

# Withdrawal/Redaction Sheet

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FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON'S SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY  
FEBRUARY 26, 1993

WASHINGTON, DC -- First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will meet with members of the U.S. Senate Republican Task Force on Health Care on Friday, February 26, 1993. Mrs. Clinton will be participating in a "round table" discussion. The Republican Task Force on Health Care will be meeting in Annapolis, Maryland.

Following the meeting with the Republican Task Force, Mrs. Clinton will travel to Baltimore, Maryland to meet with workers to discuss health care reform.

Mrs. Clinton will return to Washington, DC at the conclusion of her meeting in Baltimore, Maryland.

Meeting with Senate Republican Task Force on Health Care:

DATE: Friday, February 26, 1993  
PRESS CALL TIME: 1:00 PM  
LOCATION: The Maryland Inn  
16 Church Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland

PRESS NOTE: Mrs. Clinton's arrival and departure at the Maryland Inn is open press coverage. The meeting with the Republican Task Force is closed to press coverage.

Meeting with workers in Baltimore, Maryland:

DATE: Friday, February 26, 1993  
PRESS CALL TIME: 2:45 PM  
LOCATION: Jimmy's Restaurant  
801 South Broadway  
Baltimore, Maryland

PRESS NOTE: This event is open to an expanded press pool. Organizations wishing to send camera crews and photographers should contact Mrs. Clinton's press office to express their interest in being included in this expanded pool.

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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON'S SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 23, 1993**

WASHINGTON, DC -- First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will meet with the Executive Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues Tuesday, February 23, 1993. The Committee is Co-Chaired by Representative Snowe (R-ME) and Representative Schroeder (D-CO).

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 23  
**TIME:** 2:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** Room B-352  
Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC

**PRESS NOTE:** Mrs. Clinton's arrival and departure from the Rayburn building will be open to press coverage. A press pool will be assembled and escorted into Room B-352 for a brief photo opportunity at the beginning of the meeting. Pool assignments are being handled by the US Congressional Press Galleries.

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FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON'S SCHEDULE FOR  
FEBRUARY 22, 1993

WASHINGTON, DC -- First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will be in Massachusetts on Monday, February 22, 1993. Mrs. Clinton, at the invitation of Senator Edward M. Kennedy, will visit Cleary Square in Hyde Park, Massachusetts and Bunker Hill Community College to discuss health care reform. Mrs. Gore will join Mrs. Clinton and Senator Kennedy.

Mrs. Clinton will return to Washington, DC at the conclusion of the meeting at Bunker Hill Community College.

**Cleary Square meeting with merchants and employees to discuss health care:**

DATE: Monday, February 22, 1993  
PRESS CALL TIME: 9:30 AM  
LOCATION: Cleary Square, Hyde Park, Massachusetts

PRESS NOTE: The First Lady is expected to visit with local merchants and employees in Cleary Square. Mrs. Clinton's visit into individual stores in Cleary Square will be open to pool coverage only.

**Bunker Hill Community College round table discussion on health care:**

DATE: Monday, February 22, 1993  
PRESS CALL TIME: 11:30 AM  
LOCATION: Bunker Hill Community College  
Room TBA  
Rutherford Avenue  
Charlestown, MA (Boston)

PRESS NOTE: The round table discussion will be open to press coverage. Press parking is available in Lot 5.

Additional Press Contacts: Paul Donovan 202-224-2601 - 2/20  
Scott Ferson 617-565-4472 (O)

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Pool for Boston:

Local TV -

Network TV - CBS-John Knowland

Wires:     AP Photo  
          AP Print  
          UPI Photo  
          UPI Print  
          Reuters Ph oto  
          Reuters Print  
          AFP Photo  
          AFP Print

Magazine Photo: NewsWeek

Agency Photo:

Radio:

National Newspaper:

Local Newspaper: Boston Globe - Pool Report  
                  Boston Globe - Photo  
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FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON'S SCHEDULE  
FEBRUARY 21

WASHINGTON, DC -- First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will attend the "First Ladies of Song, A Musical Tribute to Eleanor Roosevelt," a benefit for the Eleanor Roosevelt Monument Fund in New York City on Sunday, February 21.

The benefit will be held at the Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall at 8:00 PM. Featured entertainers for the evening are: Rosemary Clooney, Barbara Cook, Kitty Carlisle Hart, Lena Horne, Teresa Stratas, Shirley Verrett, Julie Wilson, Joanne Woodward. Mrs. Clinton will speak at the conclusion of the program.

**PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH MRS. CLINTON AND ROOSEVELT FAMILY MEMBERS:**

DATE: SUNDAY, February 21, 1993  
PRESS CALL TIME: 6:45 PM  
LOCATION: Samuel B. and David Rose Building  
Daniel and Joanna S. Rose  
Rehearsal Studio  
Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts  
70 Lincoln Center Plaza  
65th and Broadway  
New York, NY

PRESS COVERAGE: OPEN

**TRIBUTE TO ELEANOR ROOSEVELT:**

DATE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1993  
TIME OF EVENT: 8:00 PM  
LOCATION: Alice Tully Hall  
Lincoln Center  
New York, NY

PRESS COVERAGE: POOL COVERAGE OF MRS. CLINTON'S REMARKS ONLY

PRESS NOTE: Mrs. Clinton's remarks will be open to pool coverage only.

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Pool for Event:

Network - Creg Bengston - P6(5)(6)  
NBC is sending producer  
CBS is sending microwave truck

Magazine - US NEWS - Photo  
Wire Photo

Reuters - Mark Cardwell  
AP -  
UPI -  
AFP -

Agency Photo - Sigma - Tannenbaum  
National Newspaper Photo - New York Times - Ozier Muhannad  
Radio -

People Magazine - Nini Burley  
Washington Post - Martha Sherrill  
AP Writer  
UPI Writer  
Reuters Writer

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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON'S SCHEDULE  
FEBRUARY 16, 1993**

WASHINGTON, DC -- First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will meet with the Speaker of the House, Thomas S. Foley, House Major Leader Richard A. Gephardt and Democratic members of the U.S. House Representatives on Tuesday, February 16.

Following the meeting with Democratic members of the House, Mrs. Clinton will meet with House Minority Leader Robert H. Michael and Republican members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Mrs. Clinton's will meet with the Democratic Leadership at 2:00 PM in Speaker Foley's office. Following this meeting the First Lady and the Democratic Leadership will meet with House Democrats.

At the conclusion of the meeting with House Democrats, Mrs. Clinton will meet with the House Republican Leadership and House Republicans.

**Meeting with US House Democratic Leadership:**

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 16, 1993  
**TIME:** 2:00 PM - Meeting with House Leadership  
**LOCATION:** US Capitol, Speaker Foley's Office - Room H204

**PRESS NOTE:** A press pool will be assembled to cover Mrs. Clinton's arrival at the Speaker's Office and spray the meeting with the First Lady and the Democratic Leadership. Pool assignments are being handled by the US Congressional Press Galleries.

**Meeting with House Democrats:**

**TIME:** 2:25 PM - Meeting with House Democrats  
**LOCATION:** US Capitol, Room H324

**PRESS NOTE:** The opening of the meeting will be covered by the same pool that covered Mrs. Clinton's prior meeting. An

open press stake out area will be designated in Statuary Hall to cover Mrs. Clinton's departure from the meeting with House Democratic en-route to her meeting with Minority Leader Michael and House Republicans.

**Meeting with Minority Leader Michael:**

**TIME:** Following meeting with Democratic House Members.  
**LOCATION:** US Capitol, Room H232

**Meeting with Republican House Members:**

**TIME:** Following meeting with Minority Leader Michael  
**LOCATION:** US Capitol, H 227

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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON'S SCHEDULE FOR  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1993**

Washington, D.C. -- President and Mrs. Clinton will tour the Fenwick Center at the Arlington County Department of Human Services. The President and Mrs. Clinton will visit with children and their parents who are waiting to be registered for immunization shots and then tour the facility. Following the tour the President and Mrs. Clinton will proceed to the Arlington County Career Center to make brief remarks.

Following the remarks at the Arlington Country Career Center the President and Mrs. Clinton will return to the White House.

**Fenwick Center:**

DATE: Friday, February 12, 1993  
TIME: 10:00 AM  
LOCATION: Fenwick Center  
Arlington Co. Dept. of Human Services  
810 S. Walter Reed Drive  
Arlington, VA

PRESS NOTE: Tour of the center is President's press pool only.

**Arlington County Career Center:**

DATE: Friday, February 12, 1993  
TIME: Following Tour of Fenwick Center  
LOCATION: Arlington Country Career Center  
816 S. Walter Reed Drive  
Arlington, VA

PRESS NOTE: Remarks at career center are open to press coverage. Center opens at 4:00 AM for press set-up. Center closes at 6:00 AM for security sweep and reopens at approximately 7:30 AM for final press set-up.

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Press Schedule for  
First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton  
February 11, 1993

PRESS NOTE: The press pool for the break-out session should meet in room 125 of the Capital Union Building on the campus of Pennsylvania State University. The press pool for the session is:

Magazine Photo - Time  
Wire Photo - AP, UPI, Reuters, AFP  
Wire Print - AP, UPI, Reuters, AFP  
Network - ABC  
Local TV - WHTM  
Local Radio - WHP  
Local Newspaper - Harrisburg Patriot  
National Newspaper - La Times

PRESS NOTE: At 1:30 PM the full session of the Health Care Conference will reconvene. This session of the conference will focus on the cost of health care. Mrs. Clinton is expected to speak for approximately five minutes during this session.

PRESS NOTE: Press credentials for the Health Care Conference are being coordinated by Senator Wofford's office. All media planning on covering the conference should contact the Senator's press office to arrange for credentials 202-224-7754. Credentials can be picked up in Room 125 of the Capital Union Building after 8:00 AM on Thursday morning.

PRESS NOTE: An overflow press area will be available adjacent to the conference room. This room will be equipped with TV monitors and an audio mult.

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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1993.**

WASHINGTON, DC -- First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will visit Saint Agnes Medical Center in Philadelphia, PA and participate in the Pennsylvania Health Care Conference at Pennsylvania State University in Harrisburg, PA on Thursday, February 11.

Mrs. Clinton will return to Washington, DC at the conclusion of her participation in the Health Care Conference.

The following information is for planning purposes only. The schedule is subject to change.

**St. Agnes Medical Center:**

DATE: Thursday, February 11, 1993  
PRESS CALL TIME: 9:30 AM  
LOCATION: St. Agnes Medical Center  
1900 Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA

PRESS NOTE: Mrs. Clinton will be visiting a patient recovery area. Due to the size of this room it will be necessary to create a pool for news coverage.

**Pennsylvania Health Conference:**

DATE: Thursday, February 11  
PRESS CALL TIME: 1:00 PM  
LOCATION: Capital Union Building  
Pennsylvania State University  
Harrisburg, PA

PRESS NOTE: Mrs. Clinton is expected to arrive at the Pennsylvania Health Conference at 12:15 PM. She will join one of five break-out groups already in progress. This "brown bag lunch" session will be in a small class room making it necessary to create a pool for news coverage.

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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON'S SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 4, 1993**

WASHINGTON, DC -- First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will meet with Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell and Democratic Senators on Thursday, February 4, 1993.

Mrs. Clinton will meet with Senator Mitchell at 2:30 PM in the Majority Leader's Capitol office, room S221. Following the private meeting, the First Lady and Senator Mitchell will meet with Democratic Senators in the LBJ Room, S211.

Mrs. Clinton will return to the White House at the conclusion of the meeting.

DATE: Thursday, February 4, 1993  
TIME: 2:30 PM - Meeting with Senator Mitchell  
LOCATION: US Capitol, Majority Leader's Office - Room S221

PRESS NOTE: An open press stake out area is located by the "Ohio Clock" - 2nd floor of US Capitol, media can set up at 2:00 pm.

TIME: 3:00 PM - Meeting with Democratic Members of Congress  
LOCATION: US Capitol, LBJ Room, S211

PRESS NOTE: A tight pool will be assembled and escorted into the LBJ Room for a brief photo opportunity at the beginning of the meeting. Pool assignments are being handled by the US Congressional Press Galleries.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY  
JANUARY 25, 1993

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STATEMENT OF PRESIDENT CLINTON

Good afternoon.

As I travelled across our country this past year, no stories moved me more than the stories of those families struggling to pay for health care. I listened to Marie Kostos, a working mother in Columbus, Ohio who had to quit work in order to get Medicaid coverage for her infant, who is stricken with spina bifida....To Mary Annie and Edward Davis, a New Hampshire couple who faced the terrible choice of having only enough money to buy the food they needed or the prescription drugs they had to have....And I listened to a group of coal miners in Beckley, West Virginia -- some of whom had worked the mines for more than 30 years but were at risk of losing their health benefits.

Their message to me -- and to the Congress -- was simple: it's time to make America's health care system make sense. It's time to bring costs under control -- so that every family can be secure in the thought that a medical emergency or a long illness will not mean bankruptcy. And it's time to bring quality coverage to every American -- to cut back on the paperwork and the excuses and make health care a right, not a privilege.

As a first step in responding to the demands of millions of Americans, today I am announcing the formation of the President's Task Force on National Health Care Reform. Although the issue is complex, the task force's mission is simple: to build on the work of the campaign and transition, to listen to all parties, and to prepare health care reform legislation that I will submit to Congress this spring.

The task force will be chaired by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and will include the Secretaries of Health and Human Services, Treasury, Defense, Veterans Affairs, Commerce, and Labor, as well as the director of the Office of Management and Budget and senior White House staff members.

I am grateful that Hillary has agreed to chair the task force -- and not only because it means she'll be sharing the heat. As many of you know, while I was Governor of Arkansas, Hillary chaired the Arkansas Education Standards Committee, which created public school accreditation standards that have since become a model for national reform. In 1984-85 Hillary served as my designee on the Southern Regional Task Force on Infant Mortality. She was the Chair of the Arkansas Rural Health Committee in 1979-80. And she has also served on the Board of the Arkansas Children's Hospital, where she helped establish Arkansas's first neo-natal unit.

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I am certain that, in the coming months, the American people will learn -- as the people of Arkansas did -- just what a great First Lady they have.

Here in the White House, Hillary will work with my domestic policy advisor, Carol Rasco, my senior policy advisor, Ira Magaziner, and the head of my health care transition team, Judy Feder. I have asked all of them to be as inclusive as possible and, as part of that, we are inviting the American public to write us here at the White House with their suggestions. All suggestions should be sent to the Task Force on National Health Care Reform, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20510.

We will no doubt be criticized by some for undertaking something much too ambitious. But as I said in my inaugural address, we are going to have to make some tough choices. In the months ahead, powerful lobbies and special interests will attempt to derail our efforts. We may make those people angry, but we're determined to come up with the best possible solution for America.

I know -- as you know -- that we must reform our system. We're kidding ourselves if we think we can deal with the deficit unless health costs come down. If things don't change, American workers and exporters will remain one step behind in global competition. And most importantly, unless we do it now, American families will continue to face tremendous financial hardship. We must not delay.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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### PRESIDENT CLINTON FORMS HEALTH CARE TASKFORCE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- In effort to develop a plan for high quality, affordable health care for all Americans, the President today announced the formation of a taskforce to develop legislation for comprehensive health care reform.

"It's time to make America's health care system make sense. It's time to bring costs under control -- so that every family can be secure in the thought that a medical emergency or a long illness will not mean bankruptcy," the President said. "And it's time to bring quality coverage to every American -- to cut back on the paperwork and the excuses and make health care a right, not a privilege."

The President's taskforce, which is expected to report a plan by the end of May, will be chaired by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. The health care taskforce will include Secretary of the Treasury Lloyd Bentsen, Secretary of Defense Les Aspin, Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown, Secretary of Labor Robert Reich, Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jesse Brown, Office of Management and Budget Director Leon Panetta, Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy Carol Rasco, Assistant to the President for Economic Policy Robert Rubin, Council of Economic Advisors Chair Laura Tyson and Senior Advisor to the President for Policy Development Ira Magaziner.

Magaziner will lead an interdepartmental working group which will coordinate policy development for the taskforce. Health care transition director Judith Feder will assist Magaziner and other senior transition officials will be members of the working group.

The taskforce will work cooperatively with members of Congress as well as with state, city and county officials in developing its proposals. It will conduct an outreach program to seek verbal input and formal written submissions from interested citizens and groups across the country.

The process will seek advice from people like the many the President met during the campaign, for whom rising health care costs and lack of adequate health care coverage are causing severe hardship.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY  
JANUARY 25, 1993

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The task force will be chaired by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and will include the Secretaries of Health and Human Services, Treasury, Defense, Veterans Affairs, Commerce, and Labor, as well as the director of the Office of Management and Budget and senior White House staff members.

The President said the legislation will be based on the following principles:

- o To slow the growth of national health care spending.
- o To provide universal access to high quality care for all Americans.
- o To ensure consumer choice.
- o To maintain a private, competitive health care system.
- o To cut the health care bureaucracy.

While her husband was Governor of Arkansas, Mrs. Clinton chaired the Arkansas Education Standards Committee, which in 1984 created public school accreditation standards that have since become a model for national reform. In 1984-1985, Mrs. Clinton served as her husband's designee on the Southern Regional Taskforce on Infant Mortality. She served as the chair of the Arkansas Rural Health Committee in 1979-1980, and has served on the board of the Arkansas Children's Hospital, where she helped establish the state's first neo-natal unit. In addition, Mrs. Clinton introduced a pioneering program that trained parents to work with their children in pre-school preparedness and literacy through Arkansas' Home Instruction Program (HIPPY).

Those interested in submitting ideas should write to:

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I am grateful that Hillary has agreed to chair the task force -- and not only because it means she'll be sharing the heat. As many of you know, while I was Governor of Arkansas, Hillary chaired the Arkansas Education Standards Committee, which created public school accreditation standards that have since become a model for national reform. In 1984-85 Hillary served as my designee on the Southern Regional Task Force on Infant Mortality. She was the Chair of the Arkansas Rural Health Committee in 1979-80. And she has also served on the Board of the Arkansas Children's Hospital, where she helped establish Arkansas's first neo-natal unit.

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I am certain that, in the coming months, the American people will learn -- as the people of Arkansas did -- just what a great First Lady they have.

Here in the White House, Hillary will work with my domestic policy advisor, Carol Rasco, my senior policy advisor, Ira Magaziner, and the head of my health care transition team, Judy Feder. I have asked all of them to be as inclusive as possible and, as part of that, we are inviting the American public to write us here at the White House with their suggestions. All suggestions should be sent to the Task Force on National Health Care Reform, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20510.

We will no doubt be criticized by some for undertaking something much too ambitious. But as I said in my inaugural address, we are going to have to make some tough choices. In the months ahead, powerful lobbies and special interests will attempt to derail our efforts. We may make those people angry, but we're determined to come up with the best possible solution for America.

I know -- as you know -- that we must reform our system. We're kidding ourselves if we think we can deal with the deficit unless health costs come down. If things don't change, American workers and exporters will remain one step behind in global competition. And most importantly, unless we do it now, American families will continue to face tremendous financial hardship. We must not delay.

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#### PRESIDENT CLINTON FORMS HEALTH CARE TASKFORCE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- In effort to develop a plan for high quality, affordable health care for all Americans, the President today announced the formation of a taskforce to develop legislation for comprehensive health care reform.

"It's time to make America's health care system make sense. It's time to bring costs under control -- so that every family can be secure in the thought that a medical emergency or a long illness will not mean bankruptcy," the President said. "And it's time to bring quality coverage to every American -- to cut back on the paperwork and the excuses and make health care a right, not a privilege."

The President's taskforce, which is expected to report a plan by the end of May, will be chaired by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. The health care taskforce will include Secretary of the Treasury Lloyd Bentsen, Secretary of Defense Les Aspin, Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown, Secretary of Labor Robert Reich, Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jesse Brown, Office of Management and Budget Director Leon Panetta, Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy Carol Rasco, Assistant to the President for Economic Policy Robert Rubin, Council of Economic Advisors Chair Laura Tyson and Senior Advisor to the President for Policy Development Ira Magaziner.

Magaziner will lead an interdepartmental working group which will coordinate policy development for the taskforce. Health care transition director Judith Feder will assist Magaziner and other senior transition officials will be members of the working group.

The taskforce will work cooperatively with members of Congress as well as with state, city and county officials in developing its proposals. It will conduct an outreach program to seek verbal input and formal written submissions from interested citizens and groups across the country.

The process will seek advice from people like the many the President met during the campaign, for whom rising health care costs and lack of adequate health care coverage are causing severe hardship.

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The President said the legislation will be based on the following principles:

- o To slow the growth of national health care spending.
- o To provide universal access to high quality care for all Americans.
- o To ensure consumer choice.
- o To maintain a private, competitive health care system.
- o To cut the health care bureaucracy.

While her husband was Governor of Arkansas, Mrs. Clinton chaired the Arkansas Education Standards Committee, which in 1984 created public school accreditation standards that have since become a model for national reform. In 1984-1985, Mrs. Clinton served as her husband's designee on the Southern Regional Taskforce on Infant Mortality. She served as the chair of the Arkansas Rural Health Committee in 1979-1980, and has served on the board of the Arkansas Children's Hospital, where she helped establish the state's first neo-natal unit. In addition, Mrs. Clinton introduced a pioneering program that trained parents to work with their children in pre-school preparedness and literacy through Arkansas' Home Instruction Program (HIPPY).

Those interested in submitting ideas should write to:

President's Health Care Taskforce  
The White House  
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Arkansas Department of Education

## 'Historic Opportunity' to Make Strides, Clinton Says Committee Moves Toward Deadline

The 15-member Arkansas Education Standards Committee conducted public meetings in every county in the state on seven nights in July to gather views and suggestions for its recommendation of new curriculum standards for Arkansas schools.

Approximately 7,000 persons attended the 75 sessions. Each Committee member conducted five county meetings and Hillary Rodham Clinton, Committee chairman, presided at one session, also. Governor Clinton, members of his staff and ADE representatives attended sessions.

Additionally, during a nine-hour marathon session at the ADE July 5, over 45 groups presented their recommendations to the Committee. Other groups submitted written presentations for consideration, also.

The Committee will have its first draft recommendation written by September 1.



Chairman Clinton leads discussion with the committee on standards for Arkansas schools.

The Committee adopted a scope statement in May to use as uniform guidelines as the Committee's three subcommittees — elementary, junior high/middle and high school — propose standards. Concerns common to all areas listed in the statement included high expectations, staff development, pupil-teacher interaction, parent/community involvement, discipline, assessment, instructional leadership, a core curriculum, leadership from the state level, access to and availability of certain programs such as special education and gifted education, incentives for professional development, sufficient support services and access to technology.

The Committee will present its recommendation in December to the State Board of Education for adoption. The Board, under the Quality Education Act of 1983, must adopt new standards by March 1984. Schools have until June 1987 to comply or be abolished.

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## Standards Committee

ished. Current standards were adopted in 1965 and became law in 1969.

Among the ideas considered by the subcommittees have been increased graduation requirements to 20 units, changing the entry date for first grade from October 1 to July 1, lowering the age by which a student must have enrolled or be admissible to kindergarten and grade one, mandatory kindergarten, required computer courses and expanded minimum performance testing to include communication and other skills.

Governor Clinton, when he spoke to the State Education Board in June, said that "we have a historic opportunity and a historic obligation" to make strides in Arkansas education because of the Committee's effort on curriculum standards and because of the coincidental efforts by the legislature

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to arrive at a constitutionally acceptable funding formula for schools. The State Supreme Court ruled recently that the state's formula for distribution of funds to districts is unconstitutional. Clinton said he wanted the funding and curriculum efforts to develop jointly.

The Committee members serving on the elementary subcommittee are Margaret Glover, principal of Meadow Park Elementary School at North Little Rock; Lynda Langford of Jonesboro, a social studies teacher at Nettleton High School; Bett Foster of Mansfield, a PTA officer and member of that district's curriculum committee; and Dr. Bill VanZandt of Springdale, a member of the Springdale School Board and head of counselor education at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

# Education

## No More Dragging Up the Rear

*Arkansas bows to pressures to put schools to the test*

Public education in Arkansas has long been the Dogpatch of the nation's school systems. Many poorly financed districts in the state have tiny, rundown schoolhouses staffed by some of the lowest-paid teachers in the country. Consider, for example, the Thornton school district (total enrollment: 300), located in the timber country of southern Arkansas. The last time its tenth-graders took the basic skills test they placed in the bottom 12% of national scores. The average teacher's salary is only \$11,663, and not one teacher is certified to teach physics, foreign languages or art. Says Kai Erickson, executive secretary of the Arkansas Education Association (A.E.A.): "Education has never been a high priority in Arkansas."

Until now, that is. Last month Democratic Governor Bill Clinton, 37, pushed through legislative reforms that will upgrade academic requirements, lengthen the school day and, to the consternation of some educators, force all of the state's 24,000 teachers to pass basic competency tests or lose their jobs. To pay for this, legislators raised the sales tax to 4% from 3%, the largest such increase in the state's history, providing an additional \$150 million. The reforms follow the patterns set by Florida and California earlier this year. Even Mississippi, which once shared the nation's academic spending basement, passed a reform program last December to upgrade its schools. Governor Clinton told legislators that Arkansas had no choice but to follow suit.

A key motivation for trying to do something about Arkansas' schools is the hope that the state will be able to attract new industry by producing graduates with necessary skills. Declared Clinton in September: "Do you believe that God meant for us to drag up the rear of the nation's economy forever?" Although the state has some excellent schools, others fare poorly on national achievement tests. A primary reason is lack of funding for years. Arkansas has remained at or near the bottom of the 50 states on expenditures for each of its 432,000 students. Last year Arkansas spent only \$2,035 for each student, compared with a national average of \$2,952, placing it just above South Carolina, Utah, Mississippi and Alabama. Arkansas' teachers earn an average of only \$15,029, compared with the national average of \$21,671. Admits State Education Director Don Roberts: "We deserve a bad image for those two factors alone."

Only 38% of last fall's high school graduates entered college, compared with a national average of 53%. Of the state's 370 districts, 170 do not offer a foreign language, 91 have no chemistry classes,

and 184 lack physics. Says Erickson: "This is one of the worst places in the U.S. for the teaching profession."

The reform program is a victory for Clinton, himself a product of Arkansas public schools. A 1968 graduate of Georgetown University, he is a Rhodes scholar, earned a law degree at Yale and became the nation's youngest Governor in 1978. The legislature appointed an education-standards committee in May, headed by the Governor's wife, Lawyer Hillary Rodham Clinton, which held public meetings across the state and published its preliminary recommendations.



Clinton tells the teachers' union that competency exams are necessary.

*Polishing a bad image, getting rid of excuses and putting kids first.*

in September. The Clintons went on the stump together to build up grass-roots support, and the state was saturated with brochures that explained the reforms and urged: "No more excuses. Let's put our kids in first place."

Some of the reforms: increasing the length of the school day from five to 5½ hours, and advancing the age at which students can quit school from 15 to 16. Beginning next year, third- and sixth-graders will be required to take basic skills tests, and after 1987, eighth-graders will have to pass tests in subjects such as reading and math to enter high school. Some educators predict that the state will have to build as many as 2,500 classrooms and hire some 3,500 teachers over the next three years because of proposed changes.

Of all the reforms, the teacher-testing program has produced the most anguish. All teachers will have to pass tests in reading, writing, mathematics and in their specified subject areas. Those who

fail will be required to take more training and if they cannot pass the tests by 1987, they will lose their jobs. The A.E.A., a 17,000-member affiliate of the powerful National Education Association, has called the testing offensive to a large majority of teachers.

Arkansas officials are considering using the National Teacher Examinations (N.T.E.) devised by the Educational Testing Service (E.T.S.) for beginning teachers. Opponents of the testing plan have found a surprisingly ally in E.T.S. President Gregory Anrig, who has said that he will not allow the N.T.E. to be used for testing veteran teachers. Says Anrig: "Tests should not be used for practicing teachers because better information on their performance is available, based on observing what they actually do in the classroom with students." Clinton, however, main-

tains that "if we are going to re-establish the teaching profession as a profession worthy of respect, there have to be some standards of individual accountability."

Many parents and educators do support the reforms. Says Elaine Dumas, a librarian at Little Rock's Central High School: "If I can't pass the test, I don't deserve to be working with young people." A poll taken by a Little Rock television station found that 65% of those questioned favored the sales-tax increase and 61% approved of teacher testing. The support has surprised even Clinton, who has a three-year-old daughter. Last month in Fort Smith he was approached by a shabbily dressed woman in her 20s who told him that she was the only one of her family who could read well enough to hold down a job. She said, the Governor recalls, "We didn't learn what we needed to learn, and we didn't know what we would need to know. It may be too late for us, but it's not too late for the people who come behind us."

—By Ellie McGrath

Reported by David S. Jackson/Little Rock

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• Hillary Rodham Clinton, the wife of Governor Bill Clinton, said Thursday that since 1978, infant deaths in Arkansas have decreased significantly, making Arkansas the only state in the South besides Texas with an infant mortality rate below the national average.

Mrs. Clinton and Margaret Whillock, executive director of Arkansas Peace Links, spoke to reporters during the 36th annual conference of the Southern Association on Children Under 6 at the Excelsior Hotel. The meeting, which will end Saturday, drew about 1,000 parents, teachers, psychologists and day care workers. It included speeches, display booths, tours, and demonstrations related to early childhood, peace education, child abuse and other aspects of care for the young child.

Mrs. Clinton told reporters that a report of the Southern Governors Association showed that Arkansas's infant mortality rate in 1978 was 16 deaths for every 1,000 live births. The rate has declined to 10.1 infant deaths for every 1,000 births, below the national rate of 11.5 infant deaths for every 1,000 births, she said. The mortality rate has declined for black as well as white infants, she said.

• Mrs. Clinton attributed the improvements to her husband's initiative and better state programs. She said that since 1979 Arkansas had developed rural health clinics and made prenatal care available to pregnant women; increased the number of nurses and medical professionals in the state Health Department; expanded state maternal and child health programs, and expanded midwifery programs in the southeastern Arkansas.

"We in Arkansas need to know that we can make progress," she said.

There remains "a whole litany of problems that must be addressed," she said, and listed teen-aged pregnancies and inadequate funding of all child health needs as two of the problems.

Whillock, who stood in for Betty Bumpers, wife of Senator Dale Bumpers, said Peace Links was concerned especially with teaching children how to resolve conflicts, work co-operatively and be responsible citizens.

Kevin J. Swick, the president-elect of the Southern Association on Children, announced a new publication called "Acting On What We Know: Developing Effective Programs For Young Children," which was written by members of the group and which addresses early childhood education, parental involvement and childhood stress, among other subjects.

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WASHINGTON - Arkansas's statewide transportation network for seriously ill newborns should serve as a model for other southern states to help reduce infant mortality, according to a report released Monday.

The report, based on a year-long study by the Southern Regional Task Force on Infant Mortality, noted that Arkansas's infant mortality rate of 10.7 per 1,000 births was the lowest rate in the South and was just below the national average of nearly 10.9. The figures are from 1983, the most recent year for which data is available.

Arkansas was praised for a six-year-old program that provides special ambulances to bring seriously ill newborns from outlying hospitals to the Arkansas Children's Hospital at Little Rock where they receive specialized care. The Task Force urged other states to provide similar services, and said Arkansas should adopt other programs that have proven successful elsewhere in the South.

Has adopted few others

Except for the newborn transportation network, Arkansas has adopted virtually none of the measures that the Task Force said would lower infant mortality, yet its infant mortality rate has remained strikingly lower than other Southern states. Dr. Rae Grad, author of the report, admitted in an interview Monday that Arkansas's situation was "an irony" she couldn't explain. She said that while Arkansas's overall mortality rate was relatively low, there were "pockets of problems" in some counties, and blacks had a much higher rate than whites.

Among the Task Force recommendations were that states improve benefits under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children and Medicaid programs, establish special clinics for pregnant teenagers, strengthen family planning programs, set up mobile health-care units for rural areas and adopt legislation requiring hospitals to admit all women in labor even if they have no insurance.

Praised for midwife program

Arkansas was praised for adopting one other recommendation in the report: Allowing certified nurse-midwives to provide prenatal care and to deliver babies in hospitals.

The 44-person Task Force, an arm of the Southern Governors Association, included three members from Arkansas: First Lady Hillary Clinton, United States Senator Dale Bumpers and Dr. Robert H. Fiser, chairman of pediatrics at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

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Northeast and Southeast Arkansas Wednesday.

Today will be generally sunny and hot with highs in the mid-90s to around 100 degrees.

# Mrs. Clinton Outlines Plan For Upgrading Education, Says Opportunity at Hand

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Hillary Clinton, repeating many of the points her husband the governor had made an hour earlier in a separate speech, outlined Wednesday for the state Vocational-Technical Education Advisory Council her intentions for improving the state's system of education as chairman of the Education Standards Committee.

"We have an opportunity that may never come again and if we don't seize it, we'll fall further behind," she told about 40 Council members and guests who gave her a standing ovation when she finished her 30-minute address.

She said it's important that the new standards her committee recommends not be unambitious. "If they are, we'll find ourselves in the position of having set new standards that will still leave us behind states like Florida and Texas and the states we're in competition with in our region," she said.

Mrs. Clinton reviewed the high points of the Committee's recommendations, all of which are tentative at this point:

- ★ Mandatory full-day kindergarten designed to prepare children for the first and second grades.
- ★ Classroom size restrictions in grades one to three, probably 20 pupils per teacher, to allow more individual instruction.
- ★ A competency test after the third grade, with two alternatives for failing students: Staying in the third grade or entering an individ-

ual instruction program.

★ A teacher-student ratio of 25-to-1 in grades four to six and another mandatory competency test after the sixth grade. Retention in the sixth grade will be required of those not passing.

★ Another promotional and competency test after the eighth grade to make sure students are ready for high school instruction, with retention mandatory for those not passing.

★ A requirement of 20 units in grades nine to 12 for graduation, with 15 units mandatory, and districts required to offer more than 40 courses at least every two years.

She said also, "discipline must be a policy. I don't believe we have to put up with the kinds of disruptions that I've been hearing about."

State Representative John M. Lipton of Warren, the chairman of the Council, said in opening remarks that the state must find more money than just the amount that will ensure that school districts don't lose money through a new formula. He said \$100 million, the amount most often discussed, to be provided by raising the sales tax a cent, "may not be enough."

"What if we spend \$100 million and we need new programs later and we have no money for them? That's where we need to take a look at exemptions," he said.

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★ Denied a request by W. Ralston of 3817 Glenmore R for a variance from setback requirements to build a carport the front of his house.

## Pulaski Democrats To Meet Sunday in LR

The Pulaski County Democratic Committee will hold its quarterly meeting at 7 p.m. at the Coachman's Inn at East 101 Avenue and Interstate 3

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Mrs. Clinton: Passing illiterate students is 'educational fraud.'

# Education Report Issued; 9-7-83 Stop Excuses, State Told

By MARION FULK  
Gazette Staff

The Education Standards Committee Tuesday released its preliminary report listing new recommended standards for the state's schools, and Hillary Rodham Clinton, the Committee chairman, spoke strongly of the need to improve education in Arkansas.

"Our schools are not doing as good a job as they must," she said at a press conference. "While there may be many causes for our dilemma, there is only one solution.

We Arkansans have to quit making excuses and accept instead the challenge of excellence once and for all."

A school that "passes illiterate or semi-literate students commits educational fraud," she said. "There is a feeling of urgency and a need for changes in education. If we do not seize the opportunity we have now, we will go backwards."

The recommendations, which had been announced as they were ap-

(See IT-8 TIME on Page 4A.)

# 2 of 3 Judges Reject Request

## Bentley Turned Down On Call for Grand Jury

Two of the three Pulaski County circuit judges who try criminal cases Tuesday turned down Prosecuting Attorney Wilbur C. (Dub) Bentley's request that they call a Grand Jury to investigate two recent shootings by law officers.

Bentley said Judges Floyd Lofton and Lowber Hendricks rejected his request. He then asked Judge John Langston, who promised to confer with the other two judges before giving his decision, Bentley said. The county has six circuit judges, but the three others usually don't handle criminal cases or call Grand Juries.

Judge Lofton declined to say why he rejected the request. Judge Hendricks said he checked the cost of the recent Pulaski County Grand Jury and found that \$55,000 had been paid and claims were pending for about that much more. Besides, he said, making decisions on whether to file charges in criminal investigations "comes with the territory" of being prosecuting attorney.

On August 17, Sheriff's Deputy Doug Porterfield shot a woman he said he was trying to arrest on a prostitution charge. The woman, Cynthia Robertson, 22, of 31 Jefferson Drive, who was shot in the back of the head, was released from University Hospital Tuesday and appeared in Little Rock Municipal Court for a bond hearing on an attempted capital murder charge. The police charged her based on Porterfield's statement that he shot her after she tried to back her car over him. She has pleaded innocent. On Bentley's recommendation, she was released on a \$5,000 recognizance bond.

On August 25, Stephen Craig Reynolds, 24, of 118 Springwood Drive, was shot by Patrolman John Stafford when Stafford tried to arrest him on a misdemeanor charge. Reynolds was wounded in the shoulder.

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# It's Time to Stop Making Excuses, State Told as Report on Education Is Issued

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proved; call for students to spend more time in school; take more courses and take a variety of courses beyond current requirements. But "the real heart" of the recommendations is the testing program that is to ensure accountability, Mrs. Clinton said.

## 'Absolutely Essential'

Her husband, Governor Bill Clinton, said in a statement after the report was released that the proposed standards "are ambitious but absolutely essential if we are to move ahead in making real improvements in education. When implemented, these standards will give Arkansas and its people the quality of education they deserve."

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## New Standards

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No price tag has been put on the recommendations, Mrs. Clinton and Dr. Roberts said, but Dr. Roberts added that estimates are being developed and should be ready within a week or two. Not all recommendations would mean increased costs, but many would.

It's possible that some districts

## LR School District 70 Per Cent Black

Blacks made up 70 per cent of the enrollment in the Little Rock School District Tuesday, the sixth day, and total enrollment was 19,162. There were 5,627 white students, 13,338 black students and 197 "other" students, according to school district officials.

Tuesday was the last day the enrollment will be reported until the official count is made October 1.

On the sixth day a year ago, enrollment was 19,313 and the district was 68 per cent black.

Ten schools, all primary, intermediate or elementary schools, were more than 80 per cent black. Three — Carver, Ish and Mitchell — were 100 per cent black. Rightsell was 96 per cent black and Gibbs was 93 per cent black. Williams Magnet School was 47 per cent black, the only school to be majority white.

services and other options. "It will be challenging for districts to meet the requirements, but I am confident large and small districts will meet them," Mrs. Clinton said.

At the end of the third, sixth and eighth grades, students would be required to take competency tests. In the third grade, students would take mathematics and reading tests; in the upper two grades, the tests would be in reading, math, language arts, science and social studies.

Students would be required to pass the eighth grade test in order to be promoted. Retesting would be allowed and special programs would be developed for students who didn't pass initially. At the lower levels, students could be promoted, despite low test grades, but only after participating in conferences and after special programs were developed for them.

Education Association, one of about 50 persons present, called the report "ambitious," but said the AEA would review it further before making further comments.

Mrs. Clinton said she expected legislative support for the recommendations. "I think the legislature is committed to quality education. The constituency that exists for educational excellence is growing day by day. People are tired of children going to school and not learning." She added that in her presentations to legislative committees, the response generally was favorable.

She said a recommendation that the school year be extended from 175 to 180 days, with teacher contracts being for at least 190 days, had received more criticism than other proposals. Many districts already have 180-day years.

The recommendations in the report released Tuesday have been approved at various times by the Committee since it began work in May. The Committee completed work on the report August 28.

Among the reports' other recommendations are that:

- ★ The average teacher salary in each school district be equal to the average teacher salary in states contiguous to Arkansas.
- ★ A study on merit pay be implemented during the 1984-85 year.
- ★ Students be required to attend kindergarten; now it's optional.
- ★ Students be required to attend school from the age of 6 through 16. Now it is 7 through 15.
- ★ The school day be at least 5½ hours, a half hour more than is now required.
- ★ Units required for graduation be increased from 16 to 20. Fifteen would be specified courses in English, math, science, social studies, physical education, health and fine arts. Now, only six are specified.
- ★ The pupil-teacher ratio be reduced from 1 to 25 in kindergarten and 1 to 35 in other grades to the following: 1 to 20 in kindergartens, 1 to 23 in grades one through

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It's possible that some districts will choose not to meet the new standards and instead consolidate, but Mrs. Clinton wouldn't speculate on how many would be eliminated as a result of the recommendations.

**'Challenging for Districts'**

The recommendations would allow districts to meet some requirements through educational television, computer hook-ups, sharing

the enrollment in the Little Rock School District Tuesday, the sixth day, and total enrollment was 19,162. There were 5,627 white students, 13,338 black students and 197 "other" students, according to school district officials.

Tuesday was the last day the enrollment will be reported until the official count is made October 1.

On the sixth day a year ago, enrollment was 19,313 and the district was 68 per cent black.

Ten schools, all primary, intermediate or elementary schools, were more than 80 per cent black. Three — Carver, Ish and Mitchell — were 100 per cent black. Rightsell was 96 per cent black and Gibbs was 93 per cent black. Williams Magnet School was 47 per cent black, the only school to be majority white.

services and other options. "It will be challenging for districts to meet the requirements, but I am confident large and small districts will meet them," Mrs. Clinton said.

At the end of the third, sixth and eighth grades, students would be required to take competency tests. In the third grade, students would take mathematics and reading tests; in the upper two grades, the tests would be in reading, math, language arts, science and social studies.

Students would be required to pass the eighth grade test in order to be promoted. Retesting would be allowed and special programs would be developed for students who didn't pass initially. At the lower levels, students could be promoted, despite low test grades, but only after participating in conferences and after special programs were developed for them.

**'Great Service'**

Governor Clinton praised the Committee, saying it "has aimed high, worked hard without pay for months, and has done a great service to the people of Arkansas."

Thirteen of the 18 members attended the press conference. Peggy Nabors, president of the Arkansas

Legislature said in her recommendations. "I think the legislature is committed to quality education. The constituency that exists for educational excellence is growing day by day. People are tired of children going to school and not learning." She added that in her presentations to legislative committees, the response generally was favorable.

She said a recommendation that the school year be extended from 175 to 180 days, with teacher contracts being for at least 190 days, had received more criticism than other proposals. Many districts already have 180-day years.

The recommendations in the report released Tuesday have been approved at various times by the Committee since it began work in May. The Committee completed work on the report August 28.

Among the reports' other recommendations are that:

- ★ The average teacher salary in each school district be equal to the average teacher salary in states contiguous to Arkansas.
- ★ A study on merit pay be implemented during the 1984-85 year.
- ★ Students be required to attend kindergarten; now it's optional.
- ★ Students be required to attend school from the age of 6 through 16. Now it is 7 through 15.
- ★ The school day be at least 6½ hours, a half hour more than is now required.
- ★ Units required for graduation be increased from 16 to 20. Fifteen would be specified courses in English, math, science, social studies, physical education, health and fine arts. Now, only six are specified.
- ★ The pupil-teacher ratio be reduced from 1 to 25 in kindergarten and 1 to 35 in other grades to the following—1 to 20 in kindergartens, 1 to 23 in grades one through three, 1 to 28 in grades four through six and 1 to 30 in grades seven through 12, with a limit of 150 pupils a day per teacher in the secondary grades by 1987. By 1990, the recommendation is that the ratio be 1 to 20 in grades one through three and 1 to 25 in grades four through six.
- ★ Districts provide computer instruction.

State Senator Ben Allen of Little Rock, chairman of the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee, said Tuesday he intends to ask Committee members Monday to discuss the possibility of meeting to hear the public's recommendations for 1987.

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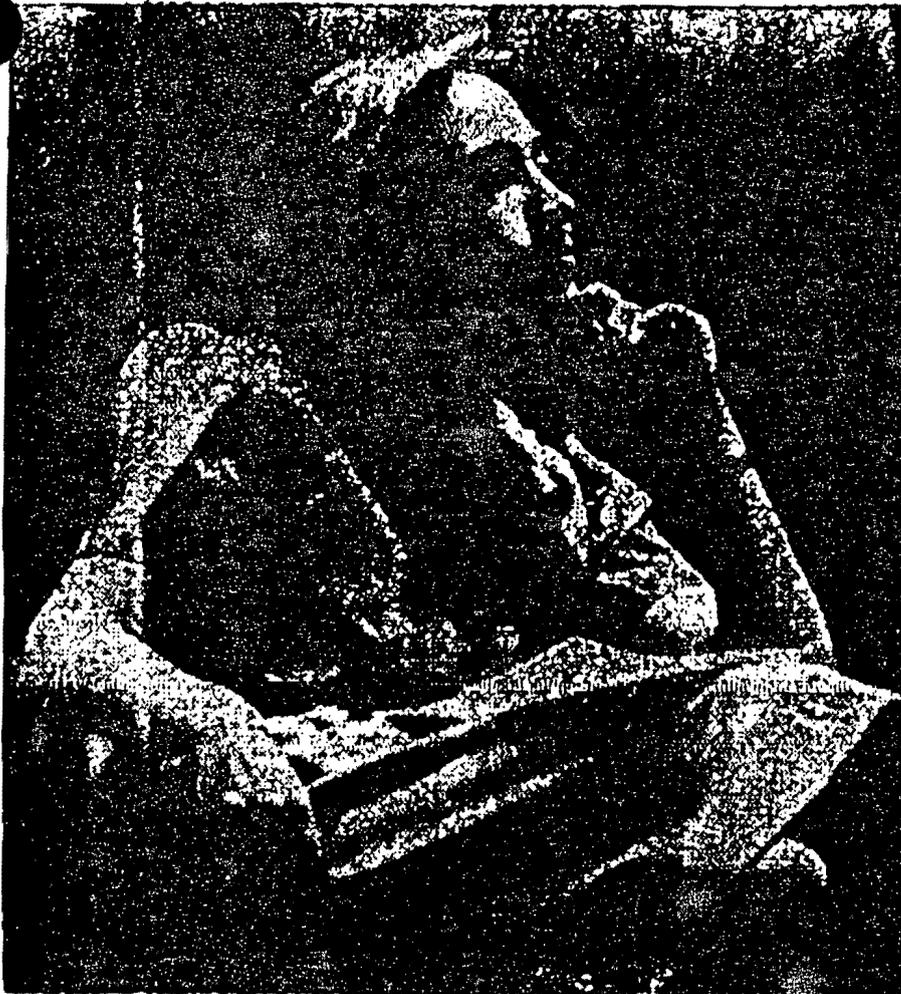
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Hill Clinton: A status report to the educators.

8-24-83

# Mrs. Clinton Says She Found No One Happy With Schools

By MARION FULK  
Gazette Staff

In letters, phone calls and hearings around the state, Hillary Clinton said she has yet to find anyone who is satisfied with the state's education system and who "believes we can not do better."

She spoke Tuesday to more than 1,000 Little Rock School District teachers and administrators.

The only person who has come close to saying education need not be improved was a superintendent of a small school district, she said. One of the members of the Education Standards Committee, which is writing new standards for Arkansas schools and which Mrs.

Clinton heads, told her of the superintendent, who spoke at one of the county hearings held by the Committee.

She said parents, teachers and others were discussing higher standards at the hearing and ev-

**Low Pay, Status Creating Teacher Crisis, Page 7A**

everyone was "generally getting excited" at the possibility of raising requirements.

The superintendent interrupted the discussion and tried to take over the meeting, she said. "I

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# Consumer Only Mod

## Deficit Soars \$21.4 Billion During July

Gazette Press Services

WASHINGTON — The government paid out \$21.4 billion more than it took in last month, pushing its deficit spending closer to the record projected for the year, Treasury Department figures indicated Tuesday.

The report said the July deficit brought the shortfall for the 10 months of fiscal 1983, which started October 1, to \$179.8 billion.

The Reagan administration is predicting that spending will surpass income in the current fiscal year by \$209.8 billion and for all of fiscal 1984 by \$179.7 billion. Last year's deficit was a record \$110.7 billion.

So far this year, interest paid on the public debt alone has amounted to \$108.2 billion.

The Treasury report said last month's deficit came on outlays of \$65.38 billion against receipts of \$43.95 billion.

Economists inside and outside government have said the long-term deficit could dampen the economic recovery.

### Dow Drops 10.26

Meanwhile, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, up 40 points in the previous two weeks to pierce the 1,200 barrier, retreated in listless trading Tuesday, falling 10.26 points to 1,192.89.

William LeFevre, an analyst at Purcell, Graham and Co., said the biggest single factor in the decline was the Treasury Department report that the federal deficit had



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# No One Happy With Schools, Educators Told

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think we're doing a good job, we're doing a fine job,' he said. 'Why tell 'em Jack,' he said to a young man in the front row. 'You went off to the university, tell 'em you got a good education here.'"

"With all the courage he could muster, the young man said, 'I sure wish I could have taken Spanish.'"

Later, she said she didn't know the name of the superintendent or the district.

Mrs. Clinton, wife of Governor Bill Clinton, also reviewed other changes the Committee has proposed, prompting enthusiastic applause from the group.

"We want to focus on the elementary level. We want to require kindergarten and require that no child attend first grade until he graduates from an accredited kindergarten." That brought immediate applause.

The Committee is also recommending lower pupil-teacher ratios (the specifics haven't been agreed on) and a mention of that brought more vigorous applause.

Teachers and principals later interrupted her speech to applaud recommendations that all schools be required to have guidance counselors; a new promotion policy, and a call for stricter discipline and support for teachers by administrators.

The promotion policy would require that all students be tested at the end of the third, sixth and eighth grades. A student who failed the test at the lower two grades would have his record reviewed, a special program developed and if necessary, he would repeat the grade.

At the eighth grade, a student would be required to pass the test before being promoted. "no matter how good an athlete he is or who his parents might be," she said. The only exception would be special ed-

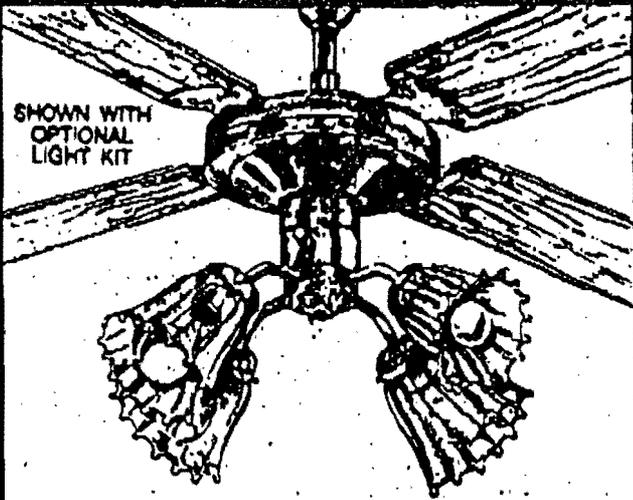
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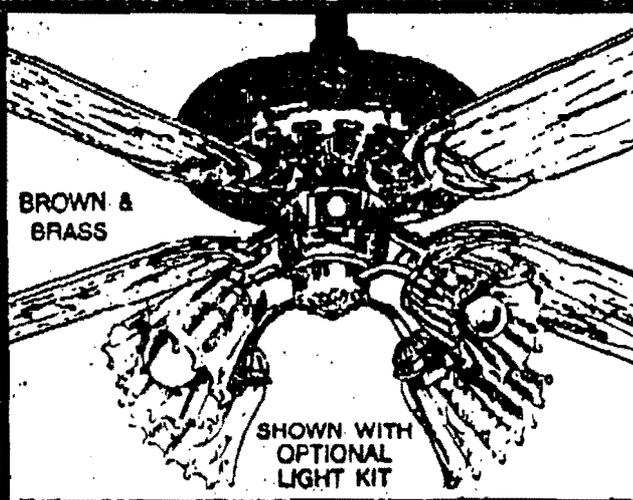
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# Panel to Put Spotlight on Crime

Gazette Press Services

WASHINGTON — Invoking the name of the late crime fighters Eliot Ness and Senator John L. McClellan (Dem., Ark.), President Reagan Thursday named a 20-member commission to put heat on organized crime by subjecting it to the spotlight of publicity.

While praising the efforts of the

FBI and congressional investigators who have been chasing mobsters for the last half-century, Mr. Reagan told a White House Rose Garden gathering: "The time has come for all of us to assist in the fight to break the power of the mob in America."

The commission will be headed by federal Judge Irving Kaufman,

73, of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Kaufman, former Attorney General William French Smith and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, called criminal justice reform including new elementary and secondary education, and prison guard

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— Staff Photo

### GENE WORSHAM Younts in Background

### Worsham, Younts in Absence

### JAMES SCUDDER

Gazette Staff

North Little Rock Police Bill Younts did not attending of the Civil Service Commission Wednesday because the city attorney said it wasn't necessary to attend, L. Gene Worsham, Younts' attorney, said. Consider our business

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## Mrs. Clinton Wins Praise From Panel

7-28-83

By JOHN BRUMMETT

Gazette Staff

Hillary Clinton, her public profile rising in her role as chairman of the Education Standards Committee, testified for 90 minutes Thursday to a legislative committee and won rave reviews.

"I think we've elected the wrong Clinton," state Representative Lloyd George of Danville said, em-

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barrassing Mrs. Clinton and evoking laughter and a few nods of agreement.

The other one — Governor Bill Clinton — dropped in on the meeting of the legislative Joint Performance Committee, which conducted day-long hearings on education issues, to observe as his wife fielded legislators' questions with ease and grace. He was not in the room when

(See PLAN on Page 11A.)



— Staff

### Preventing Meltdown

When Ernest McKay of Jensen Construction Company picked up the rig to get some relief from the heat at 3 p.m. Thursday, it was a moist, muggy day in Little Rock. McKay and other sweat-soaked workers were paving on an section of Interstate 630 near the Arkansas Children's Hospital. The photograph was taken. (Article on Page 3A.)

## Gov. Clinton Buys \$54 in Food to Feed Family for Week

WASHINGTON (AP) — Agriculture Secretary John R. Block, a former farmer who owns a farm in the capital,

this year, feeds about 22 million low-income Americans. Congress is expected to vote today on a supplemental appropriations bill



# Plan Presented To Legislators By Mrs. Clinton

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George make his comment.

Representative Bill Stephens of Conway closed the meeting by saying his confidence in the Education Standards Committee had risen after hearing Mrs. Clinton's presentation.

Mrs. Clinton outlined for the legislators the recommendations her Committee is likely to make — mandatory full-day kindergarten, a 20-to-1 pupil-teacher ratio in early elementary grades, promotional tests after the third, sixth and eighth grades and more math and science units in high school, among others. She said the Committee probably will recommend a 185-day school year, a 10-day addition to the current requirement.

She also said something needs to be done about extracurricular interruptions of the school day, particularly in the spring as the school year nears an end. "We've confused our students," she said. "When you play, you should play hard. And when you work, you should work hard. But you shouldn't confuse the two."

She praised the Arkansas Activities Association, which governs athletics and other school activities, for considering a requirement that all extracurricular activities in which two or more schools are participating be held after school hours.

Representative L. L. (Doc) Bryan of Russellville complained that if the state spends an additional \$100 million for the public schools, as Mr. Clinton is expected to propose, about \$70 million of that will go to teacher salaries under the current ratio, leaving only \$30 million for real education improvement. Mrs. Clinton disagreed with him.

"From everything I've observed, everything goes back to teacher salaries," she said. "The majority of the money should go into teacher salaries. Most of the things we want to accomplish are based on better teachers and better-paid teachers."

wants to continue to have hearings, which may well continue on and into the late fall or early winter."

added that, "if I am forced to anticipate . . . I will expect to be paid additional compensation by the city at the same rate as Mr. Dillahunt and Mr. [Phillip] Kaplan [an attorney for the City Council]."

Worsham said that an ordinance the City Council approved Tuesday offering to settle the conflict with Younts was a "legal contract" and that the Civil Service Commission was now "legally and morally bound to dismiss charges against Chief Younts."

## Says Worsham Notified

However, Dillahunt, the Commission's attorney, said earlier Thursday that he had followed the instructions the Commission gave him Wednesday night and notified Worsham in a hand-written letter that Worsham and Younts had until noon today to agree on a time when they would meet with the Commission. If they don't meet the deadline the Commission said it would go ahead and resume a trial of Younts next week on seven charges against him.

Dillahunt couldn't be reached for comment after Worsham held his press conference.

In the ordinance, the Council agreed to pay Younts \$18,140 for his legal and "out-of-pocket" expenses, back pay and retirement and other benefits in return for his resignation and dismissal of a \$2.5 million federal lawsuit. The Council indicated it would pay a maximum of \$45,000, but no figure was included in the ordinance.

## 'We Intend to Collect'

Worsham said Thursday afternoon that "we intend to collect every nickel he [Younts] is due," and he added, "If it figures \$135,000, they're going to pay it."

Mayor Reed Thompson said after Worsham's press conference that "this is all film-flam," adding that Worsham and Younts were "hoping to hang their teeth into something that will get them a little more money." Thompson said that, if necessary, he would veto the ordinance — an action that Worsham said Thursday wouldn't be legal — or propose that the City Council repeal it.

Before the Council met and approved the ordinance Tuesday, the

executive director of a lobbying organization called the Food, Research and Action Center, located in Washington.

"This is no test on whether John Block is being sensitive to the needs of low-income people or whether the Thrifty Food Plan is adequate," she said. "He doesn't face any of the problems low-income people face."

# Pact Increases Sale of Grain

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minimum purchase at current prices would mean at least \$1.6 billion a year for American farmers.

The agreement allows the Soviet Union to reduce the minimum for corn and wheat to 8 million tons by buying 500,000 tons of soybeans or soybean meal in any year.

The old five-year agreement, which expires September 30, called for the Soviet Union to buy a minimum of 6 million tons and a maximum of 8 million tons. The Soviet Union purchased nearly 14 million tons from the United States last year, and about 6 million tons so far this year.

Negotiations resumed last spring after being suspended for about 16 months by the Reagan administration because of the martial law crackdown in Poland. But both Brock and Block said there was no major political message behind the sale.

Asked how the agreement squares with President Reagan's criticism of the Soviet Union as perpetrators of revolution in Central America, Brock said the Soviets "have been supportive of some mischief here and elsewhere."

"I personally view this kind of an action [the agreement] as a positive step," he said. "Maybe you need to do this sort of thing to show that there are alternatives to the negative rhetoric we've had on both sides and that there can be something constructive in the relationship if we work at it."

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urt ruled that the House of Representatives exceeded its powers when, exercising a veto provision in the Immigration and Nationality Act, it ordered the attorney general's decisive deportation for a Kent who had overstayed

Burger said the action by was, in effect, legislation. In litigation, he said, permits to be enacted only "in a single, finely wrought and deliberately considered procedure, namely passage by a majority of both Houses and presentment to the president" for his signature

procedure, the chief justice said it was "clumsy" and "inefficient," he continued, "With all its flaws of delay, untidiness and potential for abuse, we have not yet found a better way to protect freedom than by making the exercise of power subject to the restraints spelled out in the Constitution."

Justice's theory encompasses

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short-circuit economic recovery. The House passed the resolution, 239 to 186, and the Senate gave final congressional approval, 51 to 43.

Mr. Reagan has threatened to veto any tax or spending measures that violate his economic program,

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even though they might be required under the budget blueprint. He won't be able to veto the budget resolution, which is merely a guideline for congressional appropriations.

In considering the budget compromise, Senate Republicans were torn between loyalties to Mr. Reagan and the need to honor the congressional budget process, which required compromise with liberals and moderates in both houses on taxes, domestic spending and defense spending.

During the House debate on the tax cap, Representative Dan Rostenkowski (Dem., Ill.), chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, said the proposed limitation would raise \$6 billion next year and \$21 billion over the next three years.

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**Pope, Wojciech Jaruzelski.**

**Pope Ends Visit**

Gazette Press Service

Pope John Paul II ended his eight-day Polish pilgrimage Thursday in a secretive meeting with Solidarity founder Lech Walesa and returned to Rome with a prayer "that good will triumph" in his native land.

"These days have been so unforgettable for me," the pontiff said in a message to Poland's

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**CAROL MATLACK**

Gazette Staff

Barkins, who was Oak Ridge School's first black principal, lost his job because of a motivated "conspiracy" of white parents and federal Judge Henry Wood Thursday.

Judge Woods ordered the Pulaski County School District to reinstate Barkins to a high school principal's "comparable" job, with pay from the date of his discharge in 1981.

Barkins said he hadn't received notice about the ruling. "I want to get something official. I don't have any comment," he said. "I'm very happy with the decision. One thing I was pleased with was that my name was cleared."

Barkins maintained that Barkins was fired because of "inefficiency" and other problems with his job. But Judge Woods disagreed. "The discharge was the result of pervasive racial



-Staff Photo by Jeff Mitchell

**\*\*\* High school activities don't last forever, and life goes on \*\*\***

**Panel Urged To Emphasize Math, Science**

6-24-83

AP and Gazette Staff

The state needs to get its priorities in order and become at least as "fanatic" about mathematics and science as it is about high school athletics and extracurricular activities, Hillary Clinton, chairman of the state Education Standards Committee, told the Committee Thursday.

Specifically, a statewide minimum grade point requirement should be set before students are permitted to participate in sports and extracurricular activities, she told the Committee, which is working on new standards for the state's public schools.

"This isn't only for the benefit of the students who don't participate in sports and cheerleading, but it's also for the benefit of those who do participate because high school activities don't last forever, and life

# Panel Urged to Emphasize Math, Science in Schools

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"goes on after age 17," Mrs. Clinton said in an interview.

The Committee's subcommittee studying high school curricula decided to propose that three units of mathematics and science be required for graduation.

Previously, the Committee had settled on a two-unit requirement in each subject, but Mrs. Clinton, wife of Governor Bill Clinton, said in an interview that the subcommittee decided not to address the issue from a "minimum standpoint," and was concerned that with the attention focused nationally on needs in education, Arkansas might err by not setting higher standards.

Mrs. Clinton said she'd learned in conversations with gifted students at Arkansas Girls State and the Governor's School for the Gifted and Talented that there was "a lot of bitterness toward administrators and coaches."

She said a student complained that he had asked an automobile dealer to advertise in the school newspaper and that the dealer said his way of helping the school was making a car available to the coach.

## 'A Little Fanatic'

Her husband, like many Arkansans, is enthusiastic about sports, Mrs. Clinton said. "But I think it's time we started getting a little fanatic about math and science, not

just athletics," she said.

Many students said school administrators didn't give enough backing to teachers who stress academics, she said. One girl said a new principal enforced established standards at her school, barring girls from cheerleading and boys from athletics because of academic deficiencies. As a result, the girl said, somebody threw a pumpkin through the principal's window, parents screamed at him and tacks were scattered in his driveway, Mrs. Clinton said.

She said some students suggested shortening class periods from 55 minutes to 45 minutes so they could squeeze in eight classes a day instead of six.

Also Thursday, the Standards Committee announced the schedule of meetings its members will hold in all 75 counties during July. Each meeting will be from 7 to 9 p.m., and specific locations will be announced later. The schedule:

July 7 — Boone, Faulkner, Greene, Jefferson, Lee, Miller, Nevada, Ouachita, Pulaski, Saline, Sebastian, Union, Washington and White Counties.

July 11 — Ashley, Baxter, Clark, Crawford, Cross, Grant, Hempstead, Lincoln, Perry, Poinsett, Scott, Sevier and Van Buren Counties.

July 12 — Clahurne, Desha, Drew, Fulton, Hot Spring, Howard, Johnson, Lawrence, Lonoke, Newton and Polk Counties.

July 14 — Benton, Bradley, Dallas, Garland, Independence, Izard, Marion, Mississippi and Phillips Counties.

July 18 — Chicot, Clay, Cleveland, Columbia, Crittenden, Franklin, Madison, Monroe, Pike, Pope, Searcy and Sharp Counties.

July 19 — Arkansas, Conway, Craighead, Jackson, Little River, Logan, Prairie, St. Francis and Yell Counties.

July 21 — Calhoun, Carroll, Lafayette, Montgomery, Randolph, Stone and Woodruff Counties.

exander of North Little Rock, Edward Alexander of three daughters, Carol Little Rock, Linda Calhoun City and Barbara North Little Rock; two nice Foster of San Francisco, Cleophus DeWitt of Florida, and 11 grandchildren. Arrangements will be by Ruffin and Jarrett. The service will be at 6603 Sherry Drive.

## Jerry Lavon Lewis

Jerry Lavon Lewis, 60 months, of 118 East Street, died Sunday. His parents, Kathy and Jerry Lewis Sr. of Little Rock, and his sister, Tomika Lewis, and his grandparents, Johnson, Erma Brister Lewis Brister and Mary of Little Rock. Funeral at 10 a.m. Saturday in Hill Home by Rev. Isaac will be in Rest In Peace Gardens.

## Mrs. Carrie Hill

Funeral for Mrs. Carrie Hill, aged 76, of 3715 W. who died June 18, at 8 p.m. Saturday in First Church in Higgins. Burial in Rest In Peace Memorial by Ruffin and Jarrett.

## McKinley Gray

Funeral for McKinley Gray, 86, of Route 1 Box 1 who died Sunday, will be at 8 p.m. Saturday in First Church in Bigelow by Rev. Ruffin. Burial will be in Rest In Peace Cemetery by Ruffin.

## Stanley Ted Wallock

Stanley Ted Wallock, 623 Clanton Road, Little Rock, died Thursday. Little Rock, son of Mary Barron Wallock, retired electrician and St. Mary's Catholic Church of Columbus, America. Survivors are a daughter, J. Walloch of North Little Rock, a sister, Irene Hale of Little Rock. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Gray Healey and Roth.

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# Clinton Names His Wife As Head of Commission On New School Standards

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Governor Bill Clinton announced Friday that he was appointing his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, as chairman of the 15-member commission that will draft new standards for the state's public schools that could result in consolidation in 1987.

"This guarantees that I will have a person who is closer to me than anyone else overseeing a project that is more important to me than anything else," Mr. Clinton said.

The commission was set up through legislation passed during the recent legislative session and was a compromise proposal offered as an alternative to stronger proposed bills for school consolidation. It calls for the commission to complete its work by January 1984 and for schools to meet the new standards by the school year beginning in 1987 or be consolidated. The bill specified that the governor, or his designee, would be chairman.

Mr. Clinton said his wife would be able "to provide more consistent, sustained work for the commission" than he would because of other demands on his time.

## 'Right Thing to Do'

"I don't know if it's a politically wise move" to appoint Mrs. Clinton as the leader of a group that will indirectly deal with the volatile consolidation issue, Mr. Clinton said. "But it's the right thing to do . . . My suspicion is that it will be good politics because it's good government, and good government is inevitably always good politics."

Mrs. Clinton, 35, a lawyer, said the focus of her work would be educational standards — and that she was particularly interested in improving mathematics and science instruction — and that the issue of consolidation should not distract from writing new standards. She said she would insist on representation for small schools in the commission's deliberations.

She said additional money was not necessarily the answer to better schools. School districts might have to make some choices, such as whether to spend as much money on "optional activities or extracurricular activities," but she wasn't specific.

## Feels Qualified

Mrs. Clinton said she felt qualified for the job because "I've gone to school a large part of my life [and] I've been involved in classroom activities and visiting with teachers as a volunteer. But I don't come at this job with a great deal of expertise. The committee that's been appointed [by the state Education Board] will provide expertise, and we'll have a staff available that will provide expert assistance."

She worked earlier this year in the successful millage campaign by the Little Rock School District. The Clintons' daughter, Chelsea, 3, "will definitely attend the Little Rock public schools," Mrs. Clinton said.

Members of the commission will receive no salary and will be paid no regular per-diem expenses.

## Former Lawyer

## 2 More Groups

# Fire Destro Science Ur Two Arrest

Gazette Date New

TEXARKANA — A fire destroyed an eight-story building and thousands in equipment at Arkansas High School in Texarkana Thursday, the police

Sgt. Claude Wells said Cooper, 18, and a 17-year-old girl, both of Texarkana, arrested about 10:30 a.m. They charged with arson. They held in the Miller County of \$25,000 bond each.

Wells said the teenagers destroyed the classrooms with paint and chemicals found in the building. They made a trail out to the parking lot. Wells said the chemicals was ignited from the parking lot. No estimate of damage has been made.

Carol Canada, a spokeswoman for the school, said Friday that destroyed the building. She said several microscopes and video cassette recorder and other science equipment as well as science students at the school were damaged by smoke.

"We don't know what will be salvageable because it has been allowed in the building because of the chemical there," she said.

Canada said there was a possibility of toxic fumes or an explosion of the chemicals. Representatives of the Environmental Protection Agency and the school's insurance company were at the school Friday to assess the situation.

# Decline in Expectations Of Education Is Traced By Mrs. Clinton to '60s

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Hillary Clinton, chairman of the state Education Standards Committee, says a decline of traditional expectations of education began in the 1960s with the Vietnam war and that because of the war and subsequent turmoil "our entire social foundation has been shaken."

Mrs. Clinton, the wife of Governor Bill Clinton, made the statement in a taped interview with Steve Barnes for the KATV, Channel 7, "Newscene Reports" program, which will be broadcast at 1 p.m. today.

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set new standards for the schools by March 1 and districts that don't meet the standards by June 1, 1987, will be merged with other districts.

"Many of those standards would be done with no money," she said. "It costs no money to have a discipline policy that is disseminated to parents and teachers and students, and the parents of students have to sign. It costs no money to have a policy setting in motion homework. It costs no money to limit extra-curricular activities."

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One person was injured and treated at the Cross County Hospital and released.

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By BRENDA TIREY and JOHN BRUMMETT

Gazette Staff

The state Public Service Commission staff recommended an 8.5 percent increase for Arkansas Power and Light Company residential customers in testimony filed Wednesday in the company's latest rate case. The staff recommended only a 3 percent increase for commercial and industrial users.

Also Wednesday, Reynolds Metals Company, AP and L's largest single customer, filed a new eight-year contract agreement it has reached with AP and L for PSC approval in conjunction with the rate case. The con-

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lower river basin along the Montana-Wyoming border.

Minimum bids for the Powder River leases were cut in half only a few days before the sale, and industry representatives saw confidential bidding information before the sale, the report said.

Dr. Miller, whose job includes overseeing the collection of mineral, gas and oil royalties, said the Committee report was misleading because it failed to explain that the coal leases are only for exploration and development rights, not for the sale of coal itself. If any coal is mined, the government must receive royalties equalling at least 12.5 percent of the market value, he said.

(Susan Rieff, an aide to United

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ing near the Pine Bluff Arsenal is the likely choice of the state Correction Department for a temporary housing facility for state prison inmates, reliable sources said Wednesday.

David White, prison spokesman, said the school is "just one of the options" the Department is considering.

Superintendent Julius Brown of the White Hall School District said prison officials were to meet Wednesday night with the school board to discuss the school's use.

Brown said there are five buildings at the site, which is just outside the Plainview Gate entrance to the Arsenal. Four of the buildings contain six to seven class-

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# National Education Report Called 'Blueprint' for State

By MARGARET ARNOLD

Gazette Staff

"The distressing conclusions" of a national report on education released Tuesday "will ultimately affect every schoolchild in the state," Hillary Rodham Clinton, chairman of a recently appointed Commission on Education for Arkansas, said Wednesday.

Clinton said in an interview that the report, released by a National Commission on Excellence in Education "will help define the sort of standards we want in Arkansas in light of the national climate" and will likely serve as "a blueprint for how we get ourselves out of the serious state of deterioration we're currently in."

The national report cited a "rising tide of mediocrity" in the nation's schools.

The 15-member Arkansas Commission, appointed last week, is charged with drafting new standards for the state's public schools. It has not met,

but when it does, Clinton said it would certainly assess Arkansas's schools in light of the report.

"This report will have a big effect around the country," she said, "because you can bet that everybody else is going to be reading it."

She said she expected it to help the Commission "define the sort of standards we want in light of the national climate so we can be sure our students are competitive."

## Chides Reagan

President Reagan's response to the report was "regrettably insufficient," Clinton said.

The president said the report endorsed his administration's call for limited federal involvement in education, tuition tax credits, voluntary prayer in schools and abolishment of the federal Education Department.

"His reference to further limiting the role of the federal government

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# Road 'Illusion' Noted at Site Of Bus Crash

Gazette State News

Motorists driving west on state Highway 214 just before its intersection with state Highway 18 at Uno (Poinsett County), the site of the state's worst school bus crash, can be subjected to an optical illusion that tends to obscure 214's sharp curve to the right, the National Transportation Safety Board said Wednesday.

Nine persons were killed and 29 were injured March 25 when a Jonesboro school bus went out of control, overturned and crashed in a ditch across Highway 18.

The Board, which still is investigating the accident, noted the phenomenon and recommended steps to correct it in a letter mailed Wednesday to state Highway Director Henry Gray.

Brad Dunbar, a spokesman for the Board, said Wednesday that the final

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did not address the national scope of the problem," Clinton said, and she added that the president's plan to turn responsibility for education over to states, local school districts and parents deals with only two thirds of the issue.

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courses be taken for graduation.

Requirements of individual school districts differ. For instance, new standards that will apply to all Little Rock high school students beginning next year meet the commission's recommendations, except for the proposed computer science requirement.

The North Little Rock and Pulaski County School Districts require four years of English, as the Commission recommended, but only two years each of math, science and social studies, instead of the three proposed as a minimum standard by the Commission. Other districts require less.

State law says districts must offer a minimum of 175 student days of school, and most districts, including the three in Pulaski County, offer exactly that. Some districts, including Little Rock, are negotiating with teachers about extending the school year, but only by five to 10 days.

## Wonder About Cost

Several of the educators interviewed, while agreeing with the recommended changes, wondered how states and local districts would pay for them.

Superintendent John Miller of North Little Rock pointed to state and federal laws of the last few years requiring public schools to respond to the needs of all students, including those who are physically and mentally handicapped. "This is expensive education," he said. He added, "I think we're doing a better job than ever with the resources we have, but we're trying to cover an awful lot of the waterfront."

Miller said he believed schools could provide broad educational services while also setting higher standards, but "somebody's going to have to put in the money that goes with it; you can't do it on the money that's available now."

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### Left to Local Boards

In Arkansas, imposition of such requirements is left to local school boards, and no such standards exist on a state level.

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Many of the needs are not being met, he said, and many of Arkansas's students will not be prepared to compete for a job.

"The day when students can go to school, pick up minimal skills in reading, writing and arithmetic, then go to work at the local garment factory and live happily ever after are gone," Dr. Roberts said.

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Acknowledging that academic expectations have slipped in the last decade or more, Kelly said, "I think we all share a lot of blame for this," and he added, "I don't think educators in general have done the job we should have when it comes to assuming leadership."

# Proposal to Insure Jobless

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
Monday, January 25, 1993

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#### PRESIDENT CLINTON FORMS HEALTH CARE TASKFORCE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- In effort to develop a plan for high quality, affordable health care for all Americans, the President today announced the formation of a taskforce to develop legislation for comprehensive health care reform.

"It's time to make America's health care system make sense. It's time to bring costs under control -- so that every family can be secure in the thought that a medical emergency or a long illness will not mean bankruptcy," the President said. "And it's time to bring quality coverage to every American -- to cut back on the paperwork and the excuses and make health care a right, not a privilege."

The President's taskforce, which is expected to report a plan by the end of May, will be chaired by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. The health care taskforce will include Secretary of the Treasury Lloyd Bentsen, Secretary of Defense Les Aspin, Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown, Secretary of Labor Robert Reich, Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jesse Brown, Office of Management and Budget Director Leon Panetta, Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy Carol Rasco, Assistant to the President for Economic Policy Robert Rubin, Council of Economic Advisors Chair Laura Tyson and Senior Advisor to the President for Policy Development Ira Magaziner.

Magaziner will lead an interdepartmental working group which will coordinate policy development for the taskforce. Health care transition director Judith Feder will assist Magaziner and other senior transition officials will be members of the working group.

The taskforce will work cooperatively with members of Congress as well as with state, city and county officials in developing its proposals. It will conduct an outreach program to seek verbal input and formal written submissions from interested citizens and groups across the country.

The process will seek advice from people like the many the President met during the campaign, for whom rising health care costs and lack of adequate health care coverage are causing severe hardship.

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The President said the legislation will be based on the following principles:

- o To slow the growth of national health care spending.
- o To provide universal access to high quality care for all Americans.
- o To ensure consumer choice.
- o To maintain a private, competitive health care system.
- o To cut the health care bureaucracy.

While her husband was Governor of Arkansas, Mrs. Clinton chaired the Arkansas Education Standards Committee, which in 1984 created public school accreditation standards that have since become a model for national reform. In 1984-1985, Mrs. Clinton served as her husband's designee on the Southern Regional Taskforce on Infant Mortality. She served as the chair of the Arkansas Rural Health Committee in 1979-1980, and has served on the board of the Arkansas Children's Hospital, where she helped establish the state's first neo-natal unit. In addition, Mrs. Clinton introduced a pioneering program that trained parents to work with their children in pre-school preparedness and literacy through Arkansas' Home Instruction Program (HIPPY).

Those interested in submitting ideas should write to:

President's Health Care Taskforce  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Smoke Marinated Shrimp  
Horseradish Mango Chutney  
Dried Tomato Galettes

Roast Tenderloin of Beef with Port  
Zinfandel and Shallots  
Baby Vegetables Baskets  
Yukon Gold Potatoes with Vidalia Onions

Winter Salad  
Hazelnut Dressing  
Native Goat Cheese

Apple Sherbet Terrine with Applejack Mousse  
Hot Cider Sauce  
Cookies

Wines:

Oakencroft Virginia Chardonnay  
Monticello "Jefferson Cuvee" Cabernet Sauvignon 1987  
Argyle Oregon Brut Rose

Following dinner, guests will be entertained in the East Room by an all star cast performing a melody of songs from Broadway musicals. The program was originally arranged for "Make Way for Tomorrow," a program featured during the Inaugural week's "Reunion on the Mall." The segment of the program to be performed, entitled "Places," was especially selected for the Governors.

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Musical selections will include: Hey There Good Times; I Believe In You; America; Oklahoma; New York, New York; Ohio; Gary, Indiana; Big D; Rhode Island is Famous for You; California, Here I Come; Of Thee I Sing; Carolina In The Morning; I've Been Everywhere; Little Girl From Little Rock; That's How You Jazz; Take Care of This House.

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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1993.**

WASHINGTON, DC -- FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON WILL VISIT "NEW YORK CARES" TUTORING SESSION AND RECEIVE LEWIS HINE AWARD IN NEW YORK CITY ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 26.

Mrs. Clinton will join "NEW YORK CARES" volunteers at a tutoring session with several 4th, 5th and 6th graders. "NEW YORK CARES," founded in 1987, is a volunteer organization designed to place young working New Yorkers in volunteer projects in which they work with people in need. Working in teams, "NEW YORK CARES" volunteers provide direct assistance to poor children, homeless families, people with AIDS and the elderly.

DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1993  
PRESS CALL TIME: 9:30AM  
LOCATION: Alexander Humboldt School  
PS 115  
586 W. 177TH STREET  
NEW YORK, NY

Press Note: Mrs. Clinton will be joined at the tutoring session by Maria Alvarez. Ms. Alvarez, a "New York Cares" volunteer will receive a Lewis Hine Award that evening.

Mrs. Clinton will receive a special Lewis Hine Award for Distinguished Service to children and youth. The award will be presented by the National Child Labor Committee (NCLC). Ten individuals from communities across the country will also be honored with a Lewis Hine award.

DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1993  
PRESS CALL TIME: 5:30PM  
LOCATION: THE CHEMICAL BANK BUILDING  
PRESS ENTRANCE: 270 PARK AVENUE  
BETWEEN 48TH AND PARK

PRESS NOTE: Press will be escorted to the 49th floor for the award ceremony. Press overflow space will be provided on the 2nd floor in the employee cafeteria. Mult and video DA will be available in this area.

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