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Heading back to Chicago for her 50th, First Lady Hillary Clinton thanks her hometown for the memories

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UP FRONT



HAPPY RETURN

Celebrating hitting the half-century mark, Hillary Clinton takes the cake (lots of them!) as she revisits her hometown in high style

Photographs by Christopher Little/Outline



A Bill Clinton flew in from D.C. in time for his wife's evening bash.

◀ Young Hillary "stood out from the crowd," said her former teacher.

THE CAKES ALONE MIGHT HAVE done in a lesser woman: a red, white and blue sheet cake, a multiflavor cheesecake and a six-foot Sara Lee. But not once during Hillary Clinton's extended 50th-birthday fete—a nostalgic, day-long visit Oct. 27 to her hometown of Park Ridge, Ill.—did the honoree's enthusiasm flag. (Her actual birthday, Oct. 26, was celebrated at the White House with a surprise visit from Chelsea, home from Stanford.) "I could not ask for a better way to turn 50," she told students gathered for a marching-band welcome at Chicago's O'Hare airport. "It has happened so fast."

Hillary, who had kept a relatively low profile until recent months, seemed happy to be at center stage for her big day. Radiant in a tailored black-wool pantsuit and gold necklace—a birthday gift from the President—she led two busloads of friends on a tour through Park Ridge's leafy streets. At Eugene Field Elementary School her second-grade teacher Caroline O'Laughlin praised A-student Hillary as "my incentive" to keep teaching. At the Chicago Historical Society, where the First Lady sat for an interview with historian Carl Anthony, the audience watched video clips of her mother, Dorothy Rodham, 78, recalling her young daughter. "She was kind of an exasperating little girl because she was right most of the time," said Rodham. Then, along with Mom and brothers Hugh, 47, and Tony, 43 (Hillary's father, Hugh, a drapery manufacturer, died in 1993), Hillary dedicated a park in her name, revisited her childhood home at 235 Wisner Street and accepted a Chicago Bulls jacket from Michael Jordan's mother, Deloris, after joining the President for a bash at Chicago's Cultural Center.

Not that the day was a total lovefest. A handful of right-to-life protesters picketed Hillary's motorcade, while over at Field Elementary, former classmate Sukkie Askew Stanley teased her about having been better at earning Girl Scout badges than attaching them to her sash ("I'm still working on my sewing badge," joked the First Lady). But if hitting the big five-o was taking a toll, it didn't show. "I think the pain of turning 50 is gone for her," said TV producer and longtime friend Linda Bloodworth-Thomason. "When you consider the alternative, she's pretty happy to be here."

■ KIM HUBBARD

■ LINDA KRAMER in *Park Ridge*



▲ At O'Hare airport, students gave the First Lady a birthday card, while two bands played her high school fight songs.



◀ At her childhood home, Hillary (with Mom) admired her commemorative blanket, a gift from the town.



▼ Hillary reminisced with old school chums (like Carol Farley Munson, right) and teachers (Caroline O'Laughlin, left).



MICHAEL SNEED

A Rodham rodeo . . .

Mama's daughter: When first lady **Hillary Rodham Clinton** flies to Chicago for her 50th birthday bash next week, she will be accompanied by her mother, **Dorothy Rodham**, and her brothers, **Hugh** and **Tony**.

Hillaryville . . .

Stats and chat about the big Chitown birthday bash: The first lady did NOT want it to be a fund-raiser a la her hubby's birthday bash. . . . It was **Mayor Daley** and wife **Maggie's** idea to throw a party when they discovered Clinton already was coming to town to do Oprah Winfrey's show on Oct. 28th. . . . And it was hizzoner's idea to dedicate a park in the historic Prairie Avenue District to Hillary. . . . Hillary "has a passion for Chicago hot dogs and pizza," said a close pal, so they'll be served at her party.

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First lady's party puts spotlight on Chicago

Hillary's 50th hits home

BY MICHAEL SNEED
AND LYNN SWEET
STAFF REPORTERS

She's not running from her age. Hillary Rodham Clinton's 50th birthday party will put the national spotlight on Chicago during a daylong extravaganza that will include a visit by the president, a

film crew and a nostalgic tour of her childhood influences.

The celebration will take place on Oct. 27, the day after the first lady's birthday. Historian Carl Anthony, who is doing a documentary on Clinton's life and Chicago's impact on her, and a film crew will capture the day.

The celebration will culminate

with an evening party at the Chicago Cultural Center—complete with a miniature Taste of Chicago, with her favorite local foods.

The first lady's Chicago friends are organizing the activities. The group of hometown buddies will take a bus to Clinton's childhood home in Park Ridge and visit her elementary school and First Unit-

ed Methodist Church, which she attended as a child. Later, Clinton will visit Orchestra Hall, where she once heard the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. speak in the early 1960s.

"Instead of cruising like teenagers, we are going to cruise like 50-year-olds in a bus," said the first lady's pal Betsy Johnson

Ebeling, who spoke with Clinton about the event but is keeping some details secret.

"I didn't want to tell her everything. I told her she will have to have some surprises," Ebeling said.

The first lady also will attend a \$125 a person Democratic Nation-

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50-fest set for Hillary in Chicago

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al Committee fund-raiser.

How big will the 50-fest be? Commerce Secretary Bill Daley has joked that the city will send up fireworks.

Oprah Winfrey also will help Clinton make sense of turning 50 when she interviews her from her Chicago studio on Oct. 28.

Later, Clinton will be interviewed on the role of the first lady at the Chicago Historical Society. The interview will be conducted by Anthony.

Finally, the land surrounding the city's oldest house—the Widow Clarke House, 1800 S. Prairie in the Prairie Avenue Historic District—will be renamed as a park in honor of the first lady as part of an overall plan to honor women.

The splash for the first lady will come as she enjoys her highest approval rating since 1993, according to a new poll by U.S. News and World Report.

Most of the costs of the day's activities will be underwritten by the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce and private donations.



MICHAEL SNEED

Scoop city . . .

Hillary Rodham Clinton's new press secretary is **Steve "Scoop" Cohen**, who replaced the affable **Neel Lattimore**. Steve hates the name Scoop, which was given to him out of affection.

Hillaryville . . .

Tipsville: Here's an exclusive peek at some more details of the first lady's schedule when she hits town Oct. 27 for her big birthday bash.

■ **Touchdown:** She'll arrive at O'Hare Airport in the first lady's plane, called **Executive One**. (The president will arrive on **Air Force One** that night.)

■ During her visit to her hometown of Park Ridge, she'll address an assembly and see her old teachers at **Field Elementary School**, where she'll also cut a birthday cake made by **Chicago Metallic Co.** of Lake Zurich, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary.

■ She will then go the **Prairie Avenue Historic District**, where the park surrounding the **Widow Clarke House** will be named the **Hillary Rodham Clinton Women's Park of Chicago**.

■ The first lady then will head to a discussion on race relations with young people from throughout the city at **Orchestra Hall**, where she heard a memorable speech by the **Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.** with her church group in the early '60s. Members of her church group also will attend.

■ Clinton picked restaurateur **Phil Stefani** to dole out the eats at her big birthday bash at the **Chicago Cultural Center**. The birthday cake she'll cut there is a big secret, but it's being made by **Sara Lee**. (Eli's Cheese-cake will also make a cake, but it won't be the big one.)



**Hillary
Rodham Clinton**
Big bash is brewing

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KUP'S COLUMN

By Irv Kupcinet

THE CHICAGO visit of first lady **Hillary Rodham Clinton** will be recorded for broadcast and archival purposes by **Bill Kurtis** and **David Axelrod**. Hillary also would like a tape of their efforts.

METRO

Donors to pay for most of Clinton birthday bash

BY LYNN SWEET

SUN-TIMES WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON—Organizers of Hillary Rodham Clinton's 50th birthday festivities in Chicago say most of the goods and services it needs will be donated.

The names of all donors will be made public, said Rick Jasculca, who is helping to organize the birthday homecoming. There is no budget for the events, which are still being planned, he said.

The Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce will host the events, but is not raising money or providing staff. The chamber's role is to "make sure the city and the region get as much positive publicity as possible" from Clinton's visit, said Gerald J. Roper, president and chief executive officer.

Clinton, born in Edgewater Hospital, 5700 N. Ashland, and raised in Park Ridge, will turn 50 on Oct. 26.

She will come to Chicago Oct. 27 for a celebration capped by a party in the Cultural Center, which the president plans to attend.

The day also is set to include a bus trip with childhood friends to Park Ridge and Chicago sites that were important to the young Hillary Rodham. The trip will be used

as a backdrop for a documentary about her.

The financing of the documentary has not been finalized. Neither have arrangements been made to cover costs, if there are any, associated with a Chicago Historical Society program in which historian Carl Anthony will interview the Clinton as part of the documentary, museum spokesman Phyllis Rabineau said.

The city will dedicate a park to Clinton as part of a women's historic project at 1800 S. Prairie.

Lois Weisberg, Chicago's commissioner of cultural affairs, said the city is not charging for use of the Cultural Center, and few costs are associated with the park dedication.

Private and corporate parties pay to throw parties at the Cultural Center; nonprofit organizations do not.

"She is the first lady of the country," Weisberg said. "She is not a major corporation who comes here to have a party."

On Oct. 28, Clinton will speak at a Democratic National Committee Women's Leadership Forum fundraiser at the Sheraton Chicago Hotels and Towers.

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MICHAEL *SNEED* ON *SUNDAY*

Posey patter . . .

South Africa has named a creamy-white Star of Bethlehem lily after veep wife **Tipper Gore**. (The gesture was a thanks to her hubby for focusing on the environment.)

P.S. A rose is named after **Nancy Reagan**. A tulip after **Hillary Rodham Clinton**.



MARY A.
MITCHELL

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Should the first lady be last lady we pity?

Before we get too sappy about Hillary Rodham Clinton's upcoming 50th birthday, let's remember one thing: She will turn an easy 50.

She will be a 50-year-old woman who is still married to a powerful husband. She will have an empty nest, but she will also have the means to fly off and see her baby anytime she darn well pleases.

At 50, Hillary still will have the perfect job. When that job is over, instead of fretting over her youthful competition, the first lady is guaranteed a cushy seat at the top of whatever list she chooses to put her name on.

At 50, Hillary will have been on the cover of all the major magazines, sat in the presence of royalty and heads of state, written a best seller, and influenced the lives of millions of people she will never meet.

While no one's private life is ever as glamorous as their public persona, most women would gladly jump into her pumps. To mark her 50th birthday, Hillary will not get mere golden trinkets, but an entire Chicago park will be named in her honor.

Even so, pundits are sure to depress the rest of us by unduly bemoaning poor ol' Hillary's fate. Time magazine's cover story this month actually portrayed her 50th birthday and empty nest as a symbol that "embodies the challenge facing baby boom women: What's the next act?"

Huh? What "next act"?

Hillary Clinton's life is hardly an example of what women facing 50 are up against. Yes, she may have the crow's-feet and middle-age spread, but she also has a lot less to deal with than the average baby boomer. I'm only a few steps behind her, and I'm already a bit winded.

Although I'm a grandmother, I still have a daughter to get through college, a son to get through high school and college, a niece to get through elementary school, high school and college, and a stepson to get through kindergarten, elementary school, high school and college.

That means I'm still looking at a lifetime of field trips, graduations, homecoming dances, proms and weddings. On the flip side, I have a mother and father, both of whom are in their 70s.

Whatever new challenges that are supposed to come when I turn 50 will have to wait. I will be too busy dealing with the ones I already have. The crossover into the last passage of my life won't find me looking for things to keep me busy. Instead, I will be struggling with responsibilities until the final chapter closes.

If Hillary Clinton's experience epitomizes the angst of female baby boomers turning 50, then many of us are likely to feel a bit cheated when we will have to wait until we are 70 years old to turn 50.

There's no way most of us will be able to take a breath and breeze on to the next victorious moment.

At times like this, I wish baby boomers would act like normal people and just get on with it. The same thing happened when I turned 40. It seemed that every female celebrity in the country turned the corner around the same time. Instead of crying over the loss of their youth, these women coined the phrase "fine and fabulous 40."

They flaunted their defiantly long hair and strutted their firm bodies in short skirts across magazine covers. These were women who actually wanted to have babies after 40, and they succeeded in convincing many of us that we could have it all—the home, the kids, the career—without skipping a beat.

By the time my 40th birthday rolled around, I was in the throes of a midlife crisis. Without drastic action on my part, I was destined to go to my rocking chair a bitter woman who had accomplished nothing more than raising a family and laboring under unfair conditions just to pay the bills.

Before I even thought about it, I had quit my job and was back in college working on a degree. A few years later I had accomplished my goal. It didn't matter that I was stretched in 10 different directions. The only thing that did matter was that I was living up to the image of what a 40-year-old baby boomer's life was supposed to be about.

My success left a bittersweet taste in my mouth.

So, I'm not getting caught up in Hillary's Fortunate 50s birthday bash. I don't begrudge her her success, I just don't want her experience to set the standard for the rest of us. Besides, her picture-perfect transition doesn't inspire me to see 50 as a golden age of opportunity. But the challenge facing a former co-worker does.

After decades of trying, she finally got pregnant at 40 years old. When she turns 50, her biggest challenge will be mustering up the energy to deal with an adolescent brat. Still, my old friend won't be torn between her career aspirations and her desire to watch her baby grow up.

As for turning 50, she'll do it the hard way. I doubt she will even notice

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A fitting birthday bash

No doubt first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton is taking stock of her life, as many of us do when we hit 50. Hers has been a full one: Yale Law School graduate, high-powered attorney, key player in the election of her husband, first as governor of Arkansas and later as president of the United States.

She attempted to wrestle the health care reform bear. She has argued forcefully for women's rights around the globe. Her book, *It Takes a Village*, was a best seller. She helped mold a toothy kid into a poised and polished young woman.

On Oct. 27, she will celebrate her birthday here in Chicago. She and her friends, as one pal described it, will "cruise like teenagers" on a Memory Lane trip to her Park Ridge home, school and church. The first lady will visit Orchestra Hall and cap the day with a party at Chicago's Cultural Center, a soiree that will include a mini-Taste of Chicago.

The city will name a park in her honor in an area known for the number of small enterprises recently started by women, a fitting tribute. Much of the goods and services for this bash will be donated, including the use of the Cultural Center as the venue for the birthday bash. Other donations will come from private sources—all of which is fine, provided the names of the donors are made public, as organizers promise.

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Kup's Column



That toddlin' town

First lady **Hillary Rodham Clinton**, during her 50th birthday celebration in Chicago on Oct. 27, wants to reach out to the many people and organizations that touched her life here. That includes her Park Ridge schools, her church, Gallery 37, the Kinzie grade school, Orchestra Hall (where she heard the Rev. **Martin Luther King Jr.** speak), the Robert Taylor Homes and the Chicago Historical Society's 50th anniversary celebration of **Burr Tillstrom's** "Kukla, Fran and Ollie." She seldom missed the show.

One more time

And the next day, Mrs. Clinton will appear on the **Oprah Winfrey** show and address a Woman's Leadership fund-raiser. (And on the seventh day, she will rest.) **President Clinton** flies in for the birthday gala, and the couple will overnight in Chicago.

Prairie Ave. district puts focus on women

Creativity thrives on historic S. Side

By DELLA DE LA FUENTE
STAFF REPORTER

Once the home of 19th century millionaires, historic Prairie Avenue now is becoming a culturally rich enclave driven by women.

Chicago women who work in art, history and culture abound on the elegant, tree-lined street where the Hillary Rodham Clinton Women's Park will be dedicated on Oct. 27.

Opening restaurants, galleries and an upscale inn, entrepreneurial women are hanging their shingles in the famed Victorian area, hoping to share in the success of the Near South Side's renaissance.

"Women are doing a lot in the neighborhood to make it successful," said Barbara Lynne, president and executive director of the Near South Planning Board. "The park will be a catalyst for encouraging other women to come here to do creative things."

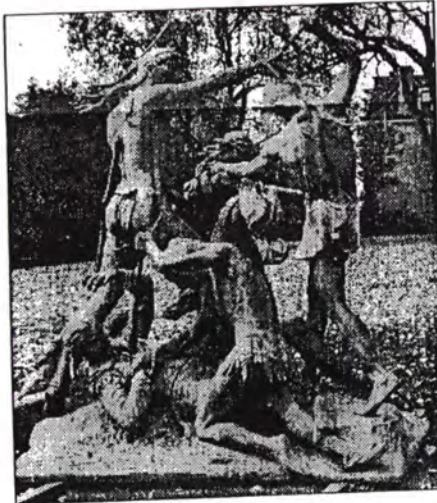
Partners Janet Bloch and Beate Minkovski last month opened their WomanMade Gallery on the first floor of the Elbridge G. Keith Mansion, 1900 S. Prairie. It specializes in art designed and created by women. The home belongs to the daughters of the late Joy Darrow, grandniece of Clarence Darrow.

Inside the year-old National Vietnam Veterans Art Museum, 1801 S. Indiana, chef Cali N. Bergold began dishing up good, healthy cooking at a new eatery called Cafe V in August.

"This neighborhood is very much about art, women, creativity and having a place to gather as a community," said Bergold, who decided to venture into business solo after she tired of trekking to her cooking job in Glen Ellyn.

"Here, we're nurturing ourselves in our work, which helps nurture the community. You also see a lot of cross-marketing going on between businesses. The museum brings people to the neighborhood, and we all benefit," she said.

So far, Bergold's decision has paid off. Her first big catering job—a dinner honor-



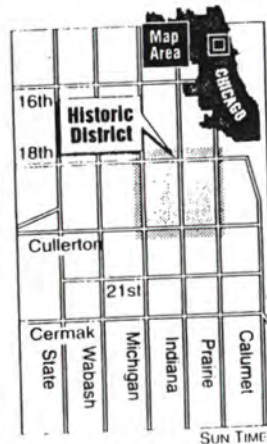
An 1893 sculpture recalling the Fort Dearborn massacre is on the grounds of the new Hillary Rodham Clinton Women's Park.

ing Vice President Al Gore and his wife, Tipper—came even before she opened the restaurant. A three-year resident of the neighborhood, Bergold lives in a loft apartment across the street from the cafe.

Sondra Varco, a founder and executive director of the veterans museum, also is serving up culture in the Prairie Avenue Historic District by featuring the artwork of combat veterans from countries involved in the Vietnam War.

A Victorian mansion on Calumet Avenue, previously the headquarters of Murphy Butter & Egg Co., is being restored and converted to a bed and breakfast by owners Debra and Scott Seger. It's scheduled to open next year.

The new 4-acre park on Prairie Avenue is intended as a sort of sanctuary for women.



JOHN H. WHITE SUN-TIMES PHOTOS

Beate Minkovski shows off some of the artwork at the WomanMade Gallery, on the first floor of the Keith Mansion, 1900 S. Prairie. Many female artists and entrepreneurs have found a home in the Prairie Avenue Historic District.

said Lois Weisberg, commissioner of the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs. Her department will oversee the park. Chicago is one of a handful of cities, including Miami, to create a park in honor of women.

"The neighborhood fosters a wonderful concept of women of the past, present and future," Weisberg said. "We want to develop a park that embraces that idea."

An advisory council of women representing 15 organizations will help design the park, Weisberg said.

"It could include a place to reflect privately or gather with others, maybe with some flower and herb gardens, a women's walk honoring those who have made lasting contributions to the city, and a place to make arts and crafts,"

Weisberg said.

Green space for the park is in the center

of the 1800 block of the historic district bordered by the Glessner House to the north, the Keith House to the south and the Clarke House to the southwest on Indiana Avenue.

The property is secured with a wrought iron fence and sits atop land that previously supported the elegant homes of Chicago's captains of industry. Concrete remnants of some of the demolished homes remain on the property, resembling odd sculpture.

Near the brick wall of the Glessner House, an 1893 bronze sculpture titled "Massacre Monument" commemorates the Fort Dearborn Massacre.

Commissioned by George Pullman and designed by sculptor Carl Rohlf-Smith, the monument portrays the rescue of Margaret Helm by Potawatomi chief Black Partridge. Dr. Isaac Van Vorhees lies dying at their feet, and a child with open arms represents the 12 children killed in the struggle.

Only the white-frame Greek revival Clarke House, the city's oldest residence built in 1836, remains on the site planned for the park.

About 10,000 people visit the historic district annually.

HEVRDEJS
& CONKLIN **INC.**



Hillary beat: Don't expect Hillary Clinton's birthday party to be a buttoned-up event—not when the guest of honor requested a cross-section of Chicago talent for entertainment. First to be inked for the evening's bill is Rockin' Johnny and the LA-Z Boys, a blues group that raises the rafters Thursdays at Bricks. Will **Bill Clinton** and his sax jam with the group?

Reunion: If you've been in a public photo-op with **Hillary Clinton** on one of her many trips here, you may be hearing from the First Lady soon. We hear she wants to invite a wide variety of people she's chatted with to the birthday bash planned for her later this month. White House staffers are painstakingly tracking down these casual acquaintances.

"She's learned a lot about how
to just let things roll off her."

Former press secretary Lisa Caputo

First lady now more at ease with her role

Kinder, gentler Hillary turns 50 Sunday

WASHINGTON (AP) — She wickedly mimics an old law client and his spittoon. She's got a knack with Game Boy that many kids would envy. And friends say her interest in people's lives makes her a terrific gal-pal.

Meet the other Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Five years into her turn as America's first lady, with her 50th birthday arriving Sunday, Mrs. Clinton is letting down her guard a little even as she raises her profile once more in an activist role.

After too many image makeovers even to count, Mrs. Clinton remains a White House force not to be trifled with, earnest as ever in her advocacy for women and children. But friends see a woman less burdened by the weight of her policy passions.

"She now looks at ways to get things done and is much more relaxed about her role," says Ann Stock, her former social secretary. "She's really enjoying where

she is and this stage in life."

Some lessons along the way have been rough.

She once stubbornly held out against an independent counsel investigation of the Clintons' financial dealings that everyone else — her husband included — seemed to think was inevitable.

Now she's the woman pushing for an out-of-court settlement in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case against her husband to avoid an embarrassing trial.

The woman who wanted to overhaul a huge chunk of the U.S. economy with a sweeping health-care reform plan has become the woman who plugs away at bite-sized steps to expand Americans' access to medical care.

Once openly defensive, she's now quietly pragmatic.

"She's learned a lot about how to just let things roll off of her," says Lisa Caputo, a confidante and her former press secretary. "She's learned a lot about herself and her limitations."

Better



AP file photo

Hillary Rodham Clinton, speaking at the University of Maryland this month, is five years into her turn as America's first lady.

And if Mrs. Clinton is more comfortable with her role these days, so are the American people.

The first lady's poll ratings are at their highest levels since 1993, even though people remain divided on whether she should be shaping policy or simply using her stature to spotlight problems that need attention.

To mark this landmark, longtime friends stretching back to

grammar school plan a week-end of celebratory events in Washington, then a trip Monday to her home turf in the Chicago suburbs.

The first lady says she feels awkward about all the hubbub and mental musings surrounding her birthday; the bigger milestone to her lies in the departure of her only child, Chelsea, for college this year.



MICHAEL SNEED

Grub gab . . .

Don't be surprised if Cubs legend **Ernie Banks** is a star at **Hillary Rodham Clinton's** 50th birthday bash Monday. The first lady loves Ernie. . . . **Harrison Ford**, a Hillary fan who hails from Chicago and starred as the president in "Air Force One," is in Japan filming and can't attend the party. But he sent his regards. . . . Gold Coast Dogs and Vienna Beef will be doing the dogs for Hillary's fete. . . . Hey, we got no bananas! **Jeanine Gits-Carmody**, owner of Diana's Bananas—one of 13 Taste of Chicago vendors who will feed Hillary's guests—won't be serving bananas. Jeanine's bananas were deemed "too big," so she'll serve chocolate-covered strawberries instead.

MAD gets the lowdown on Chelsea

By James Warren
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

The president and first lady are empty-nesters, their daughter off to college. And now there's dramatic evidence of how her freshman year is going.

Well, not really dramatic. In fact, it's totally fictional, part of "The Chelsea E-Mails" in the October **MAD**, that still-breathing bastion of satire for youth.

For example, there is an initial message from Chelsea to her mom:

"Today all the incoming Stanford Freshmen heard a welcoming speech by President Gerhard Casper. I liked his comment, but my roommate Alisa told me not to believe a word he said because he's a lawyer and lawyers never tell the truth. When I told her she was wrong because both you and daddy are lawyers, she laughed for five minutes straight! Roommates can be a little weird, I guess."

In another fictional message, Chelsea reveals she's having problems in her accounting class but doesn't really like the professor, who thinks "it's impossible to legally turn \$1,000 into \$100,000 on the futures market in a few weeks, even after I told him that you and your friend Mr. Tyson did," a not-so-veiled allusion to her mom's controversial futures windfall.

Hillary Rodham Clinton responds to that one, telling Chelsea that she may have somehow inherited "your father's lousy business sense. Remember all those funny stories I told you

about the Whitewater Development Corporation?"

The most droll e-mail is her dad's subsequent response to Hillary's mention of the Whitewater investment:

"I saw mommy's e-mail to you. She seems to have forgotten that investing in Whitewater was her idea, not mine. It's very important that you have this story straight—one never knows when one might be called before a Senate committee."

"Remember," the father continues, "they can't impeach mommy. She's not an elected government official! (Although from the way she acts around here, you'd never know it!)"

Quickly: Oct. 27 **Newsweek** is excellent on the at-times-ambiguous matter of learning disabled children. As the society, law and public policy become more expansive in its treatment of those so labeled, a rising array of critics wonders whether the tag can merely obscure lazy kids, lousy schools and overambitious parents who seek a rationale for a child's underachieving ways. There's also a brief but handy primer for parents on the symptoms of bona fide learning disabilities. . . . November **Vanity Fair**, for which President Clinton and Vice President Gore posed (this is the same Clinton who claimed the Paula Jones lawsuit would disrupt his awesome schedule), includes a withering Robert Sam Anson profile of renowned inves-

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tigative reporter Seymour Hersh. There's no shortage of journalists for whom Hersh, chronicler of the My Lai massacre and various CIA misdeeds, is a hero. But this chronicle of his overzealous, slimy modus operandi in pursuing documents related to the Kennedy family for a new book may raise doubts even among longtime acolytes. . . . The Nov.-Dec. issue of **American Enterprise**, from the conservative American Enterprise Institute, again shows why this is a vastly improved, engaging and accessible bimonthly. It focuses on the Republicans' failure to sharply cut the size of the federal government (indeed, actually increasing

spending by many billions of dollars), and relies heavily on examples of state and local successes to suggest there are plenty of road maps for the GOP to follow. Elsewhere, there's a good debate between virtuecrat William Bennett and the famously failed Supreme Court nominee Robert Bork about whether we should get tougher on controlling liquor sales. Bennett says yes, asserting a link between booze and lots of inner city problems, while Bork demurs, contending that society should focus on heightening personal responsibility. (\$6 via 1150 17th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 or call 202-862-5886).

Flurry of events set for first lady's 50th

Grade school visit, park dedication included in return to hometown

BY JIM ALLEN
Daily Herald Staff Writer

Turning 50.

Turning a little gray.

Maybe turning up the husband's first hearing aid.

In a series of appearances on Monday, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will be turning to Chicago to celebrate the bittersweet joy of completing a half century of life, not to mention serve as a reminder to all baby boomers how they now can join the American Association of Retired Persons.

Referring to the publicity surrounding the event, spokeswoman Marsha Berry said, "She said she can never lie about her age now."

Coming a day after her official birthday, Mrs. Clinton's visit to the area will be spent meeting with longtime friends, attending ceremonies and visiting several of the places that shaped her life, including her home and grade school in suburban Park Ridge.

"It's a celebration of Mrs. Clinton's life in Chicago, and she's going to be spending it with the people who mean a great deal to her," Berry said. "The places the first lady will be visiting ... made the foundation of her life and those experiences have contributed to who she is. Acknowledging these milestones is part of what we all do."

A bus tour with her friends will

open with a trip from O'Hare International Airport into Park Ridge, where Hillary Rodham spent her early years. At the same time, White House planners tried to accommodate a little "spontaneity" for surprises along the way.

After landing at O'Hare, Clinton's first stop will be her first alma mater, Field Elementary School. There, she is scheduled to speak to the student body.

Clinton plans to revisit her childhood home at 235 Wisner in Park Ridge.

In the afternoon, Clinton will travel into Chicago to attend the dedication of a park in her honor in the South Loop on 18th Street between Indiana and Prairie

avenues.

She also will participate in a late-afternoon discussion at Orchestra Hall, the place where she was moved by the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1961.

The day's events also will be chronicled by historian Carl Anthony, who plans to interview the first lady at the Chicago Historical Society.

The capstone event will be a birthday party at the Chicago Cultural Center, where the city has been throwing daily birthday parties to celebrate that institution's century milestone. Officials said traditional Chicago fare, including hot dogs, pizza and cheesecake, are certain to be served.

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First lady's 50th casts golden glow on Boomer women

By Bonnie Miller Rubin

TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

In 1947, when Hugh and Dorothy Rodham brought their first child home to their Park Ridge residence, women accounted for less than 3 percent of all students in law and medical schools. The business world wasn't much better: With the exception of clerical staff, downtown office buildings were as white and male as any country club. Even the "help wanted" ads were segregated by gender—and would remain so for another 24 years.

But Hillary Rodham Clinton was born at the front end of the Baby Boom—a cultural, social and political force that would roar through the second half of the 20th Century. Women, in particular, were the beneficiaries of expanded opportunities and led vastly different lives from their mothers. By their sheer numbers, they have shaken up every American institution, from marriage to the military.

And now, Boomer women are ready to rewrite the second act. Turning 50 at the rate of 2 million a year, they will stampede into the golden years (new terminology: "second middle age") and drive the demand

Hillary

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for designer bifocals the way they did for Barbie lunchboxes, college admissions, suburban starter homes, running shoes and minivans. As they receive their AARP cards, it's clear they will be looking for more than bargain matinees and discounts at Sizzler.

But what? Without any blueprint, how will the first lady and her peers confront this great sweep of life, between 50 and 80? They could launch entirely new careers. (And, given longer life expectancy, still end up with a handful of years in which to contemplate the sunset.) Or they could stay in their current fields, but work in different ways. Or will they chuck the paycheck altogether, embracing inner contentment through volunteerism or sailing the Caribbean?

There's even debate over what they will look like. After decades of beating a path to the gym, will they surrender to the wrinkles and generous laps that go along with being a grandmother? Or will they fight it all the way, nipping and tucking to the end?

"To be a Baby Boomer woman is to be in the driver's seat," said Daniel Perry, executive director of the National Alliance for Aging Research, a not-for-profit organization based in Washington. "And we won't see the end until 2064, when the last Boomer—and it will be a woman—goes to her final reward."

In Hillary's case, while there are still three years left in her husband's administration, it is her next step that has generated far more speculation. Perhaps that's because we have seen ex-presi-

dents make this segue before, but it's new ground for a "middle-age" first lady with a blue-chip résumé.

Some see Mrs. Clinton on a college campus; others see her overseeing a foundation or on the lecture circuit. TV producer Linda Bloodworth-Thomason wants her to run for the Senate. "But when I tell her this, she just laughs," said Bloodworth-Thomason, whose friendship with the Clintons goes back to the '80s. "I honestly don't think she has any idea."

The one trend that comes across loud and clear is that the preoccupation with career will give way to a craving for meaning and balance, said J. Walker Smith, of Yankelovich Partners.

That would spark a renewed interest in do-goodism, which has always resonated for the '60s generation. The first lady herself espoused those ideals—as a youth group member at First United Methodist Church, where she baby-sat for migrant workers; later, with a feisty commencement speech at Wellesley College, denouncing "acquisitive and competitive corporate life."

Now, free of the demands of work and family, it will kick in once again.

"We have had so many doors open to us that we have an obligation to help others who haven't been as fortunate," said Susan Fox Gillis, president-elect of the National Association of Women Lawyers—but also a board member for Grateful House, a residential center that serves alcoholic and chemically dependent women in Oak Park. "Many of us are feeling a great need to give back... to return to the ideals we had when life was simpler."

Already, examples abound: Jane



Reuters photo

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton share a light moment during a gathering last week. Clinton will celebrate her 50th birthday on Sunday.

Fonda has retired from movies, but stumps for the Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention, carrying the message to young girls that self-esteem flows from achievement, not whom you sleep with.

Faye Wattleton, head of Planned Parenthood during its most turbulent years, left to start the Center for Gender Equality, a New York-based think tank for women's issues. Erica Jong created an

endowment fund for young women who teach writing at Barnard College, her alma mater.

"At this stage of life, I think it's very normal to want to nurture the next generation," said Jong, who has penned more than a dozen books. "What surprised me, though, was that the need was so strong."

Such altruism will be possible because we won't mind tightening the belt, if it means a saner, more

significant existence.

"All the showoff badges are declining," said Yankelovich's Smith. "They already carry half the weight they did in the early '90s—and that is a fundamental shift. Think about it: You probably see more people who own Mercedeses than who are in control of their lives—and that's what people envy."

Some in the first lady's inner circle predict she will use her formidable legal skills to tackle a cause—such as quality child care, the focus of a White House conference last week.

"Children are a passion. . . . From her years in Arkansas and now traveling across the country, she has heard plenty of horror stories, and I think she could come out swinging on this issue in a way that she can't now," Smith said.

Contrary to popular belief, women become more radical as they get older, experts say. Perhaps they've been paid less, faced a health crisis, gone through a divorce and couldn't collect child support. "These are life experiences for most women," said Gloria Allred, a Los Angeles-based attorney who specializes in feminist issues.

The political awakening of Ginger Spiegel Lane, 57, resulted from a skiing accident 13 years ago that left her paralyzed—an especially cruel fate for a dancer.

"The civil rights movement and the women's movement passed me by because I was busy raising a family. But after my accident, I discovered what it meant to be marginalized; to be set up either as pitiable creatures or superheroes—neither of which we wanted."

So Lane went to Washington and fought for passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990. Two years later, she enrolled in a master's program and is now the peer counseling coordinator for Access Living, an independent living center, and a board member at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago.

"I've learned to never set 5- or 10-year plans," Lane said. "I can live with an uncertainty that I wouldn't have thought possible when I was younger."

Such an attitude will serve women well. Sheer economic survival will keep many of them on the payroll far longer than they had envisioned. What about those generous early-retirement packages offered just a few years ago? "That's going to stop," Perry said. "In fact, corporations will offer incentives for those who stay."

But, like everything else, it will be in a slightly different way. Alternative arrangements—flex time, part time, telecommuting—pioneered by Boomer women to accommodate child-raising also will suit their lives at 68 or 75.

Beyond professional concerns, staying healthy—both physically and financially—is a priority.

Boomer women have fewer children than their predecessors. With the realities of divorce, many more are likely to be single and unable to count on the support of family in their later years. Add rising health-care costs and cutbacks in pensions and government programs, and it's apparent that the safety net for women is fraying, Perry said.

On the plus side, women are better educated, have higher incomes and wield more political clout than at any time in history, all of which has made a tremendous impact on the frontiers of medicine. "Their blatant omission as research subjects has turned the medical establishment on its head, affecting everything from breast cancer to osteoporosis," Perry said. "And menopause? It was barely talked about with their mothers . . . now it's a national obsession."

So is staying and looking young. But does that mean diet and exercise or going under the knife? "The question is whether you want to be ageless or mature. That doesn't mean that we don't want to look as good as we can for as long as we can, but it's up to you to define what that means," said Myrna Blyth, editor of *More*, a magazine launched in April geared to the mature woman, a demographic that advertisers have all but ignored.

That strategy is quickly being scrapped, as Boomers will make up not just the largest market, but the richest. In the current issue—with a 50-year-old Cheryl Tiegs on the cover—the glossy pages are dominated by ads for cosmetics, not denture cream. Editorial content focuses on topics such as aging parents, getting along with adult children and dating when you are no longer at your "Cosmo-like" best.

"Women feel very good about themselves. They've had experiences—both good and bad—and survived. There's a tremendous amount of enthusiasm for this stage of life."

That would sum up the first lady's journey. She has navigated choppy waters, weathered setbacks and displayed resiliency, but without the self-indulgence so often associated with Boomers, her friends say.

"She never overly dramatizes or analyzes her life," said Bloodworth-Thomason. "Her attitude is very much, 'Let's get on with it.'"

Daily Herald

Sunday, October 26, 1997

Alas, youth flees at 50 — but not if some can help it

BY BOB MCKEE
Daily Herald Staff Writer

They come in and look for something fast, red and young — like a Corvette.

"I'm thinking they are trying to refuel some energy or replay that tape (of life)," said Louis Mathews, who sees plenty of new fiftysomethings as a salesman at Horizon Chevrolet in Naperville. "(They want) something with speed in it, something that will call attention and has a lot of excitement."

Whether it's buying a fast car or joining a health club, hitting the half-century mark often inspires some to attempt to hold on to youth. And as the country's most-famous

50-year-old today, some might expect first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton to start sporting trendy clothes or signing up for step aerobics.



Hillary Rodham Clinton

"No, I don't think so," said Betsy Ebeling, the first lady's best friend, as she was rushing off to Washington, D.C., for the East Coast bash.

"She has all of us to get her through it, so she'll be just fine."

Ebeling and husband Tom, of Arlington Heights, will return to Chicago on Monday with the first

lady, a Park Ridge native, for a birthday retrospect.

Clinton will visit with old (long-time) friends and stop by her grade school, childhood home and several other local haunts as she marks this rite of passage.

Though life expectancy continually increases, turning 50 still is "the mark of coming of old age," said Bernard Beck, associate professor of sociology at Northwestern University. "It's time you take stock," Beck says. "This is the point at which you are ... no longer on your way to somewhere, but it is where you've gotten to."

It's a time when people ask themselves if they are where they want to be financially and professionally,

Beck said.

And as baby boomers — reluctant to step aside for younger people to take over — they want to hold on to youth, Beck said. Thus, the sporty car or exercise program.

"They don't have to be a mom anymore. They have time to take care of themselves," said Anne Adolfson, who sees some first-time 50-year-old exercisers at Women's Workout World in Arlington Heights.

For others, the fifties are a wake-up call to do something to prevent problems their elders face, like heart disease or other illness.

"It doesn't dawn on them until they are 50 ... it's a mortality thing," Adolfson said.

But Dr. Stewart Segal warns that

health risks are more than just a state of mind.

With the 50s comes a greater risk of heart disease and cancer because, basically, the body is aging.

Instead of mourning, Segal says, people should "physically invest in their health" — eat well and exercise.

And, as for the theory that says people have lived the best part of their lives when they hit 50: "That's bull, unless you believe it," says Segal, who practices at Lake Zurich Family Treatment Center.

Beck obviously agrees.

"It's just a number," he said. "There are plenty of people who are washed up before they're 50 and others who are turning heads (with accomplishments or physique) long after."

Kup's Column



A reporter's report

With **Hillary Rodham Clinton** celebrating her big 5-0 birthday today, the first lady revealed her three major wishes on her natal day in an interview carried by L.A. Times International. "The first would be world peace," she declared, "wishing that between my birthday and, say, the end of the year we could see a breakthrough in Northern Ireland, further reconciliation in Bosnia and a renewal of meaningful peace talks in the Middle East."

More Hillary birthday wishes

"My second wish," continued the first lady, "is that families the world over could be healthy and that love and kindness and civility would prevail."

Every mother's concern

"My third wish is more personal. I wish I could stop feeling so bereft about **Chelsea's** being away at college. She is such a joy to us, and I *know how capable she is*. Still, I wish I could feel more positive that everything is fine. Perhaps then I could quit worrying about her. Perhaps then I could more wholeheartedly enjoy her new adventure."

That toddlin' town

Mayor Daley, who spent last week nursing a severe cold, will be up bright and early Monday, ready to announce his stronger ethics rules to prevent another "Huels" embarrassment. . . . The first lady's jam-packed birthday celebration Monday in the Cultural Center, with the president flying in to join the festivities, will be followed Tuesday by her speech to the Women's Leadership Forum at the Sheraton Hotel.

Now hear this

The political changes continue: In the wake of **Loleta Didrickson's** decision to change her goal from secretary of state to U.S. senator, another Republican who planned to run for the same Senate seat, former Rep. **Michael Patrick Flanagan**, now is having second thoughts and may not run. . . . The 8th Ward Democrats will salute **John Stroger**, their ward committeeman and Cook County chairman, Tuesday at the Martinique restaurant. Stroger's campaign for re-election as County Board president will be directed by political veteran **Jerry Austin**.



MICHAEL SNEED ON SUNDAY

First lady to get taste of poetry, blues at bash

Morning matters: First lady **Hillary Rodham Clinton**, who is heading to Chicago Monday to celebrate her 50th birthday, will be eating Ann Sather's famous cinnamon buns on her birthday bus.

■ After-noon addendum:

Gwendolyn Brooks, Illinois' poet laureate, has written a very special poem in honor of the first lady, which will be read by her daughter, **Nora Brooks Blakely**, at 2:15 p.m. Monday at the dedication of the Hillary Rodham Clinton Women's Park on 18th Street between Indiana and Prairie avenues.

■ Evening attire: Headline entertainment for Clinton's evening birthday party at the Chicago Cultural Center will be **Buddy Guy** and **Koko Taylor**. Dance music will be provided by the Gentleman of Leisure.

■ Hmmm. At last peek, **Oprah Winfrey**, on whose show Clinton is scheduled to appear Tuesday morning, had expressed an inability to attend her birthday par-



Gwendolyn Brooks

Sneedlings . . .

U.S. Sen. **Carol Moseley-Braun**, who is devoted to cultural and historic preservation, took time out recently to address the Artifact Conservation symposium chaired by the Chicago Area Conservation Group, which is headed by conservator **Craig Deller** of Geneva. . . . Chicago Sun-Times editorial board member and columnist **Mary M. Mitchell** will speak on health issues Nov. 6 at a Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization forum at the Association House of Chicago.



■ **Over the Hill(ary):** As part of her 50th birthday celebration, Hillary Rodham Clinton will unwrap the Hillary Rodham Clinton Women's Park in the 1800 block of South Prairie on Monday. The first lady has scheduled a two-day birthday visit to her home turf.



**Hillary
Rodham Clinton**

■ As Hillary Rodham Clinton turns 50, she joins other women who are shattering stereotypes about age. But some problems—such as poverty—persist, writes staff reporter **Brenda Warner Rotzoll, 58.**

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RUTH FREMSON ASSOCIATED PRESS

No one could say that Hillary Rodham Clinton, at 50, is over the hill.

Milestone no longer millstone for most women

Female and 50. From pantyhose and comfortable shoes to education, health, jobs and leisure, it's not what it used to be—thank heaven.

Fifty used to sound like the end of life as we'd known it. Kids gone, looks going, opportunities few. Often it meant being put on the shelf—in your own mind, and in other people's minds.

Today, who can think Hillary Rodham Clinton is going to be put on the shelf because she turned 50 Sunday. With her child off to college, the first lady isn't playing empty-nester. She's taking up the battle for child care.

Clinton will be tearing through Chicago at a marathon runner's pace today as her old-school friends toss a moveable feast of a birthday party for the Park Ridge native.

Women no longer have to look young or wear high heels to be accepted.

"I had a face-lift when I was in my 50s. I would no more fuss over that now," said Nancy Roberts, 70, of DeKalb, who globetrotts regularly on behalf of the American Refugee Committee. She wears comfortable clothes and shoes and remembers with joy the advent of pantyhose in the 1960s. Until then, women held up stockings with torture-chamber girdles or garter belts.

Working when you had children was frowned upon. Men needed jobs to support families. I remember my mother coming home white-faced and shattered when, times being tough in my father's business around 1950, she sought to return to the small-town bank she had once all but run. No jobs for married women with children, she was told.

Today, women over 50 may be doctors, lawyers or top corporate executives—although the majority still have much more humdrum and lower-paying jobs. They may be sought out for the experience they bring to a job. Or, like many men of the same age, they may find themselves forced out through corporate downsizing and be unable to find a new job commensurate with their talents.

One thing that applies to almost every woman of 50 today is that she is healthier than her mother and grandmother were at the same age.

"Everybody's health is better nowadays. We're more into exercise and healthy eating, and it's paying off. We do have people who are feeling better and living



JOHN H. WHITE SUN-TIMES

At 70, Nancy Roberts is too busy helping refugees to worry about her age.

longer," said Fran Lubelchek, 57, of Northbrook.

She and her two partners were over 50 when they decided to found Vital Times, a free Chicago monthly newspaper dealing with post-50 interests such as health, switching jobs, hobbies and travel.

"I've found it's fun being a senior because if you go to a motel or the movies, you can get discounts," said Edie Fitts, 63, of Elgin. She had very few role models when she went straight from college to a major

advertising agency on Michigan Avenue.

Fitts said she is happy with a wonderful family and a couple of grandchildren, but when she saw 50 approaching, she wanted to be sure that before she finished her career, "I had accomplished what I wanted to do." That happened when she combined her career with her private passion for music and spent seven years as marketing director for the Elgin Symphony.

"One of the biggest changes is in the electronics field. Women have learned to play with men's toys: cell phones, computers, cars," Fitts said.

The playing field may not yet be level, but at least women can get onto it more easily. Fitts recalled having to go in the side door at the Union League Club years ago, when women couldn't be regular members. Ten years ago, all seven major downtown clubs were forced by city ordinance to admit women to full membership, giving women access to the places where many of Chicago's largest deals are worked out over lunch or a squash game.

On the health front, 50 is kids stuff these days, says Dr. Martin Gorbman of the University of Chicago Hospitals. As a geriatrician, Gorbman specializes in the care of older adults. He said two big changes have been in the understanding of heart disease in women—smoke and drink like men and you'll get heart attacks like men—and osteoporosis, the thinning of bones that can lead to broken hips.

He said if women start early enough with exercise, proper diet and preventive

MORNINGLINE

Is turning 50 niftier than it used to be?

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Phone lines open until 5:30 p.m. today. (A charge for a local call to downtown Chicago applies.) Returns in Tuesday's Sun Times.

measures that may include calcium supplements, they can prevent osteoporosis and avoid fractures "that may lead to pain, immobility and reduction of activity."

Dr. Nehama Dresner, a psychiatrist at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, noted that in 1900 a woman's average life-span in the United States was 50 years, whereas today it is 81. "There are many more

post-menopausal years women are living than they used to. That's a period of life we need to explore in much greater detail."

Irene Nelson, 74, president of the Southeast Chicago chapter of OWL, the Older Women's League, said that "I came along at a time when African-American people didn't have anything. My first job I made \$2.50 a week working in a home of some people who had a big plantation in Mississippi. Back then, by the time a woman was 50 she was so old she was barely able to get up."

Women's problems today are more apt to come after age 65, when most find that whether they've worked in the home or out of it, they haven't much to retire on.

"Do women over 50 have it better?" asked Roberta Weiner, OWL spokesman in Washington, D.C. "The big dirty little secret is that despite the media image of all of us as carrying briefcases and going to offices, the majority of women entering the workforce are still entering in low-paying jobs with few if any benefits. Women 65 and over in 1995 had a median income of \$9,935.

"We have to educate younger women so that they take steps to mitigate the kind of poor old age that women have today," Weiner said, teaching them to put money into IRAs and 401k retirement savings, and to seek jobs with benefits, even if they are low-paying jobs.

Helen Thomas, who at 77 is UPI's very active White House correspondent, said these days being older "has a very big liberating effect" in what women expect of themselves. The down side, she said, is that when still working at her age, "you have to defend yourself for still being alive. I don't see why that's necessary."

Full, festive day here for first lady

The two-day extravaganza marking first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's 50th birthday in her hometown will begin with a visit to her girlhood home and elementary school in Park Ridge.

Then she'll travel to 18th and Prairie for the dedication of the Hillary Rodham Clinton Women's Park and the reading of a poem in her honor by Illinois poet laureate

■ Party day in D.C.: Page 26.

Next, it's off to the newly renovated Symphony Center, followed by an interview with historian Carl Anthony at the Chicago Historical Society, then a birthday bash for the Chicago Cultural Center.

PHOTO PRESERVATION

Private parties in D.C. mark Hillary's 50th



Hillary Rodham Clinton
Chicago celebration today

BY SONYA ROSS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—A steady drizzle and damp chill didn't keep Hillary Rodham Clinton, who turned 50 on Sunday, away from a private birthday party attended by nearly 500 people on the South Lawn of the White House.

The guests at the three-hour party "were people from the different times of her life," Marsha Berry, the first lady's press secretary, said.

Also there were the president, daughter Chelsea, who was home from Stanford University, and Clinton's mother and two brothers.

Berry said the party, which was not open to the media, had a state fair atmosphere with the tent decorated to reflect the five decades of Clinton's life. In each area were friends and acquaintances from those periods, including people who knew her as a child, in college, in

Arkansas and in Washington.

The gathering was a prelude to what's in store for Clinton beginning today: a two-day public celebration in her hometown of Chicago that includes a speech, a chat with a historian, a birthday bash at the Cultural Center and a TV appearance with Oprah Winfrey.

In true Washington fashion, Clinton's special day was fodder for the Sunday talk shows. ABC-TV's "This Week" offered a video birthday card in which average Americans politely swore that Clinton looked much too young to be 50.

Clinton began celebrating her birthday minutes after midnight early Sunday during a surprise party at a Washington hotel. The first lady got a hint that something was up Saturday night when she and President Clinton left the annual black-tie gala of the National Italian-American Foundation and their limousine suddenly detoured from the White House toward the Sheraton Luxury Collection Hotel.

Mrs. Clinton turns 50 with 500 at party

ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The party, in a tent decorated with a different motif to reflect each decade of her life, interrupted what otherwise was a quiet and secluded Sunday for the Clintons. They didn't even emerge for church as they usually do.

Those invited "were people from the different times of her life," said Marsha Berry, the first lady's press secretary. Also there were the president, daughter, Chelsea, and Mrs. Clinton's mother and two brothers.

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Mrs. Clinton began celebrating her birthday minutes after midnight early Sunday by taking a few spins around the dance floor during a surprise party at a posh Washington hotel.

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Still, aides said, she was genuinely surprised by the party, attended by about 100 friends and daughter Chelsea, who trekked across the country for her mom's birthday.

It was Chelsea's first trip home since she began her freshman year at Stanford University a few weeks ago.

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Democrats to put First Lady on grill for fundraiser

With all the hoopla over **Hillary Clinton's** visit, be assured there is a commercial break in her schedule. The First Lady plans to headline a fundraiser for the Democratic National Committee and its women's leadership council on Tuesday, when, for \$125, you might get to question her in a "town hall" meeting at the Chicago Sheraton. Co-chairs are attorney **Chaz Ebert** (wife of movie whiz **Roger**) and food exec **Sue Gin**.

Daily Southtown

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Chicago-style birthday bash awaits Hillary

CHICAGO (AP) — The party for Hillary Rodham Clinton's 50th is just beginning.

The first lady spent a quiet birthday at home Sunday, but her Chicago friends plan a celebration Monday that starts with a tour of her old neighborhood and ends with a cake so big it needs to be delivered in three vans.

Hillary also plans to squeeze in a visit to a Democratic fundraiser during her two days in Chicago, where she'll be joined by the president and a film crew making a documentary on her life.

About a dozen of Hillary's friends plan to take her on a bus tour of Park Ridge, the suburb where she grew up. Monday will be proclaimed Hillary Rodham Clinton Day by the mayor.

There will be a stop at Hillary's childhood home, which she has not visited since she graduated from Maine East High School in 1965, her spokeswoman Marsha Barry said.

Then the group plans to visit Field Elementary School and First United Methodist Church, both of which the first lady attended as a child. At Field,

fifth- and sixth-graders got ready for Mrs. Clinton's visit by painting about 150 pictures of her.

Later, her friends plan to take her to Chicago's Orchestra Hall, where she once heard the Rev. Martin Luther King speak during the 1960s.

As a gift from the city, a new four-acre park will be named in her honor. One proposal for the Hillary Rodham Clinton Women's Park of Chicago calls for a special walk honoring women's contributions to the city.

The day will culminate with an

evening party with about 1,000 people at the Chicago Cultural Center — with a mini-Taste of Chicago, featuring pizza, hot dogs and many other of Hillary's favorite foods.

Sara Lee Corp. is making the birthday cake. The Chicago-based company is keeping the details secret, but company spokesman Doug Dome said it took six bakers to make and will need to be transported in three vans.

Private donors are paying for most of the festivities.

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A surprise for the first lady on her 50th

WASHINGTON — First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton spent her 50th birthday at home Sunday, where family and a few hundred friends treated her to a "surprise" party.



Hillary Clinton

The tent party on the White House lawn had a "state fair" theme with booths featuring foods and memorable events from each of the five decades of the first lady's life.

Among the guests were Holly-

wood pals Ted Danson, Mary Steenburgen, Linda Bloodworth-Thomason and Harry Thomason, former Labor Secretary Robert Reich, and Clinton's kindergarten buddy from Illinois, Ricky Ricketts.

In addition to President Clinton and daughter Chelsea, family members on hand to help celebrate included her mother, Dorothy Rodham, and brothers Tony and Hugh.

Today, the first lady is to visit Park Ridge, her childhood home, for more commemorations and an appearance on the Oprah Winfrey show.

See story on Page 2.

First lady spends quiet 50th birthday

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton spent a quiet 50th birthday Sunday, ensconced at home with her husband and daughter after a surprise party that had her dancing until the wee hours. She is expected to return to her hometown of Park Ridge on Monday to celebrate her birthday with childhood friends.

The weather in Washington was in the low 50s and damp, which kept the first family firmly indoors. Not a peep came from the White House residence all day; the Clintons didn't emerge for church or even an impromptu birthday brunch.

In true Washington fashion, Mrs. Clinton's special day was fodder for the Sunday talk shows. ABC-TV's "This Week" offered a video birthday card in which average Americans politely swore that Mrs. Clinton looked much too young to be 50.

"Oh, to be 50 again! Just a kid!" said host Sam Donaldson, 63, as he wished Mrs. Clinton a happy birthday with a quote from poet Robert Browning: "The best is yet to be, the last of life for which the first was made."

Sunday's low-key activity was in stark contrast to what's in store for Mrs. Clinton beginning Monday: A public, two-day celebration in her hometown of Chicago that includes a speech, a chat with a historian, a birthday bash at the Chicago Cultural Center and a



First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton is surprised with a birthday cake by hotel banquet manager George Pulles while attending the National Italian American Foundation dinner in Washington on Saturday.

Associated Press Photo

TV appearance with talk show maven Oprah Winfrey.

But a relaxed birthday seemed in order because Mrs. Clinton began celebrating in the minutes after midnight by taking a few spins around the dance floor during a surprise party at a posh hotel here.

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Granger along for the ride on first lady's visit — Page 7

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Still, aides said, she was genuinely surprised by the party, attended by about 100 friends and daughter Chelsea — who trekked across the country for her mom's birthday. It was Chelsea's first trip home since she began her freshman year at Stanford University. The first daughter crept into the White House from the airport about 2 a.m. Saturday.

The surprise party was planned by Washington socialite Buffy Caffritz and Ann Jordan, wife of Clinton's adviser Vernon Jordan. Party-goers sipped cocktails, then enjoyed a buffet dinner and a giant mocha cake with white icing and far fewer than 50 candles.

PHOTO PRESERVATION

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Late Sports Final



ROBERT A. DAVIS SUN TIMES

Birthday wishes for first lady

Hillary Rodham Clinton thanks Nicholas Poplawski (right), after he and other students at her alma mater, Field Elementary School in Park Ridge, helped her blow out the candles on a cake for her 50th birthday. Clinton blew into town Monday for a day of parties and other honors. Story, Page 3.

Wall St. holds its breath

Dow plunge halts trading

BY DAVID ROEDER
BUSINESS REPORTER

The big-money folks slashed their stock holdings Monday, causing a near free fall in the Dow Jones industrial average and widespread worry that small investors would do the same starting today.

Analysts were worried that many small investors, who have gotten used to steady gains in mutual funds and retirement accounts, would join the selling parade and put their money in the bank instead of stocks.

The Dow Jones industrial average, foremost barometer of quality

stocks, sustained its worst point loss ever—554.26 points, or 7.18 percent, to close at 7,161.15. The day recalled Black Monday of 1987, when the Dow fell 508 points—a 22 percent drop because the Dow was much lower.

Analysts said declines of the Dow since the middle of last week have been caused by concerns over the Hong Kong stock market, where losses are getting worse. In trading early today, the Hong Kong stock index was off more than 15 percent, extending its loss to about 34 percent for the year.

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Kevin Orie, third baseman of the Cubs, gives Hillary Rodham Clinton with a Cubs jersey commemorating her 50th birthday. President Clinton attended the festivities at the Chicago Cultural Center Monday night.

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"It is possible to come home. . . . I could not ask for a better way to turn 50."

—Hillary Rodham Clinton



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Betsy Eberling and Ricky Rickets, former classmates at Field Elementary School in Park Ridge, hold up an autographed photo of Hillary Rodham from the 1958-59 school year during a visit Monday to their alma mater.

Hillary happy to be home

Celebrates 50th with friends, family

BY ADRIENNE DRELL
STAFF REPORTER

Hillary Rodham Clinton just turned 50, and just to be sure nobody here missed it, the first lady blew into town Monday for a birthday bash in her old hometown.

"It is possible to come home," she said. Of course, she had a little help.

Mayor Daley proclaimed it "Hillary Clinton Day," the mayor of Park Ridge named the street corner outside her childhood home in her honor, a South Side women's park was dedicated to her—and friends and people from her past sang "Happy Birthday" at least five times.

"With a day like that even Thomas Wolfe might not have minded going home again."

"I could not ask for a better way to turn 50," Clinton told friends, family and people from her past as she arrived at O'Hare Airport.

It was a combination birthday party, homecoming and symbol for others of her generation as they approach the big 5-0.

There was no talk of Whitewater or campaign finances. But during a stop at her alma mater, Eugene Field Elementary

School, Clinton joked about her sophomore year at Maine East High School, where she was the only girl in a speech class and the boys "tried to rattle me."

"After that, Washington's nothing," she said.

The day was laced with such memories, as the first lady barnstormed the area with her mother, Dorothy Rodham, younger brothers, Hugh and Tony, and an entourage that included old teachers, classmates and her Girl Scout leader.

President Clinton joined the first lady late Monday for her party at the Chicago Cultural Center, joking that it seemed like they had been celebrating her birthday for 51 days.

"Before I knew Hillary, you could put what I knew about Chicago in a thimble and still have space left over," the president told the crowd. "But after I met her there was no other city on the face of the earth."

The gala was a Who's Who of Democratic politics with a dash of show-biz thrown in.

Former Cook County Assessor Tom Hynes and former Attorney General Neil Hartigan mingled with actor Ted Danson and Blues great Koko Taylor.

But much of the visit was a trip down memory lane.

One friend remembered the time a sixth-grade Hillary put her all into an effort to persuade her father to let her wear nylons to a commencement, circulating petitions and coaxing other girls to sign. She wound up wearing white anklets.

Just before a tour of her girlhood home—her first since her parents sold it in 1987—Clinton remembered playing softball out front, using manhole covers as bases. And she told reporters about the first time she brought future husband Bill to meet her gruff Republican father, Hugh Rodham.

"In three days' time [Bill Clinton] totally charmed him," Clinton said. "It was the first Democrat he ever liked."

Park Ridge Mayor Ron Wietecha named the nearby corner, Elm and Wisner, in the

first lady's honor.

Clinton also took time out for a stop at Orchestra Hall for a discussion with high school students about race. She told the young people about coming to hear the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. speak there in 1962.

The Rev. Donald Jones, who brought the 15-year-old Hillary and her classmates to hear the civil rights leader, told the students Monday about his charges being introduced to King backstage.

"She followed the path of Martin Luther King in volunteerism," Jones said.

From there, Clinton went to a park dedicated to her near 18th Street and Indiana Avenue.

And just in case the message was missed, Clinton underscored it early, after the Child's Play Touring Theater of Chicago sang "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child" the title of the first lady's 1996 bestseller.

"On the plane, I thought back to the years I lived in Chicago, and the song made me realize I had a village to raise me—churches, neighbors and social groups," she said. "That's really why I came back: to thank everybody that was a part of my upbringing."

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No shortage of 'crashers' for Hillary's bash

For a party that was supposed to be for a mere 200 of her closest friends, **Hillary Rodham Clinton's** 50th birthday party Monday at the Chicago Cultural Center mushroomed into a lot more—a crowd of more than 1,000, including pals **Ted Danson** and **Mary Steenburgen**.

How hot was the invite to the party? Organizers were still getting calls from folks wanting to celebrate with Hillary at 4 p.m.

Some observations:

■ Lots of sports figures, from **Billy Williams** and **Harry Caray** to **Willye White**.

■ Political figures? Everywhere you turned, there was a Daley, plus **President Clinton's** ace assistant, **Rahm Emanuel**, a Chicagoan who replaced **George Stephanopoulos**. Also, **David Wilhelm** was there as was **Jim Burns** and **Tom Hynes Jr.**, drumming up votes for his Illinois comptroller bid.

■ City Hall honchos included **Gery Chico**, **Jim Sheahan** and **Forrest Claypool**.

■ We got advice for Hillary on the joys of turning 50 from Mike's mom, **Deloris Jordan**: "You feel good about who you are. You know where you're going and you don't have to take anyone's mess at this stage of the game."

■ At one stop on Hillary's day of meet and greet, a woman wanted a photo with the First

Ghoulish figures: Vice President Al Gore and his wife, Tipper, strike a scary pose Sunday night at their Washington home. The Gores were dressed up for their Halloween party.

Lady but no one was available to snap it—until a Secret Service agent took the camera and shot the picture.

School daze: President Clinton's staffers are worried about his recent hoarseness during this visit. In particular, it could impact his Tuesday morning photo op at Oscar Mayer School. The prez, **Mayor Daley** and U.S. Rep **Rod Blagojevich** (his district) are speakers in what will be another love fest over **Paul Vallas'** progress with city schools. Blagojevich is the only speaker who is actually a Chicago public school alum.

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First lady's 50th: Cake, pizza, memories

**By Bonnie Miller Rubin
and Ginger Thompson**

TRIBUNE STAFF WRITERS

From the moment her plane touched down in the early-morning frost at O'Hare—where she was greeted by marching bands from her alma maters, Maine East and Maine South High Schools—until the last morsel of deep-dish pizza was consumed some 16 hours later, Hillary Rodham Clinton took a trip down memory lane to celebrate her 50th birthday.

The day was capped with a birthday bash held in the marble ballroom of the Chicago Cultural Center, a glittering affair attended by some 1,000 people—including actors Ted Danson and Mary Steenburgen, singers Koko Taylor and Buddy Guy, Deloris and Juanita Jordan (Michael's mom and wife), broadcaster Harry Caray and assorted



Tribune photo by Charles Cherney

President Clinton and his wife, Hillary, admire her giant birthday cake.

current and former Cubs players. When Bill Clinton stepped to the podium, it was as a husband rather than a president.

"This has been an unforgettable day in her life," Clinton said. "You could not have made a kinder, warmer gesture than the one you made today and

SEE FIRST LADY. BACK PAGE

Birthday girl gets to be homecoming queen

First Lady Hillary Clinton comes home to celebrate her 50th birthday, visiting old haunts with family and friends, who remembered when she was Hillary Rodham.

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I am profoundly grateful.

"Before I met Hillary, what I knew about Chicago you could fit in a thimble. After I met her, I thought it was the only city in the world."

Her birthday was Sunday—but that didn't dampen Chicago's enthusiasm Monday, including a half-dozen cakes and countless choruses of "Happy Birthday" echoing from her Park Ridge elementary school to a Near South Side park. The park was renamed Hillary Rodham Clinton Women's Park in her honor.

"I'm filled with gratitude for all the people who helped me grow up," said the first lady, who spent her formative years in suburban Chicago. "I had a village of adults—at school, at church, in the neighborhood—all that it takes to raise children."

Accompanied by her mother, Dorothy, and her two brothers, Hugh and Tony, the celebration was part "This is Your Life" and part 1950s time capsule—with references to "Weekly Reader," "Kukla, Fran & Ollie," Girl Scouts ("I'm still working on my sewing badge," she said), and going home for lunch (Campbell's tomato soup and grilled cheese, cut in triangles).

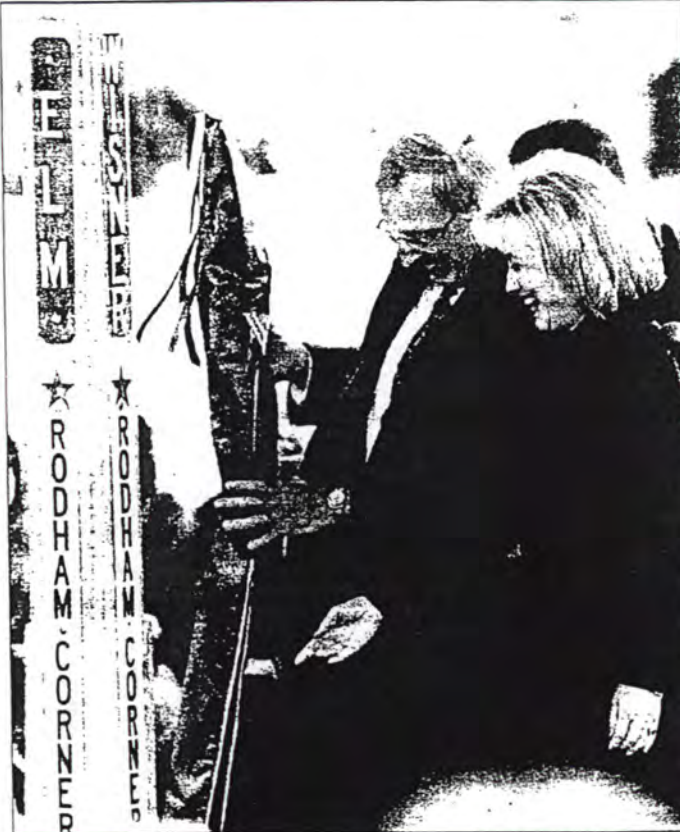
At Field School in Park Ridge, campaign reform and Whitewater seemed light years away as the first lady sat in the library surrounded by 11 friends and former teachers. One by one, they shared their favorite memories about her.

"I feel so lucky that we've stayed in touch," Hillary said. "This is the best part of my husband's public life."

With the Cold War era as a backdrop, Ricky Ricketts—a friend for more than 45 years—recalled a teacher who preached "Better dead than Red." When Ricketts leaned over to a young Hillary and whispered, "I'd rather be alive," it triggered a wave of giggles that got them both kicked out of class.

That appeared to be Hillary's only transgression. Other than a rocky performance in driver's education, tales of 75-page term papers, student council and homecoming floats dominated the day.

Next to the rowdiness of her brothers—"the boys" as everyone



Tribune photo by Charles Osgood

Hillary Rodham Clinton watches as Park Ridge Mayor Ron Wietecha unveils a sign near her childhood home at Wisner and Elm Streets on Monday, designating it as Rodham Corner.

seems to call Hugh and Tony—a running theme was the strictness of her father. Classmate Marcia Boemi Buchanan recalled how their parents forbid the daughters to wear nylons for Field's 6th grade graduation.

Already adept in the democratic process, the two girls circulated a petition asserting that they should be allowed to cross that all-important hosiery threshold to young womanhood. (The dreaded anklets remained.)

Turning 50 was not nearly as treacherous a transition as adolescence—specifically, Hillary recalled, being the only sophomore girl in a speech class full of senior football players.

"They took it because they thought it would be an easy A... and they would sit up front and insult me and rattle me," said Hillary, wearing a gold choker the president gave her as a birthday present. "After that, Washington was nothing."

At the Rodhams' Park Ridge home, crowds lined up to welcome the first lady back to the old neighborhood—the first time Hillary has returned since her family sold the house in 1987. Neighbors stood four deep along the leafy street, anxious for a glimpse of the first lady. They toured the handsome brick Georgian.

"This is very exciting," said one woman, who didn't give her name.

"Although I think there'd be even more enthusiasm if her husband was a Republican."

Mayor Ron Wietecha presented the family with a water color of the Pickwick Theater, a favorite childhood haunt, and a street sign designating the intersection of Wisner and Elm Streets as "Rodham Corner."

The house sparked more reminiscences, particularly about being courted by a certain Arkansas boy.

"My father didn't know what to make of him," said Hillary, whose trip continues Tuesday with an appearance on "Oprah" and speaking engagements. "But after three days, Bill had charmed everybody."

On Chicago's Near South Side, to where the entourage traveled from Park Ridge, a new park celebrating the achievements of women was dedicated to the first lady by Mayor Richard Daley on a 4-acre plot of land that sits amidst a cluster of Victorian mansions once home to notable women's rights figures. Hillary donated several tulip bulbs from the White House garden to the park, saying she hoped each spring their blooms would represent her presence in the city when she is unable to be here.

The audience of some 300 people, mostly women, were unabashed fans, and one person shouted "Hillary for president."

After leaving the park, the first lady visited Orchestra Hall. In 1962, the future first lady and several students from her church group were there to hear Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. deliver a sermon.

On Monday, she said the sermon was a "social awakening" and talked about the experience with a group of high school students along for the visit. The first lady listened raptly to their thoughts on race relations.

But, mostly, the birthday bash was not about public policy or current events. Earlier Monday, while watching the proceedings, television producer and longtime friend Linda Bloodworth-Thomason said: "It's just a simple, uncomplicated outpouring of love. And, in this business, that doesn't happen every day."

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Tribune photo by Charles Cherney

Cub great Billy Williams presents First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton with an encased baseball bat as Harry Caray (left) and the president look on.

First lady goes home for birthday bash

Chicago visit also is meant to polish image

By Mimi Hall
USA TODAY

PARK RIDGE, Ill. — Hillary Rodham Clinton, 50 years old but giddy as a schoolgirl, returned Monday to the *Leave it to Beaver*-style neighborhood of her childhood to reminisce and reintroduce herself as a hometown-girl-made-good.

It was a day to exhaust any baby-boomer superwoman: She left Washington just after sunup, was serenaded by high school bands on arrival in Chicago, visited her elementary school and the house where she grew up, toured the hall where she met the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1962, and was interviewed by a historian before an audience of hundreds — all before being feted at the fourth gala in a row to mark her birthday, which was Sunday.

"I am just thrilled," she declared, holding her hand over her heart after being saluted in a military hangar at O'Hare Airport. "This is the best present I could ever ask for."

The celebration was capped by a lavish birthday party at the city's Cultural Center. It followed three parties over the weekend in Washington and a surprise trip home by daughter Chelsea from Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif.

The celebration here went way beyond cake. Chicago's Chamber of Commerce put out a 20-page brochure on her early years. Mayors Richard Daley of Chicago and Ron Wietecha of Park Ridge proclaimed "Hillary Rodham Clinton Day." Chicago dedicated a new park to her. Schoolkids sang. Wietecha unveiled a "Rodham Corner" street sign at the intersection in front of her old house.

White House aides say publicly that she is only doing what she has always done: working on issues affecting women and children.

But privately, they acknowledge that the day was also part of a careful plan to remake the image of a woman who clearly wants to be remembered for something more than testifying before a Whitewater grand jury, who wants a legacy that will overshadow the failed effort in her husband's first term to



Birthday party: First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton gets help blowing out candles on her cake from students at Field Elementary School, which she attended as a child, in Park Ridge, Ill., on Monday.

By Charles Bennett, AP

overhaul the nation's health insurance system.

Her latest foray into policy, starting with last week's White House Conference on Child Care, is a new beginning of sorts for a first lady who has largely avoided a lead role lately.

With her husband re-elected and her only child off to college, she is re-emphasizing public life. In the past couple of weeks, the woman known for a prickly relationship with the media has appeared on the cover of *Time* and on all the network morning shows. On Monday, she invited a sizable contingent of reporters to follow her down memory lane. Today, she's on *Oprah*.

Conservatives, anticipating an expensive "big government" approach to child-care solutions, are wary.

"If she does for child care what she tried to do for health care, it'll be disastrous for her," warns Bradley Keena of the Free Congress Foundation, a lobbying group.

"We're not nervous," says Rahm Emanuel, adviser to President Clinton. "She said it best herself: He decides the policies."

But she can draw attention to the need for safe, affordable child care, White House aides say.

On Monday, talk of childhood was more personal.

At Field Elementary School, she got together, with TV cameras rolling, with a

dozen classmates and teachers for a lively, free-floating talk about a time 40 years or so ago when kids didn't use locks on their bikes.

During a round of introductions, Clinton's second-grade teacher, Caroline O'Laughlin, identified herself, then

turned to her and joked, "And who are you?"

The first lady threw her head back and roared with laughter. "Oh, yes! This is the question we're all trying to answer," she responded.

The answer kept coming throughout the day: a smart

Midwestern girl from a middle-class, hard-working family who developed a social conscience in the 1960s and did right by her community and her country.

Her friends recalled an outspoken girl who once organized a petition to try to persuade the parents of a classmate to allow their daughter to wear nylons to sixth-grade graduation. The girl wore socks.

Clinton recalled how football players in her high school public speaking class tormented her with insults whenever she had to deliver a speech.

After that, she joked, "Washington's nothing."

An hour later, outside the two-story Georgian brick house where she grew up, the first lady told about 200 onlookers that some of her most cherished memories were made at the corner of Wisner and Elm streets.

"I have such a sense of appreciation and gratitude for what I was given," she said.

And she shrugged off questions about whether she's trying to craft a new image.

"I don't think so," she said. "I think I'm working on the same things I've always worked on. ... I'm so energetic about what I want to do. I feel that the next three years are a great opportunity."

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A tribute to Hillary

First lady Hillary Clinton (second from right) is joined by Mayor Daley, his wife, Maggie, and Nora Brooks Blakley, daughter of Illinois Poet Laureate Gwendolyn Brooks, at the dedication of a park at 1804 S. Prairie Ave. in the first lady's honor Monday. Mrs. Clinton was in town to celebrate her 50th birthday with a visit to her suburban hometown of Park Ridge and a party at the Chicago Cultural Center.

Hometown Is Where the Heart Is for First Lady at 50

By DIRK JOHNSON

PARK RIDGE, Ill., Oct. 27 — Back in her hometown to celebrate her 50th birthday, Hillary Rodham Clinton sat in her old grammar school today, surrounded by old chums and teachers, reminiscing about the innocence of their childhoods.

Mrs. Clinton recalled walking to school as a kindergartner. Another friend noted that bikes never had locks. Somebody else remembered the freedom "to go everywhere, trick-or-treating at every single house — except maybe for the one place, where some real old lady lived."

"Yeah," chimed in a fellow Baby Boomer, "she was probably 50."

While most people in their 40's are not particularly eager to turn 50, it must help to come home as a globe-trotting celebrity greeted adoringly by foreign crowds, and to then be able to show off the gold necklace given to her by her husband, the President.

In what seemed as much like a day on the campaign trail as a birthday celebration, Mrs. Clinton arrived at O'Hare International Airport to high school bands playing "Sweet Home Chicago," and then whisked around her hometown, sharing hugs and handshakes with old neighbors and going to a new park in Chicago being named the "Hillary Rodham Clinton Women's Park."

After that was a big party at the Cultural Center on Michigan Avenue, with Mayor Richard M. Daley and other dignitaries, celebrities and movers and shakers on hand to toast the First Lady.

There were a few anti-abortion pickets in Park Ridge, where one sign denounced her as the anti-life co-President. And inside the Happy House coffee shop here, a man grumbled into his soup about Mrs. Clinton's being feted so extravagantly.

"Why should we be proud of her?" he asked. "And who's footing the bill for all this?"

But no sooner had the elderly man spoken, muttering something about women "belonging in the kitchen," than the restaurant's owner, Soula Tsapralis, the mother of three daughters, dispatched with that customer-is-always-right business.

"Women are equal," she told him.

In general, Mrs. Clinton, whose birthday was on Sunday, was showered by praise all day. And she returned the favor at every turn, paying homage to Park Ridge for teaching her lasting values.

Park Ridge, a prosperous, uniformly white, conservative-to-the-bone Chicago suburb, did not, however, succeed in keeping her within the



Todd Buchanan for The New York Times

Showered by praise, Hillary Rodham Clinton visited her elementary school in suburban Chicago yesterday to mark her 50th birthday, which was on Sunday. The First Lady also visited her old home in Park Ridge.

Republican fold. There are still people here who regard the bright, well-behaved Rodham kid from Wisner and Elm as something of a wayward daughter, abandoning the good sense of her childhood years — she belonged to Youth for Goldwater as a teen-ager and played Carrie Nation in a high school play — and straying into the clutches of the Democrats.

Standing in front of her childhood home, a brick colonial with arching windows and tall shade trees, Mrs. Clinton recalled the day she brought "this Arkansas boy" to meet her father, a "gruff, strict" man, especially when it came to young suitors. "He didn't know what to make of Bill Clinton," she said.

But within three days, she added, her father was "completely charmed" by the future President, and even traveled to Arkansas to do some campaign work for him.

"And this was a man," she said of her father, "who never had anything

good to say about a Democrat in his entire life."

Her mother, Dorothy, and her brothers, Tony and Hugh, also came home for the celebration.

While young Hillary was irresistibly drawn to academics — a freshman teacher recalled her handing in a 75-page typed term paper — her brothers had more luck as wrestlers and football players, and succeeded in ruffling a few feathers at school.

Mrs. Clinton waited until a bit later to ruffle feathers. A lightning rod for conservatives and a hero to liberals, Mrs. Clinton's politics have long been a point of discussion around Park Ridge. A few years ago, the suggestion that the library hang a portrait honoring the local-girl-made-good sparked fierce letters to the editor, on both sides. In the end, no portrait went up on the library wall. A painting of Mrs. Clinton ultimately was put up in her high school.

Mrs. Clinton made a trip to Or-

chestra Hall in Chicago this afternoon, the place where her youth pastor took her to listen to a speech by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on a day in 1962 that Mrs. Clinton says made a lasting impression.

Even as a child, Mrs. Clinton seemed to be trying to change the world, one parent at a time. When a friend was forbidden by her father to wear nylons to the sixth-grade dance, young Hillary circulated a petition among the students asking the strict parent to reconsider. He did not.

Besides the academics, Mrs. Clinton recalled, there were other things in Park Ridge that prepared her for the world of politics.

In speech class as a freshman Mrs. Clinton recalled, some of the senior boys in the front row, most of them football players, "would sit there and insult me, say mean things," to try to get her rattled.

"So," she said, with an easy smile, "Washington's nothing."

Hillary Clinton, in Her Element

By Peter Baker
Washington Post Staff Writer

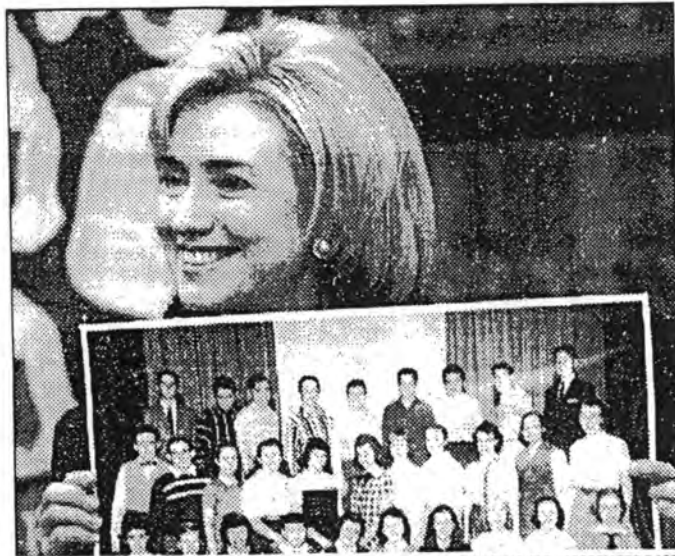
THAT PARK RIDGE, Ill., Oct. 27 they sat around tables in the Eugene Field Elementary School library, taller, thicker and grayer than they had been during their allotted time here four decades ago. One at a time, the friends and teachers of Hillary Rodham Clinton introduced themselves. Finally, it came around to Clinton herself.

"And who are you?" her lifelong friend Betsy Johnson Ebeling asked mischievously.

Clinton laughed. "This is the question we're trying to answer today," she said.

Like so many others who turn 50, the first lady is using the occasion for a little introspection. For answers, she returned today to her hometown for a nostalgic,

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BY RON EDMONDS—ASSOCIATED PRESS

The first lady holds a 1959 class photo during a visit yesterday to Eugene Field Elementary School in Illinois.

A Clinton Class Reunion

CLINTON, From E1

this-is-your-life tour of the landmarks of her early years.

The Hillary Clinton who roamed the elm-shaded avenues of this middle-class Chicago suburb today bore little resemblance to the guarded, distant and occasionally bitter figure the nation has come to know in the past five years. This was a person rarely revealed to the public, a warm and funny woman whose eyes pop wide open at a favorite memory. This was the Hillary who once was thrown out of history class for laughing too much. Who loved to play softball with the boys in the intersection, with manholes serving as the bases. And who was predicted in sixth grade to be the future dean of women at Northwestern University, yet in a high school newspaper article expressed her ambition to "marry a senator and live in Georgetown."

"I sort of missed," she noted dryly today. "I don't live in Georgetown."

Her trip took her—and buses of aides, friends and reporters—to the old neighborhood haunts, from Eugene Field Elementary School, which she attended through sixth grade, to the nearby brown-brick Georgian house where she lived from age 4 to 18, to the First United Methodist Church, where the conservative "Goldwater Girl" got her first tiny taste of social activism.

Relaxed and engaging, Clinton joshed with her brothers, Tony and Hugh, about their childhood high jinks, lamented her difficulties learning to drive and earning her Girl Scout sewing badge and recalled giving speeches before classes filled with boys from the football team.

"They'd sit there and insult me and say mean things all during my speech, just to rattle me," she remembered. "Washington's nothing!"

This, friends said, is the true Hillary, or at least the one they knew growing up. "Hillary has always been a very warm person—she's been very misaligned in that respect," said Marcia Boemi Buchanan, a friend from first grade who was on hand today. "We always say, 'Hillary, this is what

you need to project to the public because this is what you really are.'"

Even after all the years of hearing Park Ridge stories, her chief of staff, Melanne Verveer, said she understands the first lady a little better after visiting the school with her. "This is very revealing," Verveer said. "Our formative years really tell us a lot about who we are and where we come from."

Although the first lady's birthday was actually Sunday, the locals missed no opportunity to help her celebrate. She was serenaded with "Happy Birthday" at least four times before noon—including a cha-cha version by Field School's current student body. The city unveiled signposts outside her childhood home naming the intersection Rodham Corner. A local park was rededicated in her honor. The refurbished Chicago Orchestra Hall invited her to stop by to look at the place where she met Martin Luther King Jr. in 1962. President Clinton was scheduled to fly into town to join her at a gala party for 1,000 at the Chicago Cultural Center.

Outside the old Rodham residence, she recalled bringing a young Bill Clinton home to meet her gruff, tobacco-chewing, Democrat-hating father. "My father didn't know what to make of him," she recalled. "My father . . . was very strict and very hard on other people, particularly boys that I went out with. And I have to tell you, my father was totally charmed within about three days by Bill Clinton."

To commemorate the first lady's 50th, a colorful 24-page booklet was published, filled with pictures of her favorite area locales and old black-and-white snapshots of her childhood, including a sixth-grade picture in which the resemblance to daughter Chelsea is striking. In the back were birthday wishes from everyone from Michael Jordan to Studs Terkel to Siskel and Ebert.

Because it was Hillary Clinton, this trip through the time warp had to start with a round-table discussion, the first lady's favorite means of communication. It is a technique she has employed everywhere from Tanzania to Panama, usually as scintillating as a seminar on inflation.

Yet her session with onetime classmates and instructors turned into an unusually spontaneous series of reminiscences about pot pie lunches, square dancing with boys and Yahtzee games in the basement.

On her first day of elementary school, they recalled, their parents allowed them to walk on their own. "But they followed us!" Clinton said. "I learned years later." Dorothy Rodham, it turns out, skulked behind her, slipping from tree to tree.

As they talked today, there seemed to be a wistfulness not only for lost youth but for a sense of lost innocence. "It was really a simpler time because . . . kids could walk to school . . . and not feel threatened," Buchanan said as her classmates nodded. "We could go trick-or-treating at every house except there was one house we didn't go to—not because it was dangerous but because an old woman lived there."

She was "probably 50," Caroline O'Laughlin, the first lady's second-grade teacher, offered wryly.

It was clear from today's recollections that Hillary Clinton was always an overachiever—one teacher said she turned in a 75-page typewritten term paper in high school—and always a political organizer. Even in the sixth grade, when her friend Sukkie Askew Stanley was forbidden to wear nylons to the school graduation ceremony, young Hillary helped put together an unsuccessful petition drive that was intended to change her mother's mind.

The feminist first lady also recalled a gender gap in school council elections. "The boys would always vote for the boy," she said. "He didn't even really need to be able to stand up and talk. The girls would always make these very considered decisions. And so the boys always won."

She said this in a tone more amused than resentful. This was not a day for grievances but for happy memories and coming home. "I can't go back and pretend that I can erase time and turn the clock back," she mused, "but I can come back as I've done today . . . with such a sense of appreciation and gratitude for what I was given. It seems like it just was yesterday I was walking to school. And I think when people get to be my age and even older it's hard to believe you've lived so many years."



MICHAEL SNEED

The birthday girl

Ring. Ring. First lady **Hillary Rodham Clinton** phoned this column late Tuesday just before she left town.

So what was one of the biggest surprises during her birthday bash? A mailbox. "The lovely woman who now lives in my house in Park Ridge had found an old mailbox that once belonged to my family," Clinton told Sneed. "She put it up on the wall outside the door. It brought back so many memories of waiting for my mail.

"And she gave it to me before I left."

And what won't she ever forget? "What struck me the most is that I felt that I was right back where I had been. Nothing seemed strange or different. It was like going back in time."

Hillaryville . . .

Spots & jots from the first lady's birthday tour:

■ **Mom's story:** When Clinton and her mother, **Dorothy Rodham**, arrived at their old home in Park Ridge, Rodham chose not to go inside. "She wanted to remember things the way they used to be and keep the memories in tact," said a close friend. "So Mrs. Rodham visited neighbors instead."

■ **Kiss 'em:** **Fritzi Konstantelos**, a Miller Beer veep, is so affectionate he not only was the first to kiss Clinton after she cut a birthday cheesecake at the Chicago Cultural Center, he knocked out **President Clinton's** earpiece when he tried to hug him.

■ **Hair scare:** Actor **Ted Danson** showed up with wife **Mary Steenburgen** at the big 5-0 party minus a hairpiece and a dye job. Danson's hair was gray and thinning and he looked . . . terrific!



KUP'S COLUMN

By Irv Kupcinet

The question of the day: Who made a quicker comeback, the Bears or Wall Street?

AMONG THE MANY GIFTS first lady **Hillary Rodham Clinton** received during her Chicago birthday celebration was one from the Chicago Historical Society's president, **Doug Greenberg**. He gave her a lifetime membership and added, "Now only you and **Abraham Lincoln**, our nation's 16th president, have received such memberships." . . . Clinton had visited the society to view its 50th anniversary exhibit of **Burr Tillstrom's** famed "Kukla, Fran and Ollie" TV puppet show. And she was delighted to see old friends **Newton Minow** and wife **Jo** at the exhibit. Minow had been Tillstrom's attorney.

LOIS WEISBERG, COMMISSIONER of cultural affairs, is being applauded for arranging all details in the Cultural Center for the arrival of **President Clinton** and **Hillary**, including food, drinks, checking room facilities and ample waiters to accommodate the overflow crowd, plus the entertainment of legendary **Buddy Guy** and **Koko Taylor**. But many guests, because of the huge crowd, departed early to get to a TV set to watch the Bears in their surprising victory over Miami.

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Birthday break: President Clinton, before Hillary Clinton's 50th birthday bash Monday at the Chicago Cultural Center, stopped in the Museum of Broadcast Communications' gift shop there and plunked down \$21.64, the museum's **Bruce DuMont** tells us. He bought a book ("Wisdom Made in America: Common Sense and Uncommon Genius from 101 Great Americans") and cassettes (including "Lum and Abner," a '30s comedy show out of Arkansas). He pondered a postcard of Abe Lincoln, but decided against it. "I've got the original of this in my house," quipped the Prez to shopping pal, Commerce Secretary **Bill Daley**.

Mother's day: Couldn't help notice **Hillary Clinton's** mom, **Dorothy**, accompanied her daughter to Tuesday's **Oprah Winfrey Show**.

Hillary's haul: a medal, a goat

'Oprah,' fund-raiser end birthday bash

BY ADRIENNE DRELL
STAFF REPORTER

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, in accepting the College Board Medal for Distinguished Service to Education on Tuesday, joked, "In case you might have missed it, it was my birthday Sunday. I was 50 years old."

It would have been hard to miss the three-day, two-city birthday bash, which finally ended with two events Tuesday: an early morning appearance on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and a "town hall meeting" fund-raiser at night.

The medal may have been the most significant birthday gift that Clinton has received, including a set of leather bound books from Winfrey, a live goat that she said had been transported to the White House, a giant greeting card from Chicago's schoolchildren and an album full of memories.

The presents actually began to arrive 50 days before her birthday when, Clinton disclosed, her husband, daughter and friends surprised her with a 50-candle ceremony at the White House.

She also received small pre-birthday presents, including calcium pills and a magnifying glass, which she admits she needs "because all of a sudden you can't see the way you used to."

Clinton told Winfrey that turning 50 was marked not just by years, but by daughter Chelsea's departure for college.

"I miss her desperately," Clinton said, adding that she missed the "sightings" of a typical teen daughter. "But it is kind of fun to have all this time now for yourself."

A lot of that time will be spent campaigning



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Hillary Rodham Clinton on Tuesday gives Oprah Winfrey a piggy bank from the White House for Oprah's Angel Network, which uses viewers' spare change to send students to college.

for long-held passions: issues affecting women and children, Clinton said. These issues were the carefully planned underlying theme of the birthday celebration.

Close associates admit Clinton's emphasis on education and families in the midst of festivities was part of an effort to ensure her place in history with a meaningful contribution rather than as a

grand jury witness in the Whitewater case.

Her public day concluded Tuesday with a \$125 a person fund-raiser at the Sheraton Chicago, sponsored by the Women's Leadership Forum of the Democratic National Committee. The forum included questions from Chicago teens, who were sponsored by area corporations and campaign donors.

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Mary Schmich



Even the trivial can be inspiring with Oprah, Hillary

So there was Hillary on "Oprah" Tuesday talking about her hair and her calling.

About her daily multivitamin and her commitment to kids.

About the self-consciousness of having the world know her age and about the way her 50th birthday provoked her to contemplate her life.

They sat before the cameras in Oprah's talk show studio, Oprah Winfrey in red, Hillary Clinton in black, two of the most powerful women ever on the planet, whipsawing from the personal to the communal, from the puny to the grand, the way ordinary women do on the phone or over lunch.

And that's a portion of their power. These two women, so famous but so familiar that we know them by their first names, haven't lost touch with their inner gal.

Some people, of course, are uncomfortable with the sight of powerful women talking

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personally, as if any show of galishness is an appallingly frilly bow on a woman's suit of armor. We fought too long and hard for power to talk about vitamins and hair, didn't we?

Let's hope not.

Hair is an endlessly amusing topic. Vitamins are interesting. Life is a complex equation of the frivolous and the serious, of the bodily and the high-minded. It's about the magnifying glasses and calcium pills Hillary's friends jokingly gave her for her birthday. It's also about the nature of what Hillary and Oprah call a "calling."

Life, for men and women both, is the art of evolution, of imagining the way you want to live and inventing it as best you can. Hillary and Oprah, because they seem so close to normal, help many other women to invent and to imagine.

When Oprah, who is 43, told the First Lady, "You look great," it was a comment on her trim skirt suit and her gilded hair. But it was also a reflection on Hillary's ability to move through the middle of her life in a way unknown to most women of earlier generations. Middle age, as Hillary noted, once marked the moment that in many life arenas, women bowed out.

In midlife, Oprah and Hillary are more engaged than ever. But like so many other women of their age, they continue to concoct their lives without a recipe. How they use their power and their time in midlife helps guide other women.

At this age, Oprah said, "You can really begin to think about your calling, your passions."

When these two women talk in public about following a "calling," they open up the thought to other women. Don't think career. Think calling. What social good can you do with your talents and your time? How can you leave your mark?

Oprah's calling includes founding a book club that has made readers out of people who hadn't held a book in years. Hillary's includes working on behalf of children and urging women around the world to fight for better lives.

Men can find inspiration in these women, too, just as women can learn from the lives of men. But the lives of women have a particular potency for other women.

When I was a kid, I scoured the school library for biographies of women. The shelves were packed with tales of male politicians, explorers, scientists and saints. I liked reading about Thomas Jefferson and Daniel Boone and Louis Pasteur, but they didn't move me like the rare book about, say, Susan B. Anthony or Madame Curie or Joan of Arc. Theirs were the stories that helped me and other girls imagine who we might be.

Hillary and Oprah are biographies in progress, and only the naive would expect them to be the purebred heroines of comic books. Delve too deeply into either life and you're sure to find something you don't like and perhaps do not respect.

And, as the cynics are sure to note, their TV tête-à-tête on Tuesday stood to earn ratings points for Oprah and political points for Hillary.

Even so, it was an impressive pairing: two middle-aged women helping to redefine life at midlife. Two powerful women who remind us that with power comes not just opportunity but obligation. Two women normal enough to know that the life well-lived leaves room to discuss hair and vitamins.

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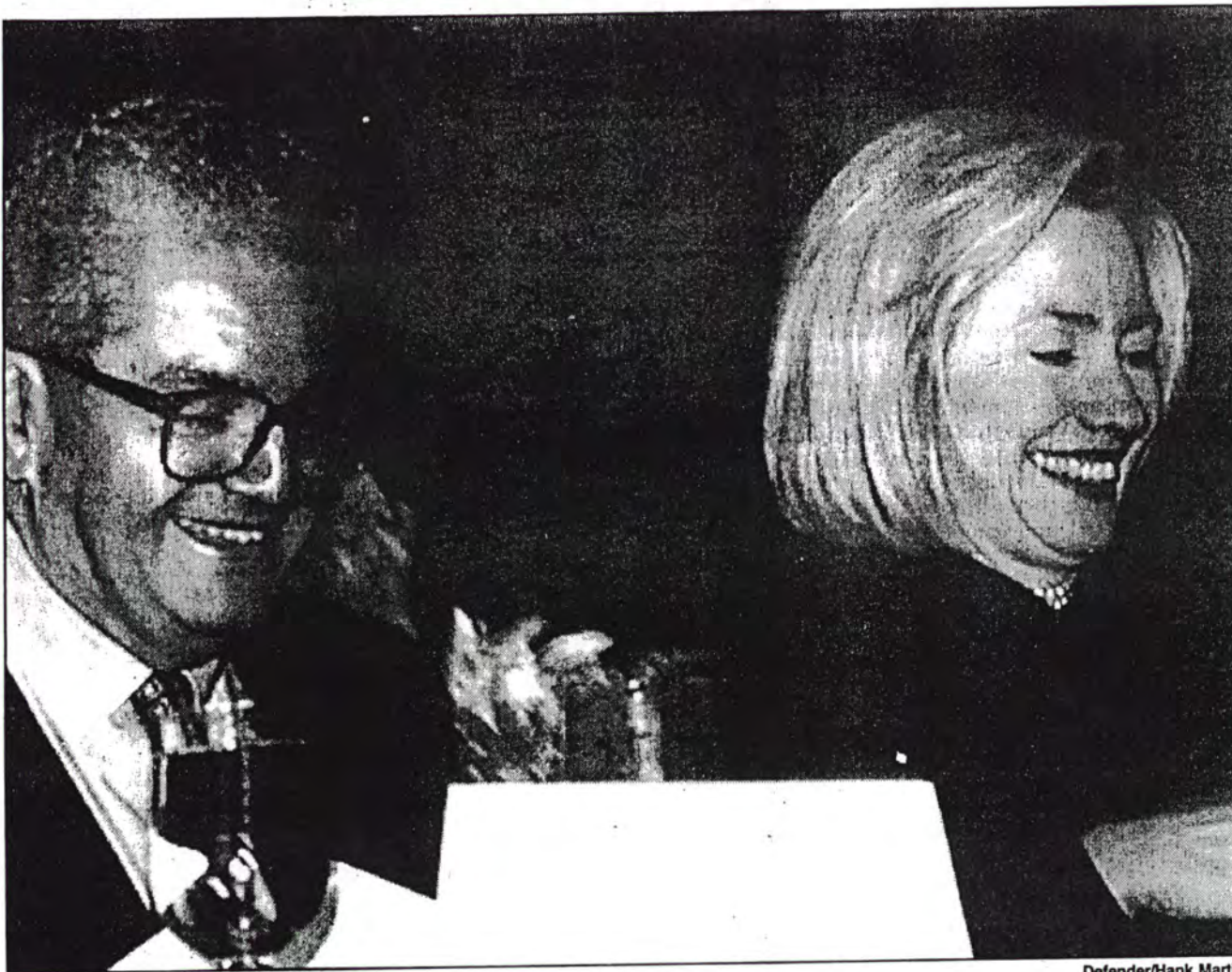
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Fighter for education

First lady Hillary Clinton chats with College Board President Donald Stewart during a National Forum held Tuesday at the Marriott Hotel. Stewart presented Clinton with the Medal of Distinguished Service to Education. Past winners include Bill Cosby and Dr. Benjamin Mays.



MICHAEL SNEED

Hillaryville . . .

■ Tress twaddle: **Hillary Rodham Clinton**, who loves to change hair styles, had her tresses done by **Joel Mallet** of the Lacques des Sange salon on Oak Street before she did the **Oprah Winfrey** show. Mallet's clients include Miss America **Kate Shindle** and charity doyenne **Donna LaPietra**.

■ Hillary and pals **Ted Danson** and **Mary Steenburgen** stayed at the Ritz-Carlton during their stay. A section was roped off. No keys were needed.

■ Hillary hit Lino's eatery for a private party before leaving town Wednesday night. The connection: Lino's is owned by **Phil Stefani**, her favorite Chi-town restaurateur, who she asked to be in charge of food at her 50th birthday bash. (One of the eateries Stefani got food from: Arun's, a Thai gem. And owner **Arun Sampanthavivat** personally dolloped his Thai concoctions at the Hill bash.) P.S. Hillary's buddies also gave her a 1965 jukebox laden with her favorite moldy oldies.



It makes sense when you consider Arkansas as an alternative

Is there more than a grain of truth in chatter that Hillary Clinton's 50th birthday bash here inaugurated a **laying-down-stakes effort** by the First Couple? Here's the iffy scenario: After leaving the White House in 2001, Bill Clinton becomes a Mayer Brown & Platt partner, joining Cabinet-level buddies Bill Daley and Mickey Kantor. Then, Park Ridge native Ms. Clinton gets a chance to run for office herself. Guv in 2002?

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FIRST LADY VISITS BAPTIST HOSPITAL

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton visited Baptist Hospital of Miami today to tour the hospital's on-site child care facilities and meet with government and hospital executives about the importance of public and private sectors working together to meet the child care needs of working parents.

Four-year-olds who attend the Children's Center at Baptist Hospital greeted Mrs. Clinton by singing, "I am a V.I.P.," and presented her with a Waterford crystal pineapple, the symbol of hospitality and of Baptist Health Systems of South Florida. Baptist Health Systems President and CEO Brian E. Keeley, Corporate Vice President Jo Baxter and Director of Work and Family Initiatives Corey Gold toured Mrs. Clinton through the children's classrooms.

After touring the Children's Center, Mrs. Clinton met in the hospital with Governor Lawton Chiles' Child Care Partnership Executive Board, a group that is seeking ways to improve child care within the state of Florida by bringing the public and private sectors together to help fund programs for young children. Mr. Keeley participated in the roundtable discussion.

Baptist Health Systems is the largest not-for-profit health care organization in South Florida. In addition to Baptist Hospital of Miami, it includes Baptist Children's Hospital, South Miami Hospital, Homestead Hospital and Mariners Hospital in the Florida Keys.

Mrs. Clinton came to Baptist because of the hospital's longstanding reputation for providing excellent on-site child care for about 315 infants to school-age children. A Florida Trend magazine survey of 50 public and 50 private Florida companies showed that only 2

(more)

percent provided on-site child care centers. Baptist Hospital opened its Children's Center in 1963, long before most businesses considered child care to be an important issue for working parents. The Center was the first hospital-based child care facility in Dade County to be accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

All of Baptist Health Systems' Dade County hospitals offer on-site child care to employees. The child care provisions, along with a host of family-friendly policies, has garnered the organization national attention for helping employees balance work and family. Baptist has been named seven times to the Working Mother magazine annual list of the best workplaces for women. Baptist Hospital and Baptist Health Systems have also been recognized by the State of Florida Commission on the Status of Women, which named Baptist among the top five women-friendly employers for the past three years.

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BAPTIST HEALTH SYSTEMS ON-SITE CHILD CARE

For busy working parents, Baptist Health Systems on-site child care facilities offer the wonderful mix of caring and education needed for our young children today. Parents who choose to send their children to Baptist's on-site child care facilities know they can visit anytime and remain a partner in their child's care. They know that while they are at work, their child is receiving tender, loving care in an environment designed to stimulate the mind.

On-site child care is available at all three Baptist Health Systems hospitals in Dade County Baptist Hospital of Miami, South Miami Hospital and Homestead Hospital. More than 400 children are cared for on a daily basis at the three centers, and more attend special programs such as after-school care or summer camp. The hospitals subsidize the cost of child care (by about 20 percent), so that although the charges vary depending on where you work, the price is comparable or lower to child care centers in the area.



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Outstanding features:

- Opened in 1963 - Long before most businesses in the South considered child care to be an important issue for working parents, Baptist Hospital recognized the need for excellent care for children. The first Baptist Hospital on-site day care opened in an old house on the hospital campus. Since then, the center has moved to two new buildings, most recently, in 1992.
- Student/teacher ratio improved over state standards
- After-school program - students from three nearby elementary schools are picked up by bus and brought back to the center each day. There, they work on homework, then get playground time until their parents are done working. About 30 students are currently enrolled in after-school care.
- Summer camp and holiday program
- Parent-teacher board helps determine policies
- Lead teachers have an associate's degree in early childhood education or similar field

South Miami Hospital - Child care at South Miami Hospital has been offered since 1991.

Approximately 72 children attend the center daily and can also choose to participate in extracurricular activities. In addition, the Center features an emergency drop-off option for parents who do not normally use the Center.

Outstanding Features:

- Computers in age-appropriate classrooms
- Extra-curricular classes offered in ballet, gymnastics and computers
- All teachers have CDA (Child Development Associate) certification
- Speech and hearing screenings are offered free of charge
- Active Parent-Teacher board helps determine policies and raise funds
- Summer camp and holiday program

Homestead Hospital - When Hurricane Andrew ripped through South Florida in 1992, Homestead Hospital was severely damaged. In response to the urgent need for child care, the hospital opened an informal child care center, which enabled employees to return to work as soon as possible after the storm. The Center and its 40 children moved into a new facility in 1994.

Outstanding Features:

- Small, family-like setting where each child feels special and loved
- Active Parent's Association
- All teachers have CDA (Child Development Associate) certification
- Special programs that include parent participation holiday parties, graduation ceremony



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- Flexible schedules, such as flex time, part time and job sharing
- On-site fitness center (at Baptist and South Miami Hospitals)
- On-site credit union at all hospitals
- PTO - Paid Time Off, which allows employees to take earned time off for personal use, vacation, sick time or to care for a sick child.
- PTO cash out - employees may cash in unused paid time off
- Retirement program with partial matching contribution by hospital
- On-site car wash at all three hospitals
- Free parking
- Discounted meals in cafeteria
- Breast pump on premises for returning moms.
- Free coffee and juice at break times
- On-site dry cleaning (at Baptist and Homestead Hospitals)
- On-site hair styling salon (at Baptist Hospital)
- Free or discounted health education programs
- On-site massage therapy
- Financial aid for adoption
- Warehouse purchases at substantial discounts (for example, diapers by the case)
- Sunshine Fund - employees contribute money to a fund that helps other employees in need. The hospitals match employee donations.
- On-going employee events, such as Appreciation Day, Hospital Week, Nurse Week (free food and gifts)
- Summer's off program - employees may take the summer off to be with their children and retain their job
- Birthday card with two free movie tickets.
- On-site Learning Resource Center, where employees can learn skills like typing and computer programs
- Hospital-sponsored sports teams

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The First Lady on Fashion

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When U.S. Defense Secretary William Cohen and wife, J from Washington to Korea last April, they were formally greeted with an impressive military reception. "I don't feel that what we do is more important than what we do," she says.

By M. J. Firestone
GT&C Editor in Chief

Arguably the most beautiful city in America, Washington has the worst reputation. Local government is an international joke. Across the country, people love to hate Congress, the Administration and the press corps—not necessarily in that order. One person in seven is a lawyer. The IRS is headquartered here. Our mayor is an ex-convict.

Welcome to the Nation's Capital.

Adding insult to injury, the fashion press calls Washington frumpy. That's a label challenged by all of the women named to Georgetown

& Country's first annual Ten Best-Dressed list.

"The women in this city have been maligned about their consciousness," says Janet Langhart, wife of Secretary of Bill Cohen.

"This is the most powerful city in the world. All roads lead here. Power doesn't have to shout like show business in Los

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YOU worry about what to wear on important occasions, what if you were Hillary Rodham Clinton and knew every choice you made would be critiqued by the experts?

Q. The fashion press calls Washington women dowdy. Do you agree?

A. Well, I don't think that's accurate.

Based on my nearly five years here, I think Washington women dress well and in a very appropriate manner.

Q. Do you find deciding what to wear when you're making public appearances a hard decision?

A. I do, because I often have days that are filled with so many different events. I might start with an early morning event at the White House, then go to a child care center or a Marine base or a school, and interact and talk with the people who are there, and then go to a lunch with some people and then do some other things in the afternoon and then immediately go

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Hilde Silva-Herzog, wife of Mexico's Ambassador Jesus-Silva Herzog, wearing a bright rebozo to set off her simple black strapless gown.

"Of the enormous number of women I have met here in Washington, they all seem to have very busy schedules. because of the many activities they are involved in. One could assume they would have no time to dedicate themselves to fashion. That is not true at all, Washington women, aside from their



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out. And so oftentimes, there isn't any one particular kind of dress that I can change into to do these different events, so I have to decide in the morning what I'm going to wear all day. That's why I think the practicality and the appropriateness of different settings is very much a part of our lives here in Washington.

Q. Janet Cohen mentioned that one of the most difficult things in public life are the details, like no runs in your hose. Is that one of your biggest worries when you make a public appearance?

A. Well, I always try to be prepared, so that I will always have an extra pair of stockings, for instance. I just don't want to have to worry about it. I mostly am dressing for comfort and convenience and I'm pretty hard on my clothes because I have to travel so much, so I don't want to have to be overly concerned about them once I put them on.

Q. Do you wear clothes made only by Americans in America?

A. Well, I try to, yes.

Q. Do you have a favorite designer?

A. I'm very fond of Oscar de la Renta, who has become a friend of mine. And I also very much like Marie Gray at St. John's designs, who has been very helpful to me. But otherwise I'm very open

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First Lady's Advice to American Women: Relax, Wear What

whatever you're doing, but I must confess that clothes have never been high on my list of personal priorities but I admire women who are able effortlessly to look well dressed from the crack of dawn till midnight.

Q. Do you go shopping or do people bring clothes for you to try on in the White House?

A. Well, you know, one of my great *regrets* is that it is not easy or possible in some instances for me to shop anymore. So mostly people send things to the White House. But I still try to sneak out every once in a while. When I was on vacation this summer I was able to go into a few stores—I have to confess, it just felt *liberating*, you know? To go through the racks, to try on a few things, to make a few purchases, it is something I miss, because even though I've never been a great shopper I've always enjoyed the times that I've had just to get away and go up and down aisles, go into small shops, talk with owners, just have a sense of what's on people's minds, which I think that you can get when you are able to see what people are buying and what kind of mood they're in.

Q. Do you like shoulder pads? I noticed in photographs at a dinner at the White House a few nights ago that you had on a beautiful black dress with square shoulders.

A. I do like shoulder pads. I have very narrow shoulders and I think it gives me some balance to the rest of my body, which is not as narrow [laughs] as I would prefer.

Q. You have a Judith Leiber handbag—she designed it for you—Socks? [Ed. Note: The designer custom-made a metal evening bag shaped like a cat and named for the Clintons' famous pet.] Where do you carry that?

A. Oh, I've carried it often around Washington at night, I know I've carried it to some of the big dinners the press holds in the spring—the White House Correspondents, Gridiron, the Radio and Television Correspondents—so if I have a chance, if I'm wearing something black or white or in a striking color like red, I love to carry Socks along and I put him right up on the table so he can see what's

How do you feel about the attention to your hairdos?

A. Well, I find it kind of funny and amusing because I like to wear my hair different ways, which I guess is not news anymore but apparently was when I first got here and I enjoy headbands from time to time. I don't wear them every day but I do wear them, oh, you know, quite often and I love wearing headbands. [laughs] I don't know whether that's a link to my childhood or I understand—a friend of mine told me—that Caroline Bessette Kennedy is starting to wear headbands so I will be back in fashion.

Q. What do you see yourself wearing this fall? Is there any particular fashion that's coming out that you like?

A. Yeah, I'm wearing more and more pantsuits, again, because of the comfort and convenience and practicality, particularly when I travel, and I see some very good looking pantsuits in magazines in the last month or two that have a very attractive shape to them and the material looks like either a gabardine or something that's quite transitional and I'm going to be probably wearing more pantsuits this fall and winter.

Q. What about heel height—what do your prefer?

A. I prefer, you know, a relatively low heel, just again because I do a lot of walking. You know, one of the discoveries I made about this position I'm in is that I never get to go in the front door of anywhere. I'm always in the back doors, oftentimes climbing four or five or six flights of stairs for security reasons, cutting through kitchens, so my shoes have to be just as practical as they can be be-

go over to shake hands along a fence, or the side of a road and it might be muddy or gravelly so high heels would not work for me because of the kind of events I do and the places I go.

Q. How tall are you?

A. I'm 5-6.

Q. At medium height, you really don't have to worry about looking too short even with the lower heel ...

A. Well, I think that's right; I hope not.

Q. Do you have a piece of jewelry that you won't leave home without?

A. Well, I have several. You know, I love my pearl necklace with the carved opal cameo and I'm sure if you look at pictures of me you'll see that a lot. I wear it for all different kinds of occasions, sometimes with the cameo in front, sometimes in back with just the pearls. It's a favorite piece of jewelry of mine. And then I also very much like a couple of rings that my husband has gotten that I wear *between* my two wedding rings—the wedding ring that I got married with and then the wedding band he gave me on our fifth anniversary ... and then I have

an opal and a sapphire and a diamond band that he gave me for our 20th anniversary that I alternate along with a few other rings from childhood and other occasions, depending upon the mood I'm in or what I'm wearing.

Q. Do you have one of those eagle pins by Ann Hand that you see so many women ... Pam Harriman wore it and Janet Cohen had it on when we took her picture.

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military bases abroad I often like to give some kind of gift to wives of the officers that I meet because I know how hard it is for them to be away from home and how much responsibility they have. So I have not only worn mine with great delight but have been pleased to give as gifts a number of those pins.

Q. Can you imagine yourself becoming a clothes horse in your future life—

A. [Laughs]

Q. —after eight years in the White House?

A. [Still laughing] You know, I don't think so, I'm flattered and honored that you would pick me for this list. I must confess, I'm very lucky ... fortunate I guess, that you would include me in this, but I don't see myself as in that category of so many women whose style I particularly admire around Washington.

Q. Do you have any advice for American women about clothes?

A. I think one word—*relax*.. It's a wonderful time to be a woman, alive and active in our country and we have so many choices available to us in what we wear and how we choose our particular style and I think there's so much range of what could be appropriate for different women in different walks of life, that it is time for everybody to take a deep breath and wear what feels, you know, best and makes you look good in your own eyes and perhaps the eyes of your husband or other people in your immediate circle and just have *fun* with the clothes you wear.

Q. Is there anything you want to add—any question that I've missed here?

A. I don't have anything to add, except to thank you for what you're doing with your paper, which I get to read on every occasion that I can, and—

Q. —How kind of you to say.

A. Well, it's a fun paper—I mean, I like the mix of news and features and the coverage of what's going on in Georgetown and around Washington. There are a lot of interesting people in this city with so *many* stories to tell, that I'm glad you're filling what I see as a gap in the kind of coverage that too often misses a lot of the local color and personalities, so it's a service you're performing.

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Bernadine Hudzik of Edwardsville and Hillary Rodham Clinton discuss the birthday they share — Oct. 26 — during the first lady's appearance Thursday at a Wilkes-Barre senior citizens center. The first lady will be 49. Hudzik will be 67.

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First lady boosts Medicare in visit with local group

By DAVE JANOSKI

Times Leader Staff Writer

WILKES-BARRE — Hillary Rodham Clinton was welcomed like a favorite daughter on a visit home by a decidedly partisan group of senior citizens Thursday.

For audio excerpts of the first lady's speech, check out Leader Net <http://www.leader.net/>



The 48-year-old first lady discussed Medicare with a hand-picked panel of Democratic senior citizens before a crowd of about 120 at the Charles T. Adams Senior Center, equally divided between seniors and the politi-

cally connected.

She personalized, and localized, the election-year arguments over Medicare by noting how federal programs that benefit seniors affected the lives of her late father, who lived in Scranton before moving to Illinois, and the aunts and uncles she visited in Northeastern Pennsylvania as a girl.

"Most families on their own could not afford dialysis or a bypass operation, like my father had.

"All of us who have parents who are eligible for Medicare, we have a stake in making sure that program is protected and preserved so that all of our parents can be taken care of, not just parents who happen to be rich themselves or have rich children."

The first lady, on a two-hour stop in Wilkes-Barre on behalf of her husband's reelection campaign, warned seniors to beware of Republican proposals to slow the growth in Medicare funding.

"One of the critical differences in this election is between my husband, who has always supported Medicare and Medicaid, and his opponent, who voted against Medicare when it first started and who as recently as a year ago said he was right to vote against Medicare because Medicare didn't work.

"Certainly from the president's perspective, Medicare is a program that has worked. I bet I could go around here and get, it looks like about 100 stories, on how Medicare has worked."

Clinton, wearing a powder blue jacket with navy blue piping over a navy top, skirt and hose, made a short statement on her husband's policies on issues that affect the elderly

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■ **Low key:** Daniel and Catherine Flood formerly occupied front-row seats at key Democratic events in town. Thursday, however, during the first lady's visit, Catherine Flood sat virtually alone in her Pennsylvania Avenue home. **6A**

■ **What of Medicare?** Both Democrats and Republicans agree that the Medicare fund is headed for bankruptcy in five years if changes aren't made. And both see the need for slowing the growth of Medicare spending. So what is all the fuss about? **6A**



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Five-year-old Nicholas Bocel of Courtdale waits for a glimpse of first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Hillary watch leaves some feeling cheated

By P. DOUGLAS FILAROSKI

Times Leader Staff Writer

WILKES-BARRE — Trina Jatta waited three hours on a street corner on a chilly, overcast fall day Thursday, hoping for a brush with celebrity.

Then it came. In the flash of a smile, Hillary Rodham Clinton walked into the alley behind the Charles T. Adams Senior Center, waved to one group, got into her car and rode out of town.

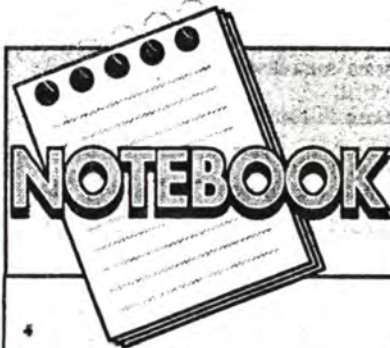
Was it worth it?

"Yes, it was," said Jatta, of Larksville. "Now my daughter can say she saw someone famous."

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Hillary comes to town



Friends, foes came for a look

**By P. DOUGLAS FILAROSKI
and DAWN SHURMAITIS**

Times Leader Staff Writers

WILKES-BARRE — From his red-white-and-blue socks to his "USA" shirt to his Clinton/Gore sign, Nicholas Bocci was prepared from head to toe to see Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Why?

"She doesn't bake cookies," said the 5-year-old Courtdale boy.

Nicholas is a huge fan of the Clinton presidency, which is almost as old as he is. "He eats and sleeps the president," said his mother, Maria Bocci, who joined the crowds waiting outside the senior center Thursday, hoping for a wave, a touch, a picture or an autograph.

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First Lady welcomes a more pragmatic approach to making progress

Hillary sees a ray of hope in peace process

HILLARY Clinton spoke of her hopes for the peace process in a speech at the US Embassy in London yesterday.

The president's wife, who had spent part of the weekend with Tony and Cherie Blair, said she had noticed a sense of hopefulness during her trip to Dublin and Belfast last week.

"Although the euphoria of the president's trip nearly two years ago is not present, there certainly is a hopefulness and, perhaps, a more pragmatic sense of what it will take

to try to bring the parties together," she told around 100 guests at the embassy in London.

It was extraordinary that both parties were sitting down and speaking to one another, she added.

"I congratulate the Prime Minister and this Government for all that they have done to further this event."

"As I have said in Dublin and Belfast, the president will stand with those who take risks for peace."

"He has made that clear with many conversations with the Prime Minister and others who are concerned about development and

progress in Northern Ireland and he has always said repeatedly that whatever comes of this will require compromise in order to reach reconciliation."

● Mrs Clinton dodged protesters complaining about the treatment of British nanny Louise Woodward.

She was driven to the back of the embassy building and avoided about 25 people who had lined up outside the front to demand the 19-year-old's release.

One protest placard read: "No justice in China, no justice in Iran, no justice in USA."

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Tactful chat the order of the day at round table

By Peter McVerry

HILLARY CLINTON'S visit to a youth conference at the Waterfront Hall yesterday lent powerful transatlantic credence to the Shakespearean assertion that all the world is a stage.

Every second of her two hour stay in Northern Ireland's showpiece entertainment venue was carefully scripted, with the massive roll call of spindoctors and hangers-on only outnumbered by what seemed like the entire cast of *Men in Black*.

And when Secretary of State Mia Mowlem arrived 30 minutes late the chorus line of unclad, all seemingly dressed from the same wardrobe, effectively doubled.

With the media hurried into place a full 90 minutes before the scheduled arrival of Mrs Clinton, the increasingly knife-edge relations between the ravenous press pack and the Big Brother-like purveyors of official speak threatened to create a news story of its own.

The first element of Mrs Clinton's two-stage visit to the Waterfront was an hour-long round table discussion (minus the teapot) which

provided 11 young people with the opportunity to pass on the views of their generation to the wife of the most powerful man in the world.

Seated in front of a background of letters and photographs identified as the Wall of Peace, Mrs Clinton discussed topics including employment, facilities for and attitudes towards the disabled, integrated education, sectarianism and racism - although any political comment was carefully avoided.

One delegate did tell Mrs Clinton that she felt politicians in the north did not pay any attention to young people.

But a comment from 18-year old Martin McMenamin from Derry that stumbling blocks such as decommisioning and release of prisoners should be removed was met with a tactful but obvious change of subject.

As Mrs Clinton and her companions posed for the customary group photograph, 21-year old Joanne Kerr from Lisburn seized the chance for a free lunch in the White House, exchanging phone numbers with the First Lady for use during a forthcoming visit to Washington.

Mrs Clinton spells out vision for settlement

By Peter McVerry at the Waterfront Hall

THE youth of Northern Ireland were yesterday challenged by American First Lady Hillary Clinton to make a meaningful contribution to the search for a lasting peace settlement.

Mrs Clinton was delivering the keynote address to 600 delegates at Generation 2000, a ground-breaking youth conference which brought policy makers and young people together to discuss the way forward for the next millennium.

She told the packed auditorium that there could be no more important place in the world for the conference to be held than in Belfast.

"A generation here has crossed into adulthood on streets littered with broken glass and burning cars.

"Few have felt totally safe in their own neighbourhood, their own homes, their own beds. Almost all have grown up to the sound of gunfire."

Mrs Clinton said that even though the majority of the delegates had grown up in "a generation of senseless killing", the looks in the faces of those present was "eloquent evidence of why peace must be your destiny."

Highlighting respect, acceptance and tolerance as vital elements upon which to build, Mrs Clinton said that during her childhood in Chicago she lived in an all-white town, with an all-white school and church.

She said that she had not known there were other cultures until she was taken to a 1962 civil rights rally addressed by Martin Luther King and only then "began to form an understanding of what tolerance was."

"You may not all be at the table but you stand up for the rights of everyone to be respected."

"God speed to all who care about and will work for peace in this beautiful land."

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Bodyguards flank Hillary on lecture visit to UUJ

By Niall Blaney

THE THREE boys weren't supposed to be there.

They had been press-ganged into sitting in the audience and filling up the many seats which lay empty just 15 minutes before America's First Lady was set to take to the stage.

"We were told just 10 minutes ago to turn up," said one of the students, as dozens more trooped into the assembly hall at the University of Ulster's Jordanstown campus.

They were being entertained by an organist who was battling out tunes you would have expected at a wedding, and provided an up tempo number for Mrs Clinton's entrance akin to *Here Comes the Bride*.

Other fresh-faced students sat in the jeans their mothers had ironed (the ones with the give-away crease) and their multi-coloured backpacks.

As with all presidential-relied cavalcades, it was swamped by secret service-men talking into their shirt

cuffs and talked by "little officials" who wanted to do the same.

Unable to play at being Kevin Costner in the film *The Bodyguard*, they picked on any member of the media who dared stray beyond the cordon sanitaire provided for them.

One of the secret service men placed a crumpled brown paper bag in the podium from where Mrs Clinton was shortly due to deliver the Joyce McCartan memorial lecture.

A blonde woman followed in his footsteps a few minutes later and inspected the podium with a strained and puzzled expression.

All was revealed a few minutes into Mrs Clinton's speech when she produced a silver tea-pot. On her visit to Belfast in 1995 she had complained to Joyce McCartan that she did not have a pot which kept tea hot for long enough.

Joyce gave the first lady the stainless steel teapot which she said she used every day in her private kitchen in the White House.

IRISH NEWS

Let's make the memories good

WHEN the history of this decade is written, one of the highlights will be the visit to Northern Ireland of President Bill Clinton and his wife Hillary.

It was a moving and emotional experience for the presidential couple, and for the people who met them and attended the ceremonies in Belfast and Derry.

Today's visit by Mrs Clinton is on a different scale, and that is appropriate. Her first visit was very special, and it would have been foolish to try and recreate that spirit.

The first lady can be assured of a warm welcome, particularly from the young people attending the Generation 2000 conference at Belfast's Waterfront Hall.

Young people represent a beacon of hope for this wonderful country of ours. It is important that that fact is recognised, not just at home, but on an international stage.

This conference is particularly important. Its purpose is to draw up a youth agenda in the areas of health, education, training and employment for the next millennium.

These are critical areas not just for Northern Ireland. The first lady knows all too well that they are issues which need to be addressed in her own country too.

And they are areas where she has a personal interest.

It would be good if one of the things which came out of tomorrow's encounter is a determination to build a bridge between young people on this side of the Atlantic and those in the United States.

Mrs Clinton is very welcome.

Although her visit is short, we hope her return to our shores will revive happy memories of her first trip, and generate new ones too.

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OUT FUTURE TO ULSTER'S YOUNG AT WATERFRONT



FORGE PEACE URGES HILLARY

By Julie O'Connor

HILLARY Clinton rounded off her successful visit to the province by dropping into a youth conference in Belfast's Waterfront Hall.

The First Lady, guest of honour at the Generation 2000 conference, personally met 11 delegates to discuss the problems facing young people with the approach of the millennium.

She spent over an hour discussing with them their hopes and fears for the future.

Jo Anne Kerr (21), representing PHAB, said: "As a disabled person I was very impressed by her interest in

Youth tell First Lady their fears

our problems.

"She realised the youth of today are people who are going to have jobs like hers in the future — she was really down to earth. I liked her."

Mrs Clinton also slipped Jo Anne her number and told her to call her for lunch when she visited Washington in January 1993.

And David Brady (20), who is part of the Spirit of Enniskillen group, said: "She was just a really nice

person, very easy to talk to and any issues we wanted to bring up she was really interested in."

"I'm really glad that I had the opportunity to meet her."

After the private meeting the First Lady gave a short speech to 600 delegates who were attending the historic conference to map out the future youth strategy for Northern Ireland.

In it, she said, she hoped for a future full of peace and prosperity for the province.

"I am delighted to be back when the peace process is back on track and discussions are ongoing for the first time in more than 25 years," she said.

"The world is watching to see if they (the politicians)

will end a generation of senseless killing and forge a lasting peace."

Also on hand to wave goodbye to Mrs Clinton was the Shankill Road student who stole the heart of Prime Minister Tony Blair after making a heartfelt plea to him to bring peace to the province.

Young Margaret Gibney along with six other students from the Mount Gilbert Community College met the First Lady and showed her their peace wall which has received replies from all over the world.

Mrs Clinton finally left in a cavalcade of cars making their way through rush-hour traffic in Belfast and on to Britain to meet the Prime Minister, Tony Blair.

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which Joyce McCartan (pictured

Hillary Clinton in Belfast on whirlwind visit

HILLARY CLINTON returned to Ireland last night almost exactly two years after triumphantly visiting Northern Ireland with her husband the US president.

Mrs Clinton, who will travel to Belfast today, was guest of honour at a reception and government dinner in Dublin Castle, hosted by Taoiseach Bertie Ahern.

The last time Mrs Clinton touched down on Irish soil she and the president delivered a major boost to the peace process - just three months before the initiative

came close to being torpedoed by the collapse of the first IRA ceasefire.

This time the first lady, starting with the Dublin dimension of a tour closely linked to peace process developments, said: "Be assured the United States is your partner in the long haul to peace."

And she also told 350 guests at the Dublin reception: "My husband remains personally committed to this effort and to those who take risks to make peace happen."

Mrs Clinton who is to have talks

in London on the peace process with British Prime Minister Tony Blair as part of her bid to gain an on-the-ground assessment of current developments

underscored the special need in the present position for both compromise and reconciliation.

Mrs Clinton, referring to the breakdown and restoration of the IRA ceasefire, said: "In this precious peace we now have almost all the parties in the conflict sitting down to discuss the substantive issues."

She insisted that she and her

husband were under no illusion that the path towards peace would be easy.

"Wounds are still raw and all sides have to compromise and seek peace and move towards common ground in the weeks ahead."

Mrs Clinton will today deliver a lecture in memory of Joyce McCartan, a Belfast community worker who died weeks after the Clintons' visit in 1995.

Mrs Clinton said: "Women have paid a heavy price for the social

turmoil that has been generated and women are now leading the effort for peace."

She said Dublin had an important and crucial role to play towards achieving peace and repeated: "America will be with you."

After last night's reception, Mrs Clinton joined a relatively small group for a private dinner in Dublin Castle, the one time citadel of British rule in Ireland.

At the event were senior Dublin government ministers and civil servants involved in Anglo-Irish

negotiations. On the American side with Mrs Clinton was the US ambassador to Ireland Jean Kennedy Smith and former senator and talk chairman George Mitchell.

Also on the guest list were Nobel literature laureate poet Seamus Heaney and Pulitzer Prize winner Frank McCourt.

With Mr Ahern, who is separated from his wife, as joint host at the dinner was his partner Celia Larkin, attending her first major international event of its kind.

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● **TEA AND EMPATHY...** Hillary Clinton shows off the teapot which Joyce McCartin gave her and which has now come to symbolise the need to talk rather than fight
Picture: Brendan Murphy

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Shankill peace plea girl meets First Lady

THE Shankill school girl whose plea for peace touched the heart of the Prime Minister was meeting America's First Lady, Hillary Clinton, today.

Margaret Givney, 12, from Percy Street and a pupil at Mount Gilbey Community College, was said to be overwhelmed at the prospect of meeting the President's wife.

Philip Tanton, head of mathematics at the school, said: "All this began with our peace wall, which was just a school project.

"The pupils just sent letters to famous people asking for them to write a poem for peace.

"It is very fitting that the pupils will meet Mrs Clinton because her school was the very first letter they received to start building their peace wall."

The Mount Gilbey students brought their peace wall to the White House, where the First Lady was addressing a youth conference.

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Hillary evades nanny protest

AMERICAN First Lady Hillary Clinton yesterday dodged protesters complaining about the treatment of British nanny Louise Woodward when she arrived at a reception at the US Embassy in London.

Mrs Clinton was driven around to the back of the building and avoided about 25 people who had lined up outside the front of the building to demand the 19-year-old's release.

Standing behind a sign saying "No justice in China, no justice in Iran, no justice in USA", protester Michael Rowland said: "The United States never likes to face up to any criticism. She certainly tried to avoid us."

Mr Rowland (38) from Blackpool, added: "The US always puts itself up on the moral high ground but it's just not the case."

Youth worker Gabriella Russo (24) also criticised Mrs Clinton's decision to avoid the protesters.

"When you see the security around the front it's obvious that she got the nod and didn't want to go past us," she said.

The protesters stood behind barriers erected on the other side of the street and were covered in yellow ribbons.

Candles burned in flower pots on the ground and a tree in Grosvenor Square was wrapped with a yellow ribbon and a message saying: "No justice. Free Louise now."

The protesters shouted: "Free Louise," as politicians including Transport Minister Glenda Jackson and celebrities walked into the embassy.

Retired head teacher Hazel Parker, of New Malden, Surrey, said: "I'm here to add my voice and my presence to the protest in support of Louise because I feel, without a single doubt in my mind, she's totally innocent. It's been a grave miscarriage of justice."

All the protesters said they had no idea Mrs Clinton would be at the embassy yesterday but had responded to rallying calls from campaign leaders in Elton to show their sup-

port.

Several cars sounded their horns as they passed the protesters but most of them left after they learned Mrs Clinton was inside the building.

A Scotland Yard spokesman said later that Mrs Clinton was always going to be driven in to the back of the building.

He said: "It was never the intention to dodge anybody and the decision was taken for security reasons."

Virgin chief Richard Branson emerged from the US Embassy reception to back the Louise Woodward campaign.

He said: "I would hope the judge will take sympathy and obviously it would be wonderful if she were freed, or at least if the whole thing was reduced."

"In England the absolute most she would get would be two years. I would have thought that the American justice system ought to take that into account."

"It would be wonderful if the (British) prison service could find a good excuse to get her out."

And Richard Noble, leader of the world land speed record-breaking Thrust SSC team, also criticised the verdict.

Mr Noble, who was attending the embassy reception, said: "I have been watching the case and the decision definitely needs looking at again. I don't think it was the right one."

Mrs Clinton left the embassy later declining to comment about the Louise Woodward case.

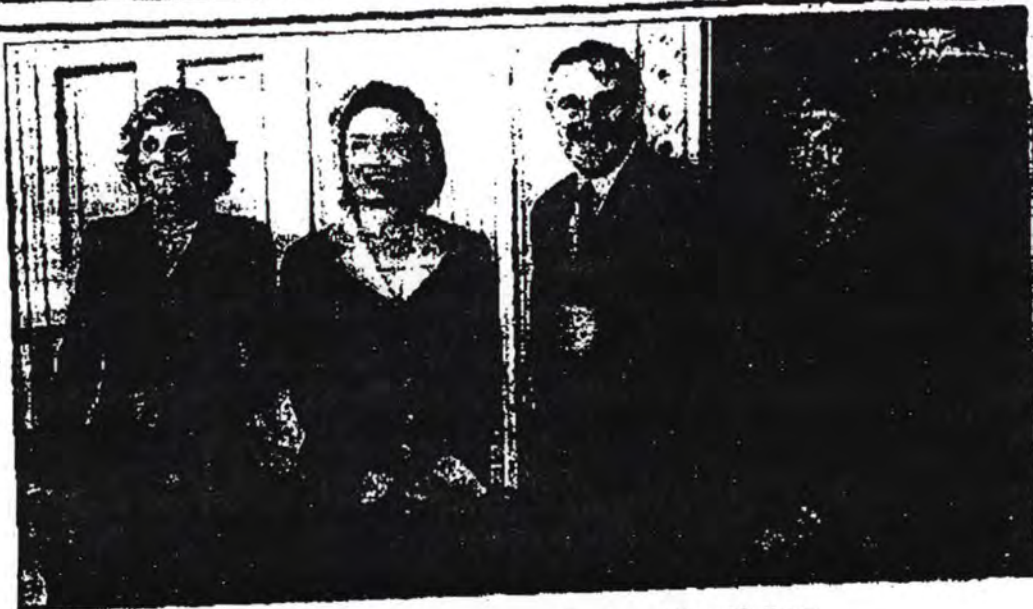
A waiting reporter shouted: "Did American justice fail Louise Woodward?" But Mrs Clinton walked the 20 yards to her car inside the garage at the rear of the embassy and did not acknowledge the question.

She was then driven away in a Lincoln limousine, as part of a 10-vehicle cavalcade.

There were no campaigners at the back of the embassy to protest as she left, waving.

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HILLARY VOWS SUPPORT FOR PEACE EFFORT



Welcoming party: Hillary Clinton (second left) poses for the media with (from left) US ambassador to Ireland Jean Kennedy-Smith, Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern and Cella Larkin at a reception in Dublin Castle.

Bill 'is keen to return soon'

By Michael Dwyer in Dublin

AMERICA'S First Lady Hillary Clinton has underlined her husband's commitment to the peace process.

And she revealed Mr Clinton is intent on making a return visit to Ireland in the near future.

Mrs Clinton, who arrived in Belfast today, said during an overnight stop in Dublin that peace in Ireland was an article of faith in her family and she and her husband talked about it every day.

She pledged there would be continued American support for those who took risks for peace.

She said: "America will be with you as you walk the road of peace. Making peace among people of different cultures is the work of a lifetime. We are under no illusion that reaching an agreement will be easy."

Mrs Clinton said she recognized there were centuries of feeling behind each side's argument and that many wounds were still raw.

But when people wanted peace, there was an obligation on political leaders to find the common ground where peace could thrive.

The First Lady, who was speaking at a reception in Dublin Castle hosted by Taoiseach Bertie Ahern, urged all sides to compromise and seek common ground in the weeks and months ahead.

She paid tribute to all those on both sides who had worked so hard to bring about peace and reconciliation.

She said President Clinton was keen to make an early return visit to Ireland and was searching his calendar for another opportunity to do so.

She added: "I hope this is not too far off in the distance and that he will have the opportunity to meet

you in person and wish you God speed in the many important efforts you are undertaking today."

Mr Ahern paid tribute to the "key contribution" which the President and Mrs Clinton had made to the peace process.

"From the very beginning of the peace process, the personal commitment of President Clinton in the search for peace was central, constant and crucial," he added.

He said that since the substantive talks began on September 24, they had already made good progress in defining the fundamental issues which had divided the two communities in Northern Ireland.



All smiles: Mrs Clinton and Taoiseach Bertie Ahern arrive at a government dinner in the First Lady's honour.

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A little token: Belfast's Lord Mayor Alban Maginness presents Hillary Clinton with a framed photograph of Belfast.

Pictures: Mervyn Dowling, Phil Smyth and Mark McCormick

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Welcome back: David Sterrett and Katherine Hamill meet Mrs Clinton at Belfast International Airport yesterday.



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Pleased to meet you: the First Lady talks to students attending the Generation 2000 conference.

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Time for a chat: Mrs Clinton conducts a walkabout of Belfast's Waterfront Hall after her speech.

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Hand of friendship: Rabbi Julia Neuberger, chancellor of the University of Ulster congratulates the First Lady after her moving speech.

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Fleeting visit

AMERICA'S first lady Hillary Clinton flies into Northern Ireland today on a goodwill mission, aimed at consolidating peace and reconciliation in this politically divided society.

The one-day visit may lack the razzamatazz of two years ago when Hillary and husband Bill took Ulster by storm, but the gesture in returning to these shores will enhance the reputation of the President's wife with a great many people in the Province, of all creeds and classes. She deserves a traditional Ulster welcome of warmth and cordiality.



TOUCHING TRIBUTE: Hillary Clinton
PICTURE: JOHN HARRISON

Carry on battle says First Lady

IT only took a cup of tea to win the heart of Hillary Clinton when she visited Northern Ireland with the President of the United States two years ago.

Yesterday she returned the affection when she paid tribute to the woman who forged that unique relationship - peacemaker, the late Joyce McCartan.

In a memorial lecture to Mrs McCartan at the University of Ulster, Mrs Clinton praised her bravery and urged those she left behind to carry on with the battle.

"We cannot permit this to go on," she said. "We have to take a stand for our children."

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Hillary jets in to Ireland

HILLARY Clinton returned to Ireland last night, almost exactly two years after triumphantly visiting both sides of the Irish border with her husband, the American president.

Mrs Clinton, on the first leg of a trip that includes engagements in London and Belfast today, was guest of honour at a reception and government dinner in Dublin Castle, hosted by prime minister Bertie Ahern.

The last time Mrs Clinton touched down on Irish soil she and the president delivered a major boost to the Northern Ireland peace process - just three months before the initiative came close to being torpedoed by the collapse of the first IRA ceasefire.

This time the First Lady, starting with the Dublin dimension of a three city tour closely linked to peace process developments, said: "Be assured the United States is your partner in the long haul to peace."

She also told 350 guests at the Dublin reception: "My husband remains personally committed to this effort and to those who take risks to make peace happen."

Mrs Clinton is to have talks in London on the



FLASHBACK: Bill and Hillary Clinton meet the people during a Belfast walkabout

peace process with Prime Minister Tony Blair as part of her bid to gain an on-the-ground assessment of current developments.

Yesterday she underscored the special need in the present position for both compromise and reconciliation.

Mrs Clinton, referring to the breakdown and restoration of the IRA ceasefire, said: "In this precious peace we now have almost all the parties in the conflict sitting down to discuss the substantive issues."

She insisted that she and her husband were

under no illusion that the path towards peace would be easy.

"Wounds are still raw and all sides have to compromise and seek peace and move towards common ground in the weeks ahead."

Mrs Clinton, who is due to travel from Dublin to Belfast today to deliver a lecture in memory of Joyce McCrann, a Belfast community worker who died some weeks after the Clintons' visit in 1995, also underlined the part women were playing in efforts to resolve the Northern Ireland conflict.

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Hillary's message

ANOTHER presidential link made the news yesterday - the visit to Northern Ireland of American first lady Hillary Clinton - and while it turned out to be a decidedly low-key event, much goodwill was generated to sustain the positive Ulster/United States link which has been clearly evident over recent years.

Mrs Clinton spoke of genuine American hopes for peace and stability in our society. The words of encouragement for those engaged in reconciliation work in this divided community appeared to strike a chord with people young and old present at her two public lectures.

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First Lady hits town

Hillary's peace hopes

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Mrs Clinton brings back a special

memento and remembers woman of courage

Teapot that brews up a symbol for the future

HILLARY Clinton's teapot has become a new symbol of hope in Northern Ireland.

It was given to her by community leader Joyce McCartney after they shared a cuppa during the President's triumphant visit to the Province nearly two years ago.

Mrs McCartney, 67, who lost 18 relatives including a son during the years of Ulster bloodshed, died last year.

But America's First Lady, who kept the stainless steel pot in her second floor private kitchen at the White House, brought it back to Belfast yesterday.

There she urged all sides to make compromise at the sort of table where the battling Joyces used to drink tea and talk peace with friends on both sides of the religious divide.

Joyce McCartney, she said, and all the brave women who for more than 20 years had marched, cried, shouted and demanded peace, deserved to be heard.

Mrs Clinton held up the teapot in front of nearly 1,000 people at the University of Ulster, Jordanstown, Co Antrim, where she delivered a special lecture in memory of the brave mother who yearned for a future free of violence.

The President's wife said the chances of a settlement in Northern Ireland would not have been as promising had it not been for the courage of the women who once spent an hour in her company at a tiny drop-in centre called The Lamp-lighter.

She said: "I don't know whether a Catholic or a Protestant made this teapot."

"I don't know whether a Catholic or a Protestant said

this teapot.

"I only know this teapot serves me very well, and it stands for all those conversations around those thousands of kitchen tables where mothers and fathers look at one another with despair because they cannot imagine the future will be any better for their children."

"But this teapot also is on

the kitchen table where mothers and fathers can look at one another and say: 'We have to do better. We cannot permit this to go on. We have to take a stand for our children'."

Mrs Clinton added: "There will be more bumps on the road. There will be those who would rather smash the teapot than fill it with piping hot tea, sit down and

have a conversation."

But she said Joyce McCartney understood that if she could just get enough people around some great kitchen table where they would sit down and look at one another honestly and speak of their hopes, fears and dreams, then progress could be made to build peace.

Mrs Clinton said: "Joyce

McCartan deserves as her real legacy that the peace process will go forward. She and all the brave women who for more than 20 years marched, bled, prayed, cried and shouted peace deserves to be heard."

President Clinton remained personally committed to those who took risks for peace in the months ahead, she added.

Mrs Clinton said: "When people want peace, it is the obligation of political leaders to find the common ground where it can thrive. That requires compromise and reconciliation."

"That involves postponing, or even giving up one's cherished ideas in the belief that others will do the same to end the conflict and build a better future."

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US First Lady Hillary Clinton told thousands of Ulster young people yesterday: "I can see in the faces before me, evidence of why peace can and must be your destiny."

Mrs Clinton addressed the Generation 2000 conference at

By **DONNA CARTON**

Belfast's Waterfront Hall, where young adults and teenagers from across the province had gathered to draw up proposals for tackling a wide range of issues affecting them.

Mrs Clinton received a tumultuous welcome from the crowd and told them: "If you believe in

yourselves you can stand against the barriers that have been built to imprison you and if adults will listen and empower you, you can be the leaders all of us need."

Tuning into the mood and tone of the conference, she said: "I hope you will feel free to dream, to make your contribution to peace in the countless ways that individuals can."

"You can stand up for the right

of everyone to be respected."

Before making her main conference speech, Mrs Clinton joined one of the many fringe workshops held throughout the day by the delegates.

Nine young people, men and women, Roman Catholics and Protestants, able bodied and disabled discussed a series of wide-ranging topics with their VIP guest.

They talked about access to decent training and jobs and the importance of elected politicians paying more attention to what youth are saying.

Louisa Ward, 19, from Belfast, said young people were angry at only seeing politicians when they were seeking re-election.

Louisa, a part-time youth worker and trained peer educator said: "Young people should become more involved in talking with their local councillors and MPs." She also urged young people to work hard for a new future and less fearful environment.

David Brady, 20, a computer science student at the University of Ulster, explained how his experiences with the Spirit of Enniskillen project broadened his outlook.

And lucky Jo Anne Kerr took a little more away from yesterday's special meeting than simply memories of an important person.

Jo Anne, who discussed in detail the problems of access to shops, restaurants and entertainment venues for wheelchair users, may be having lunch with the First Lady when she visits Washington in May next year.

Jo Anne plans to make the trip with Phab next spring and she asked Mrs Clinton if it would be okay to call at the White House.

She said: "I just decided to be bold and ask her since we are going over there and she told me to ring her office once we've finalised our dates. It's great."

Before leaving the Waterfront yesterday, Mrs Clinton was presented with a crystal sculpture from the young people of Generation 2000.



WELCOME BACK: Hillary Clinton is met by David Sterrett and Katherine Hemlin

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Greeted by familiar faces

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HILLARY Clinton arrived in Belfast yesterday to be greeted by the familiar faces of the Protestant and Catholic schoolchildren who joined hands during her husband's triumphant visit to Northern Ireland two years ago.

The First Lady, wearing a

smart black suit, was met by Catherine Hamill and David Sterrett after touching down in a US Air Force jet at Belfast International Airport.

The two schoolchildren, one Protestant, the other Catholic, had greeted the president and Mrs Clinton during their tri-

umphant visit in 1995.

Yesterday's arrival had none of the fanfare of that visit. It was to be a low-key affair with Mrs Clinton set to deliver a lecture in memory of a community worker whom she met in 1993 and to hold a seminar with a group of young people.



PLEASED TO MEET YOU: Mrs Clinton with young people attending the Generation 2000 conference
Picture: BOB HAMILTON



MESSAGE OF PEACE: Hillary Clinton delivers her moving speech at the Waterfront

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Joyce McCartan, above, gave Mrs Clinton her treasured teapot on her last visit to Belfast, below Picture: PAUL HAMILTON



A life touched by tragedy

THE WOMAN whom Hilary Clinton honoured yesterday was world-famous when she died last year aged 66.

Her work in the lower Ormeau area of Belfast was made all the more poignant by the fact that 18 members of her family circle had died in Ulster's troubles - among them her 17-year-old son Gary.

She also set up the Lamp-lighter Fish and Chip restaurant next to the drop-in

centre in a bid to provide employment and a meeting place for young people.

Born in Banbridge in 1929, Joyce moved to Belfast with her husband Seamus 40 years ago and became involved in local politics.

She first came dramatically to public notice when she attempted to walk a cow into the Lord Mayor's parlour to protest against the ending of free school milk.

As the troubles escalated

she encouraged women from both sides of the community to recognise their common problems and spurn division.

In 1992 she was awarded the MBE and in 1995 was given an honorary doctorate by Queen's University.

Yesterday she was honoured once more as Hilary Clinton delivered the first Joyce McCartan Memorial Lecture at the University of Ulster.

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Hillary jets in for flying visit

AMERICAN First Lady Hillary Clinton flies into Northern Ireland today for a whirlwind visit.

She will be arriving at Belfast International Airport about mid-morning after having spent last night in Dublin.

Her first engagement is at the University of Ulster's Jordanstown campus where she will deliver the Inaugural Joyce McCartan Memorial Lecture.

During her visit to Belfast in 1993, accompanied by President Bill Clinton, the First Lady met Mrs McCartan at the Women's Information Drop-In Centre on the Ormeau Road, where the two drank

tea and shared a joke.

Mrs McCartan, whose 17-year-old son was killed during the Troubles, had founded the cross-community centre, and on her death last year the UU decided to create a lecture series in her honour to acknowledge the role of women in peace and reconciliation.

The American company CableTel is also contributing £10,000 a year to a bursary fund to support women research students who are working in the area of conflict resolution.

UU vice-chancellor Professor Sir Trevor Smith will welcome Mrs Clinton to the university.

Later, Mrs Clinton will

be attending the Generation 2000 conference at Belfast's Waterfront Hall.

It is bringing young people from across the Province together to look at issues affecting their generation.

Dr Michael Murphy, chairman of the Youth Council of Northern Ireland, is delighted that she is to visit the two-day conference.

He said: "We understand that the First Lady has played a very active role in the lives of many thousands of young people in the United States and we are particularly privileged that she has considered our work in Northern Ireland to be of interest."



HILLARY CLINTON: second visit to Ulster

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Mrs Clinton appeals to all sides for compromises

By Suzanne Breen. *ph*
in Belfast

MRS Hillary Clinton has told Northern Ireland that the world is watching to see if it can secure peace after decades of conflict. She appealed to all sides to make the necessary compromises.

Optimism swept across Belfast yesterday as the US First Lady arrived on a one-day visit.

Although it was much more low-key than her previous pre-Christmas trip with President Clinton two years ago, there was a festive atmosphere in the city.

Her first engagement was at the University of Ulster at Jordans-town, Co Antrim, where she delivered a lecture in memory of the Belfast community worker, Mrs Joyce McCartan, who died last year aged 67 and who lost 18 relatives during the Troubles.

The two women had enjoyed a cup of tea at a drop-in centre on the Ormeau Road during the Clintons' last visit. The US First Lady told an audience of about 1,000

people that Mrs McCartan and all the brave women who had marched, cried, shouted and demanded peace for over 20 years deserved to be heard.

To her audience's delight, she produced the stainless steel teapot that the Belfast woman had given her. She said she used it every day in her second-floor private kitchen in the White House, and had brought it back as a symbol of hope.

"I don't know whether a Catholic or a Protestant made this teapot. I don't know whether a Catholic or a Protestant sold this teapot. I only know that this teapot serves me very well, and it stands for all those conversations around those thousands of kitchen tables where mothers and fathers look at one another with despair, because they cannot imagine the future will be any better for their children.

"But this teapot also is on the kitchen table where mothers and fathers can look at one another and say: 'We have to do better.

We cannot permit this to go on. We have to take a stand for our children'."

Mrs Clinton acknowledged that wounds were still raw and that there were many obstacles in the way of peace. However, she stressed that the world was watching Northern Ireland to see whether there would be an end to "a generation of senseless killing".

In a message to the politicians, she said: "When the people want peace, it is the obligation of political leaders to find the common ground where it can thrive. That requires compromise and reconciliation.

"That involves postponing or even giving up one's cherished ideals in the belief that others will do the same to end the conflict."

The US would continue to play its part in support of the peace process, she said.

Mrs Clinton's second and final engagement was at a youth conference in the Waterfront Hall, where she received a standing ovation.

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BELFAST got the HRC treatment yesterday but it was just one more tour date on the Hillary Clinton roadshow as the First Lady continues a remarkable mid-life metamorphosis.

She was cocooned, hidden and protected from the public eye during the last year of her husband's campaign for re-election — mainly because of anger over her attempts to reform the US health service and her less than compelling stint in a Grand Jury witness box during the Whitewater hearings.

Now, at 50, she has emerged into the warmth and security of her husband's second term at the White House and the opportunity to reinvent both herself and her role as the wife of the most powerful man on the planet.

What Americans have got is a softer, less politically brash First Lady — not in competition with her husband to call the policy shots back home but determined to enter the second part of her life thriving on the hormone of international recognition for both herself and the causes she wants to champion during the next four years.

Thursday night it was Dublin and the terror of a close encounter of the puckering kind with Jonathan Philbin Bowman. Hillary had recovered enough by Friday morning to go ahead with her visit to Belfast and her appetite had returned enough to enjoy dinner with the Blairs last night.



Jerome Reilly

Next on the agenda is Siberia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and other eastern European locations while just recently it was South America, Panama and other points south of her nation's border.

The parallels with Princess Diana are plain to see. There is a realisation among the heavily feminised Hillary staff corps that her mere presence will highlight the house closest to her heart while not exceeding or impugning her limited Constitutional parameters.

America's First Lady is almost as powerless as our own President but she can sound a strong symbolic resonance as the curing side of the presidential partnership.

Thus Belfast got a worldwide good news story as the hopes for peace, renewal and reconciliation were relayed by CNN, ABC, CBS and the rest of the transglobal media — albeit brought to the American public by the second division of the Washington press corps.

The fact that Hillary Clinton gladly allowed herself to be upstaged by a teapot during a low key and, by US standards, informal visit spoke volumes for her.

The stainless steel teapot was of the type used in two star hotels which tend to spill boiling hot tea everywhere but into a cup when poured.

It was given to her by the inspirational activist Joyce McCartan after they shared a mug of tea during President Clinton's triumphant visit to the North nearly two years ago.

Feelings pour out with a symbolic teapot

Mrs Clinton explained that she had told 67-year-old Mrs McCartan during the 1995 visit that the teapot kept tea warmer than the china ones she had in the White House. Mrs McCartan, who lost 18 relatives including a son during the Troubles, wrapped up the Teapot and presented it to the First Lady.

Now Mrs Clinton uses it every evening she and the President are in their private rooms in the White House and their thoughts turn to Joyce McCartan who died last year and the peace she strived to achieve in her own small way.

Hillary Clinton brought the teapot back to Belfast yesterday as she urged all sides to compromise at the sort of table where Joyce used to drink tea and talk peace with friends, both Catholic and Protestant.

Using a teapot as a metaphor for peace may appear trite, but when Mrs Clinton held up the teapot in front of invited guests at the University of Ulster in Jordanstown, there was a hallowe'en firework display of photographic flashes and a picture which will be beamed around the world.

Later she chaired a discussion group made up of young people representing groups and associations.

With the world's media watching, it could have been an embarrassing and silted flop but with a lawyer's eye for the next question to be asked, Mrs Clinton chaired a useful, sometimes revealing, exchange of ideas with the North's next generation of decision makers.

At a news conference at Belfast's Waterfront Hall, the First Lady spoke of her sadness for the North's "lost youth".

"A generation has crossed into adulthood on streets littered with broken glass and burning cars.

"Few have felt totally safe in their own neighbourhoods. In their own beds. Almost all have grown up to the sound of gunfire," she said.

She urged delegates at the Generation 2000 conference, to unite against the "plague of bigotry".

Last night Mrs Clinton left Belfast for the UK where she dined with Tony and Cherie Blair at the British Prime Minister's country residence, Chequers.

Just another stop on a worldwide road to remake herself as an international figure in her own right.

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Hillary visit keeps peace hopes alive

COMPARED to the US President's visit to the North two years ago, Hillary Clinton's one-day stopover in Belfast yesterday produced little excitement.

But it did help to emphasise America's continuing interest and her global crusade on behalf of women and young people.

Unionists have commonly regarded US politicians — particularly Democrats — as uninformed and anti-British, while nationalists see them as influential friends, capable of prompting action from British governments.

The success of the 1995 Clinton visit was that it briefly transcended that divide, but subsequent welcomes for Gerry Adams and concessions to the IRA



Analysis

Barry White

The mood of euphoria that surrounded the first IRA ceasefire has gone. In its place there is a quiet optimism — which Mrs Clinton reflected — that the fragile peace can be sustained, however great the difficulties.

Few expect the Stormont talks to reach agreement by next May, but the ice has been broken and there is no inclination among any of the so-called paramilitary parties to return to full-scale violence.

The breakthrough that led to the 1994 ceasefires was achieved largely by outside forces — in Dublin, London, and Washington — and Mrs Clinton gave a timely assurance that they haven't gone away.

The eyes of America and the world were again on Northern Ireland during an even more promising period, she said, as leaders of the two communities were meeting for talks.

Like President Clinton, she carefully avoided any discussion of the issues involved, except peace. So it is difficult to know what impact she made.

The women's groups and young people whom she addressed in her speeches at the University of Ulster and a Generation 2000 conference in Belfast's Waterfront Hall, will have been heartened, but American interest means different things to unionists and

have hardened unionist opinion.

Although Mrs Clinton referred warmly to the talks process, like most visitors, it is still a bone of contention among unionists, who feel it is weighted against them.

With two unionist parties snarling on the outside, David Trimble's UUP have to justify their participation by attacking not only Sinn Féin but nationalism in general — and Dublin in particular.

What was intended as a private debating chamber, where parties would meet face to face and hammer out their differences on devolution and North-South relations, has become an arena for conflict.

Kept outside, journalists have to interview politicians as they emerge, each telling a different story.

The combative UUP leader has also incensed the SDLP with his delaying tactics and his refusal to engage, much less negotiate with Sinn Féin.

The SDLP, in retaliation, have called on Tony Blair to speed up the process and are demanding early movement on cross-border institutions.

David Trimble has made it clear that he is against formal structures and has only agreed to listen to practical proposals

HILLARY CLINTON VISIT

THE DAY ANOTHER FIRST LADY CALLED

By Gail Walker

FOR more than half a century they were just a bundle of sepia-tinted photographs lying in a forgotten file in our newspaper library.

But these black and white images recall a fascinating day in Ulster's history, capturing the first time the wife of an American President set foot on Ulster soil.

Until Hillary Clinton's visit tomorrow, it was also the only other occasion a First Lady made a solo trip to the province.

Eleanor Roosevelt's wartime sojourn in November 1942 to see American soldiers, sailors and marines stationed here captured the hearts and minds of the public.

Banner headlines signalled her arrival and leader columns trumpeted the importance of a visit from "the wife of a great man who

Memories of Eleanor's Ulster trip

has already left an indelible mark on world history."

Even the *Larne Times* offered a scoop, triumphing with exclusive pictures of Mrs Roosevelt touring a hospital.

It was — as these events still tend to be — billed as a flying visit.

During a lightning tour of inspection, she called at US military and naval hospitals, dropped in at Red Cross clubs, inspected a WRNS headquarters and heard about the work of Ulster women in the war effort.

And, in what the reporter described as a dramatic scene, she also met Lady Montgomery, mother of General Sir Bernard Montgom-

ery, the distinguished leader of the victorious 8th army in Egypt.

The journalist, writing in the antiquated style of the era, continued: "Mrs Roosevelt and Lady Montgomery gripped hands firmly and then Mrs Roosevelt said: 'I am proud to meet the mother of General Montgomery.'"

"I, too, am glad to meet you," said Lady Montgomery, a virile upstanding figure for her years.

"I do admire your husband so much. I think he and Mr Churchill are the two greatest men in the world," adding with a smile: "And Hitler — or my son — is the third."

"Your son, I think, takes that honour," said Mrs Roosevelt softly, and the look of pride on Lady Montgomery's face showed that she fully endorsed the commendation.

Mrs Roosevelt, who died in her flat in New York at the age of 78,

was described by President Kennedy as one of the great ladies in American history.

Born in 1884, the niece of President Theodore Roosevelt, Anna Eleanor Roosevelt married Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1905.

Later she took over much of his political work when he was stricken in 1921 with the polio which crippled him for life.

She withdrew from politics when he became Governor of New York State in 1928 and subsequently became the first woman to be First Lady of the White House four times when her husband was elected and re-elected President.

After his death in 1945, she was appointed to the United Nations posts and continued to retain her international fame as a traveller, writer and broadcaster, and active promoter of her political and social ideals.

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Doing the rounds: Eleanor Roosevelt is brought to meet US troops hospitalised in Ulster in 1942.



Talking of home: The First Lady meets Parker W Buchanan, US Consul for Northern Ireland.



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STARS SHINE FOR THE FIRST LADY

By Gail Walker

CONNIE Francis sang Happy Birthday and Al Pacino joined the party.

Hillary Clinton, who arrives in Northern Ireland for a flying visit tomorrow, turned 50 last Saturday and the stars — in more senses than one — are shining once more for one of the most talked about of all the US's First Ladies.

Her aggressive forthright hands-on approach to her role has at times wreaked havoc on her position in the popularity stakes.

While that stance resulted in intense loyalty from American women, many men disliked her.

As one American living in Belfast neatly

summed it up: "I have male friends back home who say, 'I didn't vote for her. I voted for him. Nobody mentioned a package deal'."

Indeed, Mrs Clinton practically went into seclusion throughout the period of her husband's re-election last year.

Now, however, she is back — with an image makeover. The new Hillary is altogether more, well, caring.

One reporter described her as no longer Sister Brigidine but more Mellow Mother, no longer trading insults with members of Congress but preferring to nuke her point by ruffling the hair of a toddler in a day care centre.

And though pollsters say her popularity still trails that of many previous First Ladies she has, undeniably,

Now 50, Hillary has new image

found new support in America.

A magazine poll this month found that 59% of voters viewed her favourably and her job approval rating rose to 67%, higher than her husband ever attained.

It follows a low period for her, marked by her appearance before a grand jury to answer questions about how her long-lost law firm billing records mysteriously surfaced at the White House.

But this week she will be appearing on US's top cosy, touchy-feely chat show Oprah Winfrey before returning to Washington for the transatlantic semi-ambassadorial sortie to

Dublin, Belfast and London.

And only last month this was a woman who reportedly took private walks around the capital, consulted the depths of her Christian faith, and channelled via guru to Eleanor Roosevelt and Mahatma Gandhi.

She is delivering speeches on domestic violence, appearing on television saying "turning 50 doesn't bother me", making commercials urging women to

have breast cancer exams and presiding over a child care conference.

Indeed her Belfast visit will likely focus, her aides say, on the "role of women and youth in democracy and the peace process".

She will deliver the Joyce McCartan Memorial Lecture at the University of Ulster and will speak at a 'Generation 2000: Young People in the New Millennium' gathering of Catholic and Protestant youth.

And after her trip here, she takes off for 10 days in Siberia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.

'This has been a disciplined and focused comeback, a result of a series of very careful choices'

Even her wardrobe has been transformed from the power-dressing reds and greens of the past to the pastels of Oscar de la Renta.

The catalogue of hairstyles has been abandoned for a simple, neat, blow-dried cut.

A White House official quoted recently in the New York Times said that her team had "done a really good job" of "repositioning" her.

He added: "This has been a disciplined and focused comeback, a result of a series of very careful choices."

"Instead of doing 50 things, she's chosen a few high-profile projects and foreign trips with children and women's issues as the central theme."

"They have picked their spots carefully. And it has worked."

HILLARY TO MEET YOUNG

**First Lady
set for
conference
date**

By Gary Grattan

AMERICA'S First Lady Hillary Clinton will be guest of honour at Northern Ireland's biggest youth conference, which opened today.

Six hundred delegates were expected to attend the historic event in the prestigious Waterfront Hall, which will map out the future youth strategy for the province.



**Tony Worthington:
Timely move.**

The Generation 2000 conference, organised by the Youth Council, will run over two days and Mrs Clinton will be the special VIP guest tomorrow.

Topics up for discussion include education, health, conflict resolution, information technology, employment and training and young people's rights.

Youth Council director David Guilfoyle said: "Those who work with young people must offer coherent and integrated strategies."

"Issues which affect these cross agency and departmental boundaries and therefore individual response by agencies or departments are limited in their scope."

Education Minister

Tony Worthington said the initiative was timely.

"The Government believes that all sectors — public, private and voluntary — should harness their efforts collectively for the benefit of young people."

"I am therefore very pleased to endorse the efforts of the Youth Council in staging this conference, to focus on the needs of young people and their relationship with the rest of the community, and to emphasise the importance of promoting the position of young people within society," he said.

Tonight more than 400 young people were due to stage 'Generation 2000 — a Youth Odyssey' to coincide with the conference.

It was the largest showcase of young people's talent in the city, and will feature a guest performance by Brian Kennedy.

● The conference can be accessed on the Internet via the Belfast Telegraph's website at <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk>

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A tribute to Joyce's fight against violence

By Marie Foy

Lecture honours tireless worker

THE First Lady of the United States will tomorrow pay tribute to an Ulster woman who made a huge impact on her when she visited Northern Ireland in December 1995.

Hillary Clinton will deliver the inaugural lecture at the University of Ulster to dedicate a chair in honour of veteran community worker Joyce McCartan, who died last year at the age of 66.

Mrs Clinton met the tireless voluntary worker — who lost more than 12 relatives in the Troubles — during the visit.

In the last years of her life, Mrs McCartan received prestigious awards in recognition of her work in a series of community projects in Belfast.

They included a Pensioner of the Year award from former President Mary Robinson, an honorary doctorate from Queen's University and an MBE from the Queen.

But life had many

hard knocks for the mother of eight and grandmother of 13.

Born a Protestant in Banbridge, Co Down, on November 26, 1929, she married and moved to Belfast with her Catholic husband Seamus, where she quickly became involved in community work.

She first came to public attention when she tried to lead a cow into the Lord Mayor's parlour at Belfast City Hall to protest at the ending of free school milk.

Faced with a once-thriving community suffering unemployment and deprivation, she raised more than £100,000 to start a women's information centre and youth training scheme in the lower Ormeau area.

The women's network grew to operate more than 60 groups province-wide.

As the Troubles escalated, members of her

extended family were singled out and killed, including at least nine in her close family circle.

Among those she lost was her 17-year-old son, Gary, shot in May 1987 in the hallway of the family home by masked UVF killers.

She recognised that poverty, illiteracy, depression, marital violence, teenage pregnancy and unemployment affected Catholics and Protestants alike

Although she was already involved in community work, Gary's murder spurred her on to devote herself to the fight against sectarianism and poverty... "because", she said, "I have other sons".

Despite the blows, she never gave way to anger or bitterness, or sought revenge.

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poverty, illiteracy, depression, marital violence, teenage pregnancy and unemployment affected Catholics and Protestants alike.

Always with the interests of struggling working class folk at heart, she would say: "You can't fry flags in a pan."

Throughout all, she has been praised as a woman of grassroots common sense, unlimited courage, unbending conviction

and great inner strength.

When she died, former Economy Minister Richard Needham said: "What a wonderful, wonderful woman."

"That woman has done as much as anybody over the years, in the most appallingly distressing personal circumstances, to keep her community together."

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The old days: Joyce with Hillary Clinton during her last visit to Ulster.

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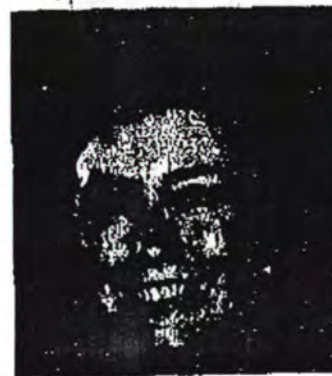


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Youth voice: Senator George Mitchell with Kelly Brown (speaker) and Darrell McKendry at a youth conference held at the Waterfront Hall today. Hillary Clinton is due to address the conference tomorrow.

Picture by Peter Morrison

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After an overnight stay at the US Embassy Mrs Clinton's US Airforce plane will arrive at Aldergrove at 11am tomorrow.

Today, aides stressed her visit to the province would highlight the very strong US commitment to the quest for a just and lasting settlement.

Philip Lader, the US Ambassador to the UK, said: "I think this is evidence of the President and Mrs Clinton's — and the American people's — very strong commitment to the continuing talks as the most significant means of accomplishing a just and lasting settlement of the conflict there."

"I think Mrs Clinton's visit must be seen in the context of her personal interest in this, but also an expression of the

By Gail Wether

American people's strong continuing interest.

But Mr Lader also stressed the private nature of this visit, which is in stark contrast to the razzmatazz which heralded her previous trip with her husband in December 1995.

Sources have revealed how planning for this visit has been much more low-key,

Hillary Clinton plans a more personal touch to proceedings.

with the First Lady apparently keen to project a more personal touch to the proceedings.

Journalists have been told they will not need accreditation to cover any of the events and there will be no Press briefings throughout her stay.

One of Mrs Clinton's chief tasks will be to deliver the Joyce McCartan memorial lecture at the University of Ulster at noon in an event which will poignantly recall her last

Ulster trip.

Then she chatted over a pot of tea with the well-known Ormeau Road peace worker who lost 13 relatives during the Troubles.

She is then due to Belfast's Waterfront Hall at 2.30pm to speak at the biggest ever youth conference stage in Northern Ireland.

It was addressed today by talks chairman and former US Senator George Mitchell.

See pages 4 and Conference report, p 6.



Hillary Clinton addresses the gathering at Dublin Castle, last night.

Picture: Billy Higgins

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Hillary pledges support for peace

by Evelyn Ring

THE United States would continue to play its part in supporting the peace process, Mrs Hillary Clinton declared in Dublin Castle last night.

Mrs Clinton, who attended a reception and private dinner in her honour hosted by Taoiseach Bertie Ahern and his partner Celia Larkin, said her husband, President Bill Clinton, remained personally committed to the peace process.

The First Lady, who addressed about 350 guests invited to the reception in St Patrick's Hall, said it was such a great pleasure for her to be back in Ireland and remarked that her first visit to Ireland two years ago was all too brief.

"I don't think we would ever have a better time any where else," the US First Lady declared.

Since she and her husband were last in Ireland the peace process broke down but was restored again. And, she said, in this precious peace, all the parties involved in the conflict had sat down to discuss differences.

Like its predecessor, the Government was determined to keep the political momentum moving towards a political settlement.

Two years ago, in Ireland, her husband had said that America would be with those who walked the road to peace in Ireland. Both she and her husband knew that reaching an agreement would not be easy. The events of 27 years had left wounds that were still raw.

But, she said, people involved in the peace negotiations who wanted to find common ground might have to postpone or give up cherished ideals.

Mrs Clinton also praised the American Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith for the role she had played in the peace process.

Concluding, the US First Lady thanked the people who extended such warm hospitality to her daughter Chelsea when she visited Ireland in June.

The Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern, who introduced Mrs Clinton, said her visit was just one further positive sign of the continuing US support for peace.

And, referring to the First Lady's 50th birthday last weekend, Mr Ahern said he knew from media reports that one of her birthday wishes was that there should be a breakthrough in Northern Ireland between now and the end of the year.

He assured her that the Irish Government would do everything in its power to make her wish a reality.

Hillary Clinton adds welcome impetus to the Northern talks process

US is committed to partnership on long haul to peace

HILLARY CLINTON returned to Ireland last night, almost exactly two years after triumphantly visiting both sides of the border with her husband, the US president.

Mrs Clinton, on the first leg of a trip that includes engagements in London and Belfast today, was guest of honour at a reception and government dinner in Dublin Castle, hosted by Taoiseach Bertie Ahern.

The last time Mrs Clinton touched down on Irish soil, she and the president delivered a major boost to the peace process - just three months before the initiative came close to being torpedoed by the collapse of the first IRA ceasefire.

This time the first lady, starting with the Dublin dimension of a three-city tour closely linked to peace process developments, stressed: "Be assured, the United States is your partner in the long haul to peace."

And she also told 350 guests at the Dublin reception: "My husband remains personally committed to this effort and to those who take risks to make peace happen."

Mrs Clinton who is to have talks in London on the peace process with British Prime Minister Tony Blair as part of her bid to gain an on-the-ground assessment of current developments underscored the special need in the present position for both compromise and reconciliation.

Mrs Clinton, referring to the breakdown and restoration of the IRA ceasefire, said: "In this precious peace, we now have almost all the parties in the conflict sitting



US First Lady Hillary Clinton and Taoiseach Bertie Ahern arrive at the reception and Government dinner at Dublin Castle last evening.

Picture: Owen Humphreys/PA

down to discuss the substantive issues."

She insisted that she and her husband were under no illusion that the path to peace would be easy. "Wounds are still raw and all sides have to compromise and seek peace and move towards common ground in the weeks ahead."

Mrs Clinton, who is due to travel to Belfast today to deliver a lecture in memory of Joyce McCurtan, a Belfast community worker who died some weeks after the Clintons' visit in 1995, underlined the part women were playing in efforts to resolve the Northern conflict.

"Women have paid a heavy price for the social

turmoil that has been generated and women are now leading the effort for peace," she declared.

She said Dublin had an important and crucial role to play towards achieving peace.

After last night's reception, Mrs Clinton joined a small group for a private dinner in Dublin Castle.

At the event were senior Government ministers and civil servants involved in Anglo-Irish negotiations. On the American side with Mrs Clinton was the US ambassador to Ireland, Jean Kennedy Smith, and former senator George Mitchell, the chairman of the continuing Northern talks process.

Also on the guest list

were Nobel literature laureate poet Seamus Heaney and Pulitzer Prize winner author Frank McCourt who comes from Limerick.

With Mr Ahern, who is separated from his wife, as joint host at the dinner was his partner Celia Larkin, attending her first major international event of its kind.

Mr Ahern said Mrs Clinton's visit was "just one further positive sign of the continuing United States support for peace".

He added: "From the very beginning, the personal commitment of President Clinton has been central, constant and crucial."

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Visit to offer a timely boost for talks process

By MARESE
McDONAGH

HILLARY Clinton used her arrival at Dublin Airport last night to reiterate Washington's continuing commitment to the Northern peace process.

The American First Lady said that Ireland and the United States had important work to accomplish together. "We must travel a common road towards peace, prosperity and justice, both here in Ireland and elsewhere.

"President Clinton remains personally committed to partnership with Ireland and to the Northern Ireland peace process," she said.

Mrs Clinton's arrival was low key in comparison with the razzmatazz which surrounded her last visit with her husband almost two years ago.

Tánaiste Mary Harney and US Ambassador Jean Kennedy-Smith were on the tarmac to greet her when the former Air Force One touched down shortly before 9pm.

And while a huge cavalcade of 24 vehicles for security staff and other officials accompanied the First Lady to Dublin Castle, the heavy handed security normally associated with American Presidential visits was missing.

Mrs Clinton travelled into the city in a bullet proof limousine which had been transported to Dublin earlier aboard a US military cargo aircraft.

Reporters who had been waiting in the rain for the First Lady's arrival were told of her happiness to be back in Dublin again.

UNFORGETTABLE

Mrs Clinton said that her last visit had been an unforgettable trip.

"The reception we received — the warmth of the Irish people, the sea of Irish and American flags at College Green — these will forever be etched in our memories," she said.

Mrs Clinton, referring to the breakdown and restoration of the IRA ceasefire, said: "In this precious peace we now have almost all the parties in the conflict sitting down to discuss the substantive issues."

She insisted that she and her husband were under no illusion that the path towards peace would be easy.

"Wounds are still raw and all sides have to compromise and seek peace and move towards common ground in the weeks ahead."

After descending from the plane in a full length black overcoat, Ms Clinton shook hands rather formally with Tánaiste Mary Harney but kissed American Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith on the cheek.

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Bill and his 'seven iron'

BRACE yourself, Ballybunion. Bill and the boys are coming back.

In idle moments at the White House, Bill and Hillary Clinton like nothing better than to relive the memories of their visit to Ireland two years. "They are images we think about and talk about in our home all the time," confided America's first lady last night. And apparently her husband, President Bill, is only green with envy because she is in Ireland and he's stuck at home running the United States.

But, said Hillary, Bill is determined to get in that game of golf he missed out on during his last trip here. So he's busy polishing up his game in readiness for his return. At this very moment, declared Hillary, he is combing the Oval Office calendar for a few free days so he can get jet in and amaze us with "his seven iron".

Mrs Clinton's comments, relayed on behalf of Bill, were very warmly received by the 300 invited guests at the

Government reception held in her honour at Dublin Castle. But there was no mistaking the worried frowns on the faces of the staff from the Department of Foreign Affairs who visibly blanched at the idea of another presidential cavalcade descending on these shores.

For most of the guests it was an informal affair held in the gilded glory of St Patrick's Hall. But for a very select group there was a private dinner in the King's bedroom where they dined on marinated chicken breast, followed by fillet of turbot and rounded off with a simple raspberry and blackcurrant flan. It was washed down by Chablis and St Emilion, but seasoned veterans of the diplomatic wine and dine circuit sniffed that the Government hadn't exactly broken the back of the Celtic Tiger with what they felt was a rather pedestrian bill of fare.

Perhaps that was jealousy on their part as less than twenty chosen ones joined Bertie and Celia at the high table. They, poor souls, had to be content with a free

bar and cheese on sticks.

In the inner sanctum was Tanaiste Mary Harney joined by favoured politicians Michael Woods, Mary O'Rourke and Dermot Ahern. Also present was Senator George Mitchell and American Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith, along with Nobel laureate Seamus



Miriam Lord

Heaney and his wife Marie, and 'Angela's Ashes' author Frank McCourt and his wife Ellen.

For the large media corps the substantive issue of the evening was what the ladies were wearing. Reigning best dressed politician Bertie hardly got a

prepare for return visit

look-in as arguments broke out over whether Hillary Clinton was wearing black or deep navy. "It's no good, we can't see their bottoms," wailed one fashion correspondent as hacks agonised over whether she, Jean Kennedy Smith and Celia Larkin were wearing trousers or skirts.

It was finally agreed that all three were resplendent in cocktail issue black. The fact that Celia was sporting a brown suit was neither here nor there as one expert explained that brown is the new black. A high ranking Foreign Affairs official was brought in to arbitrate.

Bertie was first to speak under a big sign which read 'Dublin Castle' — obviously an effort to help the high-flying first lady get her geographical bearings. As he spoke, the three women sat in a line to his right gazing at him with Nancy Reagan eyes.

But the highlight of the night for the guests — "not exactly an A List turnout" according to one social diarist — was the

chance of meeting Mrs Clinton.

The Taoiseach, growing ever more flushed and crimson with pride, expertly manoeuvred Hillary around the great and the good of Fianna Fail. Jean Kennedy Smith, meantime, was frisking her guests in around his blindside. She did so with such skill that one observer remarked cattily, having being passed over in the receiving line, that the US Ambassador had to be a Fianna Failer at heart.

The lack of formality in the hall wasn't helped by the fact that many of the guests were caught in a heavy rain shower immediately before the event. And as Mrs Clinton recalled the "great outpouring" of warmth from the Irish people on that day in College Green, many of her audience were cursing the great downpour around College Green last night.

By the way the answer to the burning question of the night is as follows. Besides Bertie, Hillary was the only one wearing the trousers. It has always been thus down the White House way, some might say.

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Peace the ultimate prize

'America will stay with you in your search for a solution'

By STEPHEN O'BRIEN
and SUSAN GARRITY

AMERICA'S First Lady Hillary Clinton last night reiterated the personal commitment of the US President to the Northern peace process.

Mrs Clinton opened her two-day visit to Ireland with a pledge of continued US support for those who were prepared to take risks for peace.

"America will be with you as you walk the road of peace," she said. "Making peace among people of different cultures is the work of a lifetime. We are under no illusion that reaching an agreement will be easy."

She recognised there were centuries of feeling behind each side's argument and that many wounds were still raw.

But when the people wanted peace she said there was an obligation on political leaders to find the common ground where peace could thrive.

Mrs Clinton was addressing a gathering in Dublin Castle's St Patrick's Hall including members of the Cabinet and Oireachtas, and figures from the judiciary and the worlds of the arts and business.

Mrs Clinton took time to pay special tribute to the US Ambassador to Ireland, Mrs Jean Kennedy-Smith who accompanied her to the reception in her honour in Dublin Castle last night. She said the ambassador had contributed so much to the relationship between Ireland and the US and to the peace process.

PREOCCUPIED BY IRELAND'S TRAGEDY

She also thanked the Irish people for the warmth and hospitality shown to her daughter, Chelsea during her private holiday here with a school friend in June. Mrs Clinton was received at the Castle by Taoiseach Bertie Ahern and his partner Celia Larkin.

In an exclusive interview on board the Air Force One jet bound for Ireland, Mrs Clinton said her husband's statement: 'Peace in Northern Ireland is an article of faith for our family' extends to her as well.

"We talk about it daily. We talk about Ireland all the time. It's one of those crisis in the world that's so tragic," said Mrs Clinton as she sat in the rear of the plane the plane. She said both she and the president remain committed to assisting in finding some sort of solution to the problems in the North.

"You know he talked about Ireland long before he became president," she said. Mrs Clinton said the president does consult her on issues pertaining to Ireland, but she would not weigh in on where she stood on President Clinton's original controversial decision to extend a visa to Sinn Féin leader Gerry Adams.

But, Mrs Clinton did say that she felt the president's 'risks' initially in the peace process had brought Northern Ireland closer to a possible settlement.

"Obviously, the United States can't wave a magic wand to get the problems resolved, but it's something we've wanted to do about for many many years," said Mrs Clinton. She said if her speech planned for Friday in Belfast can do anything to contribute positively to the process, she would be pleased.

INSPIRING WOMAN

Mrs Clinton stressed it was her personal desire to return to Ireland to honour a woman she greatly admired, Joyce McCartan, that initiated this trip. "I am in awe of people who live with danger every day. I get more out of the visits with them than I bring. I am, frankly, inspired by people like Joyce."

"My speech tomorrow will be about women and the way they take responsibility not just for themselves, but for their families and to get out and to be active in the community," said Mrs Clinton.

Women and their place in society play an important role in Mrs Clinton's life. Aware of Ireland's presidential renece, and some of the detractors that have been made concerning the number of women in the race, Mrs Clinton said it's the men that are jealous of women's success that leads to certain disparaging remarks.

It's her friendship and admiration for yet another woman that brought the First Lady to Dublin. "Jean Kennedy Smith called and asked if I would like to come to Dublin when I was over for our trip to Belfast. I said 'Yes — absolutely'."

Mrs Clinton will continue on to London after her speech in Belfast today. She spoke in glowing terms of the British Prime Minister Tony Blair and his wife, Cheri. She said that the peace process would not have come this far with the prime minister at the helm.

Mrs Clinton took care to greet everyone on her plane. As she rose to leave, she looked over to the window where the lights from Dublin were not too far off and said: "You know, I wish I was Irish."

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By STEPHEN O'BRIEN and ANNEMARIA McENEANEY

US First Lady Hillary Clinton arrived in Dublin last night with a message of encouragement for parties involved in the peace process. p1

Ironically she arrived on a day when renegade republicans tried to sabotage the talks.

She made it clear that supporters of violence would find no friends in her husband's administration.

But to the peace makers she said: "America will be with you."

And she also had a message for the unionist parties boycotting the talks. "When people want peace, there is an obligation on political leaders to find the common ground where peace can thrive," she said at a reception in Dublin Castle.

She was speaking just hours after dissident republicans tried to blow up a British government office in Derry.

The so-called Continuity Army Council, made up of hardliners who oppose the peace efforts, said they had left the bomb as a message to Britain that troops must be withdrawn.

Mrs Clinton urged all sides to compromise and seek common ground in the weeks and months ahead, adding: "My husband remains personally committed to this effort and to those who take risks to make peace happen."



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But she warned: "Making peace among people of different cultures is the work of a lifetime. We are under no illusion that reaching an agreement will be easy."

She said she wanted to pay tribute to those on both sides who had worked so hard to bring about peace and reconciliation.

Women, in particular, had paid a heavy price for the social turmoil in the troubles and she would today be in Belfast be honouring one of those women — the late Joyce McCartan, a cross community peace worker whom she met on her November, 1995 visit. Today she will deliver the Joyce McCartan Memorial Lecture at the University of Ulster.

She revealed that President Clinton is keen to make an early return visit to Ireland.

Mrs Clinton said her husband was searching his calendar for another opportunity to visit this country after the triumph of their joint visit two years ago. She told the specially invited audience at Dublin Castle that he was hoping to come back this time "with a seven iron in hand".

"I hope that this is not too far off in the distance . . . and he will have the opportunity to greet you in person and to wish you God speed in the many important efforts you are undertaking today."

Mrs Clinton addressed a gathering of some 300 people in St Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle which included representatives of the Oireachtas, the judiciary, the arts and business, before attending a reception in her honour.

She said she wanted to highlight two themes on her visit to Dublin and Belfast, compromise and reconciliation. She said this might involve postponing some of their own ideals — all sides must compromise and seek this common ground in the weeks and months ahead.



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Hillary's message defies the bombers

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Hillary Clinton confirms peace commitment

by Alison O'Connor
and Suzanne Breen

RESIDENT Clinton remains ally behind the efforts to bring peace to Northern Ireland, his wife, Mrs Hillary Rodham Clinton, said at a reception in Dublin Castle last night.

Mrs Clinton was in Dublin for an overnight visit. "My husband remains personally committed to these efforts," said Mrs Clinton, who flies to Belfast this morning. While in Belfast, she will visit

the University of Ulster campus in Jordanstown, Co. Antrim, at noon, where she will deliver the Joyce McCartan memorial lecture in honour of the Belfast community activist who died last year. Mrs Clinton met Mrs McCartan on her last visit to the North two years ago.

The US First Lady is then due at Belfast's new state-of-the-art Waterfront Concert Hall at 2.30 p.m., where she will speak at a youth conference.

In Dublin last night, she said that during her visit she wished to highlight the two themes of compromise and reconciliation. "When the people want peace it is the obligation of political leaders to find common ground where it can thrive," she told 300 guests at a reception in St Patrick's Hall.

The guests were invited to the reception by the Taoiseach, Mr Ahern, and his partner, Ms Celia Larkin. Welcoming Mrs Clinton, Mr Ahern said that the people of

Ireland would not forget the message of hope which she and her husband had brought during their visit two years ago.

"With the renewal of the IRA ceasefire, we once again have a historic precious peace in Northern Ireland, a peace which dawned again through the heroic effort of many, including that of the US government."

Mr Ahern said that it was hoped to reach agreement, after which proposals could be put to the

people of Ireland in referendums in the North and the Republic for their approval.

Following the reception, the Taoiseach and Ms Larkin hosted a private dinner for Mrs Clinton in Dublin Castle. Guests included the US ambassador, Mrs Jean Kennedy Smith.

Mrs Clinton flies to London this evening and is due to spend the weekend with the British Prime Minister, Mr Tony Blair, and his family at Chequers.

Mr Trimble wants end to 'claim' on North

From Rachel Donnelly, in London

UNTIL the Government undertakes to remove its territorial claim to Northern Ireland the British government cannot cooperate with Dublin under threat of "the dismemberment of the United Kingdom", the Ulster Unionist leader, Mr David Trimble, said last night.

In a speech to the Enfield and Southgate Conservative Association in London, Mr Trimble said the "territorial claim" over the North remained "profoundly unsatisfactory" to his party.

Pointing to the Irish Government's statement in the Downing Street Declaration to "introduce and support changes in the Irish Constitution... [which] will fully reflect the principle of consent in Northern Ireland", Mr Trimble suggested adding a reference to achieving that goal "by consent".

"But that is also pretty meaningless. It would merely be a statement that they will not try to achieve their goal by force," he said.

He claimed the arrival of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Andrews, at the talks "marks another continuity with the failed 1992 talks".

Mr Trimble said Mr Andrews's declaration that Dublin was not prepared to drop the territorial claim, and later retraction of the statement, echoed the failure of the 1992 talks.

Mr Trimble also criticised the British government's team at the Stormont talks, claiming there was "not much profit in talking" to them "when they are clearly not up to speed and appear to accept the continuance of a territorial claim on part of the United Kingdom."

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Warm welcome

THE arrival of Hillary Clinton will be welcomed for many reasons, both political and personal.

Her visit will be seen as a continuing endorsement by the US for the peace process and also as a reminder of the international interest in bringing a successful conclusion to these crucial talks.

America has played a distinguished and active role in helping to create the historic window of opportunity that now exists in the North.

Mrs Clinton's presence affords us the opportunity to acknowledge this help, and to express our gratitude for the efforts of her husband Bill, the President, and of all those in the White House who have invested so much in bringing the divided communities together.

Yesterday's failed bomb attack by the so called Continuity Army Council — a group dedicated to wrecking any prospect of peace — shows just how important it is that this delicate process is given all the help it can get.

The device put hundreds of lives at risk and was planted not only to maim and kill but to thwart, embarrass and frustrate those interested in ending the violence.

But the presence of America's First Lady will send a potent signal to those who wish to promote war and division of exactly what they are up against.

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A changed lady

Hillary Clinton has thrown off the dauntingly chilly first term image with a makeover transforming her into America's caring, mellow, motherly *First Lady*

By TOM RHODES

ON SUNDAY she celebrated her 50th birthday with an unofficial White House party before a two-day, very public trip to Chicago complete with gala and fireworks.

She even appeared as a guest on the Oprah Winfrey Show before returning to Washington for the transatlantic, semi-ambassadorial sortie to Dublin, Belfast and London.

Only months ago this was a woman who took private walks around the American capital, consulted the depths of her Christian faith, and channelled via guru to Eleanor Roosevelt and Mahatma Gandhi.

The healthcare programme she had championed and whose failure was partly to blame for the overwhelming defeat of Democrats in the mid-term elections of 1994, was still viewed as an irredeemable Achilles' heel preventing her return to policymaking.

Her personal standing, at once provoking fierce loyalty among women and intense hatred among many men, had forced Mrs Clinton to retreat into seclusion throughout the period of her husband's re-election last year. There was regular talk that she would be indicted.

'SILENT CRISIS'

But now *Sister Frigidare* as she was known throughout the Administration's first term, has returned as *Mellow Mother* a leading figure who no longer trades insults with members of Congress but prefers to make her point by ruffling the hair of a toddler in a day-care centre.

This week she embraced child care,

drawing attention to the 'silent crisis' which affects every American parent. It was she who had worked closely behind the scenes to develop her husband's new policy, one which, as with so much of his Administration, has concentrated on minor initiatives with little investment. But it has, nevertheless, given Mrs Clinton the opportunity to flex her considerable brain once again.

Even her wardrobe has been transformed from the arch, power-dressing reds and greens of the past to the pastel shades of Oscar de la Renta. The many hairstyles, which two years ago she claimed resulted from her boredom, have now settled into a neat and carefully blow-dried cut.

Two years after her husband's triumphant visit to Ireland, Mrs Clinton will test the waters of peace when she delivers the first Joyce McCartan Memorial lecture in Belfast, a series devoted to both unity and leadership among Protestant and Catholic women. She will also travel to Chequers for an evening with the Blairs.

LIKE HER husband, Mrs Clinton will be far from retiring age when the couple finally leave the White House and, while she has told friends that she and Bill Clinton might become itinerant college professors based in Arkansas (she hates the cold of Chicago), few believe such a task would be completely satisfying. But for the moment, Hillary Clinton is happy to be back in a less glaring limelight. © The Times, London

Ahern tribute to Clintons' role

TAOISEACH Bertie Ahern last night told America's First Lady how much Irish people appreciated the "key contribution" President Clinton had made to the peace process, writes Chris Glennon.

That commitment and unswerving support had best been expressed, he said, when the President himself described peace in Ireland as an article of faith in the Clinton household.

The Taoiseach was hosting a reception in honour of Hillary Clinton in St Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle.

Dublin is her first stop in a trip that includes Belfast and London.

Mr Ahern described her visit as one further positive

sign of the continuing US support for peace.

Acknowledging that there were many difficult issues to be resolved in finding "acceptable political structures" for the North, the Taoiseach said that the task was made easier by the support and encouragement from Ireland's "great friends" in the international community and, especially, in the US.

He told Mrs Clinton: "You truly have been a friend to all sides in Northern Ireland."

Mr Ahern interpreted the multi-party talks at Castle Buildings, Stormont as having already made good progress, defining the fundamental issues that had divided the two communities in the North.

Historic links in First Lady's visit to North

WHEN Hillary Clinton arrives in Belfast this morning she will be following in the footsteps of Eleanor Roosevelt, the First Lady with whom she is compared so often.

Mrs Clinton's solo visit to Northern Ireland was believed to be unprecedented, but the US Consulate in Belfast discovered that Mrs Roosevelt made a flying visit on November 10 and 11, 1942, during a wartime tour of Britain.

The coincidence is uncanny. Mrs Clinton feels such an affinity for the equally independent and controversial Mrs Roosevelt that, in the dark days after the Democrats' devastating loss of Congress in 1994, a motivational expert persuaded her to conduct imaginary conversations

By MARTIN FLETCHER

with her predecessor.

Mrs Roosevelt visited the American General Hospital, Red Cross clubs in Belfast and Derry and a Wrens headquarters. She made a particular point of meeting not just US servicemen, but the women volunteers who helped to keep those places running.

Mrs Clinton will likewise focus on the women of Northern Ireland when she delivers the inaugural lecture for the University of Ulster's Joyce McCartan chair before an audience of 500 women community activists this morning.

The late Mrs McCartan, who lost her 17-year-old son and several other members of her family to sectarian violence, founded a cen-

tre to bring Roman Catholic and Protestant women together to promote peace and reconciliation.

Mrs Clinton met her in a Belfast fish-and-chip shop during her husband's visit to Northern Ireland in 1995, and afterwards wrote: "There would be far less hope for Northern Ireland if women like Joyce had not worked tirelessly to knock down barriers, overcome suspicions and defy history. Women were and are a driving force behind peace in Northern Ireland."

After her McCartan lecture, Mrs Clinton will address a youth conference at Belfast's Waterfront Hall before flying on to London for dinner with Tony and Cherie Blair at Chequers.

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Hillary's tea-time peace plea

First Lady urges political leaders to follow the brave example of the north's women P3

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Forge peace now urges First Lady

By Niall Blaney
at Jordanstown

IRELAND'S political leaders must pave the way for peace in the north, America's First Lady urged yesterday.

In her second visit here, Hillary Clinton called on all sides to "end a generation of senseless killing and forge a lasting peace".

She was delivering the first Joyce McCartney memorial lecture at the University of Ulster at Jordanstown.

Mrs Clinton pledged the US president's commitment to the pursuit of peace in the north and said the world was watching to see if it could be delivered.

"When the people want peace it is the obligation of political leaders to find the common ground where it can thrive. That requires compromise and reconciliation."

"It involves postponing or even giving up one's cherished ideals in the belief that others will do the same to end the conflict and build a better future."

"All sides must compromise and seek this common ground in the weeks and months ahead. The United States will continue to do its part in support of the peace process and my husband remains personally committed to this effort and those who take risks for peace."

Mrs Clinton added: "We would never have arrived at this hopeful moment without the countless acts of courage and faith like the women we honour today."

Her emphasis was on the crucial part women had to play in promoting peace.

She said Joyce McCartney had called herself a "family feminist" because saving the family had been at the root of all her efforts.

Mrs Clinton said she had quoted the phrase across the world to inspire women to protect and strengthen their families and to play a sustaining role in promoting democracy throughout the globe.

She said democracy was also about opening up access to education, jobs and financial help.

Mrs McCartney, a tireless community activist from Belfast's lower Ormeau Road, died in January last year aged 67.

She made world headlines when America's First Lady dropped into her Lamplighter coffee shop during the presidential visit in November 1995.

Mrs Clinton said: "I stand in awe of women like Joyce McCartney. Women who through their own personal tragedies found the strength to go on."

She said she often thought of Mrs McCartney and the troubles as she

prepared herself a pot of tea. She produced a silver teapot which the Belfast woman had given her.

"I don't know whether a Protestant or a Catholic made this teapot. I don't know whether a Protestant or a Catholic sold this teapot. I only know this teapot serves me very well and it stands for all those conversations around those thousands of kitchen tables where mothers and fathers look at one another in despair because they cannot imagine the future will be any better for their children."

"But this teapot is also on the kitchen table for mothers and fathers who look at one another and say we have to do better. We cannot permit this to go on. We have to take a stand for our children."

Mrs Clinton recalled the "sights, sounds and emotions" of her first visit to the north which "held a special place in the heart" of herself and the president.

She said both her and her husband supported those efforts to "overcome the past when the memories are still so raw".

She added: "There will be more bumps on the road. There will be those who would rather smash the teapot than fill it with piping hot tea and sit down to have a conversation."

But people were now sitting

around the talks table, she said, adding: "Joyce McCartney and all the brave women who for more than 20 years marched, prayed, cried, shouted, and who wanted peace deserve to be heard. It is no longer in Joyce's hands."

"The burden has been passed to others, and I hope and I pray to those to whom it has been trusted will pick up that burden and carry it forward. Joyce's work is done. But in honour of her memory we should press forward with her work, here and around the world."

The First Lady received a standing ovation from the audience.

Earlier, University of Ulster chancellor Rabbi Julia Neuberger, said Mrs Clinton had spoken of the enduring contribution of Irish women to American society and their innate values.

"In returning to us, the First Lady has invested this occasion with a sense of just how timeless and universal those values are. Society, community, fraternity, or sorority - the term does not matter; what we mean is individuals working in association with courage, vision and common purpose."

"Like Joyce McCartney, those who choose to lead do so not because of position or profession but because of a sense of vocation," said Dr Neuberger.



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Lunch with the First Lady

By Nan Mahon
Staff Writer

It was crowded in the banquet room of the Washington Hilton in the nation's capitol. The Marine band was playing as congressmen's wives and families were served Butternut Squash soup.

Among those seated in the elegant room was Elk Grove Unified School District's Healthy Start Coordinator Sandy Waite. Beside her was her sister Dawn Gibbons, and their mother, Dorothy Snelling. They had come to the luncheon at the invitation issued to Dawn's husband, Nevada congressman Jim Gibbons. He is a former combat pilot and veteran of both the Vietnam and Persian Gulf wars, elected to the U.S. Congress in 1996, after having served in the Nevada state legislature.

"I have never seen so many dressed up, good looking females," whispered Dorothy to her daughters.

Marianne Gingrich, and Tipper Gore came into the room escorted by Marines in full dress uniforms. Suddenly there was Hillary Rodham Clinton on the arm of a Marine, walking across the room, smiling.

"She kind of floated, it seemed," said Sandy.

And as she came past table number 100, Sandy reached out her hand to the First Lady, who took it for a moment.

"Mom, she touched my hand," Sandy whispered.

Cameras went off as Mrs. Clinton was seated on the dias beside Mrs. Gore and Mrs. Gingrich.

"Go ahead," said a Secret Service man as Sandy asked permission to use her camera, "she wants people to enjoy themselves."

While Dorothy, in her southern way, got acquainted with all the ladies seated at the table, the Marine band left the platform and Burt Bacharach seated himself at the piano and began to play. Two women sang back up as he played all of his famous songs.

"Wow, Burt Bacharach play-



Sandy Waite chats with Joanne Kemp during the luncheon given for Congressmen and their families.

ing background music," said Sandy.

Meanwhile the wife of a congressman from Ohio was telling Dorothy that her husband always finished his speeches with "Beam me up Scotty."

"He lives on a houseboat on the Potomac. He missed so many trains trying to get home because they always have to vote or something," she told them.

The hosts of the luncheon, The Congressional Club, presented Mrs. Clinton with a giant size portrait of her daughter, Chelsea.

"Now I can have seances with her while she is away at college," joked Mrs. Clinton, although it was obvious she was deeply moved.

The Congressional Club holds a luncheon once a year for the wives of congressmen, always a prestigious affair. The wives each are allowed to bring two guests with them, and Dawn Gibbons chose her sister and mother to come with her.

"I will be forever grateful to Dawn for inviting me," said Sandy, with her mom agreeing. "It is one of those one-in-a-lifetime occasions."

The group had arrived in Washington two days earlier. They had breakfast with Con-

gressman Gibbons on Capitol Hill along with other members of Congress, and went on a tour of the Capitol. The House of Representatives was vast and empty after the official tour, where the ladies playfully took turns setting in Speaker Gingrich's red upholstered chair.

They had gone on self-guided tours of various monuments, including the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam Memorial, the JFK Gravesite and Arlington Cemetery.

"Most of all we were moved by the Holocaust Museum," said Sandy. "Especially when we saw the actual box cars from Poland that transported the victims to the camps."

"At the end of the luncheon the First Lady gave each guest a parting gift," said Sandy. It is a replica of Lincoln's china with her signature and President Lincoln's favorite cherry pie recipe on it."

The week ended all too soon for Sandy and her mother and sister.

"I still have to pinch myself," she said. "I can't believe I had the pleasure of being in the company of Hillary Clinton. It was such a perfect day, and trip."

Sandy came back to share her experience with her children, and with her colleagues at Healthy Start.

pressed his desire that the institution will again open its doors.

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The President discussed Greek-Turkish relations and his recent initiative on eliminating tensions over Cyprus and his global warming plan.

His All Holiness briefed the President about actions he has taken to bring about cleanup of the Black Sea and Danube River. Earlier in the day, when Clinton announced a proposal to cut back on greenhouse gases, he quoted Patriarch Bartholomew who "reminds us that the first part of the word 'ecology' derives from the Greek word for house."

Following the meeting with Mrs. Clinton, the Patriarch and Archbishop Spyridon entered the East Room of the White House where some 200 invited guests waited to hear their comments.

Mrs. Clinton recalled her memorable visit to the Phanar with her daughter, Chelsea, and lauded the Ecumenical Patriarch for his efforts at helping to bring peace to the Balkans and for his campaign to raise the world's awareness for the environment.

"He is truly a remarkable man," said Mrs. Clinton, who also praised his concern for human rights.

In mentioning the sixth anniversary of His All Holiness' enthronement, she joked that, unlike the Patriarch's unanimous enthronement, "This house where our president resides doesn't know anything about unanimous elections." She added, "we are in awe of such a miracle."

Mrs. Clinton first introduced Archbishop Spyridon who offered greetings to the audience, followed by the introduction of the Ecumenical Patriarch.

In his brief comments, His All Holiness touched upon the mission of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, drawing a comparison with the White House, and on the dynamism of the Orthodox faith.



IN OVAL OFFICE — President Clinton, flanked by His All Holiness and Archbishop Spyridon. Also Panteleimon of Tyrolois, Ioakim of Chalcedon and Iakovos of Laodiceia.



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MRS. CLINTON welcomes Patriarch Bartholomew.

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THE TWO leaders talk about several important issues.

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House Visit Caps Washington Segment



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Mother Church of Orthodox Christianity."

The Patriarch also called the Church a truly "ecumenical -worldwide - ministry" that embraces all of God's children with paternal love.

He described Orthodox Christianity in the United States as "a living and dynamic faith" that numbers 5 million members and which reaches out to the nation through its "many good works to which it has applied itself diligently."

In expressing his best wishes upon the First Family, Patriarch Bartholomew prayed that "God bestow the best of blessings on this House and all that inhabit it; so that together with your esteemed husband, none but honest and wise souls may ever rule under this roof, under the protection of God." He also made special mention of the Chelsea, whom he remembered fondly from her visit. "Her radiance, her smile, her natural gifts of grace and intelligence made a great impression on us and we want you to know that we always remember her and pray for her, that she may progress in her educational endeavors and spiritual growth."

Following the brief comments in the East Room, Mrs. Clinton and the Ecumenical Patriarch greeted about 200 guests in a receiving line in the Blue Room. A wine and nastrv reception followed.

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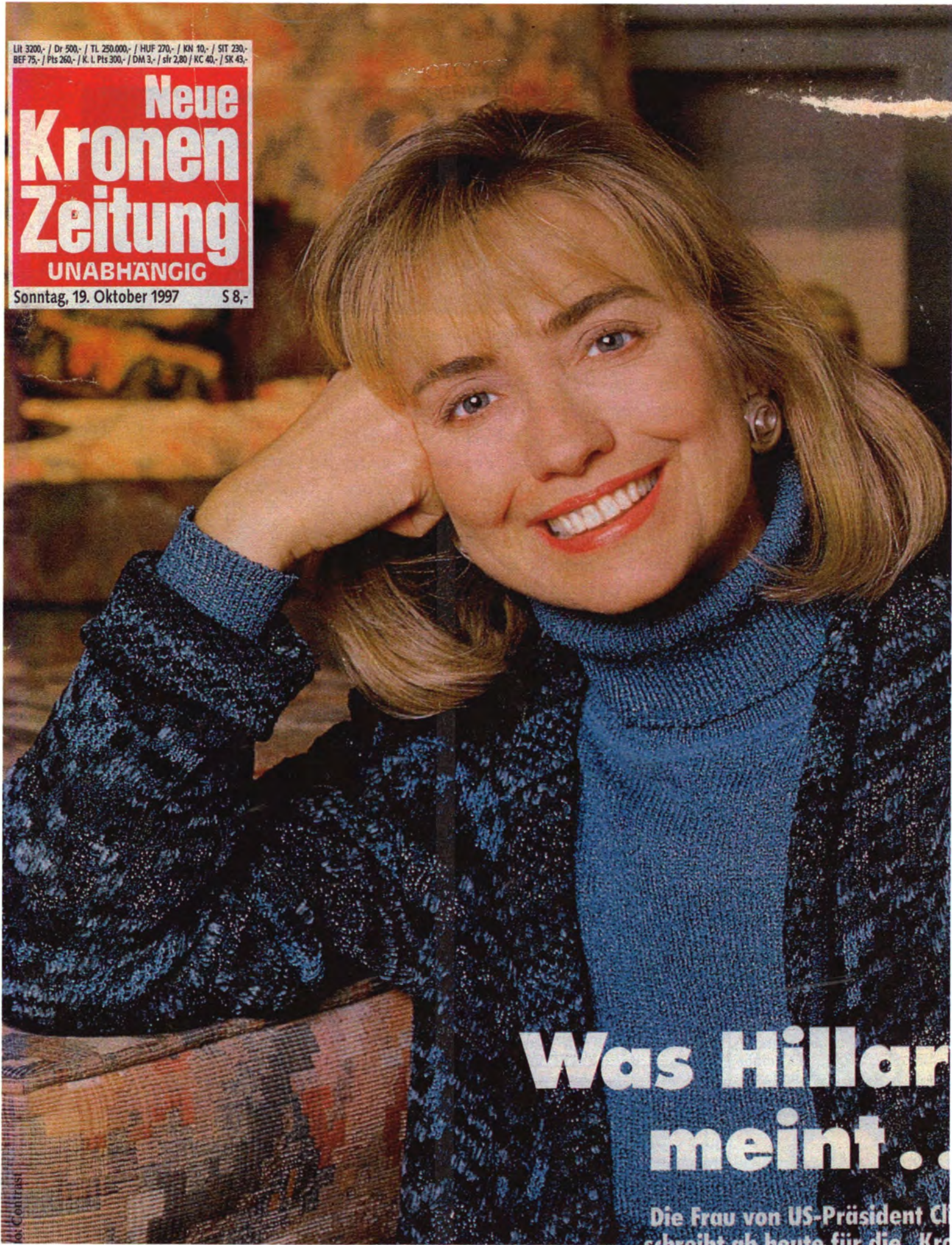
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