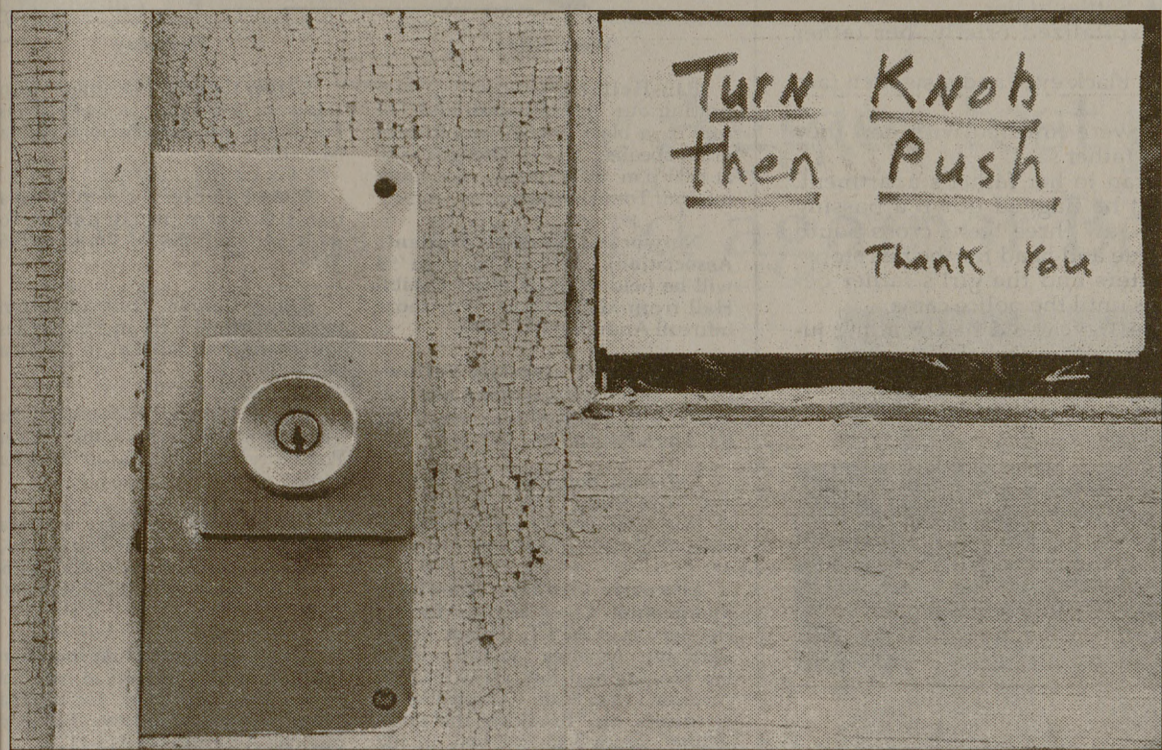


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## Clinton names Boston lawyer civil rights chief

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton today named Boston lawyer Deval Patrick to be the nation's chief civil rights enforcer, filling a spot left vacant for months after the withdrawal of Lani Guinier. Wasting no time, conservatives called Patrick "a stealth Guinier."

"He understands the law is a tool to help real people with real problems," Clinton said in an Oval Office announcement, flanked by Attorney General Janet Reno and Vice President Al Gore.

Saying the Justice Department's civil rights division has protected civil liberties for "tens of millions of Americans," Clinton said, "There is still much more to be done. We need a strong and aggressive civil rights division and a compassionate advocate for freedom and fairness at the helm of that division."

Patrick, a native of Chicago's rough South Side, brought his children to the ceremony. "I am humbled," he said.

Conservatives denounced the choice even before Clinton's announcement.

"Patrick appears to be a 'stealth Guinier,'" said Clint Bolick, vice president of the Institute for Justice. "He has no paper trail, but is part of the same pro-quota chorus that produced Lani Guinier," Clinton's first nominee as assistant attorney general in charge of the Justice Department's civil rights division.

Drawing fire from some black leaders, Clinton abruptly withdrew Guinier's nomination in June, saying he was surprised by the liberal bent to some of her writings on racial politics. The post has been vacant since Clinton took office.

The attack Monday by Bolick, who led the conservative charge against Guinier, brought administration backers to the Patrick's defense.

## Study shows cigarette smoking leads to colon cancer in both sexes

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In the strongest evidence yet, two studies involving more than 150,000 people show that cigarette smoking can lead to colon cancer in both men and women.

The parallel studies to be published on Wednesday in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute also found that early smoking apparently fixes for life the risk of colon-rectal cancer, even if the smoking habit is dropped.

"With colon cancer, if you smoke in your 20s, that risk stays with you," said Dr. Edward Giovannucci of Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, the Channing Laboratory and the Harvard School of

Public Health.

"Even if you stop at age 40, you'll still be at greater risk."

The risk is also "dose related," he said. "The more you smoke, the more the risk."

Other studies show that stopping cigarette smoking at any age, however, does lower the risk of heart disease, lung cancer and other disorders, said Giovannucci.

The colon cancer conclusions are based on a Harvard School of Public Health study of 47,935 men and a Brigham and Women's study of 118,334 women.

Both studies used questionnaires to determine the smoking history of the participants and then related that to the rate of colon-rectal cancer in the groups.

## Clinton, Dole continue split on health care reform plan

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton cautioned against mere tinkering with America's health-care system Tuesday and insisted he would settle for nothing less than guaranteed insurance for all.

His chief Republican critic held out new hope for compromise.

After back-and-forth appearances by Clinton and Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole before the nation's governors and the American Hospital Association, the president said he came away encouraged about prospects for reform.

"You seem to have a leavening effect on the political rhetoric of the nation's capital," Clinton told members of the National Governors Association.

Dole, speaking just before Clinton, told the governors they "may have laid out a framework for the rest of us to rally around and talk about."

He was referring to the governors' newly minted "call to action" on health care. It stops short of some of Clinton's goals, but includes a GOP concession that em-

ployers be required to make coverage available to workers.

Dole seemed intent on keeping Republicans involved in the debate, telling his party, "We're going to be up in the bleachers when the parade goes by unless we get our people together," the Kansan said.

As Congress continues hearings on health care, he added, "We may be able to resolve some of these issues that look impossible now because we have just gotten started."

Dole repeated Republican opposition to Clinton's proposal that employers be required to pay at least 80 percent of their workers' health-care premiums.

Clinton countered, "I still believe in the requirement for employers to cover their employees."

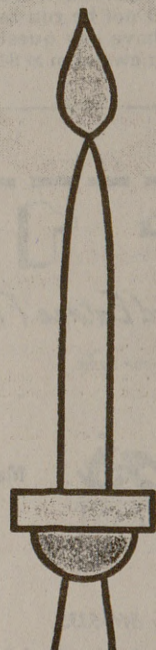
The president, in two speeches that nearly exhausted his voice, affirmed his State of the Union declaration that universal coverage must be a part of any health-care plan.

"We have to do it now," he told the hospital executives.

"And what we have to do includes providing guaranteed private insurance to every single American."

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