

## TALKING IT OVER

BY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON

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Infectious disease is the world's leading cause of death. In the last 20 years, we have witnessed the birth of at least 30 new infectious diseases, and news reports of Ebola hemorrhagic fever and the advent of HIV/AIDS have brought the threat into every living room.

This week, I am in Geneva to celebrate the 50th birthday of the World Health Organization. Founded in 1948, this United Nations agency has a simple but ambitious mandate: "the attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of health."

Despite successes, though, such as the eradication of smallpox in 1980, WHO faces new threats to global health each day. At the same time, older scourges such as cholera, malaria, diphtheria and tuberculosis continue to kill.

Tuberculosis is of particular concern. Declared a global emergency by WHO in 1993, TB is the leading infectious-disease killer of adults in the world. Although we have a treatment that works, one-third of the world's population is infected, and more people will die from TB this year -- 2 million -- than in any other year in history.

WHO's ambitious TB treatment strategy reminds us of the agency's importance. With experts on the ground in every country and a multilateral mandate, the organization is in a unique position to provide information and technical support across borders, set standards, make epidemiological forecasts and offer treatment guidelines.

Thanks in large part to WHO's global immunization programs, the world's infant mortality rate has fallen by more than 37 percent. Today, 80 percent of the world's children are protected against six major childhood diseases -- diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, measles, tuberculosis and polio, which is on target for elimination by the year 2000.

But new threats such as HIV/AIDS persist, and old ones such as malaria continue to ravage parts of whole nations. For example, malaria causes nearly 3 million deaths a year, and rising resistance to anti-malarial drugs and insecticides threatens even greater increases.

WHO is working to promote child survival, breast feeding and the control of HIV/AIDS, diarrhea and pneumonia among children. In addition, the agency is working to improve maternal and women's health. Every day, at least 1,600 women die of complications from pregnancy and childbirth, and WHO has resolved to cut this number in half by the year 2000. As the World Health Report 1998 released just this week notes:

"Women's health is inextricably linked to their status in society. ... Today, the status and well-being of countless millions of women worldwide remain tragically low."

The World Health Organization was born in the wake of World War II when the United States spearheaded the creation of the United Nations. The benefits of this world body, which includes WHO, are tangible -- the treatment of disease, efforts to protect the world from nuclear calamity, humanitarian programs such as caring for refugees, and international standards that make the skies safer for travelers and food safer for consumers.

Of course, U.N. forces also keep the peace in areas vital to our national interests, from the Balkans to the Persian Gulf, Haiti and the Middle East. I know that the majority of Americans support the work of the United Nations, particularly when its diplomatic efforts work successfully to avert conflict that may involve U.S. troops.

And I know that the majority of Americans think we should pay our bills.

As I review the benefits Americans enjoy from U.N. action -- such as public health improvements -- I am distressed and embarrassed that political maneuvering in Congress has prevented us from paying our past-due bills of more than \$1 billion to the United Nations and its agencies. Our arrears to the World Health Organization alone are \$39 million. I hope that every American will support this administration as it continues to urge Congress to appropriate these funds -- not only to maintain American leadership but also to strengthen the work of these important organizations.

We are living at a time of remarkable global integration. Every day, powerful new forces bring us closer together, chipping away the walls that separate us as people and as nations. As the barriers fall, we are faced with new opportunities but also with new challenges, including threats to our health, our environment and our national security.

Disease knows no borders. Nor does environmental degradation or terrorism. The real cost of not paying our U.N. debt is the undermining of American leadership around the world at a time when we should be working in partnership with the United Nations and other countries to meet the global challenges we face as we enter the next century.

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This week at the meeting of the World Health Assembly in Geneva, the First Lady will be awarded a World Health Organization Foundation Prize for her outstanding contribution to health development. To find out more about Hillary Rodham Clinton and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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## Small talk with the first lady



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**HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON** greets kindergartners as she arrives Tuesday for a panel discussion on child care at the Kids Country center in Danville. The first lady also met with Rep. Ellen Tauscher, D-Tassajara Valley. For the story, see Page A3.

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# First lady in Danville

■ Greenbrook Elementary School child-care center is focus of semi-secret trip that draws a throng of admirers, some protesters

By Gayle Vassar Melvin  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

The phone started ringing as the secret leaked out — Hillary Rodham Clinton would be dropping in on kindergartners at Greenbrook Elementary's Kids Country day-care center the day after Memorial Day.

Parents of kindergartners who normally don't attend on Tuesdays phoned day-care director Jan Arens. Could their child go to the center that day? they asked.

Alas, rules are rules. There was no room. But you couldn't blame a parent for trying, Arens agreed as she waited for the first lady's arrival.

Moms with strollers, retirees waving flags, schoolchildren sitting cross-legged on the blacktop gathered patiently behind a rope barrier under the watchful eye of the Secret Service. Across the way, a handful of protesters held up "Impeach Clinton" signs. But the crowd clearly belonged to the first lady. As she strode across the schoolyard in a buttercup-yellow pantsuit, they cheered, clapped and held out copies of her book, "It Takes a Village," for her autograph.

Inside the center, Clinton visited with the kindergartners and then joined a panel of child advocates in the next room to talk about child care. "I travel around the country a lot, and everywhere I go, child care is an issue," she said.

It's an issue that is getting a great



REPRESENTATIVE ELLEN TAUSCHER, D-Tassajara Valley, greets first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton at Greenbrook Elementary School, where they took part in a panel discussion on child care at the Kids Country Childcare Center in Danville on Tuesday.

from her husband's \$21 billion proposal for improved child care to arguments by conservatives that parents, not government agencies, should be tending to their children. There are more than 50 child-care bills already before Congress. And legislators can expect another one in June, said Rep. Ellen Tauscher, D-Tassajara Valley, who set up Clinton's visit to Danville. (The freshman congresswoman's staff swore the event was in the works for a year and had nothing to do with her re-election bid or the upcoming June 2 primary.)

Barbara Kettner, D-

Conn., Tauscher plans to introduce the Comprehensive Child Care bill. Among the bill's elements: beefing up child care for middle-school children, deferring school loans for child-care professionals and giving money to states that enforce child-care regulations.

Tuesday, Tauscher urged the crowd to dampen the "Mommy wars" brewing over child care legislation. "I need your help to remind our lawmakers what this is about. This isn't about working moms versus stay-at-home moms. This is about children in America."

Clinton praised Kids Country as a model for other communities. Kids Country started in 1986 with one on-campus center, and has expanded to 10 San Ramon Valley schools. The nonprofit operation's board of directors includes school leaders, local elected officials, law enforcement representatives and civic group members.

But child-care woes are plentiful in Contra Costa County, panel members told Clinton. Low-income parents struggle to come up with the money for quality child care, and there is a shortage of spaces for infants and school-aged children.

One parent, Dava Sorensen, said before the conference that she's tried to get her daughter into the Kids Country center at Country Club Elementary School in San Ramon since moving to that city last year, but there's no room for the third-grader.

"There is something falling through the cracks here," Sorensen said. "It's good that there's good day-care around, but if there isn't enough space for all the kids that need it, it still isn't meeting our needs."

Staff writer Mary F. Pols contributed to this story.

## OUT AND ABOUT

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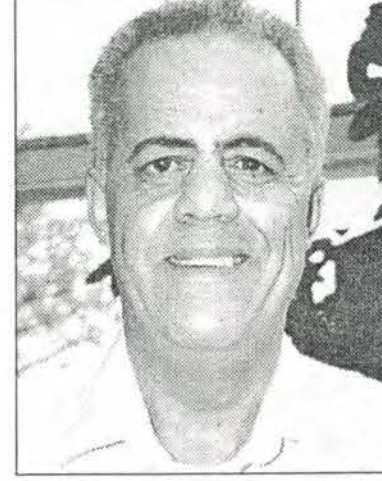
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Portage Central High

"She reminds me of Eleanor Roosevelt in a way, because she takes an active role in politics yet she is also very supportive of her husband's political career."

*from 10:00*

## US First Lady Discusses Her Trip to the NIS

In a February 17 speech at the US State Department, US First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton briefed about 400 representatives of government, non-governmental organizations and the media about her November 1997 visit to the NIS. During the trip, she helped inaugurate AIHA Women's Wellness Centers in Almaty, Kazakhstan and Tashkent, Uzbekistan. She also visited the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Neonatal Resuscitation Training Center at L'viv Clinical Oblast Hospital in Ukraine.

"The wellness centers mean better health not only for the women they serve, but for their children and the community," she said.

Clinton discussed each of her visits to partnership institutions during a slide show about her trip. She noted that because of family planning services made available through the Almaty-Tucson, Arizona partnership, the abortion rate has fallen 25 percent; the infant mortality rate at L'viv Clinical Oblast Hospital has fallen by more than 30 percent; and health professionals in Uzbekistan are utilizing the pharmaceuticals and other supplies sent via the Operation Provide Hope airlift last June.

"In my travels I have met many doctors and nurses at many hospitals throughout Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan who are very well educated and extremely dedicated, but do not at the moment have the resources to do the job that they know they can be doing," she said. "I am a very big supporter of these hospital partnerships and wish we could do even more of them because I have seen first-hand the difference they make."

Throughout her trip, Clinton said she "saw again and again how critical women were to any efforts to build democracy, support economic reform and provide for responsive social structures, particularly through the development of a strong NGO community."

Also participating in the presentation were US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, USAID Administrator J. Brian Atwood and Richard Morningstar, special adviser to the president and secretary of state for assistance to the NIS.

"America is committed to helping the New Independent States assume their rightful positions within the growing circle of strong and successful free market democracies," Albright said. "If we renew our promise to help the deserving in the NIS and elsewhere, we can see more and more children everywhere become citizens and contributors; more and more young people put down roots, build communities and become participants in the global marketplace."



US First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton presented a slide show about her trip to the NIS last fall, including her stop at the Tashkent Women's Wellness Center.

## Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission Reviews Progress in Health Care

On March 5, the Health Care Committee of the Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission met in Washington, DC to discuss accomplishments and goals on a wide range of health issues in Russia, including AIDS, cardiovascular disease, micronutrients, and maternal and child health. The committee, headed by Russian Health Minister Tatiana Dmitrieva and US Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala, commended AIHA and the partners for producing an infection control manual for use in Russian hospitals and for their work in teaching patients about self-management of diabetes.

Progress since the committee met last September includes: introduction of legislation in the Duma that mandates and standardizes micronutrient fortification of food, increased use of directly observed therapy for TB, plans to formulate a risk reduction strategy for lead and training of family planning specialists. Dmitrieva noted that the number of abortions in Russia has decreased by 24 percent over the past five years; in girls under 14 they have decreased by 41 percent. The growing number of USAID-funded family planning clinics and women's wellness centers have helped reduce the abortion rate, she said.

## Health Professions Conference Convenes in Budapest

The changing face of the global health care workforce was the topic of a two-day conference in Budapest, Hungary, co-sponsored by AIHA and the Association of Academic Health Centers (AHC) in Washington, DC. Approximately 100 US and CEE medical school faculty and administrators, health policymakers and government officials convened the March 30-31 conference, titled "Shaping the Infrastructure of Health Professions: A Dialogue Between the Countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the

# Increased Capacity Spurs Videoconference Growth

BY LONNA MILBURN, PHD, RN

OVER THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF, AIHA's videoconferencing program has gained momentum, serving as a focal point for partners in planning of activities, partnership collaboration and professional development. As access to videoconferencing has increased, partners have discovered the medium's potential for training and virtually face-to-face meetings, and the number of videoconferences has soared.

For example, during the period from February through April last year, partners conducted three videoconferences; this year 44 are scheduled during the same time period. The number of partners participating in videoconferences has also grown. From November 1997 through January 1998, 275 CEE partners, 120 NIS partners, and 130 partners from the US took part in videoconferences. In this time period the year before, a total of 30 partners participated.

Over the fall and winter, videoconferences covered a wide range of topics. Partners from Austin, Texas presented case studies on trauma management to supplement EMS training in Moscow, while partners from the Boston University School of Medicine conducted a training session on hazardous waste management. Czech health management education partners consulted with colleagues at Virginia Commonwealth University and University of Nevada as they prepared curricula. And partners LaCrosse, Wisconsin and Dubna, Russia held a videoconference to discuss expanding the responsibilities of social workers.

Nursing associations have also benefited from recent videoconferences. During a January videoconference, nurses from Olomouc, Czech Republic

consulted with colleagues in Virginia Commonwealth University about forming a chapter of the international nursing honor society Sigma Theta Tau. Obstetrical nurses from Philadelphia collaborated with nurses in Moscow on clinical techniques to improve maternal and child health during labor and delivery.

Partner response to videoconferencing has been enthusiastic. Surveys completed by partners participating in the program have given high ratings to the quality of the programs, the technology and the cost savings of meeting via satellite instead of in person.

"Bringing together countries that have disparate cultures, languages, medical training, and medical 'socialization' assists in broadening the knowledge base for all involved," wrote Adriana Mean, director of television, video production and teleconferencing services with Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. "It helps to heighten sensitivity to overall need by emphasizing differences as well as commonalities."

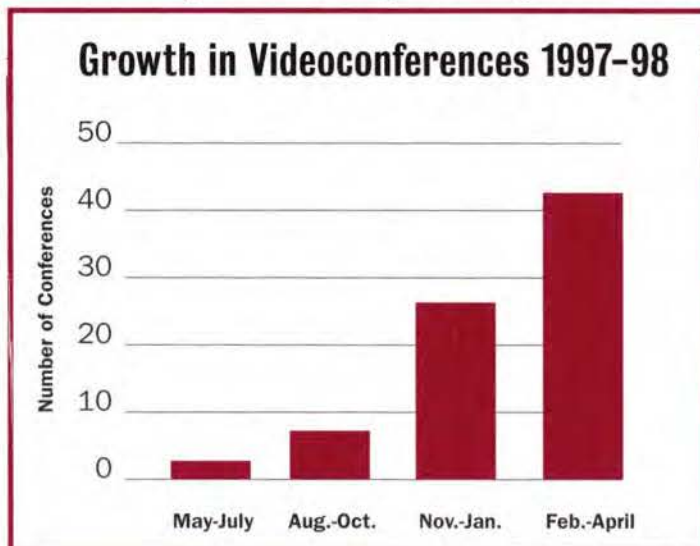
According to Barbara Pretasky, project director for the Dubna, Russia-LaCrosse, Wisconsin partnership, her partnership's videoconferences have saved hundreds of hours in travel time.

"A three-hour videoconference may replace a day of work in Dubna. Travel time from LaCrosse to Dubna is about 26 hours—and about 2 full days to recover," she said. By Pretasky's calculations, based on the 14 conferences the partnership has held, partners have saved a total of 686 hours. She figured that each round trip means 52 hours of travel time, as opposed to three hours of videoconference time.

Stanislav Komenda, PhD, with the Faculty of Medicine in Olomouc, Czech Republic, wrote in the survey, "I don't know if you can imagine what this means for us, in our situation, which does not enable us to be in contact with our colleagues on the other side of the world very often." For Komenda, one of the most important partnership developments is the opportunity made possible by videoconferencing "to come in at 2 p.m., sit down in a classroom and discuss issues with friends you thought you'd never see again."

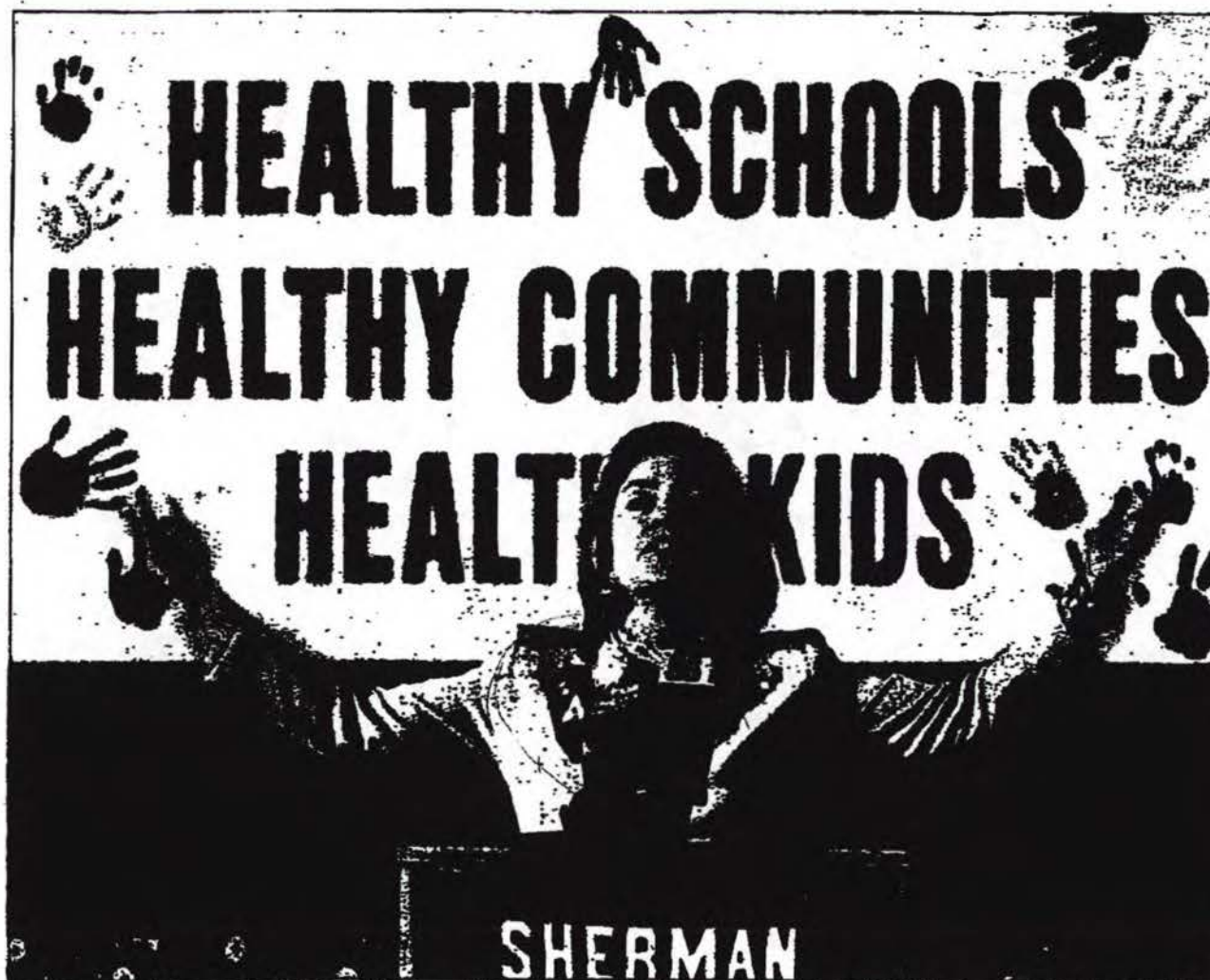
Lonna Milburn coordinates AIHA's videoconferencing project.

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# First lady coming to city



## Speaking to students

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks to students at the Sherman Elementary School in San Francisco. Mrs. Clinton used Tuesday's visit to campaign for U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer of California

and to promote the Children's Environmental Protection Act, which would set tougher standards for pollutants at the nation's schools and playgrounds.

## Innovation in schools to be topic

BY JIM HANO  
SUN CHRONICLE STAFF

**ATTLEBORO** — First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will visit Attleboro June 6 to highlight some of the city's services for young children.

Clinton is attending at the invitation of U.S. Rep. James McGovern, D-Worcester, who has aligned himself with President and Mrs. Clinton on several early childhood issues.

The first lady was originally scheduled to visit Attleboro last winter, but postponed the trip because she had to attend a conference in Switzerland.

A spokesman for McGovern, who represents the Attleboro area, said Mrs. Clinton will visit Fins Elementary School during her Attleboro stay to look at the services offered by Project Connect.

Project Connect is a grant-supported agency that provides a number of services for parents and pre-school children. Initiated by former Superintendent Joseph Rappa, it offers forums on parental issues, with experts speaking on subjects such as discipline, nutrition and how to pick a day-care center.

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## CLINTON: First lady to visit school in city

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Project Connect operates a "Parents As Teachers" program, which sends teachers into the homes of children age 3 and under to talk to parents about developmental issues. It also has a drop-in center on Park Street, which has play groups for young children.

Project Connect deals with many of the issues Mrs. Clinton speaks about during her appearances across the country. She has visited Parents As Teachers programs in other parts of the country.

McGovern said he wanted the

First Lady to come to Attleboro so he could show off and brag about the progressive ways the city is dealing with early childhood issues. He said Attleboro public schools have a unique partnership with day-care providers and parents that should receive national attention so it can become a model for other communities.

"I wanted her to come because there are some exciting things going on in Attleboro as far as child care and child development," he said.

The first lady's visit also comes in the midst of McGovern's campaign for re-election to the

House. He is being challenged by state Sen. Matthew Amorello, R-Grafton.

Mrs. Clinton is tentatively scheduled to visit between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on June 4.

When she leaves Attleboro, Mrs. Clinton will head to Cambridge to speak at Harvard Medical School.

Mrs. Clinton was on a similar trip Tuesday, visiting an elementary school in San Francisco to talk about proposed pollution standards in schools and playgrounds while campaigning for Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer of California.



JIM HAND

## First lady's visit to aid McGovern

**F**irst Lady Hillary Clinton's trip to Attleboro will showcase the city's efforts to improve education and day care for preschool children.

But it will be interesting to see if there is not a political benefit to the event as well.

Clinton is coming Thursday at the invitation of U.S. Rep. James McGovern, D-Worcester, who is about to enter into a re-election fight.

Incumbent legislators are considered most vulnerable after their first term and McGovern is winding up his freshman tour.

Attleboro is a key to McGovern's re-election hopes. In fact, McGovern's opponent, state Sen. Matthew Amorello, calls Attleboro the most important community in the 3rd Congressional District.

A visit from the first lady is bound to give McGovern wide exposure, especially since Hillary Clinton enjoys extremely high approval ratings in Massachusetts polls.

McGovern has used big names to boost his campaigns in the past. He helped get President Bill Clinton to visit Fall River and has brought former presidential candidate George McGovern, former White House top aide George Stephanopoulos and former U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley to Attleboro.

Amorello said he expects a "parade" of Washington types to campaign for McGovern between now and the election.

Getting the first lady to visit a relatively small city like Attleboro could also give McGovern the image of someone with good connections in Washington.

Amorello has accused McGovern of lacking clout in Congress.

The visit by Clinton — together with a recent announcement that McGovern got his district more the \$30 million in special transportation projects — could help rebut Amorello's charge.

Still, McGovern could have made Clinton's appearance completely political. Instead he chose to hold an event that put the city in the spotlight.

U.S. Rep. John Tierney, D-Salem, also got Clinton to come to his district Thursday night, but he chose to have her host a fundraiser for his campaign.

### Behind the confrontation ...

Former mayor Kai Shang said he confronted McGovern at a city council meeting this week because of concern about cuts in benefits from veterans suffering from the effects of smoking.

But supporters of McGovern see another potential reason for Shang rallying veterans against McGovern. They note Shang was a supporter of the man McGovern defeated in the last election, former U.S. Rep. Peter Blute, and Shang now backs McGovern's new opponent, Amorello.

### Donnelly to be making news

Democratic gubernatorial candidate U.S. Rep. Brian Donnelly has been nearly invisible on the campaign trail, leaving his candidacy for governor far behind other contenders.

But, Michael Goldman, Donnelly's recently hired political consultant, said Donnelly is taking a new, aggressive approach to the campaign. He promised Donnelly will be making news and getting out in public more.

The problem is that the campaign is heading into the summer slow season when voters have their minds on weather and vacations, not politics.

Donnelly is already far behind his competition, so it will take a Herculean effort to get back into the race.

### Tolman goes the distance

State Sen. Warren Tolman took a unique approach this week to trying get attention for his campaign for lieutenant governor.

Tolman, D-Watertown, campaigned for 24 hours straight, formally announcing his candidacy in 13 cities and towns.

He started in Watertown at 11 p.m. Wednesday and went around the clock with appearances at 1:45, 3, 5 and 6 a.m. in western Massachusetts before heading back east for speeches all day and night before ending up back in Watertown at 11 p.m.

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Is Junior crawling when he should be? Is Suzie's tendency to draw out words like "Mommy" into "Mmmmmommy" an indication of a speech defect or just a phase?

For the last several years, Connect has helped parents gain access to experts on these and other child development issues.

So far this year, Connect has sponsored or collaborated on seminars dealing with establishing a bedtime routine for toddlers, how to improve interaction between parents, early literacy, speech and language abnormalities, choosing the right preschool and how to deal with "picky eaters."

Connect also uses more direct methods to help parents address problems and become better care-givers.

### Learning habits

The program's "Parents as Teachers" initiative encourages teachers to visit homes and form a strong bond with parents. The objective is to encourage literacy and good learning habits.

Project Connect also uses grants to set up low-cost day care slots for parents whose household budget would otherwise be stretched to the breaking point.

Project Connect and other child-centered programs have created an integrated network of resources for parents and children that is the envy of many communities.

Mark O'Connell, director of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, said programs such as Project Connect are rare in providing strong support systems for parents. Much of what Project Connect does is what many school administrators throughout the commonwealth would like to do if they could.

"I think that most educators would agree that the earlier you can get to kids, the better off you are," he said. The problem for most is finding enough money and space for new programs.

### More with less

Project Connect, however, has made a habit of doing more with less.

The project started with a budget of \$90,000 10 years ago, and now provides services to 526 children using grants totalling just over \$800,000. Educators from outside the area have been struck by how much the agency actually accomplishes.

One group from New York State publicly hailed the project after a visit to Attleboro last year.

"They told us they knew of nothing that worked like our program," said Shea.

The Child Care Action Campaign of New York labeled the program "a striking success in community collaboration."

Judging by the superlatives lavished on Project Connect from within and without the Attleboro community, the first lady seems likely to be impressed.

**RICK FOSTER** is a Sun Chronicle News Editor.

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## It takes more than a village

**W**hen we were young, mommy and daddy told us not to cross in front of cars.

In school, teacher told us that you spell "cat" with a c and not a k.

But when we became parents, no one ever told us how to get Junior to stay in bed or how to find a good day care.

Addressing that need and getting children off to good starts in life is the idea behind Project Connect, the Attleboro program that has prompted first lady Hillary Clinton to visit this week.

Project Connect, a grant-based program whose services range from day care subsidies to advising parents on how to recognize speech defects, has been called a model in the field of early childhood education.

Mrs. Clinton, who has said that it takes a village to raise a child, ought to be hearing some of her own words come back at her next Thursday.

### Filling a void

Terrienne Shea, a mother of four and co-chairwoman of the Project Connect advisory board, says the program is filling a void for parents like her who feel a need to interact with experts and other parents on matters of child-rearing.

"When you're a mom and you're at home with the kids, nobody comes to your house and evaluates how you're doing," she says. "You don't have anything to measure yourself by."

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# McGovern comes through for city

## Attleboro welcomes first lady

U.S. Rep. James McGovern, scored two major coups for Attleboro recently. He got some money for a possible exit ramp to a possible industrial park and — much more interestingly — he got Hillary Clinton to schedule a visit to Hyman Fine Elementary School.

The \$1 million in federal and state money is for a study of a ramp from Interstate 95 to an industrial park proposed near Route 123. That project is years away from completion. The grants are important for the city's future.

More relevant for today is the first lady's impending visit to showcase the good things that are being done to prepare Attleboro children for school.

Where Hillary Clinton goes, the media follows, and Attleboro will be in the spotlight for a short while on Thursday. You can read about her visit in the newspapers and probably see her on TV talking with some Attleboro children. This is the kind of publicity any city would be proud to have.

The first lady is coming to Attle-

boro because of Project Connect, a multi-faceted program that has found a variety of ways to help pre-school children and their parents.

A national child-care organization calls Project Connect "a striking success in community collaboration." Many people share in the credit for making the program what it is today.

So-called early childhood issues are a major concern of the first lady and she frequently visits programs such as Attleboro's. Still, Mrs. Clinton wouldn't be coming to Attleboro if not for Congressman McGovern, who shares her interest in family issues.

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We congratulate U.S. Rep. McGovern on persuading Mrs. Clinton to put Attleboro on her spring itinerary.

The city welcomes the first lady and the 15 minutes of fame that will result from her visit to Fine Elementary School on Thursday.



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## Waiting for Hillary

Jennifer Rogers, 5, says she likes first lady Hillary to a visitor in her class at the Hyman Fine school in Clinton because "she likes children," while talking Attleboro.

## ► HILLARY: Students curious about first lady

Third-grader James Pelletier cautioned, "There should be less pollution because in a couple of decades the ozone layer will be lowered, and if they could lower that pollution by a little bit, that would be good."

He also thought, "If they could have different people invent special things that wouldn't take as much gas power, that would be good."

In case the first lady is overwhelmed by this agenda, she can take comfort in her work to date, as a fourth-grade girl, Alex Podbelski, said to "Keep doing what she's doing because I think she's doing a good job helping people and visiting people and being friendly."

### Feel honored

The third- and fourth-graders overall feel honored to have the first lady visiting their school. And in general, they would like to ask her what it's like to live in the white house and be followed around by secret service men, what it's like to travel and meet new people and what's different about her life now from before she was first lady.

The pre-schoolers are going to have some comments and questions of their own for Mrs. Clinton when she visits them.

Five-year-old Felicia McKinney wants to know if she can

sleep over, and if so, where she will sleep? She would also like to meet Chelsea Clinton, "she's a big kid," McKinney said.

Cole Kleber, 5 1/2, thinks "It's really exciting" that the first lady is coming. "I drove by it before with my mom and dad and grandmother," he said about the White House.

Jennifer Rogers, 5, would like to say, "I saw the White House in a book called 'Arthur Meets the President.'" She'd also like to ask "Why does she like children so much?"

### About Buddy

Kimberly Grusheski, 5 1/2, has two questions for the first lady, "What's her dog's name?" and "Did she ever be in a castle?"

Members of Project Connect's Family Network Center based at Park Street will also be at Hyman Fine Thursday to show the first lady how parents and children aged birth to 3, interact based on guidance from the program's parent educators.

"We're thrilled and honored that Congressman McGovern has invited her to see our program and we appreciate her dedication to young children and childcare issues," Project Connect Director Lynn Schweinshaut said of Clinton's visit.

Schweinshaut explained, "Project Connect is a collaboration between public schools, the

private early childhood community and other members of the community that are interested in the welfare of young children.

"Our goal is to provide high quality comprehensive programs and services for young children and their families, regardless of income and other risk factors so that all children can have positive pre-school experiences."

U.S. Rep. James McGovern, D-Worcester, and Superintendent Ted Thibodeau will also be present for the first lady's visit Thursday, along with Hyman Fine Principal Mary Fishbeck and Family Network Program Coordinator Cynthia Schoch.

### LOTTERIES

#### Friday

MASS DAILY: 7-7-2-4

The payoffs based on a \$1 bet: Exact order, all four, \$4,846; first or last three, \$678; any two, \$58; any one, \$6; any order, all four, \$404; first three, \$226; last three, \$113.

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## Kids will ask Hillary the darnedest things

City students thrilled about first lady's visit

BY JANETTE SEARS  
FOR THE SUN CHRONICLE

ATTLEBORO — When first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton visits one of the nation's model early childhood partnerships Thursday, she may also benefit from some advice on economics, pollution and vio-

no one gets hurt," fourth-grader Heather Brown suggested.

"I'd like to see children not bring guns to school anymore because I've been hearing about it on the news," said third-grader Connor Bradbury.

He said it would be if they could work on that.

SEE HILLARY, PAGE 2 ►

"Her and Bill can lower prices on clothes and food so people who don't have as much money can afford it and they can be happy in their lives," fourth-grader Tyler Hathaway advised.

"Too much violence"

"There's too much violence in the world and I think they should do something about that in the U.S., and that way

"I think that she

could work on helping homeless people or lowering prices so people who need it could buy what they need," fourth-grader Jill Fontaine recommended.



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## Why is first lady coming to city? Success story of program

BY JIM HANCO  
SUN CHRONICLE STAFF

ATTLEBORO — When Project Connect first started its pre-

school program in Attleboro in 1988, it served 60 children with a budget of \$90,000.

When first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton visits the program one week from today, she will see

a community effort that serves 528 children and wins grants worth \$839,092.

In fact, Project Connect has become a national model for using public schools, private day-

care, businesses and community groups to help parents with child development and prepare toddlers for school. The Child Care Action Campaign of New York last year called Project Connect

"a striking success in community collaboration."

The program has an advisory board with 300 members.

SEE PROGRAM, PAGE 2 ▶

### Private view only

THE PUBLIC is likely to be barred from seeing the first lady. PAGE 2

### Public unlikely to see first lady

ATTLEBORO — Hoping to see first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton when she visits Attleboro a week from today?

Don't count on it.

Although details were being kept secret as of today, Clinton's visit will likely be limited to faculty, students and invited guests at the Pine Elementary School.

Lynn Schweinhart, director of the Project Connect program, said Clinton would tour a pre-school class at Pine Elementary School, then visit a play group run by Project Connect.

The tour will then go to the school auditorium, where Clinton and U.S. Rep. James McGovern, who invited her, will speak.

McGovern's office said that because of security reasons, only invited guests will be able to attend. The White House seldom releases information on the itinerary of members of the first family, also for security reasons. Tentative plans call for Clinton to be at Pine between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Thursday.

### ▶ PROGRAM: City is excited

FROM PAGE 1

Project Connect, according to director Lynn Schweinhart, provides pre-school programs for low-income children, subsidizes day care at private facilities, helps day care and pre-schools earn national accreditation, provides training for day-care providers, buys equipment for providers, holds parenting workshops and story hours along with a number of other services.

It was one of the first programs in Massachusetts to start a Parents As Teachers service, which is gaining popularity nationwide.

Parents As Teachers sends teachers into the homes of tod-

dlers to talk to parents about developmental issues and to assess the progress the children are making physically and intellectually.

Attleboro School Superintendent Ted Thibodeau said Project Connect has been responsible for preparing young children for school and improving the quality of day care in the city.

Having the first lady visit will be exciting for the city, he said.

Clinton is coming at the invitation of U.S. Rep. James McGovern, D-Worcester. He said he wanted Clinton to see all the good work that is being done in Attleboro on early childhood issues.

*Below: Hillary Rodham Clinton writes about her longtime friend*

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# First lady offers one last handshake to longtime friend

By First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton  
Special for The Republic

WASHINGTON — Every time I'm asked at the end of a long day to "shake just a few more hands," I think of Barry Goldwater.

I first met the senator during the 1964 presidential campaign. My best friend, Betsy, and I were "Goldwater Girls." We wore cowboy hats and red, white and blue sashes anchored by gold buttons reading AU H2O. Our job was to pass out brochures at an outdoor rally in suburban Chicago. Our clearest memory of the event is that we got to shake hands with the candidate himself. Even though it was the end of a long, tiring day, the senator patiently greeted and thanked all of the workers there, including the teenagers like myself. This is the Barry Goldwater I think of so often.

I supported Barry Goldwater in 1964 partly because my father was a congenial Republican (that is, until he met Bill Clinton), and because my hometown, Park Ridge, Ill., voted overwhelmingly Republican in every election. We used to joke that the only reason Goldwater didn't get all the votes

in Park Ridge was because a few people thought he wasn't conservative enough.

But what really won me over was the senator's book *The Conscience of a Conservative*, which I read for a high school social studies class. I volun-

teered in August of 1964 at the little campaign headquarters in Park Ridge — my first foray into presidential politics. Even though my responsibilities were limited to stuffing envelopes, making phone calls and donning cowboy hats, I was

hooked on the importance — and fun — of citizen involvement in our nation's politics.

Later, as my political beliefs evolved, they did not always match the senator's. But they remained rooted in the same commitment to American leadership and individual responsibility, and I always respected his positions because I knew they were honestly derived and based on his patriotism and sense of fair play. Despite our political differences, my admiration for him never waned. I also appreciated his personal support for both Bill and me.

Although some might have found our friendship odd, I never did. We shared a deep love of country and, over time, we

found ourselves once again agreeing on some things — including the hot peppers, salsa and chili he made sure I had plenty of in the White House.

The last time I saw him was during a visit to his home in Paradise Valley on Oct. 15, 1996. Sharing time with him and his wife, Susan, gave me a keener sense of the man. He was surrounded by the things he loved most — an expansive view of the Arizona skyline, his photographs that so vividly captured the rustic feel of the West, pictures of his family, and models of airplanes he had flown. We swapped stories (and opinions) and I found him as outspoken and plainspoken as ever. I renewed the president's invitation for him to ride on Air Force One, which he had helped design, and he promised he would when he felt well enough again. Regrettably, that day never came, but it was one of the few adventures he didn't have.

I, along with Americans everywhere, salute Barry Goldwater and thank him for a lifetime of dedication to our country, which he loved so much.

— May 30, 1998



Peter Ensenberger/Associated Press

Barry Goldwater and Hillary Rodham Clinton swapped stories — and opinions — during her visit to his Paradise Valley home in October 1996.

David Leeson/Dallas Morning News

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## HILLARY CLINTON, POWERFUL AND GLORIOUS

*By Antoine Menuisier for Le Temps - 16 May 1998*

**The wife of the U.S. president – “daughter” of Grace Kelly and Sharon Stone – beautified Geneva with her devastating presence. For 24 hours she dominated the Geneva and international jet-set, as she attended conferences and receptions with the aura that has come to surround the First Lady.**

It was said one mustn't approach her, mustn't speak to her, must hardly look at her. But nothing, nobody, could stop her from being admired.

Invited to the 50th anniversary of the World Health Organization, Hillary Clinton made a whirlwind stop in Geneva. Arriving in Geneva on Thursday – she had just experienced the French heartland alongside Bernadette Chirac – she left us on Friday for Birmingham, to be with her husband as the summit of the world's eight most powerful nations got under way.

Those 25 hours and 25 minutes in Geneva belonged to Hillary Clinton and no one else. Like a child on the day of her first communion, she received the most beautiful compliments; as the wife of the president of the most powerful nation, she was treated to traffic-free avenues and even Fidel Castro's applause; finally, as a star, she bewitched men and earned the affection of women – who saw in her an unattainable rival, and thus a role model.

How could we fail to understand this? Hillary Clinton is a blend, if you wish, of Grace Kelly and Sharon Stone, of passion withheld and passion all-consuming. The fusion of fiery charm and ice.

Or if you prefer, the First Lady of the United States is a Miss America. She passed through Yale and was purified at Gattaca, the fictional city of genetic perfection which gave its name to a recent U.S. film. In her presence, one must abdicate. Even Geneva the Prudish decided to abdicate.

We remember the strong impression she left Thursday afternoon at the Palais des Nations before the World Health Assembly. She had just gotten off the plane, but her face was fresh. Her voice, clear and deep without being masculine, was several octaves removed from the nasal shrillness so typical of American women. She wore a pale salmon trouser-suit from Oscar de la Renta, revealed her press secretary Marsha Berry, also very elegant in her lavender ensemble. Hillary Clinton's speech – as she talked, the tips of her cropped sauerkraut haircut caressed her lips – was fairly conventional yet generous. She included the issues of AIDS, of tuberculosis, of malaria and smoking. So many evils to eradicate. In the first row of the audience, on either side of Fidel Castro, Swiss government officials Ruth Dreifuss and Guy-Oliver Second had to acquiesce.

There was even time to receive a prize awarded by the United Arab Emirates Health Foundation, and the First Lady was there. We found her that evening at the Hotel Intercontinental, where a dinner was being held in her honor. She had changed clothes and this time sported a navy dress from U.S. designer St. John Knit, according to Marsha Berry. In the dining room was ICC President Cornelio Sommaruga, in a talkative mood. Guy-Oliver Second, president of the Geneva city council, took his seat, slightly intimidated, at the table of the U.S. president's wife. Already praised during the afternoon, Hillary Clinton was newly honored by dinner hosts the United Arab Emirates as she inherited a trophy in the form of two reared-up horses in golden-yellow. Was it all

just a coincidence – as one U.S. Mission collaborator claimed – that the United Arab Emirates, we had learned the previous evening, had decided to buy 80 F-16 combat planes, right under the nose of the French and their Rafale planes?

As for Fidel Castro, what was he doing all this time? Resting in his 12th-floor suite which, according to assistant hotel manager Kurt Kossin, had been somewhat transformed since Ernesto "Che" Guevara's stay there? The Hotel Intercontinental has gotten us used to this diplomatic vaudeville, where elevators play a starring role. Kurt Kossin even seems amused by the whole game. This time it was Fidel Castro and Hillary Clinton – who occupied an 18th-floor suite twice as big as Castro's. In earlier times, other celebrity "couples" had sojourned in the hotel at the same time, the assistant manager recalled: In January 1991 it was U.S. Secretary of State James Baker and Saddam Hussein's envoy Tarek Aziz, while in January 1994 it was Bill Clinton and Syrian President Hafez el Assad.

One more question. How did the First Lady end up staying in the same hotel as the Lider Máximo, when the White House was dreading like the plague any chance encounter between them in the hallway? The U.S. side affirms that Mrs. Clinton's reservation was made six months ago; the Cuban's, however, was only confirmed within the past three weeks. Thus the suspicion arises that it was he, not she, who was looking to embarrass the other.

The dinner wrapped up at about 11 p.m. (the press had left much earlier).

Friday at 11:30 a.m., Palais Wilson, the last day. It is very warm, yet Hillary Clinton appears as fresh as ever. Marsha Berry, ever in-the-know regarding the presidential wardrobe, gives us a whiff: The sky-blue suit in which the First Lady is clad – with side buttons – is signed by, once again, Oscar de la Renta. Photographers are on hand to immortalize the gift to International Geneva of a 1912 bronze plaque of former U.S. President Woodrow Wilson, after whom the building was named. The ceremony is short and without great emotion. True to form, Hillary Clinton is often quite amusing. She looks very "British royal family on the balcony at Buckingham".

The last appearance of Clinton, the star, takes place shortly thereafter at the U.S. Mission. In the presence of Mary Robinson, U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, there is a debate focusing on women and young girls who have been victimized. Dignified, in complete control of herself, acquiescing with her head when necessary, but without ostentation, the First Lady is imperial. Geneva, along with her, is starting to smell like Cannes.





FRIENDS OF ART AND PRESERVATION IN EMBASSIES

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Marsha Berry**  
**Press Secretary**  
**First Lady's Press Office**  
**FROM: Lee McGrath**  
**Friends of Art and Preservation in Embassies (FAPE)**  
**DATE: June 2, 1998**  
**SUBJECT:**  
**VIA FAX:**

Letter and press clippings are attached.

Ten pages to follow.



FRIENDS OF ART AND PRESERVATION IN EMBASSIES

June 2, 1998

Ms. Marsha Berry  
Press Secretary  
First Lady's Press Office  
Old Executive Office Building; Room 100  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Marsha:

On behalf of the members of the Friends of Art and Preservation in Embassies, thank you for your support and assistance with our dinner at the White House.

We appreciated your help especially since we know how busy you are and what a hectic travel schedule you keep. Also, Julie Mason on your staff was particularly helpful to us.

The reception and dinner surpassed our expectations and our members will be talking about it for some time to come. We were honored to announce both the continuation of our limited edition program and our plans for our GIFT TO A NATION Millennium project with such a supportive and enthusiastic President and First Lady.

The responses that I have received from the press have been very positive. I think that we have built a real foundation for FAPE's Millennium GIFT TO A NATION and the whole concept of art for the Millennium. Several journalists have said they plan to use the White House Millennium information and the FAPE material together. We have been collecting the articles that have appeared and will send them to you, since the faxed copies are not very clear. If you could do the same, we would be very appreciative.

Again, our gratitude goes to you and your fine staff and please feel free to call whenever I can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Lee Kimche McGrath  
Executive Director

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# Life

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1998

## LIFELINE

A QUICK READ ON WHAT PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT



Estate of Roy Lichtenstein

**Donated:** 'Reflections on Senorita' is among works headed to U.S. embassies and ambassadorial residences.

### ART 2000:

Roy Lichtenstein's *Reflections on Senorita*, 1990 is the

first item included in a program launched Wednesday by the Friends of Art and Preservation in Embassies (FAPE). Lichtenstein's widow, Dorothy, donated it to kick off Gift to a Nation, a collection of 200 major American artworks to be acquired between now and the millennium. Plans call for a Washington, D.C., exhibition before the works are placed in U.S. embassies and ambassadorial residences.



White House social secretary Capricia Marshall greets Bill and Buffy Cafritz in the Executive Mansion's Great Hall Wednesday evening.



Hillary Rodham Clinton unveils Chuck Close's (left seated) portrait of the late artist Roy Lichtenstein at the White House dinner. Also pictured are Ann Gund (left), President Clinton, Lenore Annenberg and Jo Carole Lauder.

## The fine art of diplomacy and donations



The ever-elegant Robin Chandler Duke chats before dinner with Joan Schnitzer Levy.

**EVENT:** Lunch at the State Department and dinner at the White House on Wednesday in recognition of the Friends of Art and Preservation in Embassies (FAPE).

**CAUSE:** Honoring FAPE's Gift to the Nation program, which plans to celebrate the next millennium with donations and purchases of up to 200 works of American art that will be placed in U.S. embassies, chanceries and ambassadors' residences.

**IMPORTED SPARKLE:** Provided by more top artists than one usually sees at major museum openings in New York City, including Robert Rauschenberg, Frank Stella, Ellsworth Kelly, Christo, Paul Cadmus and Chuck Close (donor of a limited-edition silk-screen print of the late Roy Lichtenstein, which will be displayed permanently in embassy residences abroad). Jet-setting arts patronesses flew in from various points as well, making grand appearances in a heady whirl of perfume, jewels and haute couture. Among them: Lenore Annenberg, FAPE's superdonor chairman emerita; FAPE Chairman Jo Carole Lauder (with husband Ronald and daughters Aerin and Jane); Carol Price; Robin Chandler Duke; Wendy Luers and Ann Gund. Among the gents of note: financier John Whitehead, former ambassador to France Evan Galbraith and decorator Mario Buatta.

**LUNCH WITH ALAN:** Delphic, cryptic Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan had keynote honors at FAPE's Business Council luncheon in the State Department's Diplomatic Reception Rooms, where he waxed rhapsodic about the marvels of high-tech market economics and increasing worldwide respect for the rule of law and property rights. Digressions on economist Joseph Schumpeter's theory of "creative destruction" and the revolutionary effect of supermarket scanning devices were a bit off the radar screen for much of the well-heeled crowd waiting in vain for clues about the next fluctuation in interest rates.

**DINNER WITH BILL AND HIL:** The



Newport grande dame Candy Van Allen and Olga Hirshhorn enjoy their reunion in the Green Room.

white-bunting draped and fern-filled tent set up on the South Lawn was so huge that comparisons with an airplane hanger or enclosed football field were inevitable from the 600 overwhelmed guests crowding in after cocktails in the White House's first-floor state rooms.

"It's quite a village here," said art collector John Hechinger, delighted to find himself seated next to first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton as lesser mortals snaked their way to assigned tables draped in pink silk and topped by enormous pink, white and red pennies in Tiffany crystal vases.

After the ceremonial entry of President and Mrs. Clinton, there was music by a Marine Corps orchestra (though no one ever went on the floor to dance) and a dinner considered to be exceptional even by the White House's high standards: poached lobster with marinated orange; pepper-seared lamb and spring vegetables with lemon-thyme pesto; a red-and-yellow tomato salad; and a chocolate-and-strawberry-mousse "Painter's Palette."

**THE HOSTS' PREROGATIVE:** Some of the organizers were dismayed by the swollen guest list, which they maintained had been enlarged greatly by the White House's addition of journalists, members of Congress and administration stalwarts — none of whom was a FAPE member or contributor.

"It was a bit of a surprise," Gail Hodges Burt said. "First it was 400, then it was 500, then 600. I guess we have to feed them dinner."

Though White House social secretary Capricia Marshall described the assemblage as "primarily a FAPE list" and put the number of White House add-ons at only 16, others were skeptical as they spotted Sidney Blumenthal, Lynn Cutler and other political operatives among the throng.

"It's a wonderful way to pay people back or woo them," said one longtime FAPE supporter, a Democrat who remembered the Carters doing the same thing with the Kennedy Center Honors.

**A GRACEFUL NOTE:** After Mr. Close followed the unveiling of his portrait by decrying Republicans' lack of support for the visual arts, Mr. Clinton came to the rescue of the "bipartisan" bash by lauding members of Congress from both sides of the aisle who have continued to fight for the cause.

His closing remarks summing up the diversity and importance of the art-in-embassies program also drew overall praise:

"Every time someone walks into an American embassy anywhere in the world, I want them to see that in America we are many people, many religions, many races... we may fight like cats and dogs, but we believe in the common values of freedom, and ultimately we believe that what unites us is far more important than what divides us."

"Very well done," Betsy Bloomingdale declared as she swept out with a coterie of pals from the Reagan days. "It's always a pleasure to be in the President's House."

— Kevin Chaffee

# RUSH & MOLLOY

By GEORGE RUSH AND JOANNA MOLLOY

Friday, May 29, 1998 • DAILY NEWS

## Clinton in a tent situation

President Clinton didn't seem to let news that two top aides must testify before Kenneth Starr ruin his fun Wednesday night.

The White House threw a huge bash on the South Lawn for the powerful Friends of Art & Preservation in Embassies, whose members donate fine art to U.S. outposts.

Among the VIPs kvetching under the biggest tent ever erected in the White House's backyard were Betsy Bloomingdale, artists Robert Rauschenberg and Frank Stella, Museum of Modern Art President Agnes Gund and Sidney Blumenthal, one of the two aides called to testify.

In his address, a jovial Clinton thanked beauty tycoon Jo Carole Lauder for her work as FAPE chairman. He also noted how New York artist Chuck Close, who donated a series of limited-edition linocut prints of the late Roy Lichtenstein to FAPE, likes to groove to Aretha Franklin while he paints.

"Judging by the energy of your work," the President said to Close, "I may issue an executive order instructing all agencies to play Aretha Franklin from 9 to 5 every day from here on out."

# THE RELIABLE SOURCE

THE WASHINGTON POST

By Ann Gerhart and Annie Groer

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 1998

## For Arts Donors, A Black-Tie Thanks

**H**ow do you thank more than 400 patrons and matrons of the arts whose generosity provides paintings, sculpture, furnishings and restoration funds for U.S. embassies and diplomatic digs worldwide?

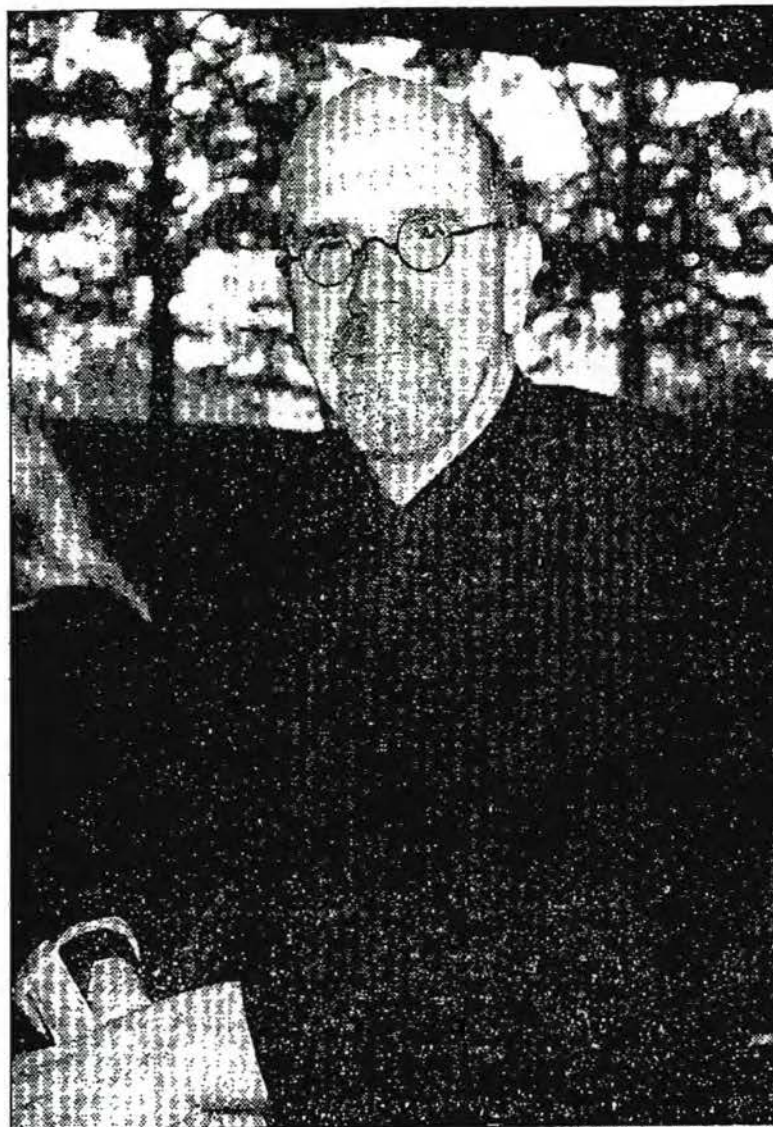
Invite them to a black-tie White House dinner with **President and Hillary Rodham Clinton** May 27, that's how.

And for the 50 biggest donors to Friends of Art and Preservation in Embassies—who give up to \$100,000 a year or more in antiques, artwork or money—you throw in a breakfast with **Tipper Gore**; a lunch with Secretary of State **Madeleine Albright** at the State Department (Fed Chairman **Alan Greenspan** will say a few words) and a private tour of the **Alexander Calder** show at the National Gallery, led by exhibit curator **Marla Prather**.

Since its founding in 1986, FAPE has raised more than \$9 million. Artists **Robert Rauschenberg** and **Ellsworth Kelly**, and **Dorothy Lichtenstein**, widow of **Roy Lichtenstein**, will be at the dinner. So, too, will heavy-hitting collectors **Ronald Lauder**, former U.S. envoy to Austria, and his wife, **Jo Carole**, who chairs FAPE; architect **Graham Gund** and his wife, **Ann**, FAPE president; former chief of protocol **Leonore Annenberg**; TV producer **Douglas Cramer** and Dallas businessman **Ray Nasher**.

This year, artist **Chuck Close**, 57, who specializes in enormous portraits of friends and fellow artists, is donating a limited edition of 150 prints of **Roy Lichtenstein's** face that are meant to be hung in the homes of U.S. ambassadors.

"It's not a decorative print. It's a tough image," Close told the Source. "It's rather grim. I like it very much."



Close, contributing an image that's "rather grim."

BY ANNIE GROER—THE WASHINGTON POST

# 'Champagne' toasts Paris' glamour days

Maggi Nolan's book describes the time she knew the Duchess of Windsor, Princess Grace of Monaco, Aly Khan and Cary Grant.

Anyone who loves Paris — and especially those who made the scene in the 1950s — will be enchanted with Maggi Nolan's book



**GARNETT  
STACKELBERG**  
WASHINGTON

*Champagne & Real Pain* and her account of those glamorous days when she knew the Duchess of Windsor, Princess Grace of Monaco, Aly Khan, Cary Grant, Olivia de Havilland, J. Paul Getty, Arlene Dahl and dozens of others.

She describes all the fun and games at the Ritz, Maxime's, the Tour d'Argent — wherever — when she was society reporter for the legendary *Herald Tribune* and struggling to survive with a womanizing husband and raise two little girls.

Maggi is flying in from Paris for the Pasteur Foundation's benefit reception May 27 under the patronage of the ambassador of France,

François Bujon de l'Estang, and wife Anne. It will be held at Christie's, and her book, put out by Mosaic Press of Buffalo, N.Y., will be launched that evening.

Anastassios Fondaras is chairwoman, and Ann Cox Chambers and Dominick Dunne are on the committee. Maggi will be entertained in Washington for a few days before returning to Paris.

**Parties, parties, parties** — It has been a long time since there's been a musical on Broadway that's as exciting, nostalgic and melodic as *Ragtime*, which took Washington by storm on April 29. The songs are great, sometimes tear-jerking, and the cast of around 60 is excellent in its portrayal of a strictly American story that concerns WASPs, Jewish immigrants and African-Americans.

It's taken from E.L. Doctorow's novel and tells about life in the early 1900s in the United States. The big after-theater party for the cast at Old Ebbitt Grill lasted till 1 a.m.; that's rare in Washington.

The Very Special Arts International Night at the huge Chancery of France on April 28, sponsored by Ambassador de l'Estang, wife Anne and Austrian Ambassador Helmut and Monika Tuerk, drew 50 ambassadorial couples with sometimes exotically gowned wives, like Princess Haifa of Saudi Arabia.

The guests enjoyed a buffet of food supplied by embassy kitchens — cannelloni from Italy, tandoori chicken from India, couscous from Morocco, chicken mole from Mexico and other culinary delights. Folk dancers performed, and an auction raised \$150,000 to benefit education programs for children with disabilities.

**President Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton** will salute the achievements of the Friends of Art and Preservation on May 27 at a White House reception and dinner. An announcement will be made at that time about the group's Millennium Project, part of the White House's National Millennium efforts.

That will be an interesting weekend for some prominent people, including some Floridians. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright will host a business-committee luncheon in the diplomatic reception rooms of the State Depart-

ment. Federal Reserve Chairman **Alan Greenspan** will give the keynote address.

The Friends of Art and Preservation, a nonprofit, tax-exempt educational foundation, was formed in 1986 to assist the Department of State in various programs to exhibit fine decorative arts in U.S. embassy residences.

Guests from Florida expected to attend are Dr. Carolyn Cline, Longboat Key; Gilbert Kahn, Miami; Ronald and Jo Carole Lander, Palm Beach; and John F. Cooke, vice president of The Walt Disney Co. Also expected are Robin Chandler Duke and John C. Whitehead.

Since its inception, the Friends of Art and Preservation has raised more than \$9 million in private donations and contributions of works of art.

Ann L. Gund succeeds Wendy Luer as president, who has become the organization's president emeritus. Lee Kimchee McGrath, who founded Friends of Art and Preservation along with Lee Annenberg, is executive director. Nancy Ruwe and Buffy Cafritz are among those on the annual-events committee, and Tiffany & Co. is donating the decor for the White House dinner honoring this group.

# Chuck Close at the White House



By Aileen Mehle



Wondering what the worlds of art, diplomacy, philanthropy and glamour are up to lately? That's what I thought. Nevertheless, representatives of these exalted levels

will gather in Washington May 27-28 for a meeting of Friends of Art and Preservation in Embassies, known as FAPE for obvious reasons. FAPE's *raison d'être* is to buy art and get donations for the State Department, their goal being to restore our embassies around the world. Some of which, face it, border on the shabby, furnished with a lot of stuff that should best be swept under the rug — providing there's a rug.

So, to welcome FAPERS, President and Mrs. Clinton will host the group at a dinner at the White House on May 27, and the same day, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has invited them to lunch at the State Department, where Alan Greenspan will speak and everybody will listen — and translate later.

The following day, Tipper Gore will have the gang over for coffee at the vice president's residence, and then it's on to the National Gallery of Art, where Maria Prather, curator of the Alexander Calder exhibition, will address the throng.

FYI: This is who will be at



Lenore Annenberg

the White House dinner: Lenore (Mrs. Walter) Annenberg, who gave some of the most sought-after dinners in London when her husband was ambassador to the Court of

St. James; Betsy Bloomingdale; Buffy and William Cafritz; Carolyn and Bill Chaney of the Tiffany Charneys; John F. Cooke, international vice president of the Walt Disney Co., and his wife, Diane; television producer Douglas Cramer; Robin Chandler Duke; FAPF president Ann Gund and her husband, Graham, the architect and collector; Carolyn and Roger Horchow; Ann and Vernon Jordan; FAPF chairman Jo Carole Lauder and her husband, Ronald, our former ambassador to Austria, and former Deputy Secretary of State John C. Whitehead — to say nothing of those eminent American artists Robert Rauschenberg, Ellsworth Kelly and Frank Stella, who have all donated their art to FAPF in years past. The internationally recognized artist Chuck Close will present a limited edition of a linocut print entitled "Roy" in remembrance of the late Roy Lichtenstein, and his widow, Dorothy, will be there to see it happen. The Close print, in honor of Hillary Clinton, will be displayed in U.S. embassy residences around the world. Does Ken Starr know about this?



Betsy Bloomingdale



Buffy Cafritz

## This Space for Rent

**T**he Republicans love to talk about how all sorts of folks can fit under their "big tent"—minorities, pro-choicers, enviros and such. Maybe that's why **President Clinton** went out and got himself what looks to be the biggest tent anyone's seen since we lost the Shah of Iran.

The Godzilla tent—technically a pavilion because it has no intervening poles—is not, as one wag suggested, "the new annex for the White House counsel's office." The 23,711-square-foot canvas and aluminum structure, about two-thirds the size of a football field, is going to be used for a number of events before it comes down at the end of June.

First, there's the affair tonight for the 500 Friends of Art and Preservation in Embassies. More than 1,000 guests are to be there this weekend for Clinton's 30th Georgetown University reunion. And there'll be big crowds at the congressional picnic, the press picnic, and the visit of South Korean President **Kim Dae Jung**. There's also to be a WETA performance there and the Pritzker Architectural Awards.

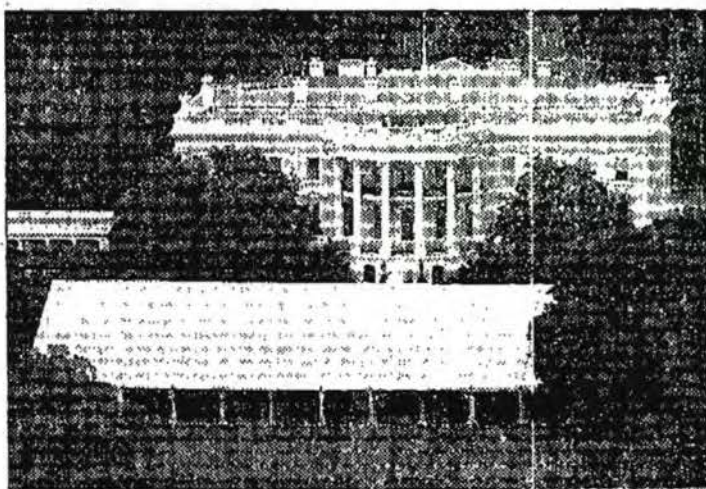
The White House didn't have a precise tally on the bill for taxpayers, but tents aren't cheap, especially ones about 60 yards long by 43 yards wide. There's a formula for dividing the cost up among users, a spokesman said, with WETA paying for its event, the State Department for the Korean visit, and so forth.

Got a wedding coming up?

### Earning Their Stripes

Rep. **Jay Kim** (R-Calif.), by all scouting reports, has a truly awesome team this season in the House softball league. And the team's name? "Chair Gang," a reference to that little electronic ankle bracelet that Kim wears as part of his sentence for taking more than \$250,000 in illegal foreign and corporate campaign contributions.

Former press secretary **Bruce Allen** is credited with coming up with the name. Talk about playing to your weakness.



BY J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE—ASSOCIATED PRESS

No, it's not the latest federal housing or downsizing demonstration, but a pavilion on the South Lawn to be used for a number of events.

### Grate Britain

State Department spokesman **James P. Rubin** calls to complain about a two-paragraph item Friday noting that a British newspaper gossip column took a cheap shot at U.S. Ambassador **Philip Lader** for his lean toward the "touchy-feely."

"You didn't put in that he is working tirelessly" on Irish matters and to help boost American business exports to the area and is given a fair share of the credit for never better U.S.-British relations, Rubin said.

The first part of the item, which Rubin must have missed, noted that everyone on this side of the Atlantic gives Lader great reviews for his work. But does anyone notice the praise? Noooooo. It's never enough for some people.

### Off Track

Clinton has named a new Amtrak "reform board" of directors, as required by Congress. Maybe it should be named the "board of governors and holdovers."

Three current and former governors are to be on the new seven-member board: Wisconsin Republican Gov. **Tommy G. Thompson** and former governors **Linwood Holton**, Republican of Virginia, and **Michael S. Dukakis**, Democrat of Massachusetts,

likely wearing a conductor's cap. There's also a mayor, **John Robert Smith** of Meridian, Miss., the man given credit for convincing Senate Majority Leader **Trent Lott** (R-Miss.) that Amtrak's cause is just. Transportation Secretary **Rodney E. Slater** is automatically a member.

The real fireworks on Capitol Hill, however, are likely over two retreads: outgoing board members **Sylvia A. de Leon**, a Washington lawyer, and **Amy Rosen**, a New Jersey transportation official. Clinton defied some congressional Republicans, who warned him not to reappoint any members of the old board. Those Republicans include Rep. **Bud Shuster** (Pa.), whose Transportation and Infrastructure Committee bill terminated the old board, and Sen. **John McCain** (Ariz.), whose Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation must act on the nominations. On Feb. 11, McCain told Clinton that Congress wanted a "clean slate" in dealing with Amtrak and that he expected Clinton to "abide by the spirit and intent of the law."

De Leon and Rosen were key players in the surprise firing of Amtrak then-president **Thomas M. Downs**. They both have impeccable Democratic credentials, particularly de Leon, who is a partner in **Robert S. Strauss's** law firm.

## FEATURES



TOM KACICH

## An unusual commencement connection

Titans of commerce, government officials, scientists, historians, religious leaders, ambassadors from foreign lands, university presidents, retiring professors. Some great men and women have spoken at University of Illinois commencements over the last 120 years.

And then there's Diane Sawyer, the 1997 speaker.

Overall, though, the University of Illinois commencement has long been a splendid event combining solemnity and silliness, sadness and glee. Although it has evolved a great deal, commencement still remains the time the alma mater sends its ready children into the world.

"To you who go out today, may I stress," retiring UI Vice President and Provost Henning Larsen told graduates at the June 15, 1957, commencement, "the future is in your hands; may you do better than we of the older generation. May your world be better, happier and more just than ours."

In its early years, commencement was a drawn-out affair. One hundred years ago, it ran from May 23 to June 8. It included things like military drills; receptions for the entire graduating class; dinners; literary programs; military band concerts; a baccalaureate address by UI President Andrew Sloan Draper; a Class Day that included "the class farewell to buildings and grounds" and "the burning of thesis subjects"; alumni day; and finally, commencement day with William Maxwell, superintendent of schools in New York City, as the speaker.

Commencements have been held on Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays. They've been held at the Armory, the Auditorium, the Gym Annex, Huff Gym, Memorial Stadium and the Assembly Hall.

Commencement speakers have followed a curious evolution. There once was a run on ambassadors to the United States (Germany in 1906, Great Britain in 1907, China in 1908, Japan in 1909, Germany again in 1914, Argentina in 1915). UI President Edmund Janes James handled the chore himself from 1910 through 1913. His son, Herman G. James, Class of '06 and president of Ohio University, spoke at the 1940 com-

Presidents of Notre Dame, DePauw, Cornell, Knox College, the University of Texas, University of Michigan, University of Minnesota, University of Cincinnati, Iowa State and Northwestern have spoken. So have George Will, Marian Wright Edelman, former Costa Rican President Oscar Arias Sanchez, astronaut Steven Nagel, Arnold Beckman and Thomas Murphy.

At least four governors — Shelby Culom in 1877, Adlai Stevenson in 1950, Otto Kerner in 1962 and Richard Ogilvie in 1969 — spoke at commencement.

And mention of Ogilvie recalls an unusual bond between him and a commencement speaker 25 years later.

"This commencement is an appropriate time," Ogilvie said on June 14, 1969, "to make a response to Hillary Rodham, the young lady from Park Ridge who addressed her graduating class at Wellesley, and to those who share her views. Here is what she reported:

'When I asked the class at our rehearsal what it was they wanted me to say for them, everyone said: Talk about trust. Talk about the lack of trust, both for us and the way we feel about others.'

"To Hillary Rodham and to each one of you, I say this: We do trust you. We believe in you, and we back you. The commitment I spoke of — the commitment of the people of Illinois to the education of each one of you — is the best evidence of our trust and our belief in you."

Later, he said, "Hillary also made another point, which I feel rather well-qualified to answer. 'For too long,' she said, 'our leaders have viewed politics as the art of the possible. The challenge now,' she continued, 'is to practice politics as the art of making what appears to be impossible possible.'"

He went on to push for a state income tax, which eventually passed but which also got him defeated for re-election in 1972.

A generation later, Hillary Rodham Clinton made no mention of Richard Ogilvie in her 1994 commencement address at the UI. Perhaps she did not know of the connection. But her message linked the late Republican governor, a war veteran, and the Republican-turned-Democrat first lady of the United States.

"Government alone cannot solve our problems. But government, as a partner with us, can move us a very long way down the road of beginning to deal honestly with our problems and being able to make progress together."

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*"Moses Lake Tries to Set a New Example"*  
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Comments like those from the mother and the young girl have brought many face to face with the virtues.

Love, reads a sign just beyond the town's Wal-Mart store. Honesty, says a small handwritten one in a school window.

The signs were the idea of school staffers and students, who wanted to send to townspeople a message about values and to instill the virtues in children, not by preaching to them, but letting the words seep into their consciousness.

The words might just change how people here treat each other, said Cynthia Garza, a mother of three whose oldest boy was one of those who had to jump out of a classroom window to escape Loukaitis' shots.

Garza said it already has made a difference and pointed to her surroundings as evidence. It was a chilly evening and she sat on the bleachers surrounded by nearly half the town out to watch a Little League baseball game. Many parents walked back and forth between the two games occurring that night. Some said they had children in one or both games, while others had simply come out to cheer for the kids.

"It's like that saying 'it takes a village,'" Garza said as she cradled 8-month-old Diego in her arms. "People seem to want to lend a hand even if it doesn't directly help their own kids."

As in most tight-knit communities, nearly everyone in town knew someone affected by the shooting. But the

Newspaper on Wednesday the thirtieth  
of May 1998. With my best congre-  
tulations for this historic event

Daniel Hermant.

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# Hillary Clinton star en Corrèze

Guidée par Bernadette Chirac, la « first lady »  
américaine a découvert la démocratie locale au  
pays des pommés du Limousin.

Le reportage  
de Jean-Louis DENES

« Quel charme... Elle nous a salué d'un petit signe. Elle est magnifique... » Appareil photo à la main, ils n'étaient que quelques dizaines hier à applaudir au passage des vingt-deux voitures précédées d'une demi-douzaine de motards. Au cœur de ce ballet, la lourde Cadillac blindée américaine, tous feux allumés ne laissait paraître à l'arrière que l'ombre jaune bouton d'or de la « first lady » américaine. A côté d'elle, en tailleur bleu marine, Bernadette Chirac, conseiller général depuis 19 ans du canton de Corrèze, tout à son rôle de guide sur son terrain. Car c'est un vieux rêve que réalisaient hier les deux épouses de président : les Chirac avaient parlé avec tant de ferveur de la Corrèze devant les Clinton lors du sommet du G7 de Lyon, qu'Hillary avait promis de faire le voyage. « Un très grand bonheur » pour Bernadette la cordiale, qui embrasse volontiers ses amis corréziens, les retient par le bras et sert du « chère Hillary » à son invitée avec la même fougue que Jacques le ferait.

## Hillary très pro

Quelle star, cette Hillary ! Fraîche malgré un vol direct Washington-Limoges et une heure de route jusqu'à Tulle entrecoupée d'un arrêt douche-brushing. D'une présence et d'une gentillesse très professionnelles : les yeux bleus écarquillés pour marquer l'intérêt, le



Hillary et Bernadette ont réalisé un vieux rêve : se promener ensemble en Corrèze.

Photo AFP

sourire toujours en ligne, la voix ferme pour féliciter la Corrèze de recevoir le Tour de France et jouer la prospérité grâce à deux autoroutes en construction, l'A 20 et l'A 89. Comme pour monter aux 37 conseillers généraux de ce petit département de 238.000 âmes qui l'ont ovationné dans la salle du Conseil général qu'elle suivait de près l'action d'élue locale de Madame Chirac.

Mais hélas la star est impossible à approcher. Son service d'ordre de plus de 25 « men in black » rudoyait quiconque approchait à 10 mètres, provoquant même des incidents avec les photographes. Un instant seulement, entraînée devant la mairie de Corrèze, au cœur du terroir chiraquien par Bernadette Chirac, elle ira serrer quelques

maines au grand dam du protocole qui l'a immédiatement entourée. Pas de débordement, la star américaine était venue se rendre compte sur place de la démocratie locale à la française, écouter les conseillers généraux évoquer le pays du veau fermier et des pommés du Limousin, rencontrer les élues du canton à la maison des Monédières où un Sivom fait la promotion des produits régionaux. Mais pas rencontrer les Corréziens de la rue en bains de foule comme en raffolent les Chirac. Surtout qu'elle avait déjà pris le risque de pousser la porte d'une école maternelle où un enfant relève de varicelle.

Très aseptisé et pas très spontané. Mais Bernadette était si fière et si contente..

*I think you will like this*

# COMMENTARY *One of your admirers*

## Despite scrutiny, Hillary triumphs

BY MARIANNE MEANS

Of all the major players in the Whitewater-Lewinsky mess, only first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton has thus far emerged politically triumphant.

How can this be?

Well, she did it the old-fashioned way. She earned it.

The odds against it have been enormous.

She has been accused of flagrant and prosecutable misdeeds never suspected of any previous president's wife, from real estate fraud to obstruction of justice. She is the only first lady to be called to testify before a grand jury examining the legitimacy of her conduct.

She has been rumored for years to be a prime target of independent counsel Kenneth Starr — a candidate for indictment at any moment. The initial release of edited tapes of former Associate Attorney General Webster Hubbell talking from prison seemed to imply wrongdoing on her part, although later, fuller transcripts indicated no such thing.

Earlier, she had spent five hours being grilled under oath by Starr and his team. Conservatives consider her the evil genius behind President Clinton's

worst ideas. Her initial effort to direct public policy on health care was a disaster.

And she has had to endure the humiliation of charges that her husband has a roving eye.

Yet she is the one person in this whole tawdry saga whose dignity and approval ratings are intact after five years of political and legal assault. She has even been having good hair days lately, with a flattering, chic cut that has remained relatively stable.

In a new U.S. News & World Report survey, 62% of those queried admire her loyalty to her husband, 52% have a favorable opinion of her and 69% think she has mostly helped him as president. Despite a conservative drumbeat condemning her as an uppity female, which began at the 1992 GOP presidential convention, only 17% said they thought she had hurt the president's standing.

The president's own favorability rating is only one percentage point behind hers. But his reputation, unlike hers, has been severely damaged by Starr's investigation and by allegations of financial and sexual misconduct.

The federal grand jury in Little Rock expired last week without indicting either of the

Clintons, despite persistent predictions to the contrary. A grand jury in the nation's capital carries on. But there is a sense now that Starr has not been able to collect enough solid evidence to convict the president or first lady of jaywalking, let alone anything else.

Rumor and innuendo have undercut the president politically. But Hillary Clinton has largely escaped the worst of it through the sheer class of her public performance and the vagueness of the accusations hurled at her.

Conservatives complain that the president is hiding behind her skirts because her spirited defense has helped other women rationalize their support of his policies.

So what? He needs her now, more than ever. And, like many women, she does not mind being needed. It's just possible she needs him, too.

Yet the magazine poll reports that 32% of those surveyed feel that after the two leave the White House it is "likely" that she will divorce him. This theory flies only if you believe she is acting not out of long-suffering, genuine love but cold-blooded political calculation.

She would become a less sym-

pathetic figure if she were seen as more interested in political survival than in holding her family together. But a majority replied that they did *not* think it likely she would divorce her husband after they left the White House. That majority is willing to view her as a compassionate human rather than an ambitious robot, no small achievement for a woman reviled by conservatives for exercising unprecedented White House power as first lady.

Hillary Clinton has coped with her own image as well as her husband's by standing by him with overt displays of affection, crusading for women's rights at home and abroad and planning a national celebration to mark the millennium. That neatly melds her personal and professional lives and gives her intellectual focus.

And in a world in which former President George Bush once said success consisted mostly of showing up every day, that is more than enough for now.

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**HEAD TO HEAD:** Tony Blair and Hillary Clinton in relaxed mood before a concert in Birmingham, which included the all-girl group All Saints, at the end of the G8 summit **Report: Page 2**

## G8 leaders tackle the debt burden on Third World

By Christopher Lockwood, Diplomatic Editor, in Birmingham

THE G8 summit came to a close yesterday with a communique promising to help countries in need of debt relief.

In return, however, it required the countries to take policy measures to ensure good government in the hope that any further aid would not be mismanaged or wasted.

The measures followed a demonstration in which a seven-mile human chain thrown around the summit site in Birmingham on Saturday denounced the leaders gathered there for failing to do enough to lessen the debt burden on the world's poorest countries.

Organised by Jubilee 2000, a coalition of Churches, charities and aid agencies, the 50,000-person chain around Birmingham's International Convention Centre was decked with placards urging "Drop the Debt".

This was an appeal for the developed countries to mark the Millennium by cancelling billions of pounds owed by some of the poorest countries. Many of these are being strangled by repayment burdens exceeding their foreign exchange earnings dozens of times over.

The chain succeeded in paralysing Birmingham, and drew Tony Blair back early from his "retreat" with his fellow G8 leaders at a country house 20 miles outside the city. But, as the communique made clear, it failed to persuade the leaders to offer to release any extra cash for debt relief.

Officials pointed to the Government's success in persuading the G8 countries to aim for all 41 nations on a list of Highly Indebted Poor Countries to be on track for debt relief under a scheme operated by the African Development Bank and other lenders by the year 2000.

This target was less ambi-

### Cherie Blair steps out at pop concert

CHERIE Blair cast aside protocol to dance along with the audience at a concert for the world leaders attending the summit.

Mrs Blair looked eager to join in throughout the hour-long event on Saturday night featuring All Saints, Jools Holland and his orchestra, Chris Rea and Mick Hucknall.

But it was not until the final number, when the performers joined to sing the Beatles' *All You Need is Love*, that her reserve finally broke.

She rose, followed by her husband, Bill and Hillary Clinton, President Chirac and his wife Bernadette, and enthusiastically joined in the singing and dancing.

that all eligible countries get the relief they need, including interim measures where necessary, to secure a lasting exit from their debt problems". In return, the countries must take policy measures to ensure good government.

So far six countries have been declared eligible — Uganda, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Guyana, Ivory Coast and Mozambique — for debt relief of about £3.5 billion, although only Uganda has actually benefited so far.

The summit also called for attention to be paid to the needs of countries such as Rwanda, Sierra Leone and Zaire, freshly emerging from bloody conflicts. This was a particular British objective.

But these limited moves were denounced by Jubilee 2000's organisers. "They

summit also focused on international crime. The leaders were shown police videos on cross-border computer hacking and international arms trafficking and were given alarming statistics about the growth of the illegal drugs trade.

Roy Penrose, the director general of Britain's National Crime Squad, warned them that they were sitting on the brink of a high-technology boom in cross-border crime.

The French President, Jacques Chirac, voiced particular alarm about a growth in drugs production and demanded a zero tolerance policy towards soft as well as hard drugs.

The summit communique pledged action to combat Internet-based crime, money-laundering, corruption and the illegal manufacture and trafficking of firearms. Ministers will meet in Moscow next year to review progress on these problems.

The leaders also agreed to step up co-operation on ways to combat the Millennium computer bug. They also said they were "deeply concerned" by India's nuclear tests, by the collapse of progress in the Middle East and by the chaos in Indonesia.

After the meeting, Presidents Clinton and Yeltsin held their own bilateral summit, their first for a year. Mr Clinton stressed that he hoped for Russian progress on ratifying the Start II nuclear weapons reduction treaty, so that work could begin on a third treaty.

Mr Clinton went to Chequers with Tony Blair yesterday for a brainstorming policy session after the summit, writes George Jones, Political Editor.

It is the first time an American president has stayed at the Prime Minister's country residence since Nixon, almost 30 years ago.

The policy discussion is

La visite d'Hillary Clinton en France

# Le sommet corrézien des « first ladies »

*Bernadette Chirac a reçu, hier, l'épouse du président américain dans le département dont elle est l'élu.*  
*Au programme : réception au conseil général et visite d'école.*

TULLE :  
 Alain BASTIDE

Répondant à l'invitation de Bernadette Chirac, Hillary Clinton, première dame des Etats-Unis, a débuté sa visite de trois jours en France et en Suisse par le Limousin, et plus particulièrement par la Corrèze, fief du président de la République, et terre d'élection de son épouse, élue du canton de Corrèze. Loin des traditionnelles rencontres entre chefs d'Etat, les deux épouses des présidents français et américain ont goûté, pendant quelques heures au charme du massif des Monédières, entre bruyères et genêts en fleur ;

## Secret service et varicelle

L'arrivée de la première dame des Etats-Unis en Corrèze a mobilisé un dispositif de sécurité impressionnant. Depuis la semaine dernière, une vingtaine d'agents de sécurité américains sillonnent les routes de Corrèze pour repérer le parcours de la visite. Aux services américains s'étaient joints les services de police et de gendarmerie français ainsi que les services de protection de l'Elysée. Rien n'a été laissé au hasard pour garantir la sécurité : maintien des journalistes et photographes à distance, inspection méticuleuse de tous les lieux visités. Les services de la Maison-Blanche, qui ont passé la semaine en Corrèze, allant même jusqu'à s'inquiéter de deux cas de varicelle affectant les enfants de l'école communale.

L'occasion pour Bernadette Chirac de faire découvrir à Hillary Clinton le département rural dont elle est l'élu, et d'expliquer le rôle d'un conseiller général et les attributions de l'assemblée départementale.

L'idée de la venue de M<sup>me</sup> Hillary Clinton en Corrèze date d'il y a deux ans, à l'issue du G7 qui s'était tenu à Lyon. C'est là, au cours d'un déjeuner à Paris avec le président Bill Clinton et son épouse, que Bernadette Chirac avait remarqué l'intérêt d'Hillary Clinton pour le mandat de conseiller général de l'épouse du prési-



Loin des traditionnelles visites officielles, Hillary Clinton et Bernadette Chirac ont goûté, pendant quelques heures au charme du massif des Monédières. (Photo P. Bernard/AFP.)

dent de la République française. En fait, les excellentes relations entre les deux femmes remontent au sommet de l'ONU à Pékin en septembre 1995 ; là, Bernadette Chirac remarquera en Hillary Clinton « une femme remarquable, curieuse de tout, avec qui les dialogues sont très riches ».

## En Cadillac

12 heures, ce matin, à l'aéroport de Limoges-Bellegarde, le boeing 707 de la présidence des Etats-Unis, en provenance directe de l'aéroport d'Andrews aux Etats-Unis, atterrit avec plus d'une heure de retard sur l'horaire prévu. La capitale ré-

gionale du Limousin n'est, en fait, qu'une escale, le temps pour l'épouse du président américain de prendre une légère collation, avant de rallier Tulle par la route. Il faudra plus d'une heure trente à l'énorme limousine blindée pour rejoindre le chef-lieu de la Corrèze, encadrée par d'omniprésentes forces de sécurité, au total un cortège de vingt-deux voitures, y compris la deuxième limousine faisant office de leurre, sécurité oblige.

C'est à quelques kilomètres de Tulle, à la limite de la Haute-Vienne et de la Corrèze, que Bernadette Chirac attendait son invitée, l'accueillait et prenait place à ses côtés dans la Cadillac présidentielle.

15 heures. Arrivée du cortège au conseil général de la Corrèze à Tulle, où les deux femmes sont accueillies à l'hôtel Marbot, siège du conseil, par Paul Giraud de Langlade, préfet de la Corrèze, et Jean-Pierre Dupont, président du conseil général. Hillary Clinton, souriante et très détendue, vêtue d'un tailleur jaune bouton d'or, accompagnée de Bernadette Chirac, tailleur bleu marine, devait ensuite rejoindre la salle de l'assemblée départementale.

La réception de bienvenue en salle du conseil général a été l'occasion pour le président, et chaque président de groupe politique au conseil général de la Corrèze de pronon-

cer des paroles d'accueil. Pour le président, Jean-Pierre Dupont, Hillary Clinton « a donné, par ses grandes qualités et sa force de caractère, une dimension particulière au rôle de first lady ». Jean-Pierre Bechter, président du groupe de la majorité, a même souhaité que Hillary Clinton soit un jour élue présidente des Etats-Unis. Tandis que René Teulade, au nom du groupe socialiste, soulignait les difficultés du régime social aux Etats-Unis, et que Jacques Chaminade, président du groupe communiste, félicitait Hillary Clinton pour ses récentes déclarations en faveur de la paix et d'un Etat palestinien.

Dans sa réponse, Hillary

Clinton devait rappeler qu'« aucune nation que la France, n'est plus vieille alliée des Etats-Unis, et représente le mieux la démocratie, l'égalité et les droits de l'homme ». « La politique et la démocratie valent la peine de se battre, devait poursuivre M<sup>me</sup> Clinton, quel que soit le pouvoir en place, nous affirmons nos valeurs afin de construire un monde meilleur pour nos enfants. » Enfin, l'épouse du président des Etats-Unis devait saluer les efforts constants de Bernadette Chirac et son action de conseiller général en faveur de l'autoroute A20 ou A89 et même pour l'étape du Tour de France qui sillonne la Corrèze en juillet.

## Aristochats

Bernadette Chirac et Hillary Clinton devaient ensuite se rendre au bourg de Corrèze (400 habitants), là même où l'épouse du président de la République est élue. En visite à l'école du village, Hillary Clinton a été accueillie par les enfants, chantant la chanson des Aristochats, *Everybody want to Be a Cat*, accompagnés par l'institutrice à la guitare. Puis ce fut un déjeuner tardif à la Séniérie de Corrèze, puis une promenade dans le bourg, applaudie par la population du village.

Un déjeuner, pris vers 17 heures, et un menu, pour lequel la sécurité américaine n'avait pas souhaité faire honneur à la gastronomie corrézienne, puisque celui-ci avait été préparé à Paris sur commande spéciale de l'ambassade des Etats-Unis.

Etape suivante, le petit village de Chaumell où les deux premières dames devaient rencontrer une vingtaine de femmes, élues locales ou responsables d'associations, avant de regagner Paris dans la soirée.

Au-delà des collines corréziennes ensoleillées, la rencontre des deux épouses de chefs d'Etat aura été l'occasion pour Hillary Clinton qui, dit-on, rêve secrètement d'une carrière politique, de se rendre compte des réalités de la politique de proximité. Au-delà comme le précisait Jean-Pierre Dupont, président du conseil général de la Corrèze : « Cela montre que les femmes de présidents ne sont pas seulement des épouses, mais savent aussi être actives. »

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## HILLARY CLINTON, POWERFUL AND GLORIOUS

*By Antoine Menuisier for Le Temps - 16 May 1998*

**The wife of the U.S. president -- "daughter" of Grace Kelly and Sharon Stone -- beautified Geneva with her devastating presence. For 24 hours she dominated the Geneva and international jet-set, as she attended conferences and receptions with the aura that has come to surround the First Lady.**

It was said one mustn't approach her, mustn't speak to her, must hardly look at her. But nothing, nobody, could stop her from being admired.

Invited to the 50th anniversary of the World Health Organization, Hillary Clinton made a whirlwind stop in Geneva. Arriving in Geneva on Thursday -- she had just experienced the French heartland alongside Bernadette Chirac -- she left us on Friday for Birmingham, to be with her husband as the summit of the world's eight most powerful nations got under way.

Those 25 hours and 25 minutes in Geneva belonged to Hillary Clinton and no one else. Like a child on the day of her first communion, she received the most beautiful compliments; as the wife of the president of the most powerful nation, she was treated to traffic-free avenues and even Fidel Castro's applause; finally, as a star, she bewitched men and earned the affection of women -- who saw in her an unattainable rival, and thus a role model.

How could we fail to understand this? Hillary Clinton is a blend, if you wish, of Grace Kelly and Sharon Stone, of passion withheld and passion all-consuming. The fusion of fiery charm and ice.

Or if you prefer, the First Lady of the United States is a Miss America. She passed through Yale and was purified at Gattaca, the fictional city of genetic perfection which gave its name to a recent U.S. film. In her presence, one must abdicate. Even Geneva the Prudish decided to abdicate.

We remember the strong impression she left Thursday afternoon at the Palais des Nations before the World Health Assembly. She had just gotten off the plane, but her face was fresh. Her voice, clear and deep without being masculine, was several octaves removed from the nasal shrillness so typical of American women. She wore a pale salmon trouser-suit from Oscar de la Renta, revealed her press secretary Marsha Berry, also very elegant in her lavender ensemble. Hillary Clinton's speech -- as she talked, the tips of her cropped sauerkraut haircut caressed her lips -- was fairly conventional yet generous. She included the issues of AIDS, of tuberculosis, of malaria and smoking. So many evils to eradicate. In the first row of the audience, on either side of Fidel Castro, Swiss government officials Ruth Dreifuss and Guy-Oliver Second had to acquiesce.

There was even time to receive a prize awarded by the United Arab Emirates Health Foundation, and the First Lady was there. We found her that evening at the Hotel Intercontinental, where a dinner was being held in her honor. She had changed clothes and this time sported a navy dress from U.S. designer St. John Knit, according to Marsha Berry. In the dining room was ICC President Cornelio Sommaruga, in a talkative mood. Guy-Oliver Second, president of the Geneva city council, took his seat, slightly intimidated, at the table of the U.S. president's wife. Already praised during the afternoon, Hillary Clinton was newly honored by dinner hosts the United Arab Emirates as she inherited a trophy in the form of two reared-up horses in golden-yellow. Was it all

just a coincidence – as one U.S. Mission collaborator claimed – that the United Arab Emirates, we had learned the previous evening, had decided to buy 80 F-16 combat planes, right under the nose of the French and their Rafale planes?

As for Fidel Castro, what was he doing all this time? Resting in his 12th-floor suite which, according to assistant hotel manager Kurt Kossin, had been somewhat transformed since Ernesto “Che” Guevara’s stay there? The Hotel Intercontinental has gotten us used to this diplomatic vaudeville, where elevators play a starring role. Kurt Kossin even seems amused by the whole game. This time it was Fidel Castro and Hillary Clinton – who occupied an 18th-floor suite twice as big as Castro’s. In earlier times, other celebrity “couples” had sojourned in the hotel at the same time, the assistant manager recalled: In January 1991 it was U.S. Secretary of State James Baker and Saddam Hussein’s envoy Tarek Aziz, while in January 1994 it was Bill Clinton and Syrian President Hafez el Assad.

One more question. How did the First Lady end up staying in the same hotel as the Lider Máximo, when the White House was dreading like the plague any chance encounter between them in the hallway? The U.S. side affirms that Mrs. Clinton’s reservation was made six months ago; the Cuban’s, however, was only confirmed within the past three weeks. Thus the suspicion arises that it was he, not she, who was looking to embarrass the other.

The dinner wrapped up at about 11 p.m. (the press had left much earlier).

Friday at 11:30 a.m., Palais Wilson, the last day. It is very warm, yet Hillary Clinton appears as fresh as ever. Marsha Berry, ever in-the-know regarding the presidential wardrobe, gives us a whiff: The sky-blue suit in which the First Lady is clad – with side buttons – is signed by, once again, Oscar de la Renta. Photographers are on hand to immortalize the gift to International Geneva of a 1912 bronze plaque of former U.S. President Woodrow Wilson, after whom the building was named. The ceremony is short and without great emotion. True to form, Hillary Clinton is often quite amusing. She looks very “British royal family on the balcony at Buckingham”.

The last appearance of Clinton, the star, takes place shortly thereafter at the U.S. Mission. In the presence of Mary Robinson, U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, there is a debate focusing on women and young girls who have been victimized. Dignified, in complete control of herself, acquiescing with her head when necessary, but without ostentation, the First Lady is imperial. Geneva, along with her, is starting to smell like Cannes.

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### Cuban leader shares hotel, conference hall with Hillary Clinton

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GENEVA (AP) — Cuban President Fidel Castro showed up at the same conference and stayed at the same hotel as first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, but the two shared nothing else.

The leader of the communist island nation sat just a few feet away from Mrs. Clinton as she spoke at a session marking the 50th anniversary of the World Health Organization.

But the two didn't meet or even acknowledge each other.

"I have no problem with greeting (the Clintons), but they can't do it," Castro said. "I have clean hands. I won't pass on any infectious diseases."

Mrs. Clinton and the 70-year-old Cuban leader attended separate receptions at the Geneva hotel where both are staying. Hotel management insisted that having the pair stay just floors apart posed no problem.

Castro's program includes a meeting with Geneva-based diplomats, and various private meetings, said Cuban ambassador Carlos Amat Flores. Castro also speaks to the World Trade Organization next week.



Associated Press

Cuban leader Fidel Castro, arrives at the Hotel Intercontinental, in Geneva, on Thursday, May 14, 1998 where he was greeted by the hotel's director, Herberet Schott, left. Coincidence and a World Health Organization meeting have both Castro and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton staying at Geneva's luxury Hotel Intercontinental Thursday. Schott said "Everyone is in their own place and it works very well". (AP Photo/Michel Euler)

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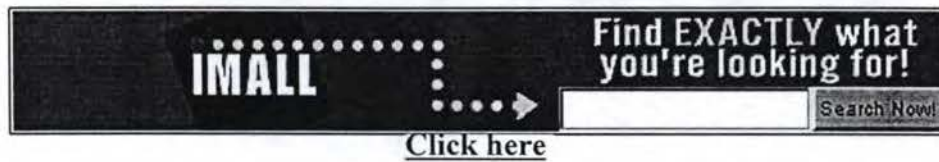
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## Turkish Kurds invade UN centre in Geneva

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**GENEVA**, May 15 (Reuters) - A group of Turkish Kurd demonstrators occupied part of the United Nations' European headquarters in **Geneva** on Friday to demand a halt to Turkish offensives against the ethnic minority.

About 30 demonstrators forced their way into the Palais des Nations despite massive security precautions mounted by **Geneva** police ahead of a major international trade summit next week to be attended by world leaders including U.S. President Bill Clinton. ^MORE@

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## U.S. to target EU farm subsidies in WTO round

By David Evans

BRUGES, Belgium, May 14 (Reuters) - The United States will make agricultural reform a top priority in the next round of global trade talks, targetting the European Union's farm export subsidies, a senior US official said on Thursday.

"(U.S. Agriculture) Secretary (Dan) Glickman wants to send a clear message to the world that agriculture is a top priority for the United States and that we remain fully committed to open markets and fair trade," Lon Hatamiya of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service told a conference.

Hatamiya said Glickman would be joining President Bill Clinton in Geneva in a few days' time for the World Trade Organisation's ministerial session.

"The U.S. delegation will be seeking a WTO mandate for countries to begin preparations for an ambitious trade agenda leading up to the next round of multilateral agricultural negotiations," Hatamiya told the conference, hosted by COCERAL, the EU's grain trade lobby.

He outlined Washington's priorities for the talks, which under the terms of the last world trade pact, have to start before the year 2000.

The first key issue would be the EU's policy of subsidising its agricultural exports. He said the bloc had an extensive subsidy programme, and had budgeted for \$7.1 billion for export subsidies in 1997.

"This level of EU subsidisation makes a very strong case for further negotiations to reduce these trade-distorting practices," he told the conference.

The European Commission has proposed further reform of its farm policy under the Agenda 2000 banner, but Hatamiya called the plan "modest" and called for farm aid payments to be completely decoupled from farmers' production decisions.

He hinted that EU payments in the so-called blue box category of payments, which in the last round were exempt from limitations, would be a target in the next.

"Europe may want to look again at the Agenda 2000 proposal and to move domestic subsidies into the green box to make them non-trade distorting," he said.

He also said the EU's proposals for a single non-crop specific payment for oilseeds and grains were unlikely to win US support for an exemption from subsidised production limits on oilseeds agreed under the Blair House accord.

Asked if he believed Agenda 2000 would preempt Blair House Hatamiya said: "No we do not, but we're still reviewing that."

The United States will also seek to reduce agricultural tariffs and impose rigorous disciplines on state-controlled agricultural enterprises, he added.

He also called for tighter rules on sanitary and phytosanitary measures to ensure fair competition and, in a veiled reference to the on-going debate on gene-crops, said there should be an avoidance "of unnecessarily rigid labelling requirements."

He called France's decision to delay approval of two new strains of genetically-modified maize, despite earlier clearance at an EU level, "a blatant violation of France's international obligations."

"We are reviewing our options to see how we should respond."

Asked on the U.S. response to consumer concerns over the gene crops he said the government had to provide the lead.

"It's up to the government to take a strong leadership role on the basis of sound science," he said.

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By JAMES BENNET

**E**ISENACH, Germany -- President Clinton, speaking to a group of auto workers here, said Thursday that his most urgent foreign policy goal before leaving office was to secure "a peace agreement in the Middle East that will last for a long time.

Foreign travel -- which usually, as it did Thursday, produces adoring crowds and splendid backdrops -- often puts Clinton in an expansive and even philosophical mood, as it frees him from sticky legal and political travails at home.

On the second of two cloudless days in Germany in the company of his friend, Chancellor Helmut Kohl, Clinton spent Thursday reflecting on U.S. accomplishments in Europe and reaping the gratitude of Germans.

Thursday morning, he celebrated the U.S. role in the Berlin airlift at the start of the Cold War, then came to Eisenach in the afternoon to tour a General Motors plant and salute the U.S. role in helping rebuild Germany once the Cold War ended.

Asked by one German auto worker at a forum beside the plant about his aspirations and achievements, Clinton reeled off a list of each.

He named "turning the American economy around in ways that benefit ordinary Americans" as his top domestic accomplishment. Abroad, he said, "I hope that putting America in the center of the future after the Cold War will be a lasting achievement." He also described that achievement as "not letting America withdraw from the world."

As his top domestic goals, the president named helping the inner cities and securing the entitlement system.

Later, before a crowd of thousands packed into the cobbled square here, in the former East Germany, Clinton seemed to revel in his role as a spokesman for democracy. "On this beautiful Thuringian day in the spring," the president said, "we are bathed in the light and the warmth of freedom."

Clinton acknowledged that Germany was still struggling to rebuild, but said: "Do not underestimate what you can do with your dreams as free people." To Clinton's slow, stately wave, the crowd responded with whistles and a blur of thousands of waving hands.

Clinton then toured the city with Kohl, despite sharp lower back pain he has felt since he injured himself stretching Monday morning. "Motrin was the order of the day," said press secretary Michael McCurry.

Next on Clinton's itinerary is England, where he will attend an economic summit meeting.

Kohl, who is campaigning for his own re-election and basking in Clinton's popularity, told the auto workers that he thought German taxes were too high and were discouraging foreign investment. But, with words that might not sound so inspiring to American workers, Clinton assured the audience that "most manufacturers in America are prepared to go anywhere there is a work force that can be trained," and will work hard in teams.

Before flying here, Clinton appeared at Tempelhof Airport in Berlin to commemorate the eleven-month Western air campaign that kept West Berlin supplied with coal and food after Stalin cut off overland supply routes on June 24, 1948.

Clinton received thunderous applause from the thousands of invited German guests as he recalled President Harry Truman's words in a meeting at the White House on June 28 of that year: "There is no discussion on that point. We stay in Berlin, period."

The crowd was gathered in a giant amphitheater formed by a semi-circular hangar that was open to the runway. Clinton and Kohl faced the audience from a podium on the tarmac, standing before a new U.S. C-17 cargo jet christened "The Spirit of Berlin" Thursday that was parked nose-to-nose with a gray C-54 transport plane.

It was the C-54 -- which carried just 10 tons of cargo -- that flew most of the U.S. missions into Tempelhof Airport. French and British planes operated out of two other airports. Flying no higher than 10,000 feet in every kind of weather, with windows open to thin the dust emitted by the cargo of coal and flour, crews made two round trips every 16 hours. They stayed on the ground in Germany for just half an hour.

"A plane every 90 seconds, at its height," Clinton said.

Kohl said that the airlift taught Germans "what it meant not to be alone in our hour of need," declaring that Berlin owed its survival and freedom to the United States and its allies. The crowd roared agreement.

Kohl compared the airlift to U.S. support for Germany's reunification, saying that "while others hesitated and some people were full of doubts, the United States, without ifs and buts, took the lead."

In his speech Thursday morning, Clinton committed a rare gaffe. He singled out a U.S. pilot from the airlift, Gail Halvorsen, but mistakenly assumed Col. Halvorsen was a woman. "She is here with us today," Clinton said, "and I'd like to ask her to stand." Once the colonel stood, Clinton realized his error. "Thank you sir," he said. "Thank you. He's here."

Halvorsen, 77, flew 126 flights in the airlift and became known as the "Rosinenbomber," or raisin bomber, because he dropped dried fruit and candy for children. Before Clinton spoke, Halvorsen said of his experience: "It was a hard time, but a good time."

#### U.S. says it will not sacrifice Taiwan interests

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WASHINGTON, May 14 (Reuters) - The United States will not sacrifice Taiwan's interests during President Bill Clinton's visit to China next month, a senior official said on Thursday.

"Let me take this opportunity to categorically deny that progress at the summit will be achieved at Taiwan's expense," the State Department's top policymaker for the region, Stanley Roth, told Congress.

Despite what he called widespread rumors to the contrary, Roth said there will be no "fourth communique" regarding U.S. arms sales to Taiwan during the summit in late June.

"The reason for this is quite simple," Roth told a Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee. "Our position regarding Taiwan is clear and unchanged."

The United States cut formal ties to Taiwan when it formally recognized China in 1979. Washington has recognized that there is only "one China" in three joint communiques with Beijing.

China regards Taiwan as one of its provinces, split off by Nationalist army forces who lost China's civil war to the communists in 1949. Beijing has threatened military action against Taiwan if it formally declares itself independent or stokes a campaign to raise its international profile.

Roth said U.S. efforts to strengthen ties with Beijing were bearing fruit against a backdrop of "a deepening strategic dialogue."

He cited what he called progress on human rights, curbing the spread of deadly weapons, economic cooperation and preventing instability on the Korean peninsula.

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## Test Time for Pakistan

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IN THE RACE to keep Pakistan from following India into nuclear testing, the United States has three options that need to be bound into a coherent policy.

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The first is to contain the damage. By whatever persuasion and arm-twisting it takes, American officials should try to ensure that new testing does not lead on to deployment. A higher position on the nuclear ladder for one or both the South Asian countries should not moot the obligation of restraint. India may be hard to reach: Its pride is high, and as a nation that lives with mass poverty, it will not yield easily even to punishing sanctions. But there are degrees of harm from the testing, and the lesser degrees are better.

Then, the United States and others must refocus on the security requirements of Pakistan. The Indian tests have made the Pakistanis, already feeling vulnerable, feel doubly so. The team President Clinton dispatched to Islamabad to argue abstinence from testing will surely be asked how the administration intends to extend protection. Part of the answer is by immediate release of the American warplanes that Pakistan bought and paid for but was not allowed to take possession of because of its own lesser nuclear proclivities. Another part is to show the Pakistanis, by imposing severe sanctions on India, what they might suffer from their own renewed testing. A further part lies in the hands of China, which in this instance stands closer to American policy than does friendly, democratic India. China is the strategic patron of Pakistan and the technical enabler of its testing capability.

Finally, the whole disarmament cause must be revived in pace and scope to match the newly demonstrated urgency. The declared nuclear countries have far to go to be able to lead by example rather than by exhortation. This was the explicit condition of the nuclear privilege granted the United States and the other declared powers in the basic nonproliferation treaty.

The test ban treaty's lack of enforcement provisions is painfully evident. Still, its value in setting nuclear standards remains. The treaty does not come formally into effect until India and at least 39 other nations with civilian nuclear power accept it. The U.S. Senate, which has been sitting on this treaty, should ratify it now.

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### HILLARY CLINTON HONORED AT HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL

*By Cedric Waelti for La Tribune de Genève -  
15 May 1998*

#### **She received the health prize from the minister of the United Arab Emirates.**

It was a long wait before Hillary Clinton appeared at the Hotel Intercontinental.

At 7:30 p.m., the U.S. Mission gathers a group of Swiss and international press before the main entrance. The ballet of limousines begins. The diplomats and various personalities invited to the United Arab Emirates' soirée press their way into the hotel. The security force of the Geneva police is impressive; several officers are posted at the intersection to direct traffic, while others watch the building. Inside, inspectors control who comes and goes. Neal Walsh, head of public affairs at the U.S. Mission, leads the journalists into the waiting room. It is explained gently yet firmly to photographers that bags are forbidden. Then, nothing.

Around 8 p.m., Neal Walsh makes another appearance, reminding the group that this is a private event and promising the horde of photographers a key spot. The doors close again, not to open before 8:30. In an almost monastic silence, the procession is led into the dining

room. Among the guests is Mary Robinson, High Commissioner for Human Rights. Swiss Federal Councillor Guy-Olivier Segond stamps his feet with impatience.

Impeccable black suit, hair perfectly arranged, the First Lady of the United States finally makes her entrance. She receives from the United Arab Emirates health minister the Sasakawa prize for her commitment to health throughout the world. A short speech from Hillary Clinton. She thanks her host and congratulates Gro Harlem Brundtland on her election to head the World Health Organization. "A woman with an enormous heart," declares the First Lady.

Then the curtain falls. The press is shown the exit. The guests take their places at dinner, protected from indiscreet eyes and ears.

# Hillary Clinton honorée à l'Intercontinental

Elle a reçu le prix de la santé de la part du ministre des Emirats Arabes Unis.

L'attente a été longue hier avant de voir Hillary Clinton dans les salons de l'Hôtel Intercontinental. Il est 19 h 30, l'ensemble de la presse suisse et internationale est convoquée devant l'entrée principale par la mission américaine. Le ballet des limousines a commencé. Les diplomates et les diverses personnalités invités à la soirée des Emirats Arabes Unis se pressent dans le hall. Le dispositif de sécurité de la police genevoise est impressionnant. Plusieurs gendarmes sont postés au carrefour afin de réguler la circulation, d'autres surveillent le bâtiment. A l'intérieur, des inspecteurs contrôlent les visiteurs. Le chargé des relations publiques de la mission

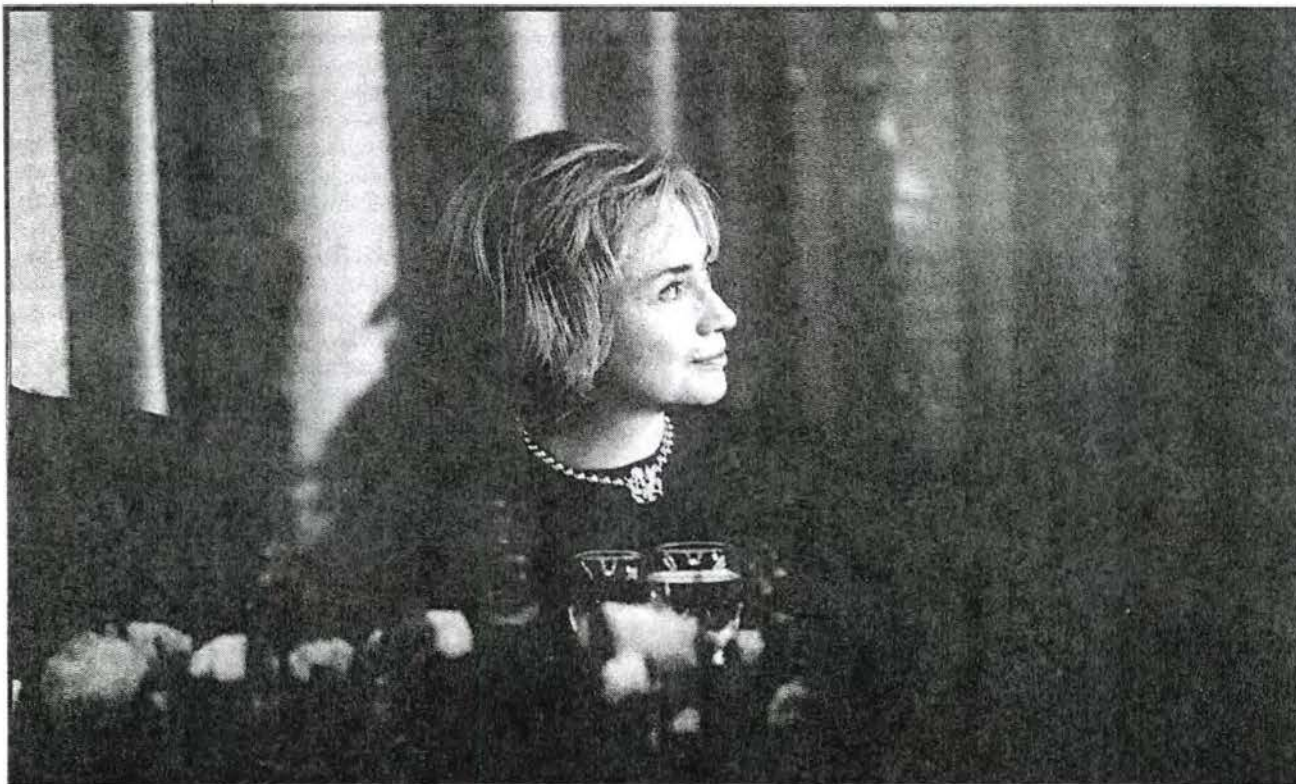
américaine, Neal Walsh, conduit les journalistes dans la salle d'attente. On explique gentiment mais fermement aux photographes que les sacs sont proscrits. Puis plus rien.

Vers 20 h, Neal Walsh refait une apparition. Il rappelle que c'est une soirée privée et promet à la nuée de photographes une place de choix. Les portes se ferment. Elle ne s'ouvrira qu'à 20 h 30. Dans un silence quasi religieux, le cortège est conduit dans le salon. On remarque, parmi les invités, plusieurs personnalités dont Mary Robinson, haut-commissaire aux droits de l'homme. Le conseiller d'Etat Guy-Olivier Segond trépigne d'impatience. Tailleur noir impec-

cable, brushing parfait, la première dame des Etats-Unis fait enfin son entrée. Elle reçoit des mains du ministre de la Santé des Emirats Arabes Unis le prix Sasakawa pour son engagement en faveur de la santé dans le monde. Brève allocution de Hillary Clinton. Elle remercie son hôte et se réjouit de l'élection de Gro Harlem Brundtland à la tête de l'Organisation mondiale de la santé. «Une femme au cœur énorme», déclare la first lady. Et puis rideau. On fait sortir la presse. Les convives se mettent à table, à l'abri des oreilles et des yeux indiscrets.

Cédric Waelti □

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Hillary Clinton à l'Hôtel Intercontinental.

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### FIDEL, HILLARY, INDIA, PAKISTAN, AND PALESTINE CROSS DESTINIES IN GENEVA

*By the political staff of Le Temps - 15 May 1998*

**Thursday was the first day of a week of hectic diplomacy in store for Geneva, as several world issues were brought to the forefront.**

Yesterday was a day that drove many people crazy – heads of protocol, press photographers, police and security, and a handful of hotel directors – as Geneva saw world affairs concentrated into a series of local political and social events.

Act One took place at the World Health Organization, which celebrates this week its 50th anniversary. Fidel Castro, who arrived in Geneva Wednesday, attended a forum dedicated to health throughout the world. He didn't miss this date: In a double-breasted midnight-blue suit, and red tie, he showed those who've never listened to him that he still has something to say, and that he knows how to say it. His speech was less civil than his attire, however – he evoked the revolution, "the cruel blockade that [his island] has endured for 40 years", his exploits in the medical field. On a side note, he offered praise to the host organization, the WHO "which battles heroically" against the planet's ills.

The speech grew and swelled and culminated: "The attempts at genocide against our people have made us redouble our efforts and our will to survive. The world, too, can fight and win!" And the 1,200 delegates, representing 191 member states, gave this passion an ovation. As if this first triumph were not enough, Castro's

lively mood continued all day and, for at least the first half, he was the undisputed vedette. He assured journalists he had stopped smoking 10 years ago. He praised Swiss chocolate. He joked about the wealth of Switzerland and the complexity of its institutions: "I would never know how to manage sums as you do – nor so many resources, cantons, assemblies."

Panicked at the idea of restricting to 10 minutes the speech of a man whose oratory vigor is legendary, the organizers recruited CNN news announcer Fionnuala Sweeney to moderate the debates. First shock of the day between two worlds, she could not have been nicer. Fidel Castro increased his slams against the United States by using the young woman as a channel. The energy between them was so positive that, at the end of the session, Fidel approached the correspondent to exchange a few words. Leaning toward her, he gave the impression he was requesting her telephone number.

### CASTRO APPLAUDS HILLARY

Nevertheless, the games of rapprochement went no further, and in the afternoon the sides changed. Surrounded by security – starting with her 2 p.m. arrival at Cointrin airport – Hillary Clinton made her entry at the WHO. She, too, had words to say. In terms scarcely different from those of the lider máximo, she launched a vibrant plea in favor of health rights for all. Castro, whom all were observing out of the corner of their eye, applauded along with those in the auditorium. But the representatives of the two adversarial nations exchanged no sign that this would mark a new diplomatic dawn.

When Clinton and Castro rose from the first row, in which both were seated, two Swiss officials – Ruth Dreifuss and Guy-Olivier Segond – rose like a rampart between them.

The First Lady disappeared through a side door. Castro walked up past the auditorium rows as the applause continued.

But while this perfect screenplay was going on, elsewhere in Geneva were the echoes of dramatic discontent. A two-day conference/debate opened Thursday morning at the Hotel Penta with the title "Palestine, between Zionism and Israelism". Scheduled to coincide with the 50th anniversary of Nakba -- the founding of the creation of the Hebrew state in which the Palestinians live -- the event also coincided with a demonstration of which no one could have imagined the tragic consequences. Several professors from the University of Birzeit in Palestine; Swiss, Israeli and Palestinian political scientists; and Israeli journalists and members of the Knesset all participated in this colloquium which should unveil, Friday, the creation of an

international observatory of Palestinian affairs, based in Geneva.

Finally, at the United Nations, within the Conference on Disarmament, the day's business was thrown askew by the Indian nuclear tests. Opening a session which otherwise would have gone largely unnoticed, the Pakistani Ambassador Munir Akram repeated that which his government had already said, that India's tests "would not occur without a response". More than half of the Conference's 61 member states criticized the Indian tests, with several using the term "a slap in the face". The Indian Ambassador, Savitri Kunadi, had a rough morning. In the face of critics' fire, she made the shortest of speeches, barely a few minutes. This act, too, was planned ahead of time.

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**ABOUT THE  
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES  
HEALTH FOUNDATION PRIZE**

***Note for the Press***

The United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize was endowed with \$1 million by the government of the United Arab Emirates and was first awarded at the World Health Assembly in 1995. It is one of two major prizes awarded each year at the World Health Assembly. The other one is the Sasakawa award.

The prize is awarded for work accomplished in the field of health, including eight different criteria as set out in the Prize guidelines. Recipients are honored for their outstanding contributions to health development.

A committee consisting of members of the WHO Executive Board selected Mrs. Clinton from among several nominees.

The UAE prize consists of a plaque and \$40,000. The prize money will be donated to a charity in honor of Mrs. Clinton. The recipient will be announced at the ceremony.

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**"Community Involvement In Reducing Death  
in Childbirth -- Kigoma Region, Tanzania"**

**ABOUT THE W.H.O. PROJECT DESIGNATED  
TO RECEIVE THE FUNDS FROM THE  
U.A.E. PRIZE**

***Note for the Press***

The program chosen to receive the \$40,000 United Arab Emirates Health Foundation prize awarded to First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton is a World Health Organization project designed to reduce maternal mortality rates in a largely rural region of Tanzania.

It will provide funding for the training and support of 100 additional health workers who will work more closely with 50 traditional birth attendants in the Kigoma region, where almost one in every ten women perishes in childbirth, one of the highest maternal mortality rates in Tanzania.

The program also aims to bridge the gap between hospitals and a community where the majority of women do not use the formal health care services, coming to clinics only after problems arise, when it is frequently too late.

The U.A.E. Health Foundation Prize will constitute suitable seed support to cover development of the project for an initial two year period.

WHO says it identified the Kigoma project for receipt of these funds because of the project's demonstrated capacity for change and because it addresses the special needs of women and brings health providers and communities closer together in a joint effort to reduce maternal mortality.

The official project title is: "Community Involvement In Reducing Death in Childbirth -- Kigoma Region, Tanzania."

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## **ABOUT THE WOODROW WILSON MEDALLION**

### ***Note for the Press***

The Woodrow Wilson Medallion which First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will present to the Palais Wilson on May 15 was cast in Virginia at a group workshop not far from the Wilson birthplace and family home. There is no record of the artist, but it likely that both a master craftsman and several of his apprentices participated in its creation.

The bronze medallion was commissioned by supporters of Wilson in 1912, immediately following the election that brought Wilson and his progressive wing of the Democratic party to power. The design imitates the style of veristic portraiture that is found in both Roman sculpture and numismatics. Historically, this style was an attempt to demonstrate the uniqueness and humanity of its subject, without hiding or trying to downplay their less than perfect features. This style is fitting of Wilson who, though idealistic in his approach, sought to bring the full weight of truth and openness in his dealings with the world.

The medallion also echoes the smaller medallions traditionally produced of all presidents by the U.S. mint. It was presented to the Wilson Inaugural Committee in 1913 and was used to adorn the ceremonies associated with that historic event. After the inauguration, the medallion was presented as a token of appreciation to the ceremony organizers.

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**ABOUT THE PALAIS WILSON**

***Note for the Press***

The building was originally constructed in 1875 as a luxury hotel, the "L'Hotel National." In 1920, it became the headquarters of the League of Nations. Two years earlier President Wilson had first announced his vision of the League of Nations as one element of his famous Fourteen Points speech to Congress in which he outlined a peaceful lasting settlement of World War I. In 1924, the building was renamed the "Palais Wilson" following Wilson's death.

The Palais Wilson was occupied by the League of Nations until 1936, when the League, before being formally dissolved, moved to its new headquarters at the Place des Nations. After that, the building was purchased by the Swiss government and housed a variety of offices. Partially devastated by two fires during the 1980s, the Swiss government has now completely refurbished the Palais Wilson in the neoclassical style of its original construction.

Switzerland will put the Palais Wilson at the disposal of the UN on a rent-free basis. It will officially reopen as the headquarters of the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR) on June 5, 1998.



Press Release WHA/6

12 May 1998

## HILLARY CLINTON AWARDED UNITED ARAB EMIRATES HEALTH FOUNDATION PRIZE

Mrs Hillary Rodham Clinton, First Lady of the United States of America, was today awarded the United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize for her work with women, children and their families. The prize is given annually during the World Health Assembly and carries an award of US\$40 000, which at Mrs Clinton's request is being donated to a World Health Organization (WHO) project in the Kigoma Region of Tanzania entitled "Community Involvement in Reducing Death in Childbirth".

Mrs Clinton was cited for her "impressive record of distinguished contributions and achievements in the field of health and social welfare" and "her pioneering work on behalf of women, children and their families".

Mrs Clinton was first a staff attorney for, then Chairperson of the Board of Directors, of the Children's Defense Fund, where she has been "at the forefront of numerous major initiatives to improve the lives of children and their families. As a lawyer, she worked hard towards expanding access of the poor to legal assistance."

As First Lady of the State of Arkansas, Mrs Clinton led the State in addressing the issue of teenage pregnancy, to the extent that the infant mortality rate in Arkansas, from being one of the highest in the United States, became one of the lowest. As Chair of the Task Force on National Health Care Reform in the United States, she promoted access to health care as a basic right for all.

In accepting the prize, Mrs Clinton highlighted the links between both poverty and education and improved health for women and their children. "For the children being born today, let us declare for all to hear: their basic health should no longer depend on where they live or how much money their parents have. Some of what we have to do is attack the inequalities that deprive children in one area from enjoying the health care that is available to their neighbours. We know child malnutrition

varies greatly from continent to continent. The number of physicians varies greatly depending on the wealth of the country."

"Some of what we need to do is provide better information and education to people so they can make better health decisions for themselves and their children," Mrs Clinton also said. "And in rich countries, there are pockets of despair. To improve health for all, we must make progress in the fight against poverty. To fight poverty, we must ensure health care for all. That is part of the unfinished business of this century."

Mrs Clinton graduated from Yale Law School, Yale University, in 1973. She was admitted to the Arkansas Bar that same year, and to the United States Supreme Court in 1975. She is an Honorary Doctor of Law of several American universities, Honorary Doctor of Public Service, and has been the recipient of several distinguished awards.

Other prizes awarded today during the 51<sup>st</sup> World Health Assembly were the Sasakawa Health Prize and WHO "Health for All" (HFA) Gold Medals. Recipients of the Sasakawa Prize were Ms Roselyn Mokgantshe Mazibuko of South Africa, Dr AAQ Al Ghassani of Oman, and the Gondar College of Medical Sciences of Ethiopia. Ms Mazibuko and Dr Al Ghassani received an award of US\$30 000 each, while the Gondar College of Medical Sciences received US\$40 000.

Ms Mazibuko's achievements, according to the citation, "are intimately linked with the development of the Hlatlolanang Health and Nutrition Centre in a remote area of the Northern Province of South Africa. The underlying principle of her work has been the promotion of people's self-reliance when addressing problems related to poverty".

Dr Al Ghassani was singled out because he "has been able to exert a marked influence on his country's strategies in the areas of maternal and child health and nutrition, health education and immunization, and provision of health care for the entire population".

The Gondar College of Medical Sciences was cited for establishing training for the key professions working in primary health care centres (health officers, public health nurses and sanitarians). It also set up a surveillance system covering health and demographic characteristics in the North Gondar zone, generating data useful for the design of cost-effective programmes targeted at common health problems.

There were seven recipients of WHO's "Health for All" Gold Medals, awarded in recognition of outstanding contributions to the attainment of health for all. The President of Côte d'Ivoire, Henri Konan Bedie, the President of Cuba, Fidel Castro, the Prime Minister of Samoa, Tolifau Eti Alesana, and the Vice-President of Switzerland, Ruth Dreifuss, received their medals after taking part in a WHA roundtable discussion on the morning of 14 May on "health for all in the 21<sup>st</sup> century" (see Press Release WHA/5). As part of the awards ceremony in the afternoon of 14 May, the Nippon Foundation, Mrs Hillary Clinton and the United Arab Emirates Health Foundation also received HFA Gold Medals.

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## ABOUT THE HEALTH-FOR-ALL GOLD MEDAL

### *Note for the Press*

The Health-for-All Gold Medal awarded to First Lady Hillary Clinton at the World Health Assembly May 14 is the World Health Organization's most prestigious award and is given to individuals or institutions in recognition of outstanding achievements in the field of public health.

The medals, which are plated in gold\*, are presented to the laureates by the Director General with a certificate printed on parchment bearing a special commendation.

The seven-paragraph inscription on the certificate awarded to Mrs. Clinton reads, in part:

"The First Lady has shown unswerving support for low-income and other vulnerable constituencies. Time and again, Hillary Rodham Clinton has been a steady, reliable and thoughtful voice for people who are poor and in need of help. Her causes have included measures to encourage childhood immunization and to streamline the delivery of services to families and children.

...Mrs. Clinton is perhaps best known for her work as the Chair of the Task Force on National Health Care Reform in the United States. In promoting access to health care as a basic right for all, Mrs. Clinton became one of the most effective advocates for universal coverage that her country has ever known.

... In her capacity as the First Lady of her country, Mrs. Clinton has traveled throughout the world, constantly seeking to educate both herself and others about the problems faced by women and children in their efforts to achieve health and social well-being."

The other recipients of the award this year are: Mrs. Ruth Dreifuss, Vice President of Switzerland, Fidel Castro, President of Cuba, Henri Konan Bédié, President of Cote D'Ivoire, Tofilau Eti Alesana, Prime Minister of Samoa, the Nippon Foundation, and the United Arab Emirates Health Foundation.

*\*The medals have a value of approximately \$U.S. 40.*



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Mrs Clinton has been a tireless advocate on children's issues. As Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Children's Defense Fund for several years, she has been at the forefront of many major initiatives to improve the lives of children and families.

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The World Health Organization is privileged to present the Health-for-All Gold Medal to Mrs Hillary Rodham Clinton, First Lady of the United States of America, in recognition of her outstanding contributions towards the achievements of the social goal of Health for All, with particular reference to vulnerable and potentially vulnerable groups, in the United States of America.

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## First lady hits the trail with Boxer

By ANNE M. PETERSON

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton was greeted by dozens of boisterous children Tuesday at an elementary school appearance in support of proposed environmental legislation aimed at kids.

Clinton was accompanied by Sen. Barbara Boxer, author of the Children's Environmental Protection Act, which would require federal environmental standards for pollutants be set at levels to protect children.

Upon her arrival at Sherman Elementary School, Clinton was surrounded by excited children assembled on the playground. Later, she spoke to a group of fifth-graders and invited guests about her support for Boxer's bill.

"If our children are outside like we want them to be, if they're rolling around on the ground like we want them to be, if they're running so hard they have to take big gulps of air — then we want the air, the ground, the water to be as clean as it can be," she said.

Clinton appeared with Boxer at several events Tuesday, and was scheduled to attend Boxer fundraisers at San Francisco's Fairmont Hotel and in Santa Monica.

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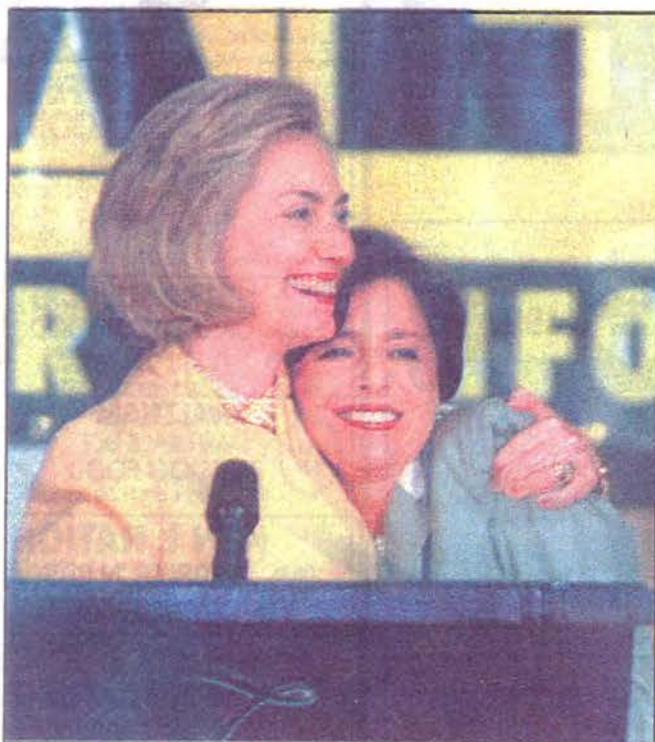
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**A FRIENDLY SQUEEZE:** First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton hugs Sen. Barbara Boxer, a Greenbrae resident, during a campaign fund-raiser at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco yesterday.

IJ photo/Frankie Frost

### First lady pays visit to S.F. to help Boxer

By Lizette Wilson

*Independent Journal reporter*

SAN FRANCISCO — First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton led the brigade of Barbara Boxer supporters yesterday, helping the senator pack 750 into the Fairmont Hotel's Grand Ballroom and raise more than \$187,000 in the process.

Clinton praised Boxer's political priorities and urged the audience to convince "everyone you can get to listen to you" to back the articulate incumbent who "drives her opponents crazy."

Although Clinton was to attend another fund-raiser for Boxer in Santa Monica and President Clinton is to be at a June 12 fund-raiser, Boxer said campaigning for re-election is difficult.

"It's every day trying to figure out how to get more money. It's depressing to go back time and time again to the same

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# Clinton

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people," she said, adding if re-elected, her first fight would be to reform campaign finance laws.

Facing marginal opposition from within her party, the former Marin County supervisor said she'll dip into her \$3.36 million reserve when her opponent is chosen June 2.

She has spent \$1.7 million this year, compared to hopeful Republican nominees Darrell Issa's \$7 million and state Treasurer Matt Fong's \$3 million, according to reports.

Boxer, D-Greenbrae, wouldn't say which man she would prefer as her opponent, and she shrugged off the significance of recent polls.

"It'll be a two-to-five point spread. One-third of Californians hate you, one-third love you and one-third don't care. That's how it is," she said.

The most recent Public Policy Institute of California poll reported Boxer leading all candidates with 39 percent and Issa leading Fong 22 percent to 10 percent.

The poll has a margin of error of three percentage points.

Boxer, fresh from nailing \$18.1 billion for state transportation Saturday under a federal bill, said yesterday she's ready to attack other problems.

She said she will continue pushing for cheaper gas prices in California and hound Federal Trade Commission investigators over why Californians pay 10 to 30 cents more per gallon for gasoline than the national average.

Increasing police, stricter gun regulations, widespread health care and healthier environment top her list of spending priorities.

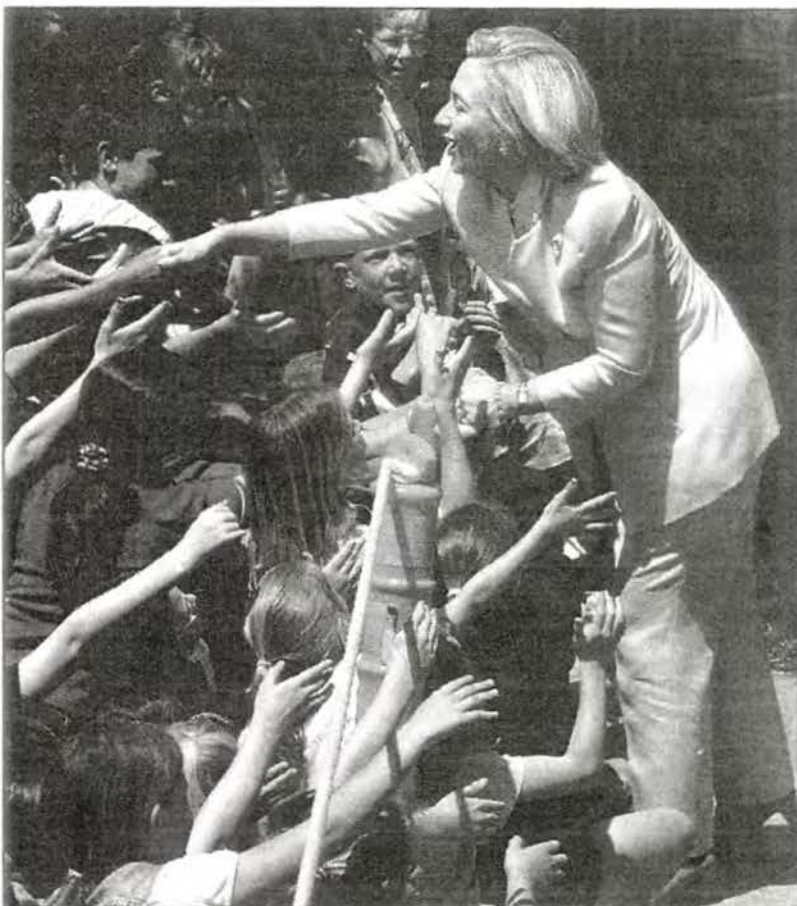
She wants to improve public education by decreasing class size, enforce tougher testing standards and spend more on books and other in-class materials, she said.

State Superintendent of Education Delaine Eastin and other long-time supporters lingered in the Fairmont lobby following the speeches.

Said Eastin: "She's one of the people who helped me. I fully endorse her. She's always extended the ladder down and helped people climb up."

Although Fairmont officials said hotel staff joined Secret Service, San Francisco police and others to provide security during the two-hour luncheon, enforcement officials were virtually invisible.

One man strolled along the grand ballroom's balcony during the event and two others stood near the



AP photo

**REACHING OUT:** First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton greets children from Greenbrook Elementary School in Danville during a campaign swing through California for Sen. Barbara Boxer.



IJ photo/Frankie Frost

**STAR POWER:** Actor Sean Penn, who lives in Ross, was at yesterday's San Francisco rally.

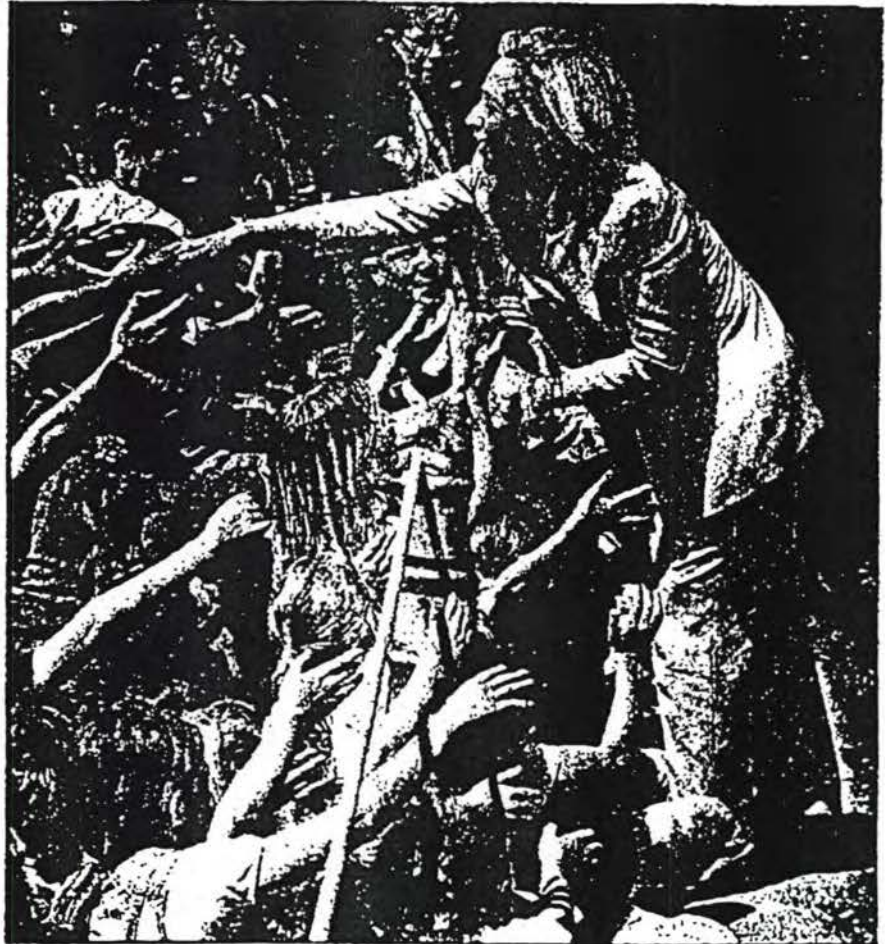
exit doors, but entry into the room was not heavily checked.

David Wiener, director of sales and marketing for the hotel, declined to state how many security officials were working or the meth-

od of operating.

"We have a close working relationship with the people in Washington and we have events here like this all the time," he said. "At this point we have this down."

## Reaching out

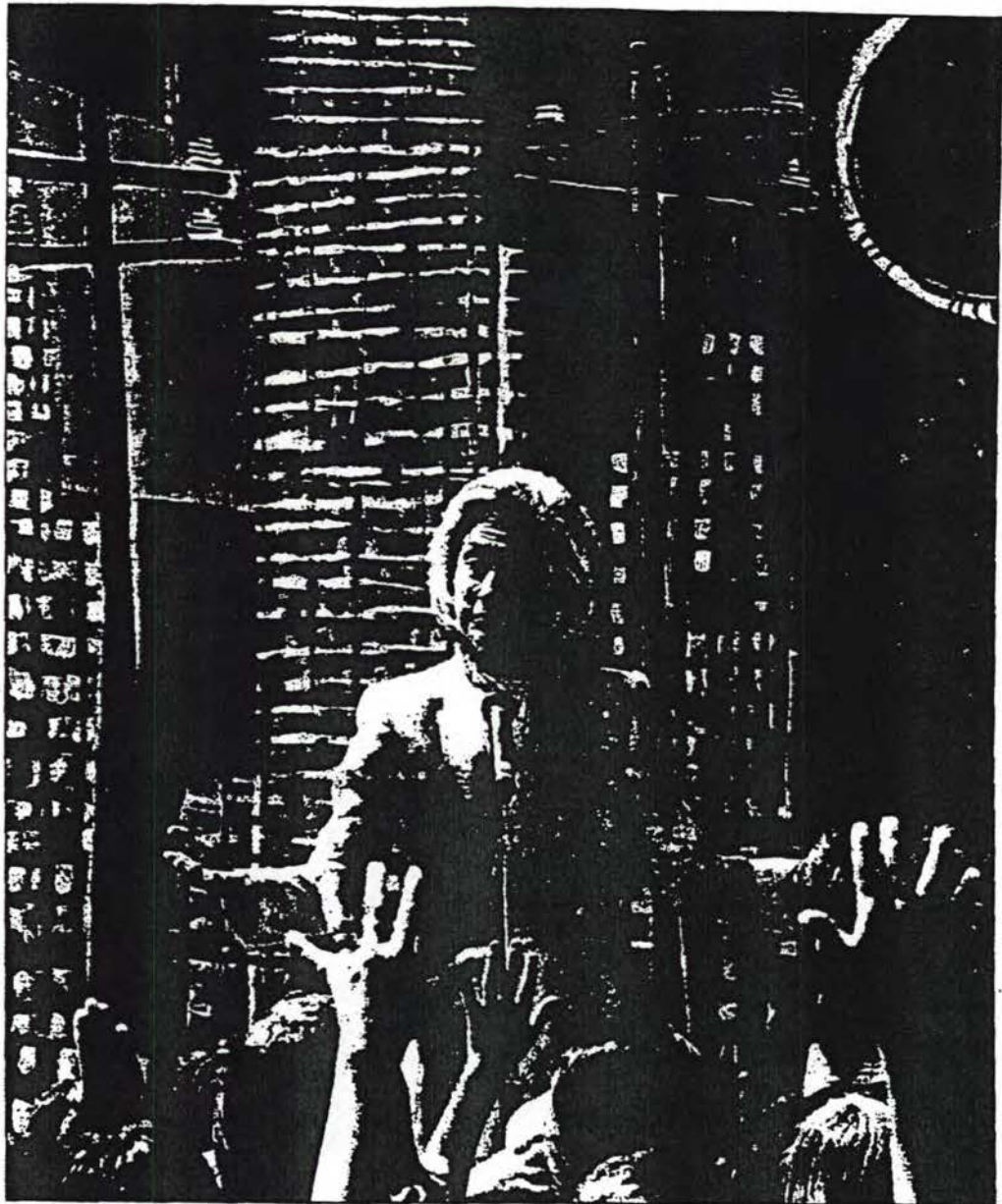


*The Associated Press*

**First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton** shakes hands with school children in San Francisco on Tuesday. She visited an elementary school with Sen. Barbara Boxer to promote environmental legislation. Children's Environmental Protection Act, authored by Boxer, would require federal environmental standards for pollutants to be set at levels sufficient to protect children in addition to full-bodied adults.

Los Angeles Daily News 5/27/1998

## PROTECTING THE CHILDREN



**Hillary Rodham Clinton** speaks with schoolchildren at Sherman Elementary School in San Francisco on Tuesday to promote the Children's Environmental Protection Act. The bill would require environmental standards for pollutants to be set at a level that protects children in schools and playgrounds.

Paul Sakuma / Associated Press

HILLARY CLINTON TOUTS BOXER WHILE GOP CANDIDATES FEUD

# Democrat gets partisan push as Fong and Issa turn nasty

BY SARAH LUBMAN  
Mercury News Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Hillary Rodham Clinton gave a fire-and-brimstone speech Tuesday in support of U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer, saying Boxer's Republican opponents in the Senate race are "against democracy" and must be beaten for the good of the country.

As Boxer enjoyed a partisan push from Clinton, the increasingly tight race between Boxer's GOP rivals, state Treasurer Matt Fong and Vista businessman Darrell Issa, turned nasty: In Los Angeles, Fong's spokesman likened Issa to former Ku Klux Klan leader and would-be senator David Duke.

The insult followed a weekend of explosive charges, reported in the Los Angeles Times, that Issa's rags-to-riches success story includes an arrest for car theft at age 18, suspected arson, and intimidation of a former employee with a gun.

Lisa Gimbel, Issa's spokeswoman, called the report a "false, malicious, reckless disregard for the truth." The campaign derided the story as a "Los Slandorous Times hit piece."

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## SENATE

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While Boxer's Republican rivals for the U.S. Senate slugged it out, Clinton used strong words of her own to energize Boxer supporters at a \$250-a-plate fundraiser lunch for the Democratic incumbent.

Clinton painted the Senate race as an apocalyptic fight between right and wrong, with conspiratorial forces at work.



Boxer

"We're engaged in a great struggle over which way we're going in the 21st century," she told more than 600 people in the ballroom of the Fairmont Hotel. Boxer's opponents, Clinton continued, could win by depicting the incumbent senator as an out-of-touch liberal or by making "politics as distasteful as possible — run as hard as they can against politics, against government, against problem solving, really



Issa

against democracy."

Boxer is running virtually unopposed in Tuesday's open primary for the Democratic nomination to the Senate. Her main GOP challengers are

Fong and Issa, a car-alarm tycoon who has spent more than \$8 million financing his own campaign.

Before Clinton's 20-minute talk, Boxer thanked her listeners and told them to expect a bruising, nasty campaign in the fall — and a very narrow margin of victory.



Fong

"Whoever the Republican nominee is, this will be a tough and a very close race," Boxer said. "It will be a two- to five-point race. You heard it

from me. And the important thing is that we want to be on the right side of the two to five points."

The most recent Senate race poll, by the Los Angeles Times, found Issa and Fong statistically deadlocked among likely voters at 22 percent to 20 percent. Boxer had support from 40 percent, with 18 percent undecided. But the poll also showed her to be vulnerable, with 38 percent of likely voters disapproving of her performance in the Senate.

Boxer told reporters she is not participating in Thursday's debate between Fong and Issa in San Jose because the invitation "came very late in the game."

At the same time that Boxer was delicately sidestepping the story about Issa, Fong's campaign was making political hay of it. At a 1:30 news conference by Fong and U.S. Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., in downtown Los Angeles, Steve Schmidt, Fong's spokesman, called Issa's campaign "an obscenity."

"It's the single biggest embarrass-

# Senate race gets nasty on GOP side

ment since the David Duke candidacy," Schmidt told reporters. Duke, who no longer belongs to the KKK but still advocates white separatism, was a Republican state legislator in Louisiana and ran a number of unsuccessful campaigns for higher office, including two for U.S. Senate.

## Ex-associate blasted

Issa's campaign staffers countered by releasing a barrage of damaging evidence of their own against Joey Adkins, a former business associate who says Issa stole a company from him in 1982.

Adkins, who couldn't be reached Tuesday, told the Los Angeles Times that he blames Issa's aggressive actions for his own struggles with bankruptcy, drinking and a recent jail stint for drunken driving.

Adkins also was convicted of offering an undercover police officer \$20 for oral sex in 1994, and of making "harassing phone calls" in 1993, according to copies of Cleveland Municipal Court documents that the Issa campaign faxed to reporters.

Campaign staffers also played two taped telephone messages to Issa that they said Adkins left in early May in an attempt to extort money in exchange for not talking to the Los Angeles Times.

"Darrell, this is Joey," both messages begin. The caller tells Issa he has a "provisional patent application" for a battery lock device and says, "Um, actually my asking price is somewhere in the neighborhood of 4 to 5 million dollars, and I have an interested party who is planning to come in and talk about it Monday morning. So if you're interested, I suggest you give me a buzz."

The message doesn't identify the "interested party." According to Gimbel, Adkins called a third time and spoke to Issa, who told him, "I don't do business that way."



PAUL SAKUMA — ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hillary Clinton speaks with students at Sherman Elementary School in San Francisco; she was promoting an environmental measure.

## Ex-bookkeeper accused

The Issa campaign also accused Karen Brasdovich, Adkins' former bookkeeper, of entering Issa's business in 1982 the day after a suspicious fire there. The campaign asserts that Brasdovich "cleaned out the company bank account" while Adkins stole more than \$100,000 in parts and inventory.

Brasdovich, contacted by telephone in Ohio on Tuesday, said the accusation was "totally untrue."

Brasdovich, who said she is a single mother of three children, said she did enter the business the day of the fire and took the books home, but that she turned them over a day or two later to Adkins. "I'm flabbergasted," she said of Issa's accusations. "I just can't believe someone could make up stories like that."

The 1982 fire was investigated as a suspected arson. A few weeks before the blaze, Issa increased the fire insurance, according to the report. No one was charged, and Issa said the fire was an accident. His insurance company contested the claim, and Issa reached an out-of-court settlement.

## Child care, kids' safety topics of day

By Michael Hytha  
and John Wildermuth  
Chronicle Staff Writers

Hillary Rodham Clinton rolled into the Bay Area yesterday to talk about caring for and protecting children.

Clinton, who stopped at a San

Francisco elementary school and a lunch fund-raiser at the Fairmont Hotel for Senator Barbara Boxer, ventured into largely Republican territory in Danville to tour a model child-care program and talk with children's advocates.

Hundreds of students, their parents and teachers at Greenbrook Elementary School cheered as Clinton's motorcade pulled in past lawn signs and placards for two Republican congressional candidates. Clinton shook the hands of eager students, hugged one girl and thanked a boy who handed her baseball cards that pictured



Contra Costa Rep. Ellen Tauscher is sponsoring child care legislation

his Little League team.

Third-grader Christina Alemania proudly proclaimed that she got to shake Clinton's hand not just once, but twice.

Fourth-grader Tiffany Mullins

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one-upped her. "I got to touch her shoe," she shouted.

Even eighth-grader Christine Toth, who came over from nearby Charlotte Wood Middle School, had to admit, "It's a big deal for Danville."

Meeting with child-care advocates inside the Kids Country child-care center on the Greenbrook campus, Clinton stressed the importance of safe and affordable child care.

"Child care is not a luxury. It's not something that can be taken care of today and forgotten about tomorrow. It's a real need," she said.

While emphasizing that parents are primarily responsible for raising their children, she repeated the sometimes maligned title of her book on child-rearing.

"I do believe it takes a village to raise a child," she said. She added she plans to cite Kids Country as a model for other communities.

The program was started in 1985 by an alliance of parents and now provides before- and after-school care at 10 sites for 1,500 students. In addition to art and science enrichment programs, the center holds sessions titled "Character Quest" and "Adventures in Peace Making."

Clinton urged support for legis-

lation proposed by her host, Representative Ellen Tauscher, D-Walnut Creek, to mandate health inspections of child care sites and training requirements for caregivers.

Tauscher's proposal will probably be combined with other legislation to create a single comprehensive bill.

After leaving Danville, Clinton boarded a plane at the Oakland airport to fly to a Boxer fund-raiser in Los Angeles.

The measure would require the government to set health and safety standards now designed for adults weighing 155 pounds at levels that protect children. It also would create a list of "safer for children" products that would be used at federal facilities and conduct research on the effect environmental pollution has on children.

Speaking to children, parents and teachers in the wood-and-tile auditorium of the 70-year-old school, Clinton warned that environmental pollution is especially dangerous to children.

"Children breathe more air than adults, eat more dirt than adults and roll around and crawl on the floor than most adults," Clinton said. "Children are exposed to more chemicals when they're growing and developing."

# Boxer Makes Most of Hillary Clinton's Bay Area Visit

As rivals feud, senator gets press, money

By John Wildermuth  
Chronicle Political Writer

Democratic Senator Barbara Boxer joined Hillary Rodham Clinton in San Francisco yesterday for some sotto voce campaigning and big-time fund-raising, while her GOP opponents raised the nastiness level in their primary election battle.

State Treasurer Matt Fong, who is locked in a tight primary battle with Darrell Issa, lashed out at the San Diego area businessman during a Los Angeles news conference he called to highlight charges made in Saturday's Los Angeles Times.

The article described how Issa was arrested in his hometown of Cleveland for car theft when he was 18 and was questioned by fire investigators in 1982 after his Ohio manufacturing plant burned to the ground soon after the insur-



Hillary Rodham Clinton's Bay Area visit was a boon for Barbara Boxer

ance on the property was more than quadrupled. It also quoted former business associates who accused Issa of intimidating employees and using hardball tactics to build his multimillion-dollar car

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alarm company.

"Since the story questions the very roots of his (business) success, he should stand before the voters and explain every allegation," Fong said. "Is this the tip of the iceberg? I don't know."

The car theft complaint against Issa was dropped and no criminal or civil charges were filed in connection with the fire, the newspaper reported. Issa said the complaints about his business methods were nothing more than sour grapes from would-be competitors, some of whom have since faced criminal and financial problems of their own.

Fong's press conference "is the sign of a desperate campaign trying to turn the nomination in its own direction," said Matt Cunningham, a spokesman for Issa. While the accusations "are not helping (Issa's campaign), I don't think it's going to be a key to victory (for Fong)."

Fong, who said his only knowledge of Issa's actions came from the newspaper account, called Issa's explanations "vague and contradictory" and refused to say whether he would endorse Issa if the businessman wins Tuesday.

"These charges are so serious I think they undermine (Issa's) ability to talk about crime" and other

issues in the campaign, said Fong, who acknowledged that these charges probably would be raised again in his debate with Issa tomorrow in San Jose.

With Fong and Issa fighting each other, Boxer has been able to enjoy the fruits of incumbency while still raking in the money she'll need to face the Republican winner in the fall.

While the morning stop at Sherman Elementary School in San Francisco was billed as a non-political event, Fong and Issa are paying tens of thousands of dollars for the type of press and television coverage Boxer received for free.

The senator was at the school with Clinton to tout her proposed Children's Environmental Protection Act, which would require the government to set maximum levels for pollutants at levels safe for children, rather than for 155-pound adults, as it is now.

While neither Boxer nor Clinton ever mentioned the e-word, Boxer was obviously auditioning themes for her election campaign and enticed more than a half-dozen television cameras there to help get that message out.

"We're getting to understand that protecting children (from environmental pollution) is an absolute must," she said, adding later, "When we invest in our children, we win big."

# Boxer focuses campaign efforts on November race

By Bill Ainsworth  
STAFF WRITER

SAN FRANCISCO — While her Republican opponents are spending millions to try to win next week's primary, Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer is raising money — and her profile — for what she concedes will be a close race in November.

"My boys are attacking each other right now," said Boxer yesterday, referring to Republican candidates Matt Fong, the state treasurer, and Darrell Issa, the car-alarm magnate from Vista. "But after the primary, they'll be attacking me."

Boxer plans an event today in San Diego to criticize what she calls price gouging by oil companies, a trip tomorrow to Los Angeles to promote patient protections and a news conference Friday in the San Francisco Bay Area to laud air pol-



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lution reduction programs.

Yesterday, Boxer's quest for campaign cash received a little help from her friend and relative by marriage — Hillary Rodham Clinton. At separate events in San Francisco and Los Angeles, the first lady spoke before a combined 1,000 Boxer supporters and helped the senator raise about \$500,000.

Clinton, whose brother Tony is married to Boxer's daughter Nicole, told supporters that Republicans have targeted Boxer, whom they consider too liberal to represent California.

"She really gets at the opposition. She drives them crazy," Clinton said. Later, she added: "I happen to think a lot of them are obsessed by articulate women."

Under California's new open primary, voters can vote for any candi-



Barbara  
Boxer

date, regardless of party. The system has prompted some candidates without primary opposition, like Republican gubernatorial candidate Dan Lungren, to spend money campaigning in an effort to bolster vote totals in the primary.

Boxer, however, decided to save her money. She has raised more than \$6 million so far, but her aides say they are going to have to come up with between \$8 million and \$14 million more between now and November.

"The reason that I haven't advertised is simple: I have to have millions of dollars for television, and I'm saving it for the general election," she said.

For the most part, Boxer is staying out of the primary. She declined an invitation to appear at a debate tomorrow in San Jose between Issa and Fong, saying she already had planned an event.

And yesterday she refused to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of her Republican opponents. Boxer would not answer a question about new allegations that Issa has used hardball tactics as he built his \$200 million Vista company. Directed Electronics Inc. Issa has denied those charges.

But Boxer did wonder aloud whether she would be "better off

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Senator saving money  
for general election

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with a wounded wealthy candidate."

Last month's non-partisan Field Poll showed that, if the election had been held then, Boxer would defeat Issa by 9 percentage points and Fong by 6 percentage points in head-to-head match-ups. Yesterday, Boxer told supporters she expects the November race will be decided by between 2 and 5 percentage points.

"It's going to be a tough, close election," she said.

One reason, analysts say, is that Republican opponents will try to portray Boxer as an extremist. In the last month, Boxer has broken with Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein, widely viewed as more moderate, on two important issues.

Boxer is opposing a logging plan in California supported by Feinstein. The proposal originally was billed as a compromise solution, but environmentalists later opposed the effort, saying it would threaten old-growth trees.

Boxer also supported an unsuccessful bill to boost the cigarette tax by \$1.50, while Feinstein backed rival legislation that increased the tax on a pack of cigarettes by \$1.10.

"I'm going to stand with the public health community and have the toughest bill we can have," she said.

During her speech here, Boxer touted her efforts to promote health among children by adjusting the standards for toxic chemicals to reflect a child's smaller size. In addition, she talked about her legislation to create a \$50 million after-school program for children, which



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**VIP support: Sen. Barbara Boxer (left) accompanied first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton on a visit to Sherman Elementary School in San Francisco yesterday.**

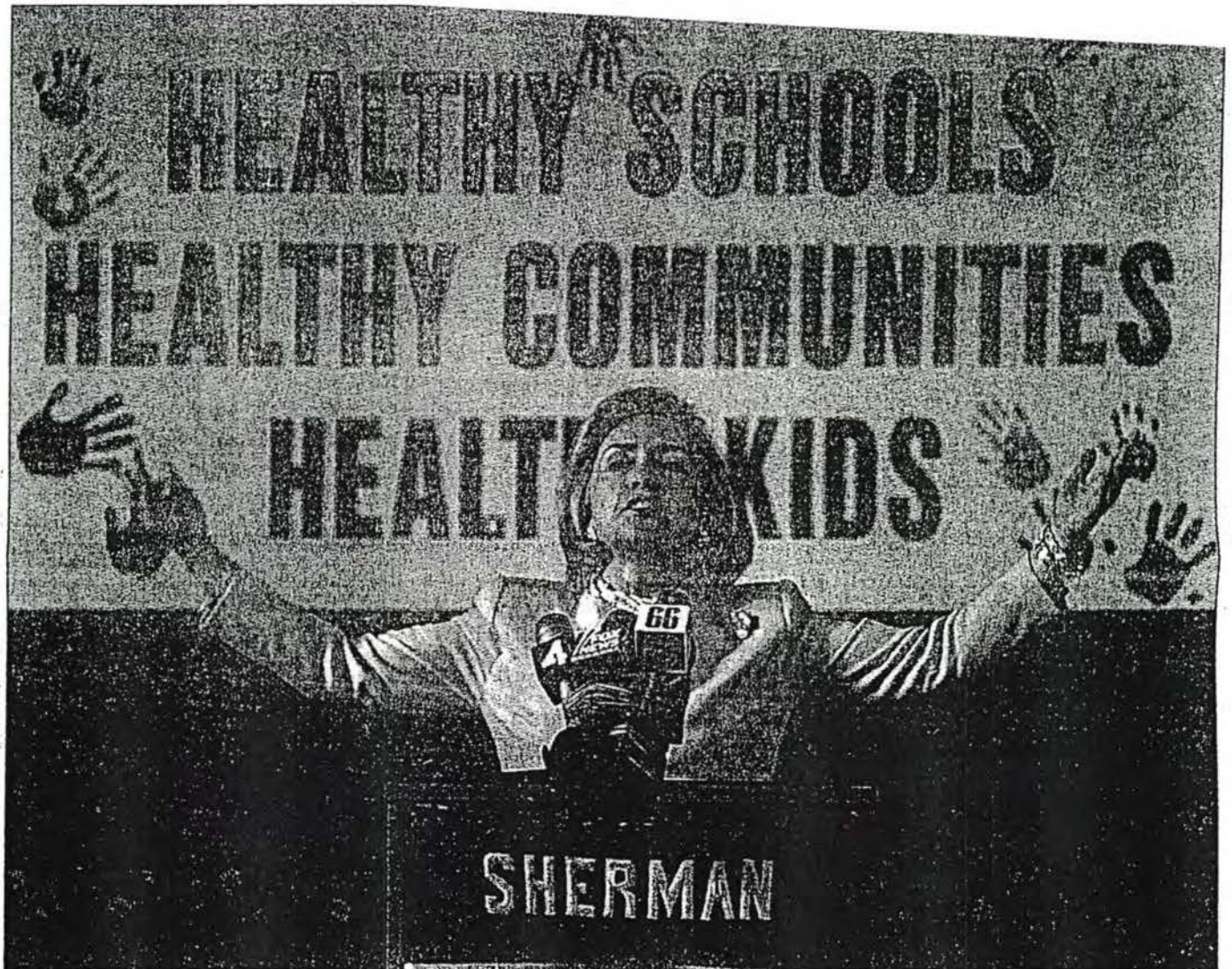
lost on a 51-49 vote in the Senate.

And Boxer, in a preview of the general election, said both Republicans vying to challenge her in November, "applaud the extreme agenda of the far right that's out of

step with mainstream California."

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Associated Press

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks at Sherman Elementary School in San Francisco at an appearance with Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) to highlight Boxer's proposed Children's Environmental Protection Act. The measure would require that environmental standards for pollutants be set at a level that protects children in schools and on playgrounds. Clinton also appeared Tuesday at Greenbrook School in Danville and at a fund-raising luncheon and dinner.

# First lady stumping in state

By ANNE M. PETERSON  
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton was greeted by dozens of boisterous children Tuesday at an elementary school appearance in support of proposed environmental legislation aimed at kids.

Mrs. Clinton was accompanied by Sen. Barbara Boxer, author of the Children's Environmental Protection Act, which would require federal environmental standards for pollutants be set at levels to protect children.

Upon her arrival at Sherman Elementary School, Mrs. Clinton was surrounded by excited children assembled on the playground. Later, she spoke to a group of fifth-graders and invited guests about her support for Boxer's bill.

"If our children are outside like we want them to be, if they're rolling around on the ground like we want them to be, if they're running so hard they have to take big gulps of air — then we want the air, the ground, the water to be as clean as it can be," she said.

Boxer, D-Calif., said the problem with current environmental standards is that they are set for averaged-sized adults.

"Children are not little adults," she said.

Mrs. Clinton appeared with Boxer at several events Tuesday, and was scheduled to attend Boxer fundraisers at San Francisco's Fairmont Hotel and the Santa Monica Museum of Flying in Southern California.

Boxer, who is running unopposed for her Senate seat in the upcoming June primary, said she wasn't going to talk about the election.

"I'm going to withhold comment on my opponent until I know who my opponent is," Boxer said.

The fifth-graders on hand — many wearing "Unsinkable Sherman Sharks" T-shirts — fidgeted at times during the presentation, but loudly cheered the first lady.

Mrs. Clinton drew the kids into her talk, asking them how many had friends or family members with asthma — a condition that can be exacerbated by environmental factors.

"You can't help be reminded when you look at a child, how

much that child is a part of the environment," she said.

Dr. Burt Lubin, director of medical research at Children's Hospital Oakland Research Institute, said Boxer and the Clinton administration recognize the seriousness of the issue.

"Every single day we see children at Children's Hospital who are getting sicker and sicker from environmental toxins," he said.

Boxer said she introduced the legislation after meeting with a couple, James and Nancy Chuda, who lost their daughter Colette to cancer. The Chudas believe environmental toxins caused the illness.

"When we set protected levels for any type of pollution — it has to protect children," she said.

Sherman Elementary was chosen for the event because of the San Francisco Unified School District's strict policies regarding hazardous materials, including pesticides, in the schools.



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- 1) **Eyewitness News**  
KABC-TV (ABC) CH 7 Los Angeles 5/26/98 11:00-11:35 PM  
06.27 Southland Visit. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton attended a fundraiser for Sen Barbara Boxer. V; Scenes at the event. SB; Clinton. 07.12
- 2) **Eyewitness News This Morning**  
KABC-TV (ABC) CH 7 Los Angeles 05/27/98 6:00-7:00 AM  
02.06 Hillary. In Santa Monica Hillary Clinton joined Barbara Boxer campaign for senate. V; Hillary at event, Barbara Boxer banner. 02.28
- 3) **Eyewitness News at Four**  
KABC-TV (ABC) CH 7 Los Angeles 05/27/98 4:00-5:00 PM  
34.29 Barbara Boxer. Mark Coogan reporting. GR; Photo of Sen. Boxer. V; Boxer campaigning. I; Boxer said there's only one word that represents her and that's "fighter." V; Clips from the Anita Hill case. PC; Boxer said it's going to get brutal and ugly. I; She talked about growing in the position. V; Matt Fong - V; Darryl Issa. V; Boxer and Hillary Clinton - PC; Clinton talked about a lot of articulate women. 37.10
- 4) **Eyewitness News at Four**  
KABC-TV (ABC) CH 7 Los Angeles 05/28/98 4:00-5:00 PM  
37.01 Senate race. Mark Coogan reporting in San Francisco. GR; Photos of Matt Fong and Darryl Issa. The debate was held at San Jose State Univ. today. V; Clip from debate - Fong and Issa shaking hands. GR; LA Times article on Issa - V; Viper Car Alarm company. PC; Issa said the LA Times didn't report that he denied ever bringing a gun to work. PC; Fong said he never equated Issa with David Duke. V; Clip from debate - Issa talked about peace in the mid east - Fong talked about Israel and safety and security. Fong also talked about changing hearts on the abortion issue then comes changing laws. V; Barbara Boxer on campaign trail. 40.37
- 5) **9 News California Report**  
KCAL-TV (Ind) CH 9 Los Angeles 05/26/98 8:00-9:00 PM  
14.55 California Visit Hillary Rodham Clinton joined Barbara Boxer at a school in San Francisco to show her support in political race. V; Hillary Clinton talking to crowd. 15.29.
- 6) **9 News World Report**  
KCAL-TV (Ind) CH 9 Los Angeles 05/26/98 9:00-10:00 PM  
2.32 Hillary Clinton is in San Francisco tonight to show support for Barbara Boxer. V; Clinton at school in San Francisco. 2.56.

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- 7) **9 News Final Report**  
**KCAL-TV (Ind) CH 9 Los Angeles** **05/26/98** **10:00-11:00 PM**  
 40.55 California Visit Hillary Clinton was in San Francisco today to show her support of Barbara Boxer. V; Hillary Clinton speaks to crowd at school in San Francisco. 41.25.
- 8) **Life and Times**  
**KCET-TV (PBS) CH 28 Los Angeles** **05/26/98** **7:30-7:55 PM**  
 02.41 TZ; Senate Plot. > Darrell Issa and Matt Fong are running for Senate to challenge Barbara Boxer. LA Times reports Issa has bad business in his past; took car security company, bilked partner, arson, wielding gun. Matt Fong held press conference. I; Matt wants explanations. > I; Darrell Issa says Matt can't keep pledge for no negative campaigning. We supply LA Times with info regarding felony records; that charges weren't true. His opponents sister confirmed this but they left it out. LA Times had voice mail from accuser but they didn't use it. But he got offer of \$4-5 mill. by crime accuser for the intellectual property of Eric the reporter upon his arrival in Cleveland. They told the paper they did everything to prove this was extortion not a business deal. He never had a gun, nor did such a thing. That interview had many things said, this claim is 16 yrs. old and unbelievable. His early days in Cleveland left some lending to unresearched person, but record was clear the man Joey Adkins defaulted on loans, he wasn't his partner. He doesn't want to be compared to Al Checchi for Gov. Issa spent only 1/4 of the funds. He was never given credit for being a serious candidate and has come a long way, now is tied. > I; Matt Fong responds to charges. Voters look for experience whether its Issa or Checchi. 14 millionaires ran for these offices and never won. He is showing contrast of his experience, these allegations are frightening. He's been CFO for 7 yrs. and has been accountable; he hasn't. He wants supporters to contribute but wont solicit for funding. At one point returned funds that were questioned. They cooperated with many agencies and they are happy. They don't solicit foreign contributions. He is on Senate, and Calping, there are 12 other votes on the panels. They want to take money from HUD and cut rent, make more inner city homes affordable to residents. 119,000 jobs in CA are hoped to be raised. Issa never claimed to do this on April 27 in paper. His jobs would be off shore ones, if I made it the core jobs would be here. 17.37
- 9) **UPN News 13**  
**KCOP-TV (UPN) CH 13 Los Angeles** **05/26/98** **10:00-11:00 PM**  
 09.02 Campaign Stop. Fundraiser for Boxer in Santa Monica. Tamara Iwerks reports. SB; Christine Lahti, actress, talking about her influences, including Annette Funicello, Mary Tyler Moore, and Marlo Thomas. V; Larry Hagman and producer James Brooks in audience, in audience to support Barbara Boxer. SB; First Lady Hillary Clinton, talking about "the other side." SB; Boxer, talking about what California wants. 10.46
- 10) **Noticias**  
**KMEX-TV (Univision) CH 34 Los Angeles** **5/28/98** **11:00-11:30 PM**  
 13.42 Medical insurance. Barbara Boxer today rallied against HMO's in a PC. V; Consumers for Quality Care. 14.07

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- 11) **Today in LA**  
**KNBC-TV (NBC) CH 4 Los Angeles** **05/26/98** **6:00-7:00 AM**  
 07.57 People In The News. > Hillary Clinton will be in California campaigning for Barbara Boxer. > Sam Yordy is hospitalized this morning. > Howard Stern is the target of death threats. V; Stern. 08.40
- 12) **Channel 4 News**  
**KNBC-TV (NBC) CH 4 Los Angeles** **5/26/98** **11:00-11:35 PM**  
 30.36 Southland Visit. First lady Hillary Clinton visited the south land today for Barbara Boxer campaign. V; Boxer fund raiser. 30.57
- 13) **Channel 4 News**  
**KNBC-TV (NBC) CH 4 Los Angeles** **5/28/98** **5:00-6:00 PM**  
 12.48 TZ; HMOs. Kim Baldonado reports on HMO nightmares, PC: Terry Johnson, daughter died, wants HMOs accountable, V; Cynthia Toussaint, former dancer, says her doctors denied she was sick, and only offered to have her take 2 Tylenols per day, V; Linda Ross, mother died, PC; Sen Boxer, supports the Patient Protection Act. 14.46
- 14) **Bill Handel in the Morning**  
**KFI-AM (MBS) Freq. 640 Los Angeles** **5/28/98** **6:00-7:00 AM**  
 34.01 T; headlines, Barbara Boxer and gas  
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 35.09 News/ Gallagher designed with everything for SWAT. > Senator Barbara Boxers wants to know why Californians pay so much for gas. She has asked Fed Trade Commission to look into price gouging and harassment of dealers. She is in SD to join proponents of ordinance that would force oil cos to sell off their company operated stations in order to create more competition.
- 15) **KFWB News 98**  
**KFWB-AM (Ind) CH 980 Los Angeles** **05/28/98** **6:00-7:00 AM**  
 06.10 Clinton holds rally this morning on HMOs - Barbara Boxer to hold news conference to talk about a patient's bill of rights.  
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 48.31 HMOs come under fire - lawmakers want a patient's bill of rights. Sen. Barbara Boxer will hold a morning news conference in LA today - I; Nat'l Committee for Quality Assurance spokesperson talked about the grievances and appeals process in place.
- 16) **KFWB News 98**  
**KFWB-AM (Ind) CH 980 Los Angeles** **05/28/98** **8:00-9:00 AM**  
 04.29 Clinton plans to hold rally today, demanding health insurance guarantees from HMO's - Sen. Barbara Boxer will also host a conference today.  
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 48.15 HMOs come under fire and lawmakers want more regulations. Sen. Barbara Boxer will hold a conference discussing the topic today. Nat'l Committee for Quality Assurance report only half HMOs in America are meeting quality standards.

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- 17) **KNX 1070 NewsRadio**  
**KNX-AM (CBS) CH 1070 Los Angeles** 05/26/98 6:00-7:00 PM  
 12.00 Hillary Clinton. Clinton is speaking at a reception for Senator Boxer tonight in the Southland. Ron Fineman Reporting.
- 18) **KNX 1070 NewsRadio**  
**KNX-AM (CBS) CH 1070 Los Angeles** 05/27/98 6:00-7:00 AM  
 33.41 Hillary Clinton sees a strategy behind negative campaigning - PC; She said at a Barbara Boxer event last night in Santa Monica enough negative stuff will stop many good people from voting.
- 19) **Bay TV News**  
**BAY-TV Cable CH 35 San Francisco** 05/26/98 9:00-10:00 PM  
 13.40 TZ; Hillary Clinton. Hillary in Bay area today. V; Hillary at Barbara Boxer fundraiser in SF at the Fairmont Hotel and Greenbrook school in Danville. PC; Hillary, on child care needed. V; Matt Fong and other ads running against Boxer, Darrell Issa. PC; Fong, on the past of Issa, grand jury indictment and other things. I; Boxer, on debate to come. David Wright Reporting. 17.00
- 20) **Bay TV News**  
**BAY-TV Cable CH 35 San Francisco** 05/28/98 9:00-10:00 PM  
 08.10 Debate. Debate by Darrell Issa and Matt Fong for Barbara Boxer's seat. V; footage of Boxer, debate highlights today in San Jose. David Wright Reporting. 10.30
- 21) **Channel 7 Morning News**  
**KGO-TV (ABC) CH 7 San Francisco** 05/26/98 5:30-7:00 AM  
 05:18 Hillary Clinton R; First Lady Hillary Clinton will visit the Bay Area today; making stops at Sherman Elementary School in San Francisco and Glenbrook Elementary School in Danville. She will be accompanied by Senator Barbara Boxer in San Francisco and Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher in Danville. 05:37
- 22) **Channel 7 News At Six**  
**KGO-TV (ABC) CH 7 San Francisco** 05/26/98 6:00-7:00 PM  
 13.15 TZ; Hillary Clinton. Hillary in Bay area today. V; Hillary at Barbara Boxer fundraiser in SF at the Fairmont Hotel and Greenbrook school in Danville. PC; Hillary, on child care needed. Paul Jeschke Reporting. 15.10
- 23) **Channel 7 Morning News**  
**KGO-TV (ABC) CH 7 San Francisco** 05/27/98 5:30-7:00 AM  
 15:22 Hillary Clinton Hillary Clinton was in the Bay Area yesterday, visiting 2 elementary schools and attending a fundraising luncheon for Senator Barbara Boxer. V; shots of Clinton meeting people, with Boxer. 15:40

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- 24) **News Eleven at Five**  
**KNTV-TV (ABC) CH 11 San Jose** 5/26/98 5:00-5:30 PM  
 6.25 Hillary Clinton. V; At Sherman Elementary. Sen. Barbara Boxer on hand to introduce children's defense act, involving setting environmental levels. 6.47
- 25) **News Eleven**  
**KNTV-TV (ABC) CH 11 San Jose** 5/26/98 6:00-7:00 PM  
 23.12 Hillary Clinton. She is in town to support Sen. Barbara Boxer, who put forth bill to require environmental standards for kids, which is currently set for adults. 23.38
- 26) **News Eleven Nightside**  
**KNTV-TV (ABC) CH 11 San Jose** 5/26/98 11:00-11:30 PM  
 4.59 Hillary Clinton. Sen. Barbara Boxer and Hillary Clinton greeted kids at school. They are on support campaign for new environmental legislation. V; Boxer and Clinton. Boxer set forth bill to set environmental standards at level safe for children. 5.27
- 27) **News Eleven Nightside**  
**KNTV-TV (ABC) CH 11 San Jose** 5/28/98 11:00-11:30 PM  
 6.47 Senate race. State treasurer Matt Fong and car alarm manufacturer Darryl Issa went head to head. Issa called for Palestinian settlement for middle east peace. I; Matt Fong: We gave every single dime back. Sen. Barbara Boxer declined invitation to attend event. 8.15
- 28) **Eyewitness News At Five**  
**KPIX-TV (CBS) CH 5 San Francisco** 05/26/98 5:00-5:30 PM  
 07.10 Hillary Clinton. Hillary in Bay area today. V; Hillary at Barbara Boxer fundraiser in SF at the Fairmont Hotel and Greenbrook school in Danville. PC; Hillary, her feelings of Boxer. 07.55
- 29) **Eyewitness News At Six**  
**KPIX-TV (CBS) CH 5 San Francisco** 05/26/98 6:00-6:30 PM  
 7.55 US Senate Campaign. Hillary attended Barbara Boxer fundraiser at The Fairmont Hotel. Boxer is in the lead. CR; Boxer's job rating. I; Barbara Boxer says you will get 30% negative vote. Hank Plante reporting. 8.44
- 30) **Eyewitness News Nightcast**  
**KPIX-TV (CBS) CH 5 San Francisco** 5/26/98 10:00-11:00 PM  
 11.04 T; Medical ethics in the South Bay, Boxer Boost from Hillary Clinton, landlord turns down non English speaking tenants. 11.37  
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 30.26 Hillary Visit. TZ; Her visit to boost chances of Sen. Barbara Boxer. V; At the Fairmont hotel. I; Clinton: The republicans are obsessed with Barbara. V; At Danville school with Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher. 31.27

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- 31) **Eyewitness News Morning Report**  
**KPIX-TV (CBS) CH 5 San Francisco** 5/27/98 5:00-7:00 AM  
 36.57 Hillary Clinton in Bay Area. V; Clinton with Sen. Boxer. 37.38
- 32) **Newscenter Four Daybreak**  
**KRON-TV (NBC) CH 4 San Francisco** 05/26/98 5:00-7:00 AM  
 4.02 Hillary Clinton. Clinton is visiting in California to attend fund  
 raisers for Ellen Tauscher and Senator Boxer. V; Clinton. 4.33  
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 1.33.50 Hillary Clinton. Clinton in Bay Area for fundraising for Barbara  
 Boxer and Ellen Tausher. V; Clinton at podium for National Breast Cancer  
 Coalition Fund. 1.34.03
- 33) **Newscenter Four Midday**  
**KRON-TV (NBC) CH 4 San Francisco** 05/26/98 11:30-12:30 PM  
 11.40 Hillary Clinton. V; Clinton in Bay Area for fund raiser for Sen  
 Boxer. 11.50
- 34) **Newscenter Four At Four**  
**KRON-TV (NBC) CH 4 San Francisco** 05/26/98 4:00-4:30 PM  
 03.49 Hillary Clinton. V; Clinton in Bay Area for fund raiser for Sen  
 Boxer. 04.41
- 35) **Newscenter Four At Five**  
**KRON-TV (NBC) CH 4 San Francisco** 05/26/98 5:00-5:30 PM  
 2.33 Hillary Clinton. Clinton visited Sherman Elementary School with  
 Senator Barbara Boxer. I; Hillary Clinton at fundraiser. V; Clinton in  
 Danville also. 3.11
- 36) **Newscenter Four**  
**KRON-TV (NBC) CH 4 San Francisco** 5/26/98 6:00-7:00 PM  
 07.51 Decision 98. Barbara Boxer running for senate. PC; Hillary Clinton  
 at Fairmont; on Barbara boxer. V; Matt Fong campaign ad, Kathy & Darrell  
 Issa ad. PC; Matt Fong. David Wright reports. PC; Sen. Barbara Boxer.  
 11.00
- 37) **Newscenter Four Daybreak**  
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 09.50 Mrs Clinton. V; Mrs Clinton with Sen Boxer. Mrs Clinton was in the  
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- 38) **Newscenter Four**  
**KRON-TV (NBC) CH 4 San Francisco** 5/28/98 6:00-7:00 PM  
 21.18 TZ; Decision 98. GR; Field Poll for Governor of CA. David Wright reports on the republican battle for Senate, going against Barbara Boxer. Matt Fong, and Darryl Issa held a debate today at San Jose State University. V; Debate highlights. GR; Candidates Free Time. 24.33
- 39) **The Morning News**  
**KTVU-TV (Fox) CH 2 Oakland** 05/26/98 6:00-7:00 AM  
 02.37 Hillary Clinton. Mrs Clinton will be with Sen Barbara Boxer this morning for a fund raiser at the Fairmont. 03.04  
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 32.23 Mrs Clinton. Mrs Clinton will be at a fund raiser for Sen Boxer at Fairmont Hotel. V; Mrs Clinton. 32.5E
- 40) **Mornings On Two**  
**KTVU-TV (Fox) CH 2 Oakland** 05/26/98 7:00-8:00 AM  
 19:17 Hillary Clinton R; First Lady Hillary Clinton will be in the Bay Area today. She will visit Sherman Elementary School in San Francisco with Senator Barbara Boxer and will discuss childcare legislation in Danville in the afternoon. 19:50
- 41) **Mornings On Two**  
**KTVU-TV (Fox) CH 2 Oakland** 05/26/98 8:00-9:00 AM  
 05:30 Hillary Clinton R; First Lady Hillary Clinton will be visiting the Bay Area today. She will be at Sherman Elementary School in San Francisco this morning to talk about the Children's Environmental Protection Act with Senator Barbara Boxer and will visit the Glenbrook Elementary School in Danville this afternoon. 06:00
- 42) **The Ten O'Clock News**  
**KTVU-TV (Fox) CH 2 Oakland** 05/26/98 10:00-11:00 PM  
 32.00 TZ; Hillary Clinton. Clinton in Bay area today. V; Clinton at school in SF today. >Hillary at Barbara Boxer fundraiser at Fairmont Hotel today. V; Fairmont Hotel. PC; Hillary, on touting Boxer. I; Darrell Issa, Boxer represents an extremist. CR; stance by Issa and Matt Fong. I; Fong, judges soft on crime right now. Randy Shandobil Reporting. 35.30
- 43) **The Morning News**  
**KTVU-TV (Fox) CH 2 Oakland** 05/27/98 6:00-7:00 AM  
 35.08 Mrs Clinton. V; Mrs Clinton with Sen Boxer. Mrs Clinton was in the Bay Area for fund raiser. V; Mrs Clinton with children at Sherman Elementary School. 35.52

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FRIENDS OF ART AND PRESERVATION IN EMBASSIES

June 2, 1998

Ms. Marsha Berry  
Press Secretary  
First Lady's Press Office  
Old Executive Office Building; Room 100  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Marsha:

On behalf of the members of the Friends of Art and Preservation in Embassies, thank you for your support and assistance with our dinner at the White House.

We appreciated your help especially since we know how busy you are and what a hectic travel schedule you keep. Also, Julie Mason on your staff was particularly helpful to us.

The reception and dinner surpassed our expectations and our members will be talking about it for some time to come. We were honored to announce both the continuation of our limited edition program and our plans for our GIFT TO A NATION Millennium project with such a supportive and enthusiastic President and First Lady.

The responses that I have received from the press have been very positive. I think that we have built a real foundation for FAPE's Millennium GIFT TO A NATION and the whole concept of art for the Millennium. Several journalists have said they plan to use the White House Millennium information and the FAPE material together. We have been collecting the articles that have appeared and will send them to you, since the faxed copies are not very clear. If you could do the same, we would be very appreciative.

Again, our gratitude goes to you and your fine staff and please feel free to call whenever I can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Lee Kimche McGrath  
Executive Director

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# Life

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1998

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## LIFELINE

A QUICK READ ON WHAT PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT



Estate of Roy Lichtenstein

**Donated:** 'Reflections on Senorita' is among works headed to U.S. embassies and ambassadorial residences.

### ART 2000:

Roy Lichtenstein's *Reflections on Senorita*, 1990 is the

first item included in a program launched Wednesday by the Friends of Art and Preservation in Embassies (FAPE). Lichtenstein's widow, Dorothy, donated it to kick off Gift to a Nation, a collection of 200 major American artworks to be acquired between now and the millennium. Plans call for a Washington, D.C., exhibition before the works are placed in U.S. embassies and ambassadorial residences.

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^Clinton's salute American art abroad<

¶ WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite differences in race, religion and background, Americans "believe in the common values of freedom," a message carried throughout the world by American art on display in U.S. embassies, President Clinton says.

¶ The president and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton welcomed art advocates, museum curators and contemporary American artists to a White House black-tie dinner Wednesday night. They saluted the Friends of Art and Preservation in Embassies for its work in bringing decorative arts to many U.S. embassies abroad.

¶ This is "not only about putting beautiful works of art in our embassies and ambassadors' residences, but making a statement about our values as a nation," said Mrs. Clinton, describing her delight at seeing works in American posts in New Delhi and Prague.

¶ The Clintons also touched on the role of the arts, along the lines of their millennium theme, as opening new creative possibilities for the future. To that end, the arts preservation group pledged to collect 200 great American contemporary art works and install them in U.S. residences and embassies abroad by 2000.

¶ Artist Chuck Close unveiled the latest contribution to the embassies art program, a lino cut print entitled "Roy," in tribute to the late Roy Lichtenstein. Close also thanked the Clintons for backing the arts during a time when doing so "takes guts," he said.

¶ "In a free and open society what speaks better than the freedom of expression and a willingness to tolerate ideas other than your own?" Close asked under a tent pavilion on the South Lawn.

¶ Clinton reassured Close that a deep level of bipartisan support still exists for the arts and stressed how powerfully American art speaks to the nation's beliefs.

¶ "Every time someone walks into an American embassy anywhere in the world, I want them to see that in America we are many people, we are many religions, we are many races, we are many backgrounds ... but we believe in the common values of freedom and ultimately we believe that what unites us is far more important than what divides us," the president said.

¶ Dorothy Lichtenstein, wife of the art legend who died in September at age 73, also donated a work of her late husband's to the embassy foundation. Entitled "Reflection on Senorita 1990," the Lichtenstein piece typifies his style as part of the American Pop Art movement.

¶ Founded in 1986, Friends of Art and Preservation in Embassies works in conjunction with the State Department to display decorative art in many of the 171 U.S. embassies abroad.

# 'Champagne' toasts Paris' glamour days

Maggi Nolan's book describes the time she knew the Duchess of Windsor, Princess Grace of Monaco, Aly Khan and Cary Grant.

Anyone who loves Paris — and especially those who made the scene in the 1950s — will be enchanted with Maggi Nolan's book



**GARNETT  
STACKELBERG**  
WASHINGTON

*Champagne & Real Pain* and her account of those glamorous days when she knew the Duchess of Windsor, Princess Grace of Monaco, Aly Khan, Cary Grant, Olivia de Havilland, J. Paul Getty, Arlene Dahl and dozens of others.

She describes all the fun and games at the Ritz, Maxime's, the Tour d'Argent — wherever — when she was society reporter for the legendary *Herald Tribune* and struggling to survive with a womanizing husband and raise two little girls.

Maggi is flying in from Paris for the Pasteur Foundation's benefit reception May 27 under the patronage of the ambassador of France,

François Bujon de l'Estang, and wife Anne. It will be held at Christie's, and her book, put out by Mosaic Press of Buffalo, N.Y., will be launched that evening.

Anastassios Fondaras is chairwoman, and Ann Cox Chambers and Dominick Dunne are on the committee. Maggi will be entertained in Washington for a few days before returning to Paris.

**Parties, parties, parties** — It has been a long time since there's been a musical on Broadway that's as exciting, nostalgic and melodic as *Ragtime*, which took Washington by storm on April 29. The songs are great, sometimes tear-jerking, and the cast of around 60 is excellent in its portrayal of a strictly American story that concerns WASPs, Jewish immigrants and African-Americans.

It's taken from E.L. Doctorow's novel and tells about life in the early 1900s in the United States. The big after-theater party for the cast at Old Ebbitt Grill lasted till 1 a.m.; that's rare in Washington.

The Very Special Arts International Night at the huge Chancery of France on April 28, sponsored by Ambassador de l'Estang, wife Anne and Austrian Ambassador Helmut and Monika Tuerk, drew 50 ambassadorial couples with sometimes exotically gowned wives, like Princess Haifa of Saudi Arabia.

The guests enjoyed a buffet of food supplied by embassy kitchens — cannelloni from Italy, tandoori chicken from India, couscous from Morocco, chicken *mole* from Mexico and other culinary delights. Folk dancers performed, and an auction raised \$150,000 to benefit education programs for children with disabilities.

President Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will salute the achievements of the Friends of Art and Preservation on May 27 at a White House reception and dinner. An announcement will be made at that time about the group's Millennium Project, part of the White House's National Millennium efforts.

That will be an interesting weekend for some prominent people, including some Floridians. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright will host a business-committee luncheon in the diplomatic reception rooms of the State Department.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan will give the keynote address.

The Friends of Art and Preservation, a nonprofit, tax-exempt educational foundation, was formed in 1986 to assist the Department of State in various programs to exhibit fine decorative arts in U.S. embassy residences.

Guests from Florida expected to attend are Dr. Carolyn Cline, Longboat Key; Gilbert Kahn, Miami; Ronald and Jo Carole Lauder, Palm Beach; and John F. Cooke, vice president of The Walt Disney Co. Also expected are Robin Chandler Duke and John C. Whitehead.

Since its inception, the Friends of Art and Preservation has raised more than \$9 million in private donations and contributions of works of art.

Ann L. Gund succeeds Wendy Luer as president, who has become the organization's president emeritus. Lee Kimchee McGrath, who founded Friends of Art and Preservation along with Lee Annenberg, is executive director. Nancy Ruwe and Buffy Cafritz are among those on the annual-events committee, and Tiffany & Co. is donating the decor for the White House dinner honoring this group.

# ART

By Aileen Mehle

**eye** Wondering what the worlds of art, diplomacy, philanthropy and glamour are up to lately? That's what I thought. Nevertheless, representatives of these exalted levels

will gather in Washington May 27-28 for a meeting of Friends of Art and Preservation in Embassies, known as FAPE for obvious reasons. FAPE's *raison d'être* is to buy art and get donations for the State Department, their goal being to restore our embassies around the world. Some of which, face it, border on the shabby, furnished with a lot of stuff that should best be swept under the rug — providing there's a rug.

So, to welcome FAPErs, President and Mrs. Clinton will host the group at a dinner at the White House on May 27, and the same day, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has invited them to lunch at the State Department, where Alan Greenspan will speak and everybody will listen — and translate later.

The following day, Tipper Gore will have the gang over for coffee at the vice president's residence, and then it's on to the National Gallery of Art, where Marla Prather, curator of the Alexander Calder exhibition, will address the throng.

FYI: This is who will be at



Betsy  
Bloomingdale



Buffy  
Cafritz



Lenore  
Annenberg

the White House dinner: Lenore (Mrs. Walter) Annenberg, who gave some of the most sought-after dinners in London when her husband was ambassador to the Court of

St. James; Betsy Bloomingdale; Buffy and William Cafritz; Carolyn and Bill Chaney of the Tiffany Chaney's; John F. Cooke, international vice president of the Walt Disney Co., and his wife, Diane; television producer Douglas Cramer; Robin Chandler Duke; FAPE president Ann Gund and her husband, Graham, the architect and collector; Carolyn and Roger Horschow; Ann and Vernon Jordan; FAPE chairman Jo Carole Lauder and her husband, Ronald, our former ambassador to Austria, and former Deputy Secretary of State John C. Whitehead — to say nothing of those eminent American artists Robert Rauschenberg, Ellsworth Kelly and Frank Stella, who have all donated their art to FAPE in years past. The internationally recognized artist Chuck Close will present a limited edition of a lino cut print entitled "Roy" in remembrance of the late Roy Lichtenstein, and his widow, Dorothy, will be there to see it happen. The Close print, in honor of Hillary Clinton, will be displayed in U.S. embassy residences around the world. Does Ken Starr know about this?

# THE RELIABLE SOURCE

THE WASHINGTON POST

By Ann Gerhart and Annie Groer

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 1998

## For Arts Donors, A Black-Tie Thanks

**H**ow do you thank more than 400 patrons and matrons of the arts whose generosity provides paintings, sculpture, furnishings and restoration funds for U.S. embassies and diplomatic digs worldwide?

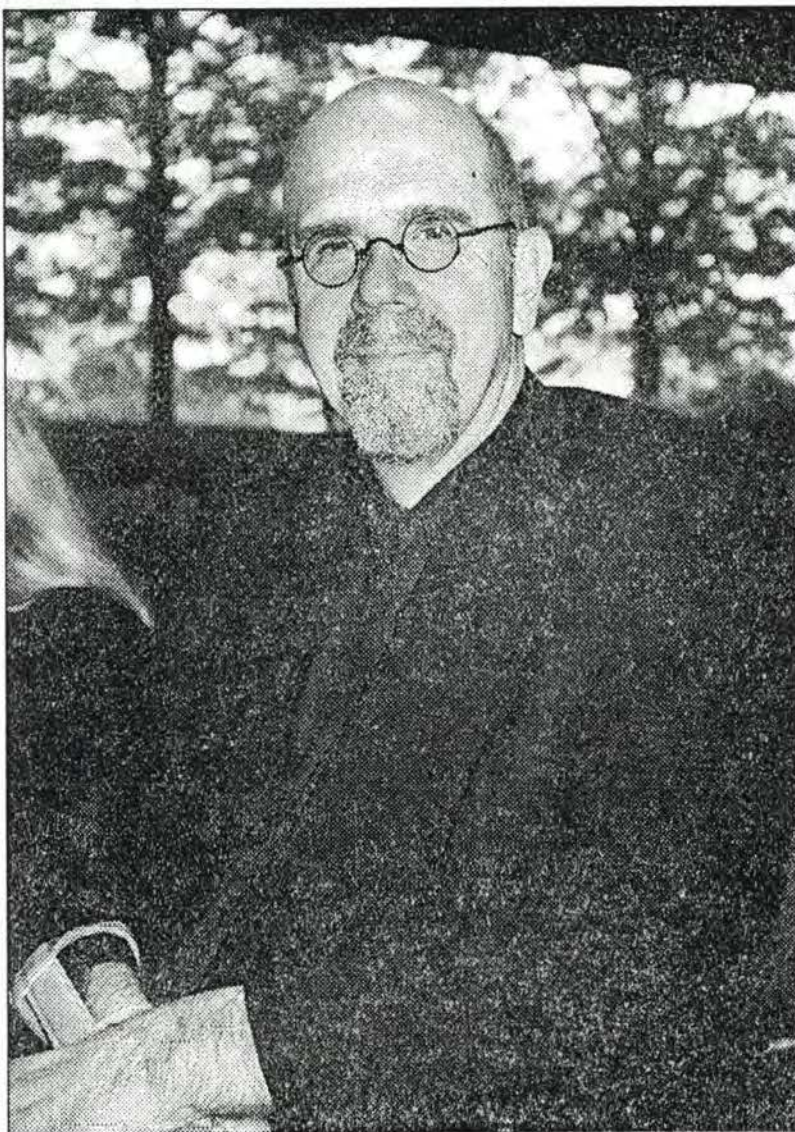
Invite them to a black-tie White House dinner with **President and Hillary Rodham Clinton** May 27, that's how.

And for the 50 biggest donors to Friends of Art and Preservation in Embassies—who give up to \$100,000 a year or more in antiques, artwork or money—you throw in a breakfast with **Tipper Gore**; a lunch with Secretary of State **Madeleine Albright** at the State Department (Fed Chairman **Alan Greenspan** will say a few words) and a private tour of the **Alexander Calder** show at the National Gallery, led by exhibit curator **Marla Prather**.

Since its founding in 1986, FAPE has raised more than \$9 million. Artists **Robert Rauschenberg** and **Ellsworth Kelly**, and **Dorothy Lichtenstein**, widow of **Roy Lichtenstein**, will be at the dinner. So, too, will heavy-hitting collectors **Ronald Lauder**, former U.S. envoy to Austria, and his wife, **Jo Carole**, who chairs FAPE; architect **Graham Gund** and his wife, **Ann**, FAPE president; former chief of protocol **Leonore Annenberg**; TV producer **Douglas Cramer** and Dallas businessman **Ray Nasher**.

This year, artist **Chuck Close**, 57, who specializes in enormous portraits of friends and fellow artists, is donating a limited edition of 150 prints of Roy Lichtenstein's face that are meant to be hung in the homes of U.S. ambassadors.

"It's not a decorative print. It's a tough image," Close told the Source. "It's rather grim. I like it very much."



Close, contributing an image that's "rather grim."

BY ANNIE GROER—THE WASHINGTON POST

## This Space for Rent

**T**he Republicans love to talk about how all sorts of folks can fit under their "big tent"—minorities, pro-choicers, enviros and such. Maybe that's why **President Clinton** went out and got himself what looks to be the biggest tent anyone's seen since we lost the Shah of Iran.

The Godzilla tent—technically a pavilion because it has no intervening poles—is not, as one wag suggested, "the new annex for the White House counsel's office." The 23,711-square-foot canvas and aluminum structure, about two-thirds the size of a football field, is going to be used for a number of events before it comes down at the end of June.

First, there's the affair tonight for the **500 Friends of Art and Preservation in Embassies**. More than 1,000 guests are to be there this weekend for Clinton's 30th Georgetown University reunion. And there'll be big crowds at the congressional picnic, the press picnic, and the visit of South Korean President **Kim Dae Jung**. There's also to be a WETA performance there and the Pritzker Architectural Awards.

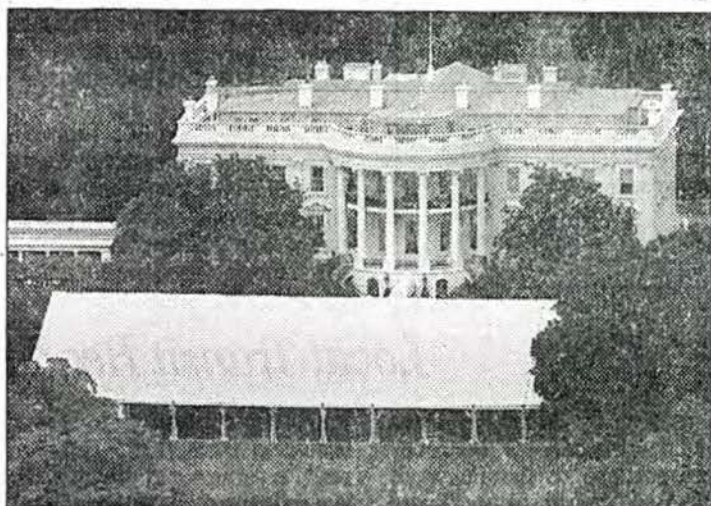
The White House didn't have a precise tally on the bill for taxpayers, but tents aren't cheap, especially ones about 60 yards long by 43 yards wide. There's a formula for dividing the cost up among users, a spokesman said, with WETA paying for its event, the State Department for the Korean visit, and so forth.

Got a wedding coming up?

### Earning Their Stripes

Rep. **Jay Kim** (R-Calif.), by all scouting reports, has a truly awesome team this season in the House softball league. And the team's name? "Chain Gang," a reference to that little electronic ankle bracelet that Kim wears as part of his sentence for taking more than \$250,000 in illegal foreign and corporate campaign contributions.

Former press secretary **Bruce Allen** is credited with coming up with the name. Talk about playing to your weakness.



BY I. SCOTT APPLEWHITE—ASSOCIATED PRESS

**No, it's not the latest federal housing or downsizing demonstration, but a pavilion on the South Lawn to be used for a number of events.**

### Grate Britain

State Department spokesman **James P. Rubin** calls to complain about a two-paragraph item Friday noting that a British newspaper gossip column took a cheap shot at U.S. Ambassador **Philip Lader** for his lean toward the "touchy-feely."

"You didn't put in that he is working tirelessly" on Irish matters and to help boost American business exports to the area and is given a fair share of the credit for never better U.S.-British relations, Rubin said.

The first part of the item, which Rubin must have missed, noted that everyone on this side of the Atlantic gives Lader great reviews for his work. But does anyone notice the praise? Noooooo. It's never enough for some people.

### Off Track

Clinton has named a new Amtrak "reform board" of directors, as required by Congress. Maybe it should be named the "board of governors and holdovers."

Three current and former governors are to be on the new seven-member board: Wisconsin Republican Gov. **Tommy G. Thompson** and former governors **Linwood Holton**, Republican of Virginia, and **Michael S. Dukakis**, Democrat of Massachusetts,

likely wearing a conductor's cap. There's also a mayor, **John Robert Smith** of Meridian, Miss., the man given credit for convincing Senate Majority Leader **Trent Lott** (R-Miss.) that Amtrak's cause is just. Transportation Secretary **Rodney E. Slater** is automatically a member.

The real fireworks on Capitol Hill, however, are likely over two retreads: outgoing board members **Sylvia A. de Leon**, a Washington lawyer, and **Amy Rosen**, a New Jersey transportation official. Clinton defied some congressional Republicans, who warned him not to reappoint any members of the old board. Those Republicans include Rep. **Bud Shuster** (Pa.), whose Transportation and Infrastructure Committee bill terminated the old board, and Sen. **John McCain** (Ariz.), whose Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation must act on the nominations. On Feb. 11, McCain told Clinton that Congress wanted a "clean slate" in dealing with Amtrak and that he expected Clinton to "abide by the spirit and intent of the law."

De Leon and Rosen were key players in the surprise firing of Amtrak then-president **Thomas M. Downs**. They both have impeccable Democratic credentials, particularly de Leon, who is a partner in **Robert S. Strauss's** law firm.

# Party lines: people, places and politics



White House social secretary Capricia Marshall greets Bill and Buffy Cafritz in the Executive Mansion's Great Hall Wednesday evening.



Hillary Rodham Clinton unveils Chuck Close's (left seated) portrait of the late artist Roy Lichtenstein at the White House dinner. Also pictured are Ann Gund (left), President Clinton, Lenore Annenberg and Jo Carole Lauder.

## The fine art of diplomacy and donations



The ever-elegant Robin Chandler Duke chats before dinner with Joan Schnitzer Levy.

**EVENT:** Lunch at the State Department and dinner at the White House on Wednesday in recognition of the Friends of Art and Preservation in Embassies (FAPE).

**CAUSE:** Honoring FAPE's Gift to the Nation program, which plans to celebrate the next millennium with donations and purchases of up to 200 works of American art that will be placed in U.S. embassies, chanceries and ambassadors' residences.

**IMPORTED SPARKLE:** Provided by more top artists than one usually sees at major museum openings in New York City, including **Robert Rauschenberg**, **Frank Stella**, **Ellsworth Kelly**, **Christo**, **Paul Cadmus** and **Chuck Close** (donor of a limited-edition silk-screen print of the late Roy Lichtenstein, which will be displayed permanently in embassy residences abroad). Jet-setting arts patronesses flew in from various points as well, making grand appearances in a heady whirl of perfume, jewels and haute couture. Among them: **Lenore Annenberg**, FAPE's superdonor chairman emeritus; FAPE Chairman **Jo Carole Lauder** (with husband **Ronald** and daughters **Aerin** and **Jane**); **Carol Price**; **Robin Chandler Duke**; **Wendy Luers** and **Ann Gund**. Among the gents of note: financier **John Whitehead**, former ambassador to France **Evan Galbraith** and decorator **Mario Buatta**.

**LUNCH WITH ALAN:** Delphic, cryptic Federal Reserve Board Chairman **Alan Greenspan** had keynote honors at FAPE's Business Council luncheon in the State Department's Diplomatic Reception Rooms, where he waxed rhapsodic about the marvels of high-tech market economies and increasing worldwide respect for the rule of law and property rights. Digressions on economist Joseph Schumpeter's theory of "creative destruction" and the revolutionary effect of supermarket scanning devices were a bit off the radar screen for much of the well-heeled crowd waiting in vain for clues about the next fluctuation in interest rates.

**DINNER WITH BILL AND HIL:** The



Newport grande dame Candy Van Alen and Olga Hirshhorn enjoy their reunion in the Green Room.

white-bunting-draped and fern-filled tent set up on the South Lawn was so huge that comparisons with an airplane hanger or enclosed football field were inevitable from the 600 awe-struck guests crowding in after cocktails in the White House's first-floor state rooms.

"It's quite a village here," said art collector **John Hechinger**, delighted to find himself seated next to first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton as lesser mortals snaked their way to assigned tables draped in pink silk and topped by enormous pink, white and red peonies in Tiffany crystal vases.

After the ceremonial entry of President and Mrs. Clinton, there was music by a Marine Corps orchestra (though no one ever went on the floor to dance) and a dinner considered to be exceptional even by the White House's high standards: poached lobster with marinated orange; pepper-seared lamb and spring vegetables with lemon-thyme pesto; a red-and-yellow tomato salad; and a chocolate-and-strawberry-mousse "Painter's Palette."

**THE HOSTS' PREROGATIVE:** Some of the organizers were dismayed by the swollen guest list, which they maintained had been enlarged greatly by the White House's addition of journalists, members of Congress and administration stalwarts—none of whom was a FAPE member or contributor.

"It was a bit of a surprise," **Gahl Hodges Burt** said. "First it was 400, then it was 500, then 600. I guess we have to feed them dinner."

Though White House social secretary **Capricia Marshall** described the assemblage as "primarily a FAPE list" and put the number of White House add-ons at only 16, others were skeptical as they spotted **Sidney Blumenthal**, **Lynn Cutler** and other political operatives among the throng.

"It's a wonderful way to pay people back or woo them," said one longtime FAPE supporter, a Democrat who remembered the Carters doing the same thing with the Kennedy Center Honors.

**A GRACEFUL NOTE:** After Mr. Close followed the unveiling of his portrait by decrying Republicans' lack of support for the visual arts, Mr. Clinton came to the rescue of the "bipartisan" bash by lauding members of Congress from both sides of the aisle who have continued to fight for the cause.

His closing remarks summing up the diversity and importance of the art-in-embassies program also drew overall praise:

"Every time someone walks into an American embassy anywhere in the world, I want them to see that in America we are many people, many religions, many races... we may fight like cats and dogs, but we believe in the common values of freedom, and ultimately we believe that what unites us is far more important than what divides us."

"Very well done," **Betsy Bloomingdale** declared as she swept out with a coterie of pals from the Reagan days. "It's always a pleasure to be in the President's House."

— Kevin Chaffee

# RUSH & MOLLOY

BY GEORGE RUSH AND JOANNA MOLLOY

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## Clinton in a tent situation

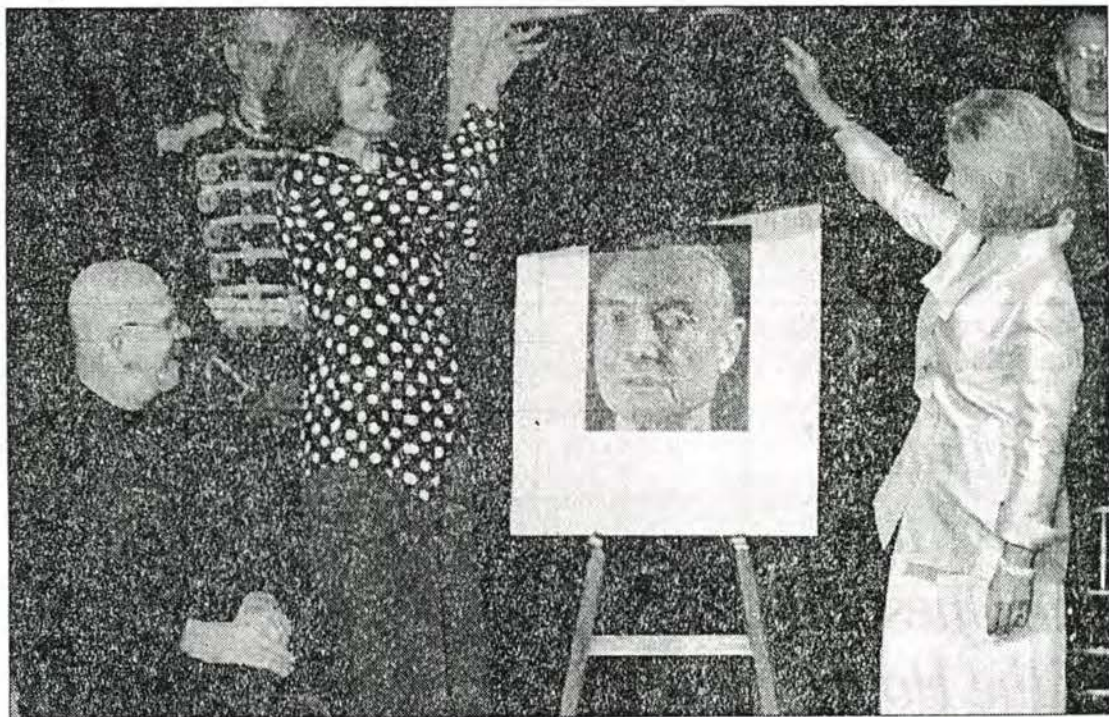
President Clinton didn't seem to let news that two top aides must testify before Kenneth Starr ruin his fun Wednesday night.

The White House threw a huge bash on the South Lawn for the powerful Friends of Art & Preservation in Embassies, whose members donate fine art to U.S. outposts.

Among the VIPs kvetching under the biggest tent ever erected in the White House's backyard were Betsy Bloomingdale, artists Robert Rauschenberg and Frank Stella, Museum of Modern Art President Agnes Gund and Sidney Blumenthal, one of the two aides called to testify.

In his address, a jovial Clinton thanked beauty tycoon Jo Carole Lauder for her work as FAPE chairman. He also noted how New York artist Chuck Close, who donated a series of limited-edition linocut prints of the late Roy Lichtenstein to FAPE, likes to groove to Aretha Franklin while he paints.

"Judging by the energy of your work," the President said to Close, "I may issue an executive order instructing all agencies to play Aretha Franklin from 9 to 5 every day from here on out."



BY SITSAN RIDDLE—THE WASHINGTON POST

Ann Gurd, president of Friends of Art and Preservation in the Embassies, and Hillary Clinton unveil a Roy Lichtenstein portrait by Chuck Close, left.

## Chronicles

# For Friends of Art, a Welcome Home

By SARAH BOOTH CONROY  
Special to The Washington Post

The dinner at the White House last week for Friends of Art and Preservation in the Embassies was an art form itself—and the style should surely be preserved.

Dresses were long, ties black, diamonds glittering, hospitality warm, food magnificent. East Executive Avenue opened for valet parking for guests (including the grateful *Chronicle* and *Chron*), saving the usual hike.

The guests entered very grandly up the east steps and into the corridor, greeted cordially by a host of social secretary Capricia Marshall's staff. Through the windows, the Native American contemporary sculpture in the garden loomed eerily alive. Displayed inside were two lithographs by Frank Stella and Ellsworth Kelly as well as a silk-screen print by Roy Lichtenstein—all contributors of art to the Friends. Lee Kinche McGrath, a founder and executive director of the non-profit Friends foundation, said it had raised \$10 million in its 12 years to fund exhibits and preservation at more than 87 embassies in cooperation with the State Department.

Because George Washington insisted that architect James Hoban keep the executive mansion to a modest size befitting a young nation, the State Dining Room holds only 130 people. Yet 600 FAPE members, contributing \$1,500 each for the seated dinner, had accepted the Clintons' invitation. What to do?

Chief Usher Gary Walters explained: "We rented the canvas and aluminum pavilion in the South Lawn, as we have since the Nixon administration for big crowds. The rent of \$200,000 until June 20 is divided among sponsors of seven unrelated events—not taxpayers." The 20 multi-tiered chandeliers, which added elegance and light to the dinner, are stored by the White House between such events, Walters said.

Huge peonies in Tiffany bowls decorated the tables. Undaunted White House executive chef Walter Scheib and pastry chef Roland Mesnier with their staff prepared the dinner fit for heads and friends of state: poached lobster, pepper-seared lamb, red and yellow tomato salad, and a "painter's palette" dessert of ice cream encased in a thin white chocolate.

Works by Chuck Close and Lichtenstein shared the stage with the speakers. Close presented the Friends with a limited-edition linocut print portrait of Lichtenstein, saying it both celebrates the late artist and honors Hillary Rodham Clinton's efforts to include contemporary art, such as the sculpture garden, at the White House. And, he said, he is giving the 150 prints to be distributed among U.S. embassies "because I'd like to see pictures of artists in our federal buildings instead of just officials."

Close spoke of the role of federal officials in encouraging artists. "A few years ago, congressional Republicans joined in bipartisan support to the arts," he said. "Now, freedom of expression in the visual arts is under attack. The polarization is unfortunate—we need bipartisanship."

President Clinton replied tactfully: "I'd like to thank all the members of Congress who are here and to say to Chuck there still is, albeit smaller, a deep level of bipartisan support for the arts. . . . Those who are part of it should be given even more credit, because it is harder for them."

He quoted Franklin Roosevelt: "The arts cannot thrive except when men are free to be themselves and to be in charge of the discipline of their own energies and ardors." To that Clinton added, "And if we can permeate the world with the sense of possibility that was so manifest in that Irish election, then all over the world we'll be giving people with and without the brilliance of artistic gifts

a chance to live as God meant them to live. That is your ultimate gift and I'm very grateful to you."

Mrs. Clinton said the time has come to "honor the past—and give gifts to the future." She spoke of the White House Millennium Council's "Save American Treasures" program, which aims to preserve such pieces of the nation's historical and cultural heritage as the Star-Spangled Banner and Declaration of Independence.

Similarly, the new FAPE project "Gift to the Nation" hopes to put 200 American paintings, sculptures, works on paper, decorative objects, crafts and folk art—chosen by a board of art professionals—in U.S. chanceries and ambassadorial residences by the turn of the century. At the event, Dorothy Lichtenstein presented President Clinton with her husband's 1990 "Reflections on Senorita" as the first gift in FAPE's millennium project.

The other artworks will be chosen by a board headed by Riva Castleman, former Museum of Modern Art curator. FAPE Chairman Jo Carole Lauder said that "a permanent collection of representative works of great modern American masters is an extraordinary legacy of the art of our times—perhaps considered avant-garde now, but which we will be able to leave to future generations of ambassadors."

Before the evening's dancing began, President Clinton noted that "when Chuck paints and he's feeling especially good about his work, he does it to the music of Aretha Franklin—which brings him into my ambit of the arts."

"And judging by the energy of your work," he said to Close, "I may issue an executive order instructing all agencies to play Aretha Franklin from 9 to 5 every day from here on out."