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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON'S SCHEDULE
FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1999**

WASHINGTON, DC -- First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will address the Winter Meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, on Friday, January 29, 1999. The First Lady will formally announce the Millennium Communities Program, a new initiative of the White House Millennium Council to support the nation's communities as they develop local projects to preserve America's cultural and historical legacy and prepare for the 21st century.

In addition, the First Lady and Mrs. Tipper Gore will host a White House ceremony to announce new initiatives, as part of the FY 2000 budget, to support foster care youth as they transition to independent living. This event builds on the Clinton Administration's efforts to strengthen our nation's child welfare system.

Foster care youth attending the ceremony include: Analeah Charles (New York, NY), Margaret Duarte (Tucson, AZ), Joe Forsythe (Springfield, MA), John Guitierrez (Santa Monica, CA), Terry Harrak (Alexandria, VA), Leah McBride (Cincinnati, OH), Alfred Perez (El Sobrante, CA), Rico Shaw (Prince Georges County, MD), Terri Faye Yaden (Towson, MD), and Joy Warren (New Haven, CT).

EVENT: Address to the U.S. Conference of Mayors' Winter Meeting
DATE: Friday, January 29, 1999
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
LOCATION: The Capital Hilton
Presidential Ballroom
16th and K Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Press Notes:

This event is open press. No pre-credentialing is required. Press should use the main hotel entrance. Press covering the First Ladies' speech should arrive by 1:00 p.m. Lighting and a mult is provided. Throw is approximately 50'.

EVENT: Supporting Foster Care Youth Event
DATE: Friday, January 29, 1999
TIME: 3:15 p.m.
LOCATION: The East Room
The White House

Press Notes:

This event is open press. Any press who are not currently White House passholders, should fax their name, date of birth and social security number on company letter head to 202/456-7805 **no later than 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 29, 1999** to be cleared to cover the event. There will be an escort from the White House Briefing Room at 1:45 p.m to pre-set and at 2:50 p.m. for final access. Lighting and a mult is provided.

Press interested in speaking with the former foster care youth after the event should contact the First Lady's Press Office at 202-456-2960.

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Office of the First Lady
The White House

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Friday, January 29, 1999

Contact: White House
Millennium Council
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First Lady Announces Millennium Communities Program

*New Initiative to Recognize and Stimulate Local Millennium Programs
and Celebrations in Cities and Towns Through the Nation*

Washington, D.C. -- In an address to the U.S. Conference of Mayors Annual Winter Meeting in Washington, D.C. today, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton called on the mayors and other leaders to harness the millennial spirit as a force for positive change in every community across the country.

Building upon the President's invitation to all American citizens in his January 19 State of the Union address, Mrs. Clinton outlined the Millennium Communities Program, a new initiative developed by the White House Millennium Council to make America's celebration of the millennium both memorable and meaningful. "This program gives us an opportunity to unite our communities through local projects that preserve our historical and cultural legacy and prepare citizens -- particularly youth -- for the 21st century," the First Lady said.

The Millennium Communities Program is a national noncompetitive program designed to recognize communities that undertake projects and activities that are consistent with the national theme, "Honor the Past - Imagine the Future." The program is a partnership of the White House Millennium Council, the National Association of Counties, the National Association of Towns and Townships, National League of Cities, U.S. Conference of Mayors and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, with support from BellSouth Corporation, a national corporate sponsor.

Designated Millennium Communities will be awarded use of the national millennium logo and motto to identify community projects and events as part of the national millennium

observance. They will be able to register their projects and events on a Millennium Communities web site designed to allow the sharing of ideas and will also be honored by recognition events and designation ceremonies.

Cities, counties, towns, townships and tribal governments/villages are eligible for the Millennium Community designation. Elected officials and tribal leaders should apply on behalf of their community to their respective associations. The association or Bureau of Indian Affairs will evaluate their plans to commemorate the millennium and recommend the official designation to the White House Millennium Council.

Mrs. Clinton introduced two tools to help communities get started: the Millennium Communities Handbook developed by the White House Millennium Council, and an interactive web page created by BellSouth Corporation. The Handbook offers ideas from communities that have millennium programs or plans underway as well as national White House Millennium Council programs that communities can participate in or replicate at the local level. The web page will allow communities to share ideas and projects, provide suggestions and recognize communities that earned the Millennium Community designation.

The White House Millennium Council was established by President Clinton and the First Lady in August 1997 to use the widespread interest in the millennium as a force for positive change and to unite citizens behind projects that preserve our historical and cultural legacy, celebrate American achievement, and increase participation in civic life. National program initiatives underway include Save America's Treasures, Millennium Trails, and the Mars Millennium Project. The White House Millennium Council also sponsors Millennium Evenings at the White House, a series of lectures and cultural showcases that highlight creativity and inventiveness through ideas, art and scientific discovery.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Millennium Communities Program is a national, noncompetitive initiative designed by the White House Millennium Council, in collaboration with major national intergovernmental organizations and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to recognize communities across the country which are bringing citizens together to celebrate the millennium by paying tribute to the ideals and creativity that have shaped the past and by preparing their citizens -- especially children -- for the 21st century.

Criteria for designation as a Millennium Community include:

- Formation of a committee to plan and organize community-enhancing millennium celebration events and programs
- Inclusion in the planning process of people and organizations which are broadly representative of the community
- Consistency of programs and events with the national millennium theme, **"Honor the Past -- Imagine the Future"**
- Application submission and approval through one of the program's organizational partners

MILLENNIUM COMMUNITIES PARTNERS

The White House Millennium Council
U.S. Conference of Mayors
National League of Cities
National Association of Counties
National Association of Towns and Townships
Bureau of Indian Affairs

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications can be obtained from any of the Millennium Communities partners, or from the White House Millennium Communities website at <http://www.millenniumcommunities.org>. Applications can be filled out and electronically submitted through this website.

Any individual or group can be the catalyst for a community application. Simply design a project in keeping with the criteria above and contact your local elected official -- your mayor, county commission, selectman or tribal leader -- to encourage them to apply.

Applications must be signed and endorsed by the chief local elected official representing the community, and should be sent to the appropriate partner organization for review. Applications from governors will be reviewed by the White House Millennium Council.

TIMELINE

Communities will be eligible for the program throughout 1999 and 2000.

RECOGNITION BENEFITS

Cities, towns, counties, states, and tribal reservations which are designated Millennium Communities will receive the following:

- Award of the official designation "Millennium Community"
- Use of and identification with the national millennium logo and motto: "**Honor the Past – Imagine the Future**"
- Registry of local projects on the national Millennium Communities website
- Certificate of recognition signed by the President and First Lady
- Invitation to participate in recognition events hosted by the President and First Lady

WEBSITE

Designated Millennium Communities will be registered on the Millennium Communities website at <<http://www.millenniumcommunities.org>>. The website, which is being developed by BellSouth Corporation, a national corporate sponsor of the program, will profile each community's millennium projects and events.

HANDBOOK

The *Millennium Communities Handbook* describes the program in greater detail and offers sample projects which are consistent with the national millennium theme. The handbook is available by writing to any of the Millennium Community Partners, or on the Internet at the Millennium Communities website at <<http://www.millenniumcommunities.org>>.

WHITE HOUSE MILLENNIUM COUNCIL PROGRAM

The Millennium Communities Program is one of several initiatives developed by the White House Millennium Council to unite the nation as it celebrates the next millennium. Other programs include:

- Save America's Treasures
- Millennium Evenings at the White House
- Millennium Trails
- Mars Millennium Project
- My History is America's History
- International Projects



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QUOTES FROM MILLENNIUM COMMUNITIES PARTNERS

“The Millennium Communities program provides us the opportunity to not only take a look at how far communities have come, but also to examine how we will meet our future challenges. The nation’s mayors welcome this partnership with the President and First Lady to recognize communities’ participation in the Millennium.”

Deedee Corradini

Mayor of Salt Lake City, Utah

President, United States Conference of Mayors

“The National League of Cities encourages all municipalities, large and small, to participate in the Millennium Communities program. It is a great way to connect with citizens, share success stories, commemorate local history, and prepare your community for the challenges of the 21st century.”

Clarence E. Anthony

Mayor of South Bay, Florida

President, National League of Cities

“The Millennium Communities program is an excellent way to involve all of America in the celebration of the new century. County officials are eager to participate in the program because they know that the millennium offers a unique opportunity to reflect and preserve our rich history and to take steps to ensure a bright future. The National Association of Counties is proud to serve as a partner in the Millennium Communities program and will work hard to promote it nationwide.”

Betty Lou Ward

Commissioner, Wake County, North Carolina

President, National Association of Counties

“The theme of the Millennium Communities program - ‘Honor the Past -- Imagine the Future’ - is especially meaningful to the nation’s small communities. Few things are as valued as heritage in small towns, and in many, there is no challenge so great as the future.”

Barbara Welty

President of the Board of Directors of the National Center for Small Communities and a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Towns and Townships

“The Bureau of Indian Affairs supports the participation of the 558 federally recognized Indian tribes in the Millennium Communities program because it will honor the contributions of our ancestors and strengthen our ties to the future.”

Kevin Gover

Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior

News Release

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BELLSOUTH LAUNCHES WEBSITE FACILITATING NATIONWIDE WHITE HOUSE "MILLENNIUM COMMUNITIES" PROGRAM

WASHINGTON - BellSouth, provider of the premier Internet service in the Southeast, BellSouth.netSM, announced launch of an interactive Internet website supporting the Millennium Communities Program, a new White House Millennium Council national initiative which was announced today by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

President and Mrs. Clinton created the Millennium Council in 1997 to give all Americans an opportunity to mark the millennium in meaningful activities that celebrate our democracy, strengthen communities and leave lasting gifts to the future.

"BellSouth is excited to be associated with the U.S. Conference of Mayors and all the other partners in this once in a millennium program," said Margaret Greene, BellSouth group president regulatory and external affairs.

Noting that BellSouth has been connecting individuals and communities for more than a century, Greene said, "we look forward to helping to connect the Americans who live, work and learn in the communities we serve -- both rural and urban, rich and poor -- not only to each other, but to the world." We are happy to "offer our expertise in online communications to make the program a success."

"The White House and BellSouth both understand the power of the Internet in helping to bring our nation closer together -- allowing communities to share their histories and their futures in a way that truly makes a positive impact on our society," said Ray Smets, president of BellSouth.net Inc. "The design and hosting of the Millennium Communities Program web site is a great example of how BellSouth enables customers to get the most out of the Internet."

Community leaders will be able to use the website at <http://www.millenniumcommunities.org> to seek recognition as a Millennium Community, search for examples of programs launched in similar communities and eventually post details of their own town or city's participation in this multi-year project.

The telephone industry volunteer organization, the Telephone Pioneers of America, and a citizen action group, the Alliance for Public Technology, are also part of the broad-based community supporting BellSouth's Associate Partnership in this initiative.

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In addition to BellSouth and the U.S. Conference of Mayors, other partners in the Millennium Communities Program are the Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs, the National Association of Counties, the National League of Cities, and the National Association of Towns and Townships.

BellSouth is a \$23 billion communications services company. It provides telecommunications, wireless communications, cable and digital TV, directory advertising and publishing, and Internet and data services to nearly 34 million customers in 19 countries worldwide.

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NOTE: For more information about BellSouth, visit the BellSouth Web page at <http://www.bellsouth.com>. BellSouth news releases dating back one year are available by fax at no charge by calling 1-800-758-5804, ext. 095650.



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Washington, DC 20004-1763
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National Association of Counties
440 1st Street, NW
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Washington, DC 20001
<http://www.naco.org>
(202) 393-6226

National Association of Towns and Townships
444 N. Capitol Street, NW
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Washington, DC 20001-1202
<http://www.natat.org>
(202) 624-3550

Bureau of Indian Affairs
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(202) 208-7163



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LOCAL EFFORTS UNDERWAY

Wyandotte, Michigan

Among the plans of the Wyandotte Millennium Committee to mark this historic moment is the dedication of the "Wyandott Indian Family Statue" along the town waterfront to honor the area's first inhabitants.

Phone (734) 324-4506 (Leslie Lupo)

Fax (734) 324-4552

Allentown, Pennsylvania

The Allentown Millennium Year 2000 Committee sponsored a contest to create a theme for the city's celebrations. Ads for the contest ran in the local papers to promote greater public awareness and community support for millennium events and activities. The final theme chosen is "Embrace Our Heritage - Envision Our Future." One of the city's projects will be a special millennium contest in which a college scholarship will be awarded to a young woman in the area.

Phone (610) 432-6881 (Mary Ann Heydt)

Fax (610) 432-7853

Naperville, Illinois

Naperville residents are planning Celebration 2000, a celebration of community and life. Over 150 people in the community are involved in the development and implementation of the three-day project, which will begin with a city wide ecumenical prayer breakfast. The breakfast will be followed by a series of events including a theatrical performance entitled, "One Community, One World" marking a thousand years of dance, music and famous individuals. As a legacy to the community a labyrinth will be installed in the floor of the town's Riverwalk amphitheater to provide a quiet spot for spiritual renewal and contemplation.

Phone (630) 369-0423 (Mary Ellingson)

Fax (630) 548-1726

Woodbury, New Jersey

The town of Woodbury has a millennium project in the works that will link the city to its English roots. In the spring of 2000 a 112-foot replica of a 1725 brig, the Phoenix, will retrace the historic voyage of Henry Wood, the man credited with founding Woodbury. Wood, a Quaker from Bury, England, sailed to America at the age of 80, after repeatedly being jailed for his religious beliefs. On July 1, 2000 the new ship's crew, partly made up of young people from Bury and Woodbury, will arrive in Woodbury Creek for a week long millennium celebration.

Phone (609) 845-1300 (Thomas Bowe)

Fax (609) 845-1309

Ocean County, New Jersey

Ocean County will publish a history of the county, "Ocean County: Four Centuries in the Making," which will be presented to the community at a special ceremony on February 15, 2000, to mark the county's sesquicentennial and the new millennium. The county is also planning to publish a children's coloring book that will highlight places and events of historic significance to the area.

Phone (732) 929-4779

Fax (732) 506-5000

McKeesport, Pennsylvania

McKeesport's mayor has organized a Millennium Committee to develop the town's projects and events. Among the plans under consideration are a Community Clock to symbolize time past and time future, a reunion of all McKeesport High School classes during the 1900's and a special publication recounting the area's past and projecting ideas for its future.

Phone (412) 675-5020

Fax (412) 675-5049

Hendersonville, Tennessee

Hendersonville's project for the millennium is the dredging of Drakes Creek, the city's focal point. The four-mile long creek, which was once a popular fishing spot and swimming hole where residents met and children played, is now full of sediment and debris. Geese, ducks and cranes make their home in the surrounding area. The completion of the restoration project will improve the aquatic environment, provide an ideal fish habitat and restore the beauty of the area.

Phone (615) 822-1000 (Mayor R.J. "Hank" Thompson)

Fax (615) 264-5327

Westport, Connecticut

Westport, Connecticut, population 25,000, demonstrates how a small town can make big plans for the millennium. A group of civic minded volunteers has gotten together to plan activities around the historic event. The initial list of 42 committee members has grown to more than 70 and the projects keep growing as the excitement mounts for projects celebrating Westport's rich history of civic and artistic involvement. Among the projects underway are a Community Gift Catalogue, which will list items needed by the town that people can donate; digitizing the town's archives and preserving and cataloging the art in town buildings.

Phone (203) 227-5522 (Ann Sheffer)

Fax (203) 227-2767

Web: <http://tmn.com/~westport>

Alaska Federation of Natives

To empower its community and its children for the new millennium, the Alaska Federation of Natives will journey in the following directions: hold an extensive series of discussions and visioning efforts with Native communities and leaders throughout Alaska; encourage all Native, ethnic, and geographical groups to participate; draw on the wisdom of Native elders and the enthusiasm and idealism of Native youth; and, set clear and attainable goals.

Phone (907) 274-3611 (Julie Kitka)

Fax (907) 276-7989

Burlington, Vermont

The City of Burlington is using the millennium as an action forcing deadline to look at the long term sustainability of their community. They are putting together a grant application with the Vermont Based Institute for Sustainable Institutions for sustainable communities. Their goal is to use the grant to develop a long-term plan to ensure Burlington's environment, democracy etc. are sustained into the future. They will use these planning document to lead their way into the new millennium. (www.ci.Burlington.VT.us)

Phone (802) 865-7275 (Peter Clavelle)

Fax (802) 865-7024

Rockford, Illinois

Plans are underway for Rockford, IL to commemorate the millennium in meaningful ways. "Rockford 2000 -- A Tapestry of Possibilities" is a year-long celebration which focuses on Rockford's passage into the millennium, highlighting their rich history and heritage, while exploring possibilities for their community's future. They are planning a "First Night" New Year's eve celebrations in 1999 and 2000. Some of the exciting projects underway in Rockford include "Friends of Coronado" a group that is raising \$14M to renovate the community theater.

Phone (815) 987-5593 (Ruth Miller)

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Grand Island, Nebraska

The city of Grand Island plans on becoming a "sister city" with Holstein, Germany. In addition, the city has planned several events, which will be announced next month (January). Ideas for celebrating the millennium include youth predictions for the future, stories of the decade, stories of the century, and honoring the most important "Islanders". Corporate sponsors include: The Grand Island Independent (newspaper), Aliant, Equitable Building and Loan and the Monfort and St. Francis Medical Center.

Phone (308) 385-5444 ext. 128 (Cathy Foster)

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Richmond, California

The city of Richmond has formed a Millennium Committee to plan for projects highlighting our history and our vision for the future as well as celebrating the new century. Richmond will be providing an opportunity for families to record their histories, highlighting the new "Rosie the Riveter" Park -- a tribute to the women who contributed to the WWII Shipyards, and will partner with schools on a project to enhance the educational opportunities of Richmond's children.

Phone (510) 620-6972 (Mayor Rosemary Corbin or James Teixeira)

Fax (510) 620-6583

Boston, MA

Boston 2000, a Board of civic leaders assembled by Mayor Thomas M. Menino, issued a "Call for Creativity" inviting the citizens of Boston to submit ideas for projects and events to mark the Year 2000. Under the theme "So much History, So Much Future" eight different working groups, involving over 500 community leaders, will review these proposals and select projects which celebrate diversity, involve the youth and elderly, involve the neighborhoods and advance the reputation of Boston as a city in which to live and do business. (www.boston2000.org)

Phone 617-439-5200 (Michael Taylor) Fax 617-439-5205

Little Rock, Arkansas

In the Spring of 1998, Mayor Jim Dailey appointed a 17-member Millennium Commission to facilitate the planning and coordination of the "Millennium Celebration" for the City of Little Rock. Commission members represent various sectors of the community including business sectors, education and private citizen sectors, neighborhood/community organizations and faith communities. The Commission has established an overall theme of "Reflect, Imagine, Celebrate" and is considering such projects as establishing a monument to symbolize Little Rock's history, reconstructing the original City Hall dome, exhibiting the work of local artists and developing an educational program to implement into the public school curriculum.

Phone (501) 374-4871 (Paul Patterson)

Fax (501) 374-6018

Kansas City, MO

The Year 2000 will mark the 150th Anniversary of Kansas City, Missouri, and plans are underway for a year-long commemoration entitled "KC150: A Celebration of the Heart." Established in 1997, the Kansas City Sesquicentennial Celebration, Inc. will facilitate, track and recognize civic projects and events created to honor of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Kansas City and the coming millennium. To accomplish this, several all-volunteer working committees have been formed to assist schools, neighborhoods, organizations and businesses as they plan their activities. Preliminary ideas include setting up historical trails, creating outdoor murals depicting the culture and history of various city districts, and collecting and compiling life stories of local citizens. (www.kc150.org)

Phone (816) 274-8007 (Bob Kipp)

Fax (816) 274-7555

Seattle, Washington

The Seattle Millennium Project, "Imagine What We Can do Together," will bring together the citizens of Seattle for a unique series of events, programs and activities which will run from Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 14, 1999, until Earth Day, April 2000. Several programs are underway. A tripartite "Light, Water, and Woods" legacy initiative will enhance energy-efficient lighting on the city bridges, restore the largest urban creek watersheds, and enhance urban forests by adding over 20, 000 trees to the city landscape. "Service Corps 2000" will work with existing programs to encourage all citizens to volunteer within their communities.

Phone (206) 684-8818 (Terry Wittman)

Fax (206) 615-0220 (www.seattlecenter.com/millennium)

Dallas, Texas

In the closing weeks of 1999, Dallas will celebrate the turn of the century by presenting *The Turn: America at the Millennium*, a five-week, \$30 million grand exposition that commemorates human triumphs and potential. Headquartered at Historic Fair Park near downtown Dallas, *The Turn* will feature hundreds of attractions - from videotape retrospectives of American culture, to views of earth as seen from space, to opportunities for visitors to participate in a perpetual video time capsule. *The Turn* hopes to attract a million visitors between Friday, November 26, 1999 and Sunday, January 2, 2000. (www.The-Turn.com)

Phone (214) 977-2000 (Becky Mayad)

Fax (214) 977-2001

Chicago, IL

"Chicago: For the time of your life" will set the theme for Chicago's three-year millennium celebration. City departments and agencies are working together and with private partners and cultural organizations to develop an extensive series of programs and initiatives which will celebrate the millennium downtown and in neighborhoods throughout Chicago. The celebration will begin on January 1, 1999 with a year-long "Project Millennium" initiative to explore six themes that are relevant to citizen's lives through exhibits, performances, lectures and special events. The Year 2000 will be welcomed by a "2000-Minute Party", a family-oriented celebration amidst the city's architectural treasures and illuminated skyline. They rest of the year -- and through 2001 -- the city will host a series of major events to highlight the city's people, their history, and their shared future. (www.chicagotime.org)

Phone (312) 744-2390 (Heidi Kooi)

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Fort Wayne, IN

The City of Fort Wayne will design, implement, and coordinate community efforts to honor the conclusion of a century and the birth of a new millennium by appreciating the common heritage of its citizens and building on shared values and an existing cooperative spirit. Preliminary project themes include historic preservation, environmental beautification, and neighborhood collaboration.

Phone (219) 427-1130 (Barbara Schoppman)

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Minneapolis, MN

Minneapolis will host the Minnesota Millennium Celebration (tm), a statewide celebration that will work to build a better future for Minnesota children. Comprised of three programs, the Minnesota Millennium Celebration (tm) begins in mid-1999 with Millennium Encore!, a showcase of the state's creative and diverse cultural venues. The Millennium Expo, held at the Minneapolis Convention Center, will feature interactive displays and exhibits by leading corporations and community organizations. Finally, Festival 2000! opens the streets of Minneapolis on December 31, 1999 through January 1, 2000 for a grand celebration with local and regional talent and family-oriented fun. (www.millenniumproject.net)

Phone (612) 252-7854 (Angela Garrett)

Fax (612) 522-0006

Cincinnati, Ohio

The Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky region has formed the Millennium 2000 Commission to celebrate the new millennium. The commission has a myriad of plans to capture the spirit of the 21st century with an overall goal of trying to unite communities and business organizations. The 2000 Commission plans to ignite community spirit by introducing a civic pride marketing campaign aimed at entertaining, educating, and motivating citizens of the Cincinnati/ Northern Kentucky region. Another objective set by the organizers of Millennium 2000 Commission is to facilitate and promote regional partnerships and events that celebrate and sustain the spirit of the new century. The commissions message is best understood in their theme "Cooperate. Collaborate. Celebrate!"

Phone (606) 655-7700 (Jennifer Frutkin)

Fax (606) 655-9577

San Diego, California

The San Diego Exposition 2000 was launched to increase the awareness of Balboa Park - the "Heart of San Diego" in the minds of local, state, national, and international visitors. The Balboa Park: Exposition 2000 Project is a year long Millennium Celebration to include educational programs, special events and a fully integrated marketing campaign to renew and revitalize the public awareness and interest in the park. This millennium event will begin in June of 1999 and end on January 2, 2001. The millennium event series will incorporate over 100 institutions and Museums originally established for the 1915 Panama and 1935 World Expositions into its theme: "Past, Present, Future."

Phone (619) 685-1331 (Carolyn Wormser)

Fax (619) 615-1099

Newport, Kentucky

The Millennium Monument, an approximately 1000 foot tall structure being built in Newport Kentucky, features an international cultural exchange between France and Kentucky. A highlight of this project is the 66,000 pound World Peace Bell, which will be decorated with designs representing the contributions of man over the last 1,000 years. The most significant events and people of the last millennium will also be the focus of the Millennium Experience, a major permanent exhibit at the Monument. The bell, which will be cast in France, will be inscribed with the message: "The World Peace Bell is a symbol of freedom and peace honoring our past, celebrating our present and inspiring the future." The casting of the bell will also commemorate the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations Assembly. Culminating the creation of the bell will be a community to community viewing of the bell as it makes its way from France up the Mississippi River to the Millennium Monument site, in KY. On New Year's Eve 1999, the bell will be rung once every hour so that it will ring in the New Year for the people of the world in all time zone.

Phone (606) 655-9500 (Jennifer Frutkin)

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Pinellas County, Florida

The Pinellas County Millennium Celebration is sponsored by St. Petersburg Junior College and Pinellas County Government. An advisory board of more than 90 community leaders and a diverse array of committees will plan the Millennium Celebration year, which will run from July 4, 1999 to July 4, 2000. The advisory board is pursuing a variety of projects including Scrapbook 2000 commemorating Pinellas organizations and people in the year 2000; a sports and ethics forum; Millennium Park featuring a time capsule; art and photography competitions; and, a school millennium essay contest which will award \$2,000 scholarships.

Phone (727)341-3275 (routhm@email.spjc.cc.fl.us)

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

In gearing up for their two-year millennium celebration, Philadelphia plans a series of events in 1999 that will feature a retrospective of the city's accomplishments over the last century. In the year 2000, the focus will shift to activities designed to showcase Philadelphia as a leading city of the future. The ground breaking for Constitution Center, the opening of the Liberty Bell Pavilion, and the 100th anniversary celebration of the Mummers' Parade are just a few of the city's millennium events.

Phone 215-686-3917 Fax 215-686-3908

Orlando, Florida

The City of Orlando is celebrating the new millennium under the banner, "Horizon 2000." The next year will see a series of projects unfold that leave a legacy for the community, including a continuing campaign for the establishment of a light rail transportation system, development of plans for a downtown performing arts center, the unveiling of a new "Millennium Park", and distribution of public art pieces throughout the City's neighborhoods. One of the biggest projects underway is titled, "Life in the Neighborhoods." In cooperation with the local public television station, a television special on Orlando's neighborhoods is being produced for airing in the early summer.

Phone (407) 246-3501 (Marcia Goodwin)

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WHITE HOUSE MILLENNIUM COUNCIL

Honor the Past—Imagine the Future

We stand at the convergence of a new century and the next millennium, a milestone in human history. People everywhere await its arrival with growing anticipation -- some are busy planning the greatest New Year's Eve party ever, while others warn of a coming apocalypse or at least a massive technological failure. But most regard the turn of the millennium as a time of great opportunity: to reflect on the past, assess the present, and make new commitments to the future.

The President and Mrs. Clinton created the White House Millennium Council in 1997 to give every American an opportunity to mark the millennium in meaningful activities that celebrate our democracy, strengthen communities and leave lasting "gifts to the future." The White House Millennium Council, in cooperation with local elected officials, will award "**Millennium Community**" designation to those cities, towns, counties and Native American tribes that take a leadership role in marking the new millennium.

Guided by the national theme -- "Honor the past-- Imagine the future" -- the White House Millennium Council works with federal agencies, state and local governments and private sector partners to develop collaborative projects and partnerships. The Millennium Council launched **Save America's Treasures**, a public-private partnership to preserve the nation's historic sites, documents and artifacts most in danger of deterioration. Congress appropriated funds for the restoration of the Star-Spangled Banner, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, and already private donors have contributed over 30 million dollars for the restoration of these and other national treasures.

The Millennium Council also produces **Millennium Evenings at the White House**, a series of lectures and cultural showcases that highlight American creativity and inventiveness through our ideas, art and scientific discoveries. These programs present prominent scholars, scientists, artists and other visionary thinkers and are accessible to the public by satellite broadcast and cybercast over the internet.

Millennium Trails, a national initiative created with the cooperation of the Department of Transportation, the National Park Service and other agencies, will create, extend or improve over 2,000 recreational, scenic and historic trails.

The White House Millennium Council is collaborating with the U.S. Department of Education, the National Endowment for the Arts and other partners to develop innovative programs that will prepare American students for the 21st century. The **Mars Millennium Project** draws upon the resources of the American space program and challenges students to design an ideal community on the planet Mars in the year 2030. **My History is America's History**, a collaboration with the National Endowment for the Humanities, will encourage students and their families to see their own stories as integral parts of the American past and to preserve documents, photographs and other artifacts.

While celebrating American achievements, the White House Millennium Council will also mark the international significance of the millennium and is cooperating with other national commissions to develop projects that emphasize preservation of cultural and natural resources, encourage tourism and the imaginative use of technology, and engage all the world's children in creating a positive vision for the future.

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The design represents the theme of the White House Millennium Council programs:

"Honor the Past - Imagine the Future" and depicts a positive path to the future based on our founding principles.



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FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON ANNOUNCES NEW EFFORTS TO SUPPORT TRANSITIONING FOSTER CARE YOUTH

January 29, 1999

Today at the White House, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, accompanied by Mrs. Tipper Gore and Secretary Donna Shalala, announces that the President's FY 2000 budget will include \$280 million over five years in new support for young people who leave our nation's public foster care system at age 18 without an adoptive family or other permanent relationship.

Foster Care Youth Reaching Adulthood Face Tough Challenges. Nearly 20,000 young people leave foster care each year having reached the age of 18 without an adoptive family or other permanent relationship. Today, federal financial support for these young people ends just as they are making the critical transition to independence. Without the emotional, social and financial support that families provide, many of these youth are not adequately prepared for life on their own. Studies show that within two to four years of leaving foster care, only half have completed high school, fewer than half are employed, one-fourth have been homeless for at least one night, 30 percent did not have access to needed health care, 60 percent of the young women have given birth, and less than one-in-five are completely self-supporting.

New Support For Youth Leaving Foster Care. The President's FY 2000 budget will include \$280 million over five years to provide a framework for enhanced federal support to these young people:

- **Increasing the Federal Independent Living Program by 50 Percent.** The Independent Living Program, run through the States, assists older foster care children to prepare for independence by helping them to earn a high school diploma, participate in vocational training or education, and learn daily living skills such as budgeting, career planning and securing housing and employment. Since 1992, the program's funding has been frozen at \$70 million. The President's budget will increase the program by 50 percent, investing \$175 million over five years in these services.
- **Offering Time Limited Economic Support.** Young people often transition from foster care with no economic support. The President's budget will include \$50 million over four years to create new competitive grants to States to complement the Independent Living program services by providing time-limited financial support for these young people as they develop the skills and education needed to move into the workforce.
- **Providing Health Insurance.** Today, when young people emancipate from foster care, they face numerous health risks, but too often lose their health insurance. The President's budget will propose that these young people remain eligible for Medicaid up to age 21. His budget will include \$50 million over five years for this purpose.
- **Increasing the Transitional Living Program.** The President's budget will include a 33 percent increase in the Transitional Living program, which provides competitive funds to local community-based organizations for residential care, life skills training, and other support services to homeless adolescents, ages 16-21. The program is currently funded at \$15 million; the President's budget will increase that funding by \$5 million for FY 2000.

CLINTON ADMINISTRATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS ON FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION

January 29, 1999

Today's announcement builds on a deep commitment by the President, the First Lady, and the Administration to facilitate adoptions and improve the child welfare system. Since taking office, President Clinton has championed efforts to make foster care work better for the children it serves, to find and assist adoptive families, and to break down financial, racial, geographic and bureaucratic barriers to adoption:

✓ **Achieving Landmark Legislative Reform.** On November 19, 1997, the President signed the Adoption and Safe Families Act, reforming our nation's child welfare system and making it clear that the health and safety of children must be the paramount concerns of state child welfare services. This landmark legislation was based in large part on the recommendations of the Clinton Administration's *Adoption 2002* report, which the President requested by executive memorandum on December 14, 1996, to meet his goals of doubling adoptions and permanent placements by the year 2002 and moving children more quickly from foster care to permanent homes. The Act tightened time frames for making permanent placement decisions for children and ensured health insurance coverage for all special needs children in subsidized adoptions. Also, it created new financial incentives for states to increase adoptions, and continued funding for services to keep families together when it is appropriate and safe.

✓ **Making Adoption Affordable for Families.** In 1996, President Clinton signed into law the Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996, which provides a \$5,000 tax credit to families adopting children, and a \$6,000 tax credit for families adopting children with special needs. This provision has alleviated a significant barrier to adoption, helping middle class families for whom adoption may be prohibitively expensive and making it easier for families to adopt children with special needs. Since President Clinton took office, the number of children with special needs who were adopted with federal adoption assistance has risen by over 60 percent. In the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, President Clinton ensured more support for families who adopt children with the \$500 per-child tax credit.

✓ **Giving States Flexibility and Support.** To test innovative strategies to improve state child welfare systems, the Clinton Administration has granted waivers to 18 states, giving them more flexibility in tailoring services to meet the needs of children and families. In addition, the Administration has provided states with enhanced technical support and helped improve court operations. The President secured \$20 million in FY 1999 in new funds to support state efforts to implement the new adoption law. In addition, through the Adoption Opportunities program, the President has supported state and local innovative demonstration projects to promote adoption, provide post-adoptive services, and build new public-private partnerships. To prevent children from entering foster care in the first place, in 1993 the Clinton Administration enacted and secured federal funding for the Family Preservation and Support Program (renamed in 1997 the Preserving Safe and Stable Families Program) to help states, local governments, and service providers develop effective programs to serve children and families at risk.

✓ **Using the Internet to Promote Adoption.** In November, 1998, the President issued a new directive to the Department of Health and Human Services to expand the use of the Internet as a tool to find homes for children waiting to be adopted from foster care. Effective use of the Internet will help to meet the President's goal of doubling, by the year 2002, adoptions and other permanent placements from the public child welfare system.

✓ **Breaking Down Racial and Ethnic Barriers to Adoption.** New inter-ethnic adoption provisions, passed as a part of the Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996, ensure that the adoption process is free from discrimination and delays on the basis of race, culture and ethnicity by strengthening the Multi-Ethnic Placement Act which the President signed in 1994.

✓ **Providing Supports for Child Protection and Adoption.** In 1993, President Clinton signed into law the Family and Medical Leave Act, enabling parents to take time off to adopt a child without losing their jobs or health insurance. In addition, the welfare reform legislation signed by the President maintained the guarantee of child protection and adoption, and did not reduce funds for child welfare, child abuse, and foster care and adoption services.

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FORMER FOSTER CARE YOUTH PARTICIPANTS

TERRY HARRAK, 19 (SPEAKER)

Alexandria, VA

Terry entered foster care at the age of 16 after spending several months on her own with no family support. At the age of 18, having just started her senior year of high school, Terry emancipated from foster care with no job or place to live. Despite becoming homeless, she continued to attend school full time while staying at friends' homes, teachers' homes, metro terminals, and hospital emergency rooms. Terry graduated from high school in June 1998 and became a participant in the Living Independently for Tomorrow (LIFT) program of Residential Youth Services in Alexandria, Virginia, which has provided her with critical services and a place to live. Terry is currently working and attends a local community college.

Established in 1991 as a Transitional Living Program for Homeless Youth, LIFT provides housing, life skills training, education and employment support. Youth in the program live in apartments, participate in individual and group life skills instruction, receive counseling from caring staff, and are helped to achieve educational and employment goals.

Contact: Dr. Vera Jackson, Living Independently for Tomorrow Program (703) 548-8334

JOHN GUTIERREZ, 19 (SPEAKER)

Culver City, California

John was in foster care from the age of 12. He has lived in group homes, one foster home and in Los Angeles County's 24-hour emergency shelter for foster youth. John has no family. During the course of his high school career, John attended eight different schools and in the beginning, was known to get into trouble. Then, at the age of 17, John decided to turn his life around. By graduation, John had a 3.0 grade point average and is currently studying art at Santa Monica City College. John holds two part-time jobs: one as an administrative assistant at a law firm and another as a teacher's aide at a middle school. At the age of 19, John is preparing to leave the transitional housing in which he currently lives to move to an apartment of his own.

John credits his two group home counselors, his girlfriend, and now his independent living social worker through United Friends of the Children Bridges, with making the difference in his life. United Friends of the Children Bridges provides transitional housing with support services, employment preparation and placement assistance.

Contact: Clare Faulkner, United Friends of the Children Bridges (310) 338-3646

ANALEAH CHARLES, 18
New York, New York

Analeah is a young adult in the care of New York City's Administration for Children's Services (ACS). In March 1998, Analeah came into foster care as a voluntary placement and became a resident of a city-operated boarding house. Analeah soon began to participate in ACS's Independent Living (IL) Program and is currently an active member of the Program's Peer Leadership Council. With support from the program, Analeah has excelled academically. Determined to finish her high school education at her Catholic school, she secured a partial scholarship and pays the rest of her tuition with earnings from a part time job. Analeah plans to attend college and has participated in the IL Programs' SAT preparation and college application tutorials.

The Independent Living (IL) Program, sponsored by Administration for Children's Services of New York, assists foster care youth in their transition to adulthood. The Independent Living Program trains foster youth in the life skills they need to survive, and offers them assistance in pursuing their education, seeking employment, and locating safe and affordable housing.

Contact: Leonora Wiener, Administration for Children's Services of New York (212) 266-2100

MARGARET DUARTE, 22
Tucson, Arizona

Margaret was in foster care from the age of five. Graduating fifth in her high school class, Margaret was offered several college scholarships and decided to attend the University of Arizona where she plans to graduate with a degree in finance and accounting this May. In order to give back to her community, Margaret volunteers at the Casa de los Ninos crisis shelter, a residential facility that provides shelter to abused and neglected children. Although she has lived on her own since high school, Margaret maintains a strong relationship with her foster mother who cared for her since she was eight.

Casey Family Services helped a great deal in Margaret's transition to college and adulthood. They provided her with necessary resources, included her in workshops on independent living, budgeting and finance, and taught her how to control and deal with anger. Casey also provided Margaret with a college scholarship throughout her five years of post secondary education.

Contact: Maureen Andrews, The Casey Family Program (520) 323-0886 x239

JOE FORSYTH, 19
Shelton, Connecticut

Joe entered foster care at the age of 11 and spent time in two State foster homes, a shelter, and a residential facility. At the age of 14, Joe was placed with a foster family through Casey Family

Services. Joe worked hard in high school and was admitted into Honors level classes. He also was a two time State wrestling champion. In addition to his studies, Joe has mentored younger students and volunteered to train foster parents. Currently, Joe is attending Springfield College in Massachusetts where he studies Applied Exercise Science on a full athletic scholarship. In 1998, Joe was asked to speak about foster care reform at a policy seminar hosted by the Institute for Educational Leadership held on Capitol Hill. Joe credits his success to his foster family, who stood by him even in times of trouble, and the hard work and dedication of his high school wrestling coach.

Contact: Lee Mullane, Casey Family Services (203) 929-3837

LEAH McBRIDE, 25
Cincinnati, Ohio

Leah started in foster care at the age of 15 and moved into the Lighthouse Independent Living Program at 17. She has completed high school, holds an associates degree, and is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree. Leah now works part time at Lighthouse teaching independent living skills and mentoring current program participants. She has spoken to hundreds of foster care parents, business leaders, and other community members about the needs of emancipating foster care youth. Leah also devotes time to encouraging other foster youth to set goals, be persistent in working towards them, and not to let go of their dreams.

The Independent Living (IL) Program through Lighthouse, in which Leah spent a year and a half, is designed to promote self sufficiency in youth by gradually turning over their major life responsibilities. As they learn to become self sufficient, the program allows foster youth as young as 15 ½ to live in their own apartment with intensive support and assistance.

Contact: Mark Kroner, Lighthouse Youth Services (513) 475-5680

ALFRED PEREZ, 22
San Francisco, California

Alfred was in foster care for eleven years. In his last four years in care, he lived in eleven different placements, mostly group homes. During that time, Alfred carried his belongings from place to place in a plastic garbage bag. At age 15, Alfred started participating in the Contra Costa County Independent Living Skills Program (ILSP) where he learned about life skills and employment. Alfred also became involved with the California Youth Connection (CYC), a nonprofit organization that involves foster youth in lobbying for their welfare at the local and State levels. Alfred graduated from San Jose State University in 1998, and has since joined CYC as a full time statewide outreach coordinator.

Through the Independent Living Skills Program, Alfred learned a variety of life skills, received job training, and had basic educational skills reinforced. Through his participation in the

California Youth Connection (CYC) Alfred gained leadership skills, professional experience in public policy, and learned the importance of public participation in the policy making process. Alfred met the First Lady in November when she visited the University of California at Berkeley to discuss the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997.

Contact: Alfred Perez, California Youth Connection (415) 398-1063

RICO SHAW, 18
Baltimore, Maryland

At the age of 10, Rico entered the foster care system upon the death of his mother. At 17, he was referred by a social worker to the local welfare to work program, the Glenarden Campus of Opportunity. Rico's "campus" career assessment focused on earning a GED and securing a job in order to join an independent living program. Rico entered into a UPS Professional Job Readiness and Life Skills training class and enrolled in a GED program. Three weeks after entering the Job Readiness class, Rico was hired by UPS. This past September, Rico moved into his own apartment and is scheduled to take the GED examination in May of this year.

The UPS School-to-Career Partnership for Maryland Youth in Foster Care provides youth emancipating from foster care with part-time jobs, post-secondary educational opportunities and support services. The program works in partnership with the Maryland Department of Human Resources, the Annie E. Casey Foundation, and the Living Classrooms Foundation to support emancipating foster care youth.

Contact: Kevin Garvey, UPS School to Work Program (301) 604-4548

JOY WARREN, 25
New Haven, CT

Joy was in foster care from the age of 13. She has two sisters, one of whom recently left foster care and one who is still in high school. An active advocate on behalf of foster youth, Joy worked with the California Youth Connection (CYC) to improve the foster care system. Joy graduated from the University of California at Berkeley and currently attends Yale Law School. Mrs. Clinton met Joy at the Destination Future Conference in September of 1998 and referenced her in the September 23rd issue of her nationally syndicated column, *Talking it Over*.

Joy credits the California Youth Connection (CYC) with broadening her perspective on the wide range of experiences foster youth have within the system. CYC also made her acutely aware of how state and national policies have a profound impact on children's everyday lives.

Contact: Joy Warren (203) 785-8075

TERRI FAYE YADEN, 21
Vienna, VA

Terri was 10 years old when she and her sister were sent to Cookson Hills, a Christian orphanage on the border of Arkansas and Oklahoma. Terri cultivated many interests while at Cookson Hills, including public speaking, sign language, sports, and a commitment to public service. Terri traveled across the United States representing Cookson Hills to its financial supporters, particularly Baptist congregations. Terri is now a junior at Oklahoma State University majoring in Early Education. In her sophomore year, Terri organized a sign language club, which taught hearing students to sign so they could perform volunteer work within the deaf community. Terri is a three time Orphan Foundation of America (OFA) scholarship recipient and has participated in a foster youth teen leadership program called the OLIVER Project. She has represented the OFA and spoken out on foster care issues in a wide variety of forums.

The Orphan Foundation of America provides college scholarships to older youth in foster care and those who have already left. In addition to receiving scholarship money, recipients are given the opportunity to participate in a summer leadership program in Washington D.C. which exposes foster care youth to legislators and gives them a chance to share their experiences while learning how policy is made.

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**PRESS SCHEDULE OF
FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 28**

Washington, D.C. - - On Thursday, January 28, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will award the 1999 Elizabeth Glaser Scientist Awards to four of America's best and brightest researchers for their innovative, collaborative and cutting-edge research in pediatric HIV/AIDS. The award recognizes outstanding individuals who embody co-founder Elizabeth Glaser's dedication and compassion in working tirelessly to improve the lives of children across the country and around the world and provides funding for their ongoing research.

Recipients of the award include:

Robert Doms, M.D., PhD, University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania

Paul Johnson, M.D., Harvard Medical School, Massachusetts

Philip Goulder, M.R.C.P., D. Phil., Massachusetts General Hospital, Massachusetts

Julie Overbaugh, PhD, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Seattle, Washington

In the afternoon the First Lady will announce the first-ever Administration-wide response to children's asthma, a disease that affects millions of children. Her announcement will include, as part of the FY 2000 budget, the largest federal investment ever in fighting this disease.

In the evening, the First Lady will deliver the 8th Annual Jo Oberstar Lecture at George Washington University. This event is held each year to raise public awareness of breast cancer, the leading cause of death for American women between the ages of 35 and 54. Representative James L. Oberstar of Minnesota, whose late wife is commemorated in this lecture's title, will introduce Mrs. Clinton. The event recognizes Jo Oberstar's courage in an eight-year fight against breast cancer.

**EVENT: Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation's Scientist Awards
Ceremony**

DATE: January 28, 1999

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: National Press Club
13th Floor - Holeman Lounge
14th and F Streets, N.W. (529 14th Street)
Washington, D.C.

Press Notes

The event is open to press coverage. No pre-credentialing is required. Press should bring standard press identification to gain access to the event. Lighting and a mult provided. Throw is approximately 20'.

Pre-set: 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Final Access: 9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

The on-site contact is Richard Strauss.

EVENT: Asthma Announcement

DATE: January 28, 1999
TIME: 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Roosevelt Room
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Press Notes

Pool press for stills and video. Mult provided. Lighting is not provided.

Pre-set: 1:45 p.m. escort from briefing room.
Final access: 2:45 p.m. escort from briefing room.

EVENT: 8th Annual Jo Oberstar Memorial Lecture

DATE: January 28, 1999
TIME: 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: George Washington University
Dorothy Betts Marvin Theater
Marvin Center - 1st Floor
800 21st Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Press Notes

The event is open to press coverage. No pre-credentialing is required. Press should bring standard press identification to gain access to the event. Lighting and a mult provided. Throw is approximately 80'. Please use main entrance on 21st Street. For press interested in satellite truck parking, please contact Ray McDougall, George Washington University Public Affairs Office, 202/496-2200.

Pre-set: 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Final Access: 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The on-site contact is George Shelton.

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FIRST LADY HILLARY CLINTON UNVEILS NEW, \$68 MILLION INITIATIVE TO FIGHT ASTHMA

January 28, 1999

Today, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton unveiled a new, \$68 million initiative to fight childhood asthma through a comprehensive national strategy that includes new efforts to: (1) implement school based programs that teach children how to effectively manage their asthma; (2) invest in research to determine environmental causes of asthma and to develop new strategies to reduce children's exposure to asthma triggers; (3) provide funds to states and providers to help them implement effective disease management strategies that will insure we lower hospitalizations, emergency room visits and deaths from asthma; and (4) conduct a new public information campaign to reduce exposure to asthma triggers and dust mites.

MILLIONS OF CHILDREN SUFFER FROM ASTHMA

Over the past 15 years, the number of children afflicted with asthma has doubled to total about 6 million. The most rapid increase in prevalence over this time period has occurred in children under the age of 5, with rates increasing over 160 percent. Over 100,000 children are hospitalized each year because of asthma, making it the leading cause of hospitalization due to chronic illness for children at a cost of \$1.9 billion in medical expenses annually. Asthma is also one of the leading causes of school absenteeism, resulting in over 10 million missed school days each year. Minority children are disproportionately affected by asthma. Although African American children under the age of 18 have only a slightly higher risk of actually having asthma than non-Hispanic white children, they experience a disproportionately higher rate of death from asthma attacks, over four times the rate for white children. Many children with asthma remain chronically impaired because they lack support systems that enable them to effectively manage their own disease or access sufficient medications or equipment.

DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW NATIONAL STRATEGY

Today, the First Lady will release "Asthma and the Environment: A Strategy to Protect Children," authored by the Children's Environmental Task Force on Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks to Children, which is co-chaired by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Health and Human Services. This report outlines the first-ever comprehensive, Administration-wide strategy to fight childhood asthma. The Task Force makes four recommendations for asthma that will reduce the incidents of asthma in children, as well as hospitalizations, and emergency room visits for asthma. The four steps for federal action are: strengthening and accelerating research efforts to better understand the environmental factors that exacerbate childhood asthma, expanding school based programs that reduce environmental exposures to asthma, collecting better data at the local level to track asthma incidents, and educating health care providers serving low income children about the most effective course of treatment for asthma.

LARGEST EVER FEDERAL INVESTMENT TO FIGHT CHILDHOOD ASTHMA

Today, the First Lady announced a new \$68 million initiative to address asthma. This package of investments responds to Task Force recommendations and includes:

- **IMPLEMENTING SCHOOL-BASED ASTHMA PROGRAMS.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), together with the Department of Education, will invest \$8.4 million to expand school-based programs that teach parents and children how to identify and avoid allergens that trigger an asthma attack, as well as why it is important to use their asthma medication and their inhalers. EPA will also expand programs that educate teachers and school staff to help them eliminate potential triggers from the school environment. With this investment, over 2 million children will be able to breathe easier in their classrooms.
- **INVESTING IN NEW RESEARCH TO REDUCE CHILDREN'S EXPOSURE TO ASTHMA TRIGGERS.** The Environmental Protection Agency will invest \$2 million to expand its research into the role that environmental hazards (including chemicals, particles, ozone, diesel exhaust, pesticides, tobacco smoke and allergens) play in the onset of childhood asthma. The Environmental Protection Agency will also invest \$1 million to conduct a pilot program to expand air pollution monitoring in up to two communities downwind of industrialized urban centers to better understand the relationship between air pollution and asthma. These new investments builds on the Administration's long-standing commitment to asthma research. This year, the National Institutes of Health will invest over \$110 million dollars in research to explore the cause of asthma and develop strategies to better manage the disease, and plans to continue this significant investment in FY2000.
- **IMPLEMENTING NEW DISEASE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES TO TARGET LOW INCOME CHILDREN.** The Department of Health and Human Services will provide \$50 million in competitive grant funds to States who identify and treat asthmatic children enrolled in the Medicaid program in accordance with the new disease management guidelines developed by the National Institutes of Health. These guidelines will help to ensure that children receive the appropriate medication and are taught how to effectively manage their illness. Through this initiative, participating states will collect data on asthma incidents so we can better understand asthma and effects. In addition, HHS will invest almost \$2 million to work with State officials and other providers nationwide to help them integrate these new strategies into their current patterns of practice.
- **CREATING A NEW NATIONAL PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN.** The Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Health and Human Services will invest \$5.2 million in a national public information campaign to reduce children's exposure to environmental tobacco smoke and other indoor asthma triggers through a national public service campaign that uses posters, flyers, and brochures that identify common asthma triggers, such as pet hair or tobacco smoke, and simple solutions for eliminating or avoiding them; expands existing in-home education networks, such as community based lead prevention programs, and utilizes Americorps and VISTA volunteers to provide direct assistance to parents in identifying asthma triggers and implementing intervention strategies; and using health care providers and managed care organizations to help parents reduce their children's exposure to asthma triggers.

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Live Cybercast --
The Fifth Millennium Evening at the White House:
The Meaning of the Millennium

Washington, D.C. -- The President and Mrs. Clinton have announced that the fifth Millennium Evening at the White House will be *The Meaning of the Millennium*, featuring Professor Martin Marty, a leader in ecumenical and interfaith issues, and Professor Natalie Davis, an eminent historian and author. The event will take place in the East Room of the White House on Monday, January 25, 1999.

Millennium Evenings at the White House are a series of lectures and cultural showcases that highlight creativity and inventiveness through our ideas, art, and scientific discoveries. The lectures feature prominent scholars, creators, and visionaries and are accessible to the public via broadcast and cybercast. These evenings follow the overall theme of the White House millennium activities, "Honor the Past - Imagine the Future," by inviting all Americans to participate in activities that celebrate our democracy, strengthen communities and give lasting gifts to the future.

The President and First Lady, and Professors Davis and Marty, will lead a discussion of the millennium in both a historical and a religious context. Professor Davis will address the millennial mood of the year 1000 AD and set the historical context for the discussion. Professor Marty will speak on the religious and humanistic issues that arise in trying to understand the millennial milestone and human nature's need to find meaning through time.

The President and First Lady encourage the public to participate in the evening's discussion by e-mailing questions for the two historians or comments on the discussion itself, either during or after the cybercast. These may be sent via the White House Web Site (<http://www.whitehouse.gov>). The web site will post satellite coordinates (C and KU bands) and serve as a link to the cybercast.

Millennium Evenings at the White House are hosted by the President and First Lady at the White House and co-sponsored by the White House Millennium Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities with support from Sun Microsystems and the Howard Gilman Foundation.

Note: Biographies of Professors Davis and Marty attached.

Natalie Zemon Davis

Natalie Davis was born in Detroit in 1928, the descendant of Jews from eastern Europe who came to Vermont and Michigan in the nineteenth century. She was educated at Smith College, Radcliffe College, and the University of Michigan, from which she received her Ph.D. in 1959. She has taught at Brown University, the University of Toronto, the University of California at Berkeley, and from 1978 to 1996 at Princeton University, where she became the Henry Charles Lea Professor of History and Director of the Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies. She has also been a visiting professor at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales in Paris, at Yale University, and at Balliol College Oxford.

Currently Professor Emeritus from Princeton, Natalie Davis is now associated with the University of Toronto. She has taught courses in the history of early modern France, and has pioneered interdisciplinary courses in history, anthropology, literature and film; the study of women and gender; and the social history of the Jews. Professor Davis has a world-wide reputation for her innovating publications in the social and cultural history of sixteenth-century France and early modern Europe and the history of women. Her books, which have appeared in many languages, have reached both academic and non-academic readers, and she has enlarged her audience through collaboration on historical film.

In Society and Culture in Early Modern France (1975) and in numerous essays, Professor Davis has treated subjects as wide-ranging as early trade unions, the meanings and uses of popular carnivals, the structure of religious riots, and family memory. Her book The Return of Martin Guerre (1983, published in nine other languages and forthcoming in four more) and her collaboration on the French film of the same name allowed her to explore the creation of identity in a peasant milieu and the resonance of a story that has fascinated readers and theatergoers since the sixteenth century. In 1995 Professor Davis published Women in the Margins, Three Seventeenth-Century Lives. Here she describes the lives and writings of a Jewish merchant woman, who left an autobiography in Yiddish; a Catholic woman, who founded the first Ursuline school in North America; and a Protestant woman -- the artist Maria Sibylla Merian -- who created a new form of entomological and botanical description in studying the natural world of Suriname.

Natalie Davis has been awarded honorary degrees from Harvard University and Cambridge University, as well as twenty-five other universities in the United States, Canada, France, Scotland, and Germany. She has also been elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a Corresponding Fellow of the British Academy. In 1987, she was President of the American Historical Association, and is currently First Vice President of the International Congress of Historical Studies. Professor Davis resides in Toronto, where her husband is a professor of mathematics. She has three children and is now trying to inspire her four grandchildren to love history.

Martin E. Marty

Born in 1928 in West Point, Nebraska, Martin E. Marty, is often described as “the foremost interpreter of American religion today.” The son of a Lutheran schoolteacher and organist, he was educated at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and received his Masters and Ph.D. in American Intellectual and Religious History from the University of Chicago in 1956. He taught at the University of Chicago for thirty-five years and currently directs the Public Religion Project which the University hosts. This project “promotes efforts to bring to light and interpret the forces of faith within a pluralistic society,” a phrase that captures much of what historian Martin Marty, the Fairfax M. Cone Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus, has been and is about.

Ordained as a Lutheran to the Christian Ministry forty-seven years ago, Professor Marty is recognized as a leader in ecumenical and interfaith affairs. For forty years he was an editor of *The Christian Century* and continues to write for it, just as he edits and writes the newsletter *Context*, and for thirty-five years, co-edited the scholarly journal *Church History*. Since 1949, he has written over 5,000 journal articles, columns, and reviews. Professor Marty was the founding President and is now the George B. Caldwell Senior Scholar-in-Residence at the Park Ridge Center for Health, Faith, and Ethics, a role to which he brings energies as theologian and ethicist. He is also active as an academic lecturer and consultant; he has spoken on over 500 campuses, and is Chair of the Board of Regents of St. Olaf College in Minnesota.

Professor Marty has authored over fifty books, including the National Book Award winning *Righteous Empire* (1972). His major endeavor in recent years has been a three-volume work, *Modern American Religion*. The recent *The One and the Many: America's Search for the Common Good* combines historical insight and comment on contemporary affairs. He has also co-authored several books with photographer-son Micah Marty, including the new *When True Simplicity Is Gained: Finding Spiritual Clarity in a Complex World*.

Martin Marty has been awarded over sixty honorary degrees. In 1998, he was awarded the National Medal of Humanities and the Medal of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1995. The past President of the American Academy of Religion, the American Society of Church History, and the American Catholic Historical Association, he is also an elected member of the American Philosophical Society.

The University of Chicago, where Professor Marty was the Ph.D. dissertation advisor to more than 100 scholars, has established the Martin Marty Center for the study of “public religion”. “Marty,” as everyone calls him, and his wife Harriet, a musician, live in Riverside, Illinois, where seven children, including two who joined the family as foster children, and eight grandchildren regularly gather, and where generations of students and friends have experienced hospitality.

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**PRESS SCHEDULE OF
FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 22**

Washington, D.C. -- On Friday, January 22, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will attend and deliver remarks at an event in honor of the thirtieth anniversary of NARAL.

EVENT: NARAL 30th Anniversary Luncheon
DATE: January 22 1999
TIME: 12:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Regency Ballroom
Omni Shoreham Hotel
2500 Calvert Street
Washington, D.C.

Press Notes

The event is open to press coverage. No pre-credentialing is required. Press should bring standard press identification to gain access to the event. Lighting and a mult provided. Throw is approximately 75'. Please use main entrance on Calvert Street then follow signs to ballroom.

Pre-set: 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Final Access: 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The on-site contact is George Shelton.

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FIRST LADY HILLARY CLINTON AND VICE PRESIDENT GORE UNVEIL NEW INVESTMENT IN SAFE, EFFECTIVE FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES FOR AMERICAN WOMEN

January 22, 1999

Today, in honor of the 26th anniversary of Roe vs Wade, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Vice President Gore met with representatives from the reproductive health community to unveil a series of new steps to prevent unintended pregnancy, including a new multi million dollar initiative to ensure access to safe, high quality family planning services for American women.

MILLIONS OF AMERICAN WOMEN NEED FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES

More than 3 million unintended pregnancies occur every year in the United States. Women who use no contraceptives account for almost half of these pregnancies (47%), while the 39 million method users account for 53%. Unintended pregnancies among women who do not use contraception are almost as likely to end in abortion as they are in a birth.

NEW STEPS TOWARDS PROVIDING SAFE, EFFECTIVE FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES FOR AMERICAN WOMEN. This initiative reaffirms the Clinton-Gore Administration's commitment to expanding and enhancing the quality of reproductive health services for all American women. Today, the First Lady and Vice President announced that the Administration is:

- **Unveiling the Largest Increase in Family Planning Services in 15 Years.** The Clinton/Gore Administration's FY 2000 budget includes \$240 million for family planning, a \$25 million increase, and the largest increase in 15 years. These grants fund family planning clinics providing reproductive health services and clinical care to over 5 million low income women. These new funds will be used to prevent over a million unintended pregnancies year by improving the delivery of comprehensive reproductive health services, including STD and cancer screening and prevention, and HIV prevention, education and counseling; providing educational programs that encourage adolescents to postpone of sexual activity; increase the accessibility of contraceptive counseling and services; increasing efforts to provide effective contraceptives to those in need; and developing partnerships with other community based providers to conduct outreach to adolescents at risk.
- **Preventing violence at women's health clinics.** In the wake of escalating violence against women's health clinics that provide abortions, the First Lady and the Vice President will announce the the FY 2000 budget includes \$4.5 million for support additional security enhancements, such as including closed circuit camera systems, improved lighting, motion detectors, alarm systems and bullet-resistant windows for these clinics in order to protect

their doctors and nurses. Under this proposal, the Department of Justice would make security assessments and enhancements available to clinics deemed to be at high risk of violence. This Administration is committed to fighting this form of domestic terrorism that has threatened so many clinics and providers. While emphasizing the importance of family planning services to prevent unintended pregnancies, the First Lady and Vice President also emphasized that those women who choose to have an abortion do not have to fear violence.

- **Contributing \$25 million to the UNFPA.** Today, the First Lady and Vice President will announce that the President's FY 2000 budget proposes a \$25 million voluntary contribution to the UNFPA, \$5 million more than the President's FY 1999 budget proposal. The U.S. Contributions to the UN Population Fund is the largest multilateral donor organization in the population sector and concentrates its assistance to countries in the areas of reproductive health and voluntary family planning, population policy and advocacy.
- **Ensuring that Federal employees have access to comprehensive family planning services.** The FY 2000 budget also continues to ensure that the Federal government leads the way as a model health plan by assuring that Federal employees and their families participating in the 300 Federal Employees Health Benefit Program (FEHBP) have access to contraceptive coverage. This policy provides coverage to approximately 1.2 million women of childbearing age and reduces unwanted pregnancies and the need for abortions by requiring most FEHB plans to offer the full range of contraceptive services. Before this requirement, only 19% of federal health plans covered prescription contraceptives and 10% of the plans offered no contraceptive coverage at all.

THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION: Standing Up For a Woman's Right to Choose

Today, the First Lady will keynote NARAL's 1999 celebration of the 26th anniversary of Roe v. Wade honoring those who have fought hard to preserve reproductive freedom. Mrs. Clinton's remarks will highlight the accomplishments of NARAL and the reproductive rights movement to protect the right to choose, while pressing for policies that prevent unintended pregnancies and ensure healthy childbirth. She will also call on everyone to double their efforts to educate the public about the need for expanded family planning services, an end to clinic violence, and comprehensive contraceptive coverage.

Her remarks, together with the new steps the Clinton Administration took today, build on the Administration's longstanding commitment to provide American women with safe, high quality family planning services and assure access to choice. This Administration has worked hard to protect a woman's right to choose and to promote safe reproductive health services for women.

- **Creating of the National Task Force on Violence Against Health Care Providers.** Last November, the Justice Department's launched a National Task Force on Violence Against Health Care Providers to coordinate the investigation of violence against women's health care clinics nationwide. The Task Force works closely with local authorities and U.S. Attorneys investigating acts of violence against clinics by: coordinating national investigative efforts; creating an investigative clearinghouse for information related to clinic violence; and providing training to federal, state and local law enforcement personnel.
- **Provided Contraceptive Coverage to More than a Million Women.** The FY99 Omnibus Appropriations Act contains an important policy breakthrough on reproductive choice. The final bill requires the 300 Federal Employees Health Benefits Plans (FEHBP) to cover contraceptive drugs and devices, providing coverage to approximately 1.2 million women of childbearing age. Until now, only 19% of federal health plans covered prescription contraceptives and 10% of the plans offered no contraceptive coverage at all. The Republican Leadership tried to remove this measure, but President Clinton and pro-choice members remained firm.
- **Providing family planning services to low income women.** The Administration has granted Medicaid waivers to expand access to family planning services in 11 states in order to reduce the number of women with mistimed or unwanted pregnancies. These waivers extend family planning services to low-income women of childbearing age who would not otherwise be eligible for Medicaid family planning services, including low-income

women who are eligible for Medicaid while pregnant but who lose their eligibility at the end of pregnancy, and low-income women who would become eligible for Medicaid if pregnant, even if they've never been pregnant or Medicaid eligible.

- **Stopped the Coburn Amendment Prohibiting the FDA from Approving RU-486.** On January 22, 1993, President Clinton reversed the ban on the importation of Mifepristone or RU-486; RU-486 is currently under review by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Unfortunately, the FDA's scientific drug approval process became under assault in the 105th Congress. President Clinton threatened to veto a provision that would have prevented the FDA from using government funds to test, develop or approve drugs that may induce medical abortion, including RU-486. Because of the President's veto threat, Republicans backed down and decided not to attach this provision to any funding bill.
- **Defeated Parental Consent Restrictions on Contraceptives for Minors.** The House voted to require minors to obtain parental consent prior to receiving any Title X family planning services (this has also been referred to as the Istook amendment). The President's veto threat helped to keep it out of the final bill.
- **Stopped the So-Called "Child Custody Protection" Act.** Senior Clinton Administration Advisers recommended a veto of this bill which would have made it illegal to transport a minor across State lines for the purpose of avoiding parental consent or notification laws. The Clinton Administration, as detailed in the Statement of Administration Policy, was very concerned that the bill did not protect close family members --including grandmothers, aunts and siblings --from criminal and civil liability. Family members could face criminal charges for aiding a relative in distress. The bill also did not protect persons that only provide information, counseling, referral or medical services to the minor from liability. Under a veto threat, the Senate failed to invoke cloture (or end debate) on the Child Custody Protection Act.
- **Upheld the Late Term Abortion Veto.** This year, the House of Representatives voted to override President Clinton's veto of a bill banning certain late-term abortions, known by proponents of the ban as "partial birth abortions." While the House voted to override the President's action, the Senate sustained the veto by a vote of 36-64 --just three votes short of the required two-thirds majority needed to override the veto. President Clinton vetoed the measure in October 1997 because it did not contain an exception that protected the health or life of the woman.

- **Continued to Fight Restrictions on International Family Planning.** The FY99 Omnibus Appropriations Act does not contain the so-called "Mexico City" policy, a provision that denies U.S. funds to international family planning organizations that use their own resources to perform abortions or lobby on abortion policy. The Mexico City restrictions were also included in the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act. President Clinton vetoed this legislation because it contained these unacceptable restrictions.

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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON'S SCHEDULE
FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1999**

WASHINGTON, DC -- First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will attend an education event with the President, on Thursday, January 21, 1999.

In the afternoon, Mrs. Clinton will participate in a White House reception to mark the conclusion of the holy month of Ramadan and celebrate the festival of Eid al-Fitr

Editor's Note: The education event is scheduled for 11:45 a.m. in Room 450 of the Old Executive Office Building. Please refer to the President's press schedule for additional logistical information on press coverage of this event.

EVENT: Eid Celebration
DATE: Thursday, January 21, 1999
TIME: 4:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Room 450
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Press Notes:

The speaking program is open to press. Any press who would like to cover the event who are not currently White House passholders, should fax their name, date of birth and social security number on company letter head to 202/456-7805 **no later than 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 21, 1999** to be cleared to cover the event. There will be an escort from the White House Briefing Room at 3:00 p.m. to pre-set and at 3:45 p.m. for final access. Lighting and a mult is provided.

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*****NOTE CHANGE IN CHILD'S AGE AND NUMBER OF CASUALTIES, AS WELL AS
ADDITION OF CHILD'S LAST NAME IN BIOGRAPHY OF SUZANN WILSON*****

**OFFICE OF FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
GUESTS SEATED IN THE FIRST LADY'S GALLERY
FOR THE STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS
JANUARY 19, 1999**

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will be joined tomorrow evening, January 19, 1999, for President Clinton's State of the Union address by ten citizens who through their public activities have made an impact in their communities. The people chosen to sit with Mrs. Clinton daily exhibit what is best about America. They range from students participating in the AmeriCorps program to a parent activist to a locally elected official. The following people make up the list of guests in the First Lady's Gallery:

Ashley Dumas, AmeriCorps volunteer
Loc Truong, AmeriCorps volunteer
Joanna Quintana Barroso, teacher
Suzann Wilson, parent of slain daughter
Officer Chris Lonsford, community police officer
Maurice Lim Miller, executive director of Asian Neighborhood Design
Captain Jeffrey B. Taliaferro, served in Operation Desert Fox
Elam Hill, 15 year-old winner of Bayer/National Science Foundation Award
Dr. Rita Colwell, head of the National Science Foundation
Mayor Wellington E. Webb, mayor of Denver

Biographies are attached.

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List of Guests Seated in First Lady's Gallery
State of the Union Address
January 19, 1999

ASHLEY DUMAS. Ashley Dumas, an AmeriCorps member with the Notre Dame Mission Volunteers Program, is a 1998 graduate of Wellesley College. After receiving her degree in Cognitive Science, Dumas signed up for the AmeriCorps program and is currently serving at Project Hope in South Boston, a shelter for single mothers. Dumas teaches GED classes and helps to provide child care assistance. Her service doesn't end, however, at the end of the day. Dumas lives in a house with six teenagers enrolled in A Better Chance, a program that places high risk young people in private and public schools so that they may have a better chance at graduating from high school. Dumas tutors the girls each night and serves as a positive role model and mentor. Dumas credits her parents for her strong ethic of service--Dumas' father is a commander in the Coast Guard and her mother is a public school teacher.

LOC TRUONG. Loc Truong is an AmeriCorps Member with the San Luis Obispo AmeriCorps Program. Truong serves as a full-time mentor to eight high-risk teenage boys. As an elementary school student, Truong, along with his parents and five siblings, came to the United States from Vietnam as a political refugee. They settled in Stockton where the entire family farmed and then scraped together enough money to open a grocery store. After graduating from Cal Poly University in San Luis Obispo, Truong joined AmeriCorps: "The main reason I joined AmeriCorps is because of my passion to repay society for what they've done for my family. When we came to the U.S., we had nothing. People gave us food, clothing and shelter. Now I would like to help those who are less fortunate, those who were once in my situation." After finishing his service, Truong plans to become a teacher and a principal.

JOANNA QUINTANA BARROSO. Joanna Quintana Barroso is a third grade teacher at Coral Way Elementary School in Miami, Florida. Following in her mother's tradition of teaching, Barroso teaches reading and other subjects to a largely lower-income student body. She has been involved in a curriculum-based gun safety program and is known for turning around the lives of several students. Barroso recently participated in the White House Conference on School Safety, where she spoke about the successful anti-crime efforts at her school which include school uniforms, gun safety curriculum, and DARE officers. Ms. Barroso is an advocate of reducing class size to improve learning.

SUZANN WILSON. Suzann Wilson's life was forever changed when her 11-year-old daughter Britthney Varner was shot and killed, along with four other students and a teacher, by two schoolmates in a Jonesboro, Arkansas school. Today, Wilson is working to pass Child Access Prevention gun laws that would require gun owners to keep loaded firearms out of the reach of children: "What happened at Jonesboro didn't have to happen. It could have been prevented."

OFFICER CHRIS LONSFORD. In March 1998, Officer Lonsford, a COPS-funded community policing officer from the Fontana, California, Police Department received the department's highest honor--the Medal of Valor. During an incident that occurred in November, 1996, Officer Lonsford exhibited extraordinary bravery and superior judgment in assisting in the arrest of three heavily armed robbers. Despite facing a barrage of fire from an AK-47, a handgun, and a shotgun, Officer Lonsford

kept his cool and held his fire, fearing that return might injure residents of a nearby apartment complex. The suspects were apprehended and no civilians were injured.

MAURICE LIM MILLER. Maurice Lim Miller is the Executive Director of Asian Neighborhood Design (ASD). ASD, located in San Francisco, California, has been recognized by President Clinton's Initiative on Race as a *Promising Practice for Racial Reconciliation*. ASD is a multi-service community development agency serving low income communities and families. Its services include community design and urban planning, family and youth counseling, workforce training for at-risk youth and welfare recipients, the development of affordable housing, and the operation of a furniture and cabinetmaking venture. Lim Miller immigrated to the United States from Mexico and was the first in his family to attend college.

CAPTAIN JEFFREY B. TALIAFERRO. Captain Taliaferro is presently Chief of Wing Weapons, 28th Operations Support Squadron, 28th Bomb Wing. As the chief tactician in the wing, Captain Taliaferro was deployed to Thumrait, Oman to serve in Operation DESERT FOX. During Operation DESERT FOX, Captain Taliaferro commanded the 28th Expeditionary Operations Squadron mission planning team. He not only flew during combat operations, but was the architect of the first B-1B combat mission. Captain Taliaferro's leadership was the foundation to the successful employment of the B-1B's first-ever combat operation.

ELAM HILL. Elam Hill, age 15, is a winner of the Bayer/National Science Foundation Award for Community Innovation. Elam lives in a public housing development in one of Atlanta's poorest neighborhoods. Everyday, on his way to Walden Middle School, Elam saw homeless people and wanted to help. After months of research, Elam and three classmates came up with a solution to a problem many homeless children face. They developed a communications center for homeless families with school children to help alleviate the difficulty parents have in transferring school records as they search for shelter and thereby, reduce the number of children who are forced to miss weeks and months of school. The State of Georgia Department of Education has agreed to use this information system throughout the state. Elam never thought he'd go to college; now, he wants to attend Georgia Tech.

DR. RITA COLWELL. Dr. Rita Colwell, the first woman to head the National Science Foundation (NSF), personifies a passion for discovery and a sense of adventure. Prior to her appointment to the NSF, Dr. Colwell served as president of the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute, was a former professor at Georgetown University, and is recognized as an internationally respected microbiologist. In her current position at NSF, Dr. Colwell will help direct a new five-year initiative in information technology, emphasizing the importance of making significant increases in computing and communications research. These technologies will dramatically quicken the pace of scientific discovery.

MAYOR WELLINGTON E. WEBB. Mayor Wellington E. Webb is currently serving his second term as Mayor of the City of Denver. Mayor Webb began his distinguished public service career in 1972 when he was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives and in 1996, was named by *Newsweek Magazine* as one of the Top 25 Mayors in the Nation. For the past four years, *Fortune Magazine* has named Denver as one of the Top Five American Cities in its annual survey. He has played a leading role in establishing Denver as a Millennium Community to launch local projects to save our history and prepare children for the 21st Century.

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As of January 19, 1999

5:45 pm

**1999 STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS
BY PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON**

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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON'S SCHEDULE
FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 1999**

WASHINGTON, DC -- First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will visit the National Air & Space Museum to announce the Mars Millennium Project, an official White House Millennium Council youth initiative, on Thursday, January 14, 1999. The new program will challenge kindergarten through high-school students across the nation to imagine and design the first community on Mars. The Mars Millennium Project is a partnership between the White House Millennium Council, the U.S. Department of Education, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the J. Paul Getty Trust.

The First Lady will tour the National Air & Space Museum's *What's Next Columbus?* exhibit and talk to a group of children from the Anne Beers Elementary School in Washington, DC, who are participating in a collaborative project with NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. In addition, Mrs. Clinton will address students, teachers, Mars Millennium Project agency and corporate partners in the Einstein Planetarium. U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley, NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin, National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Bill Ivey, Vice President for Education at the J. Paul Getty Center Theodore Mitchell, Secretary of the Smithsonian Michael Heyman and former director of the 1997 Mars Pathfinder Project Dr. Donna Shirley, will participate in this event.

EVENT: Launch of the Mars Millennium Project
DATE: Thursday, January 14, 1999
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
LOCATION: National Air & Space Museum
(*What's Next Columbus?* Exhibit Room and Einstein Planetarium)
6th & Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC

Press Notes:

Space will be limited in the *What's Next* exhibit and a pool may need to be created on-site. The speaking program in the Planetarium is open press. Press should use the Independence Avenue entrance to the National Air & Space Museum and proceed to the press check-in table. Press must bring standard press identification to gain access to this event. Press parking is available on Independence Ave. or at the Colonial Parking lot at 6th and C Streets. Lighting and a mult is provided in both rooms.

Pre-Set: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Final Access: 1:00 p.m.

The on-site contact is Jack Murray.

Editor's Note: Following the event, Dr. Donna Shirley, former director of the 1997 Mars Pathfinder Project, Ellen McCulloch-Lovell, Director of the White House Millennium Council and Val Marmilion, President of Pacific Visions Communications, will be available in the Planetarium for press questions about the Mars Millennium Project.

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**WHITE HOUSE
MILLENNIUM COUNCIL**

Honor the Past—Imagine the Future

**THE MARS MILLENNIUM PROJECT:
AN ARTS, SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE**

January 14, 1999

Highlighting the national millennium theme of "Honor the Past, Imagine the Future," First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton today launched the Mars Millennium Project, an exciting White House Millennium Council youth initiative challenging children across the nation to design a community on the planet Mars. U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley, NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin, National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Bill Ivey, Vice President for Education and Strategic Initiatives at the J. Paul Getty Trust Ted Mitchell, and Donna Shirley, former director, Mars Pathfinder Project joined the First Lady today at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. for this announcement.

The Mars Millennium Project is an interdisciplinary learning project that will engage kindergarten through high-school students in classrooms and youth groups throughout the United States to work together to develop a livable community on Mars in the year 2030. Working in teams and with educators, community leaders and professionals in many fields, young people will weave the arts, sciences and humanities into an exploration of their own communities and then apply what they learn to the future. The result: a new community - one that is scientifically sound and offers a high quality of life - and one in which they would be proud to live. The Mars Millennium Project will:

- Challenge youth to imagine and design a permanent community on the planet Mars in the year 2030 -- a scientifically sound, livable, aesthetic environment;
- Foster parental, family and multi-generational involvement;
- Raise compelling life questions that will benefit communities on Earth;
- Inspire participants to explore the culture, history and traditions of their respective communities;
- Promote an integrative, interdisciplinary approach to learning and teaching in the arts, sciences and humanities;
- Advance technology skills through computer design programs, on-line research and interactive communications;
- Inspire learning that extends beyond the initial phase of the project; and
- Establish culminating activities to acknowledge participants and evaluate project outcomes.

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The project will unfold in formal and informal educational settings, involving an individual class, entire school, or teams of learners through organizations such as boys and girls clubs, libraries, museums or professional associations. Participation guides for grade levels K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12 will be available in March 1999. Student projects entered in a national registry will be designed during the 1999-2000 school year, with finished works displayed in a virtual gallery online and in local communities, museums and libraries nationwide next spring and summer. In addition, NASA hopes to encode completed projects on a computer chip and send them to Mars on a future mission.

The Mars Millennium Project is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and its Jet Propulsion Laboratory, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the J. Paul Getty Trust. A host of public and private organizations along with some of the nation's leading corporations and businesses will also take part, making this project a true "community" effort. To date, more than 80 education, space, science, math, arts and civic organizations have signed on in support of the project. In addition, numerous corporate sponsors are supplying resources and materials to promote the project and provide additional learning opportunities for student teams.

Project posters and registration forms will be sent to all public and private elementary and secondary schools and arts and science teachers by the end of January. Teachers, community leaders and citizens interested in participating in the Mars Millennium Project can call (310) 274-8787 x 150, E-mail mars@pvcla.com or visit the Internet website <www.mars2030.net>.

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**PRESS SCHEDULE OF
FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13**

Washington, D.C. - - On Wednesday, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will travel to Chicago. She will dedicate the new Frank Morrell M.D. Epilepsy Monitoring Unit at Rush Presbyterian St. Lukes Medical Center and participate in a roundtable discussion with medical experts and other individuals dedicated to finding a cure for epilepsy.

After her visit to the hospital, the First Lady will visit the John C. Haines Elementary School with Mayor Richard C. Daley. They will tour the school to learn about the after-school care program.

In the evening, the First Lady will attend a dinner held by Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy (CURE) to honor her contributions to people with epilepsy. CURE, an all-volunteer organization, is dedicated to finding a cure for pediatric epilepsy.

EVENT: Rush Presbyterian St. Lukes Medical Center / Epilepsy Center Visit
DATE: January 13, 1999
TIME: 2:50 p.m.
LOCATION: Rush Presbyterian St. Lukes Medical Center
Rush Professional Building - Brainard Conference Room
1725 West Harrison
Chicago, Illinois

Press Notes

The event is open to press coverage. No pre-credentialing is required. Press should bring standard press identification to gain access to the event. Please use the 1725 West Harrison entrance. Upon entry, please take Elevator #2 to the 5th floor (Searle Conference Center). Press parking available at 1650 West Harrison Street (cars in garage, satellite trucks in atrium driveway). Lighting and a mult provided. Throw is approximately 80'.

The First Lady will participate in a roundtable discussion which will be open to print reporters only. Following the roundtable, she will participate in an open press speaking program.

Pre-set: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Final Access: 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

The on-site contact is Lori Greenbaum.

EVENT: Visit to After-School Program at John C. Haines Elementary School
DATE: January 13, 1999
TIME: 4:00 p.m.
LOCATION: John C. Haines Elementary School
247 West 23rd Place
Chicago, Illinois

Press Notes

The event is open to press coverage. No pre-credentialing is required. Press should bring standard press identification to gain access to the event. Please use the main entrance on 23rd Place. Satellite parking available in front of the school on 23rd Place. Lighting and a mult provided. Throw is approximately 50'.

Pre-set: 1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Final Access: 3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

The on-site contact is Lori Greenbaum

EVENT: Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy (CURE) Dinner
DATE: January 13, 1999
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: The Drake Hotel
140 East Walton Place
Chicago, Illinois

Press Notes

The event is open to press coverage. No pre-credentialing is required. Press should bring standard press identification to gain access to the event. Please use the main hotel entrance. Lighting and a mult provided. Throw is approximately 40'.

Pre-set: 3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Final Access: 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

The on-site contact is Lori Greenbaum.

Editor's Note: Upon conclusion of her events in Chicago, the First Lady will return to Washington, D.C.

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OFFICE OF THE FIRST LADY
JANUARY 11, 1999

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**THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. CLINTON
HONOR HIS EXCELLENCY CARLOS SAUL MENEM,
PRESIDENT OF THE ARGENTINE NATION**

WASHINGTON, DC -- The President and Mrs. Clinton are hosting his Excellency Carlos Saul Menem, President of the Argentine Nation, at a White House State Dinner on Monday, January 11, 1999. President Menem will arrive at the North Portico at 7:15 p.m.

Guests will be received by the President and Mrs. Clinton, and President Menem at the base of the Grand Staircase in the Grand Foyer of the White House. Following the receiving line, the President and Mrs. Clinton will escort President Menem into the State Dining Room for dinner.

The tables in the State Dining Room will be set with Eisenhower gold base plates; the Ronald Reagan china will be used for service. Kennedy Morgantown crystal and gold flatware from the Vermeil Collection will be set on rose-colored damask tablecloths. Bamboo containers from the Vermeil Collection will be filled with Raphaela, Leonidis, Ambiance and Sari roses and rust colored orchids. These centerpieces will be surrounded by white taper candles in gold candle sticks.

Following the dinner, guests will be entertained in the East Room with a celebration of tango performed by American and Argentine musicians and dancers.

NOTE: Information on the menu, entertainment and official gifts is attached. Guest list will be released separately as soon as it is available.

January 11, 1999
STATE DINNER MENU

**WHITE HOUSE STATE DINNER HONORING HIS
HIS EXCELLENCY CARLOS SAUL MENEM,
PRESIDENT OF THE ARGENTINE NATION**

MENU

*Lemon Herb Roasted Chicken
Grilled Vegetable Risotto
Tomato Basil Broth*

*Seared Striped Bass
Cassoulet of Jonah Crab, Corn and Fava Beans
Sautéed Morels and Sweet Potato*

*Salad of Winter Greens, Endive and Spinach
Bleu Cheese Fritter
Sherry and Pancetta Dressing*

Dessert

*Frozen Dulce de Leche
Baked Pineapple
Caramel Walnuts
Coconut Snowballs*

Wines

*Sanford Chardonnay "Estate" 1996
Beaux Freres Pinot Noir 1995
Mumm Cuvee Napa "DVX" 1993*

JANUARY 11, 1999

STATE DINNER ENTERTAINMENT IN THE EAST ROOM

A Celebration of Tango

After dinner in the State Dining Room, guests will be invited to the East Room for a celebration of tango, performed by American and Argentine musicians and dancers. The tango has been an integral part of the history of the Argentine Nation and its appeal and popularity have spread around the world. The resurgence of the tango has communities from Alaska to Florida learning this fascinating, difficult, elegant and passionate art. The fervor and joy of the tango once again capture our creative imagination.

TANGO DANCERS

Robert Duvall, actor, director and writer, found his passion for the tango twelve years ago while attending a performance of *Tango Argentino*. Since that time, the Academy Award-winner has been enamored with the Argentine people, their music, dance and culture and has worked on two films during his fifteen visits to Buenos Aires. Francis Ford Coppola suggested that Mr. Duvall play a character connected with the tango. Since then, Robert Duvall has written a screenplay which he intends to star in and direct. The story takes place largely in the world of tango in Buenos Aires. His tango heroes are many, but he particularly loves to dance to Darienzo, Tanturi and Pugliese.

Luciana Pedraza was born in Salta, a town in northern Argentina. Being the oldest of five sisters, Luciana grew up among horses and sports but never took a dance lesson. She moved to Buenos Aires at sixteen to finish her schooling and shortly thereafter began her own business. Tango did not cross her path until three years ago when Robert Duvall introduced her to a world within her own country -- the world of tango. Since that time, she has moved to the United States and studies tango under Orlondo Paiva and Pablo Veron.

Pablo Veron, a versatile dancer with a background in classical, tap and jazz, is one of the most acclaimed tango dancers from Buenos Aires. A key figure of the tango renaissance, Mr. Veron is recognized for his unique, innovative style that links traditional tango to the sensitivity of the nineties. He formed his own dance company in Buenos Aires while performing in such musicals as *Evita* and *Cabaret* and touring extensively with the renowned *Tango Argentino* as a dancer and choreographer. In 1996, Pablo Veron choreographed and starred in *The Tango Lesson*, winner of the Best Film award at the Mar del Plata Film Festival in Argentina. In October, 1998 he won the American Choreography Award for outstanding choreographic achievement in motion pictures.

Victoria Vieyra, a frequent dance partner of Pablo Veron, grew up in Argentina studying Milonga with Mingo Pugliese and Gustavo Naveira. She has danced and choreographed numerous musicals and operas and was appointed as a member of the Tango Academy founded by Horacio Ferrer. She frequently teaches and organizes tango dances in Los Angeles and has recently danced in several shows in Paris.

TANGO MUSICIANS

QuinTango is a unique chamber ensemble dedicated to the musical performance of tango. Inspired by the Argentine *orquesta tipica* -- the classic tango orchestra of violins, bandoneons, bass and piano -- QuinTango brings its own interpretations to this evocative music. Their recent performances include appearances at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the Embassy of Argentina and the group is a Concerts in Schools Artist for The Washington Performing Arts Society. The sounds produced by this Washington, D.C., ensemble have turned music lovers into tango lovers.

Raul Jaurena, master bandoneon player, first studied bandoneon with his father becoming a member of a child's tango orchestra at the age of eight. In the 1960s and 1970s, Mr. Jaurena spent much of his time organizing tango orchestras in Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil and Chile. Mr. Jaurena recently became an American citizen and is currently the musical director of the acclaimed tango group, *New York Buenos Aires Connection*. He performs regularly as a guest artist throughout the United States and was most recently featured with the Hollywood Bowl's Philharmonic Orchestra in a concert of music by Astor Piazzolla and has played with such greats as Yo Yo Ma.

JANUARY 11, 1999
OFFICIAL GIFTS

PRESIDENT CLINTON'S GIFT TO PRESIDENT MENEM:

The official gift for President Menem from President Clinton on the occasion of his State Visit to Washington is a hand-crafted sterling silver cachepot from Tiffany & Co. The piece features an etched border design inspired by a cornice found in the East Room of the White House and a floral design taken from the Green and Red Rooms of the White House. The flower in the center is a dogwood blossom, a tree frequently found in the President's home state of Arkansas. The cachepot was designed exclusively as a gift for President Clinton to present for the State visit. The Presidential Seal is engraved on the bottom of the silver piece.

OFFICIAL DELEGATION GIFT:

The official gift for members of the Argentine delegation is a Tiffany & Co. Pewter Tray with an inscription and seal commemorating President Menem's State Visit to Washington.

PRESIDENT MENEM'S GIFT TO PRESIDENT CLINTON:

President Clinton received from President Menem a rare book entitled, Plateria Sudamericana.

PRESIDENT MENEM'S GIFT TO MRS. CLINTON:

Mrs. Clinton received from President Menem a monogrammed leather belt.

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**THE STATE VISIT OF
HIS EXCELLENCY CARLOS SAUL MENEM,
THE PRESIDENT OF THE ARGENTINE NATION**

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1999

****NOTE: Press who plan to cover the State Dinner must wear dark-colored business attire.**

TENTATIVE TIMELINE

WASHINGTON, DC -- The following is a tentative time-line of press coverage for the White House State Dinner to be given in honor of his Excellency the President of the Argentine Nation.

3:15 pm White House press corps interested in viewing the table settings for the State Dinner will be escorted from the briefing room to the State Dining Room.

3:30 pm Press preview by the Social Secretary (OPEN PRESS)

6:40 pm White House Press Pool who would like to cover the arrival of guests attending the State Dinner will be escorted to the Ground Floor of the East Wing (Booksellers Area).

Note: Press covering the guest arrivals will not be able to cover the arrival of President and Miss Menem.

6:45 pm Press covering the arrival of President and Miss Menem escorted from the White House briefing room to the North Portico.

7:15 pm President Menem and Miss Menem arrive to the North Portico and are greeted by the President and Mrs. Clinton. (OPEN PRESS)

7:35 pm White House Press Pool will be escorted into the White House Grand Foyer for the announcement of the President and Mrs. Clinton and President and Miss Menem at the base of the Grand Staircase.

7:50 pm Announcement of President and Mrs. Clinton and President and Miss Menem to the base of the Grand Staircase. Following this announcement, the dinner guests will be received by the President and Mrs. Clinton and President and Miss Menem at the base of the Grand Staircase. (POOL PRESS)

8:35 pm The White House Press Pool covering the receiving line will hold in the Grand Foyer while the President and Mrs. Clinton and President and Miss Menem take their seats in the State Dining Room. Press Pool will be escorted to the cross hall door outside of the State Dining Room to cover the toasts.

8:45 pm **Toast by President Clinton**
Toast by President Menem
(POOL PRESS)

Note: At the conclusion of the toasts, members of the press pool will be escorted back to the briefing room.

9:45 pm The White House press pool covering the entertainment segment of the State Dinner will be escorted from the White House briefing room to the East Room.

10:15 pm **Entertainment begins in the East Room. (POOL PRESS - Television lights will be up for the President's remarks)**

10:30 pm White House press covering President and Miss Menem's departure from the White House will be escorted to the North Portico from the press briefing room.

10:45 pm **Entertainment concludes. President Clinton makes closing remarks. (POOL PRESS)**

Following his remarks, President and Mrs. Clinton escort President and Miss Menem to the North Portico for their departure. (OPEN PRESS)

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
JANUARY 8, 1999

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**PRESS SCHEDULE OF
FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1999**

Washington, D.C. - - On Monday, January 11, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will participate in an announcement of the Dolley Madison Commemorative Silver Dollar. This silver dollar, the first to feature a First Lady, honors Dolley Madison for her defining role in American history. A portion of the funds raised from the sale of this coin will benefit historic Montpelier, the family home of President James and First Lady Dolley Madison.

In the evening, the First Lady will join the President at a State Dinner honoring President Carlos Menem of Argentina.

EVENT: Dolley Madison Commemorative Coin Event
DATE: January 1, 1999
TIME: 11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: East Room
The White House

Press Notes

The event is open to press coverage. Lighting and mult box provided.

First escort from press briefing room: 10:45 a.m.
Final escort from press briefing room: 11:15 a.m.

Credentialing Information

Press who are not credentialed by the White House should fax on company letterhead their full name, date of birth, and social security number to the First Lady's Press Office at 202-456-7805 by 8:30 a.m. Monday, January 11.

Editor's Note: For details on press coverage for the State Dinner, please refer to the President's press schedule.

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