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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Kudos to Knopf

**Dr. Arnold and Judy Brier**

**NORTH OAKS** — The key issues of the current national debate on health care reform have been obscured by platitudes and deliberate distortions. Fortunately, our community was treated to a rare opportunity on Thursday, Oct. 7 at White Bear High School. Chris Knopf organized and moderated a non-political informational health care forum. The audience was able to consider expert, thoughtful analyses by four well-known professionals representing a variety of Twin Cities health care organizations. Thank you Perry Hanson and Drs. Stuart Cox, Ron Hansen and Ken Holmen for taking the time to provide us with information instead of rants. We especially want to commend Chris Knopf for his efforts to inform all of us without regard to political orientation. We hope this approach can be expanded to include similar forums on other key issues.

### Health care forumn

**Kent Peterson**

**SHOREVIEW** — The Oct. 8 forum on health care reform at White Bear Lake Area High School was excellent. The panelists of three physicians and a health management consultant presented truly non-partisan information on current challenges and potential solutions in the health care industry.

There is no single, certain solution but it is clear that the current health care system is financially unsustainable. Thanks to Chris Knopf for organizing and moderating this event.