                | Date Added: 3/09/94 |
| FRPT 2/8: only Energy and Commerce, Health Sub member not cosponsoring a health bill; not convinced on universal coverage & has grave reservations about employer mandates                         | Date Added: 2/18/94 |
| 12/10: not signed onto any; against payroll tax; concerns: caps on growth; limits on alliances on market plans; bureaucracy/finance; voted for Penny/Kasich wants further cuts in federal spending | Date Added: 2/10/94 |
| 12/10: increased frustration dealing with administration                                                                                                                                           | Date Added: 2/10/94 |
| 12/22: concerns: cost to small business; quality; creation of another entitlement program; malpractice reform; wants to provide mental health coverage; doesn't want "deadbeats" to milk program   | Date Added: 2/10/94 |
| FRPT 10/18/93: Ed Dougherty heard analysis that Greenwood talks like a centrist but usually votes with his party's leadership.                                                                     | Date Added: 2/03/94 |
| FRPT 3/30/93: The "Inquirer" quoted small business/restaurant owner lobbyists making misrepresentations to Greenwood.                                                                              | Date Added: 2/03/94 |

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TUESDAY (3/21-22) DISCUSSING THE  
MAMMOGRAPHY PROJECT WITH STAFF OF THE  
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, NIH, AND  
ARPA. CAN YOU THINK OF ANYONE IN THE  
EXECUTIVE BRANCH I SHOULD VISIT?

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# Whitewater nips at first lady

Hillary Clinton says mistakes were made, denies wrongdoing

By Fawn Gorman

Rocky Mountain News Staff Writer

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton came to Colorado to talk health care Monday but continued to be dogged by the Whitewater controversy.

Before she spoke Monday morning at the University of Colorado in Boulder, an airplane flew overhead with the banner: "REVEAL YOUR S&L INCOME!"

At a press conference later in the day, she said she had made mistakes in the deal but denied any wrongdoing.

"We know we lost money," she said. "We lost a bunch of money for us. We're trying to get an exact figure . . . Goodness knows what you'd be saying if we'd

made any money."

Monday's Colorado speeches were her first public appearances since March 4, when top aides were subpoenaed in the Whitewater controversy.

A special prosecutor is investigating whether the Clintons and others benefited from the misuse of money at a failed

See FIRST on B2

## Dinah sure brings back the memories



Gene Amole

Tangled.

"Stylark, have you any idea what I'm saying to me? Won't you tell me where my love can be? Is there a meadow in the mist, where some one's waiting to be kissed?"

Pardon me if I'm a little romantic this morning, but I am having problems letting go of Dinah Shore. As I write this, I'm listening to her singing Johnny Mercer and Hoagy Carmichael's "Stylark" with Red Norvo's quintet. It's from the album *Dinah Sings Some Blues* (Red Norvo was a pen pal of my old friend, poet Thomas Hardy).

I had forgotten the album until I received a letter from Dick "Duke" Graham reminding me it had been in our library when we worked together on the radio. By the way, he has one of the finest radio voices I have ever heard. Rides a Harley and is a funny writer.

The day after tax arrived, Bud Curry, a chum from my hotel days, sent me a cassette of the album. That's what I'm listening to now. Can you hear it in your imagination? Bud once managed the Continental Denver.

He was also a friend of Ray Baker, the assistant manager of the old Cosmopolitan Hotel when I worked there. Bud now has coffee with Stan Brown, who ran a small radio station in Las Vegas, N.M., before I worked with him at Channel 7.

Bud knew Red and brought him up to our radio station for an interview. I can't remember for sure, but it seems to me that Red was once married to Mildred Bailey, the old "Rockin' Chair Gal." He also wrote "Rockin' Chair."

In the same mail was a letter from John Durr, "professor" of the Old Algonquin Bookstore and author of *Tune in Yesterday*, an authoritative encyclopedia of old-time radio. I had written that Hamilton was the announcer on the old *Charlie Music Society of Lower Basin Street* radio program, on which Dinah got her start. John said it was Milton Cross.

I was almost right. Cross was the announcer, but Hamilton was the "host," information that I included in *Tune in Yesterday*. John, however, credited Hamilton in the second edition of his encyclopedia, which Oxford University Press publishes next year.

The manuscript runs 3,500 pages, and I'll be home four about *Lower Basin Street*. When it is in the stores, buy several copies to squirrel away on a rainy day. It is impossible to find even a half-used copy of his first edition at any price now.

I read in the *News* that John is gradually giving up the used-and-rare-book retail business to devote himself to writing. He'll continue to feel his passion for first-edition literature, however.

Incidentally, John has a nifty novel now in paperback. It's *Booked to Die*, a thriller set in Denver. It's about Cliff Janeway, a burned-out detective who opens a rare-book store and gets involved with investigating a murder and a complex plot to steal valuable first-edition books. Is this an interesting life?

You'll love this book. Maybe John will use Janeway in other mysteries about the rare-book business, as Jonathan Kellerman has done with *Delaware*, a psychotherapist sleuth.

Incidentally, I learned recently that John is a friend of Nate "Gentle" Pelowetzky, a retired Associated Press executive with whom I worked when we were both war correspondents during the Korean War.

Small world, huh? You see how tangled writing can be? All I wanted to do was write a little obit about Dinah Shore, and look what happened.

Gene Amole's column appears Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.



By Heather Rocky Mountain News

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton greets a crowd at the University of Colorado after her speech on health care.

## Plan backs choice, first lady says

Clinton proposal would let patients pick doctors and hospitals, Coloradans told in bid to save ailing package

By Bill Scanlon

Rocky Mountain News Staff Writer

President Clinton's health care plan offers the universal, lifetime coverage and choice of doctors that people want — everyone just doesn't know it yet — first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton told a cheering crowd of 5,000 in Boulder Monday.

"Any reform that doesn't guarantee universal, lifetime coverage will be vetoed by this president," the first lady said at the Dalton Trumbo Fountain on the University of Colorado campus. She urged the crowd to think of what people need, not what the health care industry wants.

"This is a challenge of what kind of people we want to be, how we are going to take care of each other," she said.

Later Monday, she delivered the same message to 3,000 people attending Rep. Pat Schroeder's Denver forum on health care.

"There is overwhelming public support for reform and for the ethics of the president's approach," Hillary Clinton said. "We don't want to make the plans your employers' choice, but your choice."

President Clinton's Health Security Act, designed by the first lady, is in trouble. With the Clintons mired in the Whitewater controversy, Democratic lawmakers are finding it easier to join Republicans in calling for cheaper alternatives.

In both speeches, Hillary Clinton outlined the five tenets of the plan, some of which she claims are misunderstood.

■ Guaranteed private insurance for all. Benefits couldn't be taken away based on age, gender, or where you work or live.

■ Insurance overhaul. Companies couldn't deny affordable insurance based on pre-existing conditions. A family couldn't be denied coverage because a child with cancer has exceeded an arbitrary limit of benefits.

■ Choice of doctors. Now, most Americans with health insurance get it at work and can choose only from the doctors in the plan their employers have chosen, she said.

"We need to change the whole system, to keep prices down so each of you has a choice of doctors and hospitals," Clinton said.

■ Guaranteed and improved Medicare, covering prescription drugs and long-term care.

■ Employer and employee sharing the cost.

## First lady's visit in Colorado was, uh, interesting

# A Fellini film? Nope, just a visit from Hillary

By Gerner

Rocky Mountain News Staff Writer

Hillary's visit: the true story.

It started out weird and it stayed weird when first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton came to Colorado Monday.

Embattled University of Colorado president Judith Albino was by at least half the 5,000 people who had gathered for Clinton's campus visit. She ignored

then there was the student who made 5,000 people in the crowd cringe when she sang a song a capella for the first lady stopped in the middle.

"I'm a little too nervous to finish this," Stephanie Escher said.

But Escher was bold enough to call the first lady by her first name give Clinton a CU baseball cap for the president, Bufo bower

"I have never, except in front of a crowd of two, tried to sing anything a capella in my life," Clinton said, warmly embracing Escher after her questionable singing debut. "That took class."

At every stop throughout the visit, Clinton remarked about the pin she was wearing, which someone in Boulder had given her. It featured a caricature of her daughter, Chelsea, and their cat, Socks.

That pin. We've seen that pin before.

Oh, yeah. That ceramic pin was a familiar fixture on the House

Rep. Dorothy Rupert, D-Boulder, had been wearing it for a year. When she saw the first lady in the morning, Clinton raved

about it. "I just unpinned it and gave it to her," Rupert said.

About 200 media types had shown up for the event on the CU campus. Only five were picked to go along with the first lady as she toured the National Guard's medical unit near Curtis Park later.

The chosen five glided with a truly superior attitude past those who didn't get to go. Some story! It was actually a blatantly choreographed photo opportunity during which the first lady was scooted through the tents of the medical unit and used enormous gestures as she made small talk with children who had just gotten shots, all for the cameras to see.

She acted as if she couldn't see the reporters and photographers who stood 3 feet from her.

She squeezed a child's hand. Photo. Visited with a patient on an examination table. Photo. Shook hands with the members of the National Guard. Photo.

"Thanks for what you're doing," she said. "I'm really impressed."

When she finally asked the press for questions, nobody asked about the hospital unit. Everybody wanted to know about Whitewater.

Finally she said: "The public doesn't ask me about it. I have tried to be as understanding as I can about the concerns and questions of the press. . . . When this is over, it's still going to be the same story. We lost money. We made a bad investment."

With that, Gov. Roy Romer stepped in and said there would be just two more questions about matters unrelated to the medical

Hillary Clinton greets a Boettcher Hall audience during a health care forum organized by Rep. Pat Schroeder, D-Colo., right.

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unit. Reporters grumbled about his being the first lady's protector.

The two questions came and went. Somebody asked an innocuous question about health care, and Clinton's press secretary Lisa Caputo said that was it.

But the last question was really for Caputo, who testified on the Whitewater controversy Friday.

What did she say? she was asked.

"No comment," said Caputo, who is no stranger to the Denver press corps, having once been Sen. Tim Wirth's press secretary.

"Can you tell me how to spell subpoena?" one reporter joked.

"That was good," Caputo said with a grin. "Very good." No. Weird. Very weird.

## Hillary Clinton preaches to the choir in Denver, Boulder

By Peter Blake

Rocky Mountain News Capital Bureau

Hillary Rodham Clinton preached her health-care gospel to — or extracted campaign funds from — a series of friendly crowds in Denver and Boulder Monday.

The first lady was back on the again after an interlude during which she was fending off questions about Whitewater. Her handlers made sure re-entry be easy.

Her first stop: the University of Colorado at Boulder, where she made a big hit during the 1992 campaign. Monday's crowd of 5,000 greeted her warmly even though most, because of the terrain, couldn't see her when she finally appeared 40 minutes after the advertised start of the rally.

The crowd attending the "health care summit" at Boettcher Concert Hall in Denver was even more enthusiastic. That event featured a question-and-answer session as spontaneous as a drill team. The emcee called on questioners by name. They lobbed 'em up; she hit 'em out.

In the evening the first lady attended a fund-raiser at the Denver Radisson Hotel, which benefited the Democratic Party.

About 700 tickets were sold. Most went for \$350 but those who paid \$400 got their picture taken with the first lady by former Rocky Mountain News photographer David Cornwell.

Clinton, who had to get back to Washington by midnight, spoke before the diners got their scampi.

She ticked off the administration's accomplishments, such as the Brady Bill and national service.

Welfare reform and a tough criminal justice bill also will pass, she promised. "We're taking all those issues away from the Republicans. They won't have the same old welfare system to kick around any more, nor the same old criminal justice arguments to make."

## Whitewater haunts visit

Generally friendly crowd includes protesters

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savings and loan owned by their investment partner in Arkansas. The investigation is trying to determine whether money was diverted to pay political debts.

On the CU campus, a handful of people in the generally friendly crowd of 5,000 wore "Impeach Clinton" T-shirts. Two students spread a banner that said "What did Vince Foster know?" with Foster's name in red and blood drops beneath its letters. Deputy White House counsel Vincent Foster was found dead in a park last July after apparently killing himself.

The first lady spoke on the care at CU and Boettcher Concert Hall in Denver, saying the same thing both times:

"This is not some abstract policy debate," she said. "This should not be politicized."

Americans should still have access to the finest doctors, nurses and hospitals, she said. The government should support preventive health care and remove the lifetime caps on insurance coverage that keep some of the most desperately ill Americans from being insured.

"I've always been without insurance, and it really concerns me so I want to hear what she has to say about health care," student Jenny O'Neill, 26, said. "I totally like I am seeing one of the major ills of our government."

Clinton's sentiments were reinforced by Rep. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo., and Democratic Gov. Roy Romer. Schroeder was chairwoman of the forum.

After the 1994 Colorado Care Summit at Boettcher, Clinton, Romer and Schroeder drove to the Colorado National Guard's Curtis Park health clinic for the poor.

The unit's two-week stint in Denver is part of its annual training. Usually, its doctors wind up in Central and South America; this is the first time such an approach has been tried in urban America.

The first lady praised the approach as an example of using America's resources to give high-quality health care to all.

## METRO NEWS BRIEFING

### JEFFERSON COUNTY

#### Blast shuts middle school

Ken Caryl Middle School at 3 W. Ken Caryl Ave. will be today after a explosion Monday. The explosion occurred in a science room

were ignited by a burner. A hazardous-materials crew was cleaning up Monday night.

### CHERRY CREEK

#### Student wins \$1,000

Cherry Creek High School senior Rajen Arun Sheth won a \$1,000 scholarship Monday in a science talent search sponsored by Westinghouse Electric. But he was not among the 10 top winners, who will receive up to \$40,000 in scholarships.

## LEGISLATIVE BRIEFS

### Pornography bill backed

A constitutional amendment designed to make it easier to crack down on pornography narrowly slipped out of the Senate State Affairs Committee on Monday after one supporter warned fall to act as label Colorado "the obscenity state." The sure was approved 5-4 on a

### Prison plan advances

The House Appropriations Committee on Monday approved a plan to spend more than \$360 million on prisons. The measure calls for 2,500 new prison beds for men and women by 1999. It would provide 300 beds for the state's youth offender system and 898 for other juveniles.

### OKs clothing

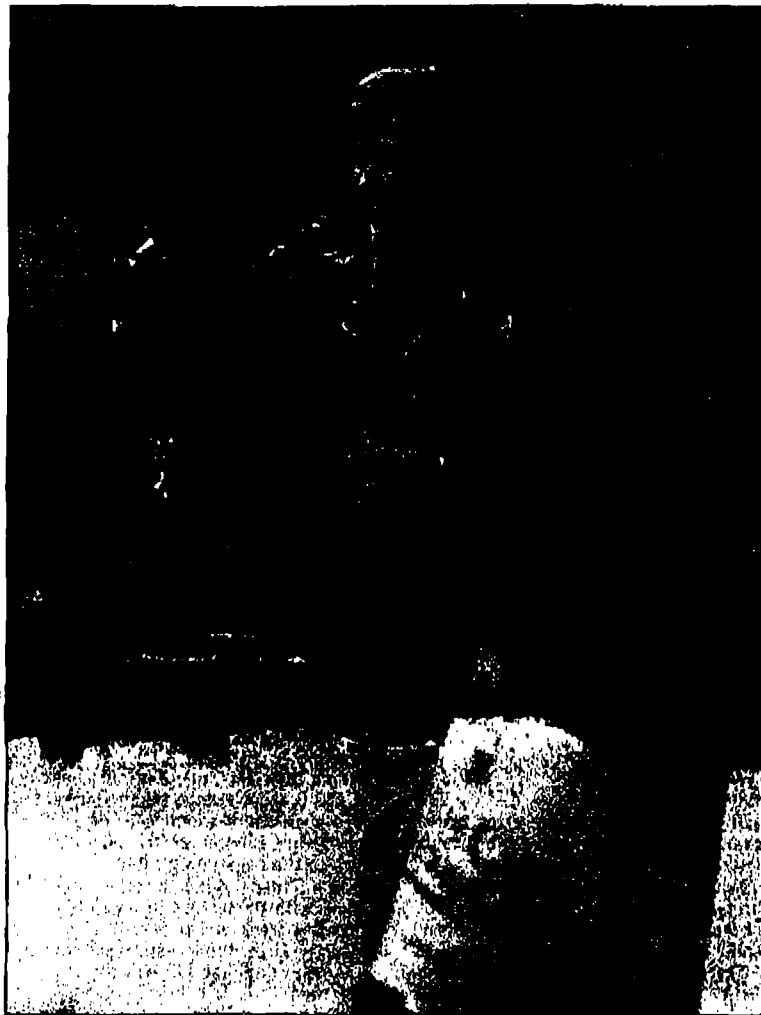
Colorado dry cleaners could get

under a bill given final Senate approval Monday and to Gov. Roy Romer for signing into law, HB 1824 eliminates a current 12-month waiting period. For stored items, such as furs, the deadline is 180 days after an attempt is made to notify the owner by certified mail.

### Romer gets expulsion

Elementary school children who get into a playground fight won't be automatically expelled under HB 1073, a bill Monday to

# Health-care plan flexible



The Denver Post / Helen M. Davis

**IN BOULDER:** First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks about the administration's health-care reform plan yesterday on the University of Colorado campus.



The Denver Post / Susan Stanley

**IN DENVER:** The first lady meets children awaiting inoculations yesterday while touring downtown medical camp run by Colorado National Guard.

## First lady: All must be insured

By Judith Graham  
Denver Post Business Writer

Hillary Rodham Clinton steered the health-care reform debate away from controversy at a major conference in Denver yesterday, saying the White House is ready and willing to compromise with critics of its reform plan.

But the first lady held firm on the president's bottom-line insistence that health reform legislation must guarantee medical insurance to all citizens.

"Any reform that does not include universal guaranteed health care for every American will be vetoed by this president," she told a crowd of 3,000 people gathered for a health-care forum at Boettcher Concert Hall in the Denver Performing Arts Complex. The forum was one of four stops Mrs. Clinton made during a day-long visit to the metro area.

In a speech notable for its tempered tone, especially after the administration's recent attacks on the insurance industry, Mrs. Clinton avoided confrontation with special interest groups and struck a live note about the prospects for reform. "I am confident as the debate goes forward in Congress . . . we will end up this year passing comprehensive reform," she said.

But the clouds gathering over the Clinton administration grew darker yesterday with the resignation of Associate Attorney General Webster Hubbell, a former law partner of Hillary Clinton and a long-time friend of the family.

Asked about the resignation shortly after it became public yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Clinton said "I am personally deeply saddened for Webb and his family . . . I think he's going to be greatly missed."

At the same stop, a visit to a temporary National Guard medical clinic in northeast Denver, the first lady tried to dispel concerns that the Whitewater controversy could damage the administration's credibility and derail health reform.

"The overwhelming majority of Americans want (health) reform and they want it now," she said.

The inquiry into the Clintons' investment in the Whitewater resort intensified last week when White House staffers were subpoenaed to testify about the case.

Mrs. Clinton repeated that she had made mistakes in handling Whitewater, an admission she first made late last week but said, "You live and learn and you go on and that's what I'm doing."

She said she and the president will do whatever is "appropriate" to cooperate with the investigation. "We made an investment, we lost money," and there's much more to it than that, she said.

"Goodness knows what you all want to be

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# First lady keeps focus of Colorado visit on health-care reform plan

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saying if we had made money."

The timing of the controversy couldn't be worse for the Clinton administration, which has staked its reputation on health reform: The House Ways and Means Committee started tackling health-care legislation last week, and support for the president's plan has been deteriorating.

U.S. Rep. Pat Schroeder, D-Colo., who organized yesterday's Colorado Health Care Summit, underscored the political dangers health reform faces, stressing "we're at a very important crossroads" urging politicians to "do something ... get this great country focused on these

Schroeder also defended Hillary Rodham Clinton against the rising tide of criticism with characteristically quirky praise. "(She's) got a heart the size of a washtub" while most people in Washing-

ton do well with "a heart the size of a swollen pea," Schroeder said in introducing Mrs. Clinton at the summit. The line evoked laughter and applause.

Mrs. Clinton referred repeatedly to widespread popular support for health reform during her 30-minute speech and follow-up questions and answers. "The real issue is not whether we reform but how we reform," she said, adding that the question of whether or not there is a real health-care crisis has already largely been settled.

Trying to refocus attention on basic issues and away from political battles, she said the administration is willing to compromise so long as its basic goal of universal health insurance coverage is met. "If you're asking are we willing to look at different ways to reach the president's goal, the answer is yes," she said, responding to a question from the audience. In the spirit of "clearing the air" and getting "back to

the facts", the first lady explained the basics of the health-care crisis — an estimated 39 million people without insurance and soaring medical costs — and how the plan addresses those problems.

She led the audience through five principles underlying the administration's reform proposals: The need to guarantee health insurance for all Americans, eliminate unfair and inefficient industry practices, ensure choice of health plans and medical providers, preserve Medicare, and build on the employer-based system of providing health insurance.

"For the vast majority of Americans, we are not going to see much change at all," she said, trying to reassure people with insurance that their medical coverage and costs would not deteriorate.

To business, the first lady held out the promise of lower premiums and a stable business environment. "Your costs will go down ... It will be affordable," she said.

To the elderly, Mrs. Clinton offered the prospect of relief from high prescription drug bills and the threat of nursing home care. The Clinton plan would pay for prescriptions and expand community-based long-term care options, such as adult day care, group living arrangements for the elderly, and home health-care.

To union representatives who have expressed concern that health benefits would be taxed, she said that wouldn't happen. "What we do not want to do is penalize people who have insurance," she said.

Notably absent was any direct discussion of the most controversial elements of the reform plan: A requirement that all but the biggest employers participate in insurance purchasing alliances, limits on insurance premiums, and global health-care spending targets. Critics want to make purchasing alliances voluntary and kill any price controls.

She gave a condensed version of the

same pitch to a crowd at the University of Colorado in Boulder yesterday morning. Much of her 18-minute speech to a Democratic fund-raiser last night also dealt with health care, but mostly it was partisan cheerleading. "The new Democratic Party is solving America's problems," she said. The Republicans are "always trying to fight the last war."

She singled out Gov. Roy Romer, a key beneficiary of last night \$250- and \$400-a-ticket dinner and reception. "Roy Romer has been an exemplary governor," she said, not only because of what he's done in Colorado, but also because of his national leadership on issues such as education.

No one said the word "Whitewater," but Mrs. Clinton did make an oblique reference to the president's problems. "He's been declared dead at least 45 times by the national press corps," she said.

Fred Brown and Ann Schrader contributed to this report

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# Health reform road 'bumpy'

## Differences welcome but honesty needed, summit told

**Schrader**  
Former Post Medical/Science Writer

As the nation debates health reform, different ideologies are all right as long as people are honest about their viewpoints, a political economist told the 1,500 people who attended yesterday's "1994 Colorado Health Care Summit."

Issues being debated represent "to me, a crisis of the soul," said Uwe Reinhardt of the Wood-Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University.

Reinhardt noted that the mechanics of reform, collecting money paying health-care providers, are "very simple." But the reform road gets bumpy, he said, when it comes to those who earn a lot of money having to "step up to the window" to pay for medical treatment for others, and deciding who and what is included.

For example, "any efficient system will ration in some way," Reinhardt said, noting there is "brutal rationing" in how low-income people are treated by the current system.

A health-care crisis does exist, Reinhardt said. Letting the private sector solve the problems of 39 million uninsured people "sounds very good," but the private sector starting at this problem for 30 years and able

The goal of the summit was to inform the public as the debate begins in earnest.

"If decisions made in Washington are to be sustained, they must gain the support of an informed public," said Orval Hansen, director of the Columbia Institute. The independent, nonpartisan organization coordinated the conference, which was held at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts complex.

U.S. Rep. Pat Schroeder, D-Colo., hosted the event, which included a keynote address by first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. She was the chief architect of the Clinton administration's health bill that guarantees universal coverage.

"Colorado continues to be a trailblazer and on the cutting edge" of reform, Schroeder said, "that's why Hillary said she would come."

Reform must begin with individuals knowing what they're paying for health care now. "We're lousy consumers of health care. We don't know what we're spending, what our employers are spending and what we're buying," Schroeder said.

the "forgotten" of health "ages," Schroeder said. "We're very willing to ration health care for women. But when

the train leaves the station, women should be on it with equal seats."

Colorado could save millions of dollars under President Clinton's plan, said Nancy-Ann Minn, associate director for health with the Office of Management and Budget.

The administration proposal — one of several discussed at the forum — would save Colorado businesses that already provide insurance to their employees an estimated \$1 billion by the year 2000, or \$760 per worker.

Savings would come from cost-containment features in the plan and from the elimination of cost-shifting, she said. That's because everyone would be covered under the plan, so there would be little if any need to charge those with insurance more to make up for those without.

Colorado workers who have insurance would save an estimated \$405 million in the year 2000, or \$290 for every worker, for the same reason, Minn said.

Businesses that currently do not provide insurance would pay more than they do currently, as would workers who currently do not have insurance through their workplace, but Minn didn't estimate.

Colorado could save millions with Medicaid being forced into a national health system, Minn

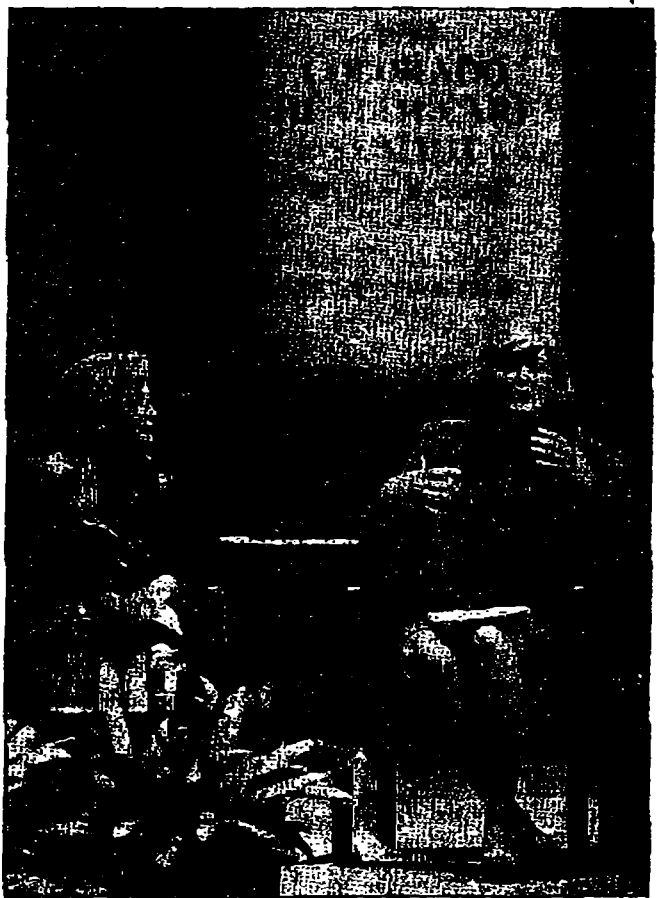
said, noting that Medicaid represents one-sixth of Colorado's state budget.

Clinton's health proposal, if passed, "should help reduce the deficit" by \$59 billion over five years through savings in Medicare, folding Medicaid into the national plan and implementing tobacco and other taxes, Minn added.

Americans have diverse expectations from health reform, but all want security and a system that is fair while maintaining quality and innovation, said Pamela Bailey, president of the Healthcare Leadership Council, a national group of more than 50 health-care executives.

Despite seeming agreement with some basics of the Clinton plan, Bailey said Americans "want a greater sense of where they fit in, a greater sense of control" and are leery about government involvement in health care.

The reform debate has "accelerated trends that already were there," Bailey said, such as mergers of hospitals, insurers and health providers such as doctors. But, she cautioned, "we'd better what we're getting into. If we do damage to the system, we might not be able to put it together again."



The Denver Post / Karl Gehring

**HEALTH SUMMIT:** Rep. Pat Schroeder introduces Hillary Rodham Clinton at the Colorado Health Summit yesterday at the Boulder Concert

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# First lady draws cheers and jeers

By J. Sebastian Sinisi  
Denver Post Staff Writer

Hillary Rodham Clinton yesterday drew an overwhelmingly friendly crowd when she returned to the University of Colorado's Boulder campus for the first time since the 1992 presidential campaign.

This time, the first lady stumped not for her husband, but for the national health care plan they both seek to get through Congress.

"There's an old Arkansas saying that goes, 'You can't tell how far a frog will jump until you punch it,'" she said. "Well, we've been punching all kinds of frogs in Washington trying to push for a new health care plan and a new vision of what kind of country and people we want to be."

"This is not an abstract policy debate, but one of the most important decisions we can make about our nation's future — and yours, 20 or 30 years from now," she said to the largely student crowd.

Her delivery was filled with human examples to illustrate each point. Looking relaxed, energetic and not at all frayed by the Whitewater controversy that has dogged her and the president in recent weeks, Mrs. Clinton came out swinging with a delivery interrupted several times by loud applause.

Signs hanging from the walls and carried by well-wishers said "Give 'Em Health, Hillary."

Mrs. Clinton outlined key points of her health plan including: Guaranteed health insurance for all Americans, rules to keep insurance companies from rejecting or sharply raising premiums of those with pre-existing conditions; alternatives to nursing homes; choice of physicians and an end to "lifetime limits" on insurance benefits.

She called the plan "an American solution to an American problem with a public-private system. What this is really about is our future and what kind of people we want to be. And all of you are a big part of that future."

Despite Mrs. Clinton's obvious rapport with the crowd — which included more women than men — yesterday's turnout wasn't without dissidents. Close to the University

Memorial Center wall was a single "Whitewater" sign.

Some young people, sporting close-cropped haircuts, carried "Impeach Clinton" stickers and held aloft a large banner asking "What did Vince Foster know?" — alluding to the high-ranking Clinton official who committed suicide last year.

Holding the Foster sign, Shariar Ghalam said Hillary Clinton "uses cutesy words to hide her real intent of state socialism. I've lived in socialist countries like France, Turkey and Iran and don't want to see that happen here."

Ghalam said she was not a student and was not representing an organized group.

Her sign angered Mary Kay, a doctoral candidate in music at CU. "I think your sign is disgusting," she told Ghalam. Hillary Clinton is "the best thing this presidency has going for it," said Kay.

But sophomore Jason Oliver was unconvinced. "I agree that there's a serious health care problem," said Oliver, holding a College Republicans of Colorado sign. "But the Clinton plan would scrap the existing arrangement, and that's not the way to solve it."

Said freshman Susan Lindahl, "my father would totally disagree with what she said — but I learned something today, especially about having a choice of doctors."

Mrs. Clinton's appeal extended to nonstudents. "I favor the Canadian and British systems, but I liked her five-point presentation," said Boulder Realtor Sarah Larrabee, who was a Wellesley College classmate of the first lady.

"The plan she outlined is probably the best compromise between those single-payer plans and the chaotic capitalistic health care system we have — that favors a few and is enormously expensive," added Larrabee.

"I'm a fan of hers to begin with and thought she gave an excellent presentation with humanizing examples," said retired Boulder teacher Lucretia Paddock, who held up a Wellesley alumni magazine. "And her idea of doing away with nursing homes really appeals to me."

# Whitewater muddied by tax mixup?

By Frank Greve

Knight-Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON. — More damaging Whitewater news is coming, Hillary Rodham Clinton is hinting strongly, and there is a good chance it may be about unpaid taxes.

"There were activities that we didn't know anything about that have only recently been brought to our attention," Mrs. Clinton says in an interview with Time magazine.

"We didn't do anything wrong. We never intended to do anything wrong," she adds.

Why might taxes be the problem?

Tom Ochsenchlager, a certified public accountant who has studied the Clintons' returns, said: "It looks like something that often happens when two or three people who know each other well go into real estate — the golfing buddy situation. One pays the surveyor, the other pays the mortgage for the one who paid the surveyor, and at tax time they're all tangled up in their own underwear."

In the Whitewater instance, the Clintons and their friends James McDougal, an Arkansas banker, and his wife, Susan, bought a 230-acre site in August 1978 and in September 1979 created Whitewater Development Corp. to divide the land into vacation home sites and sell them. Thereafter, the Clintons' 50-50 share of the costs of the partnership were sometimes borne by McDougal and Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan, an Arkansas thrift he owned, according to public records.

On other occasions, the Clintons appear to have picked up Whitewater's obligations. In 1983, for example, Hillary Clinton, whose \$90,000 income as a lawyer in Little Rock made her a good risk, obtained a \$30,000 loan to build a model home on a Whitewater lot. McDougal or the company, or both, helped pay the mortgage, records indicate.

And that's where the Clintons' tax problems could start. Among them:

■ The Clintons deducted \$41,000 in mortgage interest on Whitewater from 1978 to 1988, says Bruce Lindsey, the deputy White House chief of staff handling Whitewater. James McDougal, however, says the Clintons' entire investment was \$13,350.

■ Lindsey said the Clintons paid about \$10,000 in interest in 1978 on a \$203,000 loan. But interest rates were about 10 percent at the time, and they didn't buy the property until August, so McDougal should have claimed half the deduction. Bottom line: The Clintons should have paid no more than \$5,000.

The Clintons have refused to release their tax returns for 1978 and 1979.



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## THE NATIONAL HEALTH CARE CAMPAIGN

To: Interested People  
From: Amy Wilkins  
Re: Evaluation of the 3/12 Videoconferences with the First Lady  
Date: March 14, 1994

### I. GENERAL COMMENTS

The NHCC Field staff involved in the first six sites thought that these were invaluable events, primarily in that the events gave them access to a level of on the ground leadership that that they had not been able to reach prior to this. Additionally, the events had the effect of energizing people who had been working long and hard and were beginning to run out of steam. The folks in the room felt that they had been touched by the First Lady. On the downside, all of the organizers thought that having the event on Saturday hurt their ability to get press.

### II. NORRISTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

Turn-out: 190 people (strong turnout by women, labor and political leadership)  
Media: 2 largest television affiliates (WPVI, KYW)  
Philadelphia Inquirer

NHCC field organizer Damon Andrews describes as "intense political experience." Rep. Margolies-Mezvinsky faced a room of her most loyal supporters, most of whom were calling for her to support employer responsibility, universal coverage and the regional alliances in the President's plan. Rep. Mezvinsky found herself in an uncomfortable position politically, and by the end of the session had issued supportive statements regarding these three issues.

### III. BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Turnout: 140 people (strong turnout of labor and women)  
Media: Local cable will air a two hour broadcast of the teleconference March 15 at 8:00 p.m. The broadcast will air five additional times in the near future.  
The Doylestown Intelligencer and The Morning Call  
The Philadelphia Inquirer

#### **IV. THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA**

Turnout: 110 people (strong turnout of nurses, seniors)  
Media: Lafayette -- KLFY (CBS) and KATC (ABC)  
Baton Rouge-- WBRZ (ABC) and WAFB (CBS)  
New Orleans-- WVUE (ABC) and WDSU (NBC) and WWL (CBS)  
Shreveport, Houma and Thibodaux daily newspapers

#### **V. PISCATAWAY, NEW JERSEY**

Turnout: 100 (strong turnout of nurses)  
Press: Local cable station  
Courier News (see attached clip)  
Newark Star-Ledger

Congressman Pallone was very supportive of the bill, including employer responsibility and the alliances, throughout the portion of the event after the teleconference. At one point, the Congressman said "I want to vote for the President's bill, but I'm not sure that will be the bill I get to vote on." The Congressman was pleased that he was able to ask the First Lady a question.

#### **VI. TAMPA, FLORIDA**

Turnout: 150 (strong senior, labor turnout)  
Media: All 3 local network affiliate cameras,  
St. Petersburg Times  
Tampa Tribune  
The Beacon

Congressman Gibbons was present and supportive throughout. He answered the majority of questions posed by the audience after the teleconference portion. He stated that although he was an ardent single payer advocate, the Clinton bill was the only bill that could pass and the single payer community should realize this and work with the President.

#### **VII. OMAHA, NEBRASKA**

Turnout: 85 (strong nurses, disabilities/long-term care turnout)  
Media: 2 local network affiliate cameras  
Omaha World-Herald (see attached clip)

### **VIII. THE LONG TERM CARE NETWORK**

In addition to the six official sites, the teleconference portion of the event was broadcast live to over 1,400 long term care hospitals and nursing centers around the country.

**More Print Clips from Florida, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey are forthcoming.**

# First lady dispels fears about health care plan

■ The president's opponents have confused and frightened people, Mrs. Clinton says. For the three in 10 who would pay more, she says their costs would rise an average of \$24 a month.

By CAROL GENTRY  
Tampa Staff Writer

TAMPA -- Jane Silverberg was worried. An insurance agent had told her that if President Clinton's Health Security Act passes, she would no longer get a choice of insurance plans. It'll be just one, he said: Take it or leave it.

On Saturday, the owner of Silverberg's jewelry store in St. Petersburg got a chance to find out whether that was true. And she went right to the top — to first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, via teleconference call.

The answer, Mrs. Clinton said, is that there will be a lot of health plans to choose from. In fact, most people will have more choices than they have now, she said. And there will be different kinds of plans to choose from, too.

Mrs. Clinton said the questions from the St. Petersburg woman and others around the country show there is "gross distortion" in the debate about the president's health plan. She said the program will create jobs, not cost jobs; give doctors more freedom from bureaucrats, not less; and lower the cost of insurance for most Americans, not raise it.

"When you hear all these scare tactics," Mrs. Clinton told audiences in Tampa and five other cities, "take them for what they are — people who do not want change."

In some cases, Mrs. Clinton said, misinformation is spread by those who are confused. But in other cases, she said, "they're making money off the current system and don't want you or me or small businesses to get a better break."

That comment brought applause from the audience of about 70 representatives of community organizations who attended the teleconference at Hillsborough Community College's Ybor campus. They said later that Mrs. Clinton wowed them with her command of the subject.

"I think (the program) should be on national TV during prime time," said Lee Moise of Clearwater. "This explanation would clear up so much."

Some in the audience said negative advertising and mailouts by the president's opponents have confused and frightened people.

"You have a lot of interest groups out there who

want to maintain the status quo or make sure they get a piece of the action," said Tampa management consultant Roger Parrish. "There is a lot of misinformation."

Sister Margaret Freeman, who founded the St. Petersburg Free Clinic, agreed. "I think there's an awful lot of static coming from vested interests," she said. "I hope there will be a welling up (of support) from people who understand what the plan is about."

The president's health plan, Mrs. Clinton said, will do five things:

- Guarantee private insurance to all.
- Eliminate insurance industry practices that keep people from getting insurance at reasonable prices.
- Guarantee choice of health plans. Workers won't have to go with the insurer their boss picks, but can select the one they want.

■ Leave Medicare alone, except for adding coverage of prescription drugs and long-term care.

■ Retain the workplace as the source of health insurance coverage, since that is a familiar system, but allow workers to keep their insurance when they lose their jobs.

Under the president's plan, employers would have to cover their workers, but small companies would get discounts on premiums. Mrs. Clinton said it's only fair that all employers participate to the extent they can.

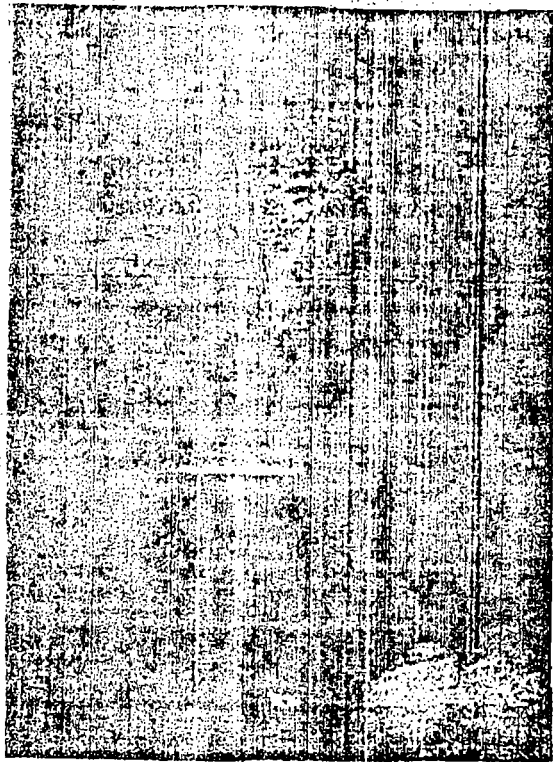
"It's very sad that millions and millions of Americans go to work and pay taxes but don't have health insurance," she said. "Yet their tax money goes to pay for health care for those on welfare. Why do we reward welfare over work?"

Because many who are now contributing nothing would have to pay their share, Mrs. Clinton said, the cost of insurance would stay the same or actually go down for seven out of 10 Americans. For the three in 10 who would pay more, she said, the cost would rise an average of \$24 a month.

And the covered benefits would be as good as those of the nation's top companies, she said. Along with the usual coverage for tests and hospitalization, she said, the package would cover doctors' office visits, mammograms and other preventive health measures. Prescription drugs, mental health and long-term care also would be covered.

Each region would have a health "alliance," which would group all the small businesses and self-employed people into one big group for purposes of negotiating good rates from insurers.

Much fear has been sewn with allegations that the alliances will become government bureaucracies that will order doctors and patients around, Mrs. Clinton said, but they are really just buyer's clubs set up to win better rates and provide patients with information about the various health plans.



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Hillary Rodham Clinton, via satellite at HCC in Ybor City, clarifies for area residents President Clinton's health-care plan.

## Hillary talks via satellite to area folks

By DIRK LAMMERS  
Tribune Staff Writer

TAMPA — Hillary Rodham Clinton took to the satellite airwaves Saturday to dispel what she calls misinformation about President Clinton's proposed health-care plan.

The first lady, who fielded questions from residents of Tampa and five other cities during an interactive teleconference, said the biggest myth about the president's Health Security Act is that it will take away choice.

"It will be you who has the choice as to your health plan," Clinton said.

President Clinton's 1,342-page Health Security Act includes goals of providing universal health insurance, cost controls, prescription drug coverage and a national program of long-term care.

But rumors fueled the concerns of Jane Silverberg, one of two in the crowd of more than 50 at Hillsborough Community College's Ybor City campus to ask Clinton a question over the telephone in the two-hour session.

The vice president of Silverberg Jewelry Co.

Clinton said she heard that small businesses will be forced to join health-care alliances and will be denied the opportunity to choose other health plans.

Clinton said those alliances actually will help small businesses gain the clout that big businesses enjoy, by bonding businesses together like a "buying club," so they're offered the best plans at the best price.

"If everybody pools their money together, you get much better deals," she said.

Hearing Clinton's speech and answers to questions helped ease some of Silverberg's concerns.

"It's a good plan, but there are a lot of misconceptions out there," she said. "I think some doctors and some insurance agents are very worried about it and are worrying others."

Saturday's teleconference is part of a massive public relations campaign to build support for the president's ambitious and controversial plan to revamp the nation's health-care system.

The bill has been the focus of television advertisements by the White House, the insurance industry, the Democratic Party and other organizations.

Hillary Clinton said the president's plan is being incorrectly portrayed as a government insurance program, when it is actually a government guarantee that everyone will be covered by private insurance.

U.S. Rep. Sam Gibbons, D-Tampa, who attended the teleconference in Tampa, said he hopes the bill will clear the House Ways and Means Committee by May 27 for debate among the entire House of Representatives.

Linda Farfante, executive director of the Mental Health Association of Hillsborough County, asked Clinton about mental health care for children. Farfante said later that public and private mental health facilities have waiting lists of up to 3,000 children needing outpatient care.

A comprehensive health plan would encourage more physicians to offer the care, she said.

Other participating cities Saturday were Thibodaux, La.; Omaha, Neb.; Piscataway, N.J.; and Norristown and Doylestown, Pa.

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## HEALTH & MEDICINE

# Mrs. Clinton to promote health plan in weekend teleconference

■ Tampa is one of six cities where audiences will ask questions. But the event is not open to the public.

By DAVID DAHL  
Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON — Struggling with scandal and insurance company critics, Hillary Rodham Clinton will try to sell the White House health plan Saturday in a satellite teleconference linked to Tampa and five other cities represented by members of vital congressional committees.

Mrs. Clinton, from Washington, will field questions from audiences made up of physicians, senior citizen advocates and health experts who were picked by the Democratic Party's National Health Care Campaign.

Saturday's strategy is two-fold: prop up members of the committees that will write the legislation and rally those most familiar with health care in communities around the country to dispute criticism of President Clinton's approach.

"I think there has been an attempt by some folks to confuse, and we would like to make sure any confusions are cleared up," said Catherine Deans, Florida director of the National Health Care Campaign.

The Tampa event will begin

at 10 a.m. at Hillsborough Community College's Ybor City campus. Organizers say they have sent out 300 invitations to fill a 200-seat auditorium, so it's unlikely the public will get a chance to ask a question. The forum might be broadcast on C-Span, however.

Tampa was selected because it's home to Rep. Sam Gibbons, a senior Democrat on the House Ways and Means Committee, and adjacent to the district of Rep. Michael Bilirakis, a Republican on the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Of the two, only Gibbons will attend.

Gibbons already is sponsoring the Clinton plan, but the public is another story: They're losing faith after weeks of television advertisements from insurance companies and other critics who say the plan is costly and complicated.

A *Wall Street Journal*/NBC News poll released Thursday showed that 37 percent of Americans supported what was simply called the "Clinton health plan." But when the major provisions of it were described, 76 percent said they found the plan appealing.

Polls show that even support among Democrats is beginning to fall off.

The White House wants to turn that around, but their campaign has been bedeviled by the burgeoning Whitewater-Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan scandal. As rumors swirl around Washington, the

first of 10 White House aides appeared before a federal grand jury Thursday.

Mrs. Clinton, though she has been entangled in the scandal, is trying to stick to the subject of health care. She met with congressional Democrats Thursday, will spend Saturday morning at the teleconference and will travel to Denver next week for a forum to push the plan she helped craft.

The Clintons' plan would force employers to pay at least 80 percent of their workers' premiums. It would guarantee a standard benefit package to all Americans by 1998, and tries to control medical spending by putting limits on premium increases.

At Thursday's meeting with about 40 House Democrats, Mrs. Clinton and the lawmakers agreed they should stick to the basic outlines of the health plan to win the public opinion battle. The White House stresses the plan's promise to provide universal coverage, to preserve choice of physicians, protection of Medicare, to ban unfair insurance practices and build on what works in the current system.

Implicit in their strategy is the realization that they haven't done a good job of selling a plan that's attractive to those who understand it. "We're doing what people want," a congressional aide said Thursday after the first lady's meeting on Capitol Hill. "We've just got to tell them."

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# Hillary Clinton hooks up a health chat

Two Philadelphia-area groups joined in the teleconference. Many in the audience seemed quite taken with her.

By Gwen Florio  
INQUIRER STAFF WRITER

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For one blissful 90-minute stretch yesterday morning, Whitewater wasn't an issue for Hillary Rodham Clinton.

She began her day with a video-teleconference on health care, with phone links to six areas around the country, including two in the Philadelphia suburbs and a third in central New Jersey.

The format didn't allow the questions to stray into the roiling currents of the Whitewater land deal. But even if it had, the local audience, at least, thought the issue at hand was more important.

Whitewater, said John Button, 39, of Glenmoore in Chester County, "is just another Republican tactic to bring disrespect on the White House."

Despite having to juggle his two daughters, Jasmine, 14 months, and Bridget, 10, Button said he attended the conference because he — like his union, Local 1776 of the United Food and Commercial Workers in Plymouth Township, which provided its hall for the event — supports the health-care plan.



**Rep. Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky** (D., Pa.) speaks on the telephone with Hillary Clinton. Margolies-Mezvinsky has angered the White House by refusing to fully support the health-care plan.

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Judging from the reaction, so did the roughly 100 people watching the teleconference. Locally, groups also gathered in Doylestown and Piscataway, N.J. The other sites were Thibodaux, La.; Tampa, Fla., and Omaha, Neb.

The Plymouth group hooted as a woman from Bucks County told Clinton by telephone that U.S. Rep. Jim Greenwood (R., Pa.) had criticized the administration's health plan as providing free care for "alcoholics, beachcombers and mountain men."

The woman, Vivian Haines — past president of the National Association of School Nurses — told Clinton how her son, who has testicular cancer, couldn't get health insurance when he became self-employed.

"Maybe," Clinton retorted, to loud applause, "you ought to introduce the congressman [Greenwood] to your son."

The teleconference was sponsored by the Democratic National Commit-

tee's National Health Care Campaign. The half-dozen locations were chosen because they are areas represented by members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which must approve the plan.

Among the committee members is Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky (D., Pa.), who angered her overwhelmingly Republican district last year by casting a decisive vote in favor of President Clinton's budget.

Now, she's angering the administration by refusing to fully support the health-care plan.

Once Congress is finished with the plan, Margolies-Mezvinsky said, "this is a piece of legislation that will not look a tremendous amount like the piece of legislation that came out of the White House."

She came to the teleconference

from a town meeting Friday night where, she said, the health-care plan was vehemently criticized by small-business owners — only to face more criticism from yesterday's audience for not expressing enough support for the plan.

"I feel disappointed to hear our congresswoman saying what's not going to fly," said Hugo McKissic Sr., of the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO. "Part of her role is to be an advocate for what *should* fly."

Members of the audience, made up largely of health-care professionals and union members, were quite taken with Clinton. In a repeat of her performance before the House Ways and Means Committee in the fall, Clinton was warm and personal — and pointedly local — in her responses.

The audience gasped when a caller

from Thibodaux was treated to an anecdote about a Louisiana woman whose doctor told her he'd "just watch" the lump in her breast rather than do a biopsy because she had no insurance.

To a Bucks County caller who asked about nursing homes, Clinton recalled her visit last month to an adult day-care center in Newtown Township.

One of her callers got just as personal.

"I think you look lovely today," Ken Smith, administrator of the health and welfare fund for the International Union of Operating Engineers, told Clinton, who wore a forest-green suit with a paler green scarf. Everybody laughed.

It was a lighthearted moment, a long way from Whitewater.

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**Hillary Rodham Clinton appears on the screen**, silhouetted against the audience, at the hall of the United Food and Commercial Workers in Plymouth Township. Clinton was warm and personal, answering questions with pointedly local responses.

# Mrs. Clinton Touts Plan Via Video

BY JASON GERTZEN  
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

Hillary Rodham Clinton defended President Clinton's health-care plan in Omaha and five other cities Saturday morning in the latest of a series of videoconference skirmishes on the issue.

"I want to explain what the president's approach to health care does and what it does not do," Mrs. Clinton said. "There is so much misinformation."

Mrs. Clinton discussed key provisions of the Clinton health-care proposal during a 1½-hour presentation broadcast to groups in Omaha; Norristown, Pa.; Doylestown, Pa.; Piscataway, N.J.; Tampa, Fla.; and Thibodaux, La.

About 60 people watched the first lady on six elevated television sets and a big screen set up in the lecture hall at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

The audience primarily consisted of Omaha-area health professionals who have been active in the health-care debate and other interested citizens.

The forum was sponsored by the National Health Care Campaign, which is backed by the Democratic National Committee.

Last week, opponents of the Clinton health-care plan criticized the proposal during a videoconference broadcast to Omaha and nearly 200 other sites.

That conference was organized by the Healthcare Leadership Council, a group of health industry executives based in Washington, D.C., who are seeking to influence legislation. CIGNA Corp., a major insurer, paid for the opponents' videoconference.

Mrs. Clinton said many of the "scare tactics" being used to fight the president's plan originate with insurance companies and others with a financial interest in preserving the current system.

The videoconference emphasized that people should remember one key point about the Clinton proposal:

"Our plan offers an ironclad guarantee: If you don't currently have health insurance you will, and if you do, it will never be taken away," the president said in a video segment during the opening part of the conference.

Two Omahans joined about a dozen others who had been selected in advance to direct questions to the first lady.

Terry Moore of Omaha, a leader of the Omaha Central Labor Council, asked Mrs. Clinton how the package would affect small businesses.

She said the plan would make it easier for small-business owners to provide insurance for their workers by reducing the costs of coverage.

No group in the country is more discriminated against than small business when it comes to purchasing insurance, she said. Small businesses typically face costs that are 35 percent to 40 percent higher for insurance than large businesses or government, she said.

The Clinton plan would provide the opportunity for small businesses to pool their money when purchasing insurance so they can obtain better rates, Mrs. Clinton said.

"We are trying to put small business on the same footing as big business and government so they can obtain discounts," she said.

In response to a question, Mrs. Clinton assured Linda Lazure, who teaches nursing at Creighton University, that the plan was designed to encourage people to seek preventive medicine.

Mrs. Clinton said the plan was intended to reshape the current health-care system rather than completely replacing it.

"It will mean, first of all, guaranteed private insurance," she said. "It will not be a government program. It will be the government ensuring that every American has private insurance that can never be taken away."

## Hoagland: Probe Hurts Health Plan

BY HENRY CORDES  
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

President Clinton's Whitewater troubles are hurting the chances of getting health-care legislation passed in Congress this year, U.S. Rep. Peter Hoagland, D-Neb., said Saturday.

"What we have is the president and the first lady and several of their top aides who are having to commit a lot of time every day to Whitewater problems," Hoagland said in Omaha before the Benson St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Hoagland said he hoped that despite the distraction a bipartisan health plan can be passed this year that would provide universal coverage.

On Whitewater, Hoagland said people need to let the special prosecutor and grand jury do their work before passing judgment on Clinton.

"There have been no allegations of criminal wrongdoing in the Whitewater case," Hoagland said. "No one has alleged the president or the first lady has done anything criminally wrong. We'll find out."

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first lady speaks on  
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ing one at Rutgers.

JOY LOVELL  
News Staff Writer

ATLANTA — Many of those  
viewed a video conference with  
Rodham Clinton on her health  
care plan Saturday said  
guarantees that women,  
and the poor will have ade-  
quate care.  
With a satellite video link, the  
first lady fielded questions from six

sites around the country, including  
the Rutgers University Office of  
Television and Radio here. More than  
100 people participated locally.

"Our concern is what's going to  
happen to the population that we  
serve," said Pat Johnson, executive  
director of the Women's Health &  
Counseling Center in Somerville and  
a supporter of the Clinton plan. The  
center serves primarily poorer wom-  
en and adolescents.

"I am hopeful," Johnson said.

She asked whether teen-agers  
would receive confidential services  
such as treatment for venereal dis-  
ease or birth control without parental  
consent under the plan.

"Who holds the card?" Johnson

asked. Rep. Frank Pallone, D-Long  
Branch, who answered questions lo-  
cally, said such details have not been  
worked out yet.

Another question was whether the  
plan would cover abortions.

Yes, Pallone said, while adding  
that the word "abortion" might not be  
specifically stated in the language of  
the bill.

Mrs. Clinton also noted that obstet-  
ricians and gynecologists will be  
considered primary care providers  
under the plan because, for many  
women, these are the only doctors  
they visit regularly.

"Women have been on the low end  
of the totem pole for so many years,"  
said Stan Avalone, state coordinator

of Right To Choose, an abortion advo-  
cacy group.

Under the proposed system, all em-  
ployers and workers would contrib-  
ute monetarily and everyone, regard-  
less of income or ailment, would be  
entitled to coverage. Small business-  
es would pool their resources through  
regional alliances to better com-  
pete for better prices and better  
health plan choices, Pallone  
explained.

"The problem is political now,"  
Avalone said. "There are a lot of  
people not covered that have to be  
covered."

The plan still needs another 23  
votes to be passed in Congress, Pal-  
lone said, so many legislators will

have to be convinced.

In addition, there is a projected \$70  
billion revenue shortfall, Pallone  
said. To compensate for that, some  
services may be trimmed or new tax-  
es imposed to fill the gap, he said.

Despite its faults, it's still the best  
plan around, said Betty Hutcheon of  
Bridgewater. "I'm very supportive of  
it," she added. "It seeks to ensure that  
every American will have health care  
coverage and access to care."

Those who oppose the president's  
plan are either confused about it or  
are somehow making money on the  
present system so they don't want  
change, Mrs. Clinton said. "We  
you to be educated to help make this  
debate a real one."

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# First lady discusses health care



NYT Regional Newspapers photo by Larry Weiser

out 160 people participate in a video teleconference Saturday in Thibodaux with first lady Hillary Clinton to discuss health care reform.

By Jamarcetta M. Mangroo  
NYT Regional Newspapers

Pat Porche of Houma wants to know how the Clinton administration's health care reform plan would help his family.

Porche, 63, said he is uninsured and has back trouble, his wife has cancer and his son suffers from mental illness.

On Saturday, he posed the question to one of the health care plan's major advocates: first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

"Sometimes I fear that some of the folks in Washington have never met someone like you and your family," Mrs. Clinton told Porche during a video teleconference to six U.S. towns and cities. "They don't seem to understand that hard-working, taxpaying Americans can have back problems that make them uninsurable, can have breast cancer and not be insurable."

Porche, a member of the Terrebonne Alliance for the Mentally Ill, was among the 160 people who attended the conference inside the theater of the Nicholls State University Student Union.

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## Hearing set on garbage rate hike

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But the grant does not allow this, Pitre said.

Chabert Medical and the tribe agreed in August to split the cost of the \$300,000 vehicle. The tribe's share came from the hurricane

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of the community," Moncondult said.

The new Guard unit found a foot- hold in Napoleonville in October when one man was stationed at the Assumption Parish Courthouse, said Lt. Col. John Douglas, Battalion commander in Plaquemine.

The unit, which was known as Detachment 1, Company C 760th Battalion, is being converted into Detachment 1, Company C of the 1063th Engineering Battalion Heavy Division, he said. The new battalion, authorized by Gen. Ansel Stroud on Sept. 10, is headquartered in Plaquemine. Company A is based in Opelousas, Company B is New Roads. And Company C is headquartered in Donaldsonville with a Napoleonville-based detachment.

The battalion will support the 258th Infantry Brigade, mechanized, its Houma- and Thibodaux-based Company C and the Army Second Armored Division, based at Fort Hood, Texas.

Company C is commanded by Thibodaux resident, 1st Lt. Aubrey Perkins. The Napoleonville detachment commander is 2nd Lt. Allison Flowers of Denham Springs.

The redeployment is part of an initiative to restructure the National Guard's engineering forces, Douglas said. Following Operation Desert Storm, National Guard leaders saw a need to increase the availability of engineering troops to shape future battlefields.

"They need more engineers. Whereas the 258th had one company of engineers, now they will have a whole battalion of engineers, per brigade," he said.

The combat engineering units, known as "sapper" platoons will take advance positions in battle scenarios and use their track-drive vehicles to do things such as clear roads, breach mine fields, ford

## Health

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He said he believes the Clintons have been forced to cut coverage for the mentally ill because of poli- tics.

"Congress ... needs to have the courage to do what's needed," Porche said.

"Stories like yours drive all of us," Mrs. Clinton said. "We're go- ing to start treating mental illness like other illnesses."

The current proposal limits cov- erage for mental ailments to 30 percent, she said. But plans would gradually expand it to 100 percent as savings result from eliminating unnecessary, bureaucratic insur- ance practices.

Mrs. Clinton answered from a studio in Washington, D.C., her image projected onto the theater screen. The program began with a 18-minute video featuring President Clinton advocating the proposal.

Between 100 and 300 people at- tended at each of six sites. In addition to Thibodaux, the Clinton's message was broadcast to confer- ences in Piscataway, N.J.; Nor- ristown and Doylestown, Pa.; Tampa, Fla., and Omaha, Neb.

The Clinton plan would guarantee private health insurance coverage for all Americans, grouping them in

alliances that would buy health services. Employers and workers would split the cost. The tobacco industry would also pay a share of the costs.

"The alliance would be a pooling of resources so you could compete to get the best prices," Mrs. Clinton said. Employers could still select the health plans they want.

Small businesses will not crumble under the financial weight of paying workers' health insurance, some- thing opponents want people to be- lieve, Mrs. Clinton said. Much of the distorted information about the president's Health Security Act stems from confusion, ignorance or scare tactics.

Mrs. Clinton said education and open debate are important if citi- zens are to accept the health care plan.

"What they want is the right kind of reform," Mrs. Clinton said. "People want to be sure that what is being proposed and debated in Congress will take care of us."

"It is very sad that millions of people go to work each day and pay taxes but have no health insurance, but their tax money goes to help someone on welfare. Why do we reward welfare over work?"

Jamesetta M. Mangano is a staff writer with The Courier, Houma.

## Deaths

### Delmas Galliano

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Galliano for Delmas John Galliano, 57, a native of Cut Off and resident of Galliano, who died at 10 p.m. Fri- day, March 11.

Visitation will be 2 to 11 p.m. today and 8 a.m. to funeral time Tuesday at Falgout Funeral Home in Galliano.

Burial will be in Cheramie Ceme- tery in Galliano.

He was the husband of Carmen Garcia Galliano; father of Connie Chaisson and Wanda Galliano; brother of Andrew and Theophile Galliano. He also is survived by three grandchildren.

sister of Valerie Tabor and Joseph. Alfred Ernest and Anthony Adams. She is also survived by 21 grand- children and 10 great- grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Junius Paul Giffour; par- ents, Felix and Leonora Oncale Adams; three brothers, Gilbert, John and Paul Adams; and two sisters, Marie Alleman and Math- ilde Giffour.

Thibodaux Funeral Home Inc. of Thibodaux is in charge of ar- rangements.

### Violet Ferrebbonne

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10 a.m. today at St.

