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C-span Health Care Reform  
400 n. Capital St. N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20001.

Dear Task Force.

I'm Hoping That you will see fit to keep  
The Home Care plan in force - it's a great  
plan helps old people to stay out of nursing  
home - I'm 89 years old so plan able to stay  
in my home but should I need this care I  
hope it'll be There - Having some one to  
come in to check on you and to do some  
necessary Chores is wonderful. I'm alright  
when it come to having medicare and  
my late husband's lo. insurance which  
don't pay every thing - I have to pay for  
my medicine and it's expensive.

But I'm interested in a Health Care plan  
for those who don't have insurance <sup>Coverage</sup>  
and will put off going to a doctor until  
They are forced to. My granddaughter can't  
afford an insurance that would help  
her pay so she had to go for Catastrophic  
insurance which has a 2,500 deductible  
and she does have health problems that  
needs care, but recently gone to work  
for a new company who will pay 1/2



of her insurance, but it is still be high  
and she can barely get by on her salary,  
and my concern is about these people out of  
work and on low salaries whose children  
needs care. Nothing is so agonizing  
than having sick children and not being  
able to get the best care for them.

Some people have too much pride to  
go to a Doctor without money to pay them  
and buy drugs - unless it is to a point you  
have to. However, there are people who  
take advantage of free care and abuse it.

Wishing you much luck in getting a  
good Health Plan bill -

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

P.S. There should be something done about  
the Price of Drugs. The drug peracubel  
for Shingles is as high as 150.00 and  
more and Shingles is a painful and  
common disease. I was out over  
98.00 for drugs last week and 2  
small bottles were eye drops one of  
which was 46.95 bought at a discount  
Drug store - and my blood pressure  
medication is generic which is cheaper  
and a bottle of cheap off the counter  
Vitamins was reasonable 9.98 + I got a discount



# HOPE Health Fair volunteers ready to help own community

By CATHY KNOLL

Special to the Empire-Tribune

A number of local health professionals are donating their time and expertise to provide preventative health screenings at the second annual health fair sponsored by the HOPE Clinic on Saturday, April 24.

"HOPE currently provides medical services to over 900 patients," said Jennifer Rittenour, executive director of HOPE, Inc. "We are excited about the numbers of people who have volunteered to help us detect chronic and acute health problems for those families who are not covered by Medicaid or private health insurance, and cannot afford medical treatment."

Volunteer nurses Amy Young, Diana Lee, Stacey Brady and Don Boren will take blood pressure readings and sugar level screenings.

Karen Kincannon, respiratory therapist from Harris Methodist Hospital Erath County, will provide EKG screening on patients with cardiac disorders. June Hite



of Cross Timbers Medical Center will conduct pap smears and breast examinations in order to screen for breast and cervical cancers.

Lab technicians from the Stephenville Medical and Surgical Clinic and Harris Methodist Hospital will conduct blood tests with Frankie Rives from Tanglewood Medical Supply testing blood oxygen levels.

Physicians who have volunteered to analyze test results include Dr. Cedars, Dr. Gokel, Dr. Smith Dr. Shaeffer, Dr. Israel,

and Dr. Ip.

A number of members of the Stephenville Zonta Club have volunteered to act as receptionists when participants register and record height and weight.

"This is a real community event," commented Rittenour. "Everyone who donated their time last year was eager to volunteer again."

The health fair, which will be from 1 to 4 pm on April 24, is open to pre-qualified patients of any age that meet HOPE'S criteria of need. Anyone who has never been treated at the HOPE Clinic needs to call HOPE this week for approval.

Because more than 900 people are already eligible to receive services at the health fair, people wanting to participate in the free event should call 965-2700 to make an appointment to attend the fair, thereby avoiding long lines.

The unique nature of the HOPE Clinic health fair is that the medical professionals are in a position to treat the patient if any

medical problem is detected.

"I strongly urge patients to take advantage of this free service," said Dr. Nathan Cedars, founder of the HOPE Clinic. "The medical staff at the clinic can provide top quality, comprehensive care more efficiently as people have been screened for prevalent, chronic health problems."

The screening services, offered by health care professionals at the fair, focus on chronic problems most prevalent in low-income populations, including hypertension, diabetes, cancer, heart disorders and obesity.

"Most of our patients are not aware of chronic disorders and of preventative medicine," said Rittenour. "It will be very helpful to have the results of their tests on file to offer longterm care that will result in a healthier patient, saving time and money for that individual, for the clinic, and for taxpayers."

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*I have sent a couple of articles about this about Dr. Cedars - all town needs a plan like this!*



## for embattled Srebrenica

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Bosnian Serbs and Muslims signed a cease-fire for the embattled eastern town of Srebrenica early Sunday and guaranteed safe evacuation of civilians.

The accord was reached under threat of total Serb invasion and effectively amounts to the surrender of Srebrenica, one of the last Muslim strongholds in eastern Bosnia.

According to a document obtained Saturday night at the United Nations, the truce calls for deploying U.N. protection forces to the town Sunday morning and demilitarizing it within 72 hours of their arrival.

According to the agreement, the truce went into effect at 1:59 a.m. Sunday (7:59 p.m. Saturday EDT).

On Saturday, Bosnian Serb forces had launched a fierce attack on Srebrenica, killing or wounding dozens of people.

Serbs are driving for control of eastern Bosnia to hook up with adjacent Serbia and other Serb-held areas of Bosnia and Croatia into a

"Greater Serbia."

For that reason, Bosnia's Serbs have refused to sign an international peace plan dividing Bosnia into 10 autonomous provinces.

The U.N. Security Council, outraged by the onslaught on Srebrenica, voted late Saturday to tighten sanctions against Serb-led Yugoslavia.

The new sanctions take effect April 26.

Bosnia seceded from Yugoslavia in February 1992. Serbs fighting the secession have seized about 70 percent of the country, and more than 134,000 people have been killed or are missing.

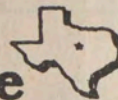
Elsewhere, at least 50 people were killed Saturday in the fourth day of Muslim-Croat clashes in central Bosnia, U.N. officials said.

Srebrenica's nearly 60,000 residents and refugees lived through another day of horror, cowering in cellars as the Serbs closed in on their town. Serb forces shelled the industrial zone and post office where a small U.N. contingent is based.

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