

LOS ANGELES TIMES

INTERVIEW

“

Today, partisanship has become shrill, almost to the point of being irrational. . .

It's new in this country . . . and it's become a very unpleasant thing . . .

Dale Bumpers

The Long Goodbye
of the Last Southern Liberal

BY EDWIN CHEN

WASHINGTON

It is entirely fitting that Sen. Dale Bumpers (D-Ark.) lives in a Maryland suburb on a street called Honesty Way. The Arkansas Democrat is known for a candor that's unsurpassed on Capitol Hill.

Having made plans to retire in January, the Senate's last Southern liberal happily acknowledges that he is behaving like a truly liberated man these days. And never has this blunt-speaking populist expressed greater passion than now, especially when talking about his disenchantment with the partisan hostilities in the nation's capitol and an election financing system that he regards as corrupt.

Bumpers, who just turned 73, is among a dying breed of politicians who entered public service believing it to be a noble calling.

As a child, Bumpers could name every member of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Cabinet, thanks to his father, an ardent New Dealer and country schoolteacher in rural Arkansas. "We discussed politics at the dinner table every evening," the four-term senator recalled. "My father may be the last man who ever lived who recommended politics as a profession to his children."

After serving in the South Pacific during World War II, Bumpers attended college and law school on the GI Bill. He practiced law for 20 years while acquiring political experience as city attorney and school board president of Charleston, Ark.

Beginning in 1970, Bumpers earned the reputation of a political giant-killer. An eloquent orator with an amiable demeanor, he defeated legendary race baiter Orval E. Faubus in the Democratic primary and then beat Republican Winthrop Rockefeller to

One of the . . . greatest threats to our democracy is the way we finance campaigns and the way we allow lobbyists and public-interest groups to give money to the parties.



The only thing left now for Starr to do is file a report. Anything further in this regard is almost voyeuristic. They know all they need to know.

”

graduates from either high school or college understands our political system and his responsibilities for it. . . . If no child in America was deprived of a college education for lack of money, you'd be amazed at the additional interest you'd create in the body politic.

. . . We've got a long way to go. . . . Everything hinges on our priorities. And our priorities are as skewed and misplaced as any nation on earth. . . .

I'll give you another illustration. Think for a minute about the No. 1 problem in the whole world: population. . . . It is an absolute unmitigated disaster in the making. But you never hear it talked about on the floor of the Senate, because somebody's afraid it's going to generate into a question of abortion.

Q: Bill Clinton, who followed you as governor—

A: The first time I ever heard Bill Clinton speak was at a big political rally. . . . I didn't know Bill. He spoke that night as a candidate for the House of Representatives. All I could think when I heard him speak was: I hope he never runs against me. It was a powerful speech. He had it memorized. He was limited to five minutes. He spoke from the heart. He had that crowd in the palm of his hand in five minutes. I was really impressed.

Q: Now that the president has confessed and apologized, what happens next?

A: First, let me say that I thought the

PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION

LOS ANGELES TIMES

INTERVIEW

“

Today, partisanship has become shrill, almost to the point of being irrational. . .

It's new in this country . . . and it's become a very unpleasant thing . . .

Dale Bumpers

The Long Goodbye
of the Last Southern Liberal

BY EDWIN CHEN

WASHINGTON

It is entirely fitting that Sen. Dale Bumpers (D-Ark.) lives in a Maryland suburb on a street called Honesty Way. The Arkansas Democrat is known for a candor that's unsurpassed on Capitol Hill.

Having made plans to retire in January, the Senate's last Southern liberal happily acknowledges that he is behaving like a truly liberated man these days. And never has this blunt-speaking populist expressed greater passion than now, especially when talking about his disenchantment with the partisan hostilities in the nation's capitol and an election financing system that he regards as corrupt.

Bumpers, who just turned 73, is among a dying breed of politicians who entered public service believing it to be a noble calling.

As a child, Bumpers could name every member of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Cabinet, thanks to his father, an ardent New Dealer and country schoolteacher in rural Arkansas. "We discussed politics at the dinner table every evening," the four-term senator recalled. "My father may be the last man who ever lived who recommended politics as a profession to his children."

After serving in the South Pacific during World War II, Bumpers attended college and law school on the GI Bill. He practiced law for 20 years while acquiring political experience as city attorney and school board president of Charleston, Ark.

Beginning in 1970, Bumpers earned the reputation of a political giant-killer. An eloquent orator with an amiable demeanor, he defeated legendary race baiter Orval E. Faubus in the Democratic primary and then beat Republican Winthrop Rockefeller to

One of the . . . greatest threats to our democracy is the way we finance campaigns and the way we allow lobbyists and public-interest groups to give money to the parties.



The only thing left now for Starr to do is file a report. Anything further in this regard is almost voyeuristic. They know all they need to know.

”

graduates from either high school or college understands our political system and his responsibilities for it. . . . If no child in America was deprived of a college education for lack of money, you'd be amazed at the additional interest you'd create in the body politic.

. . . We've got a long way to go. . . . Everything hinges on our priorities. And our priorities are as skewed and misplaced as any nation on earth. . . .

I'll give you another illustration. Think for a minute about the No. 1 problem in the whole world: population. . . . It is an absolute unmitigated disaster in the making. But you never hear it talked about on the floor of the Senate, because somebody's afraid it's going to generate into a question of abortion.

Q: Bill Clinton, who followed you as governor—

A: The first time I ever heard Bill Clinton speak was at a big political rally. . . . I didn't know Bill. He spoke that night as a candidate for the House of Representatives. All I could think when I heard him speak was: I hope he never runs against me. It was a powerful speech. He had it memorized. He was limited to five minutes. He spoke from the heart. He had that crowd in the palm of his hand in five minutes. I was really impressed.

Q: Now that the president has confessed and apologized, what happens next?

A: First, let me say that I thought the

PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION

I say probably to Republicans quite often with the Democrats. So it was really a big, big majority. Of course, we'd lose those ultra-conservatives on the Democratic side, but we picked up those people who were not necessarily liberal, but certainly more liberal than anybody on the Republican side now.

I dare say there isn't anybody on the Republican side—with the possible exception of Jim Jeffords, who is nearly as progressive and as liberal as about 10 Republicans were back in 1975. So it was easy to pass social legislation back then.

Partisanship was an issue, but not in the same league that partisanship is now. Today, partisanship has become shrill, almost to the point of being irrational. . . . It's new in this country. And it is a result of the extreme partisanship that has developed here in the last 23 years, and it's become a very unpleasant thing. . . .

Q: In the Senate you now have nine women. Have they made a difference just by being in the chamber?

A: Yes. They've made a big difference. . . . particularly on children's issues. Kay Bailey Hutchison and Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins on the Republican side will join with the Democrats or the Democrats will join with

Edwin Chen covers Congress for The Times.

A: It is [less] true, and that's something that's happened since I came here, too. We used to have dinner parties at our house on Saturday nights, and invite two or three colleagues and their wives, eight to 10 people, and sometimes somebody from your profession. . . . We had to quit doing that because the demands that every senator be back to his home state every weekend precluded anything [social] on the weekends; and during the week, you never know when you're going to be in session, so you don't plan anything. So that has really eroded the collegiality of the membership.

Q: There are fewer members with military-service or foreign-policy experience. Do you worry about that?

A: We're going to be almost totally devoid of veterans in the not-too-distant future, and I think that's unhealthy. But I have a theory that goes a little further back than that. . . . The most important thing in the world, as far as what kind of senator you are, are the values you bring. . . . You have to be concerned about everybody—the poor, the down-trodden, the people who never got a break. . . . As Hubert Humphrey used to say, "It will never be a good place for any of us to live until it's a good place for all of us to live." Anybody who doesn't subscribe to that theory is not going to be a very good senator or a very good congressman.

Q: Some say money buys access and access buys results.

A: It is childishly naive to even suggest that money doesn't buy access. That's the reason I have said one of the . . . greatest threats to our democracy is the way we finance campaigns and the way we allow lobbyists and public-interest groups to give money to the parties. They know exactly what they're doing. And the people who take the money know exactly what they're doing. That's the reason I believe that the current campaign financing system is rotten to the core.

. . . I was pretty naive when I ran for government the first time. That was in 1970, back before campaign-finance laws. . . . Politicians used to stick money in their pockets with a great deal of fervor.

Q: Cash?

A: Cash. Absolutely. People used to come in when I was running for governor. One man came in and put down 50 \$100 bills in cash—and became an arch-enemy because I refused it. The best way in the world to make a lifelong enemy is to refuse to take money from somebody. You're making a statement that you don't think he's quite up to par if you do that. . . . But that was a customary thing, and I had enough sense to know that that

A: If you go back to the very beginning, the veneer of who was promoting it, you'll find the military-industrial complex. Why? Because Poland, the Czechs and Hungary all are going to have to spend a lot of money to bring their military establishments up to NATO standards. Who's going to pay for it? We are. . . . I don't know what the figure is, but I can tell you the military-industrial complex is pushing it more than anybody else.

Q: Getting back to Congress. How can the Senate be more responsive to the needs of the people?

A: The people can turn it around. . . . The other night, I made a speech at the Washington Hilton and then rushed out to grab a cab. . . . The driver said, "Aren't you Sen. Bumpers?" I said, "Yeah. How did you know that?" "Well," he said, "I watched you on C-Span." I said, "What are you?" He said, "I'm Ethiopian." He's been here four years.

Now he's better wired to what's going on in Congress every day than 90% of the people in America are. You know why? Because he comes from a place where politics determines life and death.

. . . We are the most politically unsophisticated nation on earth. That's because we have not really tackled our educational problems; and we have especially not tackled the problem of making sure that every child that

to the Senate, there'll be a filibuster. So this thing isn't going to fly.

Q: What do you think Clinton is going to do after he leaves the White House?

A: I can't imagine Bill Clinton out of politics—and I'm talking about being in the political arena running for something. He may not. I've heard him say he'd never run for anything again, and I guess John Quincy Adams went back and ran for the House. But I think Bill Clinton might very well be the second one. If he doesn't, Hillary will. I hope she does.

. . . I enjoy Hillary Clinton's company. I enjoy being with her and talking with her as much as any person I've ever met. She is so bright and so sensible, and I think she has such good values and she articulates how you implement things, how you go about getting things done, better than anybody I've ever known.

Q: Any personal regrets?

A: I have chosen too many battles that were negative. I took on the super collider [atom smasher], fought for three years with Howard Baker about the Clinch River breeder. On the space station, the mining laws. . . . I have consistently lost those battles. Marginal successes here and there, and I hate it when I'm just trying to stop things.

NATION

MARKETS: Seemingly No One at the Helm

Continued from A1

Japanese Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa late today in San Francisco. But while President Clinton has called the session "profoundly important," U.S. officials have been warning that "we're not expecting any dramatic results."

Critics are growing increasingly concerned about the deafening silence.

"You just get the idea that there's nobody home," says David C. Mulford, a former U.S. official who was instrumental in engineering a 1985 pact that sparked a decline in the then-overvalued dollar.

"This is the dog that didn't bark in the night," says Gordon Adams, deputy director of the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London. "This is exactly the kind of situation where you'd expect them [the G-7 finance ministers] to step in."

While some question just what the G-7 could do, there is no dearth of suggestions.

Private analysts have proposed everything from a coordinated interest-rate cut—in which all the major industrial nations except Japan would slash their interest rates at once—to extra trade financing for hard-hit Asian economies.

Proponents envision a series of trade-offs by the G-7 under which Japan would speed up its economic stimulus and banking-overhaul measures in exchange for the interest-rate cut by the others. The G-7 also could offer Russia billions in loans if it enacts reforms.

Some also say the industrial countries should use such a forum to direct the IMF to be more flexible in prescribing cures for hard-hit developing countries. The IMF, in this view, should rely less heavily on spending cuts and tax hikes, which too often help push countries into deeper downturns.

Finally, some analysts suggest that the industrial powers also draw a rhetorical line in the sand, serving notice that they will protect regions, such as Latin America, that have made painful reforms of their own but are being battered anyway by rogue financial markets.

"If they really believe that all we have to fear is fear itself, then they ought to stand up and tell us that," says Alan Stoga, strategist at Zemi Investments, a Wall Street firm. "The markets are sensing it; their absence is beginning to have consequences."

While assembling such packages would not be easy, the major industrial countries, led by the United States, put together similar grand bargains in the late 1970s and 1980s to deal with international financial problems and carried them off reasonably well.

Perhaps the best-known example is the 1985 Plaza Accord. Meeting in New York's Plaza Hotel, the G-7, at the instigation of the United States, engineered a spectacular decline in the value of the dollar, which eventually arrested the growing U.S. trade deficit and eased protectionist pressures here.

To be sure, despite the critics' fervor, leaders like

Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan believe the recent collapse in U.S. stocks was necessary and overdue. Anyway, there is no easy fix for today's economic turmoil.

Japan favors cutting interest rates to stimulate the global economy, but few other countries subscribe to that view. Federal Reserve Board officials, for example, have indicated that despite the global economic slump, they still worry about economic overheating here at home.

The Fed is painfully aware of what happened after the 1987 stock market crash, when it cut interest rates to help stem the slide in stock prices. The result: Inflation got out of hand, triggering a recession in 1990 and 1991.

Many authorities remain unconvinced that an interest-rate cut here would do any good. Long-term interest rates have already fallen as capital has poured into the United States, and the U.S. economy still has a lot of momentum.

Gregory B. Fager, economist at the Institute of International Finance, argues that a little waiting on the part of policymakers may not be so bad, if only to make sure where things are headed before they act.

"These kinds of corrections have to play themselves out," Fager said of the stock markets' recent gyrations. "What exactly could we ask the Group of Seven to do now? I'm not sure it's all that clear."

A second problem is that in the case of the two big

problem economies now provoking the market turmoil, Japan and Russia, outside measures cannot do very much. Success depends almost entirely on their governments' fixing their own economies, and both governments face strong pressure from voters and special-interest groups against rapid reforms.

Even if there were a consensus, critics say the machinery of the G-7 has languished in recent years. Although the finance ministers have met regularly, there has been little real attempt to thrash out international solutions to specific economic problems, says Mulford, now with Credit Suisse First Boston Ltd.

Zemi's Alan Stoga called the group's last few years' discussions "a sort of loosey-goosey international talkfest—nothing more." He also points to other snags: Congress has refused to approve added funding for the IMF and has restricted the use of U.S. emergency rescue funds—leaving the administration and the IMF with fewer resources to use.

To top it all off, most of the G-7 governments (Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States) are paralyzed politically.

German Chancellor Helmut Kohl is preoccupied with a reelection campaign. Japan is stymied by opposition to its economic stimulus package. The French and Italians seem indifferent. And Clinton's presidency has been weakened by the Monica S. Lewinsky affair.

Meanwhile, the sense of urgency is mounting. Allen Sinai, chief economist at Primark Decision Economics Inc., warns that while a global recession is not a certainty yet, the risks are growing. "Wherever we end, it will be a crawl rather than a leap back."

9/4/1998
Washington Edition
Los Angeles Times

PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION

Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, breezy. High 82. Low 62.
Thursday: Sunny, low humidity. High 84. Low 64.
 Details, Page B2.

121ST YEAR No. 257

The W.

Post

FINAL

Inside: Food, Classified
 Today's Contents on Page A2

25¢

Prices may vary to print; not valid for Washington Post News on Page A11

1 AUGUST 19, 1998

Starr Pushes Forward Despite Clinton Admission

First Lady 'Committed' to Her Marriage

Aide Says President 'Misled' His Wife on Lewinsky Relationship

By RUTH MARCUS
 Washington Post Staff Writer

Hillary Rodham Clinton "is committed to her marriage" and "believes in this president and loves him very much," her press secretary, Marsha Berry, said yesterday.

Berry and others also took pains to emphasize that Hillary Clinton did not know until this weekend how her husband would explain his relationship with former intern Monica S. Lewinsky to the grand jury. They said that when the first lady assured the American people

about her husband's behavior days after the scandal first broke, she had been misled.

"She learned the nature of his testimony over the weekend," Berry said. "Like I said, she was misled. The president said that, and that's true."

But even some White House aides said they found those professions of ignorance highly doubtful. "That just does not ring true," said one senior White House aide. "Who is putting this stuff out?" said another, before being informed that it was the office of the first lady herself.

See FIRST LADY, A17, Col. 1



Hillary Clinton, with daughter Chelsea, "wants folks to know that she believes in the president and her love for him is compassionate and steadfast and she's very uncomfortable with her personal life being made public," says an aide.

BY BLAKE SELL—REUTERS

Lewinsky Summoned for Second Time

By PETER BAKER
 and SUSAN SCHMIDT
 Washington Post Staff Writers

Independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr yesterday summoned Monica S. Lewinsky back to the grand jury later this week to test the credibility of President Clinton's account of their 18-month affair against her version, according to legal sources close to the case.

Starr showed little sign of backing off his investigation into whether the president committed perjury or obstructed justice in the Paula Jones lawsuit, despite Clinton's admission under oath Monday and in a dramatic televised address to the nation that he engaged in an inappropriate sexual relationship with the 25-year-old former aide.

The day after his extraordinary confession that he "misled people,

The Speech

Words Were Clinton's Own, Too Much So, Aides Worry

By JOHN F. HARRIS

House aide Monica S. Lewinsky.



PHOTOCOPY
 PRESERVATION

KING OF PRUSSIA, Pa., Aug. 18—Americans expressed willingness today to overlook or at least shunt aside President Clinton's personal failings and keep him in office for the remainder of what they now see as a tarnished and diminished presidency.

In interviews in widely scattered parts of the country following Clinton's dramatic televised statement to the nation Monday night that he did not tell the truth about his relationship with Monica S. Lewin-

vestigation into whether Clinton had a sexual relationship with the former White House intern and conspired to cover it up.

Some reacted with anger and disgust, accusing Clinton of betraying his office and their trust.

"His credibility is gone," said Janice Light, 61, a retired nurse, as she entered an upscale shopping mall in suburban Philadelphia. "He's abused the White House,

See VOTERS, A12, Col. 1



Secretary Albright, center, views the bombed embassy in Dar es Salaam. She called on Afghanistan's Taliban to stop aiding terrorists. Story, Page A24

Bomb Suspect Details Anti-U.S. Terror Force

Muslim Radical Said to Lead Thousands

By KAMRAN KILAN
and PAMELA CONSTABLE
Washington Post Foreign Service

KARACHI, Pakistan, Aug. 18—A suspect in the Aug. 7 bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi reportedly described to Pakistani authorities an international terrorist and paramilitary network aimed at American interests abroad that has been orchestrated and financed by Osama bin Laden, a rogue Saudi millionaire and Islamic militant based in Afghanistan.

According to notes taken by Pakistani intelligence officials who spent a week questioning the man—identified by them as Mohammed Sadiq Howaida and by

U.S. officials as Mohammed Sadiq Odeh—he told them that bin Laden controls a network of 4,000 to 5,000 militants from a number of Muslim countries. From among these, the suspect said, bin Laden has sent operatives to take part in armed actions abroad, including the 1993 hit-and-run attacks on U.S. forces in Somalia. He called the Somalia operation his group's biggest triumph.

The Pakistani officials, who spoke to a Post correspondent in Karachi this week and shared their notes on condition of anonymity, said Odeh described bin Laden as possessing a large arsenal of surface-to-air mis-

See PAKISTAN, A25, Col. 3

■ Consul General Bartley and his son are buried. | Page B1



The first family, including dog Buddy, walks toward helicopter on the White House South Lawn on the first leg of a 12-day vacation to Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts, where scores of supporters were on hand at the airport.

IN STYLE

- When does an apology count?
- Clinton's address, translated into plain English.
- What do wives who have been cheated on do?
- The president takes it on the chin from the media.

Stories on Page D1

INSIDE

Bombing Claim

■ A splinter group that broke from the Irish Republican Army in opposition to the Northern Ireland peace process took responsibility for the car bombing that killed 28 people and injured 220 in Omagh on Saturday. **WORLD, Page A23**

Chaos in Congo

■ Congolese rebel forces moved to within 80 miles of the capital, Kinshasa, which braced for chaos as a power outage in the city left the anxious population of 5 million with limited food, water and medical supplies. **WORLD, Page A26**

BUSINESS

... is inside Sports.

Economy Healthy

■ Despite the worldwide repercussions of the Asian crisis, the U.S. economy is continuing to grow at a moderate pace with low inflation, new government reports indicate.

BUSINESS, Page C9

The Post on the Internet:
www.washingtonpost.com



A Run for Glendening's Money

Sauerbrey Catching Up With Md. Governor in Fund-Raising

By SCOTT WILSON
and CHARLES BABINGTON
Washington Post Staff Writers

Republican gubernatorial candidate Ellen R. Sauerbrey has begun to match Maryland Gov. Parris N. Glendening (D) in collecting campaign contributions, winning support from some business leaders who once backed the governor.

Overall, Glendening still leads Sauerbrey in fund-raising, thanks in

part to support from labor unions, health care companies and political party committees. But campaign finance reports filed yesterday show that Sauerbrey has outpaced Glendening during the past 10 months.

Sauerbrey appears to have benefited from major Glendening policy decisions that have prompted developers, poultry farmers and other business groups to abandon Glendening, whom they supported four years ago. But the governor is hoping

that those decisions—aimed at protecting the environment and controlling suburban sprawl—will prove popular at the grass-roots level.

The tight contest for campaign money stands in sharp contrast to the governor's race four years ago, when Glendening outspent Sauerbrey by more than 3 to 1 and beat her by fewer than 6,000 votes.

For this election, Glendening has

See MARYLAND, A4, Col. 1

■ Three Md. county executives adding to already healthy campaign coffers. | Page B4

■ With Sauerbrey proposing a tax cut, the governor says he might do likewise. | Page B1

Making a Bid for a Rural Way of Life

Group Sets Up Land Trust to Save Calvert Farm

By LYNDSEY LAYTON
Washington Post Staff Writer

Not long after Walter Gibson died, his daughter and grandchildren inherited his farm—109 acres of rich Calvert County soil near the Patuxent River that Gibson family members had cultivated for nearly a century.

The descendants spoke with developers and filed papers at the local courthouse to divide the farm into 25 housing lots, clearing the way for a new chunk of suburbia, to be called Fresh Meadows. It's a scenario repeated in communities all around Washington, where sprawl is eating up farmland, replacing fields with lawns and barns with mini-malls.

But this time, the ending was different.

Three young farmers in Calvert County formed a land trust and used a sophisticated mix of tax incentives and preservation laws to outbid the developer and buy the Gibson farm. The trust then sold three lots for development and the rest to a farmer on the condition that it remain farmland forever.

A farm that nearly became a 25-house subdivision is back in bucolic business, growing leafy tobacco, corn and soybeans. And the conventional wisdom that says farmers make more by selling their land for development than by keeping it farmland was turned on its head.

"We're showing that preservation can com-

See FARM, A4, Col. 1

PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION

Washington Post
8/19/1998

THE PRESIDENCY IN CRISIS

Starr Summons Lewinsky to Testify on Clinton Version

PRESIDENT. From A1

Vineyard, walking to the Marine One helicopter on the White House South Lawn with Hillary Rodham Clinton and their 18-year-old daughter, Chelsea, who stood between them holding both their hands. The first lady made no comment herself but said through an aide that she was "committed to her marriage" and "loves him very much."

On their arrival at the Massachusetts island that has hosted them on three previous summer getaways, the first family was greeted with hugs by longtime friend Vernon E. Jordan Jr., the Washington attorney caught up in the investigation because he helped Lewinsky find a job in New York and a lawyer to draft an affidavit in the Jones case denying an affair with the president. In a determined show of recreation-as-usual, Clinton and Jordan plan to play golf later this week, although Jordan's lawyer cautioned him not to discuss the case.

As Clinton left town, new details emerged about his testimony to a grand jury watching through a closed-circuit linkup at the federal courthouse on Monday, the first time any president has ever been questioned in a criminal investigation of his actions.

Soon after the session began in the White House Map Room, Clinton read a prepared statement that



Former presidential adviser Dick Morris departs federal courthouse after his grand jury testimony.

by Jones's attorney James A. Fisher if he was ever alone with Lewinsky in the Oval Office, Clinton said, "I don't recall" but then said she

he testified yesterday about five conversations he said he had with Clinton in the first three days after the Lewinsky investigation became

appointment or even betrayal. Sen. Dianne Feinstein (Calif.), who was at his side in the White House when Clinton denied having sex with

PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION

testily.

The independent counsel's office had no comment on the president's testimony yesterday and there was no indication whether Starr was determined to press the issue. Starr could forgo further attempts to question the president and instead cite his refusal as an example of impeding his investigation in the report to Congress on possible grounds for impeachment, legal experts said.

and her return of presidential gifts to Clinton's personal secretary, Betty Currie, despite a subpoena ordering her to turn them over to Jones's lawyers. Details about how the president responded were not revealed yesterday, although in his Monday night address he flatly denied asking anyone to lie or hide evidence.

While the vast majority of the questioning at a session described by sources as combative dealt with

counsel Charles F.C. Ruff. According to one account, the session began at 1:03 p.m. and broke up at 6:18 p.m., including several breaks.

The Clinton camp is confident the president does not face legal peril on a charge of perjury in the Jones case because his answers in his Jan. 17 deposition were so vague and were often hedged with qualifiers such as "I believe" or "I recall" or "perhaps."

For example, when he was asked

she has left town for an undisclosed location, but Starr's office notified her yesterday that she must return tomorrow so the prosecutors can compare Clinton's testimony with her recollections.

Appearing at the courthouse yesterday was Dick Morris, the former political consultant forced out of the president's reelection campaign in the midst of his own sex scandal. Morris has been alienated from the White House in recent months, but

was "very encouraged by those calls," said White House press secretary Michael McCurry, and found that his allies "were sympathetic."

Vice President Gore later told reporters in a news conference during his Hawaiian vacation that "I felt he showed courage in acknowledging his mistakes before the American people and accepting full responsibility for his actions."

Yet many Democrats were less supportive, voicing a sense of dis-

taken responsibility for what he did, my case would have been resolved long ago."

While Clinton insisted his statements in his deposition were "legally accurate," Jones's lawyers said yesterday they plan to use his admission to try to persuade a federal appeals court to reinstate her case.

Staff researcher Nathan Abse contributed to this report.



Aides Worry About Clinton Speech's Effect

DECISION, From A1

Clinton gave was emphatically his own—too much so for his own good, some aides worried yesterday.

The consensus among numerous Clinton loyalists, both in the White House and outside, was that Clinton had effectively addressed the concerns of a majority of Americans, with his televised statement that his relationship with Lewinsky was "not appropriate" and that he took "complete responsibility" for a "critical lapse in judgment."

But several advisers also agreed that the second half of Clinton's speech—with its seething tone toward Starr and the president's insistence that his adulterous sexual relationship with the former intern was "nobody's business" but his family's—had inflamed an already hostile environment in Washington.

In the assessment of White House political advisers, Republicans and the news media wanted Clinton to be held, and to hold himself, accountable for his transgressions with Lewinsky. That being the case, they argued, why would he want to muddy a speech intended to signal remorse and the acceptance of responsibility with words of victimhood and grievance?

The answer—and the last word on the subject—was that Clinton himself wanted it that way. In the end political advisers persuaded Clinton to tone down some of his rhetoric, but the gist of it stayed intact.

"People complain Clinton is programmed," said one Clinton adviser, "but it does not get any more authentic than this. He said exactly what he thinks."

Numerous sources with firsthand or close

was expressing regret about.

A third cluster, which included White House aide Sidney Blumenthal and apparently had the support of first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, was eager to take the offensive against Starr with expressions of outrage about the roaming nature of his four-year investigation and condemnation of his alleged violations of privacy. Blumenthal faxed in his suggestions from a European vacation.

Amid this barrage of advice, aides said Hillary Clinton urged her husband to simply say what he felt.

Yet even a speech as intimately personal as this was, like all Clinton speeches, a committee product.

Begala, a political consultant who joined the White House staff last year, was tapped as editor of the effort. Begala, colleagues said, had been crafting passages for a hypothetical contrition speech all weekend. His versions, sources said, contained far more forceful language of regret than the one Clinton finally gave, and none of the attacks on Starr.

But Begala was working only in the abstract. It was not until Monday, after Clinton had begun testifying, that Kantor was given the green light to actually share with him Clinton's proposed speech. The president's handwritten notes had by then been put into typed form.

Only then, just several hours before the speech, did White House officials learn of the harsh language Clinton wanted to include against Starr.

Even some aides who wanted Clinton to take a softer line were wary of overdoing any words of apology. They rejected as undignified a draft

use went far enough.

While most of the country likes Clinton and is rooting for him, one aide said, Republicans and many reporters are driven to distraction by their fear that Clinton is getting away with something.

It was largely to overcome the response emanating from Washington that White House political advisers worked yesterday to generate a public perception that Clinton has indeed paid for his sins. This is one reason, aides said, why Clinton loyalists such as consultant James Carville kept stressing publicly how angry Hillary Clinton is over her husband's deception.

And the White House prodded Democrats on Capitol Hill to spread the message that Clinton has paid a grievous price for what they describe as private sexual follies. Among those whom political advisers prompted to make a statement was Sen. Robert G. Torricelli (D-N.J.), who called a reporter unsolicited from a trip to England.

"As a husband, father and a man, Bill Clinton has been humiliated," said Torricelli. "I see no value in compounding the pain."

Torricelli said he spoke with Clinton yesterday and discerned a deep "sense of relief: Bill Clinton probably always knew he was going to face this moment of truth."

White House aides, meanwhile, said they were coming to terms with their own feelings about Clinton's Monday night admission. Some expressed astonishment, not merely at Clinton, but at White House lawyers. For nearly seven months, aides said, they had been given assurances by lawyers that when Clinton denied in January having "sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky," he was not taking on

8/19/1998
Washington Post

PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION

8/19/1998
Washington Post

PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION

THE WASHINGTON POST

THE PRESIDENCY IN CRISIS

A Singaporean woman gets the latest details of the Monica S. Lewinsky scandal as she reads the text of President Clinton's Monday address in the New Paper, Singapore's afternoon paper, which ran a quote from the speech on its front page.



BY ED WRAY—ASSOCIATED PRESS

World's Reaction Mixture of Shock and Disbelief

REACTIONS, From A14

somolskaya Pravda was chagrined to note that "the next American president will be a closed and sullen prude. This is the lesson from the long-suffering Bill Clinton."

In other countries, the Clinton

STOREWIDE SAVINGS AND EXCEPTIONAL VALUES GOING

20%-50% OFF



25% off

GIRLS' SKIRTS, SWEATERS & KHAKIS
Plus, fashion denim, vests & woven shirts from for girls' 7-16. Reg. \$19-\$35 **Sale 14.25-26.25**



sale 16.99-29.99

JUNIORS' CLASS ACTS

Make the grade in great looks from Yunique, Lei, Betty Blue, Volume 1 & others. Reg. \$20-\$38

FOR HER

sale 14.99-21.99

FLEECE ESSENTIALS

Terrific selections from our exclusive Jennifer Moore for misses, petites and women. Reg. 24.99-29.99

sale 19.99-24.99

A WARDROBE OF SKIRTS

Great styles in the colors you want most from Briggs. Reg. \$30-\$34

sale 79.99-199.99

WOOL, LEATHER & DOWN JACKETS

A preview of the season's best favorite maker jackets for misses and juniors. Reg. 119.99-\$369

25% off

JUNIORS' WIDE LEGS AND TOPS

Plus burnout tees, twinsets and more! Reg. \$24-\$40 **Sale 18-29.99**

25% off

JUNIORS' ATHLETIC STYLES

This year's prerequisites: side stripes, hooded tops and more! Reg. 18-39.99 **Sale 13.50-29.99**

sale 44.99

SKECHERS SNEAKER

Dreamer. White or black leather; black, navy or light blue suede. Sizes 6-10M. Reg. \$89



sale

SAG

Great wear
petites

FOR ADDITIONAL SAVINGS!

presidents deserved their private space. "We are only human beings. We have to have private lives also," he said.

Clinton's admission of adultery reminded many Israelis of their own prime minister's rocky marital history. As a contender for leadership of the opposition Likud party in 1993, Binyamin Netanyahu went on Israel Television to admit to having cheated on his third and present wife Sara.

Some wondered whether the words Netanyahu used then to salvage his own political career, in part by accusing political rivals of trying to blackmail him, had wound their way into Clinton's discourse. "It is a personal matter and will remain a personal matter," Netanyahu said at the time. "If I have a debt, and I have a debt on this matter, it is to my wife, my family and no one else.... Politicians have private lives too. There are problems in many families."

Netanyahu—on holiday at the Sea of Galilee with his wife and two sons—told reporters on Monday that

"It shows two things—that Clinton can be exposed as a liar in front of everybody and that your country won't collapse because of it. This could never happen in China."

— Wang Xiaofeng,
a Beijing pedicab driver

Clinton is a "friend of Israel and I'm sure he will overcome all the problems."

That was just the problem for Iraq's most influential newspaper, Babel, which perceives a conspiracy. "The basic Zionist game has become clear," it said today: Israel and the U.S. Jewish lobby hatched the Monica Lewinsky affair in a plot to unseat Clinton and install Vice President Gore, "known for his pro-Zionist stand."

The Iraqi paper even seemed to feel sentimental about the party of Desert Storm. Gore's "flattery" of Israel to win the presidency in 2000, it said, "would guarantee a defeat of the Republicans, who are the best of the worst."

The scandal broke earlier this year just as Clinton was pressing Netanyahu to make concessions to the Palestinians. Plot or no plot, the scandal has clearly let Israel off the hook, according to analysts across the spectrum in Israel.

"Thanks to the fact that the president's head is otherwise engaged, there is no pressure on us, that is clear and simple," said Nissan Slomiansky, a member of the Israeli Knesset, or parliament, from the right-wing National Religious Party. Said Yossi Sarid of the left-wing Meretz party: "If Monica Lewinsky hadn't existed, Binyamin Netanyahu would have had to invent her."

The way Americans handle their

EXCEPTIONAL VALUES GOING ON NOW!

0% OFF

Reg. & Orig.
prices plus
terrific values

FOR HER

sale 14.99-21.99

FLEECE ESSENTIALS

Terrific selections from our exclusive Jennifer Moore for misses, petites and women. Reg. 24.99-29.99

sale 19.99-24.99

A WARDROBE OF SKIRTS

Great styles in the colors you want most from Briggs. Reg. \$30-\$34

sale 79.99-199.99

WOOL, LEATHER & DOWN JACKETS

A preview of the season's best favorite maker jackets for misses and juniors. Reg. 119.99-\$369

25% off

JUNIORS' WIDE LEGS AND TOPS

Plus burnout tees, twinsets and more! Reg. \$24-\$40 **Sale \$18-29.99**

25% off

JUNIORS' ATHLETIC STYLES

This year's prerequisites: side stripes, hooded tops and more! Reg. \$18-39.99 **Sale \$13.50-29.99**

sale 44.99

SKECHERS SNEAKER

Dreamer. White or black leather; black, navy or light blue suede. Sizes 6-10M. Reg. \$89



sale 19.99-24.99

SAG HARBOR SEPARATES

Great wardrobe building styles for misses, petites and women. Reg. \$30-\$40



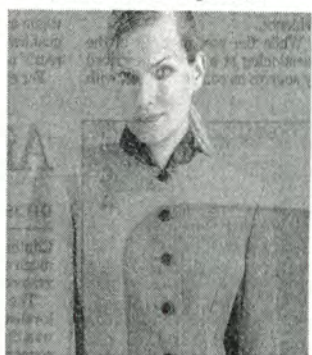
.99
TS
inique, Lei,
\$20-\$38



your choice 19.99

FASHION SWEATERS

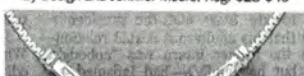
Terrific styles & colors from Designer Original Studio, By Design and Jennifer Moore. Reg. \$28-\$40



30% off

ALL FALL SUITS

The latest skirt suits and pantsuits for misses and petites. Reg. \$160-\$260 **Sale \$112-\$182**



PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION

8/19/1998
Washington Post

8/19/1998
Washington Post

PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION



suffering Bill Clinton.
In other countries, the Clinton

of his many extramarital affairs. Dur-
ing his recent presidential campaign,

da said he "definitely" agreed that
presidents deserved their private
space. "We are only human beings.
We have to have private lives also,"
he said.

Clinton's admission of adultery
reminded many Israelis of their own
prime minister's rocky marital histo-
ry. As a contender for leadership of
the opposition Likud party in 1993,
Binyamin Netanyahu went on Israel
Television to admit to having cheat-
ed on his third and present wife Sara.

Some wondered whether the
words Netanyahu used then to sal-
vage his own political career, in part
by accusing political rivals of trying
to blackmail him, had wound their
way into Clinton's discourse. "It is a
personal matter and will remain a
personal matter," Netanyahu said at
the time. "If I have a debt, and I have
a debt on this matter, it is to my wife,
my family and no one else.... Poli-
ticians have private lives too. There
are problems in many families."

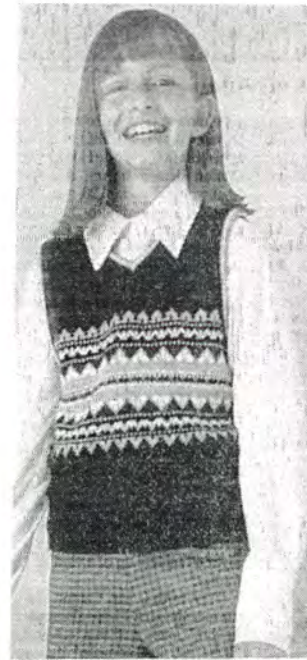
Netanyahu—on holiday at the Sea
of Galilee with his wife and two
sons—told reporters on Monday that

"It shows two
things—that Clinton
can be exposed as a
liar in front of
everybody and that
your country won't
collapse because of
it. This could never
happen in China."

— Wang Xiaofeng,
a Beijing pedicab driver

Clinton is a "friend of Israel and I'm

STOREWIDE SAVINGS AND EXCEPTIONAL VALUES GOING ON NOW!
20%-50% OFF



FOR HER

sale 14.99-21.99

FLEECE ESSENTIALS

Fertile selections from our exclusive Jennifer Moore
for misses, petites and women. Reg. 24.99-29.99

sale 19.99-24.99

A WARDROBE OF SKIRTS

Great styles in the colors you want most from Briggs.
Reg. \$30-\$34

sale 79.99-199.99

WOOL, LEATHER & DOWN JACKETS

A preview of the season's best favorite mailer jackets
for misses and juniors. Reg. 119.99-\$369

25% off

JUNIORS' WIDE LEGS AND TOPS

Plus burnout tees, twinsets and more!
Reg. \$24-\$40 Sale \$18-29.99

25% off

JUNIORS' ATHLETIC STYLES

This year's prerequisites: side stripes, hooded tops
and more! Reg. \$18-39.99 Sale \$13.50-29.99



25% off
GIRLS' SKIRTS, SWEATERS & KHAKIS
 Plus, fashion denim, vests & woven shirts from for
 girls' 7-16. Reg. \$19-\$35 **Sale 14.25-26.25**

16.99-29.99
JUNIORS' CLASS ACTS
 Make the grade in great looks from Younique, Lei,
 Betty Blue, Volume 1 & others. Reg. \$20-\$38

SKECHERS SNEAKER
 Dreamer. White or black leather; black, navy or
 light blue suede. Sizes 6-10M. Reg. \$89

sale 19.99-24.99
SAG HARBOR SEPARATES
 Great wardrobe building styles for misses,
 petites and women. Reg. \$30-\$40

Iraq's most influential newspaper, Babel, which perceives a conspiracy. "The basic Zionist game has become clear," it said today: Israel and the U.S. Jewish lobby hatched the Monica Lewinsky affair in a plot to unseat Clinton and install Vice President Gore, "known for his pro-Zionist stand."

The Iraqi paper even seemed to feel sentimental about the party of Desert Storm. Gore's "flattery" of Israel to win the presidency in 2000, it said, "would guarantee a defeat of the Republicans, who are the best of the worst."

The scandal broke earlier this year just as Clinton was pressing Netanyahu to make concessions to the Palestinians. Plot or no plot, the scandal has clearly let Israel off the hook, according to analysts across the spectrum in Israel.

"Thanks to the fact that the president's head is otherwise engaged, there is no pressure on us, that is clear and simple," said Nissan Slomiansky, a member of the Israeli Knesset, or parliament, from the right-wing National Religious Party. Said Yossi Sarid of the left-wing Meretz party: "If Monica Lewinsky hadn't existed, Binyamin Netanyahu would have had to invent her."

The way Americans handle their worst scandals suggests important silver linings to many foreign observers, especially those who lack political freedoms.

In Jordan, Saleh al-Qallab, writing in the al-Arab al-Yawm newspaper, wrote, "In Third World countries, governed by demigods who have come to power on the backs of tanks and usurped power, no power on earth can bring the ruler, who considers himself the envoy of the divine power, to the courtroom until after he has fallen."

A world away, Chen Shao, a middle-aged government worker fanning himself in a Beijing park after sunset this evening, said: "Clinton admitted he was wrong. When has a Chinese leader done that in front of us? I tell you the mistakes have been

FOR ADDITIONAL SAVINGS!

take an extra
15% off

ANY SINGLE SALE OR CLEARANCE
 PURCHASE STOREWIDE
 (10% OFF HOME AND
 MEN'S TAILORED CLOTHING)

macy's

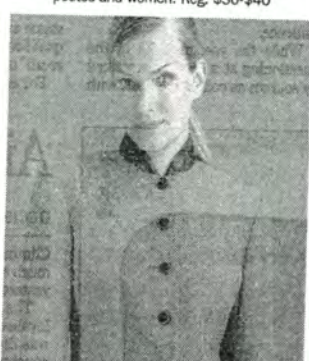
TOP QUALITY DEPARTMENTS: Designer Collections, Diamonds, Fabrics, Jewelry, Shoes, Handbags, Women's Suits, Small Electronics, Vacuums, Furniture, Mattresses, Food, Candy, Small Appliances, DESIGNER: Tommy Hilf, Nautica, Calvin Klein, Calvin Klein Home, Polo, Ralph Lauren, Lauren Ralph Lauren Home, Claiborne for Men, Liz Claiborne Home, Guess, Guess Home, Coach, Totti, Hartmann, COLLECTIONS: INC., Levi's, DKNY, jeans, Watches, L'Oréal, Whittier, Wedgwood, Royal Doulton, Spode, Lenox, Gorham, Noritake, Disney, Arthur Court, Vintory & Koch, Berkeley, Hainsworth, House, Christopher, Royal Velvet, Gault, Inc. valid on Super Buy, Best Values, Price Hikes, & the purchases. Excludes Gift Baskets, Certificates, Selected Lease Departments, phone orders or Macy's By Mail. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Macy's employees not eligible.

Valid 8/19/98-8/23/98.



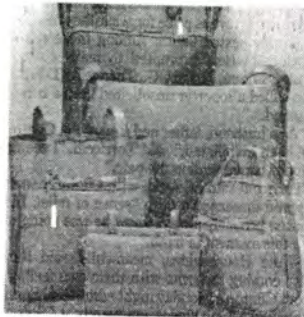
your choice 19.99
FASHION SWEATERS

Terrific styles & colors from Designer Original Studio, By Design and Jennifer Moore. Reg. \$28-\$40



30% off
ALL FALL SUITS

The latest skirt suits and pantsuits for misses and petites. Reg. \$160-\$260 **Sale \$112-\$182**



25%-30% off
BACKPACKS AND HANDBAGS

Best name backpacks, organizers, agendas, minibags and satchels. Reg. \$15-\$65 **Sale \$11.25-48.75**



sale 44.99
BASS PENNY LOAFER

Dynasty. Classic styling in black, burgundy or navy. Her sizes 6-10M. Reg. \$55



40%-50% off
ALL SAPPHIRES

September's birthstone set in a dazzling selection of jewelry. Reg. \$300-\$1200 **Sale \$99-\$720**



30% off
ALL BRAS

From Bali®, Olga®, Maidenform® and Warner's®. Reg. \$20-\$27 **Sale \$14-18.20**



8/19/1998
 Washington Post

PHOTOCOPY
 PRESERVATION

THE PRESIDENCY IN CRISIS

First lady Hillary Clinton greets members of a crowd assembled to welcome the first family as they arrived at Martha's Vineyard, where they plan to vacation for nearly two weeks. Most of the people who greeted the Clintons were enthusiastic, some carrying welcoming signs.



PHOTOS BY SUEAN BEDELL FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

With Admission, Scandal Takes On A Religious Cast

By HANNA ROSIN
Washington Post Staff Writer

For months, a phalanx of lawyers, advisers and friends have taken to the airwaves to angrily reject suggestions that President Clinton had a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky. But in the last few days, as Clinton signaled and then acknowledged that the allegations were true, the two strongest voices asking the nation to forgive the president have been the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson and the Rev. J. Philip Wogaman, the minister at Foundry United Methodist Church, where Clinton worships most Sundays when he's in town.

Their emergence reflects the transformation of a months-long political scandal into a morality tale in which questions of confession, contrition and forgiveness traditionally the concern of pastors and theologians have suddenly become the focus of public debate.

Like an errant parishioner, Clinton now finds himself publicly scrutinized by religious leaders, a kind of pastoral treatment he in some ways has invited. Clinton regularly attends church and prayer breakfasts, and since becoming president has turned for moral counsel to a string of spiritual advisers, from Rex Hume, the pastor of the Southern Baptist church in Little Rock to which he belongs, to evangelist Billy Graham.

The defining theme of his second term came from another adviser, Robert Schuller, a world-famous evangelist who appears on "The Hour of Power" show. Schuller introduced Clinton to his favorite biblical passage, Isaiah 58:12, and Clinton began calling himself the "healer of the breach."

On the Sunday before his testimony the only image of Clinton was coming in and out of Wogaman's church

PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION

the waiting on Clinton on the tarmac at the airport. "We're with ya, baby. We're with ya!"

Tamara Benton, who had watched the president's televised remarks Monday night, was also there to greet him, working her way to the front of the line and grasping Clinton's hand for a second. "Ahhhh!" exclaimed the 26-year-old secretary from Edgartown, with her friends standing nearby. "He looked right at me. He's so good-looking."

Benton and Griffin were among the hundreds of people who trekked to the airport to greet Clinton and his family as they began their vacation away from the harsh spotlight of Washington, where innumerable pundits debated his future a day after he publicly admitted he had misled the country about his relationship with former White House intern Monica S. Lewinsky.

As if the most humiliating moment of his political career had not occurred just hours before, Clinton walked along the line greeting the throng of people who interrupted their day to catch a glimpse of their most famous neighbor—in an enclave filled with the rich and/or famous—for the next 12 days. But among



President Clinton and Hillary Clinton return greetings from a crowd as they arrive in Massachusetts. Spokesman Michael McCurry said the family "has some healing to do."

those who came to see Clinton, there were those who were disturbed by his Monday announcement.

"I just thought it was really annoying," said Bridget Salvi, an attorney from Chicago on vacation with her husband, Joe, and their 2-year-old son. The Salvys said they voted for Clinton in the past two elections. "I mean, it seemed like he blamed everybody, the media, Ken Starr, Congress, everybody, instead of just accepting the blame for what he did."

But they seemed to be the minority. At the airport, Clinton worked the crowd for about a half hour, and many people held signs with encouraging messages such as "I support Bill" and "Welcome back Bill and Hillary." Afterward, the president retreated to the secluded Oyster Pond compound of Boston developer Richard

Friedman, who has hosted the family in the past.

Clinton press secretary Michael McCurry said tonight that the president planned on spending much time with his family, which "has some healing to do." And he insisted that Clinton was more worried about the reaction of his family than the reaction of voters in the inevitable polls that began coming out today.

McCurry left open the likelihood the president would participate in some official events, perhaps out of town, next week, but aides scrapped a proposal for Clinton to travel to Philadelphia Friday so the family could have more time together first. Mostly, Clinton plans to relax by "chilling" with his family and perhaps playing golf with buddy Vernon E. Jordan Jr., who along with singer Carly Simon

but Markowitz, 34, a furniture salesman from Annapolis, on vacation with his family. "I feel the sexual aspect of the relationship is between him and his wife ... and to try to proceed with impeachment hearings over sexual allegations is ludicrous."

At least one Vineyard group was more than willing to give the nation's leader an "all clear": Seven young men, in ties and starched shirts, said they could forgive a presidential transgression as they waited outside the county courthouse in Edgartown to face charges of disorderly conduct and illegal alcohol possession.

"He's doing a good job as president, and I don't think his private life has anything to do with how he runs the country," said Benjamin Scrimalli, 19, from Scranton, Pa. Besides, said one of his friends, "Maybe he'll help get us off."

"I'm embarrassed to be an American, not because of the minor peccadilloes, but because our society makes so much out of nothing," said Raymond Schlicher, 50, owner of Cafe Luna in Oak Bluffs, a town on the Vineyard, and a Clinton acquaintance who helped prepare the president's 47th birthday dinner and expects to cook for him again. "The guy needs a vacation."

things—a passage often read at Christian weddings.

In their brief phone conversation Monday night, Wogaman said Clinton told him he "felt a bit of relief, because he had bottomed out." Once a person reaches that low point, only "love and hope" can help them heal, while "a context of vindictiveness" is likely to stunt their recovery, said Wogaman.

By speaking for Clinton, Wogaman said he hopes to help him carve out a private space to work out his troubles with his wife and daughter and God, out of the media's judgmental eye.

And while he said he does not condone Clinton's moral lapse, Wogaman said he would not defend him if he did not believe it was a minor aspect of his whole moral character.

"If I didn't have confidence in the essential goodness of a person I would maintain a discreet silence and not return calls from the press," he said.

Both Jackson and Wogaman compared Clinton not just to any sinners, but to the most extravagant ones: King David, Adam and Solomon. King David not only slept with Bathsheba but sent her husband to his death in battle, and—they both point out—still kept his kingdom. The story of the president's involvement with Lewinsky, Jackson said yesterday, follows the same line as the saga of Adam and Eve: "from original sin to original shame to original lie."

But, he pointed out, God eventually forgave them. But while the two ministers may reflect the attitude of many Americans toward the scandal, they themselves are hardly in the mainstream of Protestant ministers.

Wogaman has long been controversial for his support of homosexuals, and his writings on racism and pacifism. Former senator Robert J. Dole and his wife, Elizabeth, left his church in 1995 after a conservative group issued a critical report on Wogaman's liberal politics and theology.

Clinton first visited the church one Sunday morning in the winter of 1993, when a heavy snowstorm closed most other churches in downtown Washington. He came that day and stayed, because he enjoys the "informal atmosphere," said the Rev. Walter Shropshire, who gave the sermon Clinton heard last Sunday. Hillary Clinton, unlike her husband, is a Methodist, and Chelsea belonged to the church's youth group before she left for college.

Shropshire is more restrained than Wogaman in defending the president. "I am disappointed that he began to slip into blaming the actions of other people," he said. "I would have been happier if he had stuck with a mea culpa, 'what do I personally need to do.'"

Shropshire said when he was listening to Clinton's statement, he experienced a "déjà vu" to an earlier scandal he had been through, when Foundry's then-head minister confessed to a number of affairs with parishioners, and "when it came time to leave ... also started to blame other people, and that's what I found troubling about President Clinton's statement [Monday]."

Hillary Clinton 'Is Committed' to Her Marriage

FIRST LADY, From A1

Berry's unusual public comments about the first lady's attitude toward her marriage appeared to have three goals: To satisfy press clamor for Hillary Clinton's reaction to the president's admission Monday night of an improper relationship with another woman. To reassure the public that—however egregious her husband's behavior—Hillary Clinton was standing by him. And to make clear that—while the president may have knowingly misled the American public—the first lady did so only inadvertently and because she herself had not been told the truth.

Berry's statement came after Hillary Clinton's top advisers in and outside the White House held a strategy session and conference call during which it was decided that Berry would make the remarks.

"It's fair to say this is not the best day of her life," Berry said. "No one's saying this isn't serious."

However, Berry added, "It's at times like this when she relies on her strong religious faith. She is committed to her marriage and loves her husband and daughter very much. The other thing is she wants folks to know that she

television in January and made some statements without a full picture of the complete facts." In addition, the adviser said, Berry's statement was designed "to basically shut down speculation about her, how she's doing and how their marriage is doing, to put people at ease."

Said another adviser, "I assume that her own credibility matters a lot to her and she wouldn't want anyone to think that she intentionally misled the country even though he did." Asked how a Yale-educated lawyer who has known for years that there were serious questions about her husband's fidelity could have remained in the dark for so long, this adviser said, "She obviously believed him until she couldn't any more."

As Hillary Clinton left the White House yesterday for a Martha's Vineyard vacation with her husband and their daughter Chelsea, Berry said the first lady would have no public comment on the Lewinsky controversy.

Others described the first lady's reaction as a strange mixture of anger and outrage at President Clinton's actions and a brisk professionalism in helping steer the president through his latest crisis.

One senior White House official said throughout the day Monday that Hillary Clinton was "gliding" through the

James Carville, who participated in the White House strategy session Monday, said of Hillary Clinton's reaction: "What was it Ricky used to tell Lucy? I think the president's got some 'splainin' to do. I think, to paraphrase Queen Victoria, she's not amused. I think the president's going to spend a little time in the woodshed here."

But at the same time, by all accounts, Hillary Clinton clicked into action mode as Clinton raced to beat a deadline for yet another critical speech. "At some point she stopped being worried about herself and thought, essentially, 'Bill needs me,'" said one adviser. "... I've got to get involved and help because this is a big moment for him and we'll worry about the other stuff later."

Said one senior White House official, "My sense was she was supportive last night and she had her sense of humor about her and she was helping him get through a difficult situation. ... This had to be a difficult day, but she didn't show the strain, she was making people feel comfortable in that environment."

As the clock ticked closer to 10 p.m., this official said, Hillary Clinton was emphasizing to the president: "It's

8/19/1998
Washington Post

PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION

Inside

- 3** Names & Faces: Milestone for Clinton
- 3** Music: An edgy Lou Reed at 9:30
- 5** Theater: Broad humor in "Charley"
- 7** Weekend TV: Highlights and listings

Style

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 1998

B

The Arts
Television
Comics

M1

Movies

'Avengers': Old Gem, Tinny New Setting

By STEPHEN HUNTER
Washington Post Staff Writer

The best thing in the new "Avengers" movie is the old Avenger, Patrick Macnee. You have to look quick and listen hard to catch him because he's playing an



PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION



Ralph Fiennes and Uma Thurman go through their paces as Steed and Peel.

BY DAVID APPELBY—HARRIS BROS.

TV Preview

HBO Hits a Grand Slam With the Babe's Biography

By DENNIS TUTTLE
Special to The Washington Post

He hit home runs higher, farther and with more frequency than any player until this fellow Mark McGwire came along.

He was a large, loud and lovable buffoon who, as author Donald Honig says, "had the face of a happy catcher's mitt."

He drank too much, ate too much and cheated on both his wives—but he never met a child he didn't love or a fan he didn't have time for.

He single-handedly saved baseball at a time when it was ripping with scandal, and half a century after his death, his popularity hasn't faded.

"Babe Ruth," the latest in HBO's brilliant "Sports of the 20th Century" series, is a compelling and comprehensive biography of the man who remains a spiritual, mythical force in our culture. The hour-long show, which premieres at 8 p.m. tomorrow,



HBO honors slugger Babe Ruth on

COLLECTIONS of a woman

Whatever Her Reason, Hillary Clinton Stands by Her Man. And the Public Approves.

By LOIS ROMANO
Washington Post Staff Writer

Margot Sage-El is co-owner of a small bookstore in Montclair, N.J., where she describes her clientele as mostly "highly educated women with high-powered careers." Like many others around the country, her customers have spent their fair share of time chattering about the latest sex scandal in Washington—but not about the tawdry details.

"We don't even care about the dress—get over it," Sage-El, 42, declares from her home.

What her customers do want to talk about, she says, is Hillary Clinton.

"I just don't know what drives her," muses the small business owner, who has clearly given the first lady some thought.

"She's maintaining her own dignity—not so much standing behind her man—she's maintaining her own self-respect with this dog she's married to. It's

her choice to stay with him—for whatever reason, I can't figure out why. . . . I don't know what she's going to get out of it."

Hillary Rodham Clinton is inarguably the most analyzed woman in America today, in part because she has not allowed herself to be pigeonholed into any neat little packages. She has eschewed the traditional images of the political wife—keeping her maiden name for years and refusing to exploit her daughter for the pages of People. She has even avoided the trappings of physical consistency: She has had more dramatically different hair styles in the past six years than most women have in a lifetime.

The right has long tried—with some success—to define her as a left-wing feminist out of step with the traditional American woman—whomever that is. But for the average Jane, the fascination has been much more basic: What does drive her? Why, people

■ An erroneous report said President Clinton would go on the air Monday. See Page B3

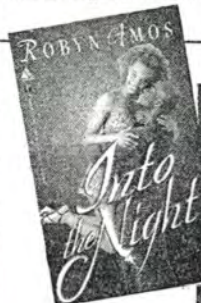
wonder, would a smart, successful woman stay with an admittedly unfaithful husband?

The speculative answers have always been too simplistic, often political and sometimes just plain mean-spirited. She's crazy about him, some of her loyalists suggest, and so she looks the other way. She stays in it strictly for the power, her political detractors flatly state. She lives her own life, others sniff.

Answers or insights about the first lady are no clearer today than they were when she arrived at the White House. Yet the American public seems to be rallying to her side these days, giving clear approval of the job she is doing and how she has conducted herself in the midst of the scandal. She is no more translucent or less complex than before. But perhaps that is the point. In her, they say, are many things. In her, they are seeing themselves.

"I identify with her because she really is a woman of my generation, and here she is in this traditional

See FIRST LADY, B2, Col. 1



Robyn Amos of Gaithersburg has just written her fourth ethnic romance novel.



BY MARIE FORNEY MARGO—THE WASHINGTON POST

Writing in Living Color

Romance Novelist Robyn Amos and the Stuff of Dreams

By PHYLLICIA OPPELT
Washington Post Staff Writer

Romance novels are the ultimate fantasy. Girl meets boy and lives happily ever after. Everyone knows this, including Robyn Amos. She writes them. But her heroes and heroines are black. She writes the "ethnic romance."

Perhaps that means everything is different. Do black heroes go about saying, "Yo, brother whazzup?" and black heroines go into a huddle to talk the sista talk?

Absolutely not, says the 27-year-old Amos. A romance is a romance is a romance. Except her heroines aren't "peaches-and-cream" beauties or her heroes "steely, blue-eyed" executives.

Having written four ethnic novels, Amos is something of an expert on the subject of skin color, hair texture and speech patterns for black characters. She's certainly been asked enough times just how she manages to make and keep her characters black.

See AMOS, B5, Col. 1

Undressed In a Flash?

Camera May Take Revealing Portraits

By MICHAEL COLTON
Washington Post Staff Writer

Remember those "X-ray specs" advertised in the backs of comic books? The ones that promised glimpses through clothing and skin but, most importantly, through clothing?

And remember how they delivered a big, dense mass of nothing?

Now, for several hundred dollars more, the curious can try again with a high-tech version that Sony has unwittingly let loose on the market. Consumers are divided as to whether this is indeed a true gateway to flesh—the Holy Grail of home electronics—or just much ado about clothing.

See CAMERA, B2, Col. 1

Benjamin Forgey is away. His *Citizens column* will resume

8/15/1998
Washington Post

PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION

8/15/1998
Washington Post
PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION

Sage-El. "She tried to make it work the way she envisioned it, and the public slapped her down. . . . She's still trying to find her place. And with marriage, too—we all know that marriage isn't perfect and you do have to let some things go to make the whole picture work."

As President Clinton's troubles have escalated, and as he prepares to testify about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky on Monday, Hillary Clinton seems to have risen above it all in the eyes of many American women. Recent public opinion surveys, in fact, show that more Americans than ever—women in particular—say they have a favorable view of her.

"She may not be behaving as a first wife should behave, but women believe she is behaving like a first lady should behave—loyal and dignified," says Myrna Blyth, editor in chief of Ladies' Home Journal. "Women may be saying, 'I would throw the bum out,' but they don't want to see the first lady behaving like that."

Partisan skeptics caution that public opinion could still shift as the facts continue to unfold. "If it comes out that the president lied and Hillary knew he lied, the American public would be disenchanted," says Republican pollster Ed Goetz. "She would no longer be a victim. She would be a co-conspirator."

But for now, women tend to be looking at Hillary Clinton in a different light. Few see her as a victim or a dupe. To the contrary, some say they see the 50-year-old first lady as a totally modern woman, who is not standing tall merely to protect her husband and cling to their relationship, but to protect the dignity of her own role—as first lady, mother and professional woman.

"People are watching her for different things now . . . how she's able to compose herself under this barrage of bad press directed at her husband," suggests Mia Levy, 22, a recent graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. "She is the first lady and, granted, nobody elected her to be, but it is a

dential spouse with her own full-time career, plucked from a generation of women struggling to have it all yet guilty about giving up their traditional homemaker roles. She believed, friends say, that if she openly took the lead on issues she cared about, like health care, there would be less speculation about her hidden power. Instead, many seemed uneasy with her cards-on-the-table approach.

But over time some say they came to appreciate her consistent commitment to her causes and the commendable job she did raising her only child, Chelsea. And there is something else. Even in 1998, American women are still grappling with their own ever-changing roles—in relationships and in the work force. Clinton, some women point out, reflects those universal struggles.

"I think it's simply that all of a sudden Hillary has become more human," says Ruth Fine, 70, a leader in philanthropic causes in Boston.

"I don't think it's pity. I think this is what happens to lots of relationships, and you live with it. Probably more people than we know live with such relationships. Forget what we think of the man, it's the relationship thing, and I suspect it's the way life is for lots of people. I think people see it that way, and they empathize."

Kelly Oakleaf, 21, a University of Kansas senior who has barely begun to examine her own choices in life, says she admires Clinton for balancing her roles—something to which Oakleaf aspires.

"Women are put in such hard positions. You never know what to do," says Oakleaf, who describes herself as a conservative and a Christian. "You can be like a family woman, and be kind of like in back of your man. Or you can have your own career and do your own thing and be independent. And I think it's really hard for women to go to the middle. I just think we have it rough."

Experts add that part of Clinton's approval could be coming from the fact that in the past decade women have become less judgmental



BY GARY DANEN—ASSOCIATED PRESS

Clinton greets residents after examining flood damage. In the midst of scandal, a significant portion of the American public seems to be rallying to her side.

about adultery. Isaiah Zimmerman, a Washington clinical psychologist and marriage therapist, says that many of the women he sees today are more tolerant about infidelity because they appreciate the complexities of maintaining long-term relationships.

"They want to forgive and save the marriage, and they see the first lady as trying to do this in the face of forces trying to destroy the marriage," Zimmerman says.

Ellen Levine, the editor in chief of Good Housekeeping, says she too has seen a marked change in women's attitudes toward adultery in recent years.

"When the whole Gary Hart episode happened, American women were mad at Lee Hart. They wanted her to leave him," says Levine, who conducted surveys on the subject while editor of Woman's Day. Today, Good Housekeeping's 4.5 million readers are largely supportive of the first lady, she says, admiring Clinton "for her dignity."

A poll to be published in Ladies' Home Journal's September issue shows that as many women today—46 percent—would forgive their husbands for being unfaithful than would not. A similar poll conducted by

the magazine seven years ago indicated that only 12 percent would forgive men who who cheated on them.

Blyth and Levine also say they believe there is another reason their readers have been overwhelmingly pro-Hillary. "The public today is very wary of issues that cross the line between public and private," Levine says. "They are sending a clear message that this is none of our business."

Most of those interviewed agreed that by actions and words Clinton herself has sent a very clear message that this is strictly a personal matter—that she has it under control and that, if she is okay with it, why should others judge her.

"She has made a decision not to air her dirty laundry in public," says Betty Hung, a 27-year-old San Francisco investment banker. "I don't buy into this victim stuff. I tend to think she knows everything that is going on."

Hung, like others, expresses a great deal of admiration for Clinton because she is "trying to move beyond the sordid stuff and get on with her job."

Women also seem to be giving Clinton the

benefit of the doubt—that however things appear, perhaps she is making the right choices for her and her family, and that when all the facts come out, she will ultimately come to the right conclusions about her marriage and her life.

Christine Strauss, a 45-year-old elementary school librarian in Colorado and mother of two daughters, says Clinton is appropriately "defending her husband."

"That's the thing that a courageous person does," says Strauss. "But I'll be very interested to see what happens after he is out of the White House. I think she should divorce him."

"I am sure she has addressed it in her way and in the appropriate place," says Blanche Lambert Lincoln, 37, a former House Democrat from Arkansas who is running for the Senate. "But I don't know that it is her responsibility to answer to the American public about what is happening in her private life."

Staff writers Libby Ingrid Copeland, Tom Kemworthy and Dale Russakoff contributed to this report.



Camera's Alleged X-Ray Vision Is a Point of Focus

CAMERA, From B1

This month, the Japanese electronics giant halted shipment of its Handycam video cameras until modifica-

though he has not used a Sony Handycam, doubts the feature's effectiveness.

"Under precise conditions, you'll think you'll see something but you won't," said Uthig, president of SWS.

clothing is worn, the distance of the person to the camera—that reported capability could be replicated."

But Neiman added that American technicians are still evaluating the product and have not reached a conclu-

Little Second-Guessing Of the First Lady

FIRST LADY. From B1

role, first lady, she didn't fit into," says Sage-El. "She tried to make it work the way she envisioned it, and the public slapped her down. . . . She's still trying to find her place. And with marriage, too—we all know that marriage isn't perfect and you do have to let some things go to make the whole picture work."

As President Clinton's troubles have escalated, and as he prepares to testify about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky on Monday, Hillary Clinton seems to have risen above it all in the eyes of many American women. Recent public opinion surveys, in fact, show that more Americans than ever—women in particular—say they have a favorable view of her.

"She may not be behaving as a first wife should behave, but women believe she is behaving like a first lady should behave—loyal and dignified," says Myrna Blyth, editor in chief of *Ladies' Home Journal*. "Women may be saying, 'I would throw the bum out,' but they don't want to see the first lady behaving like that."

Partisan skeptics caution that public opinion could still shift as the facts continue to unfold. "If it comes out that the president lied and Hillary knew he lied, the American public would be disenchanted," says Republican pollster Ed Goetz. "She would no longer be a victim. She would be a co-conspirator."

position. . . . It's a role. [She's] not just a wife or a mother."

Indeed, Hillary Clinton is the first presidential spouse with her own full-time career, plucked from a generation of women struggling to have it all yet guilty about giving up their traditional homemaker roles. She believed, friends say, that if she openly took the lead on issues she cared about, like health care, there would be less speculation about her hidden power. Instead, many seemed uneasy with her cards-on-the-table approach.

But over time some say they came to appreciate her consistent commitment to her causes and the commendable job she did raising her only child, Chelsea. And there is something else. Even in 1998, American women are still grappling with their own ever-changing roles—in relationships and in the work force. Clinton, some women point out, reflects those universal struggles.

"I think it's simply that all of a sudden Hillary has become more human," says Ruth Fine, 70, a leader in philanthropic causes in Boston.

"I don't think it's pity. I think this is what happens to lots of relationships, and you live with it. Probably more people than we know live with such relationships. Forget what we think of the man, it's the relationship thing, and I suspect it's the way life is for lots of people. I think people see it that way, and they empathize."

Kelly Oakleaf, 21, a University of Kansas



BY GARY GREEN—ASSOCIATED PRESS

In Milwaukee, earlier this week, Hillary Clinton greets residents after examining flood damage. In the midst of scandal, a significant portion of the American public seems to be rallying to her side.

about adultery. Isaiah Zimmerman, a Washington clinical psychologist and marriage therapist, says that many of the women he sees today are more tolerant about infidelity because they appreciate the complexities of maintaining long-term relationships.

"They want to forgive and save the marriage, and they see the first lady as trying to do this in the face of forces trying to destroy the marriage," Zimmerman says.

Ellen Levine, the editor in chief of *Good*

the magazine seven years ago indicated that only 12 percent would forgive men who who cheated on them.

Blyth and Levine also say they believe there is another reason their readers have been overwhelmingly pro-Hillary. "The public today is very wary of issues that cross the line between public and private," Levine says. "They are sending a clear message that this is none of our business."

Most of those interviewed agreed that by

benefit of the doubt—that however things appear, perhaps she is making the right choices for her and her family, and that when all the facts come out, she will ultimately come to the right conclusions about her marriage and her life.

Christine Strauss, a 45-year-old elementary school librarian in Colorado and mother of two daughters, says Clinton is appropriately "defending her husband."

"That's the thing that a courageous per-

PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION

the 50th anniversary of his death.

See TV PREVIEW, B2, Col. 3

Citiescape column will resume when he returns.

THE EAST HAMPTON STAR

SHINES FOR ALL

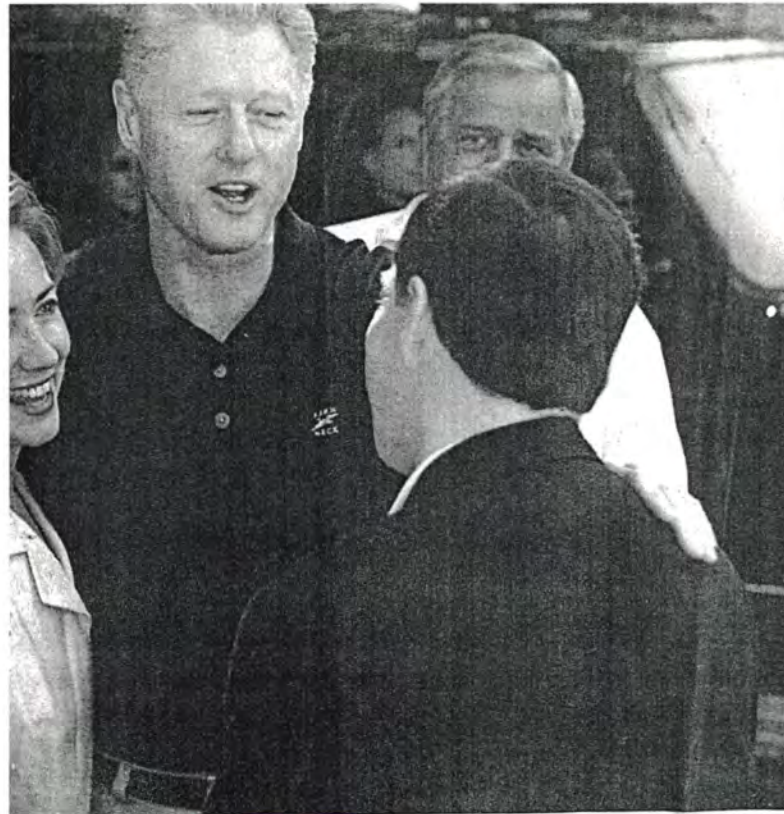
VOL. CX, NO. 52 THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 1998 EAST HAMPTON, N.Y. SINGLE COPY \$1



PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION

The East Hampton Star
8/6/1998

PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION



President Bill Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton greet Representative Michael P. Forbes outside the Amagansett Firehouse. Forbes, a Republican, has endorsed the Democratic version of the Patients Bill of Rights. *Jan Press*

Hamptons Style

If ever there was a time President William Jefferson Clinton's image needed retooling, last week was it. With charges stemming from the independent counsel's investigation swirling, the President zipped off to East Hampton for a weekend of fun and fund raising. He hit in the mid-80s at the Atlantic Golf Club in Bridgehampton, feasted on southwestern barbecue at Turtle Crossing in East Hampton, cooed over Christie Brinkley's baby in Sag Harbor, waved at the residents who lined the streets and cheered his motorcade, and occasionally retreated to the seclusion of Steven Spielberg and Kate Capshaw's estate on Georgica Cove.

Not only did the President's grin make national news, with First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton proudly at his side, he made political hay by shaking hands with breast cancer activists at the Amagansett Firehouse, attending a reception at the house of an openly gay couple, and partying with Alec Baldwin, the actor and anti-nuclear activist, and his Oscar-winning wife, Kim Basinger, who is a supporter of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

"Gay men and lesbians know what it's like to be vilified, to be persecuted. I want you to know today you are among friends," said Jonathan Sheffer, who hosted a reception Saturday afternoon along with his partner, Dr. Christopher Barley, at their Ocean Avenue house in East Hampton.

When the weekend was over, the financially strapped Democratic National Committee reported that it had raised an estimated \$2

million here, with the major chunks of the money coming from a private dinner at the home of Bruce and Claude Wasserstein in East Hampton on Friday night and a tent party Saturday for more than 1,000 supporters at the Baldwin-Basinger house at Stony Hill Farm in Amagansett.

The Clintons' speeches that night were carefully constructed, positive messages about a flowering economy, improved education and health care, representation for women, global peace — each tied to Democratic accomplishments. They urged the audience to carry the message out to the unconverted.

The gathering became a thunderous rally, particularly when Judith Hope, the State Democratic Committee chairwoman and a former East Hampton Town Supervisor, rallied the troops in a speech that named, as one guest put it, "nearly every Democrat in New York."

Before the party began, holders of \$250 and \$1,000 tickets formed a line a half-mile long on Abraham's Path, where they parked their cars, and many waited patiently for an hour for a bus to shuttle them the half mile to Stony Hill Farm.

Julia Kayser, a small senior citizen from Springs with a booming voice, took charge of turning the loaded buses around from the main parking lot and reported, "Everyone did what I told them."

The party started at 5:30 p.m., but by 6:15, the massive tent was crammed, the bars had

Continued On IV-3

RADIO BROADCAST
Amagansett Central



The only official public appearance made by the First Couple during their weekend here was on Saturday morning at the Amagansett Firehouse, where President Clinton delivered his regular weekly radio address.

A grass-roots gathering with political overtones, the event offered a temporary shift in tenor from the fund-raising that brought the Clintons to the South Fork.

The President's topic, with local as well as national implications, was the "patients' bill of rights" legislation now being debated in the Senate and the House of Representatives.

In the address, Mr. Clinton said that for the 160 million Americans enrolled in managed-care plans, "cost-cutting can lead to lower standards."

He said he supported "a bipartisan patients' bill of rights that guarantees access to specialists and emergency room care . . . doctors not receiving secret financial incentives to limit care, and a remedy" for those who have "suffered harm because of bad decisions by their

health plans." Congressman Michael P. Forbes, a Republican who was instrumental in arranging the occasion, was on hand. Mr. Forbes voted last week against his own party's version of the bill, which President Clinton has said he could not endorse.

Crowds started gathering at the firehouse shortly after 7 in perfect weather. By the time the Presidential motorcade arrived at 10, an estimated 2,000 walkers, joggers, bikers, and drivers bent on witnessing a bit of local history lined the side yard of the building behind police barricades and filled the sidewalk across Main Street.

A cheer went up as two shiny black limousines made their way to the firehouse's back door and the President and First Lady emerged, smiling and waving. Mr. Clinton sported a short-sleeved navy-blue golf shirt; the First Lady wore a pastel silk street suit and sunglasses.

Many in the crowd called the President's appearance a "once-in-a-lifetime event," not to be missed. By mid-week, American flags had appeared on houses all over the hamlet, and on a

few shops, in anticipation.

By Saturday afternoon, homeowners, particularly along Bluff Road and Atlantic Avenue, the route the motorcade took from the East Hampton residence of the Clintons' host, Steven Spielberg, had apparently realized that the President might pass that way again and put out the red, white, and blue. He did in fact return that way at 7 p.m., en route to the fund-raiser at Alec Baldwin and Kim Basinger's house.

Before moving to the firehouse's back lawn, several hundred onlookers, including members of Amagansett's Brownie and Cub Scout troops, hoping for a handshake with the First Couple, passed through metal detectors and had their belongings searched — a prerequisite for standing on a roped-off line to greet the nation's chief executive.

In a bipartisan collaboration, the White House and Mr. Forbes had invited some 75 physicians, hospital administrators, nurses, and breast cancer survivors, including several East Enders, to at-

Continued On IV-2



IT'S PARTY TIME at the Baldwin-Basinger tent, but first this woman, like everyone else, has to go through a metal detector. Her pocketbook is hand searched by a Secret Service agent.

The East Hampton Star
8/6/1998

Where The Money Goes

Melissa Bonney-Ratcliff, a spokeswoman for the Democratic National Committee, said the state committee would receive 7.5 percent of the \$2 million raised in East Hampton last weekend, after reimbursing the Federal Government for the Clintons' transportation.

Uncle Sam will pay the costs of transporting and housing the roughly 200 Secret Service agents and White House aides who came along, as well as pay other costs related to "official" business, she said. The East Hampton Town Democratic Committee, which did the weekend's legwork and organized the big fund-raiser at the Baldwin-Basinger estate, she added, can expect a \$5,000 contribution.

Although there was no official breakdown of where the money had been raised, it was estimated that the Baldwin-Basinger party in Amagansett brought in about \$1 million and the Friday night dinner at the home of Claude and Bruce Wasserstein on Further Lane in East Hampton about \$750,000.

While the national committee won't release the names of those who attended this weekend's parties for another few months, The Star obtained a guest list of the \$25,000-a-couple dinner at the Wassersteins'.

As the party began, Billy Joel and his companion, Carolyn Beegan, drove the few hundred yards from his own house on a pale green scooter. They joined others from the entertainment world at the party, including Quincy Jones, the music producer, Michael Lynne of New Line Cinema, Harvey Weinstein, the Miramax chief, and Mr. Wasserstein's sister, the playwright Wendy Wasserstein.

The guest list also included David and Sylvia Steiner, Susan and Alan Patricof, Meyer



PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION

PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION

The East Hampton Star
8/6/1998

OF THE Presidential Kind



LARRY COCKELL, President Clinton's personal bodyguard, was at his side on Newtown Lane, as he was elsewhere throughout the weekend. *Morgan McGivern*



ALAN PATRICOFF, who is credited with the idea of bringing the Clintons to East Hampton, strolls with the President on Sunday. *Jon Reed*

Bob and Kathy Persan of Amagansett had gone to Turtle Crossing restaurant in East Hampton Saturday night and were happy to sit outside when they were told a private party had booked the dining room.

That the party might be something out of the ordinary first crossed Mr. Persan's mind when he saw four state troopers in a marked car pass the restaurant ever so slowly.

"They were pointing at the sign and smiling like they couldn't believe it was the place," said Mr. Persan. His suspicion that the President was coming was confirmed minutes later when two Secret Service agents arrived and began to case the joint.

Ms. Persan was skeptical at first, thinking that off-duty security staffers were planning a post-Alec-Baldwin-Kim-Basinger-fund-raiser bash of their own.

"But more and more Secret Service kept showing up, and the waiters got really nervous," she said. "We'd ask them questions and they'd say, 'We can't say anything.'"

After an hour and the arrival of notable guests including the Clintons' hosts, Steven Spielberg and Kate Capshaw, Mortimer Zuckerman and his wife, Marla Prather, Chevy and Jayne Chase, Jonathan Tisch, and Alan and Susan Patricof, among others, the Presidential motorcade, with its motorcycle escort and Secret Service vehicles, roared up at about 9 p.m.

Alec Baldwin and Kim Basinger arrived shortly after. The President sat between Kate and Kim.

"It pulled right up to our table," said Ms. Persan. The President, dressed in the long-sleeved blue shirt and gray pants he was wearing earlier in the evening, got out. He waved to the crowd that had gathered across the Mon-

tauk Highway and walked over to shake hands, taking a moment to chat with another couple and their 2-year-old son.

"Out of the corner of my eye, I saw Secret Service guys all around," she said. "My heart was beating so fast, and I was shaking. It was so surreal and unbelievable."

"If you knew you were going to meet the President, you'd think you'd have a few lines ready," added Mr. Persan. "But we were just awestruck. I don't even remember what we said."

Ms. Persan at least remembered what Mr. Clinton said to her: "He asked 'How's the food here?'"

Like many who met the President and First Lady Hillary Clinton on their "unscheduled" or what their staff calls O.T.R. for "on the run" visits over the weekend, the Persans were impressed by their nearness to power.

"It was almost more of a thrill to see the amount of force needed for his security," said Mr. Persan. The Secret Service seemed "very casual, very cool," he added, "but you couldn't distract them. I looked out and you could see rings of Secret Service. We were in the inner circle."

Larry Zimmerman, a friend of Stanley and Nancy Singer, the owners of Turtle Crossing, was at home Saturday night when they called and told him the President was coming. He and his wife, Ellen, woke up their 6-year-old son, Ian, and raced over. They were cleared through the web of security.

"He took the time to talk with me and my son," said Mr. Zimmerman. "It was an incredible experience. It was the thrill of my lifetime."

The Zimmerman family posed for pho-

tographs with Mr. Clinton, and Secret Service agents gave Ian a souvenir pin. A White House photographer also gave the boy photographs of the Clintons' dog, Buddy, and cat, Socks.

"I'm still on cloud nine," said Kathryn (Georgie) Anderson, a Turtle Crossing waitress who was working at the restaurant. Although the Singers had written to the White House to invite the President and First Lady, no one really expected them.

When the Singers informed Ms. Anderson and another waitress, Jenn Boerem, that President and Mrs. Clinton were coming, "We reacted like high school students. We were jumping up and down and screaming," she said.

"When I saw the limo pull up, and it had the American flags on it, I knew it was going to be the President," said Ms. Singer, who had been told that night to expect a press party, and maybe something more.

"We're still floating. I don't know if we'll ever come down," she said.

The restaurant, which picked up the tab, served the Presidential party platters of appetizers, a mixed green salad, and barbecued brisket, pork, and chicken, she said. She estimated the crowd in the dining room, including Secret Service agents, at "in the 50s."

The 16 staff members received tips of \$100 each from the Democratic National Committee, Ms. Singer said.

Earlier Saturday, at about 11:30 a.m., the President zipped through Sag Harbor on his way to the Atlantic Golf Club in Bridgehampton.

The President's motorcade drove up Route 114, as people ran out of their houses to wave, before turning onto Union Street, one of the

narrowest streets in the village, at a brisk pace.

After his golf outing, the President drove back through Sag Harbor, stopping to chat with the model Christie Brinkley and coo over her baby, Sailor Lee. Ms. Brinkley is renting a house on Union Street with her husband, Peter Cook, and children.

Not to be upstaged by Ms. Brinkley, Bettina Stelle, a member of the Friends of the Whaling Museum, managed to make her way past security with a tote bag full of whaling and history books and other souvenirs that the group had wanted to give Mrs. Clinton.

"We've been working to get the First Lady to come to our museum," Ms. Stelle said. The Friends have been trying to raise funds for and awareness of the museum. "We were hoping something was going to happen, that they would stop, but they did not."

Allowed to approach the President, she "shook his hand and told him I was delighted he was here." The book bag was taken away by a Secret Service agent, but, when Mr. Clinton pulled away, Ms. Stelle said she could see him browsing through its contents.

Although preparations had been made to close off Gerard Drive on Sunday morning to allow the President to jog there, the First Couple was not seen in public again until that afternoon, when they made a visit to Newtown Lane.

"They shut the street down at about 12:30," said Jill Gordon. "Someone put their hand on my shoulder and pushed me back to the sidewalk. I turned around and said, 'Excuse me.' and he answered, 'It's the President of the United States.'"

Security was extremely tight. With onlookers being corralled on the south side of the

street. A burly and vice agent walked i gift shop on the no reportedly scared the ing around the smal ing. "Do you have E

Soon, the Preside in front of Babette's

"I 99 percent knev Barbara Layton, whc her husband, Daniel ter, when the Mor broke, Ms. Layton support for Mr. Cli friend "who is close t delivered an estim Washington in April Ms. Layton also sa approximately \$35,0 of the \$250 variety, t

When Mr. and M "the first words out c you for everything," next words out of hi is a really cool place.

Although the Clir they took the time t and pose for photogy Before leaving Ne also stopped at the they received take-o shirts.

Ms. Layton said sh by the Clintons' visi human beings, their service for the Amei sive," she said. "T restaurant were elect

Trustee Mary Gardiner aped the Secret Service agents good-naturedly — "real serious guys," she joked — but her fellow Trustee, Harold Bennett, took a more cynical view.

"Looks like a goat-roping," he said. Such comments aside, old and young alike danced to the music of Hootie and the Blowfish while they waited for the political program to begin and cheered loudly at the speeches by Ms. Hope, Mr. Baldwin, and the Clintons. When the party was over, a number of the local Democratic faithful, including Town Supervisor Cathy Lester, gathered at O'Malley's, just west of Turtle Crossing where the President and friends stopped for barbecue. Asked why she didn't ask the Secret Service to let her join the President's party, Ms. Lester laughed and said, "I'd rather be with my own people."

The high-pitched atmosphere at Stony Hill Farm waned only after a crush of people trying to shake the President's hand got their way and he finally ducked out through a flap in the tent.

Inside the recently renovated Stony Hill farmhouse, before the main event, the \$5,000 contributors had nibbled on tuna tartar on toast from Nick and Toni's in East Hampton. Local Democrats mingled with celebrities and wealthy contributors.

Tommy Mottola, the head of Sony Music, wore rose-tinted glasses. Christopher Kelley, the town party leader, brought his family. Debra Mazzei, the Republican Assemblywoman who recently switched to the Democratic Party, looked uneasy.

There was some jesting about Stephen A. Grossman, the Sag Harbor lawyer and judicial candidate, who shares a name with the D.N.C. chairman. They eventually shook hands and posed for a picture together.

Ms. Basinger, looking shy and dressed down in a sleeveless cotton blouse and plain skirt, her hair in a ponytail, played on the



MICHAEL CINQUE, who provided the wines for the party, is greeted, and thanked. *David E. Rattray*

lawn with her daughter, Ireland, for a while or was upstairs, where Secret Service agents and their "counter-assault team" scanned the crowd from the deck of the master bedroom.

There was a loud cheer when the Clintons arrived. What followed was a ritual of handshaking and picture taking before a blue backdrop. At one point, the Secret Service seemed edgy and cleared everyone off the sun porch. One woman asked for champagne but was told the Secret Service would allow no cork popping.

Alan Patricof, a Clinton friend and part-time East Hamptoner, who was credited with the idea of the weekend, stood at one side of the President, making introductions as the guests came up. Tom Twomey, senior partner in a Democratically-connected law firm, was nearby, as was his wife, Ms. Hope.

Guests said the President and Mrs. Clinton neither ate nor drank anything, which might explain their stop at Turtle Crossing later that

night.

As the photo session ended, the \$5,000-level contributors ended up on the periphery of the big top, looking a little dazed and not knowing what to do with themselves. Some mingled with the Democrats in the roped-off, \$1,000 section next to the stage. One woman wore a button that said "Smart Alec for Bill." Asked where she got the button, she misunderstood and, referring to her sweater, replied "Bergdorf's."

The excitement at the President's visit was nearly outdone at times by an ardent admiration for the First Lady, whom Alec Baldwin called that night "the most effective First Lady in U.S. history." She "stands alone in her contributions to the President's success," he said.

The Clintons and their closest friends here avoided any mention last weekend of the Kenneth Starr investigation, and the Clintons, who did not take one question from the press all



LIZ ROBBINS, left, who divides her time between Washington and East Hampton, waits in the family room with Kim Basinger and Alec Baldwin. *David E. Rattray*

weekend, gave the public little chance to ask.

Neither did the Clintons mention publicly the opposition here to nuclear power, as evidenced by some 200 residents picketing on Hook Mill Green Saturday afternoon.

The Presidential motorcade, perhaps due to a Secret Service promise to avoid already congested Main Street, never actually passed the green. Still, the East Hampton-based group Standing for Truth About Radiation got its message to the President after his weekly radio address Saturday morning at the Amagansett Firehouse.

Mr. Baldwin is a founding STAR member and vocal opponent of nuclear power. He and Ms. Basinger left town one day after they hosted the season's hottest benefit, for South Africa, where she is to be in a film.

JULIA C. MEAD

With Reporting by Christopher Cory, Jack Graves, Carissa Katz, David E. Rattray, and Helen S. Rattray

The East Hampton Star
8/6/1998

PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION

NE
The East Hampton Star
8/6/1998

PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION

Parties

Continued From Page IV-1
run out of glasses and had little wine left, and several of the buffet tables, each representing a local restaurant or caterer who had donated food, looked pillaged.

Rudy DiSanti, though, who served 750 of his famous doughnuts from Dreesen's Excelsior Market in East Hampton, was unruffled.

Many of the local Democrats lingered on the lawn outside the tent, eschewing the more trendy, see-and-be-seen crowd inside. William Fleming, an East Hampton lawyer, wore shorts and carried his baby. Town



JUDITH HOPE, who began her career in politics as East Hampton Town Supervisor and is now State Democratic Party chairwoman, looks pleased at Saturday night's party with all that was accomplished.
Don Torr

Trustee Mary Gardiner aped the Secret Service agents good-naturedly — "real serious guys," she joked — but her fellow Trustee, Harold Bennett, took a more cynical view.

"Looks like a goat-roping," he said.

Such comments aside, old and young alike danced to the music of Hootie and the Blowfish while they waited for the political program to begin and cheered loudly at the speeches by Ms. Hope, Mr. Baldwin, and the Clintons.

When the party was over, a number of the local Democratic faithful, including Town Supervisor Cathy Lester, gathered at O'Malley's, just west of Turtle Crossing where the President and friends stopped for barbecue. Asked why she didn't ask the Secret Service to let her join the President's party, Ms. Lester laughed and said, "I'd rather be with my own people."

The high-pitched atmosphere at Stony Hill Farm waned only after a crush of people trying to shake the President's hand got their way and he finally ducked out through a flap in the tent.

Inside the recently renovated Stony Hill farmhouse, before the main event, the \$5,000 contributors had nibbled on tuna tartar on toast from Nick and Toni's in East Hampton. Local Democrats mingled with celebrities and wealthy contributors.

Tommy Mottola, the head of Sony Music, wore rose-tinted glasses. Christopher Kelley, the town party leader, brought his family. Debra Mazzairelli, the Republican Assemblywoman who recently switched to the Democratic Party, looked uneasy.

There was some jesting about Stephen A. Grossman, the Sag Harbor lawyer and judicial candidate, who shares a name with the D.N.C. chairman. They eventually shook hands and posed for a picture together.

Ms. Basinger, looking shy and dressed down in a sleeveless cotton blouse and plain skirt, her hair in a ponytail, played on the



MICHAEL CINQUE, who provided the wines for the party, is greeted, and thanked.
David E. Rattray

lawn with her daughter, Ireland, for a while or was upstairs, where Secret Service agents and their "counter-assault team" scanned the crowd from the deck of the master bedroom.

There was a loud cheer when the Clintons arrived. What followed was a ritual of handshaking and picture taking before a blue backdrop. At one point, the Secret Service seemed edgy and cleared everyone off the sun porch. One woman asked for champagne but was told the Secret Service would allow no cork popping.

Alan Patricof, a Clinton friend and part-time East Hamptoner, who was credited with the idea of the weekend, stood at one side of the President, making introductions as the guests came up. Tom Twomey, senior partner in a Democratically-connected law firm, was nearby, as was his wife, Ms. Hope.

Guests said the President and Mrs. Clinton neither ate nor drank anything, which might explain their stop at Turtle Crossing later that

night.

As the photo session ended up the big top, looking a little knowing what to do with mingled with the Demo \$1,000 section next to the wore a button that said "Lady in U.S. history." She derstood and, referring to "Bergdorf's."

The excitement at the nearly outdone at times tion for the First Lady, called that night "the m Lady in U.S. history." S her contributions to the he said.

The Clintons and thei avoided any mention lasi neth Starr investigation, did not take one questio



Close Encounters Of The Presidential Kind



LARRY COCKELL, President Clinton's personal bodyguard, was at his Newtown Lane, as he was elsewhere throughout the weekend. *Morgan*

Bob and Kathy Persan of Amagansett had gone to Turtle Crossing restaurant in East Hampton Saturday night and were happy to sit outside when they were told a private party had booked the dining room.

That the party might be something out of the ordinary first crossed Mr. Persan's mind when he saw four state troopers in a marked car pass the restaurant ever so slowly.

"They were pointing at the sign and smiling like they couldn't believe it was the place," said Mr. Persan. His suspicion that the President was coming was confirmed minutes later when two Secret Service agents arrived and began to case the joint.

tauk Highway and walked over to shake hands, taking a moment to chat with another couple and their 2-year-old son.

"Out of the corner of my eye, I saw Secret Service guys all around," she said. "My heart was beating so fast, and I was shaking. It was so surreal and unbelievable."

"If you knew you were going to meet the President, you'd think you'd have a few lines ready," added Mr. Persan. "But we were just awestruck. I don't even remember what we said."

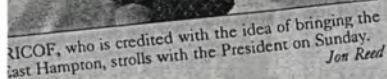
Ms. Persan at least remembered what Mr. Clinton said to her: "He asked 'How's the food here?'"

tographs with Mr. Clinton, and Secret agents gave Ian a souvenir pin. A White photographer also gave the boy photo of the Clintons' dog, Buddy, and cat, S.

"I'm still on cloud nine," said (Georgie) Anderson, a Turtle Crossing who was working at the restaurant. the Singers had written to the White invite the President and First Lady really expected them.

When the Singers informed Ms. and another waitress, Jenn Boerem, ident and Mrs. Clinton were con reacted like high school students, jumping up and down and scream

PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION



be upstaged by Ms. Brinkley, Betty, a member of the Friends of the Whaling Museum, managed to make her way past with a tote bag full of whaling and historical and other souvenirs that the group agreed to give Mrs. Clinton.

...been working to get the First Lady
to our museum," Ms. Stelle said. The
have been trying to raise funds for an-
cess of the museum. "We were hopin-
ing was going to happen, that the
tion, but they did not."

stop, but they did not." She moved to approach the President, seized his hand and told him I was delighted to be here." The book bag was taken away by Secret Service agent, but, when Mr. Clinton walked away, Ms. Stelle said she could see through its contents.

...hrough preparations had been made
off Gerard Drive on Sunday morning
the President to jog there, the First
was not seen in public again until that a
n, when they made a visit to New
ic. ...career down at about 1

They shut the street down at about 1
Jill Gordon. "Someone put their ha
shoulder and pushed me back to the

street. A burly and heavily armed Secret Service agent walked into Who'd A Thought, a gift shop on the north side of the street, and reportedly scared the devil out of a clerk, walking around the small store before finally asking, "Do you have Beany Babies?"

Soon, the President's motorcade pulled up
of Babette's restaurant. "coming" said

"I 99 percent knew they were coming," said Barbara Layton, who owns the restaurant with her husband, Daniel Van Der Beek. Last winter, when the Monica Lewinsky story first broke, Ms. Layton put a petition expressing support for Mr. Clinton in the restaurant. A friend "who is close to the White House" had delivered an estimated 6,500 signatures to Washington in April, she said.

Ms. Layton also said she had personally sold approximately \$35,000 worth of tickets, many of the \$250 variety, to the Baldwin fund-raiser. Mr. and Mrs. Clinton first came to the fund-raiser.

When Mr. and Mrs. Clinton first came to the fair, they were surprised to find that the "the first words out of his mouth were, 'Thank you for everything,'" Ms. Layton said. "The next words out of his mouth were 'Wow, this is a really cool place.'"

Ms. Layton said she had been "emphatically" against the "first meeting the

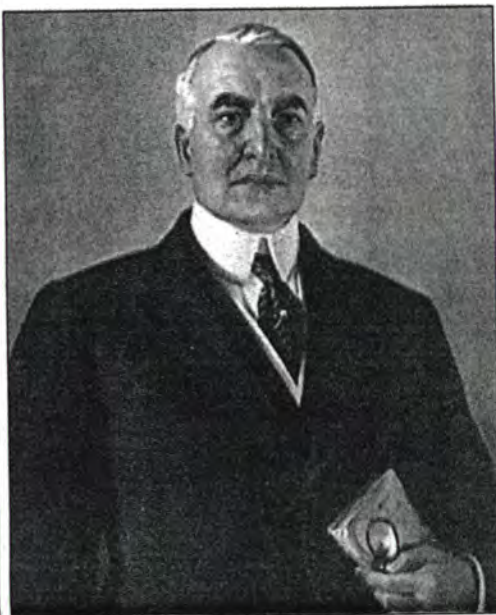
Ms. Layton said she had been "shocked" by the Clintons' visit. "Just meeting the human beings, their absolute commitment for the American people is so

me.' human beings, and for the American people is so

8/6/1998
East Hampton Star

PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION

A compassionate



Margaret Lindsay Williams' portrait of Warren G. Harding was painted in 1923, the year the 29th president died.



First lady Florence Kling DeWolfe Harding (left) gets sympathetic treatment in Carla Sferazza Anthony's book (right).

D.C. author's book explores complex life of Florence Harding

By Patrick Butters
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Carla Sferazza Anthony is a ladies man — a first ladies man, to be precise. These days, the presidential wives' biographer is focused on one of the most-maligned first ladies of our time: Mr. Anthony has turned a sympathetic eye and pen to the story of Florence Kling DeWolfe Harding. Like Hillary Rodham Clinton, Mrs. Harding drew fire for talking up women's rights and working with her husband's Cabinet. Like Nancy Reagan, Mrs. Harding consulted an astrologer about her husband's future. Long before Eleanor Roosevelt

was first lady, Mrs. Harding visited miners, championed disabled veterans and became the first presidential wife to ride in a plane. "A first lady really should be what she feels comfortable with," Mr. Anthony says. "It's hard enough to be that way in a more private life." Mrs. Harding apparently was comfortable with herself. Her husband did things his way, too. His dalliances and crooked interior secretary helped him flame out as one of the worst presidents in American history. That essentially is what most remember of the Harding administration. Mr. Anthony wants to change that. His recently published book, "Florence Harding: The First Lady, the Jazz Age and the Death of America's Most Scandalous President" (\$30, Morrow) — released on the 75th anniversary of Harding's death — takes a second look at the Hardings.

It is a balmy summer afternoon at Mr. Anthony's house on 16th Street NW. Inside the dark, cool abode, he serves iced tea with those half-moon ice cubes that slide all over if you drop them. His hospitality suits his interest in the social side of first ladies, but Mr. Anthony is very clear: In the 200-plus years of the presidency, the first lady's job has always meant power — and criticism. "Conservative presidential historians think that the 'little wife' really had no consequence on her husband, and liberal and women historians have taken the attitude that, 'Ah, the wife's power is only derivative and therefore somehow discounted,'" Mr. Anthony says. "So you find, on both sides of the aisle, first ladies have been stepchildren in the context of presidential and U.S. history."

Warren G. Harding died unexpectedly at age 56 on Aug. 2, 1923,

in Room 8064 at San Francisco's Palace Hotel. His death, at the time attributed to apoplexy, came during an exhausting cross-country train trek to Tacoma, Wash., followed by a Navy cruise to Alaska. Mr. Anthony retraced that route. On Aug. 2, he lectured from the very hotel room in which Harding died. Though Harding was mourned, scandal appeared faster than you could say Teapot Dome: ■ Mrs. Harding's refusal to allow an autopsy led to rumors that she poisoned him. He died in 1923, and she died the next year. ■ Harding's attorney general, Harry Daugherty, and interior secretary, Albert B. Fall, were jailed for secretly leasing federal oil reserves at Teapot Dome, Wyo., to business associates. ■ A sensational book by Nan Britton, "The President's Daughter," suggested she had a longtime affair and a child with Harding. (Mr. Anthony writes in his



The tombs of the Hardings are in this monument in Marion, Ohio.

ook at a first lady

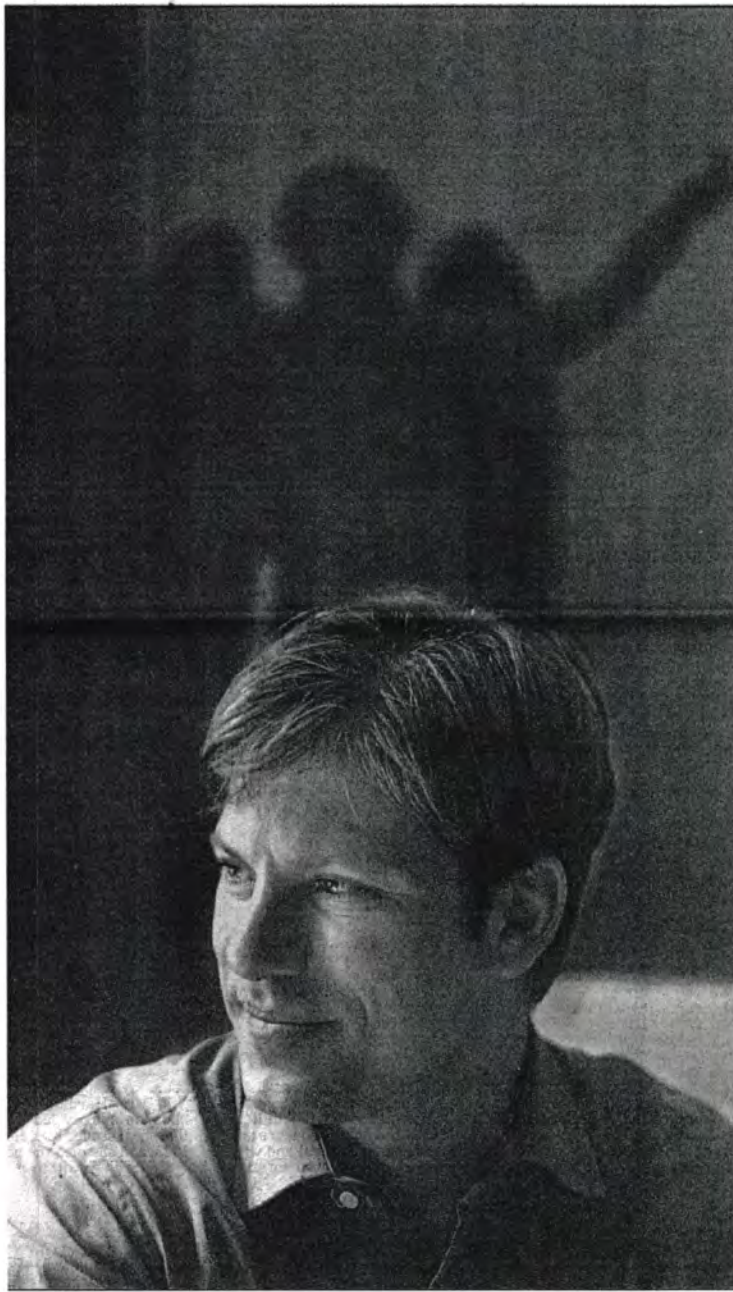


Photo by Karen Ballard/The Washington Times
 "stepchildren in the context of presidential and U.S. history," says Mr. Anthony, who wrote "Florence
 a First Lady, the Jazz Age and the Death of America's Most Scandalous President."



The last picture of Harding shows him leaving a train in San Francisco. Mrs. Harding is to the right. Her refusal to allow an autopsy led to rumors that she poisoned him.

book's 81-page afterword that he does "not entirely" believe Britton's paternity claim. He says, however, he does believe she had some kind of relationship because "of the general laxity Harding had about his adultery."

"With all this stuff about adultery, it's so easy and I understand why the media pays attention and time to this," Mr. Anthony says. "But everyone wants to equalize [the Hardings] as either villains or victims, and it's not a black-or-white situation."

■ ■ ■
 The cover of Mr. Anthony's book shows a misty blue portrait of Mrs. Harding, seated erect. Her gently stoic face stares ahead from behind pince-nez.

She was a mother who was abandoned by the child's father. She had little contact with her son after handing him over to her father. Her handsome second husband, Harding, cheated on her.

"I wonder if a woman with that kind of past today could be married to a man who would be able to be elected president," Mr. Anthony says.

As for Harding's adultery, he takes a compassionate tone toward both sides.

"Considering how grim her father had been and somewhat abusive," he says, "and how yellow-bellied her first husband had been in abandoning her, she saw this incredibly genial, warm and really loving and concerned younger man."

"And I think she saw potential. He viewed her with a brotherly protection and affection. She had never had that before."

Besides, all of the intrigue makes for a good book. Mr. Anthony says his interest was fueled by Alice Roosevelt Longworth, the razor-tongued grand dame of Washington.

As a "naive" freshman at George Washington University in 1977, Mr. Anthony peppered Mrs. Longworth with questions about her one-time best friend, Mrs.

Harding. (The Republican Mrs. Longworth, daughter of President Teddy Roosevelt, found Mrs. Harding infinitely more interesting than her Democratic cousin, Eleanor.)

"She was listed in the phone book," Mr. Anthony says of Mrs. Longworth. "She scared the hell out of me because, when she was through with you and tired of talking, she would just hang up."

■ ■ ■
 In researching his tome, Mr. Anthony visited Harding landmarks in Ohio (where Harding was born and raised). He strained over miles of microfilm, burrowed through papers, met Harding fans and dusted off diaries.

Mr. Anthony sifted through previously sealed FBI files, medical records, interviews with such friends as Hope Diamond owner Evalyn Walsh Maclean and Mrs. Harding's diary.

It had surfaced in an old box in a central Ohio barn, found by Harding enthusiast Craig Schermer of Cleveland.

In it, Mrs. Harding refers to her husband's infidelity in an 1891 entry:

"Most of the pain in the world is located in the hearts of women. Many women are forced into mute acceptance of disloyalty, faithlessness and humiliation because, this is, after all, a 'man's world,' and up to very recent years woman has had no redress [sic] since she must depend upon the man for support."

Mr. Anthony reads this passage aloud with feeling.

"It's very hurtful," he says of the diary's tone. "There's a lot of rage in there, too."

It took about 20 years for Mr. Anthony to complete the 543-page book. He has written three others, two on the history of U.S. first ladies and a remembrance of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

Mr. Anthony says he is happy the other projects took precedence because he believes his writing has matured.

8/10/1998

Metropolitan Times

PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION



THE PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY step off Marine One and into their waiting limo on Friday.



THE POINT WELLS from the Montauk Coast Guard Station was stationed off Georgica Beach during the Presidential visit.



SECONDS BEFORE the Presidential limousine, Suffolk County Police Highway Patrol Unit four

Marine One Lands

at Ryan, the East Hampton Town Airport manager, was looking rumpled and harried on Friday afternoon, darting here and there to consult with Secret Service agents and give orders to his staff. At about 1 p.m., airport workers dragged Mortimer B. Zuckerman's red, white, and blue jet off to one side to make room on the nearly empty apron for the Presidential fleet of helicopters.

Cindy Tuma, an owner of Sound Aviation, which operates from the airport, looked intense. She was managing the counter, answering the phones, and running out on the apron to talk with her people. She said later that her staff had been confined to a limited area.

About two dozen local and national news people — LTV had six or seven alone — waited for the Presidential party's arrival.

The terminal building was virtually empty otherwise until a little after 1 p.m., when a few dozen of the curious, most with children, came to catch a glimpse of the President.

A messenger from the Golden Pear in East

Hampton, a restaurant, came in carrying bags and bags of sandwiches to the airport manager's office. He posed for news photos. A seaplane landed at about 1:50 p.m. and all the press ran out to see if there were any celebrities on board. Not.

A huge fire rescue truck from MacArthur Airport plus what seemed to be every truck the East Hampton Fire Department owns stood by, as did dozens of firefighters, sweltering in full gear.

The East Hampton Village Ambulance Association had its first responder waiting on the apron with Dave Weaver, Suzy Dayton, and Mary Mott (the ambulance chief) in dress uniform.

Men trained as Navy SEALs in black fatigues and boots were positioned around the runway with enormous binoculars, watching the sky for signs of the Marines. Two Marines in parade dress marched around the apron, cutting every corner. Dozens of Secret Service, state troopers, and town detectives were on hand.

The press was herded into a "pen" on the apron, then herded back to the terminal to get out of the rain. Later, when the press was allowed back out, but before the helicopters landed, two Suffolk bomb squad staffers

brought a bomb-sniffing German shepherd to sniff through all the press's gear.

The dog went for one TV reporter's tote bag, which had been left hanging on a tripod. It was dumped on the ground, and the reporter made to claim it, as the dog roughed up a black pouch about the size of a paperback. The pouch contained a compact, lipstick, and other makeup.

"You have no idea what you're putting on your face and lips. Some makeup sniffs like dynamite," one officer explained.

"The President had been expected at 2:15. He was exactly an hour late. It had been alternately cloudy and drizzling for a couple of hours, then the sky cleared and the sun blazed.

"It figures the skies would part for him. Nothing sticks to him, not even bad weather," a photographer said.

At 3:15 p.m., two Marine Corps helicopters (dark olive, with two rotors) broke through the clouds on the west and circled around to the north and east, then faced south as they landed. The White House press corps had arrived.

A third copter, white top and green bottom, one rotor, emblazoned with "United States of America" on the side, came from the southwest a few seconds later. It was Marine One, the copter version of Air Force One. The two

Marines to help

encircle cell, the : President

The I made a f into a w: lowed a: ing and

As the Clinton, veritable parking "Is sh

"Who dent," o "Oh,

"Hillary," "We :

"Who said ano "She' man.

"Now, old girl he adde





SECRET SERVICE agents with a bomb-sniffing dog that nosed in on a reporter's makeup kit leave the East Hampton Airport after the arrival of the President on Friday.



STEVEN SPIELBERG, Kate Capshaw, and two of their seven children say good-bye to Mrs. Clinton at East Hampton Airport on Sunday.



ARM IN ARM, THE FIRST COUPLE prepare to board Marine One on Sunday after saying their good-byes and thank-yous.

Doug Kuntz Photos

Cops and Traffic and Security

President Bill Clinton's weekend visit to East Hampton made for a "long, long grueling week," a visibly exhausted East Hampton Village Police Chief Glen Stonemetz said Monday morning.

"The best words I've heard all summer were 'wheels up,'" he said, referring to the communication that came over the radio when President and Hillary Clinton's helicopter lifted off from East Hampton Town Airport Sunday afternoon.

Local law enforcement officers were thrust into the kind of security operation they had rarely, if ever, seen, as hordes of Suffolk County police, state troopers, and Secret Service agents invaded.

The security presence was visible, and not just in the 20-car motorcade led wherever it went by some 14 county police motorcycles. It was obvious on Friday morning at the East Hampton Emergency Services Building on Cedar Street, where the Secret Service had set up a command center. In addition to a gathering of agents in blue suits, two black limousines were sheltered inside the Fire Department garage bays and the police motorcycles were lined up outside.

Security was evident at the East Hampton Library Friday afternoon, too, where an unidentified woman took out a stack of books protected by six armed agents.

It was evident at the airport, where security sweeps were done by personnel including what the Secret Service likes to call its counter-assault team, Navy SEALs-trained members toting machine guns and clad in black fatigues, combat boots, and commando sweaters.

And it was even more evident at Georgica Beach, where the parking

lot at the old Coast Guard building had been commandeered as a "staging area" where the vehicles in the motorcade were inspected before getting in line, a place that for several days was crawling, 24 hours a day, with bomb-sniffing dogs, security agents, and police.

The location was an ideal one from which to keep an eye on the Steven Spielberg-Kate Capshaw compound, where the President and First Lady stayed, whether by the light of day, night scopes, or thermal visioning, which detects body heat.

By all law enforcement accounts, everything went smoothly during the

possible," according to Det. Lieut. Edward V. Ecker Jr. of the East Hampton Town Police.

"They were sensitive to every one of our concerns," agreed Chief Stonemetz.

For the most part, road closings were what Chief Stonemetz described as "a rolling type." Lead motorcycles would block off intersections and clear traffic, then join the rear of the motorcycle brigade as the motorcade passed while the next set of motorcycles closed off the next merging roads.

"We were quite pleased with the whole visit," said Martin Walsh,



THE HIGHWAY PATROL Unit of the Suffolk County Police led the motorcade and used their motorcycles to block side streets and driveways along the routes. They are seen leaving the "staging area" at Georgica Beach on Friday afternoon.

Morgan McGovern

President's stay, particularly on the roads. The anticipated gridlock on the highways never materialized, with many weekenders staying away from the East End.

The Secret Service also was credited with going "out of their way, even though the President's safety is tantamount, to make sure they inconvenienced the public as little as

whose Secret Service tide is agent-in-residence for Long Island. "Our job is kind of tough in large cities and tougher in smaller places," he said.

In the village, the area of Apaquogue Road from LaForest Lane to Georgica Beach was cut off from before the President's arrival until he had left town. Residents within the secured neighborhood

were put on a list, as were any guests or deliverers they were expecting, and no one else got through, Chief Stonemetz said.

At the Saturday afternoon gathering at Jonathan Sheffer and Dr. Christopher Barley's Ocean Avenue residence, traffic was simply diverted to side roads while the President was there, the chief said.

On Sunday morning, when Mr. Clinton stopped by Babette's and took a quick stroll along Newtown Lane, the road was closed from Main Street to the railroad tracks, during which time no one got in or out.

The Town Police Department's involvement was limited mostly to traffic control and "logistical support ... we know the roads, we know the people," said Detective Ecker.

Everywhere the President went there were local officers paired with Secret Service agents, but one, Village Det. Margaret Dunn, got the best position of them all — she rode in the lead car in the motorcade.

An East Hampton Village ambulance, staffed by critical care emergency medical technicians, was part of the official motorcade, standing by at all times. And, everywhere the President went, that district's fire department was on call.

The East Hampton Fire Department had the honor of being present on the airport runway as the President arrived and departed. All members had to pass security checks, as did airport employees. And, at the airport as elsewhere in town, extra telephone lines were installed for the Secret Service. Non-Presidential traffic in and out of the airport was virtually unaffected, Pat Ryan, the manager of the airport, said, except for 40-minute closings when the Commander-in-Chief was actually on the scene.

Agent Walsh and John (Chip)

Smith, the special agent in charge of New York, confirmed there were "a number of individuals who came to our attention," as Mr. Walsh put it, because of strange or erratic behavior during the weekend.

Mr. Smith said they were mostly of the sort who showed up at a gate or rope line wanting to send a message to the President or to have a private audience, but no one, he said, was truly erratic or threatening.

Village police spent some time the night of July 29 interviewing a Jackson Heights man who tried to pass himself off as a reporter with CBS. Police said they received a call from Lisa Del Favero of East Hampton, who said a man approached her on North Main Street, acting suspiciously. He asked several questions, including about the President's impending visit. He was not charged with any crime.

In Springs, residents of Gerard Drive found leaflets in their mailboxes saying that East Hampton police and Secret Service would close the road to vehicular traffic from 5 to 9 a.m. Sunday for a "Presidential jogging group."

Residents were asked to park cars in the triangular intersection of Fireplace and Old Fireplace Roads. No jogging took place.

In one final matter, town police got a report from Susan Lieberman, who with her husband, Fred, owns the Farmhouse restaurant, that a camera, various pottery pitchers and bowls, and a Polo dress shirt, together worth \$3,525, were stolen from the party tent at the Baldwin-Basinger residence Saturday night.

Inside the camera was a roll of film with 30 pictures of the event. "I suppose [the police] were all guarding the President," Mr. Lieberman concluded.

MICHELLE NAPOLI
With Reporting By Julia C. Mead

8/10/1998
Metropolitan Times

The World Reacts

A compendium of reaction to President Bill Clinton's televised address Monday night



Bill Clinton



Hillary Clinton



"An apology does not exonerate anyone from criminal wrongdoing. Were that the case, our prisons would be empty."

— Rep. Ed Bryant (R-Tenn.)

"I don't care what President Bill does as long as he doesn't do it with my tax money."

— Kathy Skosich of Littleton, Colo.

"The peace process has been paying the price of a shaken president and the diversion of attention."

— Palestinian spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi

"I am proud of him because he is a great President, and I am honored to have him as a friend."

— Vice President Al Gore, vacationing in Hawaii

"If I was his wife, his stuff would be out on the lawn."

— Kerri Giotfelty, a Southern California bartender

"President Clinton, to the surprise of almost no one, has figuratively bared the scarlet letter he wears — an 'L' for liar."

— Houston Chronicle editorial



"I think everyone would be best served if they would wait for Judge Starr's report to find out what all the facts are."

— House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.)

"He put a young woman through all of this, someone who offered him sexual favors. She lied for him. She has been used throughout this and I wanted him to say something to her and her family."

— Scott Gillespie, a Democrat and public relations executive from Morgantown, W.Va.

"I believe that we should find it in our hearts to forgive him as his family has."

— Rep. Donald Payne (D-N.J.)

"Mr. Clinton has rubbed the nation's nose into this muck for seven months now, long enough to force us to confront the facts and the standard of behavior we expect from Presidents."

— The Wall Street Journal editorial

"President Clinton has himself expressed a desire to put this matter behind us. The only way to put this matter behind us... is for him to do the right thing for America and resign his office."

— Former Vice President Dan Quayle

"Perjury is not excused by an apology compelled by overwhelming evidence and delivered under pressure."

— Retiring Rep. Paul McHale (D-Pa.)

"After months of denial, Clinton confirmed what we all knew, that he had engaged in an improper relationship with a White House intern."

Then, looking us squarely in the eye, he told us last night a story altogether different from the one he told us seven months ago, when he also squarely looked us in the eye.

The new story, however, leaves enough loose ends that we beg: For subsequent revisions, please, Mr. President, no more eye contact."

— The Honolulu Advertiser editorial



"My trust in his credibility has been badly shattered."

— Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.)

"Clearly, this is not the best day in Mrs. Clinton's life."

— Marsha Berry, Hillary Rodham Clinton's spokeswoman

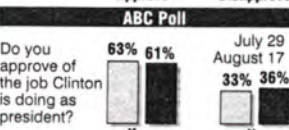
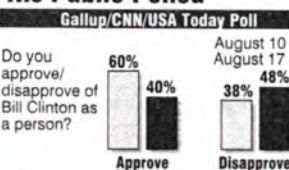
"I'm a Frenchman, man. I don't see any crime here for all this 24-hour news coverage and \$50 million investigation. To tell you the truth, I was five times more upset about the welfare bill cutting illegal immigrants off benefits than this nickel-dime stuff."

— James Carville, Clinton ally

"Wasn't that pathetic? I tell you, what a jerk."

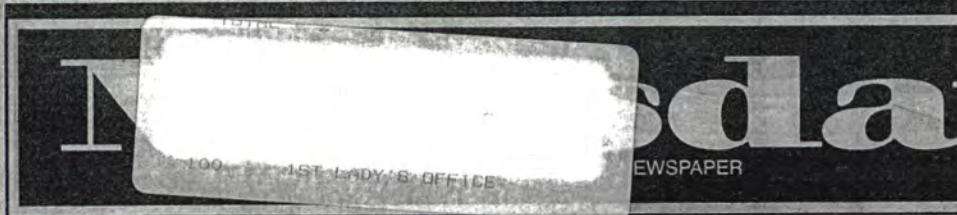
— Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), on Clinton's attack on Kenneth Starr during his televised speech Monday

His Public Polled



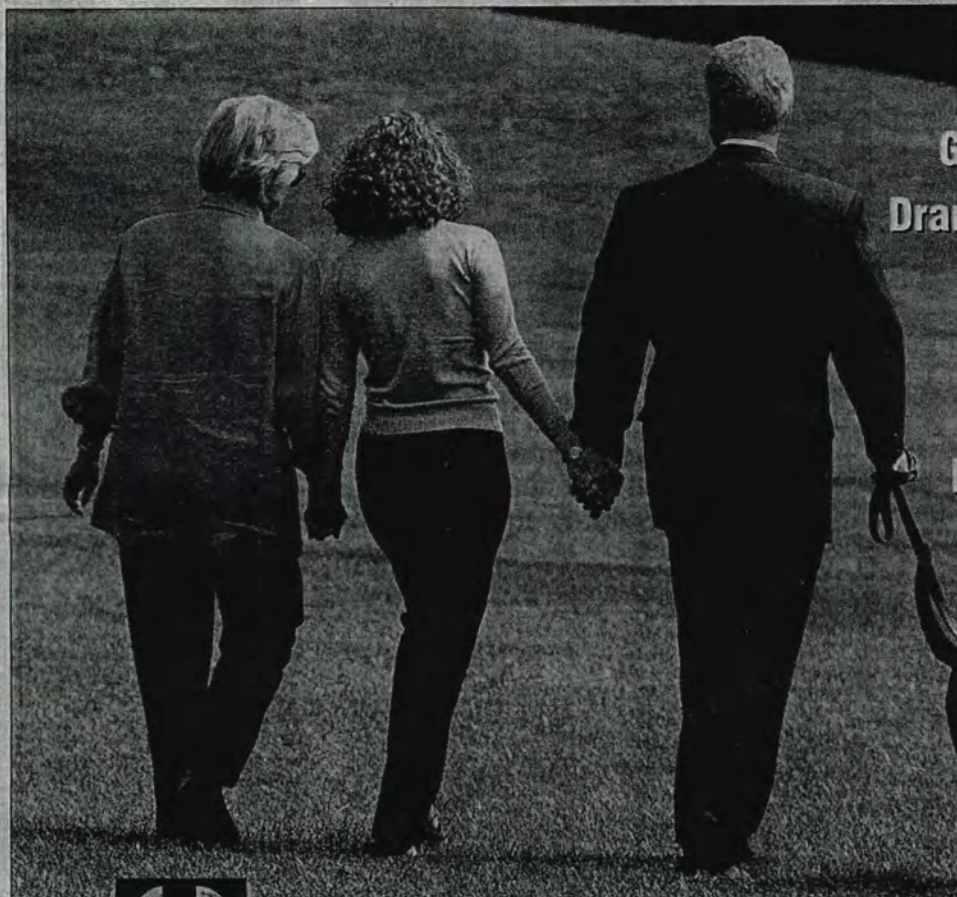
ABOUT THE POLLS: The most recent Gallup/CNN/USA Today Poll randomly sampled 633 American adults by telephone on Aug. 17, following Clinton's television address. The margin of error is plus or minus 5 percentage points. The ABC Poll randomly sampled 587 adults on Aug. 17, following the president's address. The margin of error is plus or minus 4.5 percentage points.

PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION



<http://www.newsday.com>

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 19, 1998 • NASSAU



Temporal Retreat

Hillary, Chelsea and Bill Clinton, accompanied by Buddy, leave White House en route to Martha's Vineyard vacation.

PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION

The Day Aft

Clinton testimony over, but controversy c

Newsday
8/19/1998

By Ken Fireman

WASHINGTON BUREAU

Washington — One day urged the nation to "turn a White House sex scandal, the set in motion by the controver on several fronts.

As Clinton, his wife and d long-planned vacation on Ma setts, Hillary Rodham Clinto support for her husband. He lady learned only over the w paring to testify he had ar Monica Lewinsky.

Meanwhile, White House s had insisted on including a co dent Counsel Kenneth Star speech Monday night, squelcl ers about the wisdom of criti

Even as overnight polls shc for Clinton in the wake of hi served notice that his investi was far from over.

Starr summoned former t Morris — who himself was fo affair with a prostitute was federal grand jury. And he o old former White House inte to return for more testimony

Clinton was questioned unc ties for more than four hou ship with Lewinsky and later the nation that the relationsl "wrong." But the precise nat had not — admitted during mained unclear.

The president refused to that sought to elicit highly sp with Lewinsky, according to from prosecutors that they again. If they do and Clinton reignite a constitutional conf been forestalled last month testify voluntarily.

Alternatively, Starr might Clinton again, but instead ci dence of the president's effo port to Congress.

Starr is widely believed to which could trigger impeachr ton, and the issue of obstruct in it. One of the issues Starr i that Clinton obstructed just Jones sexual harassment su about their relationship and

Vice President Al Gore, w Clinton were forced out of issued a statement yesterday "I am honored to work with l da for the nation, and I belie behind us — once and for all business of the country." Go

Several legal observers beli Clinton's testimony, is now in and transmit it to Congress st them in the face, most Rep reacted with great caution to

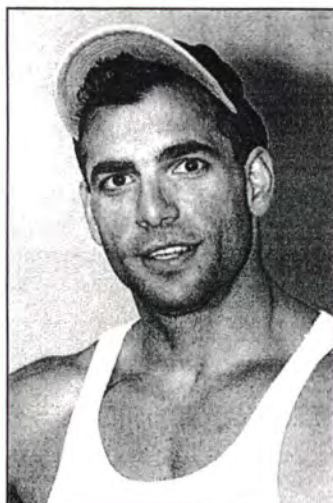
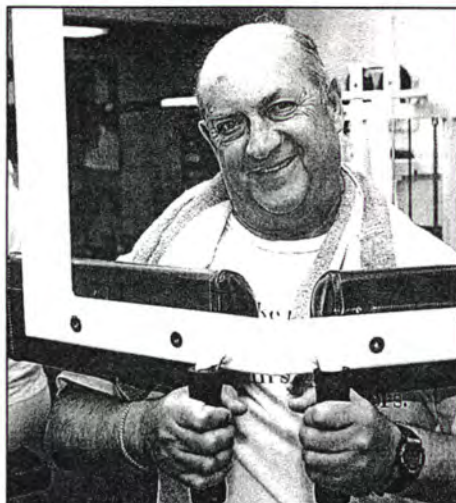
While the third-ranking Hc Lay of Texas, called for Clin Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) and t Lott (R-Miss.) both said they before rendering judgment. Chairman Henry Hyde (R-Ill risdiction over an impeachm fair and independent review' impeachable offenses, but a should not speculate about h Some of the Republicans'.



President Clinton, daughter Chelsea and Hillary Rodham Clinton walk to a helicopter on the White House lawn.

AP Photo

Please



Long Islanders — including Mary Angst, left, of Brightwaters, Bob McGarvey of Lindenhurst and Frank Costa of Islip — were divided over President Bill Clinton's admission of an extramarital affair.

Newsday Photos / David Pokress

On LI, Nobody's Shocked

Divided over admission, most want matter to rest

By Martin C. Evans and Joie Tyrrell

STAFF WRITERS

Mary Angst, 37, of Brightwaters, had but one word for President Bill Clinton.

"Slime," she hissed, as her two children — Alexandria, 5, and Arthur, 3 — tussled with each other a few feet from her in the parking lot of the Great South Bay YMCA in Bay Shore.

From lunch counters to exercise facilities to

Clinton Probe Moves Forward

CLINTON from Previous Page

reading of the results from four overnight polls, which found that most Americans continue to approve of Clinton's performance as president despite his admissions in the Lewinsky case, do not think he should resign or be impeached and want the investigation to come to an end.

One White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, dismissed the overnight polls and said it would be days before public opinion gelled.

But another Clinton aide, Communications Director Ann Lewis, said the polls reflect an enduring public mood that is not likely to change. The people "think he's doing a good job as president and should keep doing it. And they are through with this debate," she said.

Throughout the seven-month controversy, pollsters have found that Hillary Clinton's strong support for her husband was a key factor in his ability to retain public support. She reiterated that support yesterday through her spokeswoman, Marsha Berry — even though Berry confirmed that "this is not the best day of her life" and that the first lady only learned over the weekend that Clinton was preparing to reverse course and acknowledge a relationship with Lewinsky in his testimony.

"She is committed to her marriage and loves her husband and daughter very much," Berry said. "She believes in the president. Her love for him is steadfast."

downtown streets, Long Islanders were divided over Clinton's admission to a "not appropriate relationship" with Monica Lewinsky, some wagging accusing fingers and others dismissing the matter as none of their business.

Of dozens of people who were interviewed the day after Clinton's televised remarks, not one expressed surprise that the president had had an affair. Many of them said they had surmised months ago that there was a relationship between Clinton and the former White House intern.

Angst, a self-described Republican who favored Clinton in the last presidential election — but who said she is not registered to vote because she does not want to perform jury duty — said Clinton's admission after months of indignant denials left her feeling betrayed.

"He lied," she said. "It wouldn't be so bad if he told the truth from the beginning."

But many others said it was his private business and it was time to forgive now that he had admitted it in public.

Several people said Clinton handled himself well during his 5-minute talk, briefing Americans on a subject that appeared agonizingly painful to him and his family.

"I thought it was short and to the point," said Jonas Batcheller, a Southampton resident, retired gourmet food store owner and Clinton Democrat. "Everybody knew that he was guilty, but we kind of excused him for it."

Batcheller said he's heard enough. "They should drop this whole mess . . . I think most presidents and half the politicians in the world dallied in extramarital affairs. It should be nobody's business if they're running the government well."

Bob McGarvey, 67, a retired telephone engineer from Lindenhurst, said Clinton took a step in the right direction by admitting an improper relationship with Lewinsky.

"It's disgraceful, but at least he's come clean," McGarvey said. "I know he is a human being, but as president he never should have gotten involved."

As did many Long Islanders, McGarvey appeared conflicted over whether a president's personal dealings are fair game for public scrutiny.



Newsday Photo / David Pokress

"They should leave [Clinton] alone," Yazmin Soto of Brentwood says.



Newsday Photos / K. Wiles Stabile

Melanie Tinsley, left, feels sorry for him; Tara Tamigi calls him insincere.

Newsday
8/19/1998



Harriet Zannakis of Bayville wanted an apology, but Nakisha Prewitt of Westbury called the Lewinsky affair a private matter.

Expect Clinton May Clou

By Ellen Yan
WASHINGTON BUREAU

Washington — After with a former White House aide, President Bill Clinton's power on Capitol Hill was political observers said yesterday. Controversies have clashing with Congress Richard Nixon after Watergate and Ronald Reagan after Iran-Contra.

"A lot of the power the authority rather than a Rep. Peter King (R-Seaford) the heads of Congress to will have lost the power publicans would certainly him."

The scandal might force more, political observers believe legislative stalemate come on patients' rights, spending bills and a housing this year.

"I think he's finished policy maker," said pollster. "The president do larity to drive the issue majority. So what we've agenda will strengthen Congress."

"I think there's a third now move on and talk a lives, so I think in fact move legislation," said Brooklyn, a member of the tee, which would preside ceedings if they occur.

If the Republican-led meaty legislation, "it will box," said Rep. Nita Low.

As the Watergate scandal overrode Nixon's vetoes cluding one requiring c to war. Overriding pre tough two-thirds major successful.

"It [the post-Watergate] mous productivity on Ca and politics professor Ro ty of Maryland. "I think that the president was in position."

Working in Clinton's back, Davidson said. "He He's going to be more fr

But still to come is the port, which could persuu from Clinton, whittling even more, said Republi Severin of Sag Harbor. Democratic voters to sta dizing the number of Cl said.

As draining as Monda Clinton, "Now the hard the president faces poss and obstruction of justice "This is now a guy w port and never carried it

Liers Split On Scandal

REACTION from Page A4

tiny. "Him messing around doesn't bother me; it's the fact that the whole world knows," he said. "He says he has a private life, but as president I don't think he does."

But, Independent Counsel Kenneth "Starr went a little too far. There are a lot more important things than the private life of the president," McGarvey said.

Frank Costa, 34, an Islip resident who was working out at a YMCA nearby, said although Clinton's remarks did nothing to dispel his "Slick Willie" image, the president's steady management of the country's affairs is all that should matter.

"He's a good tap dancer, but the truth of the matter is the country is in great shape," said Costa, who said he is a Republican and did not vote for Clinton. "As far as his extramarital relationships, that has nothing to do with the United States."

Yazmin Soto, 38, a dental assistant from Brentwood, agreed. "They should leave him alone," she said, as she loaded groceries into her gold Toyota. "Everyone makes mistakes and he's doing his job. It happens every day. He's getting the job done and he hasn't done anything that terrible."

Does she think people will let the issue die after the president's carefully worded speech?

"People are going to ask more questions," she said. "People want to know the details."

"I kind of feel sorry for him and his family," said Melanie Tinsley, 27, of Rego Park, as she waited to pick up lunch at Ben's Kosher Deli in Carle Place. "He brought this situation on himself and he should be forgiven. He admitted to it — it's time to move on."

"We all lie," added Tinsley, a Democrat and sales representative for a music company. "He made a big mistake and he got caught. I think he should be forgiven."

Tara Tamigi, a 35-year-old attorney from Oyster Bay, didn't hesitate when asked her opinion on Clinton's admission. "It was insincere," the Republican said, leaning forward in a plush velvet chair at Starbucks Coffee in Mineola. "I didn't like the fact that he spent the majority of it bashing the prosecutors and one-third apologizing to the American people. The focus should have been more of an apology. It's a shame."

Others were appalled and said he betrayed his supporters, staff and family by lying about the relationship.

Harriet Zannakis said she watched the speech from her Bayville home, growing angrier and angrier with every word the president spoke.

"We were expecting an apology. We were ready to forgive," said Zannakis, 48, co-owner of Andros Grill in Glen Cove. "He had an attitude that just galled me. He had a cavalier attitude. He didn't look apologetic. He did this [the admission] because it had come to the point he had no other choice."

But Nakisha Prewitt, munching French fries with her 2-year-old daughter, Imani, at Broadway Mall yesterday in Hicksville, said the affair is a private matter.

"That's his personal business," said Prewitt, a 23-year-old stay-at-home mother from Westbury.

Some residents were quick to criticize, calling the president a "skunk," a "fool," a "rotten liar."

"I like him for what he's done for the country," said 77-year-old Elsie Hanson, of Hicksville. "But I think he's been a fool for his behavior. He should have learned after Jennifer Flowers not to chase women or let women chase him."

"It's disgraceful that he lied. He betrayed everybody," she said, adding that Starr is "like Captain Bligh in 'Mutiny on the Bounty.'"

Yet, Clinton fans could still be found. "I think he's opened a lot of doors for me," said Felice Holder, 38, of West Babylon. A single mother who once subsisted on welfare, she said education loans and grants plus a campus job have allowed her to attend classes at Suffolk Community College. "He's being railroaded... They want to impeach him."

Some people said they had not even bothered to pause for the presidential mea culpa.

McGarvey said he had better things to do with his time than to tune into Monday's presidential remarks. Baseball's hottest team was more deserving of attention than Clinton because, to paraphrase Babe Ruth, they are having a better year.

"I didn't watch it live because I was watching the Yankee game," McGarvey said. "What an incredible year."

Staff writer Bill Bleyer contributed to this story.



Elsie Hanson, left, criticized Clinton, but she and Felice Holder both like his policies.

Newsday
8/19/1998



Agence France-Presse Photo

First Family Escaping The Beltway



After testifying for Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr and addressing the nation on Monday, President Bill Clinton and his family retreated to Martha's Vineyard yesterday for a two-week vacation. Above left, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton receives a warm welcome from singer Carly Simon, far left, Boston real estate developer Richard Friedman and Clinton confidant Vernon Jordan, right. The Clintons are staying at Friedman's home during their vacation on Martha's Vineyard. Above, Clinton sits in his car after arriving at Martha's Vineyard. Below left, Chelsea Clinton greets supporters after the family's arrival at Martha's Vineyard Airport.

AP Photos

Most Pols Respond Cautiously to Speech

POLITICIANS from Page A5

investigation, but he issued a statement yesterday, saying that if and when Starr submits his report, "it is reasonable to expect answers to many as yet unanswered questions. It is our constitutional duty to provide a fair, full and independent review of these facts in their proper context."

As for Democrats, Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle (D-S.D.) said he was "disappointed" Clinton did not tell the truth initially or earlier. But Daschle said Clinton, with his address, "contributed to the resolution of this unfortunate matter," and concluded

it is time to "refocus" on other matters.

But Rep. Lee Hamilton (D-Ind.), a senior member of Congress who investigated the Iran-contra scandal, said: "It's not over." And retiring Rep. Paul McHale (D-Pa.) was the only Democrat to call on Clinton to "resign or face impeachment."

Also sharply critical was Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), who said in a statement that she had believed Clinton's earlier denials and "my trust in his credibility has been badly shattered."

For the National Organization for Women, long staunchly supportive of Clinton but which had taken the position early this year that sex with a White House intern, if true, would amount to an abuse of

power, said yesterday that's exactly what happened.

"Consensual sex with a White House intern is an abuse of power by the president," NOW president Patricia Ireland said in a statement. "But consensual sex is not illegal harassment and it is not an impeachable offense. Nor is it in the best interest of our country for the president to resign."

And in a slap at Congress, which may sit in judgment of the president, Ireland's statement said: "Whatever Congress decides to do, in all fairness the only ones who should vote on this issue are members who themselves have never had sex outside of marriage and never lied about their sex lives — either denying or exaggerating."



THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

U.S. 95c PER COPY
COPYRIGHT © 1998 THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PUBLISHING SOCIETY. All rights reserved.

BOSTON - THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 1998

Internet address: www.csmonitor.com 75¢

HIGH-TECH HOPES Silicon Whatevers Dot US Map

By Laurent Belsie

Staff writer of The Christian Science Monitor

ST. LOUIS

LOOKING over a St. Louis skyline that includes a vacant office building and a notch of the Mississippi River, Dick Fleming gets a gleam in his eye. "Could we become the Silicon Valley of biotech and life-sciences?" he asks. "Absolutely!"

His enthusiasm reverberates everywhere a development head (like Mr. Fleming) aims to boost an economy and add jobs. To succeed, cities all over the world are turning themselves into Silicon somethings.

There's Silicon Alley (New York), Silicon Orchard (Wenatchee Valley, Wash.), and Silicon Snowbank (Minneapolis). So many Silicon Prairies dot the landscape (nine at last count) that the one in Kansas City is suing one in Oklahoma for trademark violations. The phenomenon has spread overseas: Silicon Plateau (India) and Silicon Bog (Ireland).

Other high-tech hopefuls are busy creating Multimedia Gulch (San Francisco), Telecom Corridor (Richardson, Texas), and WebPort (Portland, Maine). Rather than merely trying to duplicate the valley across the country, these cities are relying on local strengths to give them a foothold in the 21st century economy. In New York, it's graphics; in St. Louis, perhaps it will be biotech.

So far, such efforts have created more names than success stories. But cities

See **TECHNOLOGY** Page 4



BIO-CITY: A researcher at Monsanto, a biotech firm in St. Louis, which hopes to reinvent itself as a high-tech center.

First Lady and Public Opinion



WELCOME BREAK: Hillary Rodham Clinton is greeted warmly upon arrival on Martha's Vineyard Tuesday at the start of a two-week vacation. The first lady's handling of the Lewinsky scandal has influenced many Americans' perceptions - particularly women's.

■ By sticking by president's side, Mrs. Clinton allows millions of women to justify backing him, too.

By Linda Feldmann

Staff writer of The Christian Science Monitor

WASHINGTON

Of the entire cast of characters that make up the Lewinsky affair, perhaps none displays more Shakespearean complexity than Hillary Rodham Clinton.

As President Clinton's wife, she has been betrayed by his now-acknowledged relationship with a former White House intern.

And yet she remains his closest adviser, reportedly playing a major role in the drafting of his statement to the nation Monday night - and urging its confrontational tone toward independent counsel Kenneth Starr.

But most important, by sticking by his side and continuing to proclaim her love for him and commitment to their marriage, she allows millions of Americans - especially women - to justify sticking with the president, too. Without women voters, Mr. Clinton would not have been elected president.

And without their support now, his approval ratings would crash, leaving him politically vulnerable in the face of a Congress that may take up impeachment.

"She's very important" to the maintenance of his high approval ratings, says Jennifer Laszlo, a Democratic consultant. "People view her with respect for her intelligence and integrity, and her compassion for the American people. They respect the fact that she's very loyal to her husband."

See **FIRST LADY** Page 10

As Radicalism Declines, Terrorism Surges

■ Waning of mass movements has caused hard-line extremists to grow more violent.

By Jonathan S. Landay

Staff writer of The Christian Science Monitor

WASHINGTON

Hundreds of marines rush to Albania to protect a hurriedly downsized United States embassy. US diplomatic facilities in

Pakistan close, and hundreds of American diplomats and citizens evacuate. A global travel advisory is issued to Americans.

In the two weeks since the bombings of the US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, a flurry of new anti-American threats - set against the backdrop of Northern Ireland's bloodiest bomb blast - are keeping apprehensions about terrorism on the boil.

"All our missions overseas are

operating on a heightened state of alert," says a US official. "We've received numerous threats since the [East Africa] bombings."

As authorities pursue those responsible for the deaths of 257 people in Nairobi and Dar Es Salaam, a major question officials are now wrestling with is whether the US is facing a new upsurge in terrorism.

Some contend it is too soon to say. Others say there are credible

reasons to worry about increasing foreign and domestic terrorism. Beneath the concerns over possible escalations in terrorism lies a common thread. Experts say extremist movements - from Islamic radicalism abroad to the "patriot" movement in the US - are losing steam. As a result, the most extreme adherents may feel driven to reassert themselves by greater acts of violence.

See **TERRORISM** Page 10

How Islamic Extremism Can Dissolve Old Borders

■ Taliban in Afghanistan inspired mullahs in Pakistan to demand Islamic rule by Aug. 31.

By Robert Marquand

Staff writer of The Christian Science Monitor

AMANDARA, PAKISTAN

In these harsh mountains near the Khyber Pass, it is difficult to tell an Afghan Taliban from a Pakistani Taliban. For those who want Islamic rule without boundaries, that is the point. For those who want to keep Pakistan under secular rule, that's a problem.

Last week local Islamic mullahs

said the region known as Malakand tribal area would break away from Pakistan unless Islamic rule and *sharia* (Islamic law) is allowed by Aug. 31.

Two years ago in this Himalayan frontier, Pakistan's military suppressed an Islamic uprising sparked by the capture of Afghanistan's capital, Kabul, by Taliban fighters.

The idea of another uprising makes Pakistani officials shudder. But to cede

authority to an Islamic council could bring similar demands in other regions at a time when Islamic sentiment is high because of the Taliban's near victory in taking over Afghanistan.

And the prospect of further instability in largely Muslim Pakistan - which now has the capacity for nuclear weapons - has raised international concern.

See **PAKISTAN** Page 6

8/20/1998

UNITED STATES

Clinton's Speech Erodes His Standing c

■ His attack on Starr
angers GOP, causes
some Democrats to
distance themselves.

By Lawrence J. Goodrich
Staff writer of The Christian Science Monitor

WASHINGTON

President Clinton and many others may want to move on from the Monica Lewinsky matter. But there's a long way to go before that happens.

Not only could independent counsel Kenneth Starr recall Mr. Clinton for further testimony, but unfavorable signs are emerging for the president in Congress.

With his attack on Mr. Starr at the end of his Monday speech, the president seriously undercut whatever good he may have done himself by his apology.

The president weakened his position with the GOP Congress, probably reducing already slim chances of getting his education, child-care, and health-care proposals enacted into law. Some say he may also have damaged Democrats' chances to recapture the House in the fall elections.

Clinton's admission of an inappropriate relationship with Ms. Lewinsky as well as his comments about Starr angered many

on the Hill. Several Republicans, including House whip Tom DeLay of Texas and Sens. Dan Coats of Indiana and John Ashcroft of Missouri, issued outright calls for the president to resign. They were joined by Democratic Rep. Paul McCrory of Pennsylvania.

But GOP leaders are telegraphing their restless troops to hold their fire.

"I think that everyone would be best served if they waited for Judge Starr's report and found out what all the facts were," Speaker Newt Gingrich (R) of Georgia said. "We'd all like to get that done as quickly as possible."

House Democratic leader Richard Gephardt (D) of Missouri and his Senate counterpart, Tom Daschle of South Dakota, issued lukewarm statements expressing disappointment with the president's conduct. At the same time, both backed Clinton's call for an early end to the investigation.

"It has gone on too long at far too great a cost to the presidency and the American taxpayer," Senator Daschle said. "There is a country to run, a farm crisis, international problems that mount each day, and other serious issues ... that must be addressed."

Other Democrats were more blunt: "My faith in the president's

credibility has been shattered," said a reportedly furious Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D) of California.

Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts, the No. 2 Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee continued to defend Clinton. "He owed the people an apology and he gave it," he told the Associated

**'My faith in the
president's credibility has
been shattered.'**

— Sen. Dianne Feinstein
(D) of California

Press. "No matter what he said before, I cannot believe that would rise under any definition to perjury or impeachment."

If Starr's report reaches Congress in mid-September as expected, it could not come at a worse time — just as lawmakers are preparing to adjourn and smack in the middle of the congressional election campaign. Both parties are wary of what the report may contain and how it will play in Peoria.

But Republican leaders are

bending over backward to insist that the matter transcends politics, and that they will act in the best interests of the nation. "It is our constitutional duty to provide a fair, full, and independent review of these facts in their proper context," says Rep. Henry Hyde (R) of Illinois, who chairs the House Judiciary Committee. Representative Hyde, along with Rep. John Conyers (D) of Michigan, would handle any inquiry based on the Starr report.

A knowledgeable House GOP staffer points out that there is no established procedure for handling the report. "This has never been done before. We're not even sure which door to bring it in."

But he outlines a probable scenario: The House would vote to refer the report to the Judiciary Committee, probably with a rule allowing only committee members access to the report. Under normal House rules, any legislator could see the materials.

The Judiciary Committee would then begin a review. The aide denies suggestions the review will be purposely delayed until after the elections. "That would be patently political," he says. "How long it takes depends on how much material [the report] contains" — and how com

Garment-Workers' Union Revolts Against Sweats

■ Retailers balk, but union
members see federal bill as
a way to protect their jobs.

By Leon Lazaroff
Special to The Christian Science Monitor

WASHINGTON

Frances Jackson makes her living sewing pants for Corbin Ltd. in Huntington, W.Va. A 16-year veteran of the company, Ms. Jackson says that a decade ago her factory made 4,400 trousers a day. Lately, that figure is down to 1,600.

The culprit? Competition, she says, from low-paying factories — commonly known as sweatshops — that are located both in the United States and in other nations around the world.

"My employer can't win contracts against sweatshops that pay their workers much less than \$5 an hour," Jackson says.

So on a recent day this summer, Jackson and 2,000 fellow members of America's largest garment workers' union are fanning out over Capitol Hill to muster support for legislation that might help. Some 50 buses disgorge members of the union from Jackson's home of Huntington as well as from Boston, Philadelphia, and Whiteville, N.C.

Although public attention to sweat-



NO SWEAT: America's largest garment-workers' union has been lobbying in Congress for a bill to help put an end to sweatshops. Above, garment workers in Los Angeles.

shops was piqued in the spring of 1996 when it came out that entertainer Kathie Lee Gifford's clothing line was made by exploited workers in Honduras and New York City. Little progress has been made to curb the proliferation of such shops,

says Ramon Rodriguez, an organizer with the Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees (UNITE). The Department of Labor estimates roughly 22,000 sweatshops exist nationwide.

The union workers are pinning their

hopes on
sponso
of Mas
(D) of I

The
large a
and Kn
clothing
wage la
tary fa
failed t
overtir
who ul

"The
sweatsl
sponsil

The
tially is
spector
900, w
lion wc

Whi
sweatsl
would
the fed
do: po
violate

"The
tempts
pose pe
away fr
tailers

How Mrs. Clinton's Stance Shapes Public Views o

FIRST LADY from Page 1

Indeed, polls show that the gender gap that has always given Mr. Clinton higher ratings among women than men persists.

A Gallup poll taken just after the president's speech found that 63 percent of women were satisfied with his explanation of the Lewinsky matter versus 43 percent of men. That same poll showed the president's job approval among women at 67 percent, compared with 56 percent among men.

Mrs. Clinton herself is boosted by a female-tilted gender gap as she enjoys favorability ratings in the 60-percent range, among the highest of her husband's presidency.

Questioning her support

But behind Mrs. Clinton's strong support among the public, there lurk questions about her own candor and about her willingness, it appears, to put up with just about anything from her husband. Is she really supposed to

"stand by her man" no matter what, many women have asked in street interviews.

Many Americans also find it strains credulity for the first lady's office to claim that Mrs. Clinton didn't know the truth of her husband's relationship with Monica Lewinsky until this past weekend.

Mrs. Clinton is a highly intelligent person, a Yale-trained lawyer, and she had to have had at least strong suspicions that his earlier denials were false, some say.

Mrs. Clinton's steadfast defense of her husband from the beginning also raises questions about what she has truly believed about her husband's actions.

In January, just after the Lewinsky story broke, Mrs. Clinton claimed on the "Today Show" that the charges were just part of a vast right-wing conspiracy to bring down the president.

More recently, she told an Arkansas newspaper that the Starr investigation stemmed from anti-Arkansas sentiment.

"I don't know what she knew and when she knew it, but it strikes me you'd have to be pretty naive to think this guy was innocent on the face of it," says George Edwards, a presidential analyst at Texas A&M University in Col-

'I've always maintained that Hillary will put up with anything, because she wants to be in the White House.'

- George Edwards, Texas A&M

lege Station.

"I've always maintained that Hillary will put up with anything, because she wants to be in the White House. She's in a lose-lose situation. If she stays in the White House, she's humiliated, but at least she has a forum. If she leaves, she might be America's hero, but she loses her forum."

James Rosebush, who first lady Nancy Reagan's chief staff, echoes these views. "I have condoned this behavior, that I would expect her to do: anything other than what she's doing but I see her right now playing role of political partner."

In the fishbowl

If nothing else, one thing is tain about the Clintons: their lationship will be a matter speculation long after they've the White House.

For now, Mrs. Clinton's and supporters are firm in devotion to her.

"She's always been there him, he's always been there her," says Neel Lattimore, Clinton's former press secretary. "They are their own strongest fenders," he adds, noting that president has "stepped up to plate" to defend her on a nun of occasions.

In Starr's Whitewater investigation, which morphed into Lewinsky investigation in January, the longstanding view

As Radicalism Wanes, Extremists Turn to Greater

TERRORISM from Page 1

This has been a trend throughout the history of political violence. It began in the late 19th century when what are considered the first modern terrorist groups emerged in czarist Russia following the failure of a mass movement for the betterment of the penurious peasantry.

"The decline of mass movements seems to be related to the emergence of terrorist groups," says Leonard Weinberg, an expert on political violence at the University of Nevada at Reno.

Terrorism's toll

To be sure, international terrorist actions have become more deadly in terms of the numbers of victims, but the number of them have dropped precipitously during the past decade. Some experts attribute the decline to improved security efforts, greater cooperation between states, and a post-cold war drop in government support for radical groups.

Still, the threats by Muslim radicals - the latest of which was received on Tuesday by an Arabic-language newspaper in London - has others more concerned.

The note was sent in the name of the Islamic International Front for Fighting Jews and Crusaders. It is a group wedded to ending the US military presence in Saudi Arabia - the site of Islam's two holiest shrines - and dealing a mortal blow to Israeli-Palestinian peace efforts, which have been on the brink of collapse for months.

The front's leaders include Osama bin Laden, the scion of a wealthy Saudi family who is a prime suspect in the Kenya and Tanzania bombings. Two other suspects were arrested earlier this week as they tried to enter Afghanistan from Pakistan.

For his part, Mr. bin Laden has helped fund and train Muslims who fought the So-

viet occupation of Afghanistan and has been linked to the 1993 World Trade Center bombing and two attacks on US troops in Saudi Arabia.

And concerns over an upsurge in terrorism are not limited to attacks overseas. Some experts believe that racist organizations and other groups on the extreme right in the US are also stepping up violent activities. "Since the Oklahoma City bombing, there have been 24 or 25 plots [uncovered by law-enforcement agencies] to blow up buildings while people are in them," says Mark Potok, who tracks domestic terrorism for the Montgomery, Ala.-based Southern Poverty Law Center. "We could see another Oklahoma City-type attack within the next few years."

Yet the broad trends worldwide suggest that these may be desperate actions by increasingly marginalized groups. In the Middle East, for example, the peace process provoked upsurges in anti-Israeli violence by the radical Palestinian groups, Hamas and Islamic Jihad, which oppose the Oslo accords that brought the Palestinian Liberation Organization into the political mainstream. Similarly, the Aug. 15 bombing in Northern Ireland that killed 28 and wounded hundreds was staged by Catholic extremists opposed to the US-brokered peace accord that has been endorsed by a majority of Irish Catholics.

Muslim fundamentalism

The collapse of the Soviet Union and the discrediting of leftist ideologies has led in recent years to the emergence of radical Islamic groups as the main international terrorist threat.

But with Iran, the wellspring of Islamic revolutionary zeal, deeply riven between hard-liners and moderates, and other Muslim states working with the West to fight terrorism, many experts believe the



cause of international Muslim fundamentalism may now be in decline.

And that has increased the apprehensions that individual zealots like bin Laden, flush with cash, aided by modern communications and the Internet, and linked through networks of Afghan war

Monitor the world for just 48¢ a day.

☐ 3-month introductory offer
☐ 6-month introductory offer
☐ Check/money order enclosed. C

Name (Please Print) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

OFFER AVAILABLE ONLY IN THE U.S.A.

THE MONITOR'S VIEW

"First the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear."

Starr's Final Act

NO, Kenneth Starr is not going to go away now that President Clinton has admitted to misleading people about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky. The independent counsel still has to prepare a final report on his four-year probe. He's already issuing new subpoenas to tie up prosecutorial loose ends.

This should not be cause for anguish or anger. Mr. Starr's work has to be completed. The investigation has been extraordinarily long, but a lot fell within Starr's purview: the Whitewater land deal, then travelgate, filegate, and, finally, the Lewinsky matter. The latter was quickly determined by the Justice Department to warrant an independent counsel, and Starr, being on the job, was the logical choice.

The Lewinsky affair was never a purely "private" matter, as the president's defenders have argued. Whatever happened took place in the official residence, probably in the course of working days. And the specific allegations of perjury and obstruction of justice touch the fundamental workings of the justice system.

Starr's final report on this matter is likely to land, soon, on congressional desks, for consideration as grounds for impeachment. The report may reach beyond Lewinsky to an alleged wider presidential pattern of hedging the truth in order to avoid

culpability.

The independent counsel can send a report to Congress only if he believes a case can be made for impeachment. But Congress may not agree. The members of the House Judiciary Committee have the initial call. They are led by Republican Henry Hyde of Illinois, who is widely viewed as fair-minded, if staunchly conservative.

Few members of Congress, and few average Americans (according to polls), want to see the president removed because he lied, under oath, about extramarital indiscretions. Much depends on how strong an obstruction case Starr has built.

Political motivations also enter in. Republicans would rather see a weakened Clinton remain in office; Democrats don't want the stigma of impeachment or resignation.

No one wants the disruption of national life, and the distraction from foreign and domestic policymaking, that an impeachment proceeding would bring. Many Americans, understandably, feel the country has already endured more than enough of both.

Yet what's at work is the legal machinery of American government, both the Constitution and the Watergate-inspired independent counsel law. When this crisis is past, and its lessons learned, the counsel law will no doubt get a thorough tuning.

What's at work is the legal machinery of government, both the Constitution and later law.



...Delivery for Hillary Rodh.

Protecting Children From

I am writing on behalf of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in response to "Sex-Crime Laws Draw More Flak" (Aug. 13) on community notification about sex offenders and the tension between children's safety and offenders' privacy.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) studies and raises public awareness about ways to prevent child abduction, molestation, and sexual exploitation. We have long supported community notification or "Megan's Law" statutes and disagree with some of the issues raised in the article.

First, consider the quote by a University of California at Berkeley law professor who stated that there is no evidence the practice of sex offense is increasing or that the recidivism rate among sex offenders is any higher than for other crimes.

On the contrary, we believe there is evidence that sex offenses, especially those against children, are increasing. According to the US Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics, since 1980 the number of prisoners sentenced for violent sexual assault other than rape increased by an annual average of nearly 15 percent - faster than any other category of violent crime. Of the estimated 95,000 sex offenders in state prisons today, well over 60,000 most likely committed their crime against a child under 18.

Compounding this growing problem is the high rate of recidivism among sex offenders. A review of frequently cited studies of sex offender recidivism indicates that offenders who molest young girls repeat their crimes at rates up to 25 percent, and offenders who molest young boys, at rates up to 40 percent. Moreover, the recidivism rates do not appreciably decline as offenders age.

Finally, the article mentioned critics who question the effectiveness of notification laws. Because it is difficult if not impossible to prove a negative, we may never know precisely how many children have been saved. But there is strong anecdotal evidence of such laws' effectiveness.

Sex offender notification is not a panacea, but it is a simple, commonsensical approach to protecting society from sexual predators.

Todd M. Manage Center f

Lists a
Admin
Monitor
News in
for bori
most do



include
fected o
Salman
whom I
20th cer
the sam
that the
lists spe
one reco
people's
free in ti
Guy Otte
Universe

Inappr

The c
at the gu
Imagine
been pe
acts of s
ing this.
Kim E. I

The l
opinion
publishe
edge no
All subn
ters mus
ing addi
Mail i

lon artt
St., Bos
2317, or

Rerun in Congo

WHEN a rebellion ousted dictator Mobutu Sese Seko 15 months ago, hopes were high that political stability and a taste of democracy might finally come to a key African state. But Congo (formerly Zaire) had those hopes dashed.

The rebellion's leader, Laurent Kabila, quickly proved himself no democrat. He squelched opposition voices, concentrated power around himself, and disturbingly followed Mobutu's pattern of installing friends, relatives, and fellow tribesmen in government posts.

Now Congolese politics have come full circle, with Mr. Kabila the target of another rebellion. This one, ironically, has emanated from the same western region as Kabila's did, with the same aura of outside support, primarily from Rwanda and Uganda. The ethnic flavor is similar too, with Tutsis prominent among anti-Kabila forces.

But despite Kabila's effort to paint the insurgency as a Tutsi plot, playing on resentments against that group, the rebellion apparently has diverse roots. Many rebel soldiers are troops who formerly fought to overthrow

Mobutu. Some of the figures trying to piece together a political program for the rebels were once at Kabila's side. Some had spoken out against Kabila's dictatorial tendencies.

The outcome of the fighting is far from clear. The rebels appeared, this week, to be moving toward the capital, Kinshasa. But Kabila has been angling for support from Angola and Zimbabwe, and reportedly has gotten some airlift help. He argues that the rebellion is really an invasion from Uganda and Tutsi-led Rwanda.

Congo's neighbors are primarily interested in stability on their frontiers. The danger of conflict and, indeed, national disintegration is never far away in Congo, a huge mosaic of tribal cultures and regions. Only a government that strives to be inclusive and convinces all Congolese that it intends to improve their lives can bring a final end to unrest and insurgency.

Western powers and organizations of African nations should be intent on encouraging the peaceful formation of such a government, regardless of who emerges on top from the current struggle.



Rita Moreno

Coming up

A multi-award winner. Rita Moreno — the only woman to win Tony, Oscar, Emmy and Grammy awards — is coming to Rochester.

Moreno will be the special guest Sept. 26 at the 25th anniversary fund-raiser of Threshold, the Center for Alternative Youth Services. She'll appear at a dinner at the Hyatt Regency Rochester.

Moreno won an Academy Award as Anita in *West Side Story*, and currently stars in the HBO series *Oz*. Benefit tickets are \$80 (\$125 includes a private reception). For information, call 454-7530.



Survey *scvs*

living

ROCHESTER
DEMOCRAT AND CHRONICLE

Allegiance to the Cad

Clinton's
confession puts
Hillary in the
spotlight again —
where she has

THE WASHINGTON POST
KEVIN MERIDA

The tip-off was a stack of love letters she discovered. Her husband was having an affair with her social secretary, for goodness' sake. Devastated, she offered him a divorce. She felt unattractive, unwanted. But divorce would disgrace their children and ruin his political career, so it was not a good option. He promised to leave his mistress — though he secretly reneged on that pledge — and the couple stayed together.

He went on to become president of the United States. She went on to become Eleanor Roosevelt, the Eleanor Roosevelt of enduring fascination, a model of the strong

DEAR MARSHA - YOU'RE EVERYWHERE! HAVE YOU WON! LOVE, CSTG



Friday entertainment

Wesley Snipes' latest movie has bite — he plays an immortal warrior who fights vampires.

Turn to Page 3C.



Youth programs keep Iroquois culture alive

BY STAFF WRITER
DIANA LOUISE CARTER

Many Iroquois children grow up listening to their elders tell colorful stories about everything from the creation of the world to the need to obey one's parents.

Tomorrow, people who attend a program at Ganondagan State Historic Site in Victor will get a chance to see how well at least one youngster was listening.

Fourteen-year-old Melissa Carr, a Six Nations/Akwesasne Mohawk who lives in Rochester, will make her debut as a storyteller during the Friends of Ganondagan's "Celebrating Iroquois Youth" program.

Melissa will recount the story of Skywoman, the creation story of the Iroquois. (The six Iroquois nations are Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga,

PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION

The extended happy hour starts at 5:01 p.m. and features live music by Triple Play, snacks and drink specials. Tickets for the event at 333 N. Plymouth Ave. include admission to the 7:35 p.m. Red Wings vs. Buffalo Bisons game.

The price: \$6; \$4 DAF members. For further information, call 234-9147.

Sold out

A record breaker. Country superstar Garth Brooks is one popular guy. Tickets for his six shows in Buffalo, Sept. 23 through 28, sold out in one day. His sale of 104,000 tickets breaks Marine Midland Arena's previous ticket sales record.



Brooks

On TV tonight

Alive and kicking. Demonic dolls writhe again in *Puppet Master 4*.

In this fourth installment about the evil, lifelike puppets, a whiz kid and his pals conduct experiments in the hotel where the little monsters were born. Tune in at 9 p.m. on The SciFi Channel (cable channel 53).

Turn to Page 7C for today's TV listings.

Next up

Moving in. As college students head back to campuses and residence halls, an important question comes to mind: How do you make a dorm room feel like home? We ask students and college officials how to decorate dorm rooms for function and fun.

Tomorrow on Page 1C.

Sheila Rayam collects tidbits for this column from staff and wire reports.

More inside

columns.....	2C
music.....	6C
movies.....	5C
television.....	7C



She was not by the president's side for his televised confession Monday, as she was for his vague admission of infidelity on 60 Minutes during the 1992 campaign. But she did help write his speech and participate in strategy meetings before his grand jury testimony.

Her spokeswoman Marsha Berry said Tuesday, as the Clintons departed for a 10-day vacation on Martha's Vineyard, that the first lady learned only this past weekend that her husband would testify to having an inappropriate relationship with Monica Lewinsky, an intern half her age.

Through Berry, Mrs. Clinton conveyed that she loves her husband, is

CAQ, PAGE 5C



File photos

Standing by their men
Hillary Clinton joins a legion of women who have supported their husbands after admissions of infidelity. Some of those women are (from top) Eleanor Roosevelt (with FDR), Lee Hart (with Gary), Kathie Lee Gifford (with Frank) and Effi Barry (with Marion).

File photos

It's got rhythm, it's got music — don't ask for anything more

BY STAFF FILM CRITIC
JACK GARNER

The musical romance *Dance With Me* swirls and sambas around a very familiar dance floor. It's Strictly

FILM
REVIEW
Ballroom, to a salsa beat. Hot Latin singer-actor

Chayanne makes an appealing English-language film debut as Rafael, a handsome Cuban immigrant handyman who becomes the star dancer at a Houston dance studio.

Rafael also woos Ruby, the studio's veteran dance professional, played by an effervescent Vanessa L. Williams.

Ruby is working hard to raise a young child alone while preparing for an upcoming dance competition. (The child's father — her former partner — also will compete.)

Rafael, meanwhile, has to

deal with other issues. He's been brought to America by John (Kris Kristofferson), the middle-aged owner of the dance studio, who knew Rafael's mother years earlier.

We, however, know the whole truth: The cool and distant John is Rafael's long-absent father. Will John ever accept that role?

Fortunately, whenever the plot threatens to flood us in such suds, somebody dances. The many well-crafted Latin dance numbers — and the zestful music that propels them — are the true pleasures of *Dance With Me*.

Director Randa Haines is generous with the dance content — and the choreography by Daryl Matthews and Liz Curtis is imaginative.

Mostly, though, *Dance With Me* is a terrific showcase for Williams, who's never had such a chance to demonstrate her range of talent, especially on the dance



Columbia Pictures

Smooth moves Vanessa L. Williams and Latin newcomer Chayanne tear up the dance floor together.

floor. She's graceful, athletic, sexy and fun.

Chayanne (pronounced Cheyenne, like the Native American tribe), is clearly a hunk but shows charm and wit as an actor. He also has seemingly natural, easygoing skill as a dancer.

He and Williams make beautiful music together, on and off the dance floor. And when they join in a salsa groove, watch out.

Kristofferson, however, is a bizarre casting choice. He's got the good of 'boy Texas thing down pat but isn't

Dance With Me

Starring: Vanessa L. Williams, Chayanne.

Directed by: Randa Haines.

Opens today at: Hoyts Greece Ridge, Marketplace, Regal Culver Ridge, Regal Eastview, Sony Webster, Tinseltown.

Length: 90 minutes.

Rated: PG, with mild profanity.
Jack's rating: With 10 as a must-see, this film rates

6

remotely believable as a dance studio operator and retiring dancer. Two carefully staged attempts to make him look like a dancer in the film are obvious and silly.

More amusing is the esteemed English veteran Joan Plowright as an elderly dance student. With her pluck and sly humor, she reminds everyone that dance, after all, is supposed to be fun. □

Ganondagan, says Melissa was a natural as the first youngster to be trained as a storyteller. The Rochester School of the Arts freshman hopes to become an actress, and she has been involved in the traditional Young Spirit Dancers since the group was formed several years ago.

"We hope this is just the beginning," Miller says. The Friends organization, which sponsors a number of programs to teach Iroquois traditions to Native American youngsters, has been trying to expand into new areas, such as storytelling, in an effort to keep the kids interested.

"There are many different things to our culture," Miller says.

The teens also are taking on new performance responsibilities. At tomorrow's program, which will also include performances of traditional Iroquois dancing and singing by the Young Spirit Dancers and Little Spirit Dancers, some of the youngsters will introduce the dances, instead of having an adult do the spoken introductions.

Miller says she hopes more kids will be reached this way. "Sometimes youth-to-youth, it captures their attention more." □

Celebration

What: Celebrating Iroquois Youth, a program of dancing, singing and traditional storytelling in the Friends of Ganondagan's Indigenous Music of the Americas series.

Who: Performers include Young Spirit Dancers and Little Spirit Dancers.

When: Tomorrow, performance at 7 p.m.; guided tours of the newly built replica of a bark Seneca longhouse, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Where: Ganondagan State Historic Site, 1488 Victor-Holcomb Road, Victor, Ontario County.

Admission: \$6 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, students and members of the Friends of Ganondagan, \$1 ages 4 to 12, free to ages under 4.

Call: 742-1690.

Rochester
Living
Democrat &
Chronicle

8/21/1998

PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION

Allegiance to the Cad

Clinton's
confession puts
Hillary in the
spotlight again —
where she has
plenty of company



THE WASHINGTON POST
KEVIN MERIDA

The tip-off was a stack of love letters she discovered. Her husband was having an affair with her social secretary, for goodness' sake. Devastated, she offered him a divorce. She felt unattractive, unwanted. But divorce would disgrace their children and ruin his political career, so it was not a good option. He promised to leave his mistress — though he secretly reneged on that pledge — and the couple stayed together.

He went on to become president of the United States. She went on to become Eleanor Roosevelt, the Eleanor Roosevelt of enduring fascination, a model of the strong, independent, compassionate first lady.

Hillary Rodham Clinton has often cited her as the kind of first lady she hoped to become, though it is doubtful she was thinking of sharing the bond of embarrassed wives deceived by unfaithful husbands.

For the cheated-on public woman, there is an endless stream of analysis, bar-stool and beauty-parlor probing of her demeanor in the aftermath of the misdeed. The TV talking heads weigh in instantly. The columnists opine. The radio jocks stir up the masses: What would you do if you were Lee Hart? Effi Barry? Kathie Lee Gifford? Frances Swaggart? Camille Cosby? Eileen McGann?

Once again Hillary Clinton finds herself in this familiar place — the woman scorned, a public figure under the national spotlight being dissected like a lab frog.

She accompanied her husband to church Sunday, holding his hand, smiling. She invited Jesse Jackson to the residence that night, saying 18-year-old Chelsea wanted to talk. Jackson prayed with mother and daughter and later described the first lady as pained and humiliated, but not shocked by her husband's latest sexcapade.

She was not by the president's side for his televised confession Monday, as she was for his recent admission of infidelity.



File photos

programs
keep Iroquois
culture alive

BY STAFF WRITER
DIANA LOUISE CARTER

Many Iroquois children grow up listening to their elders tell colorful stories about everything from the creation of the world to the need to obey one's parents.

Tomorrow, people who attend a program at Ganondagan State Historic Site in Victor will get a chance to see how well at least one youngster was listening.

Fourteen-year-old Melissa Carr, a Six Nations/Akwesasne Mohawk who lives in Rochester, will make her debut as a storyteller during the Friends of Ganondagan's "Celebrating Iroquois Youth" program.

Melissa will recount the story of Skywoman, the creation story of the Iroquois. (The six Iroquois nations are Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca and Tuscarora.)

"It's our tradition and our culture. It tells about how we think the Earth was created. It keeps our tradition going," explains Melissa, who has admired storytellers such as Marion Miller, a Seneca from the Allegany Reservation, and Tonia Loran, a Mohawk who works at Ganondagan.

Jeanette Miller, executive director of the Friends of Ganondagan, says Melissa was a natural as the first



Carr

Rochester Living
Democrat & Chronicle
8/21/1998

PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION

THE GOSPEL TIMES™

August 1998

CeCe Winans Sings at the White House



Yvette Belle
The Gospel Times

More than 500 guests were recently invited to the White House for an evening of gospel music with the President and Mrs. Clinton. The recorded event for PBS stations will air Wednesday, February 3, 1999 at 8 p.m. The featured guest artist was CeCe Winans along with a variety of other musical guests.

Mrs. Clinton opened the program by welcoming everyone to the White House grounds. President Clinton then gave remarks on why gospel music was being featured for the evening. He said, "We've

had, in this White House since I've been privileged to be here, jazz music and classical music, country music and rock music, rhythm and blues. We've had just about everything you can imagine. But tonight we celebrate music that is truly an American gift. Wedded to the powerful message of faith and conviction, gospel lifts our hearts and minds, soothes our souls and calms our spirits." He continued, "Gospel music grew out of the musical traditions of Africa. Its roots were nourished by the blood, the sweat, and the tears of millions of people who were held captive in slavery. Through this century, particularly during the civil rights era, the amazing grace of gospel music has been a sustaining force for countless Americans. It's a voice of hardship and hope, of pain and triumph."

When the President finished, he called for CeCe to come out. Dressed in all white, she greeted the audience and talked about gospel music before singing a medley that included, "Oh Happy Day," "Soon and Very Soon," "I'll Fly Away," and "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands."

Morgan State University Choir was then introduced. As they marched in to join Winans on stage they demonstrated their vocal abilities by singing an old Negro Spiritual. They were impeccable in their delivery, and clearly defined why they have been labeled one of the nation's most prestigious university choral ensembles. Their selections included, "Glory

Glory," "Peace in the Valley," and "Ain't Got Time to Die."

Phil Driscoll, an obvious crowd pleaser, performed next with his familiar mighty horn and trumpet. The sound of the horn was so clear, many questioned if there was a sound track in the background or was it all him. By the time he was done performing, many in the crowd stood to their feet.

Winans came back to introduce Mickey Mangum and the Messiah Singers. Mangum performs internationally as a solo artist and sings regularly with the Messiah Singers in Louisiana. On this evening, it was clear why she was selected to sing at the White House. Her fantastic performance inspired many to give a standing ovation.

Winans returned to sing several cuts from her newest project, "Everlasting Love." It was obvious with "Well All Right," Winans was changing the mood to a more contemporary one and some folks even began to clap their hands. Her title cut, "Everlasting Love" was simply flawless, and after a soulful performance, Winans received her own well-deserved standing ovation, led by the Reverend Jesse Jackson.

The Clintons hosted an elegant and inspiring evening of beautiful music, hopefully more such unifying programs will follow!

TGT

Invite Jesus Christ Into Your Heart Today!

The Bible says, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus Christ, and believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." (Romans 10:9-10)

To receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of your life, please pray this prayer from your heart!

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are the son of God and that you died on the cross for me and that You rose from the dead. I confess to You that I am a sinner and that I need Your love and forgiveness. Lord, come into my heart, forgive me of my sins; and give me eternal life. I confess You now as my Lord and Personal Savior! Help me to walk in your peace and joy from this day forward. Amen

LEVEL 1 - 8 OF 16 STORIES

Copyright 1998 Agence France Presse
Agence France Presse

August 17, 1998 US-Clinton-Jackson 13:36 GMT

*8.17.98
Jesse Jackson
media reaction*

SECTION: Domestic, non-Washington, general news item

LENGTH: 175 words

HEADLINE: Clintons' marriage will survive crisis, Jackson says

DATELINE: WASHINGTON, Aug 17

BODY:

President Bill Clinton's marriage will survive despite the "humiliation" suffered by First Lady Hillary Clinton in the Monica Lewinsky matter, the couple's spiritual advisor, Jesse Jackson said Monday.

Jackson, a preacher and civil rights activist, told CNN that he went to the White House on Sunday to discuss the sex-and-perjury matter with the president and his wife.

The president said "he is embarrassed by whatever happened ... and Hillary has had to face the humiliation of it all, but then she's mature," Jackson said.

The Clintons "are in love and their marriage will survive this," Jackson predicted, adding that the president's strength during this crisis comes from his wife being at his side.

Clinton was set to testify Monday before a federal grand jury on allegations that he had sex with a young White House intern and urged her to lie about it.

Jackson said they talked about "matters of faith" that he considers "private," adding that he had prayed with the president before leaving the White House.

ft/xb/pfm

LOAD-DATE: August 17, 1998

LEVEL 1 - 7 OF 16 STORIES

Copyright 1998 Associated Press
AP Online

August 17, 1998; Monday 13:41 Eastern Time

SECTION: Washington - general news

LENGTH: 715 words

HEADLINE: Preachers Study Clinton's Situation

BYLINE: SONYA ROSS
AP-Clinton-Ministers ,0749

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY:

While Washington speculated over what President Clinton would tell a grand jury today, his minister sat in a television studio with the Rev. Jesse Jackson, offering the preacher's take on a matter shrouded in sex and sin.

Today, Jackson said he spent nearly two hours Sunday night with Clinton's wife and daughter, whom he described as having "unbroken devotion" to their husband and father. He said they also spent a few moments with the president, who was upstairs in the White House residence preparing for his testimony.

"Suffice it to say he is in the pain of all of this," Jackson said. "At a time like this, he would rather face the grand jury, and the press, with their array of questions and hostility, than to face Hillary and Chelsea with hostility. Fortunately for him, they are greeting him with open arms and devotion."

The Rev. J. Philip Wogaman said Sunday he believes the nation would be disappointed in Clinton, but forgiving of him, if he were to confess to a sexual affair with Monica Lewinsky. He and Jackson, a Baptist minister, predicted Clinton would survive, just like two of the Bible's fallen souls, Samson and King David of ancient Israel.

"King David did something that was much worse (arranging the death of his lover Bathsheba's husband) than anything that President Clinton is alleged to have done. And King David, if I read my Bible correctly, was not impeached," Wogaman, senior minister of Washington's Foundry United Methodist Church, said on CNN's "Both Sides with Jesse Jackson."

It made for unusual political television: Jackson and Wogaman, along with Foundry's parish minister, the Rev. Walter Shropshire Jr., discussing biblical precedents of men in power confronting temptation and debating which verses of Scripture appropriately address it.

Turning to Wogaman, Jackson noted that one of Clinton's favorite psalms asks for pardon of iniquity and urges comfort in "God's tender mercies."

"A perfect time for that psalm, wouldn't you say, Dr. Wogaman?" Jackson said.

AP Online, August 17, 1998

'That's always a timely psalm for every human being on Earth,' Wogaman replied. 'We all have fallen short. We're all in need of God's grace.'

As he did when the Lewinsky allegations broke in January, Wogaman cited 1 Corinthians 13, a modern version of which reads: 'Love is patient, love is kind. ... Love keeps no score of wrongs, does not gloat over other men's sins, but delights in the truth.'

'I'm afraid there are people who, when they see a political enemy having problems, they rejoice in that,' Wogaman said. 'All of us need to be very cautious about how we make such judgments, not knowing what the facts are.'

Jackson noted that Samson was tempted by Delilah, and God gave him another chance. 'Yet, the special prosecutor, I suppose, would have locked him up,' he observed.

Jackson said he has spent the past few days with Clinton 'at the White House after hours, talking about a range of things and having prayer.'

'We reduce this to Bill Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky, but what is at stake here, really, is the spirit of the nation, the mood of the nation, how the world sees our nation,' Jackson said.

Should Clinton say that he did, indeed, have an affair with Ms. Lewinsky, Wogaman said, 'I think many people would be disappointed to learn that. But I think there is such a deep appreciation for the many contributions that President Clinton has made ... that there would also be a sense of proportion about it.'

Wogaman's TV appearance came after Clinton and his wife, Hillary, attended services at Foundry, and the president closeted himself in the White House to prepare for perhaps the most difficult day of his presidency.

The Clintons took their usual pew down front. The president sat pensively, wearing his eyeglasses and casting his eyes downward as if reading. The first lady paid rapt attention as Shropshire gave a sermon about science, religion and 'artificial life.'

Leaving the church to face a media throng, the president playfully swelled and shrank a plastic sphere that Shropshire had used to illustrate how the universe expands and contracts. Mrs. Clinton wore sunglasses despite overcast skies and a misty rain. The Clintons' daughter, Chelsea, did not accompany them.

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

LOAD-DATE: August 17, 1998

LEVEL 1 - 2 OF 16 STORIES

Copyright 1998 Agence France Presse
Agence France Presse

August 17, 1998 US-Clinton sched 17:14 GMT

SECTION: Domestic, non-Washington, general news item

LENGTH: 747 words

HEADLINE: Clinton speaks at last, but any testimony could spell trouble

BYLINE: Gretchen Cook

DATELINE: WASHINGTON, Aug 17

BODY:

President Bill Clinton was to have his final say in the White House intern probe Monday, but neither contrite confession nor flat denial is expected to get him completely off the hook.

"It's high anxiety," his former chief of staff, Leon Panetta, said as the president and his lawyers prepared for the unprecedented 1 p.m. (1700 GMT) testimony on Clinton's relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

Aides reportedly say that seven months after his adamant denials, Clinton is now ready to admit to an "inappropriate" liaison but not to the impeachable perjury offense.

His spokesman Michael McCurry said only Clinton and his lawyers knew what he would say, but insisted he was fully prepared for what is likely to be an embarrassing, gruelling ordeal with independent counsel Kenneth Starr.

"The president is confident as he goes into today's session," McCurry said.

"I wouldn't say he is exactly looking forward to it, but he knows with certainty what he is going to testify to and that is the truth and the whole truth," he added.

But that truth may be open to a whole host of interpretations.

Clinton is expected to recant his sworn January denial of the Lewinsky affair and seek to avoid perjury charges by saying he did not understand the lawyers' definition of sex to include certain acts.

But friends and foes alike were urging Clinton to come completely clean when he testifies to the grand jury, deliver a national "mea culpa" and then have done with the whole sordid mess.

"If the president makes a clear confession here as to what happened, and expresses his regrets and apologizes to the country, that ought to go a long way toward putting this matter behind us," Panetta said on NBC.

The former aide acknowledged Clinton's tendency to act independently and said "he will continue to review options in his head" until the last minute.

Agence France Presse, August 17, 1998

McCurry likewise said Clinton alone would determine whether to deliver a national address after the ordeal.

He noted, however, that preparations for such an event were being made in the White House Map Room, where Clinton was to testify.

An unseasonable drizzle plagued the press staked out for Clinton's testimony from the room in the White House residence. The 23 grand jurors will watch via closed-circuit television and can relay questions through the prosecutors.

It had been uncertain whether Starr himself would attend until McCurry's announcement. The presence of the man who has investigated Clinton for four years would likely ratchet up the tensions.

Starr broadened his Whitewater land deal probe in January to investigate whether Clinton had an affair with Lewinsky and urged her to lie about it, an impeachable offense.

Clinton's denial in the Paula Jones civil sexual harassment case, which has since been dismissed, is considered far less serious than should the president lie before the grand jury Monday.

He could theoretically avoid legal jeopardy by admitting now he perjured himself to avoid hurting his family.

But if Starr concludes Clinton committed a crime, he is required by law to ask Congress to consider impeachment no matter how contrite Clinton is.

The Republican-controlled legislature may be reluctant to take such action with Clinton's sky-high ratings, but polls show that support for the president could erode should he change his story.

Any sort of semantic hair-splitting about what constitutes sex could undermine Clinton's credibility with an already disgusted public.

A refusal to answer questions in detail will trigger more charges Clinton is stonewalling and has something to hide.

And even if the public forgives Clinton now, the future may not be so bright.

Clinton also faces a possible new inquiry into his fundraising practices, financial crises in Russia and Asia and increasing fears for the US economy, which had been his saving grace.

Family friends, clerics and spiritual advisors have been visiting the White House to console Clinton, his wife Hillary and their daughter Chelsea, McCurry said.

"Some of the folks he relies on for spiritual guidance," explained the spokesman.

One of those was Reverend Jesse Jackson, the civil rights leader and first family confidant.

Agence France Presse, August 17, 1998

"He is embarrassed by whatever happened," Jackson said on CNN after his visit with Clinton late Sunday. "And Hillary has had to face the humiliation of it all."

But he insisted that the Clintons "are in love and their marriage will survive this."

gc/cw

LOAD-DATE: August 17, 1998

LEVEL 1 - 3 OF 16 STORIES

Copyright 1998 Agence France Presse
Agence France Presse

August 17, 1998 US-Clinton-alone sched 15:53 GMT

SECTION: Entertainment, television and culture

LENGTH: 429 words

HEADLINE: Looming testimony finds Clinton alone

BYLINE: Brigitte Dusseau

DATELINE: WASHINGTON, Aug 17

BODY:

President Bill Clinton, a crowd lover known to draw on an army of advisors, stood alone Monday as he prepared for what may be the toughest day of his endangered presidency.

Clinton was set to testify from the White House via closed-circuit television to a grand jury probing whether he had an affair with ex-White House intern Monica Lewinsky, lied about it under oath and urged her to do the same.

The president has denied the charges publicly and under oath in the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit against him.

Many of his friends and allies are on vacation, and Clinton has pared down the number of people with whom he discusses the matter to those who cannot themselves be called to testify about the president's strategy.

Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr has won court battles to compel top Clinton aides, confidants, and even some White House lawyers to answer his questions in the seven months since the controversy began.

The Clintons' friend and spiritual advisor, civil rights leader and preacher Jesse Jackson, recently told The New York Times that his role has been defined by Starr's relentless probe.

"We talk, and when we talk we have prayer, but I have carefully stayed away from the legal area in this, because Starr's been so bizarre in his hauling people before his grand jury," Jackson told the daily.

Vice President Al Gore is on vacation in Hawaii. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright left for Africa Monday. Clinton confidant Bruce Lindsey is recovering from back surgery.

White House chief of staff Erskine Bowles is returning from a vacation in Scotland. His deputy, John Podesta, is also just returning from vacation.

Publicly, Clinton has seemed focused, smiling and "very buoyant," according to White House spokesman Michael McCurry. But at least one television camera caught the president somberly lost in thought.

Agence France Presse, August 17, 1998

"He is lonelier and more confused than he has ever been," Clinton biographer David Maranniss told NBC television.

"He is dealing with the toughest test of his life, not just with Kenneth Starr but with the American people and his wife all at the same time," added Maranniss.

Clinton's inner circle is now limited to First Lady Hillary Clinton, his private lawyer David Kendall, the latter's associate Nicole Seligman, and Clinton friend and lawyer Mickey Kantor.

USA Today said Monday that several Clinton advisors have, anonymously, recently spoken to media outlets in a bid to convince him to change his story before it's too late, and perhaps save his embattled presidency.

bd/ok/cw

LOAD-DATE: August 17, 1998

LEVEL 1 - 4 OF 16 STORIES

Copyright 1998 Associated Press
AP Online

August 17, 1998; Monday 14:13 Eastern Time

SECTION: Washington - general news

LENGTH: 1537 words

HEADLINE: Clinton Begins Testifying

BYLINE: PETE YOST
AP-Clinton-Lewinsky ,0996

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY:

With the future course of his presidency at stake, President Clinton underwent questioning under oath today before a grand jury about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky. The nation awaited a signal from him.

The president had been prepared by his lawyers to acknowledge an 'inappropriate relationship' with the former White House intern and answer the inevitable questions about whether it was sexual and whether he sought to conceal it, advisers said.

'The president is confident as he goes into today's session,' White House press secretary Mike McCurry said before the questioning began. 'I wouldn't say he's exactly looking forward to it.' He added that Clinton was certain about the testimony he would give, and that it would be the truth.

Under questioning from Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr and his deputies, Clinton began his testimony in the White House Map Room at 12:59 p.m., aides said.

The White House staff, cut off from the secretive legal preparations, was preparing for the possibility of a presidential address to the nation after his testimony. One option was to stage it from the White House living quarters rather than from the Oval Office separating Clinton's personal conduct from his official duties.

Another option, officials said, was for the president to issue a written statement. The next photographs of Clinton would be those of him leaving on vacation Tuesday with his family.

Outside the courthouse where grand jurors heard the testimony, Starr spokesman Charles Bakaly signaled prosecutors are nearing an end to their investigation. 'We are trying to complete the investigation as quickly as possible,' he said.

After denying for seven months that he had had a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky, any such admission was certain to prove painful, not only to Clinton's family but to the legions of supporters who vigorously defended him since January.

AP Online, August 17, 1998

At the White House senior staff meeting this morning, Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles acknowledged the magnitude of the day and stressed "the importance of sticking together," participants said.

McCurry said Bowles told the staff something his father had told him as a boy: "It's easy to be there for someone when they're up. But it's the good ones who are there for you when you're down."

The stakes could not be higher possible impeachment proceedings on Capitol Hill. As Clinton spent the last hours in preparation, chief lawyer said the president would confront the evidence gathered by prosecutors head-on.

"The truth is the truth. Period. And that's how the president will testify," attorney David Kendall said Sunday.

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, a stalwart defender of her husband since the Lewinsky allegations first surfaced, was with the president during his final preparations.

Civil rights activist Jesse Jackson said he was summoned to the White House late Sunday at the request of the Clintons' daughter Chelsea. He said he met with the first lady and Chelsea for nearly two hours, beginning at 10:30 p.m., and the three of them then talked with the president briefly.

"I think that Bill has a sense of embarrassment," Jackson said. "Hillary, as the wife, there's a sense of humiliation. Hillary is dedicated to her marriage."

Two advisers familiar with Clinton's preparation said the president was poised to acknowledge an "inappropriate relationship" and "improper encounters" with Ms. Lewinsky. But his inner circle debated how revealing his answers to any questions about sexual behavior should be, both in public and before the grand jury.

"The question is how deeply he goes into that," said one source involved in Clinton's preparation. The source, like others, spoke on condition of anonymity.

A second source, who spoke to those preparing Clinton late Sunday, said some advisers were pressing the president to answer questions about sexual conduct when asked by Starr. Any refusal to answer certain questions could spark another legal clash between Starr and Clinton.

Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said today Clinton would improve his situation by being straightforward.

"I think that Congress must do what's in the best interest of the American people. That may be impeachment or it may not be," Hatch said. "I personally believe that it will not be if he is forthcoming, honest and basically talks straight with the American people and asks for forgiveness."

Clinton's secret testimony from the White House was carried live via closed-circuit television to the grand jurors at the U.S. Courthouse who have investigated the Lewinsky case. Officials took great care to ensure no one could listen in. Reporters were kept 80 feet away from the courtroom door.

AP Online, August 17, 1998

Although Clinton was testifying from afar, more than a dozen TV satellite trucks surrounded the courthouse. Camera crews crowded the White House lawn and briefing room as well.

Passers-by said it was time for the issue to be resolved.

'I just think it's time to get this over with,' said Jim O'Loughlin, of Dracut, Mass., who swung past the courthouse with his son on the way to a museum.

Lisa Stirling, of Victoria, Texas, went past the White House to take pictures of all the camera crews gathered outside. She said she was 'sick of my tax dollars being spent' on an investigation of an alleged presidential affair.

Confronting a task he repeatedly resisted, Clinton was taking questions from prosecutors who pieced together evidence of his relationship with Ms. Lewinsky and a possible cover-up through legal battles and subpoenas.

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

LOAD-DATE: August 17, 1998

LEVEL 1 - 5 OF 16 STORIES

Copyright 1998 Federal Information Systems Corporation
Federal News Service

AUGUST 17, 1998, MONDAY - 14:01 Eastern Time

SECTION: WHITE HOUSE BRIEFING

LENGTH: 6524 words

HEADLINE: PRESS GAGGLE BY
WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY MIKE MCCURRY
WHITE HOUSE BRIEFING ROOM

BODY:

TRANSCRIPT BY: FEDERAL NEWS SERVICE 620 NATIONAL PRESS BUILDING WASHINGTON, DC
20045

FEDERAL NEWS SERVICE IS A PRIVATE FIRM AND IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT.

COPYRIGHT 1998 BY FEDERAL NEWS SERVICE, INC., WASHINGTON, DC, 20045, USA. NO
PORTION OF THIS TRANSCRIPT MAY BE COPIED, SOLD, OR RETRANSMITTED WITHOUT THE
WRITTEN AUTHORITY OF FEDERAL NEWS SERVICE, INC.

TO RECEIVE STATE, WHITE HOUSE, DEFENSE, BACKGROUND AND OTHER BRIEFINGS AND
SPEECHES BY WIRE SOON AFTER THEY END, PLEASE CALL CORTES RANDELL AT
202-347-1400.

COPYRIGHT IS NOT CLAIMED AS TO ANY PART OF THE ORIGINAL WORK PREPARED BY A
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE AS A PART OF THAT PERSON'S OFFICIAL
DUTIES.

THIS IS A RUSH TRANSCRIPT. -----

MR. MCCURRY: All right. I'll speak up and do as best I can. This is our normal,
routine gaggle, with a lot more of you here today than is normally the case.
Normally, we do this in my office and it's informal and it's off camera, not
formally done. So that's why we're doing this today.

Q We start with the President's day, right?

MR. MCCURRY: We start with the President's day. The President of the United
States of America, as you know, is occupied in the Map Room today. Let me tell
you what he's been doing.

At about -- just after 9:00 a.m., the President's lawyers arrived here to meet
with him to do some last-minute run-throughs on the testimony he will give. As
I told many of you last night, the President is confident as he goes into
today's session. I wouldn't say that he's exactly looking forward to it, but he
knows with certainty what he's going to testify to, his lawyers say, and that is
the truth and the whole truth.

I expect this session he's having with his lawyers right now to be over around
11:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m. He'll then get his customary morning briefings from the
Chief of Staff, Erskine Bowles; and then a national security briefing from Sandy
Berger. We will try to make a White House photo available of that for you who
need audio -- who need visual enhancements, in addition to audio enhancements.
Then at some point around 1:00 p.m., the President will begin his testimony. We
will get for you from the lawyers the exact time that the President goes in and
gets started, because several of you have requested that. And then I think
we're just going to sit tight and wait until it's over.

Now, let me talk a little bit about arrangements for later on. We'll have an
in-house pool stationed at the Diplomatic Reception Room exit, underneath the
South Portico, so you'll be able to see Mr. Starr and his associates leave. I

Federal News Service, AUGUST 17, 1998

expect when the testimony is over and after the President has had a chance to chat a bit with David Kendall, I expect Mr. Kendall will come out and say a few brief parsimonious statements to you, as David is want to do.

Q Where will Mr. Kendall come out?

MR. MCCURRY: We'll do that right at the exit out there.

Q Will that be open?

MR. MCCURRY: That will be to your in-house pool, okay?

Q But the in-house pool, we can do it live?

MR. MCCURRY: You can -- if you want to string it out live, I'll let Mr. Teague work with you on that. What do we call that -- Diplomatic Entrance, just like a helicopter depart. And beyond that --

Q What about a President's address tonight?

MR. MCCURRY: I don't think we'll have any on word on that until the President completes his testimony.

Q What about the departure for Martha's Vineyard?

MR. MCCURRY: That will happen -- most of us are betting that that will happen sometime tomorrow.

Q Well, can you tell us, do you know for a fact that the President has said, I will make up my mind after the testimony. MR. MCCURRY: Yes, he will make up his mind -- we will let you know -- he will make up his mind at the conclusion of his testimony about whether he wants to speak tonight.

Q What room in the residence will he do it from?

MR. MCCURRY: I don't know that we've decided that definitively, but the Map Room seems to be the venue of choice today so I imagine that would be the best choice.

Q When you say --

Q Mike, you're ruling out him leaving for the Vineyard tonight?

MR. MCCURRY: No, I'm not ruling it out. I'm just saying that it looks -- I mean, the President is going to have a long day here and I think he is going to want to unwind in the residence tonight. I can't imagine that he's going to depart for Martha's Vineyard before tomorrow.

Q When you say the President is confident, what's he confident about?

MR. MCCURRY: He's confident about his own testimony. He knows with certainty what he's going to testify to, and it will be the truth, his lawyers tell us.

Q What is the truth?

MR. MCCURRY: They have not told us how the President will testify. What I've been communicated is what I've communicated to you. I haven't had any further update since talking to most of the rest of you yesterday.

Q What about Mrs. Clinton and Chelsea? Are they here today? Are they going to wait and leave with the President?

MR. MCCURRY: They're here today, and I expect them to depart with the President when they leave for vacation.

Q And have they been told what the President will testify to?

MR. MCCURRY: I don't know the answer to that.

Q If the President addresses the nation tonight, will the First Lady be with him?

MR. MCCURRY: I don't know -- I haven't heard any suggestion of that.

Q So, Mike, you are making contingency plans for a possible speech tonight? MR.

MCCURRY: Yes. One of them is, for the guys who have got to run the cables, run the cables out to the Dip Room -- will probably help, I think.

Q Would it be in the Oval, or where would it be?

MR. MCCURRY: I sort of -- I hinted that it might be the Map Room, although I didn't say that declaratively, not being into --

Federal News Service, AUGUST 17, 1998

Q Mike, who else has been in to see the President? Reverend Jackson was in last night. Are there other --

MR. MCCURRY: He's had other friends of his, some clerics, some -- just friends of his who have been in town.

Q Why? Why the clerics?

MR. MCCURRY: The President sees some of the folks who he relies on for spiritual guidance from time to time.

Q Was he disappointed with Jesse Jackson --

Q Can you say who?

MR. MCCURRY: I take the position that the President and the First Lady and their family and who they entertain in the residence is their business.

Q Mike, is the President a little disappointed with Jesse Jackson talking against him somewhat?

MR. MCCURRY: I don't think that's what Reverend Jackson did, so the answer is no.

Q Mike, what about the fact that Russia devalued the ruble by 50 percent last night?

MR. MCCURRY: Let's clear up all the other non-Russia related things, and then I'll do Russia.

Q Have you guys told the television how long to expect an address, if there should be one?

MR. MCCURRY: No. Q Ballpark?

MR. MCCURRY: Hopefully, it would be of endurable length, one would hope.

Q To split hairs, you say now the President is going to speak the truth, and I'm asking you for eight months, when he issued his denials was he speaking the truth?

MR. MCCURRY: There's no change in the answer I gave at the time on that.

Q To follow up on April's question, Reverend Jackson was quoted as saying that the First Lady feels humiliated by this. Can you confirm that?

MR. MCCURRY: I can't. I have not talked to the First Lady about this matter.

Q Mike, there was some talk yesterday from some of his former aides that perhaps he owes some of his staff an explanation if his testimony today is different from what he said seven months ago. Has he had a chance to talk to some of his staff?

MR. MCCURRY: He has not, because he's been working with his lawyers. I don't think most of us are so self-preoccupied to imagine that it's more important for him to talk to us than to talk to the American people.

Q Mike, there are a lot of people speculating and analysts talking about all things. Somebody noted today -- that the President is also the Commander in Chief, and if he owns to a sexual liaison -- whatever the terminology is -- he could open the door for someone like Kelly Flynn to ask for a pardon because the Commander in Chief did it, why couldn't she?

MR. MCCURRY: I think you're correct, there's been a lot of mindless speculation. (Laughter.)

Q Mike, is there any chance that the President would ask that the transcript of his testimony today be made public?

MR. MCCURRY: I haven't heard any discussion of that, beyond what I've heard some of those learned commentators say.

Okay, let's move on to other subjects.

Q Mike, you just said before that the President isn't exactly looking forward to testifying, but he told us two weeks ago he was. Are you saying that he didn't tell us the truth?

MR. MCCURRY: No, I'm just saying he looks forward to getting this matter behind him. I think that's the right way of saying that. Q Do you have any idea how long this is going to take, Mike?

Federal News Service, AUGUST 17, 1998

MR. MCCURRY: No. We're hoping that those of you who have got to go out and make live pronouncements at 6:30 p.m. will have something to say by then, but it's hard to know.

Q You said the President will make up his mind after the testimony whether he wants to speak. What are the factors that he'll weigh? In other words --

MR. MCCURRY: If he feels like doing it.

Q Yes, but I mean, how can he determine that? Is he going to say, well, it went well, it didn't go well, they surprised me with a tape I didn't know they had? I mean --

MR. MCCURRY: If I have anything to pass on on what factors go into his thinking I'll let you know.

Q Mike, has the President been in the West Wing at all today, or are the briefings all in the residence?

MR. MCCURRY: Not that I've heard of. He plans to see Mr. Bowles, Mr. Berger over in the residence, and that's where he's been with his lawyers.

Q When you say he hopes to get this matter behind him, do you think that today's testimony ends it, that it's all over after today?

MR. MCCURRY: I think really the American people will be more the judge of that than people who work here at the White House.

Q Mike, as the President's spokesman, are you advising him to make this public statement tonight?

MR. MCCURRY: I have not talked to him directly about this, no.

Q You haven't talked to him about anything today?

MR. MCCURRY: Not about anything today, no.

Q Do you have an opinion on that on whether he should --

MR. MCCURRY: Whatever opinion, whatever counsel I have I'll render it privately.

Q Mike, I couldn't hear earlier -- Chelsea is here today and will accompany them to the Vineyard?

MR. MCCURRY: Yes, that's the plan as I understand it.

Q If the President makes a speech tonight, will the First Lady and Chelsea be with him? MR. MCCURRY: As I've said earlier, I haven't heard any plans to that effect.

Q Will they be sitting there if he's talking about oral sex, for instance? That would be embarrassing for them.

MR. MCCURRY: I think it's embarrassing to hear the question posed here.

Q Well, it's embarrassing to have the accusation on the record.

MR. MCCURRY: Anything else?

Q Russia?

MR. MCCURRY: Okay, let's do Russia. Are we ready to move on? Josh, last one.

Q Do you know the last time he can go to the Vineyard tonight? In other words, can he go up in the dark, can he go up at 11:00 p.m. to the Vineyard?

MR. MCCURRY: I had heard earlier that you can't -- because of some of the restrictions on flights up there, that you probably wouldn't depart when it's dark. So I think it's highly unlikely that he makes his way up there tonight. I think it's going to be sometime tomorrow.

Q Okay, ruble.

MR. MCCURRY: All right. My understanding is Treasury Secretary Rubin very shortly is going to be putting out a statement, and I would guide you to the Treasury Department for that. I would say a couple things -- I know that some of you need something now.

Facing very difficult and deteriorating market conditions, the Russian government has had to make some painful decisions, as most of you know. They've been making an historic transformation away from decades of state-controlled

Federal News Service, AUGUST 17, 1998

command and control economics and towards free market economic decision-making, and that is always going to be a difficult transition. Building market confidence at this point is fundamental. As we've said before, strong, effective actions that have been decided by the Russians are the key to restoring confidence. The difficult measures that have been announced to address financial pressures we have noted. We urge the government of Russia to work closely with the International Monetary Fund to maximize prospects for success. And the government of Russia and the Duma now need to take the steps required to fulfill Russia's program with the IMF program -- to fulfill their elements of the program that they have jointly decided with the International Monetary Fund. We'll continue to work with Russia and the international financial institutions to support the reform process in the Russian Federation.

Q The devaluation --

MR. MCCURRY: Those are difficult measures and we think the key ought to now be on implementation of those economic reform measures that the Russian government has agreed to undertake with the IMF.

Q Is it your concern that China may devalue also?

MR. MCCURRY: We see the decisions that have been announced here as being in some ways difficult, obviously, but exceptional. And we don't think they are precedent setting.

Q Mike, was David Lipton made aware of the fact that there was great probability that Russia would devalue when he was in Russia just recently?

MR. MCCURRY: I think currency discussions have been an element of most of the deliberations that have been underway in recent days, including the discussions the two Presidents had, but certainly those that the Under Secretary had as well.

Q Mike, what's the assessment of the impact on our economy of these devaluations?

MR. MCCURRY: Well, I can't assess the specific developments, but I can tell you, generally, as we often say, the health of these emerging economies, particularly those economies that are emerging from communist command and control economics, is a vital part of what is now a interdependent, global economy. And one of the reasons why we work through the IMF and work with other international financial institutions is to create the conditions for long-term economic stability and long-term growth and an increase in the standard of living for people around the world. That's why we are engaged in Asia; that's why we're engaged through the IMF with the program in Russia; that's why we will continue to support those who are making painful, difficult, hard choices when it comes to economic transition.

Q Is the President concerned about walking in on a financial disaster when he goes to Moscow next month?

MR. MCCURRY: Well, the condition of the Russian economy and the work we're doing to support the transition occurring in Russia has always been an element of every discussion he's had with President Yeltsin and that other senior officials of our government have had with their counterparts.

Q What does the U.S. know about the capture of the alleged terrorists in Pakistan?

MR. MCCURRY: There's very little I want to say about that. Obviously, we have been updated on that situation, but I think it would be much more appropriate for the FBI, through their presence in Kenya, to brief in greater detail on that.

Q We've had reports that he's fingered Osama bin Laden. Is that correct?

MR. MCCURRY: I'm well aware of your reports and I'm well aware of reasons to discount some of those things that I've seen reported.

Federal News Service, AUGUST 17, 1998

Q You're saying -- on this particular one?

MR. MCCURRY: I'm well aware of some reasons to discount some of the things I've seen reported, but I'll refer you for any further comment to the FBI.

Q Have you seen Osama bin Laden reported?

MR. MCCURRY: It was hard to miss it, it was in all the newspapers this morning.

Q Mike, back on Russia for a second. Has the Federal Reserve been part of any of these discussions that the President and Treasury have been having with Russian officials?

MR. MCCURRY: I think that in the working group that we have had on economic situations in Asia and elsewhere they have been participant. I can't confirm for you 100 percent that they've been in these discussions the last several days. I can't imagine that they weren't, but I'd ask that you call Howard Schloss over at Treasury, he can tell you more.

Q Will the President vary his plans in Northern Ireland?

MR. MCCURRY: No. He had a good -- as we told most of you last night, he had a very good conversation with Prime Minister Tony Blair last night. It lasted about 15 minutes. They reviewed the situation in Northern Ireland in the aftermath of this brutal and outrageous attack. The President conveyed to the Prime Minister many of the same sentiments that he's made in his public statement yesterday.

The Prime Minister briefed the President on the efforts they had underway to bring those responsible for terror to justice. And he gave, I think, a very precise account of what happened -- a group that is wedded to the past -- a small, rump group, as the Prime Minister described it -- that has no definable political support in Ireland, conducted this cowardly attack. And that is the way things were in the past and will not be in the future because the people have chosen peace.

And working together so that the people's expression of their free will for peace is what the President will certainly take up as he goes to Ireland. The President is looking forward to that visit.

So is the Prime Minister. So is Prime Minister Ahern, the Taoiseach. And I think that the President believes in the end those who favor a peaceful reconciliation of differences will triumph.

Q Did they discuss the devaluation last week, Mike?

Q If I could, back to Russia for a second. You characterized the devaluation as a difficult measure undertaken by the Russian government. But in the opinion of U.S. officials, is it a positive step to restoring stability to the Russian economy?

MR. MCCURRY: I didn't characterize that. I characterized it only as, obviously, a difficult decision.

Q Did they discuss the ruble last week when they talked about --

Q Can you?

MR. MCCURRY: I indicated to you last -- when I did the readout on the Yeltsin-Kohl, that they discussed some currency matters, but I declined any further comment on that, if I recall.

Q Do you want to amend that now?

MR. MCCURRY: I don't want to get into any specifics on that. Don't want to get into any specifics.

Q How much more imperative is congressional funding of the IMF in releasing the money and the appropriations, and has any progress been made or any negotiations since --

MR. MCCURRY: It's vitally imperative. I mean, the support for the International Monetary Fund, when it faces challenges in Asia, in Russia and elsewhere, is key to our strategy of restoring economic stability in an array of regional

Federal News Service, AUGUST 17, 1998

economies, and that in the end impacts the American people and affects our own economic livelihood.

We've already seen trade statistics and there will be more trade statistics coming out this week that demonstrate what the danger is to the U.S. economy of continued sluggish performance in Asian economies and the decrease in economic activity that leads to more goods and services from the United States being sold in overseas markets. So we think it's vitally important for Congress to move forward with that funding. We have stressed that every time we have conversations with them, and we think the case will be even stronger when Congress returns from its summer recess to move ahead on that measure.

Q North Korea nuclear facilities -- any comment?

MR. MCCURRY: Well, predictably, there's not much that I can say to comment on intelligence reports that appear in newspapers. But I will say the following: that we believe that the DPRK remains in compliance with the agreed framework. That's the October 1994 Geneva agreed framework. And we continue to monitor the situation closely. Under the agreed framework reached between the United States and North Korea, North Korea, the DPRK, agreed to freeze and eventually dismantle its plutonium production and to eventually comply with its obligations under the NPT -- the Nonproliferation Treaty.

Since 1994, the North's reactor has been shut down, no plutonium has been reprocessed, and these facilities are and have been open to monitoring by the IAEA, the International Atomic Energy Agency. In return, the United States has agreed to conduct a certain program of activity under the agreed framework and we have met our obligations. We think it's important for the North to meet its obligations. Of course, we would be concerned if North Korea tried to establish a plutonium production elsewhere. We will continue to monitor North Korean activity closely and will be discussing with our allies any changes that we see on the ground.

Q Mike, have you or other members of the senior staff been informed that the President will be abandoning his long-standing denials of a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky?

MR. MCCURRY: No. As I indicated earlier, we have not been informed about the substance of his testimony.

Q You say Mr. Kendall may speak to the pool afterward.

MR. MCCURRY: I think he likely will.

Q Do you think he will give some indication, other than say that the President has testified fully and truthfully -- which is to tell us nothing, because I don't think anyone suspects that he would ever come out and say the President has lied his head off -- I mean, do you think he will give us -- and I'm trying to be serious -- do you think he'll give us any indication of whether the President has, in fact, modified to some extent his public story?

MR. MCCURRY: I think your assessment is a pretty good one.

Q What did I say? (Laughter.)

MR. MCCURRY: We always have a hard time figuring that out sometimes.

Q Some officials have been saying that his lawyers did not believe that he would face any legal jeopardy as a result of what he said in the deposition. Can you explain how that would be the case if he changed his story?

MR. MCCURRY: I can't. I'm not a lawyer; I can't explain what their legal reasoning would be, although I've heard that sentiment expressed.

Q Will David Kendall simply make a statement, or will he answer questions as well?

MR. MCCURRY: Knowing him, he will probably come out and say three spare sentences.

Q "The President testified fully and truthfully." (Laughter.)

Federal News Service, AUGUST 17, 1998

MR. MCCURRY: We got our speechwriter -- write that down. We'll pass it on to Kendall.

Q -- deliberately want to be -- you want to be uninformed and you have to stand up before us every day --

MR. MCCURRY: No, I don't. I don't. But I don't put my own interests ahead of those of the American people. I think the President needs to talk to the American people --

Q You do think he does?

MR. MCCURRY: I think he does, but that may happen soon enough.

Q You're the spokesman.

Q Has the President received the report of the State Department in regards to the need of increasing the security in the embassies?

MR. MCCURRY: We are very aware of the decisions that have been made about order of departure status at some installations, particularly the announcements yesterday at State about Pakistan. We're well aware of their concerns about U.S. facilities worldwide. And I remind you that when we take measures or express concerns about the security of U.S. personnel, we advise the American public under the no-double standard policy. So, obviously, we are very well aware of those things that have been advised to the American public by the State Department.

Q Mike, do you think you're not going to know until the end of the President's testimony what he -- you said he's sure of what he's going to say, but you don't think you're going to get any kind of briefing? MR. MCCURRY: I'm not aware of any plans for him to talk to us before he testifies.

Q Or his lawyers or his legal team?

MR. MCCURRY: Say it again.

Q Or his lawyers or legal team -- you don't think anybody's going to talk to --

MR. MCCURRY: They're pretty well occupied right now.

Q Are other countries expressing concern about the distraction that the Lewinsky story is and the wish that it close as soon as possible?

MR. MCCURRY: No, not through diplomatic channels, but we are well aware of the commentary that has been generated worldwide on that and, frankly, probably agree with a lot of that.

Q Can you tell us how many other people he met with last night? You mentioned a number of clerics.

MR. MCCURRY: I don't know. I know that he routinely has friends and guests to the residence, and we keep that private.

Q Was it a group, or was it a succession of people?

MR. MCCURRY: I don't know the answer to that.

Q Did he and Reverend Jackson pray together on this matter?

MR. MCCURRY: He indicated that -- Reverend Jackson indicated that they did.

Q Will there be a briefing this afternoon?

MR. MCCURRY: I don't see any point. There's nothing that I can tell you. And we will -- the next venue will be when Kendall comes out.

Q What's his mood now?

MR. MCCURRY: Confident and determined to tell the truth.

Q What's the mood among the White House staff? Do you feel like there's any sense of regret or anything like that? MR. MCCURRY: Let me share something that Erskine Bowles told the staff this morning, that many of us have then transmitted to the rest of our staffs, because I think it is exactly the attitude that reflects where we are today.

He, in his North Carolina way, relayed something that he said his daddy "once told me when I was a little chap." He said, it's easy to be there for someone

Federal News Service, AUGUST 17, 1998

when they're up, but it's the good ones who are there when you're down. And Erskine told us that we have a lot of important work to do and the President and the American people expect us to do our jobs. And I think that reflects the attitude of the staff here today.

Q Have there been any staff preparations for what might happen on the Hill in terms of a Starr report?

MR. MCCURRY: We've made an effort to kind of keep in contact with our friends and supporters on the Hill, sure.

Q Did Erskine cut short his vacation to Scotland to come back for this?

MR. MCCURRY: I don't know the answer to that. I don't know when he was due to come back.

Q The question was beyond having contact with the Hill, but staff preparations for an ensuing report and inquiry proceedings?

MR. MCCURRY: I'm not aware of any reason why our preparations would be that far along, because we have no clue as to whether or not that will be the outcome.

Q There was a suggestion in the Bob Woodward piece in The Washington Post yesterday that some of the President's advisors were having second thoughts about all the bad things they said about Ken Starr over these past several months. Do you want to use this opportunity to say anything else about Ken Starr? (Laughter.)

MR. MCCURRY: That I thought that that was kind of ridiculous for someone to put that in print? Look, I don't know who those people are who are making that kind of -- I mean, we have yet to find any of these senior advisors, and all of our lawyers shake their heads and say that's not anything that they've authorized.

Q That piece also suggested that one of the President's most difficult things that he had to do this past weekend was to explain to his wife and his daughter what the situation was. Does that sound right?

MR. MCCURRY: That is such a private matter I'd have absolutely no way of knowing whether that's true.

Q Mike, who was in the briefing that Bowles had this morning? How large was it?

MR. MCCURRY: Briefing?

Q The staff meeting. Senior staff.

MR. MCCURRY: Just a regular senior staff meeting.

Q Standing room only?

Q That was in Podesta's office?

MR. MCCURRY: No, it was actually kind of thin this morning because we have so many people on vacation -- probably a couple dozen.

Q The analogy indicates that the President is down, and that the --

MR. MCCURRY: I thought the analogy was a very good one.

Q -- staff should rally to his support, right?

Q My President, right or wrong.

MR. MCCURRY: What else?

Q Mike, do you think the federal court ruling on FDA authority on Friday will make it more or less likely of a tobacco bill next year?

MR. MCCURRY: I think it should make it more likely that Congress would pass a bill that clarifies the Food and Drug Agency's authority to regulate, because that's necessary if we're going to protect the children of America from tobacco addiction. So it should make a stronger case. Whether it will or not depends on how Congress responds.

But I also think that there are things that we will continue to do to press the case and continue to do to support the assertion of jurisdiction that's been made in our proposed regulation, because it's an important public health matter.

Q Mike, at the beginning of all of this, and since, White House aides and Clinton allies had a lot to say about Ms. Lewinsky and her credibility and her

Federal News Service, AUGUST 17, 1998

character. Do you expect that the President has some message for her today or does the White House have something to say to her?

MR. MCCURRY: To?

Q To Ms. Lewinsky. I mean, there was a time when White House aides and his allies were doing a lot to try to undercut her credibility. MR. MCCURRY: I don't believe that that's true. I know I don't believe I've ever done that, and I don't believe that that's true.

Q Mike, why did Bowles find it necessary to tell the senior staff to rally around the President?

MR. MCCURRY: Well, I mean, come on. What do you think? Why do you think?

Q Well, is there a sense in the White House that the staff is not behind the President?

MR. MCCURRY: No, it's a busy day around here, and you're all here, and it's not -- this is not the usual deal here.

Q But what I'm getting at, is Bowles angry that some of these alleged advisors --

MR. MCCURRY: No, he was doing it as a good Chief of Staff should, to kind of make sure that we keep our focus on what matters most.

Q Yes, but Bowles' statement makes it sound as though he feels this is a particularly painful and difficult day for the President.

Q Right.

Q Would that not be the case?

MR. MCCURRY: Well, I can't imagine he wouldn't think that, if that's the question, and I can't imagine that he's not right if he does think that.

Q Has the President spoken with Mr. Thomason in recent days?

MR. MCCURRY: I assume so, because he's been staying here. (Laughter.)

What else? All right. See you all.

####

END

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

LOAD-DATE: August 17, 1998

LEVEL 1 - 6 OF 16 STORIES

Copyright 1998 U.S. Newswire, Inc.
U.S. Newswire

August 17, 1998 13:55 Eastern Time

SECTION: NATIONAL DESK

LENGTH: 1322 words

HEADLINE: Transcript of Press Gaggle by Mike McCurry (1/5)

BYLINE: White House Press Office, 202-456-2100

DATELINE: WASHINGTON, Aug. 17

BODY:

Following is a transcript of a White House press gaggle held today by Press Secretary Mike McCurry (Part 1 of 5):

The Briefing Room

11:48 A.M. EDT

MR. MCCURRY: All right. I'll speak up and do as best I can. This is our normal, routine gaggle, with a lot more of you here today than is normally the case. Normally, we do this in my office and it's informal and it's off camera, not formally done. So that's why we're doing this today.

Q We start with the President's day, right?

MR. MCCURRY: We start with the President's day. The President of the United States of America, as you know, is occupied in the Map Room today. Let me tell you what he's been doing.

At about -- just after 9:00 a.m., the President's lawyers arrived here to meet with him to do some last-minute run-throughs on the testimony he will give. As I told many of you last night, the President is confident as he goes into today's session. I wouldn't say that he's exactly looking forward to it, but he knows with certainty what he's going to testify to, his lawyers say, and that is the truth and the whole truth.

I expect this session he's having with his lawyers right now to be over around 11:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m. He'll then get his customary morning briefings from the Chief of Staff, Erskine Bowles; and then a national security briefing from Sandy Berger. We will try to make a White House photo available of that for you who need audio -- who need visual enhancements, in addition to audio enhancements.

Then at some point around 1:00 p.m., the President will begin his testimony. We will get for you from the lawyers the exact time that the President goes in and gets started, because several of you have requested that. And then I think we're just going to sit tight and wait until it's over.

Now, let me talk a little bit about arrangements for later on. We'll have an in-house pool stationed at the Diplomatic Reception Room exit, underneath the South Portico, so you'll be able to see Mr. Starr and his associates leave. I expect when the testimony is over and after the President has had a chance to chat a bit with David Kendall, I expect Mr. Kendall will

U.S. Newswire, August 17, 1998

come out and say a few brief parsimonious statements to you, as David is want to do.

Q Where will Mr. Kendall come out?

MR. MCCURRY: We'll do that right at the exit out there.

Q Will that be open?

MR. MCCURRY: That will be to your in-house pool, okay?

Q But the in-house pool, we can do it live?

MR. MCCURRY: You can -- if you want to string it out live, I'll let Mr. Teague work with you on that. What do we call that -- Diplomatic Entrance, just like a helicopter depart. And beyond that --

Q What about a President's address tonight?

MR. MCCURRY: I don't think we'll have any on word on that until the President completes his testimony.

Q What about the departure for Martha's Vineyard?

MR. MCCURRY: That will happen -- most of us are betting that that will happen sometime tomorrow.

Q Well, can you tell us, do you know for a fact that the President has said, I will make up my mind after the testimony.

MR. MCCURRY: Yes, he will make up his mind -- we will let you know -- he will make up his mind at the conclusion of his testimony about whether he wants to speak tonight.

Q What room in the residence will he do it from?

MR. MCCURRY: I don't know that we've decided that definitively, but the Map Room seems to be the venue of choice today so I imagine that would be the best choice.

Q When you say --

Q Mike, you're ruling out him leaving for the Vineyard tonight?

MR. MCCURRY: No, I'm not ruling it out. I'm just saying that it looks -- I mean, the President is going to have a long day here and I think he is going to want to unwind in the residence tonight. I can't imagine that he's going to depart for Martha's Vineyard before tomorrow.

Q When you say the President is confident, what's he confident about?

MR. MCCURRY: He's confident about his own testimony. He knows with certainty what he's going to testify to, and it will be the truth, his lawyers tell us.

Q What is the truth?

MR. MCCURRY: They have not told us how the President will testify. What I've been communicated is what I've communicated to you. I haven't had any further update since talking to most of the rest of you yesterday.

Q What about Mrs. Clinton and Chelsea? Are they here today? Are they going to wait and leave with the President?

MR. MCCURRY: They're here today, and I expect them to depart with

U.S. Newswire, August 17, 1998

the President when they leave for vacation.

Q And have they been told what the President will testify to?

MR. MCCURRY: I don't know the answer to that.

Q If the President addresses the nation tonight, will the First Lady be with him?

MR. MCCURRY: I don't know -- I haven't heard any suggestion of that.

Q So, Mike, you are making contingency plans for a possible speech tonight?

MR. MCCURRY: Yes. One of them is, for the guys who have got to run the cables, run the cables out to the Dip Room -- will probably help, I think.

Q Would it be in the Oval, or where would it be?

MR. MCCURRY: I sort of -- I hinted that it might be the Map Room, although I didn't say that declaratively, not being into --

Q Mike, who else has been in to see the President? Reverend Jackson was in last night. Are there other --

MR. MCCURRY: He's had other friends of his, some clerics, some -- just friends of his who have been in town.

Q Why? Why the clerics?

MR. MCCURRY: The President sees some of the folks who he relies on for spiritual guidance from time to time.

Q Was he disappointed with Jesse Jackson --

Q Can you say who?

MR. MCCURRY: I take the position that the President and the First Lady and their family and who they entertain in the residence is their business.

Q Mike, is the President a little disappointed with Jesse Jackson talking against him somewhat?

MR. MCCURRY: I don't think that's what Reverend Jackson did, so the answer is no.

Q Mike, what about the fact that Russia devalued the ruble by 50 percent last night?

MR. MCCURRY: Let's clear up all the other non-Russia related things, and then I'll do Russia.

Q Have you guys told the television how long to expect an address, if there should be one?

MR. MCCURRY: No.

Q Ballpark?

MR. MCCURRY: Hopefully, it would be of endurable length, one would hope.

U.S. Newswire, August 17, 1998

Q To split hairs, you say now the President is going to speak the truth, and I'm asking you for eight months, when he issued his denials was he speaking the truth?

MR. MCCURRY: There's no change in the answer I gave at the time on that.

Q To follow up on April's question, Reverend Jackson was quoted as saying that the First Lady feels humiliated by this. Can you confirm that?

MR. MCCURRY: I can't. I have not talked to the First Lady about this matter.

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

LOAD-DATE: August 17, 1998

LEVEL 1 - 9 OF 16 STORIES

Content and programming copyright 1998 Cable News Network
Transcribed under license by Federal Document Clearing
House, Inc. Formatting copyright 1998 Federal Document
Clearing House, Inc. All rights reserved. No quotes from the
materials contained herein may be used in any media without
attribution to Cable News Network. This transcript may not
be copied or resold in any media.

CNN

SHOW: CNN NEWSDAY 12:00 am ET

August 17, 1998; Monday 12:14 am Eastern Time

Transcript # 98081703V11

SHOW-TYPE: INTERVIEW

SECTION: News; Domestic

LENGTH: 1150 words

HEADLINE: Just in Time: How is the First Family Faring?

BYLINE: Frank Sesno, Jeanne Meserve

HIGHLIGHT: Some of President Clinton's toughest decisions before today's grand jury session involved what he has already told Hillary and daughter Chelsea. "Time" magazine correspondent Jef McAllister discusses what Hillary and Chelsea may be going through in the wake of this scandal surrounding the president.

BODY:

THIS IS A RUSH TRANSCRIPT. THIS COPY MAY NOT BE IN ITS FINAL FORM AND MAY BE UPDATED.

FRANK SESNO, CNN ANCHOR: The Reverend Jesse Jackson, Sunday night, talked to the president and prayed with the president and his family. He spent about an hour and a half there. Jackson says he spent a lot of time with Hillary and Chelsea Clinton. He says they are very strong and very resolved as a family.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

REVEREND JESSE JACKSON: When storms come suddenly, they don't have to check with you; they just appear suddenly. What do you do when storms appear suddenly? Do you panic and jump overboard? Do you turn on other shipmates, or do hold on to your faith and call on the master who is in the stern? And that's where you -- you don't really need faith for that which you can see and touch. You need faith for the unforeseen circumstances. You need faith when storms come suddenly.

And so, I really talked with Hillary and Chelsea about matters of faith and unconditional love. That fact that we have had nine months of this drama, it is obviously embarrassing to him. But somehow, I'm convinced that today he will face that grand jury and make his case.

CNN NEWSDAY, August 17, 1998

But what I think is most important to him is that Chelsea and Hillary are standing with him, and I suppose if that strength was not there, he would really be in bigger trouble.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

SESNO: Again, Jesse Jackson prayed with the family. He spent about an hour and a half with them last night, Sunday night.

JEANNE MESERVE, CNN ANCHOR: Frank, did he mention whether there is a sense of anger on their part towards Ken Starr?

SESNO: I spoke with Jesse Jackson earlier this morning, after he did that interview, and he said that right now what there is a determination -- a gritty determination -- that Hillary is behind her president and her husband, that Chelsea's love is unconditional. And he said that Hillary Clinton knows everything there is to be known. We have heard from others that it was not until recently that she determined all of this. It was actually the a story over the weekend, as a matter of fact.

What Jesse Jackson says is most important right now is that the president knows, quoting Jesse Jackson here, that he doesn't have to go in into the grand jury, or into this testimony, room with "one eye on the grand jury and the other eye on his family that they are there for him.

MESERVE: Frank Sesno, thank you very much.

And some of President Clinton's toughest decisions before today's grand jury session involved what he has already told Hillary and daughter Chelsea.

"Just in Time," a report on what President Clinton told the first family, as he faces the truth and consequences of his appearance today. "Time" magazine's Washington correspondent Jef McAllister is here.

Welcome, Jef. Thanks for coming in.

Does what the Reverend Jackson said to Frank and said to our camera jibe with what you're reporting?

MCALLISTER: Well, it seems to be putting the best face on a bad, I think, for the president. What we understand is that it wasn't until Thursday night that the president actually said to Hillary, "Look, I've told you some things, but I have to tell you more."

And you have to see that he sent her out there to defend him on national television just after this broke, that she steadfastly stood by him. It has to be a humiliation for her that she's been kept in the dark by her own husband. That's something that the White House staff, as well, feels, but it is worse, of course, in the family.

MESERVE: Do you have any sense of what role she is going to be playing in the coming days?

MCALLISTER: I think she is going stand by her man some more. I mean, she doesn't really have much choice. I think this must be excruciating for her.

CNN NEWSDAY, August 17, 1998

She's a proud person; she's a direct person. To have the president undercut her like this, it has to be something that -- especially with that good Methodist stiffness in her spine -- she doesn't want to have happen. And doesn't want to be the object of our pity, either. So she is really in an impossible kind of personal situation. But she's been through trouble with him before, and she stood by him, and I think she will do it again.

SESNO: That's interesting, Jef, because one of the things that Jesse Jackson said, having spent some time with the family, was that this is a marriage and a partnership that's been through these kinds of ups and downs.

Hillary Clinton knows something has arrived, but she's not changing her position now. This is a partnership, an arrangement, that goes beyond the marriage itself.

MCALLISTER: Well, that's true. And she is the first lady, and, of course, if she were to dump her husband now, it would be inconceivable. At the same time, having been through all this before, she must also feel kind of doubly humiliated that her husband didn't level with her to begin with. Because she stood by him in tight spots. It's been very important, and so it's especially surprising, it seems to me, that he didn't find a way to do this earlier, given the wealth of evidence that was piling up around him.

SESNO: Jef, I want to ask you this: One of the other things that a Democratic operative I spoke with this morning said that politically, if Hillary is prepared to forgive him, the public will forgive him.

What is your sense of that in what you have been hearing from other politicians, Republicans and Democrats alike?

MCALLISTER: I think that's right. There is really no interest in pursuing this matter into the Clinton's bedroom. His approval rating is high. The Republicans don't want Al Gore to be president, in any event. It seems to me almost certain that if she can forgive him, the public will.

Now, I think his approval rating will take a hit, because I think we will all feel in some sense betrayed that he didn't come clean earlier. There is no good excuse for that, but I don't see peril to his presidency.

MESERVE: How are we going to see the anger of the staff demonstrated? Is there a possibility we will see some resignations in the days ahead?

MCALLISTER: I think it's possible. It think it's also one of those things where people will say -- they were not married to him. Perhaps Hillary Clinton had to defend herself and her psyche by believing him into the depths. But I think a lot of staff members must have had a hard time doing this through all of the humiliating evidence.

I think most of them will justify this on the basis: I came to Washington to work for this man because he's the president, because I believe in what he's doing. And now that he's down in a tight spot, it's my special duty to rally around him again.

MESERVE: Jef McAllister, of "Time" magazine, thank you.

CNN NEWSDAY, August 17, 1998

MCALLISTER: Thanks, Jeanne.

TO PURCHASE A VIDEOTAPE OF THIS PIECE, PLEASE CALL 800-CNN-NEWS

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

LOAD-DATE: August 17, 1998

LEVEL 1 - 10 OF 16 STORIES

Content and programming copyright 1998 Cable News Network
Transcribed under license by Federal Document Clearing
House, Inc. Formatting copyright 1998 Federal Document
Clearing House, Inc. All rights reserved. No quotes from the
materials contained herein may be used in any media without
attribution to Cable News Network. This transcript may not
be copied or resold in any media.

CNN

SHOW: CNN MORNING NEWS 09:00 am ET

August 17, 1998; Monday 9:00 am Eastern Time

Transcript # 98081701V09

SHOW-TYPE: LIVE REPORT/ANALYSIS

SECTION: News; Domestic

LENGTH: 2009 words

HEADLINE: President Clinton Testifies: Private Matters vs. Legal Quandaries;
Constructing the Day of Testimony

BYLINE: Bill Hemmer, Bruce Morton, Daryn Kagan, Wolf Blitzer, Bob Franken,
Roger Cossack

HIGHLIGHT: President Clinton's own words today could determine the future of
his term in office. At the center of the Starr investigation are serious legal
questions: Did the president commit perjury or engage in obstruction of justice?
But some think the case is really about private matters that should remain just
that, private.

BODY:

THIS IS A RUSH TRANSCRIPT. THIS COPY MAY NOT BE IN ITS FINAL FORM AND MAY BE
UPDATED.

BILL HEMMER, CNN ANCHOR: We begin in Washington, where President Clinton's
own words today could determine the future of his term in office. Just about
four hours from now, at the White House, the president will begin sworn
testimony about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky to 23 grand jurors a few
blocks away at the federal courthouse.

We will have extensive coverage throughout the day of the president's
unprecedented grand jury appearance.

At the center of the Starr investigation are serious legal questions: Did the
president commit perjury or engage in obstruction of justice? But some think
the case is really about private matters that should remain just that, private.

That story now from CNN's Bruce Morton.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

CNN MORNING NEWS, August 17, 1998

BRUCE MORTON, CNN NATIONAL CORRESPONDENT (voice-over): What's it all about, anyway?

JIMMY BRESLIN, NEWSPAPER COLUMNIST: I've read every single story printed in every single magazine and newspaper, and I sit here today and I don't know what it's about.

LINDA TRIPP: This investigation has never been, quote, "just about sex."

MORTON: Well, maybe not just sex. Maybe also about lying about sex, but it's still about sex. It's not about breaking in to the other party's headquarters and hush money for the burglars, like Watergate. Or lying to Congress about arms sales, like Iran-Contra. It's about whether the president had an affair with Monica Lewinsky.

TRIPP: It has been about telling the truth; the truth matters.

MORTON: Yes, but it's been about telling the truth about sex. Rightly or wrongly, people lie about sexual affairs who wouldn't lie about, say, a business deal.

BRESLIN: And if they're gonna try to make a presidential case outta that, I can't believe it. MORTON: But it does come down to that: lying, under oath, about consensual sex. Is that a high crime or misdemeanor? Is it impeachable? If the House has to decide that, of course, it'll all be about politics, too.

Bruce Morton, CNN, Washington.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

DARYN KAGAN, CNN ANCHOR: His lawyers have been busy preparing President Clinton for today's all-important grand jury testimony.

Joining us with the latest is CNN senior White House correspondent Wolf Blitzer.

Good morning, Wolf.

WOLF BLITZER, CNN SENIOR WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENT: Good morning, Daryn.

Those lawyers spent about eight hours meeting with the president yesterday, going over his January 17th deposition in the Paula Jones case, making sure he was fully prepared for any questions that the independent counsel and his prosecutors would ask later today.

David Kendall, the president's lead attorney, has just arrived over here at the White House.

Earlier, others have arrived as well, including the White House counsel Charles Ruff, he will be in the room, in the map room, when that testimony occurs. Charles Ruff, the White House counsel, as well as Mickey Kantor. Mickey Kantor, another private attorney, a longtime friend of the president. When this crisis erupted in January the president turned to Mickey Kantor, Mickey Kantor said he would like to help the president but wanted to maintain attorney-client privilege. As a result, he is part of that legal team.

CNN MORNING NEWS, August 17, 1998

Others the president has been reaching out to include Harry Thomason, the president's friend from Hollywood, the producer who has spending time here at the White House in recent days following his own grand jury appearance giving the president some comfort.

Now, what exactly will happen today? What we know is that at 1:00 p.m. Eastern, the president will meet in the map room, the White House map room, which is in the White House residence, and in the map room they will begin the formal testimony that will be fed on closed-circuit TV to the 23 grand jurors at the federal courthouse.

How long will it take? Best guess estimates are anywhere from four to six hours, could last even longer. We do know that the White House lawyers agree to only one day of testimony, so it does have to wrap up today.

Who will be in the room? The president will be in the room along with his attorneys, Charles Ruff, the White House counsel will also be there; David Kendall, the lead attorney will be there; Nicole Seligman, David Kendall's partner, is expected to be there as well. Independent counsel Ken Starr is also going to be present in room along with his deputies, we expect Jackie Bennett, Bob Bittman and probably Solomon Wisenberg (ph). They've been asking most of the questions during testimony to key witnesses, including Monica Lewinsky a couple of weeks ago when she testified before the grand jury in exchange for full immunity agreement for her and her parents.

Now, Mr. Clinton is expected to acknowledge now that he did have an improper sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky, though we do expect that he will continue to flatly deny that he committed perjury in that January 17th deposition, encouraged others to commit perjury, obstructed justice or engaged in witness tampering.

The most agonizing, difficult ordeal for the president, by all accounts, has been the very personal discussions he's had with his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, and daughter, Chelsea. Last night, Reverend Jesse Jackson, whose been providing some spiritual ministering to the first family, came over to the White House for about an hour and this morning he discussed the president's mood on CNN.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

REV. JESSE JACKSON: But the fact that we've had nine months of this drama, it is obviously embarrassing to him. But somehow, I'm convinced that today he will face that grand jury and make his case.

But I think what's most important to him is that -- is that -- is that Chelsea and Hillary are standing with him. And I suppose, if that strength was not there, he would really be in bigger trouble.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

BLITZER: White House officials say the president is in -- is confident, he's ready to tell the whole truth, he's ready to tell it before the grand jury and then we'll see if we hear from him later this evening -- Daryn.

CNN MORNING NEWS, August 17, 1998

KAGAN: Wolf, that was my question, any chance that we will be hearing from the president, if so, when will that be do you think?

BLITZER: The White House is making preparations for a formal presidential address to the nation from the White House residence behind me as opposed to the Oval Office, that's because this is not an official act he's accused of any wrongdoing, but this is a personal, private matter. We anticipate the president will address the nation.

It depends on how long the testimony goes, how tired he will be, how much time they need to prepare a statement. We do -- we are told that if the president makes a statement to the nation tonight, we do anticipate that he will, at some point this evening, it will be relatively brief, and we certainly don't expect the president to go into all of the sorted details of this alleged sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

KAGAN: Wolf Blitzer at the White House -- Bill. HEMMER: Daryn, thanks.

As Wolf mentioned, from the map room of the White House, the president's testimony will be sent by closed-circuit television to the federal courthouse several blocks away.

And that's where we find CNN's Bob Franken live this morning with us.

Bob, hello.

BOB FRANKEN, CNN CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENT: Well, good morning, Bill.

And the White House technicians have basically told us, don't even try it. Don't even try to tune into the signal and fine out exactly how the questioning goes. Of course, there is grand jury secrecy even in this televised version. Fiber optic lines are being used to cover the 12 blocks between the White House and here.

We are not clear yet whether the grand jurors, who arrive shortly after noon, will watch in their normal room or they're going to be taken into the courtroom of the presiding judge, Norma Holloway Johnson.

The technicians have spent a good part of the weekend in and out of that office, but that could just be for consultation. The judge herself, who came off of vacation by the way, is going to be available but, we're told, will not be actually sitting in and watching. Of course, a judge normally doesn't watch a grand jury session. But, she would be available if legal challenges come up, which is, of course, always possible, particularly since the president's attorneys are in the room with him that 12 blocks down the road at the White House.

Now, this is a session that is expected to last throughout the day. The courtroom -- the court building officially closes at 5:00, but that, obviously, would not be a problem if things go longer.

One other thing that I wanted to point out, and that is that, according to sources, Monica Lewinsky's attorneys were called by the independent counsel last week and told that she should be available if they need her to come back this week. So, when the president is through with his testimony, it still might

not be over -- Bill.

HEMMER: Bob Franken live there in Washington.

Bob, thanks -- Daryn.

KAGAN: When the president faces those tough questions today, he'll have some of the advantages that most grand jury witnesses don't.

Joining us with more on that and other issues is CNN legal analyst Roger Cossack who is at the White House this morning.

Good morning, Roger. ROGER COSSACK, CNN LEGAL ANALYST: Hi, Daryn.

KAGAN: One big advantage the president will have, his own private attorney, David Kendall, in the room with him when he gives his testimony. How can that help him?

COSSACK: Well, I'll tell you how that is going to help him. It's going to help him, first of all, in his confidence. Having your own lawyer there, a person that you've worked with time and time again and that you spent many, many hours preparing for this testimony has got to be helpful.

The other thing is that, you know, the president has a bit of a temper, and having his own lawyer in that room to sort of look him in the eye and sort of remind him that he can't be losing that temper and that he has to take care of himself and express himself as the president knows how to do, that's got to be helpful.

And also if there's questions, most of us, if we were in front of the grand jury -- in fact, all of us -- would have to step outside the room to talk to lawyer, our lawyer wouldn't be inside the room. With the president, if there's a question, he can just stop, walk over to the president -- walk over to his lawyer, confer and then go back on the witness stand -- or go back and continue to testify.

KAGAN: Of course, another man, Roger, who will be in the room will be Ken Starr himself. It's unclear at this point if he will actually do the questioning because he is not a career prosecutor.

You, yourself, were a prosecutor, what would be your advice to Ken Starr: to go for it or let someone with more experience handle that today?

COSSACK: Ken Starr, don't do it. Turn it over to the ones that know how to do it. Maybe you're a fine administrator, and maybe you're the one that should call the shots, but when it comes to being a line prosecutor, go to the ones that know how to do it, that have had the experience, that have spent most of their career doing and let them ask the questions.

KAGAN: There's a certain skill involved and let the ego stand aside today is what you would say.

COSSACK: You bet.

CNN MORNING NEWS, August 17, 1998

KAGAN: Roger, I'm sure you'll be talking more about this on BURDEN OF PROOF later today.

COSSACK: OK, yes, we'll be talking about that. Greta and I will be do a BURDEN OF PROOF. She's over at the district courthouse, as you know, I'm here at the White House, and we'll be doing BURDEN OF PROOF from each of our locations.

HEMMER: Very good.

Roger Cossack bringing us his insight from the White House this morning.

Thank you Roger.

TO PURCHASE A VIDEOTAPE OF THIS PIECE, PLEASE CALL 800-CNN-NEWS

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

LOAD-DATE: August 17, 1998

LEVEL 1 - 12 OF 16 STORIES

Content and programming copyright 1998 Cable News Network
Transcribed under license by Federal Document Clearing
House, Inc. Formatting copyright 1998 Federal Document
Clearing House, Inc. All rights reserved. No quotes from the
materials contained herein may be used in any media without
attribution to Cable News Network. This transcript may not
be copied or resold in any media.

CNN

SHOW: CNN MORNING NEWS 09:00 am ET

August 17, 1998; Monday 10:30 am Eastern Time

Transcript # 98081711V09

SHOW-TYPE: LIVE REPORT/PACKAGE

SECTION: News; Domestic

LENGTH: 1012 words

HEADLINE: President Clinton Testifies: Hillary Stands By Her Man, Again

BYLINE: Bill Hemmer, Bob Franken, Daryn Kagan, Eileen O'Connor

HIGHLIGHT: President Clinton is set to testify this afternoon about his
relationship with Monica Lewinsky. A look at Hillary Rodham Clinton, as she
does what she always does in times of crisis, stand by her man. And the public
loves her for it.

BODY:

THIS IS A RUSH TRANSCRIPT. THIS COPY MAY NOT BE IN ITS FINAL FORM AND MAY BE
UPDATED.

BILL HEMMER, CNN ANCHOR: President Clinton is set to testify this afternoon
about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky. He will deliver his testimony at
the White House. It will be sent by closed-circuit TV to the federal
courthouse about a dozen blocks away.

That's where we find CNN's Bob Franken live again with us -- Bob.

BOB FRANKEN, CNN CORRESPONDENT: And this is all very unusual, of course,
Bill. The president, back at the White House, will have lawyers accompanying
him, which, of course, never happens in a grand jury. The actual televising it
is in deference to the president who was able to negotiate this in return for
getting the subpoena lifted against him, to get us to this fateful day.

Now, up on the second floor instead of this courtroom, that's right I said
the second floor instead of the third -- the grand jury meets on the third
floor, but it is becoming very clear that, in fact, this session will be held in
the chambers of the presiding judge, Norma Holloway Johnson.

The White House technicians have been going in and out. They have been
moving equipment in there. The set up looks like the grand juror will sit in
the usual spectators' seats in the judge's chambers and they will be watching

CNN MORNING NEWS, August 17, 1998

one or two monitors that will show the president's testimony.

We've been told that, in fact, that testimony will be scrambled. Of course, it will be. The White House and the government will be using all its resources to see that people are not able to eavesdrop on that testimony because, you will remember, that grand jury proceedings are secret and this is an extension of a grand jury proceeding.

Now, what does the president face? He faces probably detailed, excruciatingly detailed testimony, from the independent counsel's prosecutors who will be at the White House.

There has been about 80 witnesses who have appeared before this grand jury in the more traditional way, including Monica Lewinsky, herself, of course, and almost seven months of testimony. All of that will be brought to bear against the president, as sources say it will mean that he has to indicate some sort of way that he, in fact, did have the inappropriate relationship with Monica Lewinsky that, thus far, he had adamantly denied. As for Lewinsky, we are told by sources that, the independent counsel's lawyers last week called Lewinsky's attorneys to say that she might be called back this week after the president testifies -- Bill.

HEMMER: All right, we'll be in touch. Bob Franken, again, live outside the courthouse there -- Daryn.

DARYN KAGAN, CNN ANCHOR: The president, of course, has done extensive preparation for today's questioning.

CNN's Eileen O'Connor is at the White House with the latest -- Eileen.

EILEEN O'CONNOR, CNN WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENT: Well, Daryn, the president is in yet another prep session with his personal attorneys, David Kendall, Mickey Kantor and Nicole Seligman. Also, last night, the Reverend Jesse Jackson came over to the White House amidst reports that the president was ready to acknowledge an inappropriate relationship with Monica Lewinsky. The Reverend Jackson has often offered spiritual advice to the first family.

He said he was particularly concerned about Hillary Rodham Clinton and about their daughter, Chelsea. He said, though, that both are very strong and they are comforting each other, the family. And he also said, though, that, as always, in these times of trouble, everyone is watching the first lady.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

O'CONNOR (voice-over): Hillary Rodham Clinton is doing what she always does and by all accounts will always do, stand by her man. And the public loves her for it.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: You have to admire her, you know, for the position she is in.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: She is very courageous and -- I don't know, I don't think it is really anybody's business, anyway.

CNN MORNING NEWS, August 17, 1998

O'CONNOR: Admiration from Mrs. Clinton shows in the most recent CNN/"USA Today"/Gallup poll. Her favorable rating is at 60 percent, one of the highest numbers since the first inauguration in 1993 and dead equal to her husbands.

Her appearance on the "Today" show blaming these allegations on a vast right-wing conspiracy won points not just for her but for the president.

ANDY KOHUT, PEW RESEARCH CENTER: If Hillary Clinton were to not be with Bill Clinton in response to the allegations that were made, Bill Clinton's -- reaction to Bill Clinton, I think, would be dramatically different.

O'CONNOR: Besides being his closest friend, she is considered a brilliant lawyer and political strategist. Other than his personal attorneys, only she can avoid testifying about what she discusses with her husband, claiming spousal privilege, which she has done before.

By all indications, people will be looking to Hillary Clinton now more than ever to gauge her reaction to her husband's testimony.

PATRICIA IRELAND, NATIONAL ORG. FOR WOMEN: If Hillary Rodham Clinton is there, once again portraying this as something that is between them, that is something that she has accepted as part of the package, that will help a lot.

O'CONNOR: In fact, it could make all the difference.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I have all the respect for her in the world and whatever she decides, I'm behind her.

O'CONNOR: Friends say her decision will be, without doubt, to remain by his side.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

O'CONNOR: Preparations are, of course, also under way for a public address to the nation that also would occur likely from the Map Room over in the breeze way towards the residence. Preparations being very much underway for that, people want to get that story out, the president, himself, wants to get story out to prevent any leaks. They also want to get this behind them politically and, as well, to lessen any pain for the family.

I'm Eileen O'Connor reporting live from the White House.

TO PURCHASE A VIDEOTAPE OF THIS PIECE, PLEASE CALL 800-CNN-NEWS

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

LOAD-DATE: August 17, 1998

LEVEL 1 - 13 OF 16 STORIES

Content and programming copyright 1998 Cable News Network
Transcribed under license by Federal Document Clearing
House, Inc. Formatting copyright 1998 Federal Document
Clearing House, Inc. All rights reserved. No quotes from the
materials contained herein may be used in any media without
attribution to Cable News Network. This transcript may not
be copied or resold in any media.

CNN

SHOW: CNN EARLY EDITION 07:00 am ET

August 17, 1998; Monday 7:00 am Eastern Time

Transcript # 98081701V08

SHOW-TYPE: LIVE REPORT/ANALYSIS

SECTION: News; Domestic

LENGTH: 1970 words

HEADLINE: President Clinton Testifies: Acknowledgment of Relationship Expected

BYLINE: Daryn Kagan, Wolf Blitzer, Leon Harris, Jesse Jackson, Bob Franken,
Greta Van Susteren

HIGHLIGHT: In just about six hours, Bill Clinton is set to give closed- circuit
television testimony to a grand jury investigating the Clinton-Lewinsky matter.
Rev. Jesse Jackson, host of CNN's "BOTH SIDES," discusses his meeting with
President Clinton and the first lady.

BODY:

THIS IS A RUSH TRANSCRIPT. THIS COPY MAY NOT BE IN ITS FINAL FORM AND MAY BE
UPDATED.

DARYN KAGAN, CNN ANCHOR: And we begin this morning at the White House. The
sun is rising on what could be a defining day for the Clinton presidency.

In just about six hours, Bill Clinton is set to give closed- circuit
television testimony to a grand jury investigating the Clinton-Lewinsky matter.

Let's start where that testimony is to be taken at the White House with Wolf
Blitzer.

Good morning, Wolf.

WOLF BLITZER, CNN SR. WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENT: Good morning, Daryn. That
testimony is scheduled for 1:00 this afternoon.

The president is expected to meet a little bit further this morning with his
private attorneys led by David Kendall.

They spent some eight hours huddling here at the White House yesterday, going
over the president's testimony.

CNN EARLY EDITION, August 17, 1998

Senior advisers to the president tell CNN that Mr. Clinton has discussed with his lawyers the possibility that he will in fact acknowledge an inappropriate, improper sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

But, by all accounts he's going to continue to deny that he committed perjury in his January 17 deposition in the Paula Jones case, when he said under oath that he had no sexual relations with Monica Lewinsky.

Mr. Clinton will forcefully continue to deny that he was engaged in obstruction of justice or witness tampering, or encouraging others to lie under oath.

This, by all accounts, has been a very, very difficult, painful ordeal for the president, especially this weekend as he's prepared himself for this testimony.

He's described by some advisers as having had some very emotionally difficult discussions with the first lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton, going over all of this. Though yesterday, the president and the first lady did find time to go to church together, and we're also told that Mrs. Clinton has been joining the president in some of these discussions.

As they left church yesterday, there were no outward signs of what's described as a very, very agonizing situation that's going on inside here at the White House.

And last night, Mr. Clinton continued some of that agonizing. He met privately, we're told, with the Reverend Jesse Jackson, who has over these past several months, been ministering to the first family on some of these very, very difficult issues.

Now the map room, where this 1:00 testimony will take place, as you can see from this map that we've taken from the welcome to the White House Web site, is a historic room.

It was used by President Roosevelt during World War II to follow the military events in Europe with all sorts of maps. But now, it's decorated. It's used for various functions.

And, of course, during the 1996 campaign, it was used by President Clinton for those highly controversial coffees that he had with Democratic Party fund raisers.

If the president goes on national television, this evening, to explain what he told the 23 grand jurors earlier in the day, his aids suggest it could in fact be from this very same map room where he will be delivering his testimony throughout most of this afternoon.

It could go for six hours. It could go for even longer.

Wolf Blitzer, CNN, reporting live from the White House.

LEON HARRIS, CNN ANCHOR: Well, these have certainly been some trying days for many involved in this matter, including the president and his family.

CNN EARLY EDITION, August 17, 1998

But late last night, as you heard Wolf Blitzer report, Rev. Jesse Jackson went to the White House. The civil rights leader met with Hillary Rodham-Clinton and daughter Chelsea about 10:00 p.m. Eastern. And then he met briefly with the president and first lady.

This morning, Rev. Jackson, is also the host of CNN's "BOTH SIDES WITH JESSE JACKSON," is taking some time to talk with us from our Washington bureau.

Good to see you. Thank you very much for coming in this morning.

JESSE JACKSON, HOST, CNN'S BOTH SIDES: Good morning.

HARRIS: Can you tell us what you talked about last night?

JACKSON: Well, my talks with Hillary and Chelsea at lengths were private, because while we're focusing on the matter, and by an large the press sees Bill as an object to be challenged, and the politicians see him that way, he's to Hillary, her husband. He is to Chelsea, her father.

And they have unconditional love. And, of course, with this kind of a public challenge, they must unleash that love to support their husband and their father.

And I think that is the feeling I got; that Hillary is very strong in her resolve to stand with Bill and Chelsea's very, very devoted and this is the great source of his strength.

I mean face it, he is embarrassed by whatever happened, however one defines inappropriate. And Hillary's had to face the humiliation of it all.

But then, she's mature and they are in love and their marriage will survive this.

HARRIS: Well, you say he's embarrassed. Is he also contrite?

JACKSON: Well, indeed. I mean, there's nothing to be arrogant about, nothing to be brash about. And if it were talking as much as they talked, that was inappropriate.

Any, or any kind of infatuation, or any kind of expression of feeling, really was inappropriate, and so that's a category for the lawyers to discuss, for him the grand jury to describe what that is.

But, the fact that we've had nine months of this drama, it is obviously embarrassing to him. But somehow, I'm convinced that today he will face that grand jury and make his case.

But, I think what's most important to him is that Chelsea and Hillary are standing with him, and I suppose, if that strength was not there, he would really be in bigger trouble.

HARRIS: Well, with all the signs that he is going to change his story, what exactly did he say was the nature of his relationship with Monica Lewinsky?

CNN EARLY EDITION, August 17, 1998

JACKSON: No, he didn't discuss that with me nor would it have been appropriate to do so. I mean, if he got into that with me, then Starr would be challenging minister relationship with a person to be counseled as he has the lawyers.

And so, I would not get into any legal conversation.

HARRIS: Well, did you offer him any advice?

JACKSON: Well, you know, one bit of advice is that one day Jesus and the disciples, after he had preached all day, went out on a boat.

And while the sun was shining and the winds are blowing favorably, the crowd was cheering and waving them goodbye, all was good. But then, the Bible says a storm came suddenly.

And when storms come suddenly, they don't have to check with you. They just appear suddenly. What do you do when storms appear suddenly? Do you panic and jump overboard, do you turn on other ship mates, or do you hold onto your faith and call on the master who's in the stern.

And that's for you, you don't really need faith for that which you can see and touch. You need faith for the unforeseen circumstances. You need faith when storms come suddenly.

And so, I really talked with Hillary and Chelsea about matters of faith and unconditional love, and then we had prayer with the president and I left.

HARRIS: Well, we'll see how things turn out today. Rev. Jesse Jackson.

JACKSON: Hope for the best.

HARRIS: As always, we thank you very much.

JACKSON: Thank you.

HARRIS: Daryn.

KAGAN: About a dozen city blocks separate the grand jurors at the courthouse from President Clinton at the White House.

CNN's Bob Franken knows that walk well. He's been planted in front of that courthouse for about the last six months.

Good morning, Bob.

BOB FRANKEN, CNN CORRESPONDENT: Good morning, Daryn.

And in that six months, there have been about 80 witnesses, who have very methodically testified, part of a methodical investigation by independent counsel Ken Starr, which brings us to this point.

The point where now the president of the United States has been in effect forced to testify, not officially subpoenaed. But, that was only a courtesy allowing the subpoena to be withdrawn.

CNN EARLY EDITION, August 17, 1998

I'm joined, as I will be throughout the day, by Greta Van Susteren, who is the legal analyst for CNN.

Greta, does the independent counsel have the president basically in a corner?

GRETA VAN SUSTEREN, CNN LEGAL ANALYST: Obviously he does, Bob. I mean, especially if the president is now going to quote, "Change his story and testify differently from his testimony on January 17 in the civil deposition in Paula Jones."

Ken Starr's essentially moving in for the kill. It seems like the president will change his testimony. The key question is, will it be perjury, will there evidence of obstruction of justice, or is their evidence that he tried to get someone else to lie? That's going to be the key issue today. FRANKEN: Do you think that the president's making a declaration that I engaged in inappropriate sexual conduct is going to be enough for the independent counsel, or is he just going to try to administer the death of a thousand cuts?

VAN SUSTEREN: Well it's hard to say, but the one thing that was sort of curious to me is to what extent will the independent counsel, through his assistants, I don't expect that he'll be doing the actual questioning, but to what extent will he take the president through excruciating detail.

Will he present tapes of Monica Lewinsky and Linda Tripp to the president to refresh his recollection? Should the president say, look, I don't recall. I mean, that's the one thing we don't know.

During the course of this six hours will it be a quick, I mean, was your conduct inappropriate, did you testify untruthfully on January 17, or will the independent counsel, through his assistants, take him through every excruciating detail of the relationship with Monica Lewinsky?

FRANKEN: Now, this is a grand jury session, like no other grand jury session, for reasons that have been discussed not infinitum.

But what about the role of the grand jury here? This is not a normal role for a grand jury.

VAN SUSTEREN: That's right. A grand jury's usual function is to hear evidence and make a determination whether or not they should indite the target.

There's a huge dispute among lawyers whether you can indite a sitting president. My thought on this is that they are perfectly capable of indicting a sitting president.

But the real issue is whether or not they could actually process that indictment. We have a separation of powers in this government.

And I think perhaps they could actually indite the president should they find that he violated the law in any way. But you could not try him while he was in office.

That would have to go up to Capitol Hill and you have to go through impeachment proceedings.

CNN EARLY EDITION, August 17, 1998

FRANKEN: So it's a drama that's going to be unfolding at the courthouse, beginning at 1:00. It's, of course, going to be behind closed doors at the courthouse and at the White House -- Daryn.

KAGAN: Bob, we talked about you being 12 blocks away from the White House. Tell us exactly how the grand jurors will be able to ask questions of the president. How's that physically going to happen?

FRANKEN: Well, first of all, as you know, they have a very, very secure line, television line, that will be between the courthouse, and we haven't determined yet whether it will be in the judge's chambers, by the way, moved from the normal grand jury room.

But, it will be a set up where the president is on camera. The grand jurors will watch as the prosecutors down there throw questions at him.

The way that they will question him, we're told, is that they will telephone questions to the prosecutors who will then turn around and ask them of the president.

KAGAN: Bob Franken, Greta Van Susteren at the federal courthouse.

TO PURCHASE A VIDEOTAPE OF THIS PIECE, PLEASE CALL 800-CNN-NEWS

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

LOAD-DATE: August 17, 1998

LEVEL 1 - 14 OF 16 STORIES

Content and programming copyright 1998 Cable News Network
Transcribed under license by Federal Document Clearing
House, Inc. Formatting copyright 1998 Federal Document
Clearing House, Inc. All rights reserved. No quotes from the
materials contained herein may be used in any media without
attribution to Cable News Network. This transcript may not
be copied or resold in any media.

CNN

SHOW: CNN EARLY EDITION 07:00 am ET

August 17, 1998; Monday 8:00 am Eastern Time

Transcript # 98081709V08

SHOW-TYPE: LIVE REPORT/ANALYSIS

SECTION: News; Domestic

LENGTH: 1554 words

HEADLINE: President Clinton Testifies: Last Minute Preparations Continue at
White House; David Kendall's Role During Testimony

BYLINE: Leon Harris, Wolf Blitzer, Bob Franken, Greta Van Susteren

HIGHLIGHT: Today is the day that President Clinton will answer questions under
oath via closed-circuit television for the grand jury investigating the White
House sex scandal. A look at the preparations being taken at the White House as
well as David Kendall's, the president's personal attorney, role in the
testimony being given this afternoon.

BODY:

THIS IS A RUSH TRANSCRIPT. THIS COPY MAY NOT BE IN ITS FINAL FORM AND MAY BE
UPDATED.

LEON HARRIS, CNN ANCHOR: Today is the day, the day that could forever change
the Clinton presidency. Today is the day that President Clinton will answer
questions under oath via closed-circuit television for the grand jury
investigating the White House sex scandal.

CNN's Wolf Blitzer is at the White House this morning. He joins us now with
the very latest -- Wolf.

WOLF BLITZER, CNN SENIOR WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENT: Leon, by all accounts,
President Clinton is now prepared to change his story to acknowledge that he did
have an inappropriate sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky, though he will
continue to deny flatly -- according to his advisers -- that he committed
perjury on January 17th when he gave a sworn deposition in the Paula Jones case.

At that time he had -- at that time he denied he had quote, "sexual relations
with Monica Lewinsky," or quote, "an affair with Monica Lewinsky."

Mr. Clinton will acknowledge, though, today that what he and Monica Lewinsky
did was inappropriate, it was wrong, and we do anticipate that after Mr.

CNN EARLY EDITION, August 17, 1998

Clinton's testimony -- which could last between six, seven, perhaps even eight hours -- the president will deliver an address to the nation explaining what happened.

Here at the White House, the day is just beginning. Officials have already started arriving at the White House. The president's counsel, Charles Ruff, arrived a little while ago.

It's only a few blocks away from here at the White House to the federal courthouse where those 23 grand jurors will be watching his testimony on a very secretive, closed-circuit TV hookup. It's a special hookup that has been created for this -- for this testimony.

By all accounts, one of the most difficult problems the president has had is confronting his wife, the first lady, and daughter, Chelsea, with the -- with the word from him that he is, in fact, planning on acknowledging an inappropriate relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

Last night, the Reverend Jesse Jackson came over here to the White House to meet with the first family, and this morning on CNN, he discussed the president's mood.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

REV. JESSE JACKSON: I mean face it, he is embarrassed by whatever happened, however one defines inappropriate. And Hillary's had to face the humiliation of it all.

But then, she's mature and they are in love and their marriage will survive this.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

BLITZER: Yesterday, the first family attended church services near the White House. It was, by all accounts, a day that the president spent not only personally agonizing over what he would say, but also huddled for some eight hours with his private attorneys, led by David Kendall, preparing his remarks.

One important problem the president has is going over that sworn deposition on January 17th, knowing precisely what he said then, and coming up with an explanation today before the grand jury, why, in his mind, he did not engage in perjury, encouraging perjury, obstruction of justice or witness tampering -- Leon.

HARRIS: Well, Wolf, the talk of the president changing his story, what are you hearing from different people there in the White House? Do you get a sense of their feeling betrayed at all?

BLITZER: Several of the president's advisers who had gone out and strongly defended him over these past seven months and launched a very, very tough attack against the Independent Counsel, Ken Starr, do feel betrayed that the president has waited this long to go ahead and acknowledge what, in fact, occurred.

They also -- many of them are privately suggesting they feel betrayed, that the president, if, in fact, he did have this inappropriate sexual relationship

CNN EARLY EDITION, August 17, 1998

with Monica Lewinsky, that he could have been, in their words, as reckless as he was in going forward with it.

She has testified under oath before the grand jury that the sexual relationship began in November, 1995, when she was then a 22- year-old intern working here in the White House for then-Chief of Staff Leon Panetta.

She alleges it continued for 18 months. There were numerous sexual encounters with the president. And a lot of the president's closest supporters, people who got him elected -- helped get him elected in 1992, and reelected in 1996, asked this question: How could the president have done this, if, in fact, he did do this?

And that's a -- it's a source of great concern to many of the president's closest friends and supporters.

HARRIS: CNN's Wolf Blitzer at the White House this morning, thanks much. Let's go now to Bob Franken who is covering this grand jury investigation at the U.S. courthouse this morning -- Bob.

BOB FRANKEN, CNN CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENT: Well, Leon, the Independent Counsel, Ken Starr, left his house just a short while ago. Of course, he is participating in a day of history.

He has conducted an investigation that has been variously described as relentless or obsessive. Over 80 witnesses have appeared before this grand jury that has been led by Independent Counsel, Ken Starr, bringing us to the point where, at this end of the -- of the TV hookup, the grand jurors will watch.

We're not clear whether they're going to watch in their normal grand jury room or whether the technicians will actually set them up in the office of the presiding judge, Norma Holloway Johnson. Final hookups have not yet been made.

I'm joined by Greta Van Susteren, and the question that I have really is, how relentless do you think that the questioning is going to be during the grand jury session itself?

GRETA VAN SUSTEREN, CNN LEGAL ANALYST: Well, we say the word "relentless," because that's what probably the president's is going to feel on his end of the questioning.

I suppose Ken Starr is going to say the questioning is going to be very thorough. They have six, seven, maybe eight hours with president of the United States. They have many months of testimony, and they're going to challenge his recollection. They are going to challenge information that he gives.

So it's certainly going to be relentless to the president of the United States, but Ken Starr would probably say it's going to be thorough.

FRANKEN: There have been some efforts in the last few days on the part of some White House spokesmen to try and soften Ken Starr up just a little bit. But, we've had the several months that you mentioned, 80 witnesses approximately, every conceivable kind of privilege fight.

CNN EARLY EDITION, August 17, 1998

Do you think that they can expect an easy time of it from the prosecutors?

VAN SUSTEREN: Oh, I don't think that the president is going to get off easy today. I mean, the -- Ken Starr, through his assistants, who will probably be doing the questioning of the president, are going to ask very excruciating and intimate details about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

The thing about the grand jury is there are very few rules. A prosecutor can ask virtually anything, and there are very few limitations.

Now, if one of his prosecutors does badger the president, or ask repetitive questions, then you should suspect that David Kendall will step in and attempt to stop the questioning. But otherwise, it's really a sort of no-holds-bar questioning of the president.

FRANKEN: Well, you bring up an interesting point. Unlike grand jury sessions, the president's lawyers will be in the room. Do you think that they will take an active role?

VAN SUSTEREN: Well, I don't know. David Kendall is a very smart lawyer from Williams & Connolly. He is a very experienced lawyer, but if something gets out of hand, David Kendall can step in and he can object, and he can probably end up down here in the United States District Courthouse behind us, battling it out with the chief judge, who is the one who is in charge of the grand jury investigation by virtue of being the chief judge.

So if there are some objections, if there are some battles, you can expect that the battles will end up here at the United States District Courthouse, and perhaps, even in the United States Court of Appeals, if one side objects to what the judge does.

But that's only if we have a fight. It may be very genteel, it may be just questions to the president. If the president answers everything, we simply don't know right now.

FRANKEN: Well, normally, the lawyer would be outside the room and the witness could interrupt at any time and just ask for legal advice. It's going to go beyond that this time?

VAN SUSTEREN: That's right. Usually what happens in ordinary grand jury proceeding is the witness is behind closed doors without a lawyer. And the witness can actually step out of the grand jury room and go consult with a lawyer.

This is different. David Kendall will be at the president's side.

FRANKEN: I'll point out, by the way, that the judge, Norma Holloway Johnson, has busted a vacation, by the way. It's no surprise to anybody. But she is not expected to actually watch the proceedings, but be available in case these legal questions come up -- Leon.

HARRIS: All right. Bob Franken and Greta Van Susteren.

Thanks much from the courthouse there in Washington.

CNN EARLY EDITION, August 17, 1998

TO PURCHASE A VIDEOTAPE OF THIS PIECE, PLEASE CALL 800-CNN-NEWS

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

LOAD-DATE: August 17, 1998

Judging Hillary's 'asinine' remarks

What do our fellow Americans think about Hillary Clinton's latest conspiracy theory, the one which holds that an anti-Arkansas bias is responsible for the president's woes?

All I can do is share the faxes and e-mail letters received in the wake of her remarks to the *Democrat-Gazette*.

From Arlington, Va.: In response to Hillary Clinton's assertion that "their" difficulties have some grounding in an anti-Arkansas attitude, several thoughts come to mind, none of which really disarms the Nixonian mind set that seems to dominate the "delay and defame" machinations of the White House.

As a Washingtonian who has voted for both sides of the aisle, but holds the all too frequent moral lapses of our president in contempt, let me assure you that Hillary's posturing solely serves their administration's survival to the exclusion of the welfare of the country as a whole.

The correct evolution concerning anti-Clinton Americans is not that we don't like Arkansas, and by extension the president and the first lady. Our angst with Arkansas has developed proportionately with Arkansas' defense of morally indefensible actions by the first couple.

Truthfully, sadly, the geographic and social characteristics of Arkansas itself hold little or no interest to most anyone, let alone create a bias against Arkansans, without the presence of a president who hails from that state.

Once again, we are seeing an effort by the Clinton administration to defend themselves by throwing the honor of an unaffected party into the fray to deflect attention from the actual issue.

From San Marino, Calif.: What exactly do you teach in your high school civics and ethics classes and how does it differ from other states in the Union? One has to wonder.

P.S. You can't enter your phone number or state in your Internet e-mail format unless you're from an Arkansas area code. Perhaps you need to look within yourselves for the answer to Hillary's anger.

Meredith Oakley



Editor's note: Lack of space and volume of mail prohibit us from publishing out-of-state letters, except in this space, which is why only Arkansas area codes (for the purpose of verifying the authorship of letters) are accepted.

From Longview, Texas: The president isn't in trouble because he's from Arkansas, contrary to Mrs. Clinton's latest conspiracy theory.

She reveals a contempt for the people of your state by thinking such obvious demagoguery would fly.

From Sebago, Maine: I just finished reading the article on the first lady's accusation that certain people are "prejudiced against our state."

I cannot believe that she thinks people are so brain dead as to believe this accusation.

I gave her the benefit of the doubt on the "right-wing conspiracy" theory, until the FACTS are in. If President Clinton lied and cost taxpayers the amount in investigation fees, because he misrepresented the truth, to get to the truth, then I want him to be held accountable as Mr. Gingrich was, and he must pay the taxpayers back. This needs to be done not out of executive branch funding... but out of private Clinton money. He could take a loan from any of his friends.

[The first lady is smarter than that statement that you quoted in today's paper. Maybe she is at the end of her rope and is grasping at straws, but she need not try to portray the scandals as an attack on the wonderful people of Arkansas, because thinking Americans will never believe that ridiculous statement.

From Salinas, Calif.: This message is so urgent, I am writing to you. Hillary is right. There is prejudice against the state of Arkansas. Tonight, on a message board,

someone accused a person of being from Arkansas because he couldn't spell and didn't have good grammatical use of the language... [If charges were to be brought against President Clinton, they would have to be brought up by Hillary or a Secret Service agent, as they are the only people on the scene.

From Round Rock, Texas: Your article stating that the president's trouble is due to being from Arkansas is an insult to Arkansans everywhere. I've lived in New York and California and Texas and nowhere has anybody insulted me or belittled me or persecuted me because I am an Arkansan.

The president's troubles are certainly not because he's from Arkansas any more than Ronald Reagan's popularity was because he was from California. The place of birth doesn't create crises or accolades for presidents. Their actions do that.

From Sumter, S.C.: It really bothers me to have Mrs. Clinton tell the world we don't like people from Arkansas. She is so wrong. It is time the Clintons quit blaming everything and everyone else for any problems they have.

We have driven through Arkansas many times. The people have been very nice each time we've stopped. Our hearts and prayers are with you folks.

From Houston, Texas: Hillary Rodham Clinton is either the congenital liar that William Safire called her or else she still thinks Americans are dummies. Her effort to now blame her husband's self-inflicted scandals on prejudice against the state of Arkansas is an absolutely ludicrous and asinine remark.

We in Texas have had our share of political scandals, but at no time did we try to blame them on a "dislike for Texas." We accepted responsibility for what happened and took the consequences. You can't say that about the Clintons—it's always someone else's doing.

Associate Editor Meredith Oakley's column appears every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.



Edward F. Coyle
Executive Director

Fax Transmission

To:	Marsha Berry	From:	Christopher Pottle
Fax:	+1 (202) 456-7805	Fax:	+1 (202) 543-0392
Company:		Company:	Radio Fair America
Telephone:		Telephone:	(202) 547-8800
Subject:	Political Talk Radio Discusses the First Lady	Pages:	7
		Date/Time:	8/12/98 3:42:44

Note:

Ms. Berry

Diane Dewhirst thought that you may be interested in how Mrs. Clinton has been portrayed on political talk radio over the past few days. The following are brief excerpts of what has been said on the Micahel reagan and Rush Limbaugh shows.

The First Lady has been discussed in terms of what her options are during the current events involving the Starr investigation and most recently a response to her comments

about Arkansas.

Hopefully, you find this information both interesting and useful and if you would like further information, please do not hesitate to call.

Thankyou,

*Chris Pottle
Radio Fair America*

Political Talk Radio Discusses the First Lady

The Michael Reagan Show

August 11, 1998

Time: 3:15

Asked in an *Arkansas Democrat Gazette* telephone interview yesterday about how things were at the White House amid the investigation, Mrs. Clinton said, 'It's just more of the same. Same old, same old. I think a lot of this is prejudice against our state. They wouldn't do this if we were from some other state.' What do you think Richard Nixon would say? 'They wouldn't do this if I was from some other state, other than California'. I wonder what Bob Packwood would say. 'Boy, they wouldn't do this if I was from some other state, other than Oregon'. How about Ted Kennedy? 'Boy, they wouldn't come after me if I was from another state, other than Massachusetts'. I mean, you can really go through the laundry list, can you not? So is the reason that you call this show and other shows and say, 'Hey, what's going on', is the reason because you just don't like Arkansas?...Prejudiced against Arkansas? Come on.

Time: 3:34

Caller: I lived back in Arkansas at one time, and I was curious about the Whitewater deal, it didn't make a lot of sense to me...They talked about how much money went through the Madison County Cherokee Savings and Loan, which is in Kingston. Well, I know where Kingston, Arkansas is. I'm surprised you haven't had anybody call from Kingston. If you counted all the cats and dogs and people there you'd be doing good to come up with 200. Where in the world did they get \$30 million?

Reagan: Gee, drugs. There's a lot of drug money that floats around in Arkansas, and has been floating around for years. That's old news. That's five years old.

Time: 3:37

You know what's interesting is the fact that she now refers to Arkansas as "our state." Why is she choosing not to retire there?

Time: 3:48

That's Hillaryspeak. Why would we be prejudiced against Arkansas? For what reason? She must have a reason. She must think less of Arkansas than anybody else...They should be furious, the fact that she's blaming the state now for her husband's problems

Time: 3:50

She is stretching wherever she can stretch. First, it was a right wing conspiracy that is after her husband, now it's people are prejudiced against the state. I mean, to say 'This wouldn't be happening to us if we were from another state. It's because we're from Arkansas you're picking on us.' And of course, we picked on Jimmy Carter because he was from Georgia. I mean, come on, we got on George Bush because he was from Texas. Come on, it's nuts that she does this...That's the mentality of Hillary Rodham Clinton. I am not going to accept blame. I am not going to have my husband accept responsibility. I have to blame it on the state of Arkansas.

The Rush Limbaugh Show

August 10, 1998

Time: 12:58-12:59

Caller: "I think that Hillary has...has had enough of this and I think that what's going to happen with this, when everything is proven and everything's played out, I think she's going to say 'That's it, I'm out of here' and I don't think it's too long now. And when she dumps Bill, he's gone. He's...I mean, he'll be..."

Rush: "Well, I'll tell you, if that happens, you're right because he can, can credit her as the only reason he's still in the Oval Office, if she hadn't supported him."

Time: 1:07-1:11

Rush: "If you're going to say that you think Hillary will turn to save face, and I understand that you said that and all, but are you just pulling it out of thin air?"

Caller: "...If they're talking to David Kendall, there's some serious problems and all...You know all the rest is some serious front show, you know? So here's what happens, here's the downplay of this: What she does is when everything, everything comes out to be true and Bill has to admit it, then she goes and makes a public statement and she is done and she's a martyr and she saves herself and Bill, Bill has nowhere to go. He's crushed."

Rush: "Well, but then, let me ask you this. If she divorces him, does she still get the book deal?"

Caller: (laughing) "Of course!"

Rush: "Okay, isn't that why anybody does anything in Washington? It's what these people say. I mean, everybody's motives in Washington are always oriented about making money or writing a book for money."

Caller: "Well, look at (garbled name), you know?"

Rush: "Right, **so it's a genuine ...we all know she's obsessed with money.** We all know that... I'm not going to mention any names but there's a prominent New York publisher who took me to dinner about four years ago, three or four years ago, and wanted me to do some work for him in a publication that he had. And I was a little bit curious about it because this is not the kind of publisher or publication that I thought would be interested in what I had to say. The conversation went on and I asked him 'What do you want from me?' And he said 'Well I, I think you have a unique perspective and it'd be just the thing to have, we'd like to have it.' And then he started asking me a bunch of questions about the future of the Clintons. Now this is still well and early in the first term and this guy starts postulating a bunch of theories and one of his theories was that when this is all over, be it after the first term if he doesn't get reelected, or after the second if they do, that she's going to divorce him. And this, this is... I must tell you is this guy is, I think, fairly supportive of the President now. And I just sat there and nodded and basically didn't say anything because my antennae

Political Talk Radio & the First Lady

Limbaugh, 8/12/98

12:15

"The management of the Limbaugh Letter cannot be responsible for believing a Clinton when he or she says something and then say the opposite. It's our only protection. This could be a dire consequences legal matter. The way we look at it. Because, and we're huge targets out there, my friends. People don't like us. So, we have got to come up with a disclaimer. And that's what we've arrived at for now. We are working on an alternative mug. I don't know if anything will come of it but we're working diligently on it. And I'm sorry that this has happened. But as I say, we put our trust in Mrs. Clinton's statement when she made it on the Today show and now it's been retracted. It's just another example. You can't believe these people when they say anything."

Time: 1:24-1:26

Helen: "I wanted to convey to you. I have really been wondering. Where is Hillary? Where has she been? What is she doing? She can only bake so many cookies. I think she is completely and totally commandeering Bill's testimony. I think, if you remember, she and Web Hubbell were very important in the Watergate testimony. I think..

Rush: "Wait, wait, wait, wait, wait. You mean Whitewater?"

Helen: "No, I mean Watergate. Hillary and Web Hubbell were lawyers on a, in the, Watergate testimony and instigated in getting Nixon

Rush: "No, that would be Hillary and Bernard Nussbaum.

Helen: "And Bernard Nussbaum, forgive me, I'm sorry. I think she looks at Ken Starr like Nixon. And I think that she and Bill have a common goal in mind. I think they both want the power and fame and she wants him to win. And I begin to wonder, too. She is such an example, or supposed to be, to so many American women as the epitome of the modern woman. And I thought, why? Because she is letting this go on in front of her daughter and her daughters friends and everyone. Why has she not come out and either left him or said something? And I think the reason is that she wants to win this so badly against Ken Starr.

Rush: "I don't doubt that. I don't doubt that she is, in fact, it has been reported that she has had an up front, dominant role in the defense strategy, here. And it could well be that he is articulating or orchestrating his planned testimony with Kendall, and so forth. It could very well be. I wouldn't be surprised at that at all.

Time: 1:39

David: "I have a little prediction for some of your listeners. Especially the ones that think Mrs. Clinton is going to dump Mr. Clinton. No way! They both need spousal immunity after this is over. They're going to stick together.

Rush: "Yeah, that's true. And, you know there's another reason, too. Why bother getting a divorce? They both can do what they want to do, as they've been doing anyway. I mean, it doesn't matter to Clinton that he's married, where other women are concerned. It doesn't matter to Hillary that they're married, where other women are concerned...I've got to remember my own words. These two people look at life through a legal prism...not a moral prism. They look at it, 'Can I get away with this? If so, I'll do it.' If they can't

get away with it, they won't do it. They don't look at it through a moral or ethical prism. And you're right. That spousal privilege protects everything they've done in the past and they will do in the future.

Limbaugh, 8/11/98

Time: 12:26

We now have a new excuse from Mrs. Clinton, who explained why the world and the country is out to get her husband. It is because they are from Arkansas. First Lady Hillary Clinton says prejudice against their state is driving much of the investigation into her husband. Now, is prejudice against Arkansas part of the vast right wing conspiracy? She was asked the question yesterday in an Arkansas Democrat Gazette interview...

Time: 12:27

I've got some relatives in Arkansas that I haven't talked to about this. I just think that the whole thing, it's just grasping at straws. I've haven't heard anybody, I don't know of anybody, who has said 'These people are from Arkansas. We can't have people from Arkansas having anything to do with running the country'. It's stupid, folks.

Michael Reagan 8/11/98

Time: 3:24-3:27

Reagan: "I don't know if I should take calls from Arkansas. I mean, we're prejudiced against you, you know.

Beth: "I know you are. You can tell from that wonderful song that you had on. It just absolutely cracked me up. What I wanted to tell the American people that are listening and watching your show as we are on America's Voice, when Hillary lived in our governor's mansion, she absolutely hated the people of Arkansas. She hated living here and she said that we were the dumbest people on the face of the earth.

Reagan: "Is that right?

Beth: "Oh, yeah.

Reagan: "Maybe she was prejudiced.

Beth: "Very much so. But now, you know, it's everybody is hurting her poor little husband because of Arkansas.

Reagan: "Yeah, she's blaming Arkansas, now, for the woes of her husband. Maybe, maybe that's why Tom Hanks and his wife are looking at buying them a home here in Pacific Palisades...

"Well, it's interesting also that he's trying to live the life of John F. Kennedy and retire in the life of Ronald Reagan. Who is Bill Clinton? He doesn't know who he is, does he?

Beth: "No, he doesn't know who anybody is

Reagan: "So, it's interesting. What you're saying is, that the First Lady of our country while she was the First Lady of your state thought of the people of Arkansas as dummies.

Beth: "That's exactly—no, not dummies. We were the most; we were the most stupid people on the face of the earth.

Reagan: "You were the most stupid people on the face of the earth. And then she does the press conference and is asked questions by the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* and says the reason that her husband is being attacked is, again, because of you stupid people in Arkansas

Beth: "That's right.

3:29

Reagan: "So, are we attacking the president because we are prejudiced against your state?

Larry: "Michael, I wish you was on 24 hours a day to give it to him. I can't find anybody down here that voted for him, you know, that's the problem but somehow or other he keeps on carrying the state, don't he?

Reagan: "He keeps on carrying the state. No, I think the people down there are pretty smart. They said, 'Let's get him out of the state. Let's get him President of the United States. Let's get him out of here.

Larry: "Give it to him, Mike. I love every minute of it.

3:30

Reagan: "Wait a minute. Well, there must be a reason I'm prejudiced against the state. The First Lady says I'm prejudiced against the state. Is that true what that, what Beth said? That she thought the people of Arkansas were stupid when she was in the mansion?

Pat: "Well, yes. My daughter was one of the teachers that she made take the test, you know, and it was the first time I guess, and maybe the only time Clinton has walked into the room where the people politely stood up but not a soul applauded. Because she thought all of our teachers were ignorant and she made them take tests. No, the reason that we voted for Clinton, except I didn't, of course, but the story in Arkansas is that we did that to get rid of him.

Reagan: "I thought so! See, I never thought you were stupid. I thought you were pretty smart. I understand politics. Yeah, we can't get him out of this governor's mansion until we elect him to something else!

3:39

Reagan: I mean can you believe the first lady. It really does show how ignorant she is the fact that she says I think a lot of this is prejudice against our state. They wouldn't do this if we were from another state. I mean and the point that I make, I mean, Nixon could have said this about California, John Kennedy could have said that about Massachusetts. I mean, we could have Bob Packwood say that about Oregon. We could go right through the list.

"I am Hillary Here me Roar"

Hillary: I am Hillary Here me roar
I'm more important than Al Gore
I could run this country if I had the chance
(*Reagan: Yeah but we're prejudice against you*)

Got an office down the hall.
Now Bill can't fool around at all

(Reagan: Or so you thought.)

In this White House family I'll wear pants.

Chorus: Whoah, yes I'm his wife,

Hillary: But I'm in love with politics.

Chorus: Oh, Yes this is the life

Hillary: I might run in '96

(Reagan: In 2000)

If I want to, I will say anything

(Reagan: Yes)

I'm so strong

Reagan: Yes

Chorus: Strong

Hillary: I'm undivorceable

Chorus: Divorceable

Hillary: I am Clinton

(Reagan: Ah yes.)

I am Clinton

Chorus: Clinton

Hillary: I am Mrs. Clinton

Chorus: Clinton

Hillary: I am Hillary Rodham Clinton

Chorus: Clinton

Reagan (talking over this last verse): I think a lot of this is prejudice about our state, they wouldn't do this if we were from another state. And they're going to move to my state California? Maybe I should buy land in Arkansas.

President urged to tell all to public

Clinton will testify today
in Monica Lewinsky case

BY TERRY LEMONS
ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

WASHINGTON — Bill Clinton faces the most perilous day of his presidency today as he reveals to prosecutors and a criminal grand jury details about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

Clinton huddled Sunday in the White House with a small circle of lawyers amid signs that, after seven months of denying a sexual relationship, he will change his story.

One of his advisers told *The New York Times* that Clinton's team had secured the president's agreement to acknowledge that he had engaged in an inappropriate physical relationship with Lewinsky.

But the adviser said Clinton will deny that he counseled her or anyone else to lie about it, or that he committed perjury in a deposition in the Paula Corbin Jones sexual-harassment lawsuit.

"The truth is the truth. Period. And that's how the president will testify," said David Kendall, Clinton's private attorney.

Pressure intensified from Republicans, Democrats and even Clinton's former aides for the president to go beyond that and explain himself to the public.

"I think he ought to tell everything, answer every question, and then tell the American people why he waited until now to talk with them," former White House chief of staff Leon Panetta said on NBC's *Meet the Press*.

Clinton was considering making a national address after his testimony, CNN reported. The *Times* said that would likely come at 8 p.m. or later and be broadcast from the White House residence instead of the Oval Office.

At noon CDT, independent counsel Kenneth Starr's team and Clinton's lawyers will crowd into the White House Map Room, once used by President Franklin Roosevelt to track World War II troop movements.

There, Clinton will answer questions for several hours before a closed-circuit television camera. The encrypted signal will be transmitted 13 blocks down Pennsylvania Avenue to the E. Barrett Pretyman Courthouse, where 23 federal grand jurors will watch and, perhaps, ask their own questions.

Some of Clinton's closest political aides — who have been in the

See CLINTON, Page 2A

Clinton

• Continued from Page 1A

dark for months about Lewinsky — weren't sure just what would happen afterward.

"He's been in a lot of tough situations before, but these are his darkest days," one former White House lawyer said recently.

Today's predicament dwarfs anything Clinton has encountered before, including his gubernatorial defeat in 1980, the Gennifer Flowers and draft-dodging allegations from the 1992 presidential campaign and the other aspects of Starr's White-water investigation.

But Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, believes Clinton can survive the allegations against him — if he tells the truth and "asks the American people to forgive him."

"So help me, if he lies before the grand jury, that would be grounds for impeachment," Hatch warned on *Meet the Press*.

Lanny Davis, a former White House special counsel and longtime Clinton defender, called on the president to release today's testimony about his relationship with Lewinsky, 25, a former White House intern and low-ranking aide.

"He ought to tell everything, answer every question, and then tell the American people why he waited until now to talk with them," Davis said on *Meet the Press*.

The flurry of comments on the Sunday morning news shows unfolded as Clinton attended services at the Foundry United Methodist Church. Walking into the church, he held hands with Hillary Rodham Clinton, who wore sunglasses on the overcast day.

The service, led by minister Walter Shropshire Jr., had a few indirect references to Clinton's situation.

"When we have opposition and hopeless situations, God bears us up on eagles' wings," Shropshire said.

At another point, an unidentified member of the church clergy asked the congregation to pray for bombing victims in Africa and Northern Ireland and for "men and women in leadership."

Clinton appeared somewhat pensive during the service, but he emerged smiling and playing with a toy sphere that Shropshire had used as a prop during his sermon.

Clinton, who at times has been distracted himself this weekend by playing cards with friends and walking his dog, Buddy, met with his lawyers before church and devoted Sunday afternoon to preparations for today's testimony.

Hillary Clinton was an active participant in the strategy sessions, a senior aide told *The Washington Post*.

Clinton acknowledged privately to aides this week that there was an "inappropriate relationship" with Lewinsky, signaling some sort of sexual conduct between them, according to advisers quoted by *The Associated Press*, the *Times* and the *Post*.

If he testifies to that effect, it would be a dramatic contrast with his earlier statements about Lewinsky.

Exactly seven months ago today, Clinton gave a sworn deposition before Jones' lawyers. During questioning, he denied having sexual relations with Lewinsky.

Jones' attorneys had offered a three-part definition of sexual relations, but U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright had whittled that down to a one-part definition — "contact with the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks of any person with an intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person."

Clinton advisers quoted by *The AP* and the *Post* said that leaves the president a narrow window in which he can tell the grand jury that he had "sex play" with Lewinsky — just not the sort he was asked about by Jones' attorneys.

On Jan. 26, Clinton was more direct with the American public, offering no qualifiers when he insisted "he did not have sexual relations with that woman."

The possibility of Clinton splitting legal hairs on the definition of sexual relations didn't sit well with some key members of Congress, who fanned out on the Sunday news

shows.

"We need to get beyond playing word games," said Florida Rep. Charles Canady, a Republican on the House Judiciary Committee, who appeared on CNN. "People understand what sexual relations are."

Hatch, the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said Clinton "would be laughed out of the country."

"President Clinton does have a reputation as a kind of a serial legal manipulator of legal terms," Hatch said, adding that if Clinton publicly acknowledges making a mistake, the public and Congress will be understanding. Acknowledging that he lied in the Jones case won't be enough for impeachment, Hatch said.

"I think the best thing this president could do is say, 'Look, I was trying to protect my wife, my daughter from pain and suffering that I'd caused. The American people, I've caused you pain and suffering. I've lied, but I've lied for those reasons, and, frankly, I want to get this behind me, I want to finish out the presidency. I'll do what's right from here on in, and please forgive me.'"

It's a different situation if Clinton lies, Hatch said.

"You cannot have the top person in this country go before a federal grand jury and lie, especially when basically almost everybody in the country now knows the truth."

Democrats added their voices to the chorus calling for Clinton to offer a public explanation and apology.

"This is a tough thing to do, when you have to face the American people and say you made a terrible mistake and that you apologize for it," said Panetta. "But if he has the courage to do that and put it behind him, hopefully others will be able to follow suit and ... begin the healing process in this country from seven months of turmoil."

On ABC's *This Week*, Rep. Vic Fazio, D-Calif., said the public would be understanding. "The American people are forgiving. And if the president needs to be forgiven, I believe they'll be there for him."

"I think that the president recognizes that he now has an opportunity to put this matter largely to rest," added Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J.

Clinton has embraced such a public apology only once before, in February 1982, when he embarked on a comeback run for the Governor's Mansion. Stung by his 1980 defeat, Clinton aired a television com-

mmercial engineered by political adviser Dick Morris.

In the carefully worded ad, Clinton accepted responsibility for making mistakes in his first term, such as increasing the state car-tag fee.

At first, Clinton's standing in the polls plunged precipitously, but he ultimately won the election.

Now, some of his allies are urging more forceful steps.

One is Davis, who helped run the White House response to campaign fund-raising allegations last year. Davis, who left just before the Lewinsky allegations surfaced, called on Clinton to release the transcript of today's testimony.

"That transcript of the grand jury proceedings should be made public so that everybody can judge for themselves what the president has said, and, most importantly, allow this issue to be put to rest once and for all," Davis said.

Clinton will find himself today in a situation no other president has faced. Other presidents, such as Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan, have testified in legal proceedings — but only as witnesses, not as a target.

It won't be the first time Clinton has squared off in the White House against Starr's prosecutors. But the circumstances — and the stakes — were less severe when he testified as a witness in two criminal trials.

Clinton answered questions April 28, 1996, for the trial of then-Gov. Jim Guy Tucker and former Whitewater partners James and Susan McDougal. On July 7, 1996, he testified about his ties to Arkansas political allies Herby Branscum Jr. and Robert M. Hill and their donations to several of his campaigns.

A former White House aide who helped prepare Clinton for those two trials said the president faces a much tougher situation today.

For instance, Clinton's team hasn't had a chance to review evidence and legal documents in advance — an advantage it had in the trials. And it must use part of Clinton's preparatory time trying to anticipate the tactics Starr will use.

"The object for the lawyers ... is for the witness not to be surprised," the former White House aide said, but Starr's prosecutors could trip Clinton up by confusing him on such mundane details as meeting dates.

"There are dozens of ways for Starr to set perjury traps for the president."

The Arkansas Connection

At a newspaper, there are tips. And then there are tips—the kind that lead to front-page stories, scandals, and awards. The kind of tips that make a career. And when a tipster calls to say we might find a Pulitzer Prize on our doorstep if we follow his tip, well, with a windup like that, we couldn't wait for the pitch.

This had to do with the troubles of one William Jefferson Clinton, who, in this tipster's view, had distinguished himself as the greatest president since Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The biggest problem that Bill Clinton faced was the same problem that Jimmy Carter faced back in the 1970s. He was a Southerner.

Those folks in the Washington, D.C. Establishment couldn't stand to see a man from the South do so well for himself. And the Establishment was going to do all it could to keep him down or even ruin him, if possible. The tipster explained in a splendid Southern drawl that he, too, had encountered such snobbery. He said he was originally from Mississippi, and if we recall correctly, now lived in Massachusetts. And folks in those parts just don't look kindly upon folks from these parts.

The tipster went on to say that this investigation by Kenneth Starr was about sex between two consenting adults. And that this investigation into a man's sex life violated his interpretation of the Constitution. If sub-

jected to the same scrutiny as Bill Clinton, there wouldn't be a politician around today. He may have a point. We did not suggest that perjury and suborning perjury are also part of the investigation. After all, a Pulitzer was at stake here, and we did not want to offend our Deep Throat.

We thanked the tipster for his call, told him we'd consider his sage advice and also extended him an invitation to write a letter to the editor. The tipster added that we could even quote him if we like. But what cursed luck. It seems the First Lady beat us to it. Hillary Clinton confirmed what our tipster had told us only a week earlier—but this time she scooped us, and the story went out nationwide. There goes the Pulitzer.

Hillary Clinton was even more detailed. This just wasn't a conspiracy against the South. This was a conspiracy against Arkansas. To quote her: "I think a lot of this is prejudice against our state. They wouldn't do this if we were from some other state."

Okay. Then again, she may be onto something. Maybe Dan Quayle's troubles with the press have been the result of Hoosier Hysteria. And nobody really likes Georgia—that must be Newt Gingrich's problem. And Bob Dole's landslide defeat? Yep, an anti-Kansas bias. Just call us the Divided States of America. We can see that Pulitzer now.

British Broadcasting Corporation Broadcasting House Whiteladies Road Bristol BS8 2LR Telephone 0117 973 2211 Fax 0117 946 7716



Features Bristol

14 call 0.17

13 August 1998

Marsha Berry
Director of Communications for the First Lady
FAX: 001 202 4567805

BBC TELEVISION BIOGRAPHY OF ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

Dear Marsha,

I am writing to request a television interview with the First Lady for BBC Television to be transmitted on the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. My BBC colleague in Washington Bridget Kendall has advised me to contact you directly.

As the world commemorates 50 years of commitment to Human Rights, BBC Television will transmit a season of programmes beginning 5 December. In this Human Rights week we will be showing a mix of short and longer documentaries combined with topical reports from BBC reporters around the world.

One of the documentaries we are producing is a fifty minute biography of Eleanor Roosevelt tracing her life from childhood through to her emergence as the "First Lady of the World" with her inspirational work in drafting the 1948 Declaration. This programme will be made in co-production with Lifetime Channel in the US to be shown in their Intimate Portrait strand.

2.

We understand that Mrs Clinton is a keen and admiring student of Mrs Roosevelt and has been an avid reader of recent work on her life and achievements.

We would therefore be honoured to record an interview with Mrs Clinton on the current First Lady's thoughts about her predecessor. We would be fascinated to understand her own observations about the historical significance of Mrs Roosevelt's life and work.

We are planning to film in the US in the second half of September. But we would of course be guided by the First Lady's schedule if our request could be met. We would obviously travel to a location of your choice for an interview which need take no more than 1/2 hour. We would be set up and ready to roll.

I can be contacted by telephone on 44 117 974 2318 or by fax on 44 117 974 6830. Your office may also be able to contact me by email at alastair.laurence@bbc.co.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Your sincerely,

J Laurence

ALASTAIR LAURENCE

SERIES PRODUCER

BBC TELEVISION HUMAN RIGHTS SEASON



AS ADVERTISED: Just beer, nothing more.

Whitewater: The ads

■ A billboard not far from the state Capitol shows a star on a bottle cap alongside the words, "Seek the truth."

Words of encouragement to independent counsel Kenneth Starr?

Uh, no.

Hear and read enough about Whitewater and sooner or later you see it everywhere. Whitewater junkies stand down. The billboard is simply a Heineken beer advertisement.

But some local merchants have been using Whitewater themes in their ads.

Brent Tyrrell's radio spots for TLC Daily Rentals regularly make reference to Whitewater figures and developments.

"Now if you haven't rented from TLC, you might be receiving a call from Kenneth Starr concerning obstruction of justice ...," one ad reads.

If the connection between the independent counsel and rent-a-cars isn't always clear, people listen up, Tyrrell says.

"It's just an attention-getting device," Tyrrell said. "I try to be playful, but not offensive."

For the record, Tyrrell says he's a Clinton supporter "at times." He says he's gotten complimentary calls from Democrats and Republicans alike.

"There are always those who just can't take a joke (though)," Tyrrell said.

THE INSIDER

Christmas gift?

What's the status of the federal investigation of alleged corruption by state legislators? Unlike Kenneth Starr's staff, local prosecutors don't leak hints.

But there's this potential clue: The federal grand jury believed to be receiving the evidence was appointed to a year's term in June 1997. The term of that grand jury was extended for six months on June 10 and it has met once since then. So if this grand jury is to produce the climax, it must come by Dec. 10. Unless there's one more extension.

SMART TALK

The Dress, The Stain, The ... Gap

■ As you may know by now, Time magazine is reporting that Monica Lewinsky's infamous blue dress was bought at one of the top purveyors of 20-something chic, The Gap.

So, are the intern wannabes flocking to area Gap stores to purchase Monica's come-hither look?

No, says Beth at Little Rock's Park Plaza Gap. No, says the No-Name-Please woman at the McCain Mall Gap in North Little Rock, adding firmly "We don't have that dress." Beth at Park Plaza noted that the store keeps items in stock only about three months. Since Lewinsky's presidential encounter allegedly occurred two years ago, the dress would be gone, gone, gone.

Rebecca, of Gap headquarters in San Francisco, left a message with the *Arkansas Times* that the company couldn't confirm or deny that the dress came from the Gap but chirped, "However, we would not be surprised if the dress is from Gap because, after all, a lot of people shop there."

GAP

Alas, Robert, we barely knew ye

■ "There were a lot of other things that David Hale told us that we could have investigated under our charter," he recounted, "but I just said, 'This is too far removed from what we were supposed to be doing.'"

—Former Whitewater Prosecutor Robert Fiske, in an article in *The New York Times*. Fiske served only six months, but was removed by a federal court in favor of Kenneth Starr.

THE WEEK THAT WAS

AUG. 6-12, 1998

IT WAS A GOOD WEEK FOR...



BAD MEMORIES. The two boys accused of killing five people at the Westside School were convicted in a speedy, dignified proceeding, but it offered little solace for victims' families and few answers to the overriding question—why?

NEIGHBORHOODS. Their new influence on the Little Rock Planning Commission was dramatically illustrated by a vote against an annexation proposal to allow Pulaski Academy to move to a new campus west of the city.

The UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS. A \$3 million gift from Tyson Foods for a new track facility prevented the departure of John McDonnell, the country's premier track coach.

FUNKETS. Dozens of legislators, many of them lame ducks, traipsed off to Charleston, S.C. for a conference that was so vital some legislators were willing to lodge 40 miles from the meeting—on a golf resort.

GOV. MIKE HUCKABEE, who endorsed a reduction in the blood alcohol level for DWI to .08.

IT WAS A BAD WEEK FOR...



HILLARY CLINTON. Her off-hand, though indisputable, remark to an Arkansas reporter that anti-Arkansas bias figures in some of the attacks on the president was overblown into a national media story. No matter. Polls show the American public likes her better than ever.

KENNETH STARR. Unsealed court documents show a federal judge believes there's significant evidence that the sanctimonious prosecutor illegally leaked grand jury information.

KIDS WHO KILL. It was reported that Gov. Mike Huckabee's son, David, and another youth were fired from jobs at a Boy Scout camp for participating in the gruesome killing of a stray dog.

Residents find little solace while awaiting disaster aid

Federal help may be on the way

Aid announcement expected today by Hillary Rodham Clinton

By Katherine Skiba
of the Journal Sentinel staff

August 12, 1998

Hillary Rodham Clinton is to announce federal disaster help for flood victims when she visits Milwaukee today.

The first lady, coming for a campaign rally, on Tuesday added a tour of flood-damaged homes to her schedule.

The addition, coupled with strong hints from Gov. Tommy G. Thompson about a flood-relief announcement from the first lady, prompted U.S. Rep. Tom Barrett to speak to Clinton administration officials Tuesday.

"I have officially spoken to the White House, and I fully expect the announcement of a disaster declaration," said Barrett, a Milwaukee Democrat. "It's very significant."

He said a disaster declaration would open the door for individual and public assistance from the federal government, plus so-called disaster mitigation aid that allows communities to take steps to avoid flood damage in the long term.

Barrett disclosed that the first lady is to be accompanied by James Lee Witt, who leads the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and Aida Alvarez, director of the Small Business Administration.

Asked how much help might come to Wisconsin, Barrett said it was premature to project dollar totals as FEMA officials still are conducting assessments.

At 6 p.m. Clinton will visit the area near N. 44th St. and W. Glendale Ave. and stop at a nearby YMCA to meet flood victims. She will go on to a campaign rally for Democratic candidates at the Grand Milwaukee Hotel, where she is scheduled to speak at 8 p.m.

Thompson, a Republican, suggested Tuesday in a statement to reporters that federal help for flood victims was on its way with the first lady's visit.

Thompson said federal officials had told his administration, "Mrs. Clinton is expected to announce that the president will grant individual assistance for flood victims in Sheboygan, Milwaukee, Waukesha and Rock counties."

Initial estimates show the four counties had \$55 million in damage, a figure expected to grow, Thompson said.

He added:

"The word we're getting from the federal government is that Mrs. Clinton will announce approval of our request for disaster relief for the victims of last week's devastating floods. Clearly, FEMA is expediting the process in anticipation of Mrs. Clinton's visit to Wisconsin. We certainly hope the first lady is able to bring good news for flood victims."

Marsha Berry, a spokeswoman for Clinton, declined Tuesday to confirm that the declaration was forthcoming.

Edward Marchewka, Milwaukee County emergency management director, said Tuesday he had no indications of Clinton's plans relative to announcing federal help.

"If she does, fantastic," he said.

Two homes in Milwaukee County were destroyed, 112 had major damage and 3,355 had minor damage, Marchewka said.

He put Milwaukee County damage at \$20,687,834 as of Tuesday.

Thompson, in his statement, said FEMA is expediting matters by going the "extraordinary step" of completing its assessment of damaged areas in one day. The agency asked Thompson to file his request letter to President Clinton on Tuesday, the governor said.

FEMA normally takes several days to assess damage, Thompson said.

Highlights of the governor's letter to Clinton:

Two boys died in the flood and another child remains in critical condition from injuries.

Estimates show \$44 million in damage to private facilities and \$10.6 million to public facilities.

Homes damaged in the four counties numbered 6,734.

Businesses and public property, including roads, bridges and utilities, were extensively damaged.

Clinton is standing in for her husband on the Milwaukee trip. He canceled plans to appear at a fund-raiser here to stay in Washington, D.C., in light of Friday's terrorist bombings at U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

It was announced Monday that Clinton would substitute for the president at the fund-raiser, but only Tuesday did the White House announce the neighborhood tour.

U.S. Sen. Russ Feingold, also a Democrat, applauded the disaster declaration. "It's a very sad thing to see what happened to these homes, but I am pleased with this rapid response to my request and the requests of others" for such a declaration, he said.

After touring the flood-hit homes, Clinton will move on to the the Parklawn YMCA, 4340 N. 46th St., for a discussion with community members at 6:35 p.m.

"She wanted to just see how these families were doing since they were affected by the flood," said Berry, her spokeswoman.

At the YMCA, spokeswoman Kris Milo said staffers rose to the occasion during Thursday's floods by helping evacuate children from a neighboring day care center and by ensuring children in the YMCA's own day care and day camp were safe.

Help from Fire Department rescuers, some waist-deep in water, made that possible. So did

staffers transporting children in trucks on sidewalks and across open fields, she said.

The YMCA itself was not damaged, though floodwaters crept within 20 yards of the building, Milo said.

Erin Shelton, 24, the Parklawn YMCA's membership and marketing director, is one of seven people scheduled to speak at the meeting. Shelton will describe efforts made to get the children safely home, Milo said.

About 40 to 50 people are expected in all, Milo said, including Ald. Marvin Pratt and a FEMA representative.

The 30,000-square-foot YMCA, built in 1996, serves the Parklawn Housing Project and outlying area. It has 1,100 members.

Most in peril Thursday were 15 children in the Right Alternative Center, which has its own day care center, Milo said. The YMCA housed another 40 children that day.

Berry, the first lady's spokeswoman, said Clinton was "anxious to go and see the folks in Milwaukee and . . . try to help Sen. Feingold."

Helping the senator, who is up for re-election, will happen at a \$100-a-person rally at 7 p.m. at the Grand Milwaukee, 4747 S. Howell Ave.

In addition to Feingold and Barrett, the event is to draw U.S. Reps. Jerry Kleczka and Jay Johnson, all of whom are seeking re-election. U.S. Sen. Herb Kohl, another Democrat, is also expected.

Clinton last visited Milwaukee on April 27 to campaign for Lydia Spottswood and attend a forum on day care at Milwaukee Area Technical College.

Also Tuesday, Wauwatosa Mayor Maricolette Walsh confirmed that the city had been approved for \$1.7 million in federal disaster aid for flooding damage that occurred in the city last year.

"I am glad that we have been approved," she said but added, "The city needs to be able to apply again, especially considering that there are even more homes damaged this year."

James H. Burnett III of the Journal Sentinel staff contributed to this report.

[Send a letter to the editor](#)

[Main Page](#) ▼ [Go!](#) [Sunday Features](#) ▼ [Go!](#)
Journal Sentinel Online **Inside News**
© Copyright 1998, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. All rights reserved.

Q&As Response to *Washington Post* Managed Care Story
August 10, 1998

Q: Do you stand behind the “horror stories” that you have highlighted in recent months?

A: We certainly have no reason to doubt the extremely troubling story that David Garvey has told. It is important to note that these cases are almost always in dispute. Not surprisingly, even when the evidence is overwhelming to the contrary, we have yet to come across any HMO or health plan that has acknowledged their responsibility for any wrongful actions.

It is also important to note that we never cite a case that has not been validated by a credible, independent source.

Q: Administration officials have said they are not confident with Ricka Powers’ story?

A: First, this case was also referred to us by credible independent sources.* Subsequent to the event, however, we received additional information, and it was impossible for us to completely validate some of the concerns that were raised. Because we could not fully validate some of the specific concerns raised, we have chosen not to repeat this story. However, that should not suggest to anyone that we are questioning Ricka Powers’ credibility or the horrible situation that she faces.

Background on Garvey Case:

Claim: *The Washington Post* claims that Barbara Garvey had to be moved because the hospital she was at did not perform bone marrow transplants.

Response: Dr. Kaye Kawahara, the attending physician in Hawaii, said in her deposition in the Garvey case that she had recommended that a bone marrow transplant for Barbara Garvey be done in Hawaii. She testified that Queens Medical Center (where Mrs. Garvey was in an isolation room) does have a transplant center, and it typically shares the responsibility for transplants with St. Francis (a nearby hospital in Hawaii). She also said that Mrs. Garvey's transplant could be performed at St. Francis in conjunction with the Queens Medical Center. When told that the HMO would not pay for the transplant on site, Dr. Kawahara tried again to prevent Mrs. Garvey from traveling all the way back to Chicago, by suggesting that the transplant be done in Seattle because "the closer the unit was, the better for the patient." She also testified that the HMO doctor (Dr. Ghalie) said he expected the HMO would not approve a transplant anywhere in the country but Rush Hospital in Chicago.

Claim: *The Washington Post* claims that Garvey's doctor said she ignored advice that to come in for blood tests, instead traveling to Hawaii.

Response: Barbara Garvey was routinely treated for arthritis. She visited with a nurse for routine tests on May 23 and advised the nurse that she would be on vacation. She went on vacation on May 28. Tests came back on or about June 1st that indicated serious problems in low white blood cell count. According to Mr. Garvey, Mrs. Garvey received a voice mail asking her to come in for more tests. There was no mention of any results from any past tests, and there was no indication that this was an emergency rather than a request for standard tests. Regardless, the main dispute is around the cause of death. Once Mrs. Garvey was receiving critical care in Hawaii, she should not have been forced to take the return flight to Chicago, which she was not in condition to withstand, in order to receive needed care.

* National Breast Cancer Coalition.


[Site Search](#)
[Daily Sections](#)
[Nation-World](#)
[Arkansas-Local](#)
[Editorial-Voices](#)
[Sports](#)
[Business](#)
[Features-Style](#)
[Classified Ads](#)
[Acrobat® PDFs](#)
[Weekly Sections](#)
[Business Matters](#)
[Business & Tech](#)
[Weekend Section](#)
[Other Sections](#)
[Previous Features](#)
[Photo Gallery](#)
[Useful Links](#)
[Help](#)
[Info & E-mail](#)
[Site Map](#)
[Front Page](#)
[Nation-World](#)
[Arkansas-Local](#)
[Editorial-Voices](#)
[Sports](#)
[Business](#)
[Features-Style](#)
[Classified Ads](#)
[Acrobat® PDFs](#)
[Business Matters](#)
[Business & Tech](#)
[Weekend Section](#)
[Previous Features](#)
[Photo Gallery](#)
[Useful Links](#)
[Info & E-mail](#)
[Site Map](#)
[RETURN to National Section / Tuesday, August 11, 1998](#)

First lady holding up, blasts foes

SUSAN ROTH
ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

WASHINGTON -- An upbeat first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton accused President Clinton's legal opponents Monday of "prejudice against our state," as Arkansan and presidential friend Harry Thomason prepared to testify before the grand jury today.

Since the end of January, when she attacked critics for alleging that her husband lied about an affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky, calling them part of a "vast right-wing conspiracy," she has been mum on the investigation.

But in a telephone interview with the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, the first lady said she is holding up fine under pressure from the Lewinsky case, which is drawing to a conclusion.

Monday, President Clinton is to answer federal grand jury questions about whether he had a sexual relationship with Lewinsky. Prosecutors will question him in his White House office with his attorney present, but the grand jury will be able to participate in the exchange via closed-circuit television.

Asked how things were going at the White House, the first lady said, "It's just more of the same."

"I think a lot of this is prejudice against our state," Mrs. Clinton said, shifting from her earlier contention of a conspiracy against her husband by independent counsel Kenneth Starr and his political allies. "They wouldn't do this if we were from some other state."

Though she has not commented publicly on Starr's investigation, the first lady is widely known to be an influential player behind the scenes at the White House, helping to craft the president's response to allegations.

She pressed for California lawyer Mickey Kantor, Clinton's campaign director in 1992, to return to the White House along with other longtime friends and advisers when the Lewinsky charges surfaced in January.

Those old friends included Hollywood producer Thomason, who has often helped the Clintons since the 1992 campaign, when he became known as the president's "image manager."

When Thomason arrived in Washington on Jan. 23, two days after the Lewinsky story broke, he said he would stay "until the barbarians are driven from the gate." The former Little Rock high school teacher wound up camping out at the White House for a month.

Sources said he coached Clinton on his emphatic Jan. 26 denial that he had "sexual relations with that woman, Ms. Lewinsky." The night before, Thomason worked with the president and former deputy White House Chief of Staff Harold Ickes in a strategy session that ended at 3 a.m.

Thomason, who has the Hollywood instinct for presentation, has helped Clinton with his delivery of many statements and speeches over the years, including every State of the Union address.

Thomason also is known for his role in the firings of seven longtime White House travel office employees in the early days of the administration. That fiasco is also part of Starr's broad Whitewater investigation.

In February, White House sources said Thomason wasn't worried

that Starr would subpoena him to testify before the grand jury because he was careful not to attend some meetings in which he would have heard information that White House officials believed Starr wanted.

Thomason could not be reached Monday or last week to comment on the subpoena. CNN reported Monday that Thomason blamed his subpoena on a July article in *The New Yorker* magazine that he said raised questions about what he knew.

According to reports on grand jury testimony during the past seven months, Starr and his deputies have questioned many Clinton advisers about White House strategy in responding to the allegations.

No other reports or information were available on other grand jury testimony this week. Lewinsky, who testified Thursday, has not been excused and may return, though sources have said they feel it's more likely she will return after Clinton testifies.

Some presidential lawyers remain to be questioned, including Arkansan Bruce Lindsey. Clinton lost his fight to shield Lindsey from answering questions based on executive privilege. But Lindsey, who is recovering from recent back surgery, will not be available to testify until the end of the month.

A new executive privilege fight may also have started when White House special counsel Lanny Breuer claimed the privilege last week in refusing to answer certain questions during his grand jury testimony.

After calling the grand jury for duty three days a week for the past few weeks to wrap up his investigation, Starr this week slowed things down to only two days, probably today and Thursday, so he can prepare for his showdown with Clinton.

The president, who spoke on managed-care reform Monday in Louisville, Ky., and then flew to Chicago for a Democratic fund-raiser, showed no signs of stress over his impending testimony.

He also spoke briefly about the bombings in Africa and asked the Louisville crowd to observe a moment of silence in honor of the more than 200 victims of the attacks on U.S. Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

Today, he's off for more stumping and speeches in San Francisco and Los Angeles. Clinton was originally scheduled to return from this policy and fund-raising trip late Wednesday, but he decided to cut it short and return tonight so he can spend Wednesday meeting with foreign policy advisers on the Africa situation. Hillary Clinton will stand in for the president Wednesday in Milwaukee.

Though most White House sources have told media outlets the president is committed to testifying Monday, some have also said there are advisers urging Clinton to back out.

CNN reported Monday that those advisers have cited the fact that DNA testing has not been completed on the only material evidence in the case, Lewinsky's dress. Sources have said the testing may not be finished for two to four weeks.

Some White House officials have also pointed to a recent potential setback for Starr, who will be questioned in federal court about evidence that his office may have illegally leaked secret grand jury information.

But the president's personal attorney, David Kendall, continues to prepare for the testimony.

Monday in Little Rock, U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright granted Kendall's request to view Clinton's videotaped testimony in the Paula Corbin Jones' sexual-harassment case, which Wright dismissed April 1.

That testimony is at the heart of the Lewinsky case because it was during a Jan. 17 deposition in that case that Clinton denied under oath

having a sexual relationship with the former intern and asking her to lie about it.

Lewinsky also denied the relationship during her deposition in the Jones case, but various media have reported that she changed her tune in her grand jury testimony last week, telling of repeated sexual liaisons with the president. Lewinsky said they discussed ways to conceal their relationship, but she did not say he told her to lie about it, according to the reports.

Wright sealed the Jones case but allowed Kendall to see Clinton's deposition Monday or today on condition that he view the videotape alone under court supervision, maintain its confidentiality and not copy it.

Chief U.S. District Judge for the District of Columbia Norma Holloway Johnson, who has been steering Starr's case through the court in Washington, agreed to supervise.

In her order, Wright also denied Jones' request to unseal the entire case.

This article was published on Tuesday, August 11, 1998

[RETURN to National Section](#)

Copyright © 1998, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Inc. All rights reserved.
This document may not be reprinted without the express written permission of
Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Inc.

Rethinking Hillary

Agreeing to disagree

A pleasant-sounding woman called Thursday to say that while she often agreed with these writings and always considered them thoughtfully when she didn't, she simply had to let me know that I deserved an arrow-down for the item about Hillary Clinton that morning.

She said she wanted to give me the same advice she always gave her teen-agers when they staked out what she perceived as shaky ground. It was that I should rethink. That's all. Just take another look. And if I chose to stand by my writings of that morning after rethinking, then we'd agree to disagree.

Hers was a fair request, if a tad condescending, treating me as she would a child. The column in question gave Hillary a downward arrow and said that while her marital expectations and allowances were her private business, the idea that she was a modern ideal for women was errant. Tammy Wynette was standing by George Jones long before this; little girls should be encouraged to become president, not to marry the best politician and wildest tomcat in class and put up with Gennifers and Elizabeths and Kathleens and Monicas along the way. Those had been my points.

The caller, who seemingly had organized her thoughts for the conversation, said she wanted to ask me a few questions.

Was I a woman? The answer was no. Had I ever been a woman enduring a philandering husband or seeking a divorce? The answer was no. Had I ever been a woman enduring a philandering husband or seeking a divorce amid the intense humiliation of public glare and political attack? The answer was no.

I sensed the point was that I needed to walk a mile in Hillary's pumps and that there was no way I could.

The caller said that was partly the point.

The rest of the point, she explained, was that I should consider the extraordinary strength and grace of a woman of intelligence and character standing up strong to this certain humiliation, trying to hold together a family she loved that included not only a philandering husband but a marvelous daughter, and doing so in the incomprehensible discomfort of a public spectacle. She said she would gladly direct her own daughter to Hillary's example.

I encouraged my pleasant caller to reread the offending paragraph to take note of the sentence saying that Hillary Clinton's marriage was her private business.

Whether she chooses to walk out on the guy or stick with him, whatever her reasoning, bears not at all on my opinion of her. I don't admire or criticize her for staying; I wouldn't admire or criticize her for leaving. Either way, I accept that it's her life, her call, her choice. If she stays for power or stays for love or leaves for pride—it's got nothing to do with anyone but her.

My contention was that it was a mistake to assign exemplary status to Mrs. Clinton on the basis of her marital association to a prominent politician, and especially a long-unfaithful marital association.

I don't have a daughter, but if I did, I might direct her not to Mrs. Clinton, but to the example of a certain group of women of

John Brummett



Little Rock who will have a reunion this fall and to whom Hillary has been invited to speak. Those women organized in 1958 to challenge the racist culture of the time and fight to keep the public schools open.

Since I find individual acts of courage and commitment more admirable than marital associations and private reasons for staying in them, I care more about what those women did than I care about the prominence of the men to whom they happened to have been wed.

So when my caller suggested that surely I took some measure of pride in Mrs. Clinton's strength and grace under pressure since she was my first lady, I said no. She is not royalty and I am not a subject. I have my own first lady, thank you. I take no more pride in Mrs. Clinton than I did in Barbara Bush or Nancy Reagan or Betty Ford, which is to say none at all.

I admire Eleanor Roosevelt not because she stayed wed to FDR despite his ladyfriend. I admire her for the sensitivities and values she demonstrated more than 50 years ago, when times were tougher for women, and for her independent public persona.

And I might have mentioned to my caller that at least those other presidential wives weren't presuming by first ladyhood to remake health care or complaining about a glass ceiling that limited the heights they might otherwise reach or wearing first ladyhood on their sleeves or blaming their unzipped husband's troubles on the images of their husband's home states.

Well, said my pleasant caller, perhaps a factor was that that I simply didn't like Mrs. Clinton. My caller and I could agree on that.

But my assignment was to consider the caller's points and rethink my position. I have done so. And now I wish to revise the arrowed assessment of Mrs. Clinton in Thursday's paper.

Based on the point I was making and on my consideration of my caller's pleasant challenge, I am willing to concede that I should have assigned a downward arrow not to Hillary personally but to Hillary as a role model.

For Hillary personally, I should have assigned a crossways arrow, because the issue of whether she stays with the First Tomcat, and why, is thoroughly her business and an issue on which I am entirely and blissfully neutral.

But at the risk of undermining that moderate concession, I must say this in closing: Please don't ask me to admire that she helped her husband with a speech in which he sort of confessed sex play with another woman.

John Brummett's column appears every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

Clinton is facing the music

Thank God for Kenneth Starr.

A lesser man might yield to White House and public pressure and wrap up his investigation before his job is done.

The much-maligned independent counsel's only acceptable excuse for quitting now would be if he *already* had enough evidence to convince Congress that Bill Clinton committed the crime of perjury and that he should begin impeachment proceedings.

"It will take a lot of convincing of Congress, which is controlled by Republicans who are more interested in their personal and their party's welfare than in doing what's right for the country.

"Americans don't care for Starr. Perhaps it is because they do not realize that it is he who is responsible for the belief of a clear majority that Clinton had an affair with Monica Lewinsky long before Clinton admitted it. A plurality believes that Clinton lied under oath in the Paula Jones deposition when he denied a relationship with Lewinsky. He lied twice more when he said he didn't remember being alone with her or giving her presents.

"I tossed in the last two lies, which aren't being repeated often enough on TV, for those gullible enough to believe his contention that he didn't lie when he said he didn't have sexual relations with Lewinsky because oral sex doesn't fit that description of sexual relations agreed to by lawyers during the Jones deposition.

He wants you to believe that there can be sexual relations with only one person participating. The sad thing is that the polls indicate many Americans believe that foolishness.

Starr should attempt to haul this congenital liar back into the witness room under subpoena and compel him to answer questions or take the Fifth Amendment.

John R. Starr



"The only reason Starr would not attempt to subpoena Clinton is that the president would probably file suit contending that a president cannot be forced to testify as everyone else in the United States can be, and that would delay this proceeding until next year.

I think the evidence of perjury, suborning of perjury and obstruction of justice is there, if Starr does not have it already.

Clintonoids argue that Clinton should be forgiven because other presidents have lied. The only other one who lied to avoid personal embarrassment was Richard M. Nixon, the president with whose name Clinton's will ever be linked, even if Clinton does not resign and is not impeached.

Pundits generally agree that it was harder for Clinton to tell his wife and daughter about his sins than it was to tell a national television audience estimated at 63 million.

I can't think of a circumstance in which I would want to be Bill Clinton. I certainly would not have wanted to be he when he told Hillary he lied to her as well as the nation about Monica Lewinsky.

Hillary generally is considered to be a lady. In public, she is. However, she can be a harridan in private, and Bill's ears surely suffered if his body did not. He must have been overjoyed when attacks on terrorists' bases in Afghanistan and Sudan gave him an excuse to rush back to Washington.

Clinton said in his *mea culpa* speech that he would do anything he could to make things right with his family. Apparently he

did not complete that feat before the family left for two weeks of vacationing on Martha's Vineyard.

There was none of that touchy-feely act they have fed us since she decided in 1992 that she would stand by him, even though he had cheated on her.

Chelsea walked between them, holding a hand of each parent, hoping this carefully scripted performance would convince people that all was well.

Mary Tillotson of "CNN and Co." put it best.

"Chelsea was literally holding the family together," she said.

I hope they reconcile. They deserve each other. I also hope that when they get back to Washington, Hillary will call a news conference, not to tell us about how it feels to have a philandering husband, but to apologize to the American people for her role in his deception.

First, she assured us that it didn't happen. Then she blamed "a vast right-wing conspiracy" for her husband's problems. Then she said his woes stem from a bias within the Beltway against Arkansas.

Even if a right-wing conspiracy sent Monica to seduce him, it did not make him lie about it or try to cover it up, and that is what he is in trouble for—not for having sex with a 21-year-old intern in or near the Oval Office.

Lying and covering up are not between him, his family and his God. Having a president who breaks laws he has sworn to uphold is a PUBLIC problem.

All other White House employees who joined him in the lie owe an apology to their real employers, we the people.

John R. Starr is the former managing editor of the Democrat-Gazette.

A modus operandi

BY PAUL LAKE
IN THE WEEKLY STANDARD

NORMAN MAILER HAS quipped that the difference between Bill Clinton's womanizing and Jack Kennedy's is that Kennedy had better taste in women. Coming from the biographer of Marilyn Monroe, the barb was tipped with an extra dose of insult. But it also contained an irony unnoticed by press or public. Only a handful of people in Arkansas now remember a long-stemmed local beauty named Barbara Norris, who carried on a brief amour with young Bill Clinton in the early 1970s as he made an unsuccessful run for Congress. She broke it off, she would later tell friends, when she got tired of his late-night calls to come over for some evening dalliance. Only a handful of her former friends remember that this same willowy redhead later crashed the party of a favorite professor to meet his ex-war buddy, a famous novelist from New York, then followed him to New York, where she became his sixth wife, rechristening herself Norris Church along the way.

Paul Lake is a professor of English and creative writing at Arkansas Tech. His most recent book is a novel Among the Immortals, published by Story Line. A poetry collection, Walking Backward, is forthcoming. This article originally appeared in The Weekly Standard.

Leaning into her mass of blond curls, he placed his hand on her thigh, whispering that she'd have a lot more fun that night if she'd go home with him.

Here in Russellville, where she graduated from college and taught high school art, folk still refer to her by her former name, adding her married name when occasion demands to call her simply Barbara Mailer.

In the years that followed, young Bill Clinton would bed another graduate of Arkansas Tech: Liz Ward (now Elizabeth Graeen), the reigning Miss America. But so wide is the swath cut by Clinton through the female population of the state that even a cross-section provided by a little college 80 miles from the state capital offers a colorful and impressive variety of women. Last spring, two of my wife's students described their own youthful encounters with the Clinton id. I interviewed one, now an attractive fortyish blond, who described her meeting with the governor at a charity fundraiser at the Arkansas Arts Center back

in 1980. As the event wound down and the other guests were exiting the building, Clinton was left behind with only a driver and a couple of state troopers for company. Overhearing the young woman remark how dull the event had been, he immediately closed in. Leaning into her mass of blond curls, he placed his hand on her thigh and gently caressed it, whispering that she'd have a lot more fun that night if she'd go home with him.

I happened to see Clinton in action five years later, at a party thrown by the Clintons at the Governor's Mansion for Arkansas novelist Ellen Gilchrist, to celebrate her 50th birthday and her 1984 National Book Award. Still relatively new to the state, my wife and I went with a writer friend who'd wangled us one of the dozen or so invitations.

Midway through the party, after the wine had been flowing freely for a

while, local musician Bill Haymes was hammering out requests from Gilchrist on the grand piano while everyone sang along. Shortly after his comic rendition of Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the U.S.A.," my wife and I looked up to see the young governor hovering over us, positively glowing with charm. Taller and younger than we'd expected, this Clinton was not the silver-haired eminence of today's photo-ops, but the baby-faced politician writer Paul Greenberg once dubbed the state's "boy governor."

Barely glancing at me, the solicitous young governor turned the full force of his attention on Tina, who was modestly dressed in a white silk blouse and charcoal jacket. He seemed particularly fascinated by the antique silver brooch pinned above her breast, commenting on it warmly several times during our conversation.

Being the youngest and least distinguished members of the party, we were at first flattered to receive such attention. But as the small talk stretched out, it seemed to me that the young governor was showing an inordinate interest in my beautiful young wife. He hovered over her, eyes twinkling with eager expectancy, till the small talk finally flagged and the call to mingle drew him away.

Later, when we filed past the governor and his wife on our way out, Clinton again remarked glowingly on the fabulous brooch. As my wife and I rode

See HE'S, Page 6J

He's not America's Huck but our Duke or Dauphin

• CONTINUED from page 1J

home to Russellville that evening, we joked about the dubious nature of his intentions. But as time passed, I tempered my judgment after reading that Clinton collects antique brooches, sometimes giving them to Hillary as gifts. I'd almost chalked up his bright-eyed urgency on that distant afternoon to polite flirting until I read that one of Clinton's alleged gifts to Monica Lewinsky was an antique brooch. His interest in jewelry, it turns out, is yet another *modus operandi*.

Encounters such as these, I suspect, are the lens through which many Arkansans and others close to the president view the rapidly unfolding Lewinsky case. His charm, as often attested, is powerful. In 1985, when she had no cause to flatter Clinton, Barbara Mailer told Peter Manso, her husband's biographer, "I attach myself to people who are on the move—exciting, interesting people like Bill Clinton back in Arkansas... who had a terrific personality, charisma, and possibilities."

Less remarked on, though perhaps more significant than his charm, are Bill Clinton's extraordinary gifts as an actor. Whether standing behind the presidential podium or striding the boards in a staged "town hall meeting," he can project ornery defiance or teary-eyed sincerity with grace and chameleonic swiftness. At his pouty-faced, lip-biting best, Clinton has the remarkable ability to seem a precocious but damaged child. He can lie to us and be forgiven, if not quite believed, because he seems to embody the classic American naïf, Huck Finn—a sort of down-home Noble Savage. Through his hotel window in Africa, we caught a glimpse of Clinton's inner Huck pounding on a drum and smoking a cigar to celebrate the dismissal of the Paula Jones case. If Clinton tells the occasional stretcher or breaks the law now and then, we simply shake our heads and smile. After all, the boy means well. He's just a poor fatherless orphan child having a bit of naughty fun.

But of course this is pure illusion. Bill Clinton is no Huck Finn but a *faux naïf*, his every word and movement carefully calibrated for political advantage. It's just an-

When Bill Clinton uttered with such conviction such an obvious mendacity as 'I did not have sexual relations with that woman,' it seemed as if he intended to convince not merely the public but also his friends, family and even himself.

Unsurprisingly for one who strikes such a pose, Clinton is fond of the quintessentially American *faux-naïf* classic, *Leaves of Grass*, which was one of his gifts to Monica Lewinsky, as well as the young Hillary Rodham. Since the president is not otherwise known for his taste in serious literature, it is worth considering why he passes out copies of the book like Gideon Bibles. One look at Whitman's masterpiece makes it easy to see the qualities that must have impressed him.

What poet besides Whitman could speak with such élan about waffling?

*Do I contradict myself?
Very well then I contradict myself,
(I am large, I contain multitudes.)*

Or write with such empathy about feeling others' pain?

*Not a mutineer walks handcuff'd to jail
but I am handcuff'd to him and walk by
his side . . .
Not a cholera patient lies at the last gasp
but I also lie at the last gasp . . .*

Whitman was also one of the first writers in America to espouse modern feminism: "And I will show of male and female that either is but the equal of the other . . ." Unfortunately, this sympathy is sometimes accompanied by a bullying insistence that eerily recalls Clinton's reputed way with a maid:

*It is I, you women, I make my way,
I am stern, acrid, large undissuadable, but
I love you,
I do not hurt you any more than is*

*necessary for you,
I pour the stuff to start sons and daughters
fit for these States.
I press with slow rude muscle,
I brace myself effectually, I listen to no
entreaties,
I dare not withdraw till I deposit what has
so long accumulated within me.*

It's no wonder *Leaves of Grass* serves Clinton as a kind of sacred text. One might even say that Clinton's lifelong ambition to be president grew out of a Whitmanian ambition to be as expansive as America itself. He became the nation's president because it was the way he knew how to express himself. He squeezes out his effusive personality onto the canvas of the radio chat, the televised town-hall meeting, photo-op, State of the Union address, and even the rope-line grip-and-grin. This dramatic self-presentation, however, necessarily involves some artful deception, which draws in not only the public, but those closest to him, perhaps his wife most of all. Indeed, in his worst moments, Clinton recalls not the high-spirited and likable Huck, but his huckster companions, the Duke and the Dauphin. And they did not come to a good end, at least in Mark Twain's America.

To maintain the political viability of their myth of innocence, Bill and Hillary Clinton must continue to pose as the happily married Feminist First Couple, hiding from the public what Clinton's former chief of staff Leon Panetta called his "dark side." Bill Clinton has made it clear that he will preserve this fiction at whatever cost to the nation and its institutions. But fooling the pub-

lic is only half the battle. To persevere in the face of powerful contrary evidence, Clinton must believe in his own essential innocence and the absolute righteousness of his cause.

To prevent the massive cognitive dissonance that would result from an honest self-examination, Bill and Hillary Clinton have over the years perfected the art of denying unpleasant realities. In their own metaphor, they simply put the offending item "in a box." Friends marvel at their ability to carry on with business in the midst of scandals that would drive others to distraction.

When Bill Clinton uttered with such conviction such an obvious mendacity as "I did not have sexual relations with that woman," it seemed as if he intended to convince not merely the public but also his friends, family and even himself. Simply to operate day by day, both Bill and Hillary Clinton must engage in a massive campaign of hypocrisy and self-deception. Reports from Hillary's friends suggest that during this latest crisis, the First Lady has decided to believe her husband's account. In her now infamous "Today" show interview, in which she attributed her husband's problems to a massive right-wing conspiracy, Hillary claimed that Bill woke her to tell her news of the Lewinsky mess with these telling words: "You're not going to believe this . . ."

Since the Lewinsky scandal broke, Bill Clinton has used every trick in his well-stocked arsenal to ensure that the public doesn't believe the truth either. But the charm is wearing thin, however much his spinners may wish otherwise. This is a man who has enchanted American women with his feminism and asked men to sacrifice their ambitions on the altar of affirmative action, and yet has apparently spent most of his adult life in the highest offices of his state and nation exploiting his status to seduce women, including other men's wives. Millions now—not just friends and former chiefs of staff—sense a hidden dark side.

Isn't this how things always end for a man who goes through life with a *modus operandi*? The old lines lose their magical effect. The "possibilities" that beguiled in his youth exhaust themselves. He begins to preface everything he says with, "You're not going to believe this." And he is right, we are not.

Disenchanted with Clinton?

If so, what took you so long?

Would one of you who only recently—say, a week ago—began to feel betrayed by Bill Clinton please drop me a note explaining why you feel as you do?

I promise not to use your name. If you so instruct, I won't even quote what you have to say in this column—although I hope you won't impose that condition, because I am not alone in my quest for enlightenment.

This is not a frivolous invitation or some cruel exercise designed to make some aggrieved admirer feel small. I, too, have known disappointment, both personal and political, and have been dogged in devotion that later proved to be misplaced. Two words that will never be used to describe me: quick study.

But as you know, I became disenchanted with Bill Clinton a very long time ago, and so I think I am more fascinated by the diehard Clintonites who reach a breaking point after a very long time than by those who never do.

What is it? Is it one disappointment or the accumulation of many?

Why, for you, was he Mr. Wonderful through all those years of what some of us observed as lies and broken promises and unfulfilled expectations, and what made you change your mind?

Last week, before the real bombshells exploded and diverted the national dialogue from The Speech, we observed hour after hour of disillusionment and bewilderment in the voices and faces of Clinton loyalists who voiced or otherwise communicated a sense of betrayal because Clinton

Meredith Oakley



had finally admitted to having been less than candid about the nature of his relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

And I wondered why. Why did so many feel that way *now*? I mean, whose ox was really being gored by his public admission, ours or his family's?

"He should apologize," it was oft repeated. "He owes the nation an apology."

Why is that? For doing wrong or for getting caught? For admitting, sort of, his sins or for saying out loud what many already believed to be true? And they must have believed it to be true, because the public opinion polls which consistently reflected that most Americans thought he should remain in office and that all these bothersome investigations should end also reflected that they did not believe him to be a particularly trustworthy or moral person.

Maybe they'd really bought that foolish notion of a vast, right-wing conspiracy.

No, that can't be. That didn't find its legs until Hillary Clinton gave them to it back in January.

It was a curious thing: People who had never so much as looked him in the eye seemed as chagrined as those who had giv-

en up their nights and mornings and weekends for the past seven months to go on radio or television to defend him against all critics of the president's relationship with Lewinsky.

Having said that, we're back to square one, because I'm still just as curious about all those now shell-shocked presidential aides and advisers and friends. Why was what occurred Monday night any different from what has transpired in the past? What woke them up or rattled their faith?

Never mind. I've got several theories, ranging from the moonstruck to the messianic, and I've wasted far too much time and energy already holding forth on them, but after all these years of trying to make sense of this uncanny appeal Clinton has for so many, it would really be a relief to know.

Where does the attraction begin, what sustains it and what shakes it? Do loyalists see what I see and accept it as part of the package or are they really so bereft of sensibility?

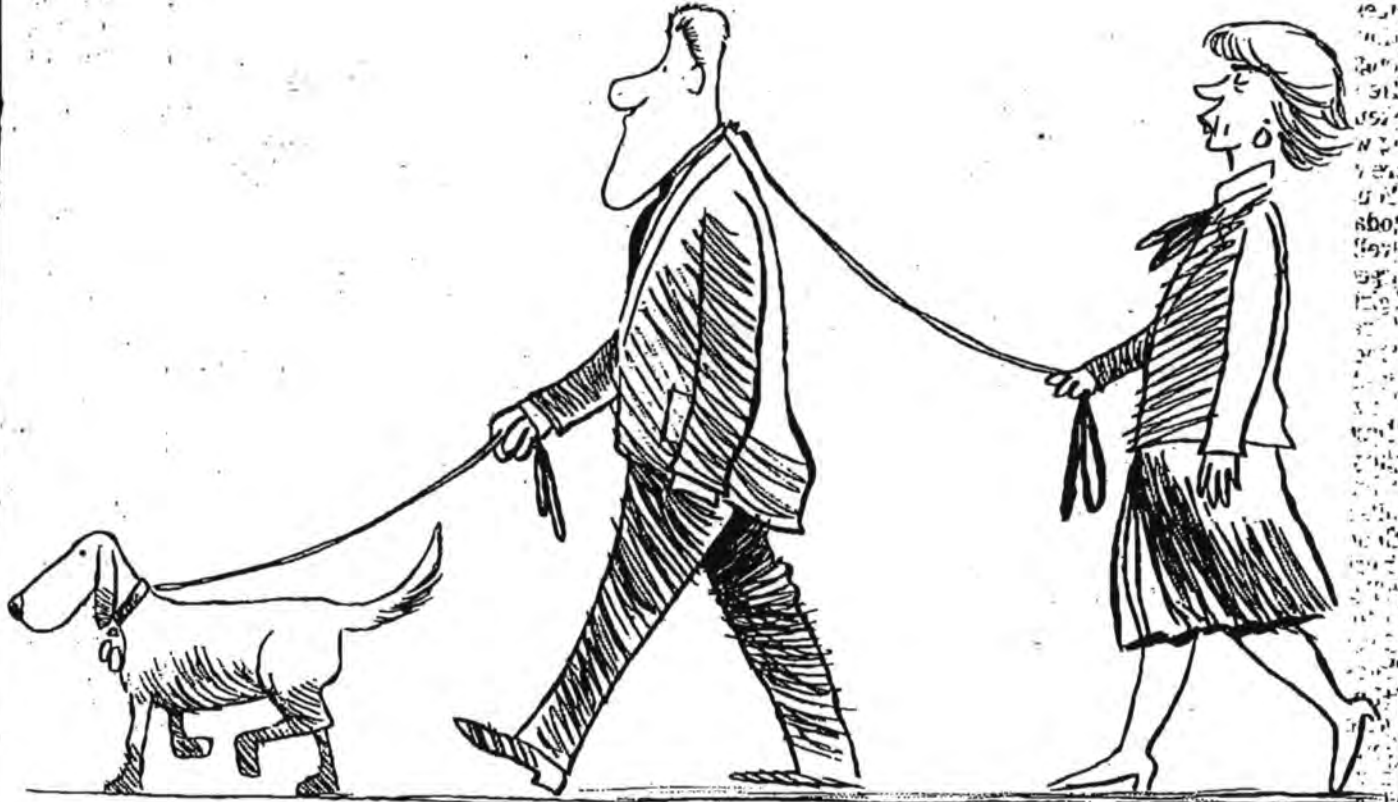
Maybe it's like asking how it will end. We cannot know, and I believe there's a reason for that, not only in this but in all things on earth short of the certainty of our own physical demise.

But given a choice, I'd rather hear about the fair from someone who's been there than from an astute wordsmith who hasn't.

Associate Editor Meredith Oakley's column appears every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.

DERING

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT GAZETTE © 1998 CREATORS SYNDICATE INC.



Clinton steps into the trap

And he's angry on his Big Day

It's 11 a.m. Monday. In an hour the president of the United States sits down in the White House with Ken Starr's interrogators before a camera sending his image to Starr's grand jurors.

He may not be ready for what is about to hit him. The rest of us may not be ready, either.

Bill Clinton is said to be angry. He is said to be in a kind of denial. He is said to be thinking that maybe he can get away with admitting an inappropriate physical relationship with Monica Lewinsky and let it go at that after a television address making an apologetic confession of something equally general.

He could well be wrong about all of that.

One of this morning's calls came from Ron Fournier, White House reporter for The Associated Press who worked for the AP bureau in Little Rock in the early '90s.

I'd read just that morning that White House sources, seeking to prepare the country for the president's confession of sexual interactions with Lewinsky and lying under oath and to the country about it, had leaked the president's grudging intention to Bob Woodward of *The Washington Post* and to Fournier.

I congratulated Fournier that it used to be Woodward and Bernstein but that now it's Woodward and Fournier.

Ron was working on a piece for what they call the "p.m. cycle," something for radio stations and afternoon papers to be rendered moot, perhaps like this column, by the end of the day.

Fournier said his sources described Clinton, even at that late hour, as very angry and offended that he would be forced to submit to such questioning about such a subject. He said his sources described Clinton as be-

**John
Brummett**



lieving himself the victim of sinister arch-enemies and a mad media. He said his sources described Clinton as outraged by legal and political advice that once he admitted to grand jurors an inappropriate relationship and to having lied before, he'd need to tell all—that he couldn't confess in part and fudge in part. He said his sources described Clinton as sullen and dazed by counsel that he might have to sit in the White House as president of the United States and consider a question about a "sexual emission."

Fournier wondered if I could help with historical perspective. Did Clinton have a pattern of anger and denial and feeling victimized and, by the way, did the president have a point amid his anger?

Yes to the pattern. Yes to the point.

Clinton and his wife have seldom witnessed fair criticism of them. They tend toward a bunker or siege mentality and their instinct is to dismiss the substance of criticism and to analyze instead the evil or weak motives of their inferior critics.

In their world, Republicans hate Bill because he is the great Democratic hope; evil right-wingers hate him because he can command public policy to help people; everyday Joes hate him because they're jealous of his brains and his looks and his achievements.

In an effort to explain, perhaps, how Clinton preferred to handle sex issues, I told Fournier a story from the late 1980s.

Rumors were hot in the state Capitol

that Clinton, then governor, had had a sexual interlude with a woman and that it had been witnessed. A dear friend of Clinton's, outraged by such talk, went to the governor's office to let Bill know that horrible lies were being told about him. That friend came back and reported to me that as he told Clinton what was being said, Clinton simply looked at him stonily, giving away nothing. Clinton didn't express horror at being lied about or horror at being found out. Icily, he merely replied, "Thanks for telling me," and went about his business.

Clinton has a point amid his anger and denial because there is some truth, if not whole truth, to his and Hillary's analysis of the motivations of their opponents and enemies.

He has a point because no other president has had to tell what Bill Clinton is having to tell. He has a point because he wouldn't be in such a fix if a right-wing publication hadn't mentioned a "Paula" and she hadn't filed suit with right-wing backing and the U.S. Supreme Court hadn't let her silly suit go forward to dreadful depositions before a good Republican judge back home threw the danged thing out of court.

But there is this: Even with all of that vicious opposition, Clinton was rocking along with a successful presidency, a sound economy and an approval rating nearing 70 percent. He was preparing for the last laugh. And now a phrase—his own worst enemy—comes to mind.

The trap he's in may have been made for him by enemies, but it was one requiring him to unzip his pants and step in.

John Brummett's column appears every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

Analysts recall Clinton apology after '80 election

BY NOEL E. OMAN
ARKANSAS DIAMOND RAILGZETTE

President Clinton pioneered the televised *mea culpa* in Arkansas 17 years ago.

The circumstances then were smaller in scope and far less dire than they are now, but the president and his supporters would be happy if the result was the same.

With his presidency on the line, Clinton underwent more than five hours of grand jury questioning Monday about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky. His grand jury testimony was the first in a criminal case by a sitting president. He addressed the nation Monday night.

"In terms of presentation of this *mea culpa*, what will be in the back of his brain will be those 1982 advertisements," said Jay Barth, a Hendrix College political scientist.

In the fall of 1981, the circumstances were dire enough for Clinton: Three years earlier, he had been elected the youngest governor in American history, at age 32. Now he was the youngest ex-governor after Republican Frank White pulled off an upset in the Novem-

ber 1980 election.

Factors in Clinton's defeat included a riot at Fort Chaffee, which was temporary home to several hundred Cuban refugees from the Mariel boatlift, and an initiative to raise annual car license fees to finance highway construction.

But by the fall of 1981, Clinton was mulling a comeback. He enlisted the aid of Betsey Wright, a friend from his days with George McGovern's presidential campaign in 1972, and pollster Dick Morris.

The strategy they developed was outlined in *First in His Class: A Biography of Bill Clinton*, by David Maraniss:

Morris polled Arkansas voters to measure their attitudes toward the ex-governor. What he found surprised him.

"He feared that the public regarded Clinton as an alien figure, trained at Yale and Oxford, who had patronized them and had no sense of their state, and that they would feel no remorse about having got rid of him," Maraniss wrote.

"But the poll results showed

that the voters had a paternal attitude toward Clinton. Frank White had not won the election so much as Clinton lost it."

The public attitude left room for forgiveness, they concluded, if Clinton would seek it.

It was Morris who developed the idea of a public *mea culpa* through a series of television advertisements in which Clinton announced for re-election by saying he was sorry.

Two different spots eventually were produced. One was a general apology for mistakes including the car tag increase; the other addressed his decision to pardon prison inmates after the state parole board had recommended their release.

The advertisements began airing in February 1982 and immediately triggered talk among Arkansas political veterans.

"Never before had this been seen, a politician skipping the traditional formalities and going directly into the voters' living rooms and saying — in a way that was designed to intimate — that he sure was sorry he had let them down.

but now he wants to be their governor again," an article in the *Arkansas Gazette* said of the singular political announcement.

On the surface, the two *mea culpas* could not be more different, Barth said.

"In 1982, it clearly was political," he said. "This one is much more complex. Private, political and personal elements play into this one now."

On another level, though, a parallel exists, Barth added. Both are personal responses to personal transgressions.

"He took the 1980 defeat very personally," Barth said. "It was by voters he knew very well. It had the feel of a very personal snubbing. His response was one that was deeply personal."

Monday's *mea culpa* served other purposes, too.

"The president has to be aware that a lot of people who supported him for a long time at different levels are disappointed," Barth added. "I think it is an apology or explanation to those people for what he has done."

"I think it also is an element, trying to get it out of the system, think it is a — if we want to talk about in religious terms — a confessional. There is a cleansing that comes with a public admission."

To a lesser degree, Clinton had to perform another *mea culpa* the summer of 1991 when he was preparing to announce his bid for the White House.

Less than a year before, he had made a public promise that if he was elected to a fifth term, he would serve it without seeking higher office.

In a series of carefully planned private appearances with supporters around the state, Clinton asked for release from the promise.

But it was the 1982 *mea culpa* that Clinton would not forget.

"Clinton and [Hillary Rodham Clinton] filed it away in their brain as a case of effective political tactics. He pulled out now and again when Clinton got caught in uncomfortable situations. The calculated use of contrition when in trouble, directly to the people and confession on your own terms."

6TH STORY of Level 1 printed in FULL format.

Copyright 1998 The Providence Journal Company
The Providence Journal-Bulletin

July 27, 1998, Monday, ALL EDITIONS

SECTION: NEWS, Pg. 1B

LENGTH: 759 words

HEADLINE: Young journalist gets her interview with the first lady; Julia Cotton, of East Greenwich, enjoys the thrill of an hour-long meeting with Hillary Rodham Clinton and a tour of the White House after winning a contest.

BYLINE: S. ROBERT CHIAPPINELLI; Journal Staff Writer

DATELINE: EAST GREENWICH

BODY:

The door to the White House Map Room opened loudly and Julia M. Cotton, 17, thought the moment had arrived for her interview with Hillary Rodham Clinton.

But the stir proved a false alarm. "It was just a man bringing sugar in for tea," Cotton said.

It was last Tuesday, and the co-editor of the East Greenwich High School newspaper, The Spectrum, was about to reap her reward for winning a nationwide contest. Sponsored by The 21st Century, a newspaper written by teenagers and distributed free to junior and senior high schools, the competition featured a grand prize of an interview with the first lady.

Earlier this year Cotton interviewed presidential aspirant Steve Forbes, who is a friend of her grandfather, Alan R. Schonberg, chairman of the board of Management Recruiters International, and his wife, Carole. Cotton's presentation of that hour-long telephone conversation topped hundreds of other contest entries and was printed in the June issue of The 21st Century.

Now she sat in the White House, accompanied by John and Stephanie Meyer, who publish The 21st Century, and their son, who was to record the meeting.

"All of a sudden she came in," Cotton said. "It was so weird being in the same room with her."

The high school senior took a second to adjust, then bolted upright and shook hands with the woman who introduced herself as Hillary Clinton, although obviously no introduction was needed.

The confident and polite first lady just commands a room, Cotton said.

"There's just like an aura about her," she said.

A White House photographer took pictures and then John Meyer described his magazine. Clinton very politely cut in, turned to Cotton and said she knew she had a lot of questions to ask. Clinton sat in a red satin wing-back chair across from Cotton, who was seated on a couch covered with the same material.

Providence Journal-Bulletin, July 27, 1998

Cotton had whittled nearly 100 questions to 28 and put them on index cards but had been forewarned that there would not be time for all of them. She can't remember her opening question but said most inquiries concerned teenage issues. She garnered little specific about Chelsea Clinton because Mrs. Clinton explained she likes to preserve her daughter's privacy.

The first lady's responses were thorough, Cotton said, and embraced several topics beyond the six questions that Cotton got to ask, but broke no new ground.

Clinton made a great deal of eye contact, Cotton said. "I listened to what she was saying," she said, "but it was hard to concentrate."

Near the end of the hour, Clinton asked what grade Cotton was entering and what her interests are. When told that Cotton plans to pursue journalism the first lady urged her to take a factual approach and report the truth.

A transcription of the interview and an essay that Cotton plans to write are scheduled for the September issue of The 21st Century.

Later Cotton and the Meyers received a two-hour backroom tour of the White House that included views of the kitchen, the presidential limo and the presidential pooch, Buddy. Not being a dog person, Cotton satisfied herself with a picture, but not a pat.

She also visited the press room and was surprised to see newspapers littering the floor and journalists just sitting, waiting for something to happen. She got to have her picture taken at the lecturn where the president stands during news conferences.

When she entered the White House it was hot and humid. A fierce storm howled while she was inside but, when she left, a rainbow graced the sky. She took that as a special exclamation point on the day, because rainbows had been the theme of her bat mitzvah, a Jewish rite of passage for girls.

On Wednesday, she toured the News Museum and the Shakespeare Museum and visited the FDR Memorial, then flew home alone Wednesday night.

"I wanted to shout out to the airplane what I just did," she said.

But she kept quiet and jotted notes for her essay.

Her parents, Leslie and Peter Cotton, of 50 Locust Drive, and her sister Rochelle, 14, greeted her with a congratulatory balloon bouquet.

"She was incredibly talkative and excited when she stepped off the plane," Peter Cotton said.

She begins a two-week internship at The Warwick Beacon this week and continues to contribute freelance articles to the The East Greenwich Pendulum. Later she will attend a family reunion cruise and return for her senior year at East Greenwich High School with more than enough material for any "How I Spent My Summer Vacation" question that may come her way.

LOAD-DATE: July 28, 1998

How tough it is to be from Arkansas

When Hillary Clinton, in an interview last week with the *Democrat-Gazette*, changed her charge against critics from alleging a "vast right-wing conspiracy" to "They wouldn't be doing this if we were from some other state," the nation not only focused on her but took yet another look at Arkansas.

It wasn't all bad, but it wasn't necessarily welcome attention, either.

Peter Applebome, in a Sunday *New York Times* article, explored Arkansas and rubc-aphobia, "the fear that unless you have the approval of the media powers and taste makers in Washington, New York and to a lesser extent Los Angeles, you're treated like a bumpkin or a hick."

Applebome wrote: "Mrs. Clinton and her husband, of course, are anything but rubes. But if there's an underlying thought in her plaint, it's the persistent divide between the masters of the universe in America's three power and media centers and the rest of the country, with Arkansas as subterranean rock bottom on the food chain."

"If any place can engender a sense of being permanently dissed, it's Arkansas," Applebome wrote. "Even Mississippi, the nation's poorest state, at least gets stereotyped in terms of both Faulknerian complexity and abject redneckery."

Applebome says "the fact that even a powerful, Yale-educated first lady feels so aggrieved is evidence of how pervasive the malady is. But, then again, maybe it just says something about how tough it is to be from Arkansas."

In a Saturday feature story, *The Dallas Morning News* took a look at all the good things about Arkansas. The article might have come straight from the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism.

It listed fun facts about the state, such as it's the only diamond-producing state

and native daughter Hattie Caraway was the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate.

It listed numerous authors, politicians, actors and even beauties who are from Arkansas.

It even had some facts some Arkansans may not know. For instance, did you know that in addition to being called the Natural State and the Land of Opportunity, Arkansas also was once known as the Bear State and the Wonder State?

The article quotes Kerry Kraus, a Parks and Tourism travel writer, extolling and defending the state. "In one episode of *The Beverly Hillbillies*, reference is made to the Clampetts having come from the Ozarks," she says, "but we always understood it was the Missouri Ozarks."

As much as Arkansans brag about their state, often they're also the ones spreading jokes about it.

"There's an old gag that in the old days when you crossed Mississippi there was a sign that said, 'Texas left and Kansas right,'" John Shelton Reed, a University of North Carolina sociologist, tells Applebome. "Those who couldn't read stayed in Arkansas."

"I heard that from someone from Arkansas," Reed says. "They have a nice sense of humor if you don't provoke them."

A public viewing

Still curious about exactly what President Clinton said to the grand jury Monday? Perhaps someday at the Clinton presidential library you can see the videotape of his more than five hours of testimony.

"I would say so, yes," says David Peterson, assistant archivist for presidential libraries. "It could well be that other parts of the National Archives get

that tape, and we would, of course, get a copy."

But is there a chance that if Clinton were impeached or forced to resign in disgrace that there might not even be an official Clinton presidential library run by the National Archives?

"Nothing would change ... on our part," Peterson says. "We would just have to take over the records earlier than we had anticipated."

There are 10 presidential libraries — for Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt, Eisenhower, Johnson, Ford, Hoover, Truman, Kennedy, Bush, Reagan and Carter — run by the National Archives. An 11th, the Nixon Library, officially known as the Nixon Project, is not run by the National Archives.

"It has nothing to do with [his] resignation," says Skip Rutherford, the local coordinator of the Clinton presidential library. "There was a dispute over the tapes and the papers. Did the tapes belong to the government or to the family?"

Kennedy's library is one of the most popular, but Peterson says, "Generally speaking ... the more recent libraries are the ones the public tends to be more interested in."

Rutherford is looking on the positive side of Clinton's troubles.

"The more controversial a president is, the more intriguing his library will be," he says. "Libraries are about the whole scope of the administration, good and bad, victories and defeats, successes and failures."

Embarrassments, too. Like a certain blue dress. Could it one day be on display?

"I've heard all the jokes," Rutherford says. "I don't know what's going to end up in the library. I haven't even given that much thought."



A place called Hope still likes Clinton

BY RODNEY BOWERS
ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

HOPE — Although most said they are tired of the allegations that President Clinton had a relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinski, almost everyone interviewed Tuesday in the president's hometown said his admission of having an "inappropriate relationship" with Lewinski will not put the issue to rest.

Clinton admitted the relationship Monday evening in a nationwide television address after four hours of closed-circuit testimony before independent prosecutor Kenneth Starr's grand jury.

The grand jury is investigating, among other things, allegations that Clinton lied under oath about his relationship with Lewinski, obstructed justice, tampered with witnesses and persuaded others to lie about the affair.

"I think everybody's tired of it," said Rhonda Moritz of Hope as she left a downtown beauty shop Tuesday afternoon, but "I think Starr will drag it out as long as he can."

"I think Hillary [Clinton, the first lady] does most of the thinking," Moritz said. "And since she wasn't part of this, he messed up."

Even so, Gary Johnson, director of the Hope Visitor Center and Museum, said he believes Clinton will escape indictment or impeachment and will serve the remaining year and a half of his second term.

"It seems like bad luck follows him, but he always comes out good



Arkansas Democrat-Gazette/STATON BREIDENTHAL

Charles and Sheila Humphrey of Indianapolis discuss their reaction to President Clinton's speech Monday night after touring the Clinton birthplace in Hope on Tuesday afternoon.

in the end," Johnson said. "I think he will this time, too."

"I don't think he has any intent of resigning. This is the job he's always wanted," Johnson said.

However, "if he has tried to cover it up [the Lewinski affair] and got people to change their stories, I think he can be in serious political danger," he said.

Many visitors at the center, which is in a former railroad depot and has a Clinton exhibit inside, used to complain about the president, Johnson said. In recent months, he said, they seem tired of the president "being smeared by Ken Starr's investigation." He said most of the visitors now say, "Let

him alone. It's almost over. He's almost finished" with his second term.

Johnson said he believes the five-year investigation will have a long-term effect on future presidents and discourage qualified people from seeking the office. "I think from this point on, whoever is running for high political office will be under a magnifying glass," he said.

Johnson said he was glad Clinton explained the affair and denied any cover-up or prompting others to lie. "I was satisfied that the president admitted his guilt," he said, "but I in no way excuse apparently what he did. On the other hand, I'm just as confident that he is doing a good job and will continue doing a good job. ... If there were elections tomorrow, I'd vote for him again tomorrow."

Turketa Arbertha of Hope said Tuesday, after leaving a downtown office, that she watched Clinton's televised speech and became "upset" when he changed his account of his relationship with Lewinski. "He was beating around the bush," she said of his previous denials. "He should have come out with it earlier."

However, she said, "It's his own business as long as he's running the country well. I think that's really personal ... and I'd hate to see him get impeached for something like that."

Arbertha also said Starr's \$40 million investigation has been a

waste of taxpayers' money. "We could do something else with that money," she said.

David Cannon, who manages Discount Tobacco across the street from the Clinton birth home that has been preserved as a tourist attraction, said the president's admission came as no surprise.

"Everybody knew he did it already," he said. "I don't know why we have had to spend so much time on this. It's his business, along with his wife's."

"He did lie to me, but what politician doesn't?" Cannon said.

The Whitewater investigation likely will continue, along with attacks on Clinton's character, Cannon said. But "I think he's at the end of his run. They should let him finish his term," he said.

Charles Humphrey and his wife, Sheila, of Indianapolis, the only people touring the Clinton birth home during the lunch hour Tuesday, said he hopes the president has put an end to the Lewinski controversy, "but probably not. I think it's all political. To me, it looks like they're trying to find something."

Political motivations prompted the president to lie to the American people about his relationship with the former intern, Humphrey said, noting that the first lady probably lied as well.

"I think she knew everything, even though she said she didn't," he said. "She probably thinks he's crazy."

First lady stands tough in storm

Democrats join chorus of criticism

BY SUSAN ROTH
ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

WASHINGTON — First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton is standing by her man — again — a day after President Clinton publicly acknowledged a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky and answered questions about it before a grand jury.

Through her spokesman, the first lady indicated Tuesday that she has forgiven her husband and believes in her marriage even though she did not learn the nature of his testimony until this past weekend.

On Capitol Hill the stunning nature of the president's admission brought a wide-ranging response that included a call for his resignation or impeachment from a Democrat, Rep. Paul McHale of Pennsylvania, and pained expressions of disappointment from Democratic Party leaders who have remained loyal to Clinton.

"His remarks last evening leave me with a deep sense of sadness in that my trust in his credibility has been badly shattered," said Sen. Diane Feinstein, D-Calif. Feinstein said she had believed Clinton's earlier denials of sexual involvement with the 25-year-old former White House intern and low-level aide.

House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., was also critical. "I cannot condone the relationship the president has acknowledged and am very disappointed in his personal conduct."

At the federal courthouse, independent counsel Kenneth Starr's investigation rolled on with a grand jury appearance by Dick Morris, the president's longtime political consultant and confidant. Lewinsky is expected to return for a second grand jury session on Thursday.

Morris, who has had a tumultuous relationship with the president since Clinton's 1982 gubernatorial race, left the 1996 presidential campaign in disgrace after his involvement with a prostitute emerged.

See CLINTON, Page 10A

She combatively dismissed it all as part of a "vast right-wing conspiracy" against the Clinton presidency — a theme she has pushed during Democratic fund-raisers as recently as last week — and also last week accused the investigators and political adversaries of harboring prejudice against Arkansas.

Some of those adversaries demanded the president's resignation Tuesday, including Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo., an expected contender in the 2000 presidential race who has been repeatedly and sharply critical of Clinton.

"The honorable step for the president is to resign to protect America and the presidency," Ashcroft said. "The national interest should be placed above his personal interest."

But a thoughtful and terse House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., urged patience until Starr delivers his report to Congress, probably next month.

Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill. and chairman of the House Judiciary Committee that would decide whether the president might have committed any impeachable offenses, also sounded a note of caution.

"It is our constitutional duty to provide a fair, full and independent review of these facts in their proper context," Hyde said. "Until then, we simply should not speculate about how the House would proceed."

Members of the Arkansas congressional delegation echoed those sentiments, declining to say much about Clinton's statement.

"Starr would have a tough time pursuing any of this any further," said Sen. Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., the senior member of the delegation. "If he's going to file a report, file it. If the House is going to do anything, do it. People want to get on with it."

Sen. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., said he was surprised that Clinton chose to attack Starr during his address.

"I would have thought that was really unnecessary," Hutchinson said. "But I don't think it hurt him with the American people, because Starr is very unpopular."

"I think whoever said we should have an open mind and a closed mouth was right," Hutchinson added. "I think the president's family should be held in our prayers and we should wait on the report on Starr. Anything else we would do would pretty much be conjecture and speculation, and I don't want to join the ranks of those right now."

His brother, Rep. Asa Hutchinson, R-Ark., a member of the House Judiciary Committee, urged Starr to complete his report as soon as possible.

"Things really haven't changed much on Capitol Hill because we still don't know a lot about Starr's investigation," Asa Hutchinson said.

But he said there's "no question" Clinton should've been truth-sooner.

"He covered the areas he needed to cover. Now, it's a matter of credibility and trust. ... He's laid a foundation for his credibility to be challenged."

Rep. Vic Snyder, D-Ark., said "like most Americans, I'm still mulling it all in."

"I think that Congress needs to take a big, deep breath and keep its mouths shut, and realize it's a process going on that

Hillary relying on her faith now, says spokesman

Here is the text of a statement and excerpts from a brief interview with Marsha Berry, Hillary Rodham Clinton's spokesman.

Clearly, this is not the best day in Mrs. Clinton's life. This is a time that she relies on her strong religious faith. She's committed to her marriage and loves her husband and daughter very much and believes in the president, and her love for him is compassionate and steadfast. She clearly is uncomfortable with her personal life being made so public but is looking forward to going on vacation with her family and having some family time together.

Q. Does she forgive him?

A. Yes. She believes in this marriage.

Q. Does Chelsea forgive her father?

A. I just don't have any comment on Chelsea.

Q. When did the president tell her he had an inappropriate relationship with Monica Lewinsky?

A. She was misled. She learned the nature of his testimony over the weekend.

Q. What are her feelings? Do they include anger?

A. She's a human being. Like I say, this is not an easy time.

The Associated Press

doesn't need to be tainted by public comments of what we would or wouldn't do about impeachment until we have the facts. Obviously, the whole situation is a very sad one for the country."

Rep. Jay Dickey, R-Ark., said he hadn't seen the president's televised statement, but he believed "there now appears a real chance, unfortunately, that impeachment proceedings might have to be instituted."

"If it comes to that," Dickey said, "I don't want to offer any opinions which make it look like I have any predisposition, which I don't. But there was no closure last night."

Rep. Marion Berry, D-Ark., was out of the country on vacation and could not be reached.

"It's not over," agreed one senior Democrat, Rep. Lee Hamilton of Indiana. His remarks contradicted White House attempts to declare an end to a seven-month sex-and-cover-up melodrama.

Democratic support for Clinton will be critical in the coming weeks if, as expected, Starr submits a report to the House outlining evidence of possible impeachable offenses.

But with the House on an extended break until after Labor Day and adjournment set for mid-October, it seems unlikely that the House could decide before the November elections whether to begin a formal impeachment inquiry.

Information for this article was contributed by Terry Lemons of the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette and The Associated Press.

More on the presidential scandal

I wrote last Thursday's column three times. There was so much to say and only 850 words to say it in.

What follows is a selection of comments that got lost in the rewriting process. In retrospect, I realized some of them should have been in Thursday's column instead of some of the material that was there.

- Matt Drudge, the Internet columnist turned TV star, has been right so often he is an embarrassment to the mainstream media. It was he who "broke" the Monica Lewinsky story. He points out now that Clinton, as a congressional candidate in 1974, the year Richard Nixon resigned, said that any president who lies to the American people should resign. Another case of do as I say, not as I do?

- Did you notice that when the Clinton family was filmed on the way to Martha's Vineyard, Hillary was grim and that she and Bill did not engage in that touchy-feely-huggy stuff that usually marks such occasions. Chelsea wore a big smile, indicating she has forgiven her philandering father for lying to her, her mother and the American people.

- Most people who do not have their heads in the sand seem to agree that Clinton lied under oath in the infamous Paula Jones deposition and that his only hope to avoid impeachment hearings is that Republicans who control Congress do not have the guts to do what they're required to do if they respect the Constitution.

- Paul Greenberg used to call Clinton a hollow man. At the time, I was a Clinton supporter and (*mea culpa*) did not agree. I still disagree. Clinton is not hollow. What he is full of, I will not say.

- Clinton supporters are now arguing that Clinton should be forgiven because he is a human being, not God, and all humans are short of perfection. I agree. He is a human being, not a God. Probably you agree, too. Now, do you think we can get Clinton to agree, too?

John R. Starr



- Clinton excused his refusal to answer questions seeking details of his relationship with Lewinsky because he wanted to preserve "institutional dignity," whatever that is. Was the institution he referred to the presidency? Does he not know that the dignity of that office was destroyed when his relationship with Lewinsky was revealed?

- One TV talking head posed this rhetorical question: Will Americans forgive, or has he forever diminished the presidency? That is not an either/or question. The people probably will forgive, but he has forever diminished his presidency, and perhaps the presidency itself.

- A seldom talked about aspect of the Lewinsky controversy is the shameful way members of both parties are reacting. Both parties are more concerned about how all this is going to affect this fall's elections than they are about what is good for the country.

- One seldom-discussed consequence of Clinton's speech is that the number of Americans who think he is a scumbag grew by more than 20 percent overnight.

- Songwriters need to get busy. Anyone who produces a song called "Let's Put It Behind Us and Get On With It," is assured of a hit. That's going to be the theme song of the Democratic Party, the White House and Clintonoids across the country for the foreseeable future.

- In January, Clinton denied an "improper" relationship with Lewinsky. Now he admits to a "not appropriate" relationship. Will he argue that he did not lie in January because "improper" and "not appropriate"

do not mean exactly the same thing?

- I appeal to Clintonoids once again. Before you read this, open your eyes, your ears and your minds. If you can't do this, turn to the comic pages and read "Ziggy." It is probably the only comic strip you will be able to understand.

- Sometimes Eleanor Clift, one of Clinton's staunchest defenders, sounds as if she is jealous of Monica Lewinsky.

- I attach much importance to friendships. Friends have lied to me, stolen from me and made passes at my wife. I have forgiven them. But if my closest friend were to lie to me and send me out to repeat his lie, I would drop him faster than I would put my hands in my pockets if Clinton extended his.

- Clinton has turned the White House into a cesspool. If anyone with integrity ever worked for him, that person is long gone. No one with true integrity would continue to work there now that the president for the second time has admitted that he is a liar.

- Dick Morris, the political consultant who was himself involved in a sex scandal in 1996 and was fired from the Clinton campaign as a consequence, said Clinton called him on the day the Lewinsky scandal broke. They had a total of five conversations. Morris said that, among other things, Clinton asked him about sex addiction. Did we have a little self-diagnosis here?

- We should not brand Hillary Clinton a liar for telling us in January that Lewinsky's charges against her husband would be disproved. She was stating an opinion. Opinions may be right or wrong, but they may not be lies.

- Have you noticed that the last three presidents who seem to have had a sex addiction—John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson and Clinton—were all Democrats?

John R. Starr is the former managing editor of the Democrat-Gazette.