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Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Dr. Carter is the Regional Breast Center of North Colorado and Medical Director of the Rocky Mountain Cancer Rehabilitation Institute.

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Allison S. Merrill teaches nursing at the University of Utah and is a Clinical Nurse Specialist in Oncology. She received a BS in Nursing from the University of Rhode Island and an MS in Nursing from the University of Michigan.

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WOMEN’S HEALTH GETS MORE ATTENTION—ASSISTANT SURGEON GENERAL SPEAKS ON ADVANCES

(By Adam Silverman)

Although mammograms are responsible for saving the lives of thousands of women every year, the technology is 40 years old and still misses crucial early warning signs of breast cancer.

That was the challenge facing Susan Blumenthal, assistant surgeon general of the United States, when she learned of new technology to be developed, she called the CIA. Together with NASA and the CIA, Blumenthal used spy-satellite technology to improve mammograms.

“Some of the same imaging technology used to find tanks camouflaged behind trees can now be used to find cancer cells,” she said. Blumenthal was in Greeley on Thursday to deliver the keynote address at a conference about women’s health.

The conference, held at the University of Northern Colorado, featured a variety of panelists who discussed everything from anorexia to breast cancer to political action.

Blumenthal recognized her “report card” on women’s health, which was scheduled to discuss.

“It appeared we were going to see a full gamut of issues and their political relevance,” she said. “A lot of us are involved in women’s issues and I don’t know a lot about this, but all we got new information.”

The conference was sponsored by UNC and U.S. Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, R-Colo. Campbell had pitched the idea to UNC after receiving many calls from women about health issues.

“It came from the community activists who wanted me to do it,” he said.

The issues addressed at the conference need to be at the forefront of public debate, Campbell said.

He said he will take the information back to Washington, D.C., and enter it into the Congressional Record. He also wants to start a series of forums like the one Thursday to further address the issues.

“We just touched the surface of women’s health,” he said. “The time to endure is passed. It’s time to fight back.”

HEALTHY LIVING

Susan Blumenthal, assistant U.S. surgeon general, gave these tips for healthy living:

Find a doctor who respects you.

Know your family health history; many diseases are genetic and run in families.

If you smoke, stop. If you don’t, never do.

Know your health care plan and make sure to include routine women’s health tests such as pap smears.

Eat smart.

Get annual physical exams, and make sure to include routine women’s health tests such as pap smears.

Know your health care plan and make sure to read the fine print.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, information we received at the forum will be helpful in my work on the Appropriations Committee as we consider funding priorities in the women’s health area.

I thank the Chair and yield the floor.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:00 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1259. An act to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to protect Social Security surpluses through strengthened budgetary enforcement mechanisms.

H.R. 115. An act to provide grants to the States to improve the reporting of unidentified and missing persons.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 425) to make miscellaneous and technical changes to various trade laws, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 334(b)(1) of Public Law 105-220 and the order of the House of Thursday, May 27, 1999, and upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, the Speaker appoints the following member on the part of the House to the Twenty-First Century Workforce Commission: Mr. David L. Stewart of St. Louis, Missouri.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of 22 U.S.C. 2764, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group, in addition to Mr. HUGH- TON of New York, Chairman, appointed on February 11, 1999: Mr. GILMAN of New York, Vice Chairman, Mr. OBERSTAR of Minnesota, Mr. SHAW of Florida, Mr. LIPINSKI of Illinois, Ms. SLAUGHTER of New York, Mr. UPTON of Michigan, Mr. STEARNS of Florida, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Ms. DANNER of Missouri, Mr. MANZULLO of Illinois, and Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.

MEASURE REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 115. An act to provide grants to the States to improve the reporting of unidentified and missing persons; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated: