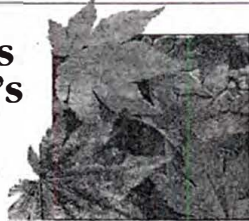




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Grief reveals 'new' Britain

By DAN BALZ
WASHINGTON POST

LONDON—The outpouring of emotion over the death of Princess Diana grew ever larger Wednesday, prompting officials to reroute Saturday's funeral procession to accommodate what are now expected to be some of the largest crowds this city has ever seen.

Diana's death in a car accident in Paris early Sunday morning has rapidly become a defining moment for a nation long known for its reserved and unemotional character, as tens of thousands of people continue to stream toward the royal palaces here to pay their respects and mourn her.

Prince Charles intervened personally to have Diana's funeral route extended.

Officials charged with staging Saturday's funeral services at

Westminster Abbey, where British sovereigns have been crowned, have continued to adjust their plans after estimates that more than 2 million people might descend on central London to watch the funeral.

In the face of mounting criticism that the original processional route was too short to handle the expected crowds, officials at Buckingham Palace announced Wednesday a significant expansion that will triple the length the cortege will cover as Diana's coffin, carried on a gun carriage, is borne to Westminster for the services.

Charles told police, who were opposed to extending the route, that they would have to explain their opposition to the entire nation if they didn't back down.

Diana's 15-year-old son, Prince William, will lead the procession.

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Emotional words flow freely here

By BRYAN SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

They started by merely signing their names, jotting the date, perhaps a word or two.

"God bless you."

"Rest in peace."

"Prayers to the family."

The pages turned, and their sentiments grew to paragraphs, brief expressions of grief and sympathy.

"You were a generous light for many desperate causes. Thank you."

And then the sorrow, the heart-sickness spilled out and filled full pages—had poetry transformed by passion, best wishes scrawled in the shaky hand of children.

Until a book was filled.

And another.

And three more were brought in to accommodate the long lines that never seemed to shrink.

It was Sunday, the day after Princess Diana was killed in a car crash, when the British consul gen-

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Net prankster plagues Joliet family

By ART GOLAB
STAFF REPORTER

A Joliet family's life has been made miserable by a prankster who placed their 9-year-old daughter's name and family phone number on sexually explicit Internet sites.

More than a dozen calls last month came in at all hours in response to postings made

by someone pretending to be their daughter.

The "graphic and disgusting" message purported to be signed by their daughter. It requested phone calls and offered pictures, said the girl's mother, Deborah Boehle.

Messages were placed on 14 Internet bulletin boards, including ones aimed at pedophiles.

"Our daughter's life has been ruined, her

childhood has been taken away from her, because we've had to explain all this stuff to her that no 9-year-old should have to know exists," Boehle said.

If the culprit is found, the worst consequence is a misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct, police said.

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Mourners put grief in writing

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eral in Chicago put out condolence books.

As of Wednesday afternoon, about 4,000 people had waited in line, sometimes for hours, to sit at a small wooden desk and scribble their offerings of sympathy in books that will be sent to the children of Diana.

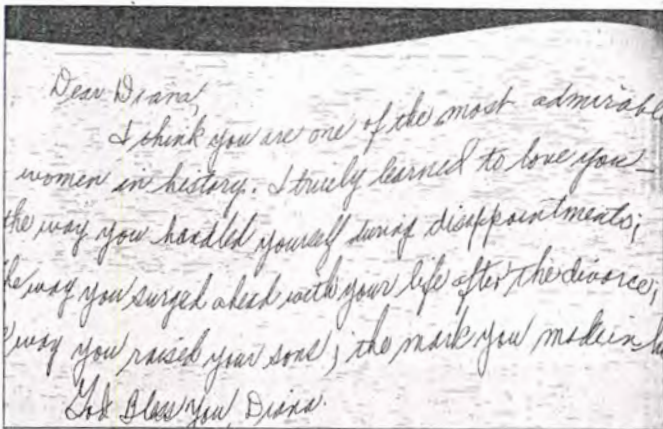
The Chicago Sun-Times was allowed to look at the first finished book of private entries Wednesday, while well-wishers waited in line to fill others. The entries came from as far away as Dublin, Ireland, and as near as Skokie, from California to downtown Chicago.

Long notes and short scribbles, in black and blue ink, some with pictures, others punctuated with hearts.

"I think you are one of the most admirable women in history," read one unsigned note. "I truly learned to love you—the way you handled yourself during disappointments; the way you surged ahead with your life after the divorce... God bless you, Diana."

Hour after hour, they waited in the chilly September afternoon.

"It's been stunning," said Caroline Cracraft, spokeswoman for the consulate. "We've been moved by the fact that people come and spend



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This is one of more than 4,000 entries mourners have written in books at the British Consulate here. People have been standing in line for hours for a chance to express their grief.

hours in line without complaining."

Jill Pristavec was one. Standing in line outside the Wrigley Building, she was asked why. She could have left flowers, grieved and been gone.

"The flowers are beautiful," said Pristavec. "But I just felt that putting something in writing was the longest-lasting thing I could do."

Aimee Pine of Chicago agreed. "Spending two hours in line, I wanted to show how important this is to me," she said.

And so, page by page, they wrote. As much as they wanted. For as long as they wanted.

"I love you and I'll miss you," wrote someone in the large-block letters of a child.

"The dark cloud is that this world has lost its

beautiful princess," wrote another. "The silver lining is the seed of love... that she left to shine forever in our hearts."

"Princess Diana, thank you for shining a very special light on my life. Your beautiful character showed me a new place to rise to. Your powerful spirit and forever guiding light will always shine on my intended path. I will think of you always."

"I think people really wanted to do something," Cracraft said. "When you're grieving, it helps to do something," even if it's only setting pen to paper.

Indeed, for some, the book was a healing. "A part of my heart is broken," one man wrote. "I have tried to patch it up today."

Funeral

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walking behind his mother's horse-drawn coffin Saturday morning, British sources say. He will be accompanied by Prince Charles, and by Diana's brother, Charles, the earl of Spencer. About 500 mourners from 100 charities to which Diana lent her name are expected to follow.

The palace announced that Charles and his two sons, William and Harry, will return to London on Friday for a private viewing of the coffin.

The royal family, criticized by many mourners in the streets of London, also issued its first statement since Diana's death, saying they were "deeply touched" by the enormous crowds paying their last respects all week.

Palace officials originally planned a funeral procession that was to begin at St. James's Palace, where Diana's coffin has rested in private in the Chapel Royal, and wind its way along the Mall, through the govern-

ment areas of Whitehall and past Parliament Square to the abbey.

But with Saturday's crowd estimates growing daily, the officials announced Wednesday afternoon that Diana's body would be moved late Friday from St. James's Palace to Kensington Palace, which is in Kensington Gardens at the western end of Hyde Park.

Saturday morning, the horse-drawn coffin will be carried through the uptown London neighborhoods that the princess loved, on its way to Westminster Abbey.

The funeral proceedings at the abbey will be shown live on two giant TV screens—about 16 feet high and 22 feet wide—in Hyde Park.

"It is important there is a longer route, so we can have as many people able to participate in a huge event... not just for us here in Britain, but for people throughout the world. We want it to be something of which Princess Diana would have been proud," Prime Minister Tony Blair told a crowd Wednesday outside Downing Street.

The announcement of the expanded processional route came



LYNNE SLADKY/ASSOCIATED PRESS

A sea of umbrellas swirls outside Buckingham Palace, where mourners continue to place flowers Wednesday in remembrance of Princess Diana. Saturday's funeral procession was lengthened to accommodate expected crowds.

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■ **Hillary Rodham Clinton** reflects on her relationship with Princess Diana a few days before the first lady attends the funeral. In an exclusive column, Clinton says the princess "used her special gifts to make a difference in the world."

Her beauty came from within

Before long, Princess Diana will enter into legend. Millions of words will be written about her, but the woman I knew was much more than a fashion plate, an icon or even a princess. She was a person who, like so many of us, worked to raise her children, shape her identity and use her special gifts to make a difference in the world. Since her tragic death last weekend, I've been thinking about what she meant to me and to all of us.

I first met Diana at official ceremonies commemorating the 50th anniversary of D-Day in June, 1994. Shortly afterward, she told a mutual friend that she wanted to talk with me. I was eager to get to know the woman behind the dazzling smile. But, given our busy schedules, it took months to arrange a meeting. We finally got together in October of that year for a luncheon in her honor at the British Embassy in Washington. Diana bantered throughout the lunch, and then, after bidding goodbye to

the other guests, we met privately.

We talked of the challenges of public life and the struggle to protect our children from the scrutiny of the world. She told me of her new hopes and plans for using her position to focus attention on the needs of suffering people. Although she seemed vulnerable and unsure about the direction her life was taking, I sensed in her a reservoir of resilience and determination that would help her take charge of her own life and help others, despite great obstacles.

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Over the next few years, we stayed in touch. I saw Diana for the last time in June of this year, when she was visiting Washington to highlight her campaign to ban land mines. Over tea in the Map Room of the White House, she spoke passionately about her recent trip to Angola and her upcoming one to Bosnia. We shared our thoughts about the progress being made worldwide in the fight against AIDS, and I described my impressions of the efforts to

end forced prostitution in Thailand, a place she planned to visit in November. I kidded her that the upcoming auction of her gowns for charity was the smartest closet-cleaning strategy ever devised.

And we talked, as always, about our children. She brought me up to date on her sons, William and Harry—how quickly they were growing and how she was working to provide them with childhoods as normal as possible. She asked me about Chelsea's college plans and wanted to know more about the American university system.

Our time together passed too quickly. We walked out into the ground floor corridor, sometimes called the Hall of First Ladies, where I introduced her to the excited teenage daughter of a family staying with us. A White House photographer took our picture standing in front of the portrait of one of my predecessors from more than a century ago, Frances Cleveland. Like Diana, she was a young bride who quickly found herself drawing on her own reserves of grace and poise as she became the obsession of a national media that

I will miss seeing her, miss hearing the pride in her voice as she talked of her sons.

tracked her every move. I will always be struck by the poignancy of that photograph.

Diana and I hugged goodbye. I watched her walk away a more out-

wardly confident and effective young woman than the one I had met three years before. I was impressed by her courage and persistence in getting up and going on whenever life knocked her to the mat.

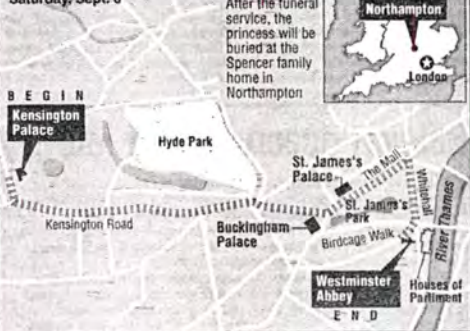
I will miss seeing her, miss hearing the pride in her voice as she talked of her sons, miss listening to her accounts of the people she tried to help, and miss watching her build a life of integrity on her own terms.

I am reminded of what she once said about the "disease" of not being loved. What she meant was that the absence of love could make anyone less than fully human. I hope all who mourn her passing will honor her memory by reaching out and bringing love and comfort to all who suffer.

Few, if any of us, will ever look as beautiful on the outside as she did, but all of us can strive to develop that inner beauty of the heart and soul that she valued and understood was more lasting and important.

PRINCESS DIANA'S FUNERAL

To be held at Westminster Abbey Saturday, Sept. 6



about the same time that the royal family's statement was issued by the palace.

After more than three days of silence, the statement appeared to be an effort to stem complaints that the family was out of touch with public sentiment.

"All the royal family, especially the prince of Wales, Prince William and Prince Harry, are taking strength from the overwhelming support of the public, who are sharing their tremendous sense of loss and grief. They are deeply touched and enormously grateful," the statement said.

Five condolence books that were opened Sunday at St. James's Palace grew to 16 Tuesday and to 43

Wednesday. But the lines just got longer at the palace where Diana's body lies, unseen by the public, in the Chapel Royal.

As the funeral date approaches, people repeatedly tell reporters and one another that one of Diana's greatest appeals was that she was an accessible, emotive member of an aloof royal family.

"Diana wasn't like one of them," said office worker Sharon Booth in a condolence line stretching eight hours long. "I certainly wouldn't have come here for any other member of the royal family."

"People in the queue were saying that her boys should be down here now to see how much we



Two women weep outside Buckingham Palace after paying respects to Princess Diana. "People in the queue were saying that her boys should be down here now to see how much we loved her," a mourner said.

loved her," said Peter Rons, who waited four hours to offer condolences. Diana crossed barriers other royals couldn't. I know royals are not supposed to show emotion. Why not?"

Charles, the heir to the British throne, went to collect Diana's body in Paris but has not said a

public word since her death, remaining in Scotland with his parents and the children. That has not burnished his public image.

"Stony dignity is a nice quality in cathedrals, but it is less appealing in human beings," said Scottish commentator Gillian Glover. "Charles must unlearn the lessons

of his whole life if he is not to estrange himself from his boys."

Contributing: London Daily Telegraph, Los Angeles Times

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MICHAEL SNEED
in London

Monarchy mutiny? . . .

The night turned cold. The lines were now 11 hours long. The throngs waiting to sign condolence books for Princess Di were getting tired, restless and cranky. A light rain made candles flicker. Flowers were fermenting. Children whimpered in woolen blankets. But still they came.

And then they started getting angry. Where was the queen? Why wasn't she in London with her grieving people? Why no public pronouncement about Diana's death from the royal family? Why no word from Prince Charles? Why was the flag over Buckingham Palace not at half-staff?



Queen Elizabeth
Royal silence broken

And then came a royal peep. The royal response: The public was giving Charles and his sons strength because of their overwhelming grief. Prince Charles even dispatched flowers to Diana's charities. But was it enough for a public teetering on monarchical mutiny?

"Let's put it this way," said a woman outside Kensington Palace. "I'm fed up with the royal family. They are out of touch. But if you want to know what member of that family was more like us, consider this: It was Diana who took the boys for a Big Mac."

Postcards from London . . .

Salutations from the capital of the queen of hearts.

Did Dodi buy Di a \$1.6 million ring? Did he purchase it next door to the Ritz Hotel? Were bits and pieces of it found in the car? Questions. Questions.

It's no secret the British press is having a field day with the heart murmur of Dodi and Di. But a little extra spice was added to my English breakfast tea when I read quotes from a close Dodi relative claiming the couple were on the brink of disclosing they were getting married. (I then diluted my tea with cream.)

Saudi millionaire Hassen Yassin said that less than four hours before the crash, Dodi said, "It's serious. We're going to get married. You'll hear it very soon." And was Di planning to tell the royal family the day she was killed? More questions.

Please note: Di's family has reported no such plans.

The female factor . . .

Prince Charles not only had reportedly sent Diana a recent note beginning "My Dearest Diana," and ending "lots of love," but Di's close reporter pal, Richard Kay, claims Charles and his lover, Camilla Parker Bowles, hadn't been together for more than a month. Oh, well.

The Crawford factor . . .

Supermodel Cindy Crawford says she got a call from Diana 24 hours before her death telling her: "For the first time in my life I can say that I'm truly happy."

A macabre memo . . .

A Palestinian named Al-Hindi has offered \$1 million for the wreck of the crushed Mercedes, Diana's death car. He says he wants to turn the car into a memorial for the princess. Yeah, sure.

A Rees place . . .

Bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones, whose face was crushed in the crash, is being tended by his wife, Susan, who confirmed that she has been separated from her husband for the last several months.

The Fergie factor . . .

Fergie, the duchess of York, not only has been uncommonly quiet since Diana's death, but is in seclusion comforting her children along with ex-hubby Prince Andrew. (The two are very tight.)

Music notes . . .

Singer Elton John, along with tenor Luciano Pavarotti and singer Sting, have been invited to the funeral. Pavarotti nixed an invitation to sing for fear of crying. "I cry every day since her death," said Pavarotti. It is not 100 percent certain John will sing, although speculation is he will sing Di's favorite tune: "This Song's for You." It is also rumored that Sting will sing "I'll Be Missing You."

Heart murmurs . . .

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton arrives in London late Friday, will overnight on her plane and leave immediately after the funeral Saturday. Chelsea is not going. . . . Sneedless to say, it seems ironic that the paparazzo who is charged with not helping Diana, crawling all over the car to get a picture of the dying Di and taking her pulse, has the last name of Rat.

Last but not least . . .

It was an American tourist who was first to summon help to the crash scene. It made me kind of proud.

PRINCESS DIANA, 1961-1997

At Westminster Abbey, tourists, tears mingle

By HUGH A. MULLIGAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON—For once, a tour guide was speechless at Westminster Abbey, the House of God and the House of Kings, and begged a moment of silence for Princess Diana.

"She was of my generation, I'm a year older," Christina Gosney told her tour group, brushing a tear from her hazel eyes. "This Saturday her funeral will take place in this church. I still can't bring myself to believe it."

Big Ben tolled out 10 a.m. as Gosney led her three dozen charges from Grand European Tours through the cloisters and up to the Great West Door where Diana's coffin will move in solemn procession toward the high altar, the site of 38 coronations and hundreds of royal weddings and funerals.

"I've been doing this for four years and have never broken down before," the tour guide said. She apologized that the abbey was closed while TV technicians set up their camera stations for broadcasting Saturday's sad rituals to the world.

With electricians and carpenters swarming beneath the great vaulted ceiling, her mostly elderly American tourists missed Poets' Corner and the royal tombs of Elizabeth I and her half-sister, Mary Tudor.

But their attention was called to London's latest tourist attraction and photo opportunity, the balcony of Methodist Central Hall, just across from the West Door. That's where, as guide Gosney put it, "your countrymen Barbara Wal-



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Viewing stands take shape outside Westminster Abbey, where Saturday's funeral procession for Princess Diana will end.

ters and Peter Jennings, whom I understand are famous, too, will be broadcasting the funeral." Jennings, in fact, is Canadian.

Cameras clicked dutifully toward that eminent scaffolding.

Up the 513-foot length of the flagstone nave, a BBC technician tested the acoustics acclaimed by world-class organists, while pipetting laborers erected platforms for lights and cameras. A carpenter who banged his head against some scaffolding near Geoffrey Chaucer's canopied marble tomb in the Poets' Corner broke the cathedral silence with an Anglo-Saxonism

that would have been acceptable in the poet's day.

"We didn't have half this lot carrying on when old Winnie was carried in here," a black-robed schoolmaster said, recalling Winston Churchill's 1965 funeral as he led a gaggle and giggle of angelic-looking choir boys through Little Dean's Yard into the adjoining Westminster School.

Royal watchers have been wondering why the burial service for the princess of Wales is being held in the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, as the abbey is officially known, because they say she always regarded it as a hard-luck venue.

Her mother and father were married in the abbey, and their divorce, when she was only 6, was the first of her life's many dark moments. Her father lapsed into deep depression after that and sometimes went for days without speaking to anyone.

But Diana, with her dedication to charities for the poor and the homeless, must have delighted in the abbey's "Royal Maundy" custom, dating to the reign of Edward III. On Maundy Thursday, just before Easter, specially minted coins are distributed to the needy under the watchful eye of the lord high almoner.

Denied entrance to the abbey, tourists and busloads of schoolkids brought bouquets of flowers from street vendors to place on the lawn in Diana's memory.

And 5-year-old Kyri from Nottingham pinned her thesis on a door on the north side of the church, a kindergarten drawing of Diana in a black strapless gown. Her message: "I never met you but I will miss you."



Queen Astrid of Belgium

Belgian queen shared fate

She was young, beautiful, adored by her people and mother of the future king. Then one August day, a car crash cut her life short and plunged the nation into a wave of grief.

For Belgians, the death of Princess Diana evokes poignant memories of their own princess—Astrid, who came from Sweden to marry the heir to the Belgian throne in 1926.

Diana's death Sunday came 62 years almost to the day since King Leopold III lost control of his Packard 120 on a lakeside road in Switzerland. On Aug. 29, 1935, the car plunged off the road, killing his 29-year-old wife instantly. He survived. In a coincidence, Diana's car crashed a few yards from the Place Reine Astrid, the Paris square named for the Belgian queen. Associated Press

Stiffer law for chauffeurs pushed here

In the wake of Princess Diana's death, the Illinois State Crime Commission on Wednesday called for tougher laws against cabdrivers and chauffeurs who drink before taking the wheel.

The commission's proposal, which will be presented to lawmakers as early as next month, includes lowering the legal blood alcohol level for most kinds of service drivers from 0.08 to 0.04.

"It's a shame that it took the death of a princess to bring this issue into focus," said Jerry Elsner, the commission's executive director. "But now it's our responsibility to do something about it."

Federal law already holds truck and bus drivers to the stricter blood alcohol level. Elsner said state law should require anyone who is exempt from the federal regulation—cabdrivers, chauffeurs, emergency vehicle operators and limousine drivers—to be held to the same standard.

Caroline Shoenberger, Chicago commissioner of consumer services, said she supports the plan but, "It just doesn't go far enough."

A city ordinance requires service drivers in Chicago who are convicted of a DUI to be stripped of job-related driving privileges for five years. Michelle Roberts

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Hillary and Di

What the princess could teach the
first lady.

By Margaret Carlson

(797 words; posted Friday, Sept. 19)



Hillary Rodham Clinton has been devoted to Causes all her adult life. Apart from her family, improving the world (by her lights) is what she is about. For Princess Diana, Causes were more than a royal-lifestyle accessory but less than a lifelong passion. Each woman married into a huge opportunity to advance her Causes. And yet Hillary, the born Causenik, has been far less successful--both for her Causes and for herself.

As the official American representative at the princess's funeral, the first lady must have wondered why a small fraction of the outpouring of affection for England's most famous woman couldn't attach itself to this country's most famous woman. Millions of dollars and pounds pour in daily for Diana's favorite charities. Hillary, meanwhile, prepares to co-chair a new Conference on Child Care--a prospect that must make her feel at least a small fraction as weary as everyone else.

It is hard to remember while in the grip of posthumous amnesia, but Diana's press was often as lousy as Hillary's. The media mocked her outsized clothes budget, her downsized tank tops, her affairs, her various dysfunctions, her penchant for New Age cures. The *National Enquirer* pulled its "Di Was Sex Mad" cover off newsstands as soon as it could after the fatal crash. Even the nontabloid London *Sunday Times* had the headline "Diana on the Couch"--above a story questioning the princess's mental stability--in the edition that hit British doorsteps (too late to stop) a few hours after her death.

Both women suffered the indignity of a press obsession with their thighs. Photos from the Clintons' recent Martha's Vineyard vacation featured Hillary in a bathing suit with close-ups of her legs. You would think that the thighs of a woman of Diana's years would yield little in the way of news. But her gym sold photos of her gams to Fleet Street. Her dimpled cellulite was blown up to ghastly proportions and plastered on newsstands.



But Diana was wiser about how to transcend her tormenters. First, she knew not to trouble her pretty little head about matters of institutional power. It could only slow her down. When she successfully put land mines on the world's agenda, she didn't do it by going to the United Nations or 10 Downing St., but to the places where the mines had done their ghastly damage. She posed for the photographers, uttered some clichés, and shared her glamour. But it worked.

By contrast, Mrs. Clinton believed that this feminine approach was old-fashioned, and went after executive authority like the boys. She got bogged down in leading a 500-member Health Care Task Force and fighting with subcommittee chairmen on the Hill. And it's not a question of physical beauty: Eleanor Roosevelt also took the Diana approach and got results. When she wanted something to be done about conditions in the mines, she went to (and posed at) the mines, not to the Bureau of Mines.

Diana's second lesson for Hillary is the one she delivered to the royal family: Flex that upper lip. There was a great deal more sympathy for Diana's frailties, once she admitted to them, than the press--bad judges of how readers will process embarrassing revelations--predicted. At a particularly low point after the Squidgy tapes, Diana went on the BBC for a two-hour interview. Her private secretary was so appalled over it that he quit, and the media's assessment was summed up in one paper's headline, "Has She Gone Mad?" But politicians in trouble should pore over that tape for guidance in spin control. With that unfiltered performance, her triumph over the House of Windsor was ensured.

Hillary once made a similar appearance, one that has become known as the "press conference in pink." During the simultaneous controversies over the health care task force, her killing in cattle futures, and her alleged meddling in the White House travel office, she invited reporters into the East Room to hear her explain herself. But by giving absolutely no ground, she gained no sympathy: Everyone thought she was smart, but no one was reminded she was human. Bill Clinton has admitted to causing "pain in my marriage," but his wife has never given the slightest indication she feels any.

Of course, there's the fear that a woman--even a woman whose public role derives entirely from her husband--won't be taken seriously if her portfolio is more princess than prime minister. While Diana was more fame than substance, she accomplished a lot with her 15 minutes once she had it. Land mines made it onto the world's agenda because Diana put them there, using only the cameras and good will at her disposal. Meanwhile, in America, there are still 47 million people with no health insurance.

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For a look at progress in Di's Cause, check the United Nations [Demining Database](#). This Reuters [article](#) recounts how China ignored Hillary when she toured on behalf of her Cause, women's rights. Defenders of Hillary can find solace in the [Hillary Rodham Clinton Fan Club Website](#). A [story](#) in *Salon* details Hillary's friendship with Di.

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