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Peggy Bernardoni and her three children were among that group. Her 10-year-old daughter, Anne Marie, was excited about the prospects of seeing the first lady.

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Onondaga County sheriff's Deputy John Scanlon said he and Flint had been working the grounds since 11 a.m. "It's been tiring on the dog," he said.

Many of Auburn's and Cayuga County's policy makers were in the crowd. William Catto, the county director of health and human services, was chatting with friends before Clinton arrived.

Catto, 60, said he sensed the same kind of excitement at the Tubman Home that he felt as a young boy in 1947 when Harry Truman's presidential train stopped in Auburn.

"These are the kind of milestones that people talk about. They'll be talking about this one 30 to 40 years from now. I hope I'm one of them," he said, laughing.



First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton receives the key to the city of Auburn from Mayor Christopher J. DeAngelis during her visit Wednesday to the Harriet Tubman Home.

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The intense focus on the Secret Service took the spotlight off prosecution witness Linda Tripp, whose secret tapes spurred the investiga-

tion. She testified for a sixth day before the grand jury and is to return Tuesday.

Attorney Mike Leibig, who represents two of the Secret Service officers, said his clients were prepared to testify but, because of the legal wrangling, were uncertain exactly what questions they could answer.

Leibig said the two officers, whose names he declined to provide, "do not know about some vital, embarrassing, blockbuster event" between Clinton and Lewinsky.

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Staff and News Service Reports

BALTIMORE — Defense giant Lockheed Martin called off its \$8.3 billion deal to buy Northrop Grumman Corp. Thursday because of government opposition.

It was the biggest merger proposal ever challenged by the federal government.

The announcement came just hours after the Pentagon said that it was unable to work out an agreement with Lockheed Martin to modify the deal and that it would press on with a lawsuit it filed in March to block the merger.

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law.
"But today, there are gaps between the ideals and the reality of this country," she said.

Her voice rising, Clinton listed current injustices that she said need to be corrected in the United States. They are:

- Equal pay for equal work.
- Family leave legislation that balances a woman's responsibility between work and home.
- Safe, affordable, quality child care.
- An end to domestic violence and abuse.
- Ratification of a United Nations convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women.
- Less talk of family values and more talk of policies that value

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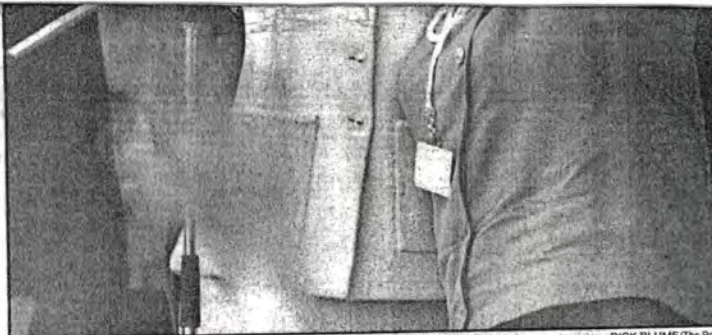
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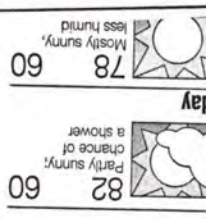
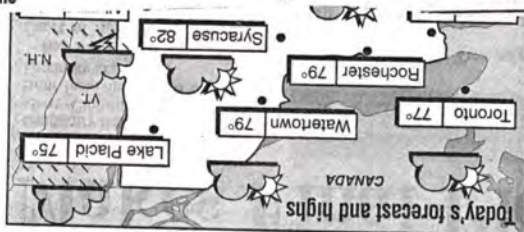
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Hillary Rodham Clinton, left, and Mary Anne Krupsak, former lieutenant governor and he the Celebrate '98 board of directors, wave to the crowd Thursday after Clinton's speech.



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Girl Scout Sarah Wehmeyer of Rockford Ill., left, Je Criser, 15, Wichita, K and Gina Wooten, 1 Saulsbury N.C., prep their cam as Hillary Rodham Clinton is announce Thursday Celebrate in Seneca Falls.



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Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In the battle over whether Secret Service agents should be forced to testify about their dealings with President Clinton, the Justice Department finds itself in the line of fire.

Attorney
General Janet Reno insists that she is acting in the national interest to protect the safety not just of Clinton but of all future presi-

dents by preserving the relationship of trust between agents and those they are sworn to protect.

But independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr asserts that it is his job to represent the United States in this investigation, and that his fellow prosecutors at the Justice Department are thwarting his efforts to obtain critical information about the president's relationship with Monica S. Lewinsky.

That leaves the department in an exquisitely awkward position made abundantly clear Thursday

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the justices.

Laurence Silberman, who on Thurs-

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"We must finish the work that was done here," said the first lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton, who addressed a sweltering crowd estimated at 10,000 at the high school football field. This was the last stop on Mrs. Clinton's tour of historical monuments in need of restoration, which include the McClinton House in neighboring Waterloo, where Mrs. Stanton and four friends drafted their declaration at the mahogany dining room table.

If Stanton and the other women who convened the first Women's Rights Convention in 1848 were alive, Clinton said they would be agitating still. In a speech that was at times pointedly political, she implored the crowd to lobby for greater pay equity for women, universal health care coverage, expanded government aid for child care and tougher enforcement against husbands who abuse their wives.

And, in a tone of admonishment, she said the feminist pioneers who fought for suffrage would be "amazed and outraged" by the millions of eligible women who did not vote in the 1996 elections. Once muzzled by discriminatory laws, Clinton said, "Today, women, we silence ourselves."

Clinton, aides said, had labored with staff for days on a speech she intended as a major statement on both the past and future of feminism. Last week, she met with female historians to plumb for ideas. Thursday's address was the most prominent event on a tour that has put her in the most visible role since last winter, when she rallied defiantly to her husband's defense in the opening days of the Monica S. Lewinsky controversy.

Clinton noted that the women who gathered at Seneca Falls were dismissed as "mannish women, old maids, fanatics," and acridly recited an 1848 editorial denouncing them. "If that sounds familiar, it's the same thing that's always said when women keep going for true equality and justice," she said.

All week, the tour produced a cascade of striking images: streets lined with people in small towns like Pittsfield, Mass. and Auburn, N.Y., where a visit by a first lady is an unheard-of occurrence.

At stop after stop, she roused audiences with remarks she delivered without a text, then lingered to shake hands along the rope lines. In tiny Weedsport on Wednesday, the first lady's motorcade came to a halt while she went into a roadside stand to emerge with a towering cone of frozen custard. Such impromptu stops, common in presidential trips, are virtually unheard-of for the first lady.

Nimat Hafez Barazangi, visiting women's studies fellow at Cornell University, said she doubts the first lady realizes the size of the following she has attracted.

Following Mrs. Clinton's speech, Barazangi clutched a copy of "The Rights of Woman" and said, "We must finish the work that was done here."

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The burial was officiated by a dozen bearded priests in gold-and-white robes, with one gently swinging a censer that sent small puffs of burning incense wafting over the coffins.

Dozens of the czar's relatives, diplomats from 50 countries, and Prince Michael of Kent, a member of the British royal family, which is related to Russian royalty, stood holding candles at the cathedral on the banks of the Neva River.

The czar's family members tossed white sand, representing the earth, onto the coffins before the crypt was covered. Outside on the river bank, cannons boomed in a 19-shot salute — two shy of the customary 21 because the czar abdicated a year before he was killed.

"We must tell the truth — the (czar's) massacre has become one of the most shameful pages of our history," Yeltsin said. "By burying the remains of the innocent victims we want to expiate the sins of our ancestors."

As the ceremony drew to a close, Yeltsin clasped the hands of Nicholas

Romanov, the most prominent of the czar's relatives at the service.

With its understated dignity, the burial was in sharp contrast to the controversy that preceded it.

Many leading Russian figures, including the head of the Russian Orthodox Church, skipped the service due to multiple disputes it generated. Yeltsin was planning to stay away as well, but changed his mind Thursday.

The burial has reopened long-suppressed chapters of Russian history, stirring fresh debate about the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917, the Romanov dynasty, and the nature of national guilt and contrition.

The Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, but Russia has not held any major, formal ceremonies dealing with the abuses committed during communist times. Today's service brought the issue to the fore.

"This is not just a funeral, but a national repentance," said Mstislav Rostropovich, one of the world's leading conductors and cellists, who was exiled during the Soviet era.

"It shows the entire world that Russia is changing and becoming more humane," he said.

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with a blast from an appeals court judge. "The Attorney General is, in effect, acting as the president's counsel under the false guise of representing the United States, contrary to the whole purpose and structure" of the independent counsel law, wrote Judge Laurence H. Silberman.

Silberman, who voted with the rest of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit to reject Justice's effort to block Secret Service testimony, noted tartly that he was "mindful of the terrible political pressures and strains of conscience that bear upon senior political appointees of the Justice Department" when an independent counsel is investigating his or her ultimate boss. But, he said in the only written opinion from any of the judges Thursday, the independent counsel law "limits the options that the Attorney General can legally (and honorably) pursue. Litigating against the Independent Counsel in this case is not among them."

The judge's biting rhetoric was dismissed at the Justice Department. "We have no doubt that we represent the United States, and nobody else should have any doubts either," said one annoyed official.

For Reno, it was the second day in a row in which her political independence has come under attack. On Wednesday, she endured tough questioning from Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah, and other Republicans over her refusal to seek an independent counsel to investigate Democratic fund-raising abuses. Presidential press secretary Mike Mc

Secret Service appeal.

"If she's been receiving any pressure, it's the kind of pressure she received yesterday from members of Congress," he said.

Reno's Justice Department has locked horns previously with another independent counsel, Donald C. Smaltz, who has blasted the department for interfering with his investigation of former agriculture secretary Mike Espy. The department has also tangled with Starr in the course of his four-year Whitewater inquiry, differing with him on questions such as the scope of attorney-client privilege for government lawyers.

But the department had sought — and until now had largely succeeded — to stay on the sidelines of the Clinton-Starr tangle. The department bowed out of the fight over executive privilege, for example, and the White House hired an outside lawyer to represent its interests in that dispute.

Last winter, the department worked hard to reach a compromise with Starr over Secret Service testimony, hoping to avoid the very showdown that has played out this week. But the service, and its parent, the Treasury Department, insisted on asserting the novel legal claim of an absolute privilege even after Justice warned that it might well be a losing proposition.

"There was a very clear desire for years not to let this happen," said one former Justice official. "We did not want to get in Starr's way, and just let him go about his business consistent with the law."

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The burial was officiated by a dozen bearded priests in gold-and-white robes, with one gently swinging a censer that sent small puffs of burning incense wafting over the coffins.

Dozens of the czar's relatives, diplomats from 50 countries, and Prince Michael of Kent, a member of the British royal family, which is related to Russian royalty, stood holding candles at the cathedral on the banks of the Neva River.

The czar's family members tossed white sand, representing the earth, onto the coffins before the crypt was covered. Outside on the river bank, cannons boomed in a 19-shot salute — two shy of the customary 21 because the czar abdicated a year before he was killed.

"We must tell the truth — the (czar's) massacre has become one of the most shameful pages of our history," Yeltsin said. "By burying the remains of the innocent victims we want to expiate the sins of our ancestors."

As the ceremony drew to a close, Yeltsin clasped the hands of Nicholas

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with a blast from an appeals court judge. "The Attorney General is, in effect, acting as the president's counsel under the false guise of representing the United States, contrary to the whole purpose and structure" of the independent counsel law, wrote Judge Laurence H. Silberman.

Silberman, who voted with the rest of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit to reject Justice's effort to block Secret Service testimony, noted tartly that he was "mindful of the terrible political pressures and strains of conscience that bear upon senior political appointees of the Justice Department" when an independent counsel is investigating his or her ultimate boss. But, he said in the only written opinion from any of the judges Thursday, the independent counsel law "limits the options that the Attorney General can legally (and honorably) pursue. Litigating against the Independent Counsel in this case is not among them."

The judge's biting rhetoric was dismissed at the Justice Department. "We have no doubt that we represent the United States, and nobody else should have any doubts either," said one annoyed official.

For Reno, it was the second day in a row in which her political independence has come under attack. On Wednesday, she endured tough questioning from Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah, and other Republicans over her refusal to seek an independent counsel to investigate Democratic fund-raising abuses. Presidential press secretary Mike McCurry made reference to that encounter Thursday when he was asked whether the White House was pressuring Reno to pursue the

With its understated dignity, the burial was in sharp contrast to the controversy that preceded it.

Many leading Russian figures, including the head of the Russian Orthodox Church, skipped the service due to multiple disputes it generated. Yeltsin was planning to stay away as well, but changed his mind Thursday.

The burial has reopened long-suppressed chapters of Russian history, stirring fresh debate about the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917, the Romanov dynasty, and the nature of national guilt and contrition.

The Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, but Russia has not held any major, formal ceremonies dealing with the abuses committed during communist times. Today's service brought the issue to the fore.

"This is not just a funeral, but a national repentance," said Mstislav Rostropovich, one of the world's leading conductors and cellists, who was exiled during the Soviet era.

"It shows the entire world that Russia is changing and becoming more humane," he said.

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"If she's been receiving any pressure, it's the kind of pressure she received yesterday from members of Congress," he said.

Reno's Justice Department has locked horns previously with another independent counsel, Donald C. Smaltz, who has blasted the department for interfering with his investigation of former agriculture secretary Mike Espy. The department has also tangled with Starr in the course of his four-year Whitewater inquiry, differing with him on questions such as the scope of attorney-client privilege for government lawyers.

But the department had sought — and until now had largely succeeded — to stay on the sidelines of the Clinton-Starr tangle. The department bowed out of the fight over executive privilege, for example, and the White House hired an outside lawyer to represent its interests in that dispute.

Last winter, the department worked hard to reach a compromise with Starr over Secret Service testimony, hoping to avoid the very showdown that has played out this week. But the service, and its parent, the Treasury Department, insisted on asserting the novel legal claim of an absolute privilege even after Justice warned that it might well be a losing proposition.

"There was a very clear desire for years not to let this happen," said one former Justice official. "We did not want to get in Starr's way, and just let him go about his business consistent with the law."

However, the official said, "The attorney general has a very sharp awareness of the fact that if you knock the department out of the picture on this, there are very real consequences for the system. There's no one left."

"You have to consider the source of that comment. That is simply not true," Clinton said. "These people (Secret Service agents) risk their lives to protect me and other presidents in a professional way, not a political way."

Rehnquist could handle the issue himself, as the justice in charge of emergency matters in Washington, or he could refer it to the entire court.

The emergency stay is a separate matter from whether the court wants to hear arguments on the case this fall. The Clinton administration is seeking creation of a new legal privilege that would allow Secret Service agents to avoid testifying about what they saw and heard while guarding the president.

A district federal judge, a three-judge U.S. Court of Appeals panel and, Thursday, the full 11-member appellate court here, all ruled the agents must testify. They agreed with the position of Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr, who contends the Secret Service has no legal privilege to avoid cooperating with a criminal investigation.

So crushing a defeat was Thursday's ruling — on an administration request for the full court to reconsider the case — that not a single judge requested a vote to hear arguments.

"This court has ruled that the privilege does not exist," the appellate court said.

In a brief filed Thursday evening with the Supreme Court, the Justice Department formally asked the justices to review the appellate court's judgment. The agency once again portrayed the case as a life-and-death matter, insisting that a president who cannot trust his bodyguards would keep them at a distance, placing his life in danger.

"The court of appeals has fundamentally erred, and its decision portends grave consequences for the Secret Service's future ability to protect those in whom the Constitution singularly vests the nation's executive power," the administration brief said.

Starr spokesman Charles Bakaly had no comment on the administration's latest brief.

The legal wrangling had an immediate effect on the chief of President Clinton's protective detail, agent Larry Cockell, one of the seven officers subpoenaed by Starr.

Thursday night, the Secret Service decided temporarily to give his assignment as chief of the detail to another agent to ensure that the security team is not distracted, officials said. Agent Briar Stafford, who used to oversee the detail, will do so again temporarily, though Cockell will return, officials said.

White House spokesman Mik McCurry said Clinton believe Cockell "is a great guy, and he thinks he's a superb, dedicated professional law enforcement officer."

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