

For First Lady, Focus Stays on Women's Issues

Peers in Latin America Offer Her 'Silent Support'

By PASCALE BONNEFOY
Special to the Washington Post

SANTIAGO, Chile, Sept. 30—First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton made a brief stop here today to discuss women's issues with the wives of other heads of state of the Americas, avoiding any mention of the scandal that threatens her husband's presidency.

Two days before the conference, Chilean first lady Marta Larraechea de Frei warned journalists covering it not to concentrate their attention on Mrs. Clinton's personal drama in the Lewinsky affair.

"That would distract people from the main objective, which is to help the continent's poor," she said.

By refusing to grant interviews and skipping a joint news conference, Hillary Clinton gave the reporters little alternative.

The first lady arrived in Santiago at 1:30 a.m. today after traveling to Puerto Rico to visit areas devastated by Hurricane Georges. She stayed only through this afternoon for the 8th Conference of Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas before continuing her trip to Montevideo, Uruguay, where she will participate in another "Vital Voices" conference about women in democracies, much as she has elsewhere around the world, most recently in Northern Ireland last month. She will return to Washington late Friday night.

Clinton's participation here was limited to a

speech this morning on women's leadership, and remarks before the signing of two cooperation agreements with Chile financed by the U.S. Agency for International Development: a scholarship program for Latin American professionals in Chilean universities and a program for strengthening local governments in the region.

"No one is talking about the Lewinsky affair here, and I don't think we should," said Guenda Benoit Preval, the wife of Haitian President Rene Preval. "It is not our place to comment or to give our opinions on something like that. It wouldn't be respectful."

The first ladies have given Clinton "silent support . . . and that's all the support we can give her," she added.

In her speech to the first ladies and government delegates from 27 countries, Clinton lamented the lack of women in powerful positions, declaring that their "participation in decision-making lags behind our gains in education, our contributions to the work force, our participation in grass-roots activities."

"I must admit that many countries have gone much further than my own to boost the percentage of women representatives and leaders," she added, noting that in Colombia, more than a third of the Cabinet positions are held by women, and that in the Bahamas, women hold 33 percent of the Senate seats.

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First Lady Drums Up Support During Tour

Democrats Asked to Fight Impeachment

By PETER BAKER
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Washington Post Staff Writers

They were flying to Puerto Rico to inspect hurricane damage, but Hillary Rodham Clinton was trying to repair damage of another sort—to her husband's political career.

The first lady pressed four House Democrats accompanying her on a relief tour this week to stand with President Clinton and oppose an impeachment inquiry into his attempts to cover up an extramarital affair with Monica S. Lewinsky.

"To proceed with what has already become a bogus process would itself be bogus," she told the lawmakers, according to Rep. Patrick J. Kennedy (D-R.I.).

The in-flight lobbying was the latest example of the first lady's quiet efforts to help her husband stave off the first serious impeachment drive since Watergate, when she worked as a young lawyer on the congressional inquiry. While keeping mum in public about the Lewinsky situation, she has stumped around the country for Democratic candidates and telephoned key House Democrats to rally the party.

The message has been consistent: No matter how hurtful his actions, they do not rise to the level of impeachable offenses and they were the byproduct of an illegitimate investigation by independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr. While expressing aggravation at what she called Starr's prosecutorial misconduct, she has implored House Democrats to change the subject back to budget issues, where she believes the Republicans will be vulnerable in the fall elections.

The entreaty worked with Kennedy, anyway. After wrestling with how to vote next

week, Kennedy delivered an impassioned floor speech yesterday urging colleagues to reject a formal probe. "Impeachment proceedings are just like pulling a fire alarm in a crowded room," he said. "You better think before you pull, lest many people or a nation may get hurt."

Kennedy compared Starr's tactics to "sexual McCarthyism," arguing that nothing in the independent counsel's report to Congress "shows that the president was on a course that was dangerous to the republic or justifies throwing this democracy into a tailspin."

The other three Democrats on this week's flight to Puerto Rico, Reps. Jim McDermott (Wash.), George Miller (Calif.) and Charles B. Rangel (N.Y.), did not comment about the conversation. But Rep. James P. Moran Jr. (D-Va.), who previously has spoken with Hillary Clinton by telephone, said in an interview yesterday that he believed she would accept "a reasonable censure resolution that was proportionate to the offense."

A number of Democrats who once envisioned a hefty fine as part of any censure deal now believe that such a move would in effect penalize the first lady for her husband's infidelity, because she was the one who earned most of the couple's savings. "That's her money," Moran said.

As an alternative, Moran said he is researching a penalty that would strip Clinton of his annual pension and some government-paid perquisites after leaving office. According to the General Services Administration, former presidents receive an annual \$152,000 pension, plus an additional allotment for office space, staff and expenses ranging from about \$300,000 for Gerald R. Ford to \$550,000 for Ronald Reagan.

BC-URUGUAY-HILLARY

Latin women see Hillary as role model after scandal

By David Haskel

MONTEVIDEO (Reuters) - U.S. first lady Hillary Clinton is a stronger role-model for women around the world because of the dignity and courage she has displayed in the midst of the White House sex scandal, Latin American female leaders said Friday.

"The dignity she displayed ... standing by her husband are signs of firmness and strength," said Mercedes Ortiz-Gasser from the Bolivian Foundation for Women's Development, a nongovernmental organization.

"That was courageous," Ortiz-Gasser told Reuters at the sidelines of a hemispheric forum on women rights attended by the U.S. first lady, who flew in from neighboring Chile, where she took part in a meeting of first ladies from the Americas.

Mrs. Clinton stole the show at the conference and her two speeches -- calling for more women access to decision-making positions and for an end to stereotypes of male superiority -- were several times interrupted by hearty applause.

On Friday, before flying back home, she announced the U.S. Agency for International Development would commit \$50 million to foster Latin America's human rights, justice and democracy, "particularly on behalf of women," and increase the amount of other existing loans already supporting those areas.

President Clinton's affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky may even help the first lady become more focused on female issues, participants said.

"Many of us have gone through similar things," said Costa Rica's Lea Roman of Fellows from the Americas, a group devoted to recruiting volunteers for aid work. "This will make her more aware of women's rights and issues."

Braving the sex storm with dignity is also a way to show that she will not let it get in the way of her strong beliefs, some of the participants said at the forum called "Vital Voices of the Americas - Women in Democracy."

"She has a deeper message to convey," said Lilian Ciliberti, coordinator of a Uruguayan group monitoring progress of the 1995 conference on women issues in Beijing. "She has always been a feminist."

But some attendees said they were convinced her public restraint would not last forever.

"She is waiting for the right moment to make a statement," said Edna Nunez-Rodas of Guatemala's National Women Forum.

Although participants were reluctant to speculate when, some admitted in private that they expected Mrs. Clinton to speak out after her husband leaves office in January 2000.

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First lady draws inspiration from women around the world

By CAROLYN SKORNECK= Associated Press Writer=

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (AP) Hillary Rodham Clinton, cheered by women in Latin America as a source of inspiration, says the women she meets on her world travels are the ones who inspire her.

"I am very grateful for the opportunity that I have to meet with women and to listen to them, their dreams, their aspirations, their hopes, their concerns," Mrs. Clinton told the Vital Voices of the Americas Conference, a U.S. foreign policy project aimed at helping women advance politically and economically.

"And I'm always amazed, impressed and humbled by the extraordinary human spirit and hopefulness that I find.

"Whether I'm in a very poor village in Bangladesh or Uganda, or in a very small business in Nicaragua or Santiago, I'm always with women who inspire me."

The voices of women throughout the hemisphere must be heard, she said, "in city halls and boardrooms and trade union offices, in political parties, in academia, in families."

Mrs. Clinton, on the final day of her four-day trip to Puerto Rico and South America, struck many of the themes she has emphasized before in Santiago, Chile, where she addressed her fellow first ladies of the Americas; on Thursday, when speaking to the multiparty Uruguayan Women's Political Network; in the six years she has lived in the White House and even long before then.

She emphasized anew the need for women's full participation in the political and economic lives of their countries as well as the need for judicial systems to treat women fairly. So-called women's issues, she said, are really society's issues domestic violence, for example, is not a women's problem but a crime.

Hattie Babbitt, the deputy administrator for the Agency for International Development, said Friday in an interview that she's been hearing her friend argue these cases for more than two decades. After Mrs. Clinton delivered her stirring speech Thursday to the Uruguayan Women's Political Network, Babbitt told her: "You know, you gave that speech in 1974."

Women at the conference said they were moved that Mrs. Clinton had come to Montevideo.

Gladys Aida Caballero, the vice president of Honduras, said in an interview that she has high hopes for Mrs. Clinton's future.

"I'd like her to be the first woman president of the United States," said Ms. Caballero, who like Mrs. Clinton is a lawyer. "I think it's the time for a lady like her to be president. She has all the qualifications you need."

Eugenia Charles, the former prime minister of Dominica, said in an interview, "She's interested in the right things, not just in being a first lady. She wants to improve things. She's not satisfied by the status quo."

Mrs. Clinton announced new U.S. government programs Friday directed largely at women. The initiatives include \$50 million from the U.S. Agency for International Development to strengthen human rights, justice and democracy. AID will also increase its loans to small enterprises in the hemisphere to \$120 million over the next three years, more than two-thirds of the loans going to women.

Mrs. Clinton was flying back to Washington Friday.

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Mrs. Clinton: Societies' concerns not just women's

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By CAROLYN SKORNECK= Associated Press Writer=

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (AP) Hillary Rodham Clinton told 1,000 women from throughout the hemisphere today that now is the time for women to make great gains in their political and economic status.

"If we take our energy and work together ... I think we have a great opportunity ahead of us," she said in a keynote address to the "Vital Voices of the Americas" conference, a U.S. foreign policy initiative begun last year.

If women's voices continue to be heard in city halls and boardrooms and at the highest circles of political power, reminding the world that the big issues concern not just women but societies, then the fruits of democracy and prosperity will be spread more widely and deeply than ever before, she said.

Mrs. Clinton, considered an inspiration by many women at the conference, said that as she travels the world and meets women in all walks of life, "I'm always amazed, impressed and humbled by the extraordinary human spirit and hopefulness that I find. ... I'm always with women who inspire me."

Mrs. Clinton was welcomed with scattered cheers from the audience already on its feet for the arrival of Uruguayan first lady Marta Canesa de Sanguinetti.

Along with encouraging women to pursue greater gains and to share their knowledge with other women a prime purpose of the Vital Voices meeting Mrs. Clinton announced new U.S. government programs to promote women.

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Women at the conference said they were thrilled Mrs. Clinton addressed the meeting.

"I wish we could have more women like you around the world," Eva Morales of Guatemala said in a speech prior to Mrs. Clinton's address. "We appreciate you. We love you," she said to applause. Ms. Morales had contacted the State Department after hearing about the conference, saying she wanted to help get young people involved.

Gladys Aida Caballero, vice president of Honduras, said in an interview: "I'd like her to be the first woman president of the United States. I think it's the time for a lady like her to be president, and she has all the qualifications you need."

Mrs. Clinton's four-day trip to South America was all about women, featuring a speech to the first ladies of the Americas meeting in Santiago, Chile, and a rousing talk Thursday to the multiparty Women's Political Network in Uruguay.

Her campaign for women's rights wasn't just about political success. It was about money, too.

Not easy stuff, but the details: unsexy topics, like access to credit.

Such access "is one of the surest ways to change women's lives around the world," enabling them to start their own businesses, generating income for their families, she told the Uruguayan women packed Thursday into an ornate ballroom of the Legislative Palace.

"Unfortunately, many commercial banks don't see women as good credit risks," she said, despite studies showing poor women paid off their debts at a rate of 95 percent to 99 percent.

What to do?

Change the attitudes of people with money, most of whom are "educated, affluent men who don't think much of poor, uneducated women's chances to be economically independent," she said.

And that requires political power.

``Clearly, you cannot advance the cause of women without active participation by women in the political process,'' she said.

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President Told Mrs. Clinton He Only Helped Lewinsky (Washn)

By Doyle McManus= (c) 1998, Los Angeles Times=

WASHINGTON First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton told associates that her husband assured her in January he was not having an affair with former intern Monica S. Lewinsky, but was merely "ministering to a troubled young person," several friends said Wednesday.

The president apparently offered that cover story to explain his friendship with Lewinsky to his wife when the issue surfaced in public on Jan. 21, and Mrs. Clinton accepted the explanation, the friends said.

"He lied to her," said one. "He told her a whopper, and she believed it."

On the strength of the president's assurances, Hillary Clinton defended him strongly in public. In a televised interview in late January, she said adultery by a president "would be a very serious offense." But she added: "That is not going to be proven true."

In the weeks since Clinton's publicly admitted an improper relationship with Lewinsky, some have wondered whether Hillary Clinton was truly in the dark all that time. After all, allegations of extramarital affairs long had plagued Clinton. And, with his wife at his side, he admitted in a televised interview during the 1992 presidential campaign that he had caused "pain" in their marriage.

But the first lady's friends insist she genuinely chose to believe her husband's protestations of innocence and that she was genuinely stunned when he finally confessed the truth to her in mid-August, only a few days before he told the rest of the nation.

"The list of people betrayed in this affair starts and stops with her," said one friend, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "She has been more loyal than he deserves."

Clinton acknowledged deceiving his wife in his televised statement on the affair. "I misled people, including even my wife," he said. "I deeply regret that."

But the initial explanation he apparently offered Hillary Clinton for his unusual friendship with Lewinsky "ministering to a troubled young person" surfaced only this week, in leaked accounts of the grand jury testimony of a White House aide.

Republican congressional officials told reporters that presidential assistant Sidney Blumenthal recalled Hillary Clinton's account in his testimony before the grand jury of independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr, who investigated the Lewinsky affair.

Blumenthal's testimony, along with that of other White House aides, is now in the hands of the House Judiciary Committee and is scheduled to be released in the next few days.

Blumenthal and his attorney, William A. McDaniel Jr., refused to comment. But another official confirmed the account of Blumenthal's testimony, and two people who spoke with the first lady earlier this year recounted similar conversations.

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In her NBC interview on Jan. 27, Hillary Clinton said she was confident that her husband's friendship with Lewinsky would turn out to be innocent and characteristic of a man who "tries to help people who need help."

When interviewer Matt Lauer asked about reports that the president had given Lewinsky gifts, the first lady replied: "His behavior, his treatment of people, will certainly explain all of this. ... I mean, I've seen him take his tie off and hand it to somebody."

"The one thing I always kid him about is that he never meets a stranger. He is kind. He is friendly. He tries to help people who need help, who ask for

help," she said.

If the charges of an adulterous relationship with Lewinsky ``were proven true, I think that would be a very serious offense," she said. ``That is not going to be proven true. I think we're going to find some other things. And I think that when all of this is put into context and we really look at the people involved here, look at their motivations, look at their backgrounds, look at their past behavior, some folks are going to have a lot to answer for."

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A spokeswoman for Hillary Clinton, who was traveling in South America on Wednesday, said she had no comment to make on the reports of Blumenthal's testimony.

In January, as he was denying any sexual relationship with Lewinsky, Clinton offered White House aides other explanations. He told Blumenthal that Lewinsky ``made a sexual demand" on him, but ``he rebuffed her," according to portions of Blumenthal's testimony cited in Starr's report to Congress earlier this month.

And Clinton told his chief of staff, Erskine Bowles: ``I did not have sexual relationships with this woman, Monica Lewinsky. ... And when the facts come out, you'll understand," Bowles recounted in his grand jury testimony.

But Clinton apparently did not repeat to his aides the explanation cited by the first lady, that he had merely been counseling a troubled young woman.

One of his close aides, asked if the president had offered that story, laughed and said: ``No. And I wouldn't have believed it if he did."

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BC-ISRAEL-HILLARY

Hillary Clinton invited to Israeli mystic capital

JERUSALEM, Oct 1 (Reuters) - A cradle of Jewish mysticism, Safed, is readying for a possible visit by U.S. first lady Hillary Clinton, the mayor of the northern Israeli town said on Thursday.

An Israeli government spokesman said Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's wife Sara invited the U.S. president's wife to visit Safed when they met at the White House on Monday.

"The invitation was given... (Mrs Clinton) said she was interested in kabbala and that the city of the kabbalists had always aroused her curiosity," spokesman Aviv Bushinksy told army radio.

Safed's mayor Moshe Hanya said Safed might offer her respite from the Washington turmoil over the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

"When a person is troubled and in distress she looks for a little mysticism... I think this is happening to her too," he told Israel Radio. There was no immediate word from the White House.

According to the authoritative Encyclopaedia Judaica, kabbala is the traditional and most commonly used term for the esoteric teachings of Judaism and for Jewish mysticism, especially the forms which it assumed in the Middle Ages from the 12th century onward.

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PINKERTON COMMENTARY: Lesson for GOP: Push the Education Issue

Pinkerton is a columnist for Newsday.

By James P. Pinkerton= Special to Newsday=

Who's talking about the real issues in this election season? Bill Clinton said last week that "America cannot be strong unless we give all our children a world-class education." Hillary Rodham Clinton was blunter: The Republican Congress isn't acting on the president's education agenda, she said, because "they're too busy doing other stuff that doesn't amount to a hill of beans to the long-term future of America."

Maybe the Clintons are on to something. A recent NBC/Wall Street Journal survey found that education ranks as a national concern second only to Social Security. And as for handling the issue, Democrats enjoy a 16-point advantage over the Republicans. So what should the GOP do?

Clearly, Plan A has been to make the midterm campaign a referendum on Clinton's personal life. But evidently, people care more about what happens in house than in the White House. So maybe the GOP needs a Plan B.

Such as what? How about this: The Republicans could offer a clear critique of the failing status quo, then provide an alternative that is both cheaper and better. And someone did just that this week. But, unfortunately for the GOP, he's not running for office.

"The price of public education has gone through the roof," Wall Street tycoon Theodore J. Forstmann told the National Press Club. Since 1956, he noted, spending in constant dollars is up from over \$2,000 per pupil to nearly \$7,000. "And while the price has gone up," he added, the quality of public education as measured by test scores, international rankings, parental satisfaction ratings or simply basic safety has either stagnated or declined.

Forstmann avoided putting any partisan spin on his argument, because his purpose was philanthropic, not political. He announced the creation of the Children's Scholarship Fund, which will, over the next four years, provide \$140 million in "scholarships" for poor children in 38 cities around the country to attend the private or parochial school of their choice.

"The distinction is not between public education and private education," Forstmann maintained. Rather, it is between "good education and education so bad it hardly counts as any education at all." That's why, he concluded, "We must give parents the ability to seek a good education wherever they can find it."

With that simple message, Forstmann announced an advisory board of remarkable scope and stature: from former first lady Barbara Bush to former Health and Human Services Secretary Joseph Califano, from Microsoft chief technology officer Nathan Myhrvold to retired Gen. Colin Powell, from Hollywood mogul Michael Ovitz to Miami Heat basketball coach Pat Riley.

What unites Forstmann's team is not partisanship, nor even ideology. In the words of yet another board member, Martin Luther King III, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the common thread running through the group is compassion and concern.

The fund, King said, will "give to the least of God's children, who normally wouldn't have the opportunity, a truly quality education." If King believes that school choice is one way to assure that every kid gets a good education, how does he feel about public funding of "scholarships," also known as vouchers? On that larger question, King demurred. "At this point, I would say that I have not formulated an opinion."

But Republicans don't have to be bashful. Instead of looking into Clinton's activities with interns, they should examine his actions on behalf of students. Here, the evidence is far more damning than anything Ken Starr has come up with.

Clinton opposes school vouchers for private and religious schools, even for the poorest students, even in the face of reports showing that inner-city education is as bad as ever. As Education Week put it recently, "The numbers

tell a sad and alarming story: most fourth-graders who live in U.S. cities can't read and understand a simple children's book, and most eighth-graders can't use arithmetic to solve a practical problem."

By shoveling more money into such a pathetic system, the Clintons ``own'' the education issue, at least for now. But by offering children a choice and a chance, Forstmann and his fellow visionaries have put forth a better way. Now the question is whether the GOP will follow in Forstmann's footsteps and embrace an idea that would truly put people first.

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**UPDATED PRESS SCHEDULE
FOR THE FIRST LADY'S TRIP
TO PUERTO RICO, CHILE, AND URUGUAY
(SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 2, 1998)**

NOTE: This schedule outlines the First Lady's press events during her trip to Puerto Rico, Chile, and Uruguay. This schedule is subject to change. For an overview of the trip and details on the events listed below, please refer to the separately-released press paper.

Tuesday, September 29

Editor's Note: The First Lady will travel to Puerto Rico in the morning on Tuesday. Departure from Andrews AFB is closed to the press.

12:55 p.m. Airport Arrival
Luis Muniz Marin Int'l Airport
Lector Central, Carolina
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Press note: Open press. On-site contact is Brenda Quijano-Arroyo.

2:50 p.m. Visit to School/Disaster Shelter
Escuela Camillo Vallez Matienzo
Calle 3 Brisas del Mar
Luquillo, Puerto Rico

Press Notes: Open press. Pre-set between 1:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Final access is 2:15 p.m. Consecutive translation. On-site contact is Kristina Dell.

Editor's Note: The First Lady will depart Puerto Rico enroute Santiago, Chile in the evening. Departure will be closed to the press. Arrival in Santiago will be closed to the press.

Wednesday, September 30

9:30 a.m. Remarks at the 8th Annual Conference of Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas

Salon San Cristobal
Sheraton Hotel
Avenida Santa Maria 1742
Santiago, Chile

Press Notes: For credentialing information for the conference, please contact Isabel Chaparro or Loreto Gonzalez at 56-2-206-6028 or 56-2-362-1485. Simultaneous translation .

11:10 a.m. US/Chile Signing Ceremony

Salon Pedro de Valdivia A
Sheraton Hotel
Avenida Santa Maria 1742
Santiago, Chile

Press Notes: For credentialing information for the conference, please contact Isabel Chaparro or Loreto Gonzalez at 56-2-206-6028 or 56-2-362-1485. Simultaneous translation. Throw is approximately 40'.

12:30 p.m. Declaration Signing for the 8th Annual Conference of Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas and Artwork Unveiling

Museo de Lo Matta
Avenida President Kennedy 9350
Santiago, Chile

Press Notes: For credentialing information, please contact Isabel Chaparro or Loreto Gonzalez at 56-2-206-6028 or 56-2-362-1485.

Editor's Note: Arrival in Santiago is closed to the press.

5:20 p.m. Carrasco Airport
Avenida las Americas
Montevideo, Uruguay

Press Note: Open press. Press should assemble at Official V.I.P. Lounge by 4:20 p.m. for escort to arrival site. The on-site contact is Ian Alberg.

Thursday, October 1

11:00 a.m. Visit to the Codicen Pilot School
Escuela 264
Calle Braniff, Ruta 101, Km. 25
Barrio Aeroparque
Canelones, Uruguay

Press Notes: Open press. Press interested in covering this event should arrive at the school by 10:00 a.m. The on-site contact is Ian Alberg. Consecutive translation.

2:15 p.m. Dialogue with the Women's Political Network
Sala de Fiestas
Palacio Legislativo
Montevideo, Uruguay

Press Note: Open press. Press interested in covering this event should assemble at the Senator's Entrance by 1:15 p.m. For credentials, contact the Vital Voices press center at Nahir Lois or Kathy Davis at 598-2-408-4179 or - 7777. Consecutive translation.

4:00 pm Roundtable Discussion on Domestic Violence
Gallery
Binational Center / Alianza Cultural Uruguay Estados Unidos
Paraguay 1217
Montevideo, Uruguay

Press Note: Open press. Press interested in covering this event should arrive by 3:00 p.m. Consecutive translation. The on-site contact is Ian Alberg.

Friday, October 2

10:30 a.m. Vital Voices Speech
The Grand Ballroom
Victoria Plaza Hotel
Plaza Independencia 759
Montevideo, Uruguay

Press Note: Open press. Press interested in covering this event should contact Nahir Lois or Kathy Davis at 598-2-408-4179 or - 7777 at the Vital Voices press center for credentials.

12:30 p.m. Museo de Artes Visuales
Julio Herrera y Reissig S/N
Montevideo, Uruguay

Press Note: Open press for spray. The First Lady will tour the museum with President Sanguinetti. Press should arrive at the site by 12:00 p.m.

Editor's Note: The First Lady will depart Uruguay in the afternoon enroute Washington, D.C.

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BC-CLINTON-HILLARY-BULGARIA (PICTURES)

Hillary Clinton in Bulgaria on wedding anniversary

By Anatoly Verbin

SOFIA, Oct 11 (Reuters) - Hillary Rodham Clinton spent Sunday, the 23rd anniversary of her wedding to U.S. President Bill Clinton, visiting the Balkan state of Bulgaria and mentioned her husband just once in a 20 minute speech.

Her aides insist the trip has nothing to do with anxiety about the Monica Lewinsky affair, which prompted the House of Representatives last week to launch the third presidential impeachment inquiry in U.S. history. The trip was long planned, they say.

Mrs. Clinton, addressing a high-profile Women in the 21st Century conference, spoke of democracy, human rights and better life for women.

She also used the opportunity to hammer home the position of the West on Serbia's crackdown against Albanian separatists in the Yugoslav province of Kosovo, only 350 km (220 miles) to the west of Sofia.

"Those of us with a voice and the power to use it must speak out for the ethnic Albanians in Kosovo," she said.

"We must speak out for the 250,000 people, most of them children, for the people who are living without health care or proper shelter, without a home they can return to or a school they can attend.

"With winter fast approaching we must speak with one voice to end what is both humanitarian crisis and a violation of humanity," she said to long applause.

NATO has threatened air strikes over the Kosovo crisis.

Mrs. Clinton said an Albanian woman doctor attending the conference treated daily up to 50 children "coming from the mountains, scared and sick with disease and malnutrition."

The conference was attended by the first ladies from most countries in the region -- Romania, Slovenia, Albania, Macedonia and even traditional rivals Greece and Turkey.

Yugoslavia was represented by an opposition figure.

Sonja Liht, president of the Fund for Open Society in Yugoslavia, "overcame tremendous difficulties to be with us today," Mrs. Clinton said.

She urged women in the region to overcome traditional differences in the historically volatile region and praised its movement towards democracy and civic society.

She announced that the U.S. Agency for International Development had allocated a fresh \$15 million grant to foster civic society in the region, including \$6 million to non-government organisations in Bulgaria.

Later in the day she held a round table discussion with leaders of Bulgarian NGOs.

Protected by heavy security and wearing an elegant dark blue suit, Mrs. Clinton never mentioned former White House intern Lewinsky, with whom the president had an affair.

Nor did she speak about her wedding anniversary.

She mentioned her husband indirectly, telling the audience the American people, the American government and the President would stand by them in facing the challenges ahead.

The Clintons have been trying to repair strains in their marriage. They celebrated with a quiet evening at the White House on Friday because of Mrs. Clinton's travel schedule.

White House officials said the first lady arranged takeout food from some of the president's favourite restaurants in Arkansas shipped to the capital for their anniversary dinner.

Later on Sunday Mrs. Clinton will attend a reception given by Bulgarian President Petar Stoyanov and his wife Antonina.

On Monday, she meets students at an American college in Sofia and takes part in a discussion on small business in Bulgaria before leaving for Prague on her third solo trip overseas this year. She flies home late on Tuesday.

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Lincoln at 52% in poll as foe closes gap a bit

BY BILL SIMMONS
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With strong backing from women, Blanche Lincoln maintains a substantial lead over Fay Boozman in Arkansas' U.S. Senate race, according to an Arkansas Democrat-Gazette poll.

The survey shows Lincoln's support at 52 percent and Boozman's at 39 percent, with 9 percent undecided and only a trace going to the third candidate, Charley Heffley.

The gap between Lincoln, the Democratic nominee, and Boozman, the Republican candidate, has narrowed — it was 25 percent in April, 22 percent in May, 18 percent in June, 16 percent in September and 13 percent in the latest survey.

But in closing the gap, Boozman drew from the undecided voters, as did Lincoln, without ever dropping her below 50 percent.

"To me that's very positive," Boozman said. "Every single poll shows me gaining two or three points each time. So that's very positive and that's what we're



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seeing.

"The more we get out, the more we get exposed, the more we get our message out, we're closing the gap," Boozman said.

Lincoln was upbeat, too. "We're in the lead. We're pleased about that," she said. "We're working as hard as our little legs will carry us to stay in the lead."

"We know that the most important poll that is taken is on Nov. 3

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and without a doubt that's what our objective is, is to work as hard as we can until Nov. 3 [Election Day]."

"It has tightened up a bit, but it looks like she has it wrapped up," said pollster Del Ali of Mason-Dixon Political/Media Research Inc. of Columbia, Md.

He took into his reckoning the survey numbers and news reports that Boozman is contending that women being raped react physiologically in such a way that they are not likely to become pregnant and, therefore, he could tolerate allowing abortions for rape victims because there would be few instances of pregnancy resulting from rape.

News reports about his views even reached Maryland and were playing as the No. 2 national news story, described as "Another Candidate Blunder in Arkansas." The No. 1 national story was the House impeachment vote.

"I'll be shocked if she doesn't get 60 percent of the women's vote on Election Day," Ali said. "She could go on vacation now if she wanted to."

Lincoln, aiming to become the second woman from Arkansas

Senate Poll

If the 1998 election for Arkansas' U.S. Senate seat were held today, would you vote for Blanche Lincoln (Democrat), Fay Boozman (Republican), or Charley Heffley (Reform)?

REGION	LINCOLN	BOOZMAN	HEFFLEY	UNDECIDED
Fort Smith/Northwest	41%	49%	1%	9%
Jonesboro/Northeast	60%	31%	-	9%
Little Rock/Central	53%	39%	-	8%
Texarkana/Southwest	56%	34%	1%	9%
Pine Bluff/Southeast	55%	31%	-	10%
SEX	LINCOLN	BOOZMAN	HEFFLEY	UNDECIDED
Men	47%	43%	-	10%
Women	57%	35%	-	8%
RACE	LINCOLN	BOOZMAN	HEFFLEY	UNDECIDED
White	46%	45%	-	9%
Black	82%	7%	-	11%

SOURCE: Mason-Dixon Political/Media Research Inc. telephone survey of 838 Arkansas voters Oct. 5-7

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ever elected to the U.S. Senate, already was doing well among women, besting Boozman among female voters 57 percent to 35 percent before Boozman's remarks about rape.

Among men, it was close, Lincoln with 47 percent, Boozman with 43. The race is close among whites, Lincoln at 46 percent and Boozman at 45. But among blacks Lincoln's advantage is great, 82 percent to 7 percent.

Boozman beats Lincoln 49-41 in Northwest Arkansas, but she has more than 50 percent and he less than 40 in the northeast, central, southwest and southeast regions. She does best in her home territory, the Jonesboro-northeast region, beating Boozman 60-31.

Heffley, the Reform nominee, got 1 percent or less in every category. The survey indicated 78 percent of the voters don't recognize his name. Only 3 percent didn't



Blanche Lincoln Fay Boozman

recognize Lincoln, and 12 percent didn't recognize Boozman's.

In terms of favorable name recognition, the numbers were 54 percent for Lincoln, 35 percent for Boozman, 2 percent for Heffley.

Lincoln, 38, a housewife and a former U.S. House member from the 1st Congressional District, lives at Horseshoe Lake. Boozman, 51, is a state senator and ophthalmologist from Rogers. Heffley, a disabled bricklayer, lives at Dover.

The Mason-Dixon Arkansas Poll was conducted by telephone Oct. 5-7 with 838 randomly selected registered Arkansas voters who regularly vote in statewide elections.

The margin of error is plus or minus 3.5 percentage points, Mason-Dixon said.

The survey sample included 418 men, 420 women, 709 whites, 126 blacks and three who had other racial designations.

First lady

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Later, the first lady said, the woman had to fight with an insurance company over the \$10,000 bill for the flight "because she didn't call to ask for permission to be Medivaced while she was unconscious on the side of the road. Now, that's the kind of horror story that really captures your attention. There are not a lot of those, thankfully, but there are too many, and we cannot ignore them."

Mrs. Clinton said her volunteer work at the Little Rock-based hos-

pital had helped her and the president learn about people's health-care needs.

"You were our great teachers," she said. "Hearing about the need for new technology or learning about the incredible gains that could be made by simple preventive measures and outreach — all of that was really an ongoing lesson to Bill and me when we served here in Arkansas."

Children's health care, she said, remains at the top of the president's agenda.

She said that if she filled out a report card on health of the nation's children, "it would show that

we are improving our record in almost every subject."

Because of the president's policies, more children now get immunized and survive complications after they're born, she said.

But she said there is more work to do, as nearly 11 million children — 1 in 7 — lack insurance.

She hopes the Children's Health Insurance Program approved by Congress and signed by the president in August will help.

The first lady also said the nation must work harder to reduce the number of children who smoke. That's about 4.5 million between ages 12 and 17.

One way to do that, she said, would be enacting legislation to significantly raise the price of cigarettes, affirm the Federal Drug Administration's authority over tobacco products and impose surcharges on tobacco companies that market to young people.

At each public event during her 24-hour visit, including fund-raisers for Democratic Party candidates and a cancer center, the first lady talked about education and health care.

Before flying back to Washington on Friday afternoon, she buzzed through three of the president's old haunts and brought

back a surprise dinner menu of his favorite foods for just the two of them — steak and tamales from Doe's Eat Place, ribs from Shug's, and tacos and enchiladas from Juanita's, spokesman Marsha Berry said.

The couple celebrated their anniversary two days early, since the first lady leaves today on a four-day women's-rights mission to Eastern Europe. She is scheduled to be in Sofia, Bulgaria, for a "Women in the 21st Century" conference Sunday, which is the Clintons' 23rd anniversary.

She is scheduled to return to Washington on Tuesday.

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"I feel like a character in a novel. I feel like somebody who is surrounded by an oppressive force that is creating a lie about me, and I can't get the truth out. I feel like the character in the novel *Darkness at Noon*."

--Sidney Blumenthal, quoting Bill Clinton speaking to Blumenthal about the Lewinsky affair.

It is time to take Sid Blumenthal seriously. Hey, wipe that smirk off your face. He is indeed a man of substance. Stop laughing this instant. In fact, the future of nations rests in his hands. If you cannot contain yourself, you will be asked to leave the room.

Admittedly, the Clinton consigliere does not lend himself to serious analysis. At the moment, he's fighting accusations that he planted the story about poor Henry Hyde's long-ago affair. "Bill's dirt devil," the New York Post called Sid last week. Blumenthal denies it, but few believe him, because he's Clinton's hatchet man. And this fracas comes on top of Blumenthal's dishonorable mention in the Starr report, in which he delivers the *Darkness at Noon* howler. Clinton supposedly told Blumenthal a cock-and-bull story about how Lewinsky had demanded sex and Clinton "rebuffed her." (Depends on how you define "rebuffed.") Never mind that the Arthur Koestler flourish sounds more like Blumenthal than Clinton. Blindly loyal, Blumenthal apparently bought Clinton's lie--which helps to explain the ferocity with which he savaged Starr and other members of the vast right-wing conspiracy.

But enough of the Dirt Devil. This is not the Sid Blumenthal we have gathered to analyze today. Nor is it the Sid Blumenthal who tangles with Matt Drudge and displays a framed copy of his Starr subpoena in his windowless office in the West Wing basement. It is not the Sid Blumenthal who is reviled by his former journalistic colleagues. It is not even the Sid Blumenthal dubbed "grassy knoll" by White House colleague Rahm Emanuel because of his wacky conspiracy theories.

No, the Sid Blumenthal under discussion here is the policy intellectual. Blumenthal, when not wearing his bad-guy hat, is the White House point man in the development of a new way of packaging Clinton's brand of centrist government. Moderate Democrats hope it will outlast the Clinton presidency and help elect Al Gore and a moderate Democratic Congress. Blumenthal is also in charge of White House efforts to export to Europe this style of pragmatic,

Top House Democrats Back Finite Impeachment Inquiry

By LIZETTE ALVAREZ

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1 — House Democratic leaders tonight brushed aside any possibility of a quick censure deal for President Clinton and instead for the first time endorsed a proposal that would allow party members to vote for a limited impeachment inquiry next week, party officials said.

The proposal would give Democrats the freedom to vote for an inquiry instead of hewing to a party line against an investigation that could leave them vulnerable before the mid-term elections. The proposal would impose a time limit of one to three months on the inquiry and restrict it to Mr. Clinton's affair with Monica S. Lewinsky, several Democrats said.

While this means that most Democrats will oppose the Republicans' impeachment inquiry, it nonetheless puts them on the record as supporting a formal impeachment investigation into the President's conduct.

"This cannot be an open-ended fishing expedition," said Representative John Conyers Jr. of Michigan, the ranking Democrat on the Judiciary Committee, at an afternoon news conference.

The Democratic measure is certain to fail in the Republican-controlled Congress. Republicans on the Judiciary Committee have drafted a resolution that would place no time limits or restrictions on an inquiry so an investigation could delve into matters like campaign finance or the White House travel office.

But Democratic leaders hope their proposal may keep as many as 50 Democrats from voting for the Republican proposal and giving their opponents' plan a bipartisan endorsement.

Anticipating next week's vote, President Clinton and his wife, Hillary, are making personal pleas to members, urging them to vote against any sort of inquiry, some Democrats said.

Michael D. McCurry, the White House press secretary, said the White House was still trying to carry the argument that there were "no grounds for impeachment."

"I think a lot of people, as they think about the argument and think about the gravity of impeachment and think about what the framers meant when they talked about high crimes and misdemeanors will want to think twice about that decision," Mr. McCurry said.

On Wednesday evening, President Clinton called Representative John D. Dingell, a Michigan Democrat and a dean of the House, to gauge his feelings on the matter. And Mrs. Clinton recently spoke with, among others, Representative Charles B. Rangel, Democrat of Manhattan, and Representative Patrick J. Kennedy, Democrat of Rhode Island.

Mrs. Clinton reminded the members that she and Mr. Clinton helped them in the past, and now needed

something in return, said a senior adviser to the President.

But Mr. Kennedy said some Democrats worried about taking too easy a stance on Mr. Clinton's behavior.

"One of the things that's very destructive is the worry that many members have that there's another shoe to drop, and they don't want to be caught going back to their districts saying, 'I voted against an inquiry and look what they found,'" he said. "They're looking to cover their political behinds."

On Monday, the Judiciary Committee is expected to vote on a Republican-written resolution, modeled on the Watergate proposal, that would officially open an impeachment inquiry. The committee will also vote on the Democratic alternative. A full House vote on both proposals should occur later next week.

The chief Democratic investigator will argue that the evidence delivered by Kenneth W. Starr, the White-water independent counsel, does not rise to the level of impeachment, Democratic officials said. Republicans will argue that the evidence suggests the opposite and the matter should be further investigated.

Democrats vehemently oppose the Republican resolution, saying it contains no time limit and is far too broad. The resolution also gives Democrats the power to subpoena witnesses and grants the White House full representation during the proceedings.

In a letter to Representative Henry J. Hyde, the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Mr. Conyers asked that he "limit both the time and scope" of the inquiry. But Mr. Hyde, an Illinois Republican, has said he is simply doing what the Democrats have asked for all along, following the Watergate model, which placed no restrictions on either the time or the subject of the investigation.

Republicans argue that they must leave the window open in case Mr. Starr sends another referral to the House. A bipartisan group of panel members is starting a conversation with Mr. Starr to find out whether he intends to send another referral.

"One day they want us to follow the Watergate model," said Representative Charles T. Canady, a Florida Republican on the panel. "The next day they say, 'Don't follow the Watergate model.'"

But Democrats said Republicans are unfairly applying the Watergate standard to a scandal that is less important.

"This is not an investigation into the wholesale subversion of Government involving multiple agencies, the F.B.I., the C.I.A. and others," Mr. Conyers said.

The committee has approved release on Friday of about 5,000 pages of supplemental evidence to the Starr report, including the testimony of the President's secretary, Betty Currie, and the transcripts of tapes of talks between Ms. Lewinsky and her former friend Linda R. Tripp.

market-based, New Democratic thinking known by its current buzzword as the "Third Way." The goal: Establish the Third Way doctrine as a replacement for old-style social democracy and establish America as the ideological leader of a reformed left. "Sidney," says the Democratic Leadership Council's Al From, the godfather of the movement and a man previously at odds with Blumenthal, "has been the pivotal figure in focusing the White House's attention on what's the real legacy of this administration."

On Monday, Blumenthal had his big day as Third Way impresario. At New York University, Clinton met with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi, and other luminaries to discuss the Third Way. It was (or would have been, if everybody hadn't been watching Clinton's grand jury testimony) the culmination of a year of Blumenthal efforts, at home and abroad, to give coherence to Clinton's disparate politics. Blumenthal himself says his Third Way work "is the most important thing" he does. "The Starr and Drudge stuff comes and goes," he told me. "This is the really substantive work." The Third Way movement "is a larger project than this administration." Given the current outlook for this administration, that's no boast.

The schizophrenic nature of Blumenthal's duties is fitting at this low moment for the Clinton White House. Clinton's centrist policies, which Blumenthal wants to make permanent, are the best hope for the left's future. But Clinton's personal disgrace threatens to destroy his bid to institutionalize them. And Blumenthal, whose antagonism fueled the hostility in Starr and congressional Republicans that now puts Clinton's presidency in jeopardy, is inevitably tied to Clinton's downfall. By accident, Blumenthal has come to embody both the promise and the tragedy of his hero, Clinton.

The problem right now is that the bad Clinton and the bad Sid are getting the best of the good Clinton and the good Sid. The result could be trouble for those who favor the Third Way. Even before Bimbroglia, Clinton's critics on the left saw his New Democratic philosophy as unprincipled and opportunistic. Will they now see it as immoral?

In truth, Democrats in Congress will have only themselves to blame for the losses, at least if polls are to be believed. "Bill Clinton's problem is not a party problem, it is not a New Democratic problem, it's a Clinton problem," says Elaine Kamarck, a New Democrat and Gore adviser who teaches at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

But other ills, unrelated to Clinton's moral lapse, also threaten the free-market Democrats. The economic meltdowns in Russia and Asia have undermined the entire DLC notion of a global free market and an economic policy that operates separately from politics. In Russia, market reforms have flopped, and, in Asia, the sort of international organizations the DLC favors have proved powerless. And, if troubles abroad cause the U.S. economy to stumble, Clinton's ideas could be blamed. "It's hard to make the Third Way argument in a recession," former Clinton adviser Bill Galston says.

Blumenthal is an unlikely figure to be shaping Third Way politics. At Brandeis in the 1960s, he was part of Students for a Democratic Society. As a journalist, he opposed Al From's DLC and its centrist policies. Writing for tnr in 1992, he mentioned how Clinton resolved "the problem of the Democratic Leadership Council in his candidacy" essentially by rejecting a DLC strategy of a "Southern-based campaign of exclusionary strife that would be openly

critical of liberalism." He quoted a Clinton adviser as saying, "I don't think the DLC has much meaning."

More than an ideological lefty, however, Blumenthal is a loyalist. He operates like a Chicago precinct captain. In 1984, he worshiped Gary Hart, who had the "potential of making liberalism once again the country's dominant doctrine." When Clinton emerged as a contender, Blumenthal rushed to back him and, especially, his wife. He wrote paeans to Clinton in *tnr* and, later, in *The New Yorker*, infuriating colleagues by using his journalist status to do what amounted to opposition research for Clinton. Finally, his close ties to the first lady got him into the White House last year.

Hillary Clinton, herself from the Democratic left but searching for a legacy for her husband, had a say in giving the Third Way cause to Blumenthal. Blumenthal and the first lady traveled to Britain to discuss the international Third Way collaboration with Blair. He arranged a "thinkers' dinner" on the subject for the president and various academics. And, this summer, he assembled a meeting, chaired by the first lady, at the White House between New Democrats and labor Democrats to reach a truce and search for unifying themes.

These days, Sid, though a youthful 49, is graying at the temples, and he favors French cuffs and pinstripes. "I've changed because I've learned a lot," he said. "The situation has changed. We've now reached a point where the Democrats can be called the party of fiscal discipline."

The DLC, he told me, has shed its factionalism. And liberals have come to realize that the market needn't be the enemy. "It's a question of understanding new realities and seeing where the positive instrument of government might be used in this new framework," Blumenthal said. "The old solutions weren't wrong in an absolute sense. They'd just become creaky and outmoded." But the shift in Blumenthal's thinking, it seems to me, is more about his loyalty to the man than the idea. "Call it Clintonism," he said. "Clintonism has become the consensus position. Clintonism defines the Democratic Party." He told me this before Clinton's testimony and confession, when Democrats came to worry that Clintonism would define the party in an entirely different way.

Still, Blumenthal seemed intellectually impressive. Shortly thereafter, though, Sid was back in the dirt. The papers reported that Blumenthal had subpoenaed a number of conservative journalists as part of his lawsuit against Drudge, whose Internet rag falsely accused Blumenthal of wife-beating. The journalists were, as *The Wall Street Journal* noted, "Mr. Blumenthal's private enemies list," including *Weekly Standard* writers who love Sid-bashing. It was just the sort of heavy-handedness for which Blumenthal condemns Starr. A new round of Sid Vicious comments ensued, and Blumenthal, who loves to make such mischief, no doubt took it as an honor.

In that sense, Sid Blumenthal is much like the president he serves. One loves women too much; the other hates conservatives too much. Both feel persecuted and misunderstood. And both are capable of great things--if only they could stay out of the muck.

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Pruden on Politics

By Wesley Pruden



The path to power for Hillary Rodham

The Clinton administration is a lot like the Vietnam War.

Association with Bill Clinton, like participation in the war he successfully dodged, has no power to make a reputation, but it has ruined dozens.

Hillary Rodham Clinton intends to be the exception. First, she has to overcome some legal arguments of her own invention.

Mrs. Clinton — or Mrs. Rodham, or Mzz Rodham, if she prefers — stands in a unique place in the history of the presidency. Twenty-four years ago, as a 26-year-old lawyer freshly minted at Yale, she joined the staff of the Nixon impeachment committee and was assigned to research the Constitution to find the grounds on which to drive Richard Nixon from office. She applied herself to the task with a partisan zeal missing in the ranks of the Republicans researching the case against Bill Clinton.

Now she's willing to adopt any role — tough advocate, abused wife, helpless little woman, political strategist, shrew-in-chief — to keep her husband in office until conditions ripen for a resignation.

Miss Hillary, one of 43 lawyers who found work on the House Judiciary Committee's special impeachment inquiry staff, looked first in 1974 to see who had been impeached in the past, for what, and how.

There wasn't a lot to go on. Andrew Johnson is the most famous officeholder to be impeached, in 1868 on the grounds that he had dismissed certain Cabinet officers favored by the Radical Republicans, who were determined to inflict maximum ruin on the 11 Confederate states.

Most of what she found was outlined in an unsigned chapter of an early staff report about the impeachment of federal judges. She found a caution there: These past impeachments do not "fit neatly and logically into categories."

But Congress, she was sure, could impeach an officeholder for "exceeding the constitutional bounds of the powers of the office . . . [for] behaving in a manner grossly incompatible with the proper function and purpose of the office; and . . . [for] employing the power of the office for an improper purpose, or for personal gain."

A lot of constitutional scholars, and certainly most wives, would find in those stipulations ample grounds for impeaching a voluptuary-in-chief who has behaved in "a manner grossly incom-



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patible with the proper function and purpose of the office . . ."

The arguments Miss Hillary studied so diligently that summer stressed that the House had placed less emphasis on criminal conduct than on how an official "violated his duties or his oath or seriously undermined public confidence in his ability to perform his official functions."

President Ford believed that Congress can impeach a judge, or a president, on any grounds it chooses. This seems about right. A shrewd man poses this hypothetical: Suppose, on Dec. 8, 1941, President Roosevelt announced that he had been planning a vacation cruise to South America, to be gone for a month, and despite the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, he intended to go ahead with his plans to take a break from the pressures of office. He certainly would have committed no crime, felonious or otherwise, if he had done that. But could anybody doubt that Congress would have been irresponsible if it had not impeached him for it?

And now Miss Hillary is playing defense, which is not nearly as much fun as playing offense, whether the game is football, politics or maybe even marriage. But sometimes the rewards are greater on defense (ask any Redskins defensive tackle who has recovered a fumble in the Dallas end zone, a politician who pounced on his opponent's fatal gaffe on Election Eve, or the suffering wife who at last found the incriminating Holiday Inn receipt in her philandering husband's pants pocket).

Some home folks who know the Clintons best insist the solution is at hand for the mystery of why Miss Hillary, the tough feminist who brooks no insubordination, has recently portrayed herself as the abused little wife (nothing could be more humiliating for her). The White House spinners are working through the nights to invoke pity for her — pity that can be converted to sympathy, then to admiration, finally to affection.

That's when Bill Clinton will talk resignation, first with Al Gore, to arrange Miss Hillary's succession to vice president. Only the Republican majority in the Senate — the toughest Stonewall Brigade this side of Saddam Hussein's Republican Guard — would then stand between Hillary on her path to ultimate power. Mr. Gore would know better, but he would understand that this would be his last chance to be president.

The nation that got Bill Clinton's baby-boomer presidency as the inevitable legacy of the Vietnam War would get Hillary Rodham as the legacy of Monica Lewinsky.

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Kennedy says Congress should not judge Clinton; hears Mrs. Clinton defending president

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PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) Congress should drop any attempt to impeach or censure President Clinton and he should not resign, U.S. Rep. Patrick Kennedy, D-R.I., said on the House floor and later to reporters.

Kennedy remarks Thursday went further than most of Clinton's staunchest congressional defenders as the president defends himself against allegations of perjury and other offenses stemming from his affair with a White House intern.

Clinton's behavior is ``better left to God and family than the Congress and the media to judge,'' The Providence Journal quoted Kennedy as saying.

Kennedy made his remarks as House lawmakers consider whether to vote next week to launch an impeachment inquiry, and after returning from a hurricane relief trip to Puerto Rico with first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

``It's not hard for anyone to see that she's certainly upset with this whole process, especially the unfairness of it all,'' Kennedy told The Boston Globe.

Kennedy declined to discuss specifics of Mrs. Clinton's private conversation with House Democrats during their flight over the Atlantic Ocean. Among the lawmakers were Reps. Charles Rangel of New York, Jim McDermott of Washington, George Miller of California, and Donald Payne of New Jersey.

Kennedy attributed Mrs. Clinton's anger in part ``to the prosecutorial misconduct of Ken Starr, his entrapping witnesses, his conflicts of interests, his political bias.''

Kennedy said Mrs. Clinton spoke pointedly to the House Democrats about trying to focus the midterm election debate on the differences in spending priorities between the two parties. But she placed special emphasis on working to block the impeachment process.

``She is obviously concerned about the country and the fact that this thing has been given such a green light by so many people without somebody saying, 'Stop, what in the world are you thinking?'' Kennedy said.

Previously, Kennedy had issued brief statements on the scandal since Clinton's nationally televised admissions of sexual misconduct and deceit on Aug. 17.

Some Democrats, fearing that ``another shoe'' will drop in the Clinton scandal before next month's elections, ``are looking to cover their political behinds'' by voting to look into the possibility of impeachment, Kennedy said.

``Are they going to draw the line against the inquiry?'' he challenged.

In rejecting the option of an impeachment inquiry, Kennedy paraphrased Harvard constitutional scholar Laurence Tribe, whom he has consulted in his study of the issue: ``Impeachment proceedings are just like pulling a fire alarm in a crowded room.''

He said the planned House vote is a politically motivated mistake that ``will make it almost impossible to restore a sense of stability and order in this country.''

Kennedy said he has seen enough of Starr's report to know that he will vote against impeachment unless startling new evidence turns up.

Kennedy's harshest words were for Starr. He studded his speech and interviews with charges of ``smears'' of Clinton, ``illegal leaks'' of grand jury secrets and ``sexual McCarthyism.''

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Hillary Rodham Clinton came to South America to talk to women about women. And she triggered an outpouring of enthusiasm with her speeches to politically oriented audiences the first ladies of the hemisphere and the multiparty Women's Political Network in Uruguay.

But her campaign for women's rights to be addressed again Friday with a speech to 400 women of all socio-economic levels from all the Americas wasn't just about political success.

It was about money, too.

Not easy stuff, but the details: unsexy topics, like access to credit.

Such access ''is one of the surest ways to change women's lives around the world,'' enabling them to start their own businesses, generating income for their families, she told the Uruguayan women packed Thursday into an ornate ballroom of the Legislative Palace.

''Unfortunately, many commercial banks don't see women as good credit risks,'' she said, despite studies showing poor women paid off their debts at a rate of 95 percent to 99 percent.

What to do?

Change the attitudes of people with money, most of whom are ''educated, affluent men who don't think much of poor, uneducated women's chances to be economically independent,'' she said.

And that requires political power.

''Clearly, you cannot advance the cause of women without active participation by women in the political process,'' she said.

Changing attitudes of all kinds is essential, she said, revving up the intensity, and speed, of her speech.

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Of prime concern to her was what she called the 'old thinking' that women's issues concerned women's problems. In truth, she said, they are society's problems.

'It's not a women's issue to equip women to be self-sufficient and economically independent,' she said. 'That is an economic issue.'

'It is not a woman's issue to make sure domestic violence is treated as a crime. That is a legal issue,' she said, her rapid-fire delivery cut off by a burst of applause from the crowd.

Some women attending weren't quite sure what to expect before Mrs. Clinton arrived, but were anxious to see the woman simply called 'Hillary' in newspaper headlines even so far from home.

'I came to know her in a different way than I know her through the media,' said Monica Elena Travieso, a high school teacher from San Jose, 60 miles (95 kilometers) west of Montevideo, and a member of the left-leaning New Space party. 'I know she's a lawyer, I know she's worked a lot on civil rights issues,' she said, '... but I wanted a more human contact.'

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**PRESS SCHEDULE OF
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RE-SENDING: PLEASE NOTE PRE-SET TIME CHANGE FOR LUNCHEON

Washington, D.C. -- On Tuesday, October 6, 1998, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will make remarks at a luncheon hosted by the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse (NCPCA). The First Lady will be recognized by the NCPCA for her leadership in child abuse prevention and more specifically, for her work on the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997. Other honorees include Senators John Rockefeller IV and John Chafee, and Representatives Barbara Kennelly and Dave Camp.

In addition, NCPCA will salute a group of recording artists, including NCPCA Honorary Chairman Michael Bolton, for lending their talent and support to a new compact disc (CD), "Love Shouldn't Hurt." All artists' royalties from the CD, which will be released in early November, will directly benefit the NCPCA.

In the afternoon, the First Lady will present the National Endowment for the Arts' 1998 National Heritage Fellowships, the nation's most prestigious honor in the folk and traditional arts. The Endowment's eleven National Heritage Fellowships, which include a one-time award of \$10,000 each, will be awarded to fifteen artists from 10 states (two trios will share two fellowships among their members).

The ten 1998 National Heritage Fellowships will be awarded to: the Apsara Ensemble, dancers and musicians (VA/MD); Eddie Blazonczyk, polka bandleader (IL); Dale Calhoun, boat builder (TN); Bruce Caesar, silversmith (OK); Tony de la Rosa, accordionist (TX); the Epstein Brothers, klezmer musicians (FL); Sophie George, beadworker (OR); Nadjeschda Overgaard, needleworker (IA); Harilaos Papapostolou, Greek chanter (MD); Roebuck "Pops" Staples, gospel/bluesman (IL); and Claude Williams, jazz fiddler (MO).

EVENT: National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse Awards Luncheon
DATE: October 6, 1998
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Room G50, Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC

Press Notes

This event is open to the press. Lighting and a mult is provided. Throw is approximately 40'.

Pre-set: 10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Final access: 12:30 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Credentialing Information

No pre-credentialing is required. Press should come to the 1st and C Streets entrance of the Dirksen building. The NCPA will have a press check-in outside of Room G50. Press must show standard press identification to gain access to this event. The on-site contact is Wendy Arends.

**EVENT: National Endowment for the Arts' National Heritage Fellowship
Awards Ceremony**

DATE: October 6, 1998

TIME: 3:15 p.m.

LOCATION: The East Room
The White House

Press Notes

This event is open press. Any press who would like to cover the event who are not currently White House passholders, should fax their name, date of birth and social security number on company letter head to 202/456-7805 **no later than 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 1998** to be cleared to cover the event. There will be an escort from the White House Briefing Room at 1:15 p.m. to pre-set and at 3:00 p.m. for final access. Lighting and a mult is provided. Throw is approximately 50'.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 5, 1998

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**PRESS SCHEDULE OF
FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1998**

Washington, D.C. -- On Monday, October 5, 1998, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will visit the Baltimore and Annapolis (B&A) Trail in Severna Park, Maryland.

The First Lady will announce a new national program of the White House Millennium Council, the "Millennium Trails" initiative. Millennium Trails, the second major initiative that the White House Millennium Council is undertaking with its federal partners, is dedicated to making connections between people, their land, their history and their culture. The national program will focus on celebrating, extending and creating nature, historic and cultural trails to "honor the past and imagine the future," as part of America's legacy for the year 2000. The project is a partnership of the White House Millennium Council, the Department of Transportation and its partner, Rails to Trails Conservancy, a national non-profit organization.

EVENT: Kickoff of Millennium Trails Project
DATE: October 5, 1998
TIME: 3:30 p.m.
LOCATION: The Baltimore and Annapolis Trail
Ranger Station
Earleigh Heights Road
Severna Park, MD

Press Notes

Prior to the program, the First Lady will walk a section of the B&A trail. There will be photo-op of the trail walk pool press only. Pool is comprised of AP photographer, Baltimore Sun photographer, and WBAL-TV (contact Brendan O'Connell 410/467-7444). The program is open to the press. Throw for photo-op is approximately 55'. Lighting and a mult is provided. Throw is approximately 50'.

Pre-set: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Final access: 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Credentialing Information

No pre-credentialing is required. Press covering this event must show standard press identification at police check-point before parking and gaining access to the event. Due to road closing for the event, press should clear check point by 2:45 p.m. Press and truck parking is available on site, beyond the check point, at the B&A Trail Ranger Station. The on-site contact is Rob Rosen.

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October 1, 1998

TV REPORT- HIGHLIGHTS NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

UCTV- Catholic University of Chile (Channel 13):	Conservative
TVN - National Television of Chile (Channel 7):	Government-owned but financially autonomous
Megavision (Channel 9):	Privately-owned (Televisa owns 49%)
Chilevision (Channel 11):	Privately-owned (major U.S./Venezuelan company "Tbero-American Media Partners" share)
La Red (Channel 4):	Privately-owned (Mexican Television Azteca majority share)
Canal 2 (Channel 2):	Privately-owned (major U.S./Venezuelan company "Tbero-American Media Partners" share)

FLOTUS VISIT

UCTV ran a story on the First Lady's visit to Santiago for the closing of the VIII Summit of First Ladies of the Americas, emphasizing the tight security ring surrounding her at all times that made her inaccessible to the press. Excerpts from her remarks during the signing ceremony saying: "It is up to all of us to eliminate those inequities -- and bridge the gaps that will enable every woman to feel she has a stake in her future and a responsibility to help her society and nation flourish."

Megavision's story emphasized the fact that she arrived late to the Summit and even to the conference, and the tight security ring protecting her at all times. "...She didn't make great impact on photographers and journalists, so she didn't win the prize for the best dressed..." *Megavision* ran the moment when she shook hands with the Cuban representative during the event at the Museum. Also, they showed the Argentine Figuretti sitting at the conference holding a cigar, while the First Lady was delivering her remarks. He was surrounded by security guards in order to prevent him from doing anything improper, said the reporter. The story also mentioned the electronic flaw at the conference with the interpretation devices, so "not even the U.S. Ambassador's or the Chilean First Lady's efforts could allow her hear the interpretation..."

TVN carried two stories on Hillary Rodham Clinton's visit: one emphasized the strong surveillance and security surrounding her at all times; surprisingly, she traveled in the bus with the rest of the First Ladies while her motorcade followed "probably in an attempt to distract." The second story reported on her speech at the Conference, pointing out she always kept a smile in her face. "In her remarks she underlined the importance of women assuming positions of power and leadership ... Her words generated great applause, and people even stood up, maybe as

a way to give her their support," the reporter said.
TVN's late news cast edition *Medianoche* carried the same story.

Canal 2 reported Hillary Rodham Clinton's participation gave "a touch" to the Summit, and mentioned her remarks saying there won't be a real democracy if women don't have a place in power and leadership. The story said her short visit didn't allow her address the Klugman case, as editorials in the U.S. press had requested. Also, Canal 2 criticized the Summit: "It's not too clear whether it's worth anything."

Chilevision's anchorwoman introduced the story saying that during the closing day of the Summit all attention was focused on the FLOTUS, and pointed out that the tight security surrounding her didn't allow the press to approach and ask her about the Lewinsky case.

La Red said the Summit didn't include the abortion issue and interviewed several First Ladies on this matter. In its *Puntos de Vista* news show La Red carried a very biased and ironical story: the introduction showed their reporter standing at the airport at 3:00 in the morning criticizing the U.S. officials for misleading everyone by saying that she would arrive at 4:00 a.m. "She always had an attitude of 'nothing has happened here'." And by showing her when sitting at the conference, the reporter said: "No one knows what she thinks about her husband ... the woman who was cheated on returned to her husband, where she is being forced not to make any comments." In an ironic tone, anchorman Nicolas Vergara said this time there sure was an equal treatment for all press. "Simply, the press people didn't have a chance to approach the First Lady."

KLUGMAN

TVUC carried the story on Mark Klugmann's former spouse, Marlene Martinez, reporting that she identified one of her kidnappers.

CONTRERAS

Canal 2, Megavision, Chilevision reported "Gendarmeria" said ex DINA Director Manuel Contreras and Brigadier Espinoza's requests for bail were denied.
TVN's *Medianoche* had General Contreras' attorney Humberto Neuman on the set.

GREENSPAN

UCTV ran a story on the effects of U.S. Federal Reserve's decision to reduce U.S. interest rates. Chilean economists consider it a positive signal but are more concerned by what may happen in Brazil.



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PRESS SUMMARY

Thursday, October 1, 1998

Newspapers/Magazines

Mercurio Group

El Mercurio : Conservative, influential, Santiago newspaper-of-record
 La Segunda : Popular, conservative, afternoon Santiago daily
 Las Ultimas Noticias : Conservative, popular Santiago daily

Copesa Group

La Tercera : Leading-circulation, popular, conservative, Santiago daily
 La Hora : Popular, conservative, afternoon Santiago daily
 La Cuarta : Sensationalist, popular Santiago daily
 Que Pasa : Conservative news weekly

Other

La Nación : Government-owned, editorially independent
 Estrategia : Leading-circulation financial Santiago daily
 El Diario : Santiago financial daily
 El Sur : Influential, conservative, regional daily (Concepción)
 News Review : English language publication
 Hoy : Christian Democrat-affiliated weekly news magazine
 Ercilla : Conservative bi-weekly news magazine

FLOTUS

El Mercurio: Front page photograph of the U.S. First Lady as she is greeted by children at Museo Lo Matta: "Hillary Clinton ... spent some time with her counterparts of the Americas and the Caribbean in the closing event of the VIII First Ladies Conference. There she said that without a greater presence of women in important positions, democracy and progress cannot be consolidated."

Inside article: "Hillary Clinton ensured that 'democracy and prosperity cannot be achieved or sustained in those countries where women are not full and equal partners in society.' Her presence at this hemispheric conference created great expectation among those attending, and for the first time yesterday the conference center was filled. And perhaps as a sign of solidarity because of the difficult moment that she and her husband are going through, she received a standing ovation after her remarks. Hillary Clinton said that women had had an important role in the process of consolidation of democracy in the hemisphere, but said that some obstacles have yet to be overcome to assure that women can have access to positions of authority, leadership and power."

Las Ultimas Noticias: Captioned photograph of the U.S. First Lady: "The most powerful wife on the planet. Hillary Clinton just needed a few hours to become the figure of the First Ladies' Conference. There was much praise on her speech, intelligence and sober image, and no chance of asking her on the Lewinsky affair."

Inside article: "Hillary Stole the Summit."

Photographs of the First Lady as she is greeted by children at Museo Lo Matta and as she greets Marta Larracoechea at the Sheraton.

Hillary Clinton not only stole the attention of all the participants in the conference, but also her words got the most applause. The most important First Lady of the world spoke to the women of the Americas in a calm, firm and determined voice, calling on them to achieve more positions of power and leadership because otherwise "there will be a barrier in our road to

equality." Bill Clinton's wife stressed that "democracy and prosperity cannot be achieved or sustained in those nations where women are not equal and full partners in society. 'Unless we hear the voice of women, encourage them to participate as citizens and get the tools to be responsible for their own lives, and unless some of them have the courage to go forward as candidates and become leaders, we will never see the gains of democracy disseminated.'"

La Nacion: "Struggle for Women's Leadership." Photograph of the US First Lady as she is greeted by the children at Museo Lo Matta.

The U.S. First Lady opened the session on women's leadership with a speech... stressing the importance of the women's conference in Beijing in 1995. Hillary Clinton said that the decisions made in Beijing are transforming the Americas, "where more girls are sitting in classrooms, more mothers are visiting clinics, more women have their own businesses, where there are stronger and healthier children, and where there are more women who defend themselves against domestic violence."

La Cuarta: She came, looked around and left... At 10 am she entered the spotlight, among the nail-biting of the organizers of the event who had scheduled her participation for 9:30 am. After speaking to the women on "Women's Leadership," she signed an agreement of cooperation with Marta Larraecha and then was off to Museo Lo Matta. There, with other first ladies she visited the exhibit of paintings by local artists and kids [literally, 'smurfs'] from the Integra Foundation, signed the final declaration, and received a painting as a gift done by the kids and Gonzalo Cienfuegos. After the private munchies of the ladies, she got on the airplane around 4 pm and left to another 'purse and high heels' conference.

BILL CLINTON

El Mercurio: In spite of the problems that U.S. President Bill Clinton has had and his normally tight agenda, he took the time to send a thank-you letter to the Chilean firm "New York Bagel Bakery" on the service given to the president, his wife and the numerous delegation that accompanied him during the Second Summit of the Americas. Full text of thank you letter is published.

KLUGMANN

Las Ultimas Noticias: Klugmann's wife Marlene recognized one of the men that abducted her. The government of Chile did not seem to have realized the true dimension of this case, which acquired an international touch when two U.S. editorials called on Hillary Clinton to come forward in favor of the U.S. citizen and his family.

La Nacion: The Washington Times and the New York Post editorialized yesterday on the Klugmann case and his ex-wife, requesting First Lady Hillary intercede before the Chilean government.

La Hora (9/30): Both editorials make the same mistake, since they talk about a business between Endesa España and Enersis of 30 billion dollars. The Washington Times's mistake is even greater since it says Enersis was privatized in 1996. Both newspapers agree that the control of the private firm was left in the hands of those who were in charge of the process and that the money went to the seven directors of the group in control.

La Nacion: Editorial on Klugmann case: "It must be taken into consideration that Klugmann, after the first abduction, not only reported the incident to Carabineros, but also sent a public letter to the media, asked for a secret meeting with the committee in the Chamber of Deputies investigating the Enersis case, and informed the U.S. embassy. However, the campaign of intimidation against Martinez has gone on for over a year, which leads one to believe that those behind this either are or feel powerful.

"Because of this, the U.S. embassy even said that the security of its citizens was not sufficiently assured in Chile [sic], which certainly seems to be out of line, as the Foreign Ministry noted Whatever the interests hiding here are, it is necessary that the courts act with enough strength to find those responsible."

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CLAUSURADA CUMBRE HEMISFERICA. — La esposa del Presidente de EE.UU., Hillary Clinton, compartió por algunas horas con sus pares de América y el Caribe en la jornada de clausura de la VIII Conferencia de Primeras Damas. Aseguró allí que sin una mayor presencia de la mujer en cargos de relevancia, la democracia y el progreso no podrán consolidarse. En la fotografía, Hillary Clinton y María Larrachea saludan a unos pequeños que participaron del programa "Pintando con los Niños de las Américas" durante la exposición de sus obras en el Museo Casas de Lo Matta. (C.I.)

EL MERCURIO

Primeras Damas: Instan a Acrecentar Derechos De la Mujer

- Cumbre de Santiago finalizó ayer. Vehemente llamado de Hillary Clinton.
- Avión de la Fach que llevaba de regreso a diez participantes centroamericanas retornó a Santiago por falla mecánica.

Su más firme voluntad de seguir promoviendo la igualdad de derechos, trato y oportunidades para las mujeres expresaron ayer las Primeras Damas de América y el Caribe, las cuales aseguraron que sin ello no será posible la consolidación de los procesos de desarrollo democráticos.

Para conseguir materializar lo anterior, las representantes de 28 países del hemisferio se comprometieron a apoyar los más diversos programas y políticas que fortalezcan las capacidades de la mujer, con énfasis en su liderazgo.

Tras tres días de trabajo, las Primeras Damas suscribieron —al concluir su octava conferencia— la Declaración de Santiago, en la cual reafirmaron su preocupación por los problemas que afectan especialmente a mujeres y jóvenes.

De ahí que hayan señalado que es urgente abordar en toda América el incremento de embarazos adolescentes y el aumento del contagio del Sida, cuestión que requiere para su solución del fortalecimiento de los programas de educación sexual, que se están impulsando hace años.

La VIII Cumbre Hemisférica de Primeras Damas fue clausurada por Marta Larraechea tras una intensa jornada marcada por la breve participación de la Primera Dama de Estados Unidos, Hillary Clinton, quien abogó por un mayor reconocimiento del papel fundamental que cumple la mujer en el desarrollo de la sociedad.

La esposa del Presidente Clinton, quien llegó a la capital en la madrugada y emprendió más tarde viaje a Uruguay para asistir a la conferencia "Voces Esenciales", se integró animadamente a las actividades del último día en el cual se debatió sobre el liderazgo femenino.

En la oportunidad, Hillary Clinton aseguró que la "democracia y prosperidad no pueden alcanzarse o sustentarse en los países donde no se valore a la mujer como socia plena e igual en la sociedad".

Su presencia en esta cumbre hemisférica generó grandes expectativas entre las asistentes y demás invitados, los que ayer por primera vez coparon la capacidad

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Instan a Acrecentar Derechos

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del centro de conferencia. Y quizás, como una muestra de solidaridad por el difícil momento que atraviesa ella y su marido, algunos aplaudieron de pie su intervención.

La jornada de ayer comprendió la firma de dos convenios de cooperación entre Estados Unidos y Chile destinados a otorgar 30 becas a estudiantes extranjeros en Chile de posgrado y financiar un programa de apoyo a los gobiernos locales por un monto de 5 millones de dólares.

Si bien muchas de las esposas de Jefes de Estado y delegadas emprendieron su regreso ayer, otras como la Primera Dama de Paraguay, se quedarán en Santiago hasta esta tarde.

El martes en la noche, no obstante, se retiraron debido a diversos compromisos en sus países las representantes de Argentina, Brasil y Colombia, quienes no pudieron asistir formalmente a la firma de la Declaración de Santiago.

Por ello tampoco recibieron de regalo uno de los tantos óleos que famosos artistas chilenos y niños de centros de asistencia de Integra elaboraron especialmente para esta ocasión, en el marco del programa "Pintando con los Niños de las Américas".

La mayor parte de las asistentes a esta cumbre se reencontrarán el próximo año en Toronto, Canadá, ocasión donde tendrán que dar cuenta del avance de los muchos programas que se han ido implementando en el marco de la conferencia. Las mismas acordaron reunirse el año 2000 en Haití.

La Primera Dama de Estados Unidos tuvo pocas oportunidades de interactuar con sus pares debido a su apretada agenda y por ello, sus únicas palabras fueron pronunciadas en el marco de la conferencia.

Al exponer sobre la promoción de los derechos de la mujer para una completa participación en la sociedad, Hillary Clinton afirmó que en el proceso de consolidación de las democracias en el hemisferio las mujeres cumplieron un papel significativo en "esas victorias arduamente alcanzadas".

Sin embargo, aseguró que aún se deben superar grandes obstáculos para asegurar que las mujeres puedan acceder a cargos de autoridad, liderazgo y poder. Indicó que en el plano de la toma de las decisiones se expresa un notorio retraso, detrás de los logros alcanzados en su contribución a la fuerza laboral.

"Estamos frente a un gran momento de oportunidad para la mujer en posiciones de liderazgo. Y, alrededor de todo el mundo, nos estamos dando cuenta de que si las voces de las mujeres no son escuchadas, si no son estimuladas a participar de manera completa como ciudadanas, a no ser que se les

entreguen las herramientas para responsabilizarse de sus propias vidas; a no ser que tengan la valentía de presentarse para ocupar cargos públicos y hacerse cargo de sus posiciones de liderazgo, jamás veremos los frutos de la democracia extendidos con la amplitud y profundidad que deberían tener", dijo.

Hillary Clinton reconoció que muchos países han ido mucho más allá que Estados Unidos en el proceso de aumentar el porcentaje de mujeres representantes y líderes, pero añadió que aún se debe llegar más lejos.

DECLARACION DE SANTIAGO

El documento final elaborado por la secretaria protempore de la cumbre resalta los avances que las Primeras Damas han detectado en varios de los programas que se vienen desarrollando en pos de la erradicación de la violencia intrafamiliar, la mortalidad materna, la erradicación del sarampión y la educación de los infantes.

Asimismo, sostiene que se deben incrementar los trabajos de coordinación en pos de los adultos mayores, y postula como urgente asumir nuevas iniciativas para evitar los embarazos adolescentes y el contagio del Sida.

El texto fue suscrito por todas las presentes, incluida la esposa del Primer Ministro español, Ana Botella de Aznar, y el único traspié verificado en el acto generó una sonora carcajada de los asistentes, pues el locutor de la ceremonia olvidó invitar a la anfitriona de la cumbre, Marta Larraechea, a estampar su firma en el documento junto a sus pares.

DESPERFECTO EN AVION

Anoche, el avión de la Fuerza Aérea que trasladaba a las diez Primeras Damas de Centroamérica y el Caribe sufrió un desperfecto, presumiblemente en el tren de aterrizaje, que motivó su regreso al aeropuerto internacional Arturo Merino Benítez.

El avión había despegado a las 20.50 horas transportando a las Primeras Damas de Haití, Honduras, Guyana, República Dominicana, Guatemala, El Salvador, Santa Lucía, Surinam, Trinidad y Tobago y Venezuela.

El aparato aterrizó en el terminal aéreo sin problemas y las Primeras Damas esperaron en el salón VIP, donde fueron visitadas por el Director de Orden y Seguridad de Carabineros, general Jorge Bahamondes. Posteriormente, la aeronave tras las revisiones mecánicas realizó vuelos de prueba, pero se determinó, finalmente, que las Primeras Damas retornaran al Hotel Sheraton.

LA TERCERA

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● En su discurso ante la conferencia continental, la Primera Dama norteamericana animó a las mujeres a ocupar puestos de liderazgo.



● Hillary compartió con los pequeños de la Fundación Intere en el programa "América pinta con los niños".

Última jornada de la Cumbre de Esposas de Jefes de Estado

Las agitadas 15 horas de Hillary Clinton en Chile

● En el discurso más esperado de la conferencia continental, dijo que la mujer aún no sustenta "suficientes posiciones de autoridad, liderazgo y poder".

Llegó, hizo su discurso, firmó la Declaración de Santiago y se fue rumbo a Uruguay. Tan fugaz como esas 15 horas fue el paso de Hillary Clinton, esposa del Presidente de Estados Unidos, por Chile. Pero no fue vacío: en su intervención ante la Octava Conferencia de Esposas y Jefas de Estado de las Américas hizo un vehemente llamado a las mujeres a involucrarse en las posiciones de poder. Porque, aseguró, es la única manera de que la democracia se extienda amplia y profundamente.

La Primera Dama norteamericana puso así su sello a la cita continental, a la que sólo se incorporó en su tercer y último día, después de múltiples postergaciones y atrasos.

La señora Clinton acompañada de su séquito de guardias de seguridad llegó al salón de conferencias del Hotel Sheraton con evidentes huellas de cansancio en su rostro. Las pocas horas que alcanzó a reposar hicieron lo suyo, aunque no por ello dejó de verse sonriente en forma casi permanente e impecable con su traje dos piezas gris.

Tratando a sus colegas como a viejas amigas —esta es la cuarta conferencia de este tipo a la que asiste—, Hillary saludó afectuosamente a su anfitriona, Marta Larraechea de Frei,



● Tras una preñita revisión del avión FACH en que viajaban las 10 primeras damas, se informó en el aeropuerto que en la emergencia no existió peligro para los pasajeros ni la tripulación.

Emergencia en avión con 10 primeras damas

El avión de la FACH que trasladaba a las 10 primeras damas de Centroamérica y el Caribe sufrió anochecer un desperfecto que motivó su regreso al aeropuerto internacional de Santiago. Los pilotos de la nave constataron en pleno vuelo —a través de una señal de alerta en la cabina— una presunta falla en el tren de aterrizaje, situación que derivó en el regreso al terminal aéreo capitalino, a las 23.40 horas, sin problemas. El avión había despegado a las 22.50 horas transportando a las primeras damas de Haití, Honduras, Guyana, República Dominicana, Guatemala, El Salvador, Santa Lucía, Surinam, Trinidad y Tobago y Venezuela. Posteriormente, se vieron diversas alternativas tanto para reemprender el viaje en otra nave como en el mismo avión, ya reparado, pero finalmente, a la una de la madrugada, se resolvió cancelar el vuelo y las damas retornaron a su lugar de hospedaje, en el Hotel Sheraton, donde llegaron a las 2.00. Empezarían hoy a las 11 horas, en otro vuelo FACH el regreso a sus respectivos países.

quien la recibió de abrazo y beso.

CAMINO A LA IGUALDAD

El discurso de Hillary Clinton fue el más esperado. Los asistentes, gracias a receptores de traducción

simultáneos, siguieron atentamente sus palabras, en las que predominaron términos como "mujer", "participación", "poder", "liderazgo" y "oportunidades". Al final sacó grandes aplausos —hasta de pie, pero no sólo por el contenido, sino

también por el intento de verla mejor.

A su juicio, pese a que ha habido grandes progresos en la participación de la mujer en la toma de decisiones, aún queda un largo camino por recorrer. "Una de las más grandes barreras en nuestro camino a la igualdad es que las mujeres aún no sustentan suficientes posiciones de autoridad, liderazgo y poder. La participación de la mujer en la toma de decisiones está a la zaga de nuestros logros en educación, nuestros contribuciones a la fuerza laboral y nuestra participación en las organizaciones y actividades básicas".

Añadió que "la democracia y la prosperidad no se pueden lograr ni sustentar en aquellos países que no valoren a la mujer como socio igualitario y pleno de la sociedad".

La siguiente actividad de Hillary en nuestro país fue la suscripción de dos convenios de cooperación con Chile, los que firmó en compañía de Marta Larraechea. Esta última, al momento de hacer un satisfactorio balance de la "gran jornada" de la conferencia, manifestó que esta "marca la consolidación definitiva de nuestro sitio en la promoción de las políticas sociales de nuestros gobiernos".

Cerca del mediodía, las primeras damas y delegadas se trasladaron hasta el Museo Casas de la Milla. Antes de suscribir la Declaración de Santiago, las participantes admiraron los cuadros que resultaron de la experiencia "América pinta con los niños". Cada una recibió uno de esos cuadros. Con la firma de la declaración y la despedida oficial de Marta Larraechea, la conferencia llegó a su fin.

Claudia Cerro T.

HILLARY "ALEONA" A MUJERES 'MAS PODER'

9/30/98



SONRISA PERMANENTE ha lucido durante toda su visita de horas a nuestro país.

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● Dos diarios norteamericanos piden hoy a Hillary que intervenga en Caso Klugmann

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En su primer y único día de visita en Chile

Hillary Clinton llamó a las mujeres a conseguir más 'poder y liderazgo'

● "Una de las barreras más grandes en nuestro camino hacia la igualdad es que las mujeres aún no sustentan suficientes puestos de poder y liderazgo", recalcó en su discurso ante el resto de las Primeras Damas.

● "A no ser que algunas tengan el valor de presentarse como candidatas y ser líderes, jamás veremos que los frutos de la democracia puedan diseminarse".

● Prensa no pudo hacerle preguntas, pues no se efectuó la anunciada conferencia de prensa conjunta con Marta Larraechea.

Un llamado a que las mujeres del continente sustenten más posiciones de poder y liderazgo —pues le lo contrario habrá una "barrera en nuestro camino hacia la igualdad"— hizo esta mañana Hillary Clinton, en el discurso con que inauguró la tercera y última jornada de la Cumbre de Primeras Damas.

La esposa del Presidente norteamericano, quien llegó a la 1:15 de esta madrugada al país, procedente de Puerto Rico, arribó a las 9:30 de la mañana en el hotel Sheraton, sede de la Octava Conferencia de Esposas de Jefes de Estado y de Gobierno. A las 10:30 horas después comenzó su intervención, en medio de la expectación de sus perlas, de las declaraciones y de la numerosa prensa que se hizo presente hoy con motivo de su presencia.

Destacó ejemplos de Perú, Colombia y Nicaragua

En su intervención, Hillary Clinton destacó que la democracia y la prosperidad no se pueden lograr ni sostener en aquellos países que no valoran a la mujer como un socio igualitario y pleno de la sociedad". Dijo que, por ejemplo, la igualdad en el acceso a la salud, la educación y las oportunidades económicas no sólo permitirán las mujeres llegar a ejercer un liderazgo, sino que le otorgan confianza en su capacidad de hacerlo. "Una de las barreras más grandes en nuestro camino hacia la igualdad es que las mujeres aún no sustentan suficientes puestos de poder y liderazgo", insistió.

Agregó que la voluntad en este sentido no sólo deben mostrarla los gobiernos, pues "las mujeres han desempeñado papeles importantes en estas victorias tan difíciles para lograr el poder y la democracia". Destacó los ejemplos de alcaldesas de Perú y Colombia, quienes han desarrollado talleres para mujeres, y se han constituido en plataformas de apoyo para sus comunidades. También llamó a se valoren de las Presidentas mujeres que ha tenido el continente, como Violeta Chamorro en Nicaragua.

También celebró Cumbre chilena

En otra parte de su discurso, que duró unos 12 minutos, Hillary destacó la importancia de que esta



JUNTAS en sus escritorios, Marta Larraechea, durante la firma de un programa de cooperación. Al lado, en un momento de su intervención ante el resto de las Primeras Damas.

Con la sonrisa pintada, pero sin responder preguntas

Completamente resguardada para que la prensa no pudiera acceder a ella en ningún momento, Hillary Clinton participó más tarde en la firma de un programa de cooperación para países de Las Américas, sin responder ninguna pregunta sobre el caso Lewinsky y el futuro de su esposo Bill Clinton.

La Primera Dama de Estados Unidos, quien lucía un traje gris de dos piezas abotonado y con cuello alto, se mostró muy contenta por estar por tercera vez en Chile y por el cariño del pueblo chileno.

Hillary se mostró en todo momento sonriente, en una actitud que pareció estudiada para que los fotógrafos no fueran a captar las secuelas de lo que le ha tocado vivir durante los últimos meses. Su discurso estuvo centrado en lo que significará para los países de América el programa de cooperación que cuenta con aportes financieros de la agencia de los Estados Unidos para el Desarrollo Internacional, que entre otros contempla la creación de becas de desarrollo entre su país y Chile.

Durante la firma de los programas, Hillary conversó amistosamente al lado con el embajador de Estados Unidos, John O'Leary, mientras la esposa de éste trataba de ingresar junto a sus dos hijas al salón del Hotel Sheraton. (Continúa en página 12)

Octava Conferencia se realice en Chile, sede de la anterior Cumbre de las Américas. Hizo ver que ésta es la cuarta reunión de este tipo a la que asiste en su calidad de Primera Dama, y que por la información que le han entregado sus asistentes, sabía que ésta había sido "muy productiva".

Destacó, además, que las reuniones anteriores y la Cumbre de Beijing han servido para cambiar la actitud en torno a estos temas, y fomentar la incorporación cada vez mayor de la mujer en la sociedad. "A no ser que se escuche la voz de la mujer, que se le aliente a participar como ciudadanas y reciban las herramientas para responsabilizarse por sus propias vidas, y a no ser que algunas tengan el valor de presentarse como candidatas y ser líderes, jamás veremos que los frutos de la democracia puedan diseminarse", subrayó.

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PRIMERAS DAMAS se lucieron en cena oficial del Castillo Hidalgo

Con la animación de la humorista Natalia Cuevas y la presencia de más de 300 invitados, las Primeras Damas que asistieron a la Octava Conferencia de Esposas de Jefes de Estado disfrutaron mucho de la cena oficial que les ofrecieron sus anfitriones, Eduardo Frei y Marta Larraechea, en el Castillo Hidalgo del Cerro Santa Lucía.

Al evento no asistieron la Primera Dama de Estados Unidos, Hillary Rodham Clinton, la invitada especial Eunice Kennedy, ni la representante de Brasil, Ruth Correia Leite. Esta última tuvo que viajar a su país para participar en las elecciones presidenciales.

Las primeras en llegar, justo a las 8 de la noche, fueron el senador José Antonio Viera-Gallo y el empresario Felipe Larraechea. Además, se divisó a ministros de Estado, embajadores y delegaciones oficiales.

El menú estuvo a cargo del banquero Juan Pablo Johnson, y —según los invitados— se disfrutó de una velada sencilla y relajada.

Entre quienes destacaron por su vestimenta, los aplausos se los llevó la representante de Honduras, Mary Fluke de Flores, quien —aunque no lució el traje del año pasado— llegó igual de elegante a la cena. Entre las invitadas primó el traje dos piezas, de colores tomatal y florados.

El popular Figuerelli, de la TV argentina, bromeó con todas ellas, pero las únicas que le contestaron fueron su compatriota Teresa Fernández y Ana Botella de Aznar.



La más elegante de todas, Mary Fluke de Flores (Honduras), apareció sin chaqueta. En la foto, junto a los anfitriones Eduardo Frei y Marta Larraechea.



Foto: Corina Gladio López



Siguiendo la línea de Marta Larraechea, la Primera Dama de Paraguay, Mirta Buzinsky de Cubas, vistió un traje tomatal.

Muy sonriente y relajada, la invitada especial a esta Cumbre, Ana Botella de Aznar.



Una linda Paola Mahuad, de Ecuador, llegó a la cena oficial de anoche. En la foto, sonríe junto al Presidente Frei.



La única que lució pantalón en la velada fue la Primera Dama de Haití, Geri Benoit Préval.



La representante de Guatemala, Patricia Escobar de Arzú, junto al director de Protocolo, Juan Pablo Lira.

La Hora



HILLARY DE PASO POR CHILE

La Primera Dama de EE.UU. participó esta mañana del encuentro de esposas de jefes de Estado que se desarrolla en Santiago. Dos diarios de su país le pidieron que en su breve estada intercediera ante el Gobierno chileno por el caso que afecta a su compatriota Mark Klugmann.

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► Cerca de las 10 horas se hizo presente en evento programado para las 9.30 Y Hillary se hizo esperar...

Dicen que de lo bueno poco, y parece que Hillary Clinton se lo crea. Porque por mucho que la Octava Conferencia de Esposas de Jefes de Estado y de Gobierno de las Américas haya retrasado sus actividades de hoy sólo para aguardar su presencia, la esposa de Bill Clinton -Presidente de Estados Unidos- siguió haciéndose esperar hasta el final.

Ayer no estuvo en la foto oficial. Tampoco en la cena de gala, así que todas las expectativas estaban puestas en la intervención que haría hoy en la cita continental y que estaba fijada para las 9.30 de esta mañana. Sin embargo, sólo cerca de las 10 asomó su galante presencia en el salón San Cristóbal del Hotel Sheraton. La Primera Dama estadounidense venía rodeada por un numeroso dispositivo de seguridad. Hombres de mirada dura y hablar esoso, acostumbrados a actuar rápido y a escuchar órdenes en los sofisticados aparatos de comunicación que adornan sus orejas.

MUJER Y SOCIEDAD

El rostro de Hillary delataba aún las huellas del cansancio. El vuelo que la trajo anoche desde Puerto Rico sólo le permitió descansar unas pocas horas en el Hotel Hyatt. Aún así, lucía compuesta y elegante. Su pelo rubio, ahora corto, estaba impecable, igual que el traje gris perla de dos piezas con el que ingresó al salón de la conferencia. Saludó a sus colegas como a viejas amigas, en especial a su anfitriona Marta Larraechea de Frei, y luego se instaló en su asiento a la espera de iniciar su ponencia.

Refiriéndose a la "Promoción de los derechos de la mujer para una participación plena en la sociedad", la señora



Quince minutos duró la intervención de Hillary, bajo la atenta mirada de Marta Larraechea. Al lado, la Primera Dama norteamericana aprovecha un descanso para beber un poco de agua.

Clinton hizo una extensa alusión al rol social de la mujer. Según dijo, pese a que "hemos progresado bastante", aún quedan muchos obstáculos que superar hasta llegar a considerar a la mujer en el rol que corresponde y que definió como "socioguitario y pleno en la sociedad".

Hillary Clinton destacó que en muchos países del continente "han hecho bastante más que el mío" para asegurar la participación de la mujer en el poder. Y aunque aclaró que el respaldo de las leyes es importante, hizo hincapié en que lo que realmente permitirá abrir las puertas que hasta hoy permanecen cerradas, es un cambio de actitud real hacia las capacidades y potencialidades de la mujer.

Los asistentes a la conferencia, especialmente mujeres, siguieron con atención sus palabras gracias a los receptores de traducción simultánea. Al término del discurso -que duró unos 15 minutos- Hillary fue aplaudida de pie... claro que no sólo por el contenido de su intervención, sino como un intento de poder verla.

La Primera Dama estadounidense

siguió con atención el resto de las ponencias de la mañana, hasta que llegó el momento de trasladarse al salón Valdivia, donde llegó junto a Marta Larraechea, dos convenios de cooperación entre ambas naciones (ver recuadro).

Las Primeras Damas y representantes continentales se dirigieron luego hacia el Museo Casas de Lo Matta, para firmar allí la Declaración de Santiago, último hito de esta conferencia.

CLAUDIA CÉNTO Y MARCELO PADILLA

La esperable Declaración de Santiago

Veinte puntos, sumamente previsibles, tiene la Declaración de Santiago, con la que las primeras damas pusieron fin a la VIII Conferencia de Esposas y Jefes de Estado y de Gobierno de las Américas. La suscripción se realizó pasado el mediodía en el Museo Casas de Lo Matta momentos antes de que las participantes admiraran los cuadros pintados por los niños de la Fundación Integra y connotados artistas americanos.

La declaración establece el compromiso de las primeras damas de contribuir más activamente a la solución de los problemas sociales

del continente, a través de la promoción de políticas y estrategias orientadas al fortalecimiento de la democracia, la protección y promoción de los derechos humanos de la mujer, el progreso hacia la estabilidad económica y la justicia social para las Américas.

Las primeras damas aceptaron el ofrecimiento de Canadá como sede para la próxima conferencia, en 1999, y reafirmaron su apoyo a las políticas destinadas a facilitar el acceso y participación de la mujer en la toma de decisiones, "como una de las formas más importantes de alcanzar nuestras metas".

Hoy en el País

Una febril mañana tras su arribo adelantado

El rostro de Hillary delataba aún las frías del oasano al llegar esta madrugada a Santiago. El vuelo que la trajo anoche desde Puerto Rico sólo le permitió descansar pocas horas en el Hotel Hyatt antes de entrar de lleno esta mañana a las actividades de la Conferencia de Primeras Damas.

Aunque Hillary Clinton retrasó el comienzo de la última jornada del encuentro continental, las actividades previstas se cumplieron normalmente esta mañana, pero había algo distinto en los salones del Sheraton: Estaban atestados con más guardias y equipos periodísticos.



Una nutrida escolta policial de funcionarios nacionales y norteamericanos acompañó sus desplazamientos por las calles de Santiago.

Las restricciones para la prensa aumentaron, sobre todo en cuanto a los desplazamientos de los periodistas, dentro del hotel. Y, lo más evidente, el número de funcionarios de seguridad se duplicó, pues a los efectivos de Carabineros se sumó la propia guardia personal de la señora Clinton.



Exclusivo 24 HORAS

Una hora de anticipación llegó a Chile la primera dama norteamericana.



Tras su arribo, conversa con el embajador de Estados Unidos en Chile, John O'Leary.

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Las Últimas Noticias

**La esposa
con más
poder en
el planeta**



A HILLARY CLINTON le bastaron unas horas para ser la figura de la Cumbre de Primeras Damas. Hubo muchos elogios para su discurso, su inteligencia y su sobria imagen, y ninguna posibilidad de preguntarle por el affaire Lewinsky.

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En el Museo Casas de Lo Matto, Hillary conoció experiencias artísticas infantiles antes de firmar la declaración oficial del encuentro.

Hillary se robó la Cumbre

En las escasas horas que la Primera Dama de Estados Unidos permaneció en el país, acaparó la atención y los aplausos de todos los asistentes a la reunión de esposas de los jefes de Estado de las Américas.



Hillary Clinton y Marta Larraechea, en un diálogo "a salvo" de preguntas periodísticas.

Hillary Clinton, literalmente, se robó la Cumbre de Primeras Damas. La esposa del Presidente de Estados Unidos no sólo acaparó la atención de todas las participantes a la reunión sino que su figura y sus palabras concentraron los mayores aplausos de todos los presentes en la conferencia que ayer concluyó.

Notoriamente más delgada, pero con la misma sobria elegancia de siempre (ayer lució un traje gris perla y nuevo corte de cabello) la Primera Dama más importante del mundo les habló a las mujeres de las Américas con voz serena, firme y decidida, llamándolas a sustentar más posiciones de poder y liderazgo, pues de lo contrario "habrá una barrera en nuestro camino hacia la igualdad".

La Primera Dama se dis-

curso de 15 minutos ante una sala que congregó a más de 300 periodistas, nacionales y extranjeros, todos pendientes de cada uno de sus movimientos y gestos.

La esposa de Bill Clinton destacó que "la democracia y la prosperidad no se pueden lograr ni sustentar en aquellos países que no valoran a la mujer como un socio igualitario y pleno de la sociedad". Hillary habla arribado a Chile a las 01:15 horas del miércoles y después de dormir algunas horas llegó ya más repuesta del viaje a iniciar su intervención en la Octava Conferencia de Esposas de Jefes de Estado y Gobierno, organizada por Marta Larraechea.

Un centenar de guardaspalas, que llegó con ella en el avión presidencial-estadouniden-

se, se sumó a otras decenas de agentes de la Casa Blanca y unos 300 carabineros que ayer se aglutinaron en torno a la figura de Hillary para, de paso, impedir cualquier posibilidad de que la prensa pudiera acercarse a ella y menos hacerle alguna pregunta indiscreta sobre su actual situación frente al escándalo sexual de su marido.

Hillary se mostró en todo momento sonriente y muy amable, pero tampoco permitió la menor posibilidad de que se le hiciera alguna pregunta. Destacó en su discurso que "a no ser que se escuche la voz de la mujer, que se la aliente a participar como ciudadana y reciba las herramientas para responsabilizarse por sus propias vidas, y a no ser que algunas tengan el valor de

presentarse como candidatas y ser líderes, jamás veremos que los frutos de la democracia puedan diseminarse".

ACUERDOS

La Declaración de Santiago, firmada en el Museo Casas de Lo Matto, que contiene las 20 conclusiones a que llegaron las Primeras Damas después de tres días de trabajo, acordaron orientar sus esfuerzos "al apoyo y promoción de políticas y estrategias sociales consistentes con los acuerdos y las resoluciones internacionales que promueven el fortalecimiento de la democracia, la eliminación de la pobreza, la promoción y promoción de los derechos humanos de la mujer, el progreso hacia la estabilidad económica y la justicia social para todos los pueblos de las Américas".

Reconocen como un problema urgente en la región el incremento de embarazos de adolescentes y el aumento del Sida en los jóvenes y las mujeres. Acuerdan comprometer esfuerzos en el fomento y apoyo a la educación sexual de niños y niñas y a la prevención del VIH y las enfermedades de transmisión sexual.

Reiteran la necesidad de garantizar la erradicación del analfabetismo en el hemisferio para el 2000; concuerdan que en la próxima cumbre, que se efectuará en Canadá, se abordará el tema del adulto mayor.

Falla en pleno vuelo

El avión de la Fuerza Aérea que trasladaba a las 10 Primeras Damas de Centroamérica y el Caribe sufrió un desperfecto mecánico que motivó su regreso al aeropuerto internacional Arturo Merino Benítez.

Según se informó, los pilotos de la nave constataron una falla mecánica en pleno vuelo, situación que derivó en el regreso al terminal aéreo capitalino.

El avión había despegado a las 20:50 horas transportando a las Primeras Damas de Haití, Honduras, Guyana, República Dominicana, Guatemala, El Salvador, Santa Lucía, Surinam, Trinidad y Tobago y Venezuela.

El avión aterrizó en la zona del terminal aéreo sin problemas y las Primeras Damas fueron llevadas al salón Vip del aeropuerto. Tanto en el Grupo 10 de la FACH como en el aeropuerto internacional no se entregó información sobre el hecho.

Al cierre de esta edición, las autoridades del aeropuerto evaluaban si las visitantes emprendían nuevamente el vuelo por la noche, o aguardaban hasta hoy en la mañana.

MISSES

En el Museo Casas de Lo Matto culminó la cita de Primeras Damas e invitadas especiales. Cada una de ellas recibió de regalo un cuadro pintado por un artista chileno y niños de la Fundación Integra. En las últimas actividades de esta Cumbre no faltaron algunos perances.

De hecho, el locutor de turno (el actor Patricio Achurri) dio por finalizada la conferencia sin dar cuenta de que Marta Larraechea no había firmado la Declaración de Santiago ni se le había regalado la pintura correspondiente.

Minutos antes, cuando Hillary y Marta Larraechea recorrieron la exposición de pinturas que se había montado en el patio del museo, la estadounidense saludó muy cordialmente a la representante de Cuba. Se supo que Marta Larraechea se molestó con los periodistas, puesto que había pedido que no se realizara una votación de manos, la que sí se realizó y la calificó como la mejor votada de la Cumbre.

Antes de partir a Uruguay, en la tarde de ayer, Hillary participó en un cóctel privado en el museo, luego estuvo unos momentos en su embajada y finalmente tomó el avión presidencial que la condujo a Uruguay, en donde participará en una conferencia de mujeres líderes.

LA NACIÓN

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Crónica

Nació tercer nieto de Frei

A las 18.15 horas de ayer nació en la Clínica Alemana el tercer nieto del ex Presidente de la República, Eduardo Frei Ruiz-Tagle, y de su esposa, María Larrachea. El bebé, que pesa tres kilos 655 gramos y mide 48 centímetros, es hijo de Hernán Robinson y Verónica Frei. El informe entregado por la Clínica Alemana indica que tanto el recién nacido, Ignacio Robinson Frei, como su madre, se encuentran en perfectas condiciones de salud. Este es el segundo hijo del matrimonio Robinson Frei, quienes son padres de Sofía, nacida en mayo de 1996.

CON DISCURSO de Hillary Clinton finalizó conferencia de primeras damas

Luchan por liderazgo femenino

Marcela Cagide
SANTIAGO

Sin duda, durante la última jornada de la VIII Conferencia de Esposas de Jefes de Estado y de Gobierno de las Américas, que finalizó ayer, destacó la figura de Hillary Clinton.

La primera dama de Estados Unidos, que sólo estuvo poco más de 14 horas en Santiago, abrió la jornada en que se debatió el liderazgo femenino, con un discurso titulado "Promoción de los derechos de la mujer para una completa participación en la sociedad", destacando el papel que tuvo la Cuarta Conferencia Mundial de la Mujer realizada el año 1995 en Beijing.

Esa conferencia dejó

en claro que la democracia y la prosperidad no se pueden lograr si sustentan aquellos países que no valoran a la mujer como un socio igualitario y pleno de la sociedad". Asimismo, Hillary Ro-

dham Clinton dijo que las decisiones adoptadas en Beijing están transformando también las Américas, "donde más niñas se encuentran sentadas en aulas, hay más madres visitando clínicas,

más mujeres llevando sus propias empresas, hay más niños que crecen saludables y fuertes y hay más mujeres que se protegen contra la violencia doméstica".

Precisó que una de

las barreras para lograr la igualdad es que las mujeres aún no sustentan suficientes puestos de poder y de liderazgo en el mundo. Explicó que la participación femenina en la toma de decisiones está a la zaga detrás de sus logros en los ámbitos educativos y laborales.

Además recaló que los países del hemisferio han comenzado a abrir sus puertas para el liderazgo y toma de decisiones de las mujeres. "En 1996 todos los países de Latinoamérica, salvo dos, tenían por lo menos una mujer en el gabinete. Y si bien todavía las mujeres están muy subrepresentadas en las asambleas legislativas hay señales de progreso".

PROGRAMAS DE ACCIÓN CONJUNTA

Con la firma del Acuerdo de Santiago por parte de las Primeras Damas finalizó ayer, pasada las 18 horas, la VIII Conferencia de Esposas de Jefes de Estado y de Gobierno de las Américas.

La ceremonia se realizó en el Museo Casa de la Memoria donde las primeras damas pudieron apreciar las pinturas realizadas por niñas atendidas por la Fundación Integra y niños del ambiente.

El acuerdo contempla 20 puntos, entre los cuales destaca la prioridad de trabajar en

políticas que contribuyan a disminuir el embarazo adolescente y el aumento del sida; promoción de la igualdad de los derechos de la mujer y el desarrollo integral de la infancia.

Marta Larrachea de Frei, en su discurso final, sostuvo que "los temas que nutren la agenda social de nuestros gobiernos cuentan ya con una consolidada red de apoyo desde nuestra gestión que permite coordinar esfuerzos, optimizar recursos, compartir estrategias y desarrollar planes y programas de acción conjunta".



Reflejando el grato ambiente que reinó en la conferencia, las primeras damas se tomaron la foto oficial al martes (a la izquierda), antes de la llegada de Hillary Clinton, quien (arriba), junto a Marta Larrachea de Frei, recibe el saludo de las niñas que atiende Integra.

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Esposa del inquieto Clinton llamó a féminas a luchar por más espacios de poder Damas cerraron cumbre golpeando a mesa por igualdad ante machotes

La cumbre empezó temprano y en el último día de la Octava Conferencia de Señoras de Estado y Gobierno de Américas. Hillary Clinton, la sensación de la jornada, fue debida a la jornada, que debía hablar ante la conferencia, al por copuchento de la y escucharla. A las 10 terminó a hablar sobre "Promoción de los derechos de la mujer para una completa participación en la sociedad". Gran parte para los quince minutos duró su intervención, que se principia sobre las realidades de otros países y del suyo, reconociendo que algunas naciones desarrolladas han hecho por las féminas que la pro-

cientés puestos de poder y liderazgo", añadió.

"A no ser que algunas tengan el valor de presentarse como candidatas y ser líderes, jamás veremos que los frutos de la democracia puedan disminuirse", aseguró.

Feminista

Con la señora Marta Larraechea, Hillary presentó la firma de dos comités programáticos de cooperación. El primero establece un fondo de 400 mil dólares gringos para profesionales de Latinoamérica que vengas a las universidades chilenas y en el segundo, la Agencia de Cooperación Internacional gringa se puso con cinco millones de dólares para fortalecer la ges-

tañas en los países del hemisferio en la legislación relativa a violencia intrafamiliar". También continuaron impulsando planes de salud para controlar el Sida y sarampión, a través de la educación escolar.

Para los hechos, que comienzan su séptimo internacional, acordaron hacerles actividades "para su plena integración social". Palabras más, palabras menos, ahora la decisión de ponerse efectivamente con los planes y programas auspiciados por instituciones internacionales, como el Banco Mundial y la Organización Panamericana de la Salud, depende de los gobiernos, por lo que en Panamá el '99 evaluarán los resultados.

reina de la movida. De esa forma, los machotes votaron casi unánimemente por la ecuatoriana Paola Mahuad, de sólo 20 primaveras, como "Mujer Conferencia".

El trono a la "simpatía" fue para la colombiana Nohra Pujana de Pastrana. "Mujer Pionera" salió la hondureña Mary Blake de Flores, quien se repitió el plano de la cumbre de Presidentes de abril pasado. "Peor vestida" resultó la cubana Wilma Espín y la más elegante, nuestra criollísima Marta de Frei, quien no disimuló su molestia por la lívida ocurrencia.

Carmín Herrera



En la sesión final, Hillary Clinton versó sobre el liderazgo de la mujer en estos tiempos. En la "Declaración de Santiago", las féminas exigen a los machotes que les den espacios que no se reduzcan a la pura cocina.



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First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton accepts a gift from former Arkansas Children's Hospital patients Adrianna Jones, 14 months, of Little Rock and Brittany Barre, 4, of Jonesboro

as Anne Hickman stands by Friday at the Little Rock hospital. Mrs. Clinton delivered the first in a planned series of lectures named for Hickman.

First lady winds up LR visit

She talks up Clinton policies on children, health care

BY DANNY SHAMEER
ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

Hillary Rodham Clinton wrapped up her visit to Little Rock on Friday with a visit to a familiar place: Arkansas Children's Hospital.

The first lady, a member of the hospital board of trustees from 1988-92, praised President Clinton's efforts to make health care more widely available to Americans.

She ended her 24-hour Little

Rock visit the way she began it — talking about the president's policies on children, not about pending impeachment hearings by the U.S. House of Representatives.

Mrs. Clinton urged support for her husband's health-care programs, including a patient's bill of rights that would, among other things, ensure coverage for prompt emergency-room treatment without first needing permission from health insurers.

"Patients should never have to

beg and plead to see a specialist they need," she told an audience of nearly 200 people at the hospital's first talk in the Anne Hickman lecture series, named after a longtime hospital volunteer, board member and supporter.

Mrs. Clinton recalled hearing about a woman who had been in a serious car accident along a country road. Emergency medical crews flew her to a hospital for treatment.

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HEADLINE: First Lady Announces \$15M Grant

BYLINE: VESELIN ZHELEV
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DATELINE: SOFIA, Bulgaria

BODY:

Declaring that the advance of democracy depends on the progress of women, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton announced a \$15 million grant Sunday to bolster civil society in southeastern Europe.

'The American people, the American government and the president of the United States will stand with you as you press ahead to meet the challenges before you,' Mrs. Clinton told the opening session of the two-day 'Women in the 21st Century conference.'

The conference is focusing on the role of women in social issues confronting southeastern Europe, much of which is still recovering from a half century of Communist rule.

'Democratic progress depends on the progress of women,' Mrs. Clinton told the delegates. 'Economic progress depends on progress of women. A vibrant civil society depends upon the full contribution of women.'

The first lady said the \$15 million grant will be channeled through the U.S. Agency for International Development as part of its democracy networking program.

About \$6 million of the grant will be used to support the work of non-governmental organizations in Bulgaria working to improve the social and economic status of women in this former Communist country.

In his remarks to the conference, Bulgarian President Petar Stoyanov said he hoped the meeting would show that 'besides banging of weapons from our region, optimistic prognosis for a better future for southeastern Europe can also be heard.'

He was referring to the conflicts which have raged in the Balkans during this decade, most recently in the Serbian province of Kosovo.

After delivering her remarks, Mrs. Clinton went to visit a center for former street children in the Bulgarian capital Sofia.

The children's facility, the Faith, Hope and Love Center, is home to 20 children, mainly from Bulgaria's 300,000-strong Gypsy minority.

AP Online, October 11, 1998

'I am very much pleased with conditions here,' said 14-year-old Stefka Trayanova, whose parents were unable to care for their 10 children. 'We are all proud that Mrs. Clinton is coming to see us.'

The center is run by the Free and Democratic Bulgaria Foundation of John Dimitry Panitza, a Bulgarian-born U.S. businessman, with the cooperation of the British charity Child Hope.

Foundation teams provide homeless children with food, clothes and medical aid. They also have organized literacy classes and advise the children on crime, sex, drugs and smoking.

Mrs. Clinton is to travel to Prague later Monday to meet with Czech leaders and speak at a conference organized by President Vaclav Havel and Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel.

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HEADLINE: Hillary Clinton urges end to humanitarian crisis in Kosovo

DATELINE: Sofia

BODY:

Hillary Clinton, wife of U.S. President Bill Clinton, Sunday called for an end to "the humanitarian crisis in the violation of humanity" in the strife-torn Serbian province of Kosovo.

"We must speak with one voice to end a humanitarian crisis and the violation of humanity," she said in an opening address to an international women's conference in the Bulgarian capital Sofia.

Security was tightened for the visit of Mrs Clinton who is in Sofia at the invitation of Antonina Stojanova, wife of Bulgarian President Petar Stojanov, the Bulgarian news agency BTA reported.

"We must speak out for the 250,000 displaced (in Kosovo)," Mrs Clinton told the more than 200 delegates. "We must speak out for the ethnic Albanians in Kosovo. Human rights are women's rights and women's rights are human rights."

The two-day conference was also attended by the first ladies from Macedonia, Albania, Romania and Bulgaria, as well as the wives of the prime ministers of Greece, Turkey and Bulgaria.

In her speech Hillary Clinton praised a number of women who are active in politics and in the education sector in the Balkans for their contribution to greater democracy and an the creation of a civil society. Democratic and economic progress hinged on the women's progress, she said.

"The countries represented here are at different points at the path of progress," she said.

Mrs Clinton urged women in the Balkans to set aside their differences and use their "God-given potential" to help further the development of their countries.

She announced that the U.S. agency for international development will make available 50 million dollars to enhance the construction of a civil society in southeastern Europe, of which 6 million dollars is earmarked for non-governmental organisations in Bulgaria.

She reiterated Washington's support for regional nations' efforts "as you press ahead to meet the challenges before you".

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President Stoyanov and his wife called on the delegates to help build a better future.

The conference will discuss issues related to security, economic development, the environment, the media and education.

Mrs Clinton will meet with Stojanov during her two-day stay before traveling on to the Czech Republic. dpa vc mu

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BC-CLINTON-SCANDAL-HILLARY

Hillary Clinton leaves on trip to Europe

WASHINGTON, Oct 10 (Reuters) - U.S. First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton left for Europe on Saturday after spending a quiet evening on Friday celebrating her 23rd wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Clinton left Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington for Sofia, Bulgaria, for a conference on women in the 21st century, an administration official said.

She also will travel to Prague, in the Czech Republic, to meet with President Vaclav Havel and participate in another conference before returning to Washington on Tuesday.

The first couple's anniversary is on Sunday, but they decided to celebrate with a quiet evening at the White House on Friday because of Mrs. Clinton's travel schedule.

White House officials said the first lady had takeout food from some of the president's favourite restaurants in Little Rock, Ark., shipped to the nation's capital for their anniversary dinner. The menu featured steak and tamales as well as ribs, tacos and enchiladas.

The Clintons have been trying to repair strains in their marriage caused by the president's affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

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BC-CLINTON-HILLARY

Hillary Clinton going to Eastern Europe

By Steve Holland

WASHINGTON, Oct 10 (Reuters) - When Hillary Rodham Clinton marks her 23rd wedding anniversary on Sunday to U.S. President Bill Clinton, she will be in Bulgaria.

But aides insist that her trip has nothing to do with any anxiety about the Monica Lewinsky matter embroiling her husband, stressing that the trip was long planned.

The president has admitted that his extramarital relationship with former White House intern Lewinsky has caused strains in his marriage and that he is working to make things right.

But Mrs. Clinton, through her spokeswoman, has made clear she is committed to her marriage, that her love for Clinton is unyielding and that she relies on a strong religious faith to get her through the tough times.

Although they could not be together on the anniversary, they still were able to celebrate.

On a trip to Little Rock, Arkansas, on Friday, she brought takeout food from three of Clinton's favourite restaurants to celebrate. There were steak and tamales from Doe's Eat Place, barbecued ribs from Shug's and Mexico food from Juanita's.

Indeed, Mrs. Clinton has turned into a strong defender of her husband during the current morass in which he is threatened with impeachment.

In a meeting on Wednesday with 40 freshman Democratic members of the House, she appealed to them to vote for the Democratic alternative to the Republican plan for opening a formal impeachment inquiry.

And on Thursday in Little Rock, her first return to Arkansas since Clinton's public admission of a sexual relationship with Lewinsky, she pushed for education reform and took a jab at Republicans.

In an apparent allusion to Congress' preoccupation with investigating her husband, she urged lawmakers to use their few days before adjournment to enact administration-backed legislation to reduce class sizes and otherwise improve schools.

"Even though they have only a few days left, it's not too late for them to do something good for the children and people of America," Clinton said.

"There is still time for Congress to step up to its responsibility and leave politics and partisanship at the schoolhouse door," she said.

She was leaving on Saturday on a trip that will take her to Sofia, Bulgaria, for a women in the 21st century conference and to Prague, Czech Republic, to participate in Forum 2000, an international conference to discuss global issues.

It will be her third solo trip overseas this year, and she will concentrate on the issues that have been dominant in all her travels, improving the lot of women around the world. She flies home late on Tuesday.

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(UPI Focus)

First lady speaks out in Bulgaria

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Oct. 11 (UPI) After making an appearance at the ``Women in the 21st Century'' conference in Bulgaria, Hillary Rodham Clinton, heads next to the Czech Republic.

The first lady spent today the 23rd wedding anniversary for President Clinton and his wife in Sofia, voicing support for women's issues and announcing U.S. assistance for southeastern Europe.

She and President Clinton celebrated their anniversary Friday privately in Washington before she left for Europe.

Mrs. Clinton said the women of Eastern Europe could depend on U.S. help ``to meet the challenges before you.''

She also said no society has made economic social progress without ``the full contribution of women.''

The first lady then dined with Bulgarian President Petar Stoyanov and his wife. She leaves for Prague Monday, where she will speak at another conference organized by President Vaclav Havel and Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel.

Today, Mrs. Clinton announced the U.S. Agency for International Development would spend \$15 million to support programs aimed at assisting women in southeastern Europe.

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Mrs. Clinton encourages Bulgarian businesswomen, meets Czech leaders

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By NADIA RYBAROVA= Associated Press Writer=

PRAGUE, Czech Republic (AP) Touring eastern Europe on Monday, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton started the day with a pep talk to Bulgarian businesswomen and spent a rainy afternoon discussing world affairs with Czech political leaders.

Avoiding the media as she has throughout the brief overseas tour, the first lady visited President Vaclav Havel and his wife, Dagmar, at their private villa. She spent a quiet hour chatting by the fireplace, ahead of a final day of speeches and public appearances.

Before arriving in the Czech Republic on the second day of the four-day trip to promote women's rights and civil society, Mrs. Clinton met with businesswomen at a Sofia bakery and discussed the challenges of running a business in the new Bulgaria.

"We're very impressed by the reform effort and the difficult decisions that your government is making on behalf of the future," she told the women.

Mrs. Clinton met with about 500 students at the American College of Sofia, where she also talked to teachers and alumni and toured a computer laboratory.

"I saw the future of Bulgaria in the eyes of the brilliant and dynamic students I met at the American College of Sofia," she said.

The college, established in 1860 while Bulgaria was still under Turkish rule, was closed down in 1942 and turned into a police training academy after the communists came to power. College alumni were persecuted, but the school's book collection was preserved at the local monastery and the college was resurrected in 1992.

The first lady flew later Monday to Prague to meet with Czech leaders and speak at a conference organized by President Vaclav Havel and Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel.

She is scheduled to deliver a keynote speech on the future of civil society at the conference Tuesday morning before leaving for Washington later in the day.

Sunday was the Clinton's 23rd wedding anniversary.

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U.S. first lady joins Havel in multi-faith service

PRAGUE, Oct 12 (Reuters) - Hillary Rodham Clinton joined Czech President Vaclav Havel and other global thinkers on Monday to light candles for world peace in a multi-faith assembly in Prague's St. Vitus Cathedral.

The U.S. first lady, on a two-day visit to Prague, was accompanied by Havel and his wife, Dagmar Havlova, into the Gothic church at the centre of Prague Castle.

Mrs. Clinton kissed former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger before taking her place in the assembly with other diplomats, academics, business and religious leaders attending the second annual Forum 2000 conference on the future of the world.

The assembly brought together leaders of many faiths, including Roman Catholicism, Judaism, Islam and Buddhism.

Mrs. Clinton is due to address the conference on Tuesday in a session devoted to the economy and problems of globalisation.

The U.S. first lady, who spent her 23rd wedding anniversary on Sunday speaking in the Bulgarian capital Sofia, earlier met Czech Prime Minister Milos Zeman and visited Dagmar Havlova at the president's villa.

Mrs. Clinton is due to leave for Washington on Tuesday afternoon.

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HEADLINE: US First Lady calls for end to Kosovo "humanitarian crisis"

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SOFIA, Oct 11 (AFP) - US First Lady Hillary Clinton on Sunday called for an end to the "humanitarian crisis" in Kosovo, at the opening of a conference of women from Balkan states where she is a special guest.

"We must speak out for ethnic Albanians in Kosovo. We must speak out for the 250,000 displaced. We must speak with one voice to end the humanitarian crisis and the violation of humanity," Clinton said.

The wife of US President Bill Clinton also expressed US support for reform in the countries of southeastern Europe.

"The American people, the American government and the president of the United States will stand with you as you press ahead to meet the challenges before you," she said.

Clinton also announced "50 million dollars in new grants and new funds to boost civil society in the region", of which six million dollars would go to Bulgarian non-governmental organisations.

The First Lady spoke before the wives of the presidents of Macedonia, Albania, Romania, Slovenia, Bulgaria, and the wives of the prime ministers of Turkey, Greece and Bulgaria. Also in attendance were the wives of the speakers of the Romanian and Bulgarian parliaments and the president of the Council of Europe's parliamentary assembly, Leni Fischer.

The conference is organised by the wife of Bulgarian President Petar Stoyanov, Antonina.

During her two-day visit, Clinton will also hold talks with Stoyanov and will be guest of honour at a reception given by the president.

On Monday, she is scheduled to meet women running small businesses and will visit the American college in Bulgaria, before leaving Sofia for Prague.

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Questions Arise About Swiss Report on R

By TIM GOLDEN

Almost from the moment that detectives in Switzerland found a huge hidden fortune belonging to Raúl Salinas de Gortari, brother of Mexico's former President, Mr. Salinas has said the money was from an investment fund that he had assembled with big Mexican entrepreneurs.

But now investigators in Switzerland have arrived at a different explanation. They say although some of Mr. Salinas's millions did come from executives, much of that was drug money that he had laundered with help from an old friend who is one of Mexico's richest figures.

In a secret report the Swiss police suggest that the friend, Carlos Peralta Quintero, helped hide protection money that they assert drug traffickers had paid to Mr. Salinas. Mr. Salinas is the elder brother of former President Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

"The transactions described by

Carlos Peralta were designed in their entirety for one purpose only, namely, the laundering of money," the report states. A partial copy of the 369-page document was obtained by The New York Times.

The case was bolstered this month, when Mexican officials announced that they had linked Raúl Salinas to an additional \$119 million in a maze of Mexican and foreign accounts.

Officials in Mexico said they would try to interview the witnesses whom Swiss and American investigators developed, raising a possibility that they might add drug-trafficking accusations to the murder and graft charges on which Mr. Salinas has been jailed there since 1995.

But the investigative report and other documents suggest that the Swiss explanation of the money may have problems of its own.

Mr. Peralta, 46, heir to an industrial and telecommunications conglomerate, denied the allegations, calling

them outrageous.

Lawyers for Mr. Salinas describe the Swiss accusations against the industrialist as one of the most obvious fictions among what they say are a litany of unsustainable claims against their client.

"The money of Carlos Peralta is absolutely legitimate," Raúl Salinas's lead lawyer, Eduardo Luengo Creel, said in an interview. "We have demonstrated its movement from start to finish. But the stance of the Swiss prosecutor and the police is to ignore any evidence that contradicts their theory."

Based on the investigators' report, the Swiss authorities are expected to confiscate the more than \$100 million that they have kept frozen in Mr. Salinas's 15 accounts there. After that happens, Mr. Salinas's lawyers said, they will go to the Swiss Supreme Court to sue for its release.

The Swiss report quotes witnesses who recount meetings at which Raúl

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First Lady on a Visit to Eastern Europe

Hillary Rodham Clinton and President Petar Stoyanov of Bulgaria at a reception yesterday in Sofia, where Mrs. Clinton announced new American aid for

a children's center and addressed a conference on women's issues. She flies to Prague today for a conference organized by President Vaclav Havel.

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First lady's path leads to B & A Trail

Hillary Rodham Clinton kicks off federal trail effort

By Cheryl Lu-Lien Tan
Sun Staff

Ignoring a banner that said "Save the Presidency. Jail Ken 'Porno' Starr," first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton spoke in Severna Park yesterday flanked by a phalanx of politicians that included Gov. Parris N. Glendening, who snubbed the president when he visited a Montgomery County school last month.



Walking talking: Hillary Rodham Clinton (center) tours the B & A Trail with Rep. Benjamin L. Cardin (left), National Park Service Director Robert Stanton, Rails to Trails' David Burwell, Sen. Paul S. Sarbanes, and Gov. Parris N. Glendening. Ahead are Mike Jones (left), Oak Hill Elementary fourth-grader Tyneka Paca, 9, and Jennifer Jarman. (Sun photo by Nanine Hartzenbusch)

Mrs. Clinton -- almost an hour late when she arrived at the Baltimore & Annapolis Trail -- stepped into the miniature-flag-waving fanfare of a community that is rarely visited by dignitaries beyond the county government level. She was there to kick off a White House Millennium Council program to promote and develop 2,000 trails nationwide.

BC-NV--Jones-First Lady,280

Hillary Clinton to raise money for Jones' campaign
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LAS VEGAS (AP) Hillary Rodham Clinton will join a list of national Democratic heavyweights coming to Nevada to raise money for Las Vegas Mayor Jan Jones' gubernatorial bid.

Jones' campaign got a boost Friday when Vice President Al Gore spoke at a rally and a fund-raiser, and the first lady is expected to keep the ball rolling later this month.

Jones said she raised \$600,000 with the \$1,000-a-plate dinner and a \$5,000 private reception, her largest political fund-raiser to date. She said she so far has raised \$1.7 million in her campaign.

That number is sure to rise again when Mrs. Clinton visits later this month. The visit is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 16.

The Monica Lewinsky controversy may make Mrs. Clinton a more interesting speaker for her planned Las Vegas fund-raiser, said Michael Bowers, a professor of political science at UNLV.

``People are wondering what she is going to say about Bill,'' he said. ``She really hasn't said anything publicly about the Lewinsky affair. People are waiting for that shoe to drop. It would be an interesting ticket.''

Jones said the first lady was an intriguing public speaker long before the current controversy.

Jones' Republican opponent, Kenny Guinn, has not had as many high-profile political leaders stump for him. So far, according to Guinn's campaign manager Pete Ernaut, Guinn has raised about \$4.5 million.

``We don't think Nevadans are particularly impressed by people coming in from Washington,'' Ernaut said. ``We think they would much rather hear what fellow Nevadans have to say.''

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Inscriptions at museum honor women who sought to open schools

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LITTLE ROCK (AP) Their names were once a closely guarded secret.

On Monday, civic leaders recognized the Women's Emergency Committee to Open Our Schools. Sixteen windowpanes inscribed with the 1,281 committee members' names were unveiled at the Decorative Arts Museum.

The group met at the museum 40 years ago at that time it was the home of committee founder Adolphine Fletcher Terry to discuss ways to reopen Little Rock high schools.

The schools were closed during the 1958-59 school year when popular sentiment favored closed schools rather than racial integration.

Mayor Jim Dailey praised the women Monday for their work.

More events are planned in this 40th anniversary year of the committee.

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton comes to town Thursday to speak at a ceremony at the museum set for 4 p.m.

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Thurston shooting victim to meet first lady today

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EUGENE, Ore. (AP) When President Clinton met with victims of the Thurston High School shootings, Teresa Miltonberger was still in the hospital recovering from a gunshot wound to the forehead.

He talked with her over the phone and said she was welcome to drop in at the White House if she ever got the chance.

Today, Miltonberger and her family will take Clinton up on the invitation.

Teresa, along with her parents, Bill and Loretta, brother George and family friend Audrea Woodring, left Oregon on Monday, and are scheduled to meet with first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton this morning. They've been told they may get a chance to see the president.

The trip to Washington, D.C., came about after Teresa flew to New York two weeks ago to appear on the Maury Povich talk show. Other victims of the May 21 shootings, which left two students dead and 22 others wounded, also appeared.

Anne Graboski, a production assistant for the show, said producers paid for the trip by Teresa and her family to the White House. They hope to tape Teresa's visit and include it in their show, which is slated for a mid-November broadcast, she said.

According to the official White House schedule, Teresa is to meet the first lady at 9:45 p.m. PDT, with the president penciled in as a possible drop-in if his schedule allows it.

Bill and Loretta Miltonberger met with Clinton when he visited Thurston June 13. The parents ``were real sorry (Teresa) wasn't able to meet the president in person and always wanted to go to Washington if they could,' ' said Dan Steinberg, a Sacred Heart Medical Center spokesman who was in Teresa's hospital room when she accepted Clinton's phone call.

Teresa was given a 10 percent to 20 percent chance of survival when she first entered the hospital May 21, the day freshman Kip Kinkel entered the cafeteria before classes began and started shooting.

Teresa made a remarkable recovery, and was released from the hospital 65 days later. The fall term at Thurston began Sept. 1, and Teresa is enrolled in a single class. She also has an at-home tutor and continues to undergo speech and occupational therapy.

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PM-AR- Hillary Clinton-Ark,210 First lady set for whirlwind stop in LR
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LITTLE ROCK (AP) While the House is scheduled to vote Thursday on whether to start an impeachment inquiry against her husband, Hillary Rodham Clinton will be here for a series of speeches and fundraisers.

The first lady will make a 24-hour stop in Arkansas on Thursday and Friday, beginning with a keynote address at the 40th anniversary reunion of the Women's Emergency Committee.

Mrs. Clinton is then scheduled to attend a \$100-a-ticket Democratic fundraiser at the Statehouse Convention Center for gubernatorial candidate Bill Bristow and 4th District congressional candidate Judy Smith.

Later that night, she is to join Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Blanche Lincoln at a rally of the Arkansas Education Association. It will be the second time this week that the first lady has appeared with Lincoln, who was in Washington for a fundraiser attended by Mrs. Clinton.

The private reception netted about \$50,000 for Lincoln's campaign.

The first lady has one event scheduled for Friday before returning to Washington. She is to give the first Anne Hickman lecture, on children's health and development issues, at Arkansas Children's Hospital.

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Hillary Rodham Clinton definitely coming

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PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) Hillary Rodham Clinton's office has confirmed she will visit Rhode Island on Oct. 20 to attend events with gubernatorial candidate Myrth York, U.S. Rep. Patrick Kennedy and other Democrats, Kennedy's office said Tuesday.

Mrs. Clinton will attend a senior citizen event with Kennedy, an education event with York and attend two fund-raisers, said Tony Marcella, Kennedy's chief of staff.

The first fund-raiser will be for York, the second for the state Democratic Party to be held by former Providence Mayor Joseph Paolino Jr. at his home on the East Side of Providence, Marcella said. Times still must be worked out, he said.

The York campaign has not invited President Clinton to campaign for her.

Republican New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani is to visit the same day to campaign for Gov. Lincoln Almond.

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PM-School Shooting-Miltonberger,241

Springfield shooting victim visits White House on her road to recovery

By JOHN HUGHES= Associated Press Writer=

WASHINGTON (AP) She posed for a picture, played with Socks the cat and even got a hug from first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

But Teresa Miltonberger, who was shot in the forehead last spring at Springfield's Thurston High School, said the subject of the deadly rampage never came up Tuesday during her White House visit with the first lady.

"It wasn't really something that we needed to talk about. We need to look forward, not look back," said the 16-year-old, who wore a protective hockey helmet and a red and black Thurston High jacket.

Two students were killed and 22 were wounded in the May 21 shooting, when then-15-year-old Kip Kinkel allegedly opened fire on the school's crowded cafeteria.

When President Clinton met with the Springfield shooting victims in June, Teresa was still in the hospital recovering from her injuries. But he talked with her by phone and said she was welcome to drop by the White House any time.

Her visit was paid for by the Maury Povich television talk show, on which Teresa appeared with other shooting victims two weeks ago.

Teresa was given a 10 percent to 20 percent chance of survival when she first entered the hospital, but she made what doctors called a remarkable recovery and was released 65 days later.

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First lady to attend cancer center benefit

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First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton has added at least one more public appearance to her Arkansas visit.

She will appear in Little Rock at the Clinton Ballroom in Arkansas' Excelsior Hotel about 8:30-9 p.m. today to speak briefly during the annual Arkansas Cancer Research Center fund-raiser, a University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences spokesman said Wednesday.

The appearance is not on the schedule released by the first lady's office.

A floor at the center is named for Virginia Kelley, President Clinton's mother, who died of breast cancer.

Today's event, which features singer Kenny Rogers, is a \$250-per-plate fund-raiser from 6-10:30 p.m. Mrs. Clinton is expected to speak before Rogers performs. She is not scheduled to stay long because of other commitments.

The first lady is to arrive in Little Rock about mid-afternoon today. She will speak at 4 p.m. during ceremonies recognizing the Women's Emergency Committee at the Decorative Arts Museum. The committee was formed Sept. 16, 1958, to discuss ways to reopen Little Rock's high schools, closed during the 1958-59 school year when popular sentiment favored closed schools over racial integration.

Later, she will attend a \$100-a-ticket fund-raising event for Democratic gubernatorial candidate Bill

Decorative Arts Museum

Parking will be available on 7th and 8th streets between Cumberland and Commerce streets and on Cumberland and Rock streets between 6th and 9th streets.



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Bristow and 4th District Democratic congressional candidate Judy Smith. The first lady will also join Democratic Senate candidate Blanche Lincoln at an Arkansas Education Association rally.

On Friday, Mrs. Clinton's only announced public appearance is at Arkansas Children's Hospital, where she will give the first Anne Hickman lecture on children's health and development issues at 10 a.m.

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First lady says Congress' responsibility is improving education

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LITTLE ROCK (AP) First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton is to conclude a two-day visit to here and the president's home state today and then head home to Washington, where the House of Representatives is preparing an impeachment inquiry.

Mrs. Clinton's visit to Little Rock was planned weeks before there was any indication the House would vote Thursday on whether to take the next step in the impeachment process.

This morning, Mrs. Clinton was to make a speech at Arkansas Children's Hospital, long a favorite cause of Mrs. Clinton's. Her schedule called for her to leave for Washington in the early afternoon.

Mrs. Clinton took shots at Congress Thursday, but on topics related to children and not her husband. She said it was not too late for Congress to ``do something good for the children and people of this nation.''

Just before she spoke, the House voted 258-156 to approve a sweeping impeachment inquiry against her husband.

Mrs. Clinton gave the keynote address at the commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the Women's Emergency Committee, a group of Little Rock women who helped reopen local schools in the aftermath of the 1957 Central High desegregation crisis. She praised the group's commitment to quality education and said federal lawmakers should follow their lead 40 years later.

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she said. She spoke under a bright autumn sun on the grounds of restored antebellum mansion that now houses an arts center. The women's committee first met in the building 40 years ago in response to the closing of Little Rock schools the year after nine black children integrated previously all-white Central High.

At an evening political rally for two underdog Democrats, Mrs. Clinton said she was ``having such a good time remembering all the progress we made together'' during Clinton's 12 years as governor of Arkansas.

She told 200 Democratic loyalists to rally support for Democrat Bill Bristow's run for governor and Judy Smith's challenge of incumbent Republican Rep. Jay Dickey in the 4th Congressional District in south Arkansas. She said Bristow would continue her husband's legacy in improving education and refocus the state's emphasis on economic development.

Making an evening appearance on behalf of Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Blanche Lincoln, Mrs. Clinton drew cheers from 400 partisans at an Arkansas Education Association Rally.

She urged members to help elect Lincoln to thwart what she termed a ``concerted effort led by many extreme partisans'' to dismantle the public education system.

Lincoln is running against Republican Fay Boozman, who advocates abolishing the federal Education Department.

``I don't know why people like Blanche's opponent would try to dismantle the public school system. I don't think they live in the same America we do,''

Mrs. Clinton said.

At her final stop of the evening, Mrs. Clinton addressed the annual banquet of the Arkansas Cancer Research Center.

She commended the level of care at the facility and noted that her husband signed the law that created the center.

She said her mother-in-law, Virginia Kelley, who died of breast cancer, was ``so well taken care of so close to home.''

Mrs. Clinton called the center one of the leading institutions of its kind in the nation.

Secret Service agents kept the first lady well away from the media. She

took no questions at her stops Thursday.

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Hillary Clinton jabs at Congress on Arkansas visit

By Steve Barnes

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Oct 8 (Reuters) -- Only hours after the U.S. House of Representatives voted to look into impeaching her husband, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton took a jab at Congress before a sympathetic Arkansas audience on Thursday.

Returning to the state for the first time since President Bill Clinton's public admission of a sexual relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky, she used an appearance before a women's group to push for education reform.

In an apparent allusion to Congress' preoccupation with investigating her husband, she urged lawmakers to use their few days before adjournment to enact administration-backed legislation to reduce class sizes and otherwise improve schools.

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Clinton's remarks came at the first of five major civic or political engagements scheduled for a two-day visit to the state capital, an afternoon observance of the 40th anniversary of a women's group that fought for integrated schools in the 1950s.

After praising the courage of the women, Clinton was joined at the podium by Little Rock Mayor James Dailey, who asked the audience for "another round of applause for another courageous and wonderful woman." The crowd roared.

"She keeps going strong because she is strong and because she knows she's in the right," an old family friend, Rose Crane of Little Rock, told a reporter.

Clinton also attended fund-raising events for two Arkansas woman candidates and a benefit performance for cancer research on Thursday night. She was to deliver a lecture on child health at a Little Rock hospital on Friday morning.

Bill Clinton was governor of Arkansas for 12 years before winning the presidency in 1992.

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First lady finds warm welcome in Arkansas

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton left rain-soaked, strife-filled Washington before the House impeachment hearing vote on Thursday, and by midday, she was basking in the warm and sunny embrace of friends and supporters back home.

She steadfastly ignored reporters' questions about the historic vote, the tally of which she learned by telephone. But spokeswoman Marsha Berry said Mrs. Clinton, who helped lobby Democrats before the vote, was happy that just 31 of them defected to support the Republican measure for an open-ended inquiry.

Some administration officials had feared twice that number.

As she often does, the first lady made only a veiled reference to the scandal that has rocked President Clinton's administration.

Speaking to the 50th anniversary salute to the Women's Emergency Committee, a group of Little Rock women who fought segregation in the public schools, Mrs. Clinton took a shot at the Republican-controlled Congress.

"Even though they only have a few days left, it is not too late for them to do something good for the children and people of America," she said to applause and knowing laughs.

"School is almost out of session on Capitol Hill," she added. Then she paused, as if searching for the next line. "And like many parents, we're glad to see it nearly over."

The audience assembled outside the stately mansion, where the women's group first met in secret, was packed with old friends and women who worked with Mrs. Clinton on education issues when she was first lady of Arkansas.

Two great-grandchildren of the women who founded the group being honored gave her a basket of Arkansas flowers as "a token of thanks from your many Arkansas friends and admirers."

About 40 members of various chapters in the state of the Hillary Rodham Clinton Fan Club also were on hand.

"She stands for what a first lady should be," said Peggy Crowell, a member of the Conway, Ark., chapter of Mrs. Clinton's fan club.

Berry said Mrs. Clinton was looking forward to the visit home, her first in more than a year.

After her remarks, the first lady lingered to shake hands and accept greetings from well wishers.

"God bless you," Jerry Glower, a retired service representative, told her. He said later, "I feel for her."

One woman told Mrs. Clinton, "We're so proud of you."

Many gave her high marks for grace under pressure.

"She's very smart," said one longtime state employee who asked not to be named. "She's taking care of herself first."

With her personal popularity riding high far higher than her husband's the first lady continued her high-profile campaign for Democrats running in the fall elections.

She appeared at two Little Rock events, one a fund-raiser for Democratic challengers Judy Smith, who is running for Congress, and Bill Bristow, who is running for governor, and a rally for Blanche Lambert Lincoln, the former congresswoman who is favored to win an open U.S. Senate seat.

Add two more closed-door stops at an arts event and a cancer benefit and that made five official appearances in under six hours.

To end the day, Mrs. Clinton planned to gather with old friends for dessert and coffee. She was set to spend the night with her mother, who lives in Little Rock.

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She said the center is a leader in its field. Her husband signed legislation creating it, she said, and she's proud of the progress center officials have made. She mentioned that her mother-in-law, Virginia Kelley, who died of cancer, received "superb compassion and care" in Arkansas.

The first lady said she hopes for a better partnership in the future between the federal government and cancer institutes. She said she'd like to see more clinical trials to improve cancer treatment.

She and Dr. Harry Ward, head of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, gave speeches before the event's headliner, singer Kenny Rogers, performed.

The first lady has one event scheduled for today before returning to Washington. She is to speak on children's health and development issues in the first Anne Hickman lecture at Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock.

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Stand-in chides Huckabee on debates, highway plan

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Gov. Mike Huckabee and a spokesman for opponent Bill Bristow traded thoughts, perhaps barbs, about debates and highway programs Thursday.

Charles Smith, representing Democratic gubernatorial nominee Bristow, criticized Republican nominee Huckabee for turning down a debate this fall with Bristow.

It is important to allow voters an opportunity to compare the candidates, he said at an Arkansas Construction Industry Council candidate forum at the Riverfront Hilton in North Little Rock.

Huckabee said he couldn't fit a debate into his schedule. "I've made some commitments," he said.

"If they'd contacted me earlier, I might have been able to."

But he also said another factor in declining the debate was what he saw as Bristow's campaign to distort his views.

Huckabee and Bristow faced each other weeks ago in a question-and-answer session before newspaper editors in Eureka Springs and in a Camden session held by three south Arkansas chambers of commerce.

Of highways, Smith said, "Under Bill Bristow there will be a highway program. There will be no more study commissions. There will be no more rhetoric."

The state must examine whether to build toll roads and whether to use bond issues, Smith said. "It would be foolish now with bonds at such low interest not to take advantage of it. Why must the state continue with a pay-as-you-go program that just puts us farther and farther behind?" he said.

Surrounding states are surpassing Arkansas in road quality, he said.

"Construction is going on everywhere. But the construction we have in Arkansas is maintenance, repairs. We're not building that many new roads."

Huckabee, awaiting a report from a study council he appointed, said he will discuss with advisers how a construction and repair program can be implemented.

He said he's trying to avoid the defeat that overwhelmed former Gov. Jim Guy Tucker's \$3 billion bonds-and-tax-increases road plan, which failed after Huckabee campaigned against it.

"We cannot afford to go before the people of this state with another program that has no more than 13 percent of the popular support behind it. That was a disaster. It set us back. It made it more difficult to sell a plan to the people. And we'd better come up with something that the people can be for rather than against," Huckabee said.

Later, in Pine Bluff, Huckabee praised the forestry industry, saying people who fear a loss of forests are wrong. He told the Arkansas Forestry Association luncheon that Arkansas has about 12 billion trees, about 5,000 per person.

"It's hardly even possible for anyone to say the forest industry is not a responsible steward over the lands that they manage," he said, noting that 79 million seedlings are planted in Arkansas annually.

Standing timber in Arkansas is worth \$17 billion, "an extraordinary living resource," directly employing 47,000 Arkansans while 100,000 others work in forest-related businesses, he said.

Huckabee has been criticized

for referring in December 1996 to "wacko environmentalists," blaming them for driving agriculture out of some states.

In April, he told the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation that environmentalists worship nature instead of God.

He never used the word "environmentalists" on Thursday, referring, instead, to "people who are fearful that we may lose our forest."

Huckabee said he has heard "people saying Arkansas is losing all of our hardwoods." He said Arkansas forests are 58 percent hardwoods, 24 percent pine, 18 percent a mix.

After his speech at the Pine Bluff Convention Center, Huckabee had a private reception for association members who wanted to see the governor and make a campaign contribution.

Huckabee had raised \$1.8 million through August. Bristow had raised \$344,797 and the third candidate, Reform nominee Keith Carle, raised \$1,500.

Bristow told a group of supporters at an early morning gathering at Goodson's restaurant in Fort Smith's Central Mall that he is gaining momentum. With 26 days left until the election, his campaign days grow longer, but he's becoming more energized, he said.

"I don't reduce complex problems to a 30-second sound bite or a political gimmick," he said.

Referring to highway conditions, Bristow said, "When I'm driving from Jonesboro to Little

Rock, especially in the right lane, if I've got a quart of milk, the road will churn it into butter."

He likened piecemeal road construction to a family building its first home by building one room every 10 years and not being able to live in it until it was finished.

To come up with a road financing plan that is fair, he said, he wants "a dialogue with the state where it doesn't look like we're rushing into something without thinking."

He said he wants input from working people and anyone with expertise. Open-mindedness goes a long way when working with legislators who represent people from all across the state, he said, referring to disputes Huckabee has had with some Democratic lawmakers. "The governor must take advantage of their expertise," he said.

Thursday night, Bristow joined first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton at a fund-raiser for Bristow and U.S. House candidate Judy Smith in the 4th District.

"I'm just having such a good time," Mrs. Clinton said. "I was just sitting there looking at this crowd, recognizing so many of you, thinking about all of the places I have been in this state and all of the people that I have worked with and all of the progress that we made together, and it's just really so wonderful for me to know that so much has been accomplished because of the hard work of so many people."

She implored the crowd not

only to vote Nov. 3, but to persuade others of the importance of voting on Election Day.

She portrayed Bristow as an agent of change in the tradition of other Democratic governors such as Dale Bumpers, David Pryor and her husband.

She downplayed polls that show Bristow far behind in the race and turned his lack of polish on the campaign trail into a plus.

"Bill Bristow got into this race, not because the smart money said he should, not because some political pundit said he should, but because his heart said he should," Mrs. Clinton told the crowd. "Bill loves this state."

Evoking a roar of approval, she added: "Can you think of anyone who is more Arkansas than Bill Bristow? He's been on that tractor. He knows what built this state. He understands at root the values that make this state what it is."

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First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton accepts a gift from former Arkansas Children's Hospital patients Adrianna Jones, 14, months, of Little Rock and Brittany Barre, 4, of Jonesboro

as Anne Hickman stands by Friday at the Little Rock hospital. Mrs. Clinton delivered the first in a planned series of lectures named for Hickman.

First lady winds up LR visit

She talks up Clinton policies on children, health care

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Hillary Rodham Clinton wrapped up her visit to Little Rock on Friday with a visit to a familiar place: Arkansas Children's Hospital.

The first lady, a member of the hospital board of trustees from 1988-92, praised President Clinton's efforts to make health care more widely available to Americans.

She ended her 24-hour Little

Rock visit the way she began it — talking about the president's policies on children, not about pending impeachment hearings by the U.S. House of Representatives.

Mrs. Clinton urged support for her husband's health-care programs, including a patient's bill of rights that would, among other things, ensure coverage for prompt emergency-room treatment without first needing permission from health insurers.

"Patients should never have to

beg and plead to see a specialist they need," she told an audience of nearly 200 people at the hospital's first talk in the Anne Hickman lecture series, named after a longtime hospital volunteer, board member and supporter.

Mrs. Clinton recalled hearing about a woman who had been in a serious car accident along a country road. Emergency medical crews flew her to a hospital for treatment.

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Later, the first lady said, the woman had to fight with an insurance company over the \$10,000 bill for the flight "because she didn't call to ask for permission to be Medivac'd while she was unconscious on the side of the road. Now that's the kind of horror story that really captures your attention. There are not a lot of those, thankfully, but there are too many, and we cannot ignore them."

Mrs. Clinton said her volunteer work at the Little Rock-based hos-

pital had helped her and the president learn about people's health-care needs.

"You were our great teachers," she said. "Hearing about the need for new technology or learning about the incredible gains that could be made by simple preventive measures and outreach — all of that was really an ongoing lesson to Bill and me when we served here in Arkansas."

Children's health care, she said, remains at the top of the president's agenda.

She said that if she filled out a report card on health of the nation's children, "it would show that

we are improving our record in almost every subject."

Because of the president's policies, more children now get immunized and survive complications after they're born, she said.

But she said there is more work to do as nearly 11 million children — 1 in 7 — lack insurance.

She hopes the Children's Health Insurance Program approved by Congress and signed by the president in August will help.

The first lady also said the nation must work harder to reduce the number of children who smoke. That's about 4.5 million between ages 12 and 17.

One way to do that, she said, would be enacting legislation to significantly raise the price of cigarettes, affirm the Federal Drug Administration's authority over tobacco products and impose charges on tobacco companies that market to young people.

At each public event during her 24-hour visit, including fund-raisers for Democratic Party candidates and a cancer center, the lady talked about education and health care.

Before flying back to Washington on Friday afternoon, she buzzed through three of the president's old haunts and brought

back a surprise dinner menu of favorite foods for just the two of them — steak and tamales from Doe's Eat Place, ribs from Shug's and lacas and enchiladas from Juanita's, spokesman Marcha Berry said.

The couple celebrated their anniversary two days early, since the first lady leaves today on a four-day women's-rights mission to Eastern Europe. She is scheduled to be in Sofia, Bulgaria, for a "Women in the 21st Century" conference Sunday, which is the Clinton 25th anniversary.

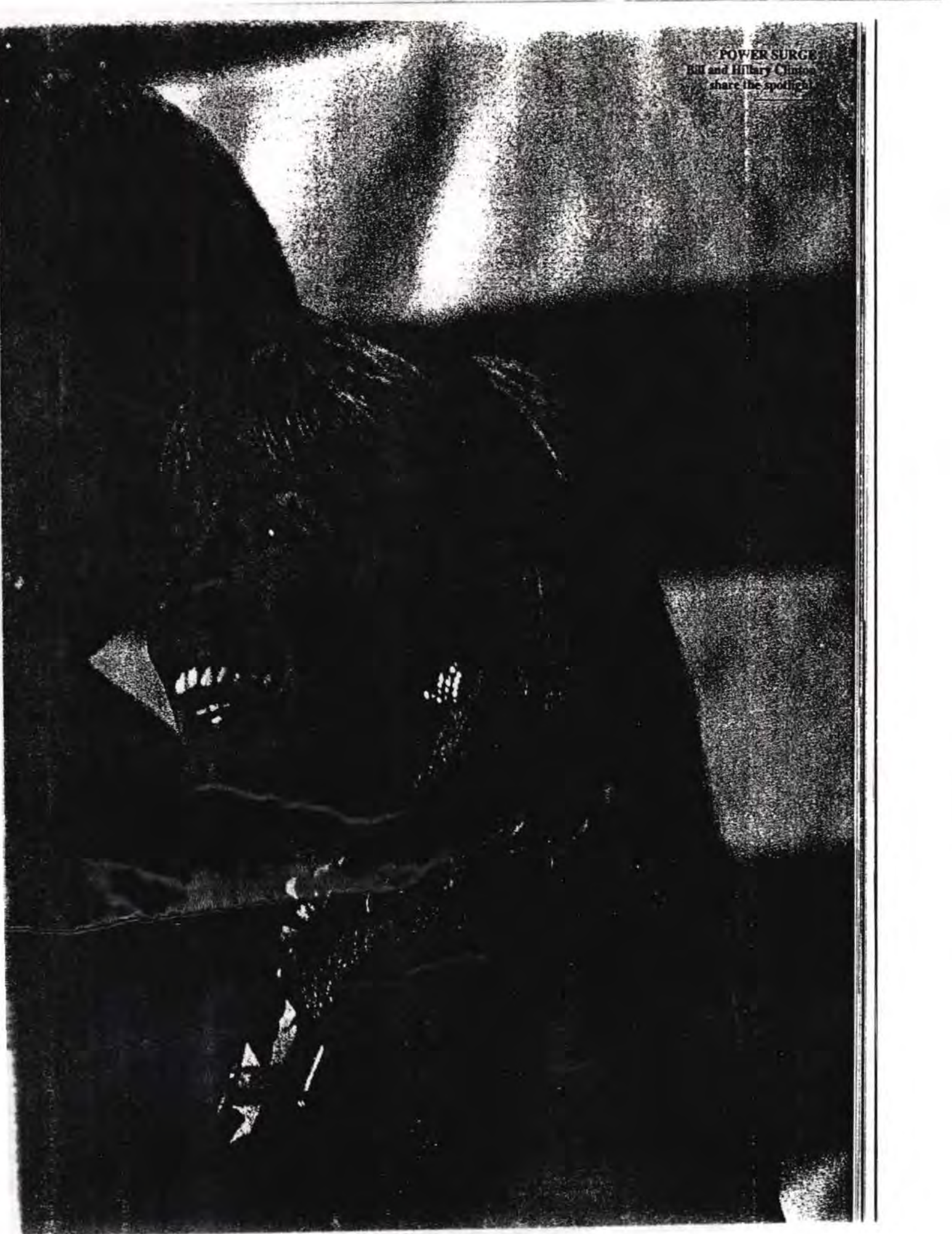
She is scheduled to return to Washington on Tuesday.

WHAT HILLARY WANTS

The most controversial figure of the election year so far has been a woman, Hillary Clinton, and she isn't even running for office. Or is she? Whether she loves the boy in Bill Clinton as much as the man or whether she is simply unwilling to forfeit her sixteen years' investment in their political partnership, Hillary is determined to seize the national stage. GAIL SHEEHY reports



POWER SURGE
Bill and Hillary Clinton
share the spotlight



In May of 1990, Bill Clinton was running for his fifth term as governor of Arkansas. While he was conveniently out of town, a challenger in the Democratic primary, Tom McCrae, called a press conference in the echo chamber of the capitol rotunda. He was in the middle of telling everyone who would listen that Bill Clinton was a chicken—"and since the governor will not debate..."—when all at once another voice chewed into his sound bite. "Tom, who was the one person who didn't show up in Springdale? Give me a break! I mean, I think that we oughta get the record straight..."

The camera swung around to a small, yellow-haired woman in a houndstooth-check suit—literally in his face. Having crashed McCrae's photo op, she planted herself directly opposite him, just spoiling for a fight. She looked quite pale without studio makeup, but her eyes flashed in the lights of the television camera. "Many of the reports you issued," she charged, "not only praised the governor on his environmental record, but his education record and his economic record!"

The camera spun again to reveal the hapless man's grit-eating smile, his eyes bobbling around in his head as if he'd just been zapped by a stun gun. His stammering response was trampled by the woman ticking off her points, reading embarrassing passages from the candidate's own earlier handouts. "You now turn around and as a candidate have a very short memory," she finished. As they say in Arkansas, *she ate his lunch*.

The Eyewitness News man wound up his thrilled coverage with the tag line "Hillary Clinton showed again that she may be the best debater in the family."

It is the Year of the Political Woman. Paul Tsongas, whose least appealing quality was his mopey personality, said with a grateful nod to his attorney wife, Niki, "If you don't have charisma, you marry it." Ruth Harkin, a former prosecutor, assumed the role of her husband's unofficial political adviser for his six-month run. Marilyn Quayle, who told *The Washington Post* through

clenched teeth that politicians in the past never acknowledged that "your little wifey...helps you," commands entry into the Office of the Vice President from a six-office suite across the hall, passing judgment on lobbyists and other supplicants. (Marilyn says she raises a subject with the vice president "if I think it's important enough." Otherwise, staffers "let me make the decision instead.") President Bush, who often leans on his vastly more popular wife at public appearances, has recently brought on board his rudderless re-election team wordsmith Peggy Noonan.



RULES OF ATTRACTION

"I loved being with her," says Bill, "but I had very ambivalent feelings about getting involved with her."

Her job description: "Message development." Even bullyboy Pat Buchanan, Beltway pundits say, wouldn't have run if it hadn't been for his sister—who is also his campaign chairwoman.

And it is Hillary Rodham Clinton, lawyer-activist-teacher-author-corporate boardwoman-mother and wife of Billsomething, who is the diesel engine powering the front-running Democratic campaign. In the space of one week in late January, Hillary fast-forwarded from being introduced as "wife of" (*60 Minutes*) to the victim of "the other woman" (*PrimeTime Live*) to "Trapped in a Spotlight, Hillary Clinton Uses It" (*The New York Times*), the last illustrated by a picture which said it all: Hillary with her arm thrust in the air and wearing a big campaign smile, out in front of her husband.

The forty-four-year-old wife and

mother still shows flashes of the sweet ingenue smile of her college years, and has maintained her size 8 by touching little more than a lettuce leaf and water during campaign fund-raisers (her less disciplined husband has put on twenty-five pounds). When the cameras dolly in, however, one can detect the calculation in the f-stop click of Hillary's eyes. Lips pulled back over her slightly jutting teeth, the public smile is practiced; the small frown establishes an air of superiority; her hair looks lifelessly doll-like.

But there is no mistaking the passion in her words or the impact of her presence. "The instant she came in the door of the ballroom, I knew it," said a savvy pol, Patricia Derian, an assistant secretary of state under Jimmy Carter, who saw Hillary sway a big-ticket Washington crowd at a benefit in March. There was no fanfare, no spotlight, the lady isn't even much taller than a podium microphone. "But there was no missing her," said Derian, "and that's really rare. She's a spectacular candidate in her own right. She's got my vote."

In Los Angeles, at a March 26 salmon-and-spinach luncheon hosted by Hollywood producer Dawn Steel and television producer Linda Bloodworth-Thomason (among others), Hillary dazzled an audience that is usu-

ally ho-hum about stars and plenty impressed with themselves. "We need to be against brain-dead politics wherever we find it!" she thundered, looking fierce in a fire-engine-red suit. "We need to forge a new consensus about [our] new political direction...that doesn't jerk us to the right, jerk us to the left, prey on our emotions, engender paranoia and insecurity...but instead moves us forward together." Producer Sherry Lansing pronounced it "an extraordinary speech, extraordinary."

The sold-out luncheon—her most successful of the season, raising \$50,000—came off in the heat of the controversy over Hillary's role in her husband's campaign. Her snappish response to Jerry Brown's broadside on her career—"I suppose I could have stayed home and baked cookies and had teas"—had offended millions of wom-

en who have chosen to be full-time homemakers, reinvoking the arrogance of the Tammy Wynette quote that so irritated the country-music vote. That very morning, *New York Times* columnist William Safire had written about what he called "the Hillary problem," describing her as a "political bumbler" who suffers from "foot-in-mouth disease."

In a private interview after the luncheon, I asked Hillary how she felt about being labeled "the problem." Uncharacteristically, she squirmed and stammered. "I don't know how to feel about it. . . . I think I'll just have to be more . . . careful in the way I express my feelings, so I don't inadvertently hurt anybody."

"I think the only legitimate concern is around the misconstruction of what I said about baking cookies and having tea. I can understand why some people thought that I was criticizing women who made different choices than the one I had—in fact, criticizing the choice that my mother and a lot of dear friends have made. Nothing could be further from what I believe."

Did she, then, agree with Barbara Bush, who stirred up a hornet's nest at Hillary's alma mater, Wellesley College, when she told students that a working mother should always put family before career? "For me, I believe that," Hillary replied fervently. "Personally, I believe that a woman should put her family and her relationships—which are really at the root of who you are and how you relate to the world—at the top of your priority list." She hastened to add, "But I don't believe that I, or Barbara Bush, should tell all women that's what they have to put first. . . . What we have to get away from is the idea that there's only one right choice."

Hillary seems to understand why she has become a lightning rod in her husband's presidential campaign. "What they're trying to figure out is 'How will she be able to influence him? Who is this person?' Well, Bill Clinton is the kind of person who asks advice from literally dozens of people. If you look at George Bush, he's advised by a coterie of men . . . who are, frankly, all of one mind, a very narrow, all-white coterie of, exclusively, men."

The president is one of Hillary's fa-

vorite targets, and she pillories him mercilessly in her speeches. "When it's all stripped away," she told the L.A. crowd, "at bottom what we see is a failure of leadership, rooted in a very hollow sense of what politics is and can be." As one listener put it, "She's unbelievably articulate and connects with her audience with a message that hits home." Then she joined the buzz heard all over the room: "You can't help but think, Why isn't *she* the candidate?"

She almost was. Two years ago, when Bill Clinton considered forgoing his fifth gubernatorial contest in order to

"If I get elected president," Bill Clinton vows, "it will be an unprecedented partnership."

build an early base for his lifelong presidential ambitions, Hillary called up a friend and former newspaper publisher in the state, Dorothy Stuck, and asked, "What would happen if I ran for governor?"

"After all this time Bill's been in office, you'd be hung with his baggage," answered the veteran newspaperwoman. She pledged her support, but advised Hillary to wait a few more years. "She thought she had a good chance," remembers Stuck, who adds that Hillary Clinton is revered by many women in Arkansas. Hillary's closest confidante, Carolyn Huber, confirms, "She got very enthusiastic about the prospect of running for governor." Hushing her voice, as if telling a little tale out of school, Huber says, "I think she'd like to be governor, but she wasn't about to try if Bill wanted to again."

"Some say the wrong Clinton is in

the statehouse," the governor himself drawled at a charity roast of Hillary four years ago, "and I wouldn't disagree with them." On February 7, when I asked if he was concerned about being upstaged by his wife, Clinton was unfazed. "I've always liked strong women. . . . It doesn't bother me for people to see her and get excited and say she could be president. I always say she could be president, too." At his own fund-raisers he has often quipped, "Buy one, get one free!"

In fact, fewer people seem to have negative feelings toward Hillary than toward her husband. According to a national survey conducted from March 27 to 29 by Yankelovich Clancy Shulman for *Vanity Fair*, 41 percent of those surveyed have a generally favorable impression of Hillary, while 24 percent have an unfavorable one. Fifty-five percent think she is an asset to her husband's campaign; 24 percent think she's a liability. A whopping 84 percent say they would not object to a First Lady with a separate career. Those surveyed use the following descriptions of Hillary: intelligent (75 percent); tough-minded (65 percent); a good role model for women (48 percent); a feminist in the best possible sense (44 percent). The negatives: power-hungry (44 percent); too intense (36 percent); a wife who dominates her husband (28 percent). Most disturbing for the Clintons, however, is the skepticism over their relationship: 53 percent think it is more a "professional arrangement" than a "real marriage" (22 percent).

The raised eyebrows are due in part to the way Hillary has seized the stage at certain public appearances. Even the normally unflappable Tom Brokaw was startled when, in the triumphal glow of the southern stomp on Super Tuesday, she shot past her husband to man the microphone. "What I would like to do, in introducing . . . someone . . ." she began, while her husband danced in the background like a prizefighter trying to stay warm. Soon she was booming, "We believe passionately in this country and we cannot stand by for ONE MORE YEAR and watch what is happening to it!" Over the applause, Brokaw observed dryly, "Not just an introduction, this is a speech by Mrs. Clinton."

Hillary barely referred to her hus-

band—and then only as “the messenger.” If he is the messenger, she may be the message. Those who keep asking “Why isn’t *she* running?” miss the point. Hillary Clinton is running. She and her husband have been a political team for more than twenty years. And now they are, despite protestations to the contrary, *co-candidates* for president of the United States. Asked at the L.A. luncheon if she wanted to be her husband’s vice president, Hillary brushed off the question. “I’m not interested in attending a lot of funerals around the world,” she cracked. She got a laugh, but when she continued it was with serious intent. “I want maneuverability... I want to get deeply involved in solving problems.” She later told me that she doesn’t see herself as a Cabinet officer but as an all-around adviser. And she doesn’t see what all the fuss is about. “No one gives George Bush a hard time when he gets advice from Jim Baker,” she’d complained to me earlier in the campaign.

Before he was forced to retreat on the subject of Hillary’s possible role in a Clinton administration on NBC’s *Meet the Press*, Bill told me, “If I get elected president, it will be an unprecedented partnership, far more than Franklin Roosevelt and Eleanor. They were two great people, but on different tracks. If I get elected, we’ll do things together like we always have.”

Which would make Hillary Clinton one of the most formidable women in the world, a model of a full partner in public life. Friends go even further, touting Hillary as the next attorney general by pointing out that she would be better qualified than Robert Kennedy was when his brother named him to the post. Hillary’s own brother Hugh Rodham, a public defender in Dade County, Florida, foresees even higher callings. “Attorney general is only local lawmaking,” he says dismissively. “There’s treaty negotiations she could do. There’s labor stuff. There’s secretary of state...”

The Clinton camp had planned “a slow build for Hillary,” according to her campaign manager, Richard Mintz. That was until all hell broke loose—until the day Bill Clinton was “deflowered” by a cabaret singer who once headlined at the Pinnacle Lounge in Little Rock.

The candidate’s strategists huddled in panicky planning sessions. One significant piece of information: polls showed that 39 percent of voters would have reservations about voting for a candi-

date who had been unfaithful—but that the number diminishes if the wife knows about it and accepts it. The clear conclusion was that Gennifer’s unforgettable slot-machine eyes and hydraulic lips and indelible black roots required an immediate visual challenge: the apple-cheeked, moon-eyed wife of the governor, staggeringly poised, effortlessly articulate, primly silk-scarved. Blonde too—in fact, Hillary looked like a *Town & Country* version of Gennifer Flowers, but not with a G, with a good little Wellesley girl’s hair band covering her brown roots.

Hillary rendezvoused with Bill in Boston the night before the Clintons’ extraordinary “Checkers speech” on *60 Minutes*. She conferred with the television crew on colors and camera angles. “You can quote me as saying that my sense of it was that she was in control,” says Steve Kroft, the interviewer. “We fiddled around with who should sit on which side, and they fiddled around with chair heights and things like that. You didn’t know she was his wife, you’d have thought she was a media consultant. She didn’t do it in a dictatorial sort of way... She was very delightful and charming. When they left the room, everybody pretty much said, ‘Boy, she’s terrific.’”

The next day, before airtime, tension was reportedly running high in the control room, with producer Don Hewitt ranting to Clinton advisers George Stephanopoulos and Harold Ickes, “He’s gotta come clean! He’s got to say yes!” Once Bill and Hillary were seated, Mrs. Clinton stared intently at Bill as he responded to the grilling. This was no Nancy Reagan glaze—this was the look of the *consigliere* sitting vigil over a member of the family.

Kroft’s impression was that Hillary was “tougher and more disciplined than he is. And analytical. Among his faults, he has a tendency not to think of the consequences of the things he says. I think she knows. She’s got a ten-second delay. If something comes to her mind she doesn’t



The Valkyries—Maidens of Odin, awful and beautiful, hover over the field of battle, choosing those to be slain and conducting the worthy to Valhalla.

SAVING GRACES

In an unpublished mid-eighties cartoon, Bill Clinton is rescued by three female guardians: Hillary, press secretary Joan Roberts, and chief of staff Betsey Wright.

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think will play right, she cuts it off before anybody knows she's thinking it."

"I have acknowledged wrongdoing," Bill offered when the cameras were rolling. "I have acknowledged causing pain in my marriage." At another point when Kroft pressed him—"I am assuming from your answer that you're categorically denying that you ever had an affair with Gennifer Flowers"—he took the bait. "I've said that before," he replied quickly. "And so has she..."

In jumped Hillary the litigator: "I don't want to be any more specific. I don't think being any more specific about what's happened in the privacy of our life together is relevant to anybody besides us."

It was a signal for her husband to button up. "Having made the mistake of denying Gennifer Flowers, he was undoing what they had decided to do," explains senior campaign adviser Susan Thomases. "So she was reminding him, 'Hey, buddy, remember our strategy: if you say you're not going to talk about *any* specific case, and then you talk about one case, you're blowing the strategy.'"

Hillary's presence was so strong, in

STATE OF THE UNION

The Clintons enjoy breakfast in the Arkansas governor's mansion the morning after his first inauguration.

fact, that, according to Kroft, "we found ourselves rationing her sound bites to keep her from becoming the dominant force in the interview."

But some people think it has become obvious that Hillary is the dominant force in the Clinton campaign. Even those awed by her commented after her Super Tuesday speech, "There's something a little scary, a little Al Haig-ish about her." Her closest counterparts, high-striving professional women, often react viscerally: she's "too intense," they say, or she's "missing something feminine"—as if they can't forgive her for appearing to have it all.

The slings and arrows never seem to pierce Hillary's armor-plated determination. "Hillary is convinced the way she does things is the right way," attests her brother Hugh. Carolyn Huber, the woman who may know her best, having served as Hillary's "mansion administrator," day-to-day logistical helper, and surrogate grandmother to her child, affirms that Hillary will simply not be deterred. "She wants to win as bad

as he does." Is she tougher than he is? "I think so," laughs Huber. "She's more clear about what she wants and the way she wants it done. I don't think there's ever been a time when Hillary set her mind to something she wanted to happen that it hasn't happened."

Hillary is widely regarded by their closest associates as the tougher, cooler, and more intellectually tart of the two. Her favorite recreation is standing with friends and talking ideas around the kitchen counter in the governor's mansion, one long *Big Chill* party, people helping themselves out of the fridge. (Hillary rarely cooks, and the state dining room is scarcely used.) She might mimic one of her hillbilly witnesses spitting tobacco from the stand while she cross-examines him. Or she'll burst into a high-pitched Ozark honk—hee hee hee—over one of her husband's Bubba lines. But come 10:30 she'll announce, "That's it for me, I'm goin' to bed." Bill is the night owl, the eternal schmoozer; Hillary is the emotionally disciplined one.

Sometimes this causes dissonance. "Hillary's hard to know," concedes a close family friend, Carolyn Y. Staley.

Another family friend, assured she wouldn't be identified, is more candid: "I never know from one day to the next how I'm going to be received by Hillary. She's very busy, she knows exactly where she wants to go and how to get there. You're either useful or extraneous to her." Finally she blurts, "Look, Hillary's tough as nails. *Bill has always deferred to women to fight his battles.*"

Indeed, throughout his career Bill Clinton has surrounded himself with exceptionally strong-willed, capable women. Following his first and only loss as governor, he drafted the rough-and-tumble George McGovern operative Betsey Wright as his campaign manager; she devoted the next ten years of her life to protecting and re-electing him. (Wright, who quit as Arkansas Democratic Party chair just before Clinton announced, says that she was "fried" by the time this presidential race came around.) He persuaded the flinty Susan Thomases, who had cut her teeth on Bill Bradley's first Senate campaign, to join his current brain trust. And his top staff in the Arkansas statehouse has been predominantly female. "The only two men I know in American politics who are capable of treating women as real equals," says Thomases, "are Bill Bradley and Bill Clinton."

Part of Clinton's dependence on his wife is financial. As one of the chief litigating partners in the Rose Law Firm and a director on five corporate boards (including a position as the only woman on the board of Wal-Mart) Hillary earned—based on her own figures—an estimated \$160,000 in 1990. Twice voted one of the hundred most influential lawyers in America by *The National Law Journal*, "she could command the top salary for a litigator in any law firm in New York or Los Angeles," claims her partner Herb Rule. (The going rate is \$500,000 and up.) Instead, she has committed much of her energy to pro bono work, such as chairing the Children's Defense Fund, and serving on the boards of nearly a dozen other educational and social-justice organizations.

"If Hillary were doing what she

most wanted to do in this world, she would not be a partner in a corporate law firm," confides her close friend and former Wellesley dormmate Jan Piercey. "That's what she's had to do—she's responsible for the revenue in the family." (Bill has increased his salary from \$25,000 at the age of twenty-nine to the princely sum of \$35,000 almost twenty years later.)

Bill Clinton is the *puer aeternus*, suggests one of their older, wiser friends—the eternal boy, a Jungian archetype, who remains stuck in an adolescent ori-

"The mutual admiration that creates the closeness in their marriage also produced difficulties."

entation toward life, often prompted by an exaggerated dependence on his mother. Seductive to men as well as women, the prototypical eternal boy often hopes to redeem mankind; in the archetype he is meant to replace the old king as a symbol of the renewal of life. But the "winged youth" often falls, psychologically, and in crisis turns to strong female figures to raise him up again. "Bill has achieved enormous success, but he's still reaching," says an Arkansas friend. "It's the young man who's been a star and who is, I hope, not locked in adolescence. We don't know that yet—he's only forty-five."

George Fisher cartooned Bill Clinton in the guise of a boy for fourteen years at the old *Arkansas Gazette*, starting

him off in his first term in a baby buggy, later graduating him to a tricycle and a ten-speed bike. (In real life Bill Clinton plays with a '64 Mustang—Hillary calls it his "boy's toy.") In the mid-eighties Fisher penned a striking drawing that captures Bill Clinton's dependence on his delivering angels. The cartoon, which was never published, shows three winged, spear-carrying women—Hillary, Betsey, and Clinton's former press secretary—lifting their barefoot boy from the battlefield. They are meant to be Valkyries, "awful and beautiful," who gather up the worthy and fly them to Valhalla.

I saw Fisher's cartoon come to life during what the campaign calls "the incredible week" after the *60 Minutes* appearance, a week I referred to once as a "crisis" only to have Hillary correct me: "This is not a crisis, not a personal crisis anyway." Flying with her, knee-to-knee, I watched while she fashioned the strategy to bring her husband "back from the dead," as he now describes it.

It was in a nondescript motel in Pierre, South Dakota, where she had twenty minutes of downtime, that Hillary flipped on the TV on Monday, January 27, and caught the end of Gennifer Flowers on CNN playing tapes of her phone conversations with the governor. They were devastating.

"Let's get Bill on the phone," Hillary coolly directed her campaign manager, Mintz, who was himself fighting back tears. According to Hillary, Clinton told his wife he wasn't concerned—after all, who was going to believe this woman? "Everybody knows you can be paid to do anything," the governor said.

"Everybody *doesn't* know that," she insisted. "Bill, people who don't know you are going to say, 'Why were you even talking to this person?'"

At 6:25 P.M. Central time, Hillary was pressing the flesh at a Pork Producers Rib Feed in Pierre when her campaign manager whispered in her ear, "All three nets led with the Flowers press conference." She excused herself and made a beeline for the one pay phone in the hall, pursued by a camera

crew from *PrimeTime Live*. Mintz appealed to them not to shoot her. "I promise I'll give you a shot of her on the phone, but this is not the time."

I watched as a terrible shrug went down Hillary's face. Little Rock was telling her about the latest deal—a young woman had been offered half a million dollars to say she'd had a one-night stand with Bill Clinton. Where would it stop?

Back in her six-seat charter plane, Hillary vented her frustration above the grinding hum: "If we'd been in front of a jury I'd say, 'Miss Flowers, isn't it true you were asked this by A.P. in June of 1990 and you said no? Weren't you asked by the *Arkansas Democrat* and you said no?' I mean, I would crucify her."

Hillary boils over at what she perceives as a double standard—that the press has shied away from investigating long-standing rumors about George Bush. "I had tea with Anne Cox Chambers [the heiress who is chairwoman of her media empire's Atlanta newspaper group]," Hillary recalled to me in a later interview, "and she's sittin' there in her sun-room saying, 'You know, I just don't understand why they think they can get away with this—everybody knows about George Bush,' and then launches into this long description of, you know, Bush and his carrying on, all of which is apparently well known in Washington. But I'm convinced part of it is that the Establishment—regardless of party—sticks together. They're gonna circle the wagons on Jennifer — and all these other people." (Anne Cox Chambers remembers telling Hillary, "I don't understand why nothing's ever been said about a George Bush girlfriend—I understand he has a Jennifer, too.")

The reference is to a decade-long Bush staffer who now enjoys a senior State Department position. She has been persistently linked with the president in rumors that have never been proved. When I interviewed her in 1987 in Bush's Senate office, the amply built middle-aged woman, a born-again Christian, was discreet about her work and travel with Bush. (In June of 1987, George Bush Jr. told *Newsweek* that when he asked his father if he'd ever committed adultery he replied, "The answer to the Big A question is N.O.")

On the tiny plane, Hillary focused on the problem at hand. "I'm just not go-



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"She's more clear about what she wants and the way she wants it done," says one friend.

ing to sit by anymore and say, 'Well, it's the press's responsibility.' If we can destroy people with paid stories, what's next? . . . I don't think Bill appreciates how TV really doesn't give the other side. It's like negative advertising." A light bulb switched on behind her eyes. "That's what I should have told him. In 1980 the Republicans started the negative advertising; in 1992 we have paid political character assassination. What Bill doesn't understand is you've gotta do the same thing in response as you do with negative advertising—Dukakis

didn't understand that." Suddenly, a brainstorm. "This is the daughter of Willie Horton!" Now she had the outlines of a proactive, not reactive, strategy: pound the "Republican attack machine" and run against the press.

Just before landing, she recited a prayer she says often: *Dear Lord, be good to me. The sea is so wide and my boat is so small.* Thump, bump, the plane skated through the blackness toward a shack with the sign RAPID CITY. Within minutes, Hillary was clicking across the (Continued on page 212)

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ful lot of stupid laws, and the Establishment knows they're stupid. For example, I think brothels should be legalized and the girls properly checked to see that they're not H.I.V.-positive or have V.D., to see that they have a ready supply of condoms." Since 1968, the Branson-sponsored Help Advisory Centre has offered free counseling on birth control and sexually transmitted diseases. Five years ago, Branson created the Healthcare Foundation in response to the AIDS crisis.

The ability to act on his sense of mission is a luxury Branson is aware of as

never before. "If you talk to a number of M.P.'s privately they'll agree" about the need for services such as those the foundation offers, he says. "But they won't dare get up and say it."

Two days after closing the Virgin Records deal, it was clear that Branson had survived the sale's "morning after." Within a week, he hired Robert Beckman, the American attorney who had filed an anti-trust suit against B.A. for Freddie Laker, to consider legal action on behalf of Virgin in the United States. A few days later, on March 20, Virgin began libel proceedings against B.A. and Lord King in Britain.

Now that he had enough money to wage his air war for as long as he wanted, Branson was trying hard to be diplomatic rather than gloat. After all, this is serious business, and, as his latest deal proved, he is one of the world's most serious entrepreneurs. "British Airways has spent the last two years trying to push us into the abyss," he said sternly. "Now it's time for them to accept that there'll be two British airlines for the next fifty years."

But Branson couldn't quite pull it off; he just couldn't play the sober captain of industry. "You know," he chortled, "I'm trying very hard to resist saying 'Up yours, Lord King!'" □

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(Continued from page 147) concrete airfield, coatless, eager to coach her husband and rev up the campaign staff on a conference call. "Who's getting information on the Star?" she demanded. "Who's tracking down all the research on Gennifer? Where is our surrogate program? Who's going to be out there speaking for us?" She let the fragile young staffers who had not experienced a Hiroshima in a campaign know that she and Bill were going to be out there fighting, "and I want you all to be putting this stuff together."

"It was," says deputy campaign manager George Stephanopoulos, "inspirational."

To Hillary Clinton, the stories of her husband's sexual infidelities seem to register, consciously at least, as having nothing to do with her, or with their marriage, but rather as evidence of the depths of degradation to which the hit men behind George Bush will stoop. Rarely does anyone in her audiences dare to bring up the question of infidelity, and when someone does, Hillary usually knocks it out of the park, leaving people cheering. Her refrain has become something of a mantra, protecting her from ever seeming to take the whole ugly business personally: "This is a much bigger issue than just Bill and me—I just hope for the sake of the country we'll set some boundaries for others coming along."

Not only is her altruistic defense politically astute, it also serves to buffer her psychologically from the feelings that would send most women off on an emotional roller coaster. "It doesn't make any difference what people say about her," says her friend Stuck, "whatever criticism or belittling, she doesn't take it personally,

because the cause is always more important. It may very well be the way she insulates herself from hurt. And I think in the past ten or twelve years with Bill she may have done that, to protect her sanity."

In all the time I traveled with Hillary, and in sixty interviews with her friends, family, and associates, there was just one hint of a deep emotional reaction. "She never shows her personal feelings on the surface," attests Carolyn Huber, but that week, when the governor's wife phoned her confidante and Huber broke into sobs, a fissure opened in the protective coating of equanimity. "I know, Carolyn, it's hurting so bad," Hillary said. "The press doesn't believe you have any feelings. They sure don't believe in the Bible."

But Hillary is also an avowed pragmatist, accustomed to life in the political fishbowl. "She knew this day would come," says Jan Piercey, her former college dormmate, "and she wasn't going to put anybody in the position of lying." Another friend says of the media frenzy over Clinton's nocturnal peccadilloes, "None of this came as a surprise to her."

I asked Hillary if she thought her husband had told her everything she needed to know. "Yes. I have absolutely no doubt about that," she replied, her light-blue eyes unblinking beneath the dark hedgerow of brows. "I don't think I could be sitting here otherwise. That's been, over years, part of the development of trust."

I asked if she thought Gary Hart was qualified to be president, or did she think his problems revealed something disturbing about his character? "He was not yet at a point where he could be honest with himself, that's my perception," she said. "People in his campaign said they con-

fronted him and said, 'Have you ever?' and he said 'No.'"

She praised Bill Clinton for being honest with the people he loves, admitting his problems, and declaring he wanted to do better. "I think as he got older, as he became a father, he began to let his breath out a little bit," observes Hillary. Her husband believes that trauma and mistakes are all tests that help one grow. For him, says Hillary, "it's a constant coming to grips with who you are and what stage of life you can grow beyond."

The Clintons' friends fiercely idealize their marriage, seeing in it a remarkable integration of strong personalities and sheer guts. "Most of us have thrown in the towel," says one friend, the thoughtful actress Mary Steenburgen. "These people didn't. It's exciting to be around them and to see how it can be to be a married couple." Another member of the "Arkansas diaspora" in L.A., television producer Linda Bloodworth-Thomason, is one of Hillary's most loyal intimates. "Look, this isn't Lurleen Wallace," says Bloodworth-Thomason. "Hillary doesn't have to stay with Bill Clinton. She could get to the Senate or possibly the White House on her own—and she knows it. . . . But these two people are intertwined on every level, as a man and woman, as friends, as lovers, as parents, as politicians. . . . This is a love story." Huber agrees, describing how "Bill and Hillary are always smooching." Their pals call the Clintons "soul mates," saying they confide fully in nobody, not even family, only in each other.

"She also has an investment in this marriage and his career," points out the practical Wright, who says Hillary never

considered divorce. "It absolutely was not an alternative that she gave him."

The only area of vulnerability friends spot in Hillary is her daughter, Chelsea. The longest periods of silence she maintains are in hotel rooms, a phone cradled to her ear, often dead tired but listening without interruption to the stream-of-consciousness account of the twelve-year-old's day. Before the campaign, Hillary was out of town on law or board work two or three nights a week. She does homework with Chelsea by fax.

"Whenever Hillary was there, she always sat with Chelsea while she had dinner," recalls Melinda Martin, the resident baby-sitter from '85 to '87. (Most of the Clintons' baby-sitters are fresh out of the University of Arkansas, with names like Melinda, Melissa, and Michelle.)

I asked Melinda how often Bill and Hillary went out together. "Just the two of them? Very, very seldom. . . . Hillary took Chelsea on vacations. Bill would promise to catch up, but usually he'd come a couple of days late, or not at all."

Hillary's protectiveness of her daughter took precedence one evening, at the peak of the bimbomania, when she was facing a command performance as the "candidate's wife" before a backbiting Washington audience at a roast of Ron Brown, chairman of the Democratic National Committee. Bill was scheduled to take Chelsea to a father-daughter dance at the Little Rock Y.W.C.A. Their friend Linda Bloodworth-Thomason had an inspiration: "Let's do a live remote to Little Rock—it will be a nice image for them to see Bill dancing with his daughter."

Hillary didn't think twice. "No," she said. "This is Chelsea's night."

It is one of Hillary's philosophical tenets that children should be spoken to just like adults. This explains how Hillary is able to pass the supermarket checkout counter in the company of her adored daughter without gagging. Indeed, Hillary is the first to point out the lurid tabloid headlines screaming about multiple affairs or a love child, instructing Chelsea that "this is what's to be expected in a political campaign." Chelsea follows the political horse race avidly, but "when they talk bad about my daddy" on TV, she leaves the room.

For women who have been betrayed by unfaithful husbands, Hillary Clinton is a Rorschach test. Some grimace at the prospect of having their hearts broken by a man whose story you never know whether to believe: "I don't want another charmer." Others admire her stoicism and buy the strength-through-adversity story.

Still, any wife subjected to embarrassing, detailed reports of infidelity must register searing pain at some level. It is quite possible that Hillary is so focused on power agendas that she is disconnected from her feelings, able to compartmentalize her pain: she codes it, labels it, and puts it away in the deep freeze. What does that leave? An unresolved hurt so profound that it may not surface until all the sound and fury of campaigning is over.

The secret behind Hillary's boldness goes back to the torch passed from a silent generation of mothers to the daughters of the feminist movement. "I was determined that no daughter of mine was going to have to go through the agony of being afraid to say what she had on her mind," says Dorothy Rodham, Hillary's mother, who hadn't finished college before marrying Hugh Rodham, a rough-edged Chicago salesman and later owner of a small textile business. Mrs. Rodham made raising her three children her full-time occupation. They played endless word games and rarely watched television. Thus, Hillary was an especially sheltered four-year-old when the Welsh-English family moved to Park Ridge, a middle-class, white-collar suburb out near O'Hare airport.

The new neighborhood was dominated by a family with a daughter, Suzy, who regularly decked the beribboned little Hillary, watching in triumph as she ran home sobbing.

"There's no room in this house for cowards," Hillary's mother announced one day. "You're going to have to stand up to her. The next time she hits you, I want you to hit her back."

Out trudged the trembling four-year-old. A circle of scowling boys and the pugilistic girl closed around her. Suddenly, Hillary threw out her fist, knocking Suzy off her pins. The boys' mouths dropped open. Flushed with victory, Hillary ran home to exclaim to her proud mother, "I can play with the boys now!"

The lesson sank in deep. "Boys responded well to Hillary," clucks her mother. "She just took charge, and they let her." Even as a child she thought in terms of mobilizing constituents for her causes, organizing neighborhood carnivals or clothing drives for migrant workers. As a young teen she helped her youth minister, the Reverend Don Jones, in counseling black and Hispanic teens from the South Side. "She would think things through to see what would be appealing to the group," recalls her brother Hugh. "We would just follow along as little brothers."

The other formative experience for Hil-

lary was competitive sports. A keen though terminally mediocre athlete, Hillary now appreciates having learned the lesson few girls did in those days: "You win one day, you lose the next day, you don't take it personally. You get up every day and you go on." It became the pattern of her life, a pattern that has fortified her in the topsy-turvy days of the current campaign.

To go east in 1965 to Wellesley College—"all very rich and fancy and very intimidating to my way of thinking"—was a big stretch. She started out a Goldwater Girl. Though instant conversions to radicalism were common at the time, Hillary had a slower, more thoughtful evolution in her political views, working her way through the moderate Rockefeller wing of the Republican Party to campaigning for Eugene McCarthy by '68.

Jeff Shields, her Harvard boyfriend in those days, who is now a Chicago lawyer, fell in love with her earnestness. "The thing that I remember most were the conversations," he recalls. "She would rather sit around and talk about current events or politics or ideas than to go bicycle riding or to a football game."

Hillary's charisma was strong enough to attract a half-dozen girls to move into the Gothic dorm, Stone Davis, to be near her. They all ate together in a cloistered stone-and-glass gazebo. "You were surrounded by role models," remembers Jan Piercy of the all-female college. "We came away just assuming that everyone had serious aspirations." Hillary became president of her college government and graduated with high honors.

Coming to political consciousness in the late 1960s, Hillary saw these as "years dominated by men with dreams, men in the civil-rights movement and the Peace Corps, the space program." As an ambitious fourteen-year-old Hillary had written to NASA asking what it took to be an astronaut. She was told girls need not apply. Still, "growing up in the fifties, a lot of us sensed that we could redefine what women do." Her mother had hoped Hillary would be the first woman on the Supreme Court, "but Sandra Day O'Connor beat her to it," she jokes. Friends along the way have told her what Dorothy Stuck says today: "Regardless of what happens to Bill, the nation will be exposed to Hillary Clinton, and Hillary could—and should—be our first woman president."

Bill Clinton's childhood, as tumultuous as Hillary's was stable, helps illuminate his complicated relationship with his wife and the mistakes that have tested

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their political and personal partnerships.

Three months prior to his birth, his mother, a high-spirited, part-Native American, part-Irish woman by the maiden name of Virginia Cassidy, lost Bill's father, the first of her four husbands. William Jefferson Blythe III, a traveling salesman, swerved across the highway driving home from Chicago and drowned in a rain-filled ditch at the age of twenty-nine. The tragedy meant that Bill was left with his grandparents in the tiny town of Hope, Arkansas, for his first four years while his mother went off to New Orleans to pursue nurse's training in anesthesiology. Young Billy adored his grandfather, a six-day-a-week storekeeper who died when the boy was eleven. From then on he was bereft of family male role models.

When I asked Bill Clinton who was the first man who endorsed him as worthwhile, there was a very long pause. He stared out the plane window at the bleak, snow-blistered New England terrain. After mentioning his grandfather, he spoke stiffly of his stepfather Roger Clinton. "He took me to St. Louis in a train once, I remember that." He dredged up one family vacation, one fishing trip. "Literally, all those years and I can count on one hand—there just weren't many times. It was sort of sad. . . I missed it."

When Bill was seven, the family moved to Hot Springs, a tingly place notorious for its racetrack, illegal gambling clubs, warehouses, and gangster glamour. Every winter the high rollers would come from New York and Chicago and Miami Beach, looking for action. "The Clintons fit in with all that," says Carolyn Staley, the local preacher's daughter, who introduced herself to me at Clinton headquarters as "Bill's 'girl next door.'" Staley says Virginia Clinton was at the races every day—still is—she has her own box. "She loves it, it's in her blood. She wrote her own rules."

Clinton's mother also worked at being glamorous. With a silver streak dyed down the middle of her dark hair and three shades of eye shadow, "she'd put on tailored men's pajamas and mules and hang around with a cigarette in her hand, real Hollywood," says Staley. "She was a good-lookin' lady and hilarious. . . One-liners are her trademark, like a walking female Will Rogers."

Virginia Clinton remained emotionally stoic through the abuse of Bill's alcoholic stepfather, who went on rampages that sometimes ended with a bullet hole shot in

the wall or a beating of Bill's mother or younger brother. Finally, at fourteen, Clinton put an end to the violence in a shocking confrontation that marked the turning point of his adolescence. Hearing a fight, he broke down the door of his parents' bedroom. "[I] told him that I was bigger than him now, and there would never be any more of this while I was there," Clinton recalled to political writer Joe Klein.

Virginia Clinton temporarily threw Roger out of the house—a brief divorce—and began taking her teenage son along to a nightclub she frequented called the Vapors. During racing season the club ran fast and loose with lusty Vegas entertainers singing over the raucous *chi-ching* of slot machines and the squeals at the blackjack tables—an experience which seems to have simultaneously intrigued and repelled the boy. "It was fascinating," Bill told me. But he added, "I didn't like to be around dark smoky places where people were drinking too much. . . I had a real negative association with alcoholism. I think subconsciously I was afraid it would happen to me." Bill later became president of his Baptist Sunday-school class.

"Some of the mistakes I made later in life were rooted in all those things that were unsaid or unexplored when we were growing up," Bill told me. Virginia Clinton made no attempt to explain or analyze behavior. "My mother was trying to keep peace and survive in an explosive situation," Bill never rebelled, adds Staley. "He had to be the shining light in his mother's life."

The fact that his reality as a child was completely defined by a woman may explain his later dependence on Hillary and other strong women. Young Bill also developed the pleasing style of many children from alcoholic homes, who reason, as Betsey Wright describes it, "If I'm really nice, and I make this person feel better, then maybe this [behavior] will stop." Wright adds, "I can see that in Bill now. He sees it."

Another common result in families where parents are weak, narcissistic, or alcoholic is that the growing child either copies the immature habits he sees at home or leaps ahead to become a premature grown-up. The missed childhood can later trigger immature behavior as an adult. "I always wondered if I'd want to be sixteen when I was forty because I never felt like I got to complete my childhood," Bill Clinton has said.

Carolyn Staley confides that "Virginia and Bill and Hillary have taken what might otherwise have been made out to be a debilitating background and they've

carefully developed a spin to their lives to make Bill the conquering hero."

Bill Clinton first laid eyes on Hillary Rodham at Yale Law School in a class they shared in political and civil liberties. He thought she was "the greatest thing on two legs," but there was more to the attraction. They belonged to a new generation, where everything was supposed to be equitable between the sexes. Hillary had come to Yale already a star, renowned as a multiple winner on the TV quiz show *College Bowl*, and as the college senior who delivered an extraordinary counter-commencement speech at Wellesley College in 1969. The address, which earned her national publicity, including her picture in *Life*, had struck a very sixties tone: "We feel that our prevailing, acquisitive and competitive corporate life. . . is not the way of life for us. We're searching for more immediate, ecstatic. . . modes of living."

What does Hillary remember as the most ecstatic experience of her twenties? She ponders, then laughs, conjuring up the sunny southerner with Elvis sideburns who entered Yale Law School a year after she did. "Falling in love with Bill Clinton," she answers.

What attracted her to him? "He wasn't afraid of me," says Hillary.

"But I was afraid of us, I tell you that," admits Bill.

He trailed her out of the class they shared, following her so close he could smell her hair, and then he stopped dead in his tracks. *No, this is nothing but trouble*, he told himself. "I could just look at her and tell that she was interesting and deep." He walked away. For the next couple of weeks he stared at her, he stalked her, but he couldn't bring himself to make the first move.

One night, huddled at the end of the library, he watched the object of his gaze stand up and march the full length of the Yale Law School library until she stood face-to-face with him. "Look, if you're going to keep staring at me, then I'm going to keep looking back," Hillary said, "and I think we ought to know each other's names. I'm Hillary Rodham."

"I was dumbstruck," says Bill Clinton. "I couldn't think of my name."

They have been looking at each other with mixed feelings of fascination and apprehension ever since.

Studious, solemn, dynamic, substantive—these are the adjectives her classmates use to describe Hillary Rodham at Yale Law School. Hillary gave no

thought to "getting herself up," and was in fact mousy-haired, makeupless, and somewhat intimidating behind her oversize, Steinem-like glasses. Big Bill Clinton, by contrast, was "Mr. Aura"—a good time, funny, intense, a very quick study. Bill shared a famous beach house for the first two years with an African-American from a family of Philadelphia Republicans, Bill Coleman. He remembers Clinton partying, reading Camus, dating several women (including an African-American classmate). But he spent most of his time working on political campaigns. "He did not spend lots of time trying to master *Marbury v. Madison*," snickers Coleman.

Professor Burke Marshall remembers Hillary vividly. "She was even then forceful, very smart, very articulate. Some very good lawyers ramble, but that's not Hillary. Her mind is an organized mind." Of Bill Clinton he says, "He was a very good student, he's very, very smart. But I'd never have thought Bill Clinton was law-firm material. He was obviously going to be a candidate."

To Clinton, law school was just a credential. He had a single-track focus. Even when he and Hillary took a house together, a baby Colonial, and "he was totally consumed by somebody else's being," as Coleman recalls, Clinton did not take his eye off his soaring political ambitions. As a result, doubts about the match lingered for Bill and Hillary. "I loved being with her, but I had very ambivalent feelings about getting involved with her," Bill admits. He insists he warned Hillary from their earliest dates, "You know, I'm really worried about falling in love with you, because you're a great person, you could have a great life. If you wanted to run for public office you could be elected, but I've got to go home. It's just who I am."

When Hillary and Bill joined the Barristers' Union, to put on a competitive trial before a real jury, she whipped him into shape as her partner. Alan Bersin, a fellow student, now a partner at Munger, Tolles & Olson in L.A., chuckles as he remembers Bill, "who was superb at presenting. But Hillary was definitely the serious one about getting work done and thinking through the position." They did not, however, win the prize trial. "I just had a bad day," Bill told me sheepishly, adding that it didn't help when "Hillary wore this bright-orange outfit."

But the dynamic duo made a lasting impression on one of the judges, John Doar, a hero of the civil-rights movement. Six months after they graduated, Doar was shopping for crack young lawyers to staff

the House Judiciary Committee inquiry that would prepare the impeachment case against President Richard Nixon. Bill excused himself; he was already geared up for his 1974 congressional race. But what about Hillary? "If he hadn't suggested her, I would have called her anyway," says Doar.

The work was thrilling and grueling, twenty hours a day for six months. In August, tired by the committee's work and public opinion, Nixon resigned. By the end of her first year out of law school, Hillary Rodham had become part of history.

Why would she marry him? That was what her Wellesley classmates and the feminists who knew Hillary from the McGovern campaign demanded to know. Most thought Bill was terrific. *But move to Arkansas? You gotta be kidding*, the subtext clearly being *buncha redneck racists*.

"I kept struggling between my head and my heart," Hillary remembers. Head said: gold-plated law firm in New York or Washington, public-interest law, or government. Heart won. Later in the summer of 1974, she "took a leap of faith" and moved to Fayetteville. "I just knew I wanted to be part of changing the world," she says now. "Bill's desire to be in public life was much more specific than my desire to do good."

Hillary and Bill taught at the University of Arkansas Law School, eschewing living together "because of the local mores." After a year of trying on Arkansas life, Hillary decided to see what all her friends were doing that she might be missing. "I went to Boston, New York, Washington, Chicago," she recalls. "I didn't see anything out there that I thought was more exciting or challenging than what I had in front of me."

When Bill picked her up at the midget airport, he was ebullient. "You know that house you liked?" Hillary looked blank. "What house?"

As Bill tells the story, she'd made a passing comment about a pretty little glazed-brick house. He'd gone out and bought it, feathering the nest with an antique bed and flowered sheets from Wal-Mart. "So you're going to have to marry me," he declared, winding up his pitch as he pulled into the driveway of the house. Two months later she did.

"I was disappointed when they married," admits Betsey Wright, who had met the dating couple when they came to her home state of Texas to work for the McGovern campaign in 1972. "She has been absolutely critical to Bill's success but, then, I had images in my mind that

she could be the first woman president."

Mack McLarty, a childhood friend of Bill's who now serves with Hillary on the board of the yogurt giant TCBY Enterprises, adds candidly, "I married above myself in terms of intellect, like Bill did."

For Hillary, Arkansas was a different world. Even in Little Rock, where they moved in 1976 when Bill became attorney general, women were expected to be content with curling their eyelashes and selecting china patterns—especially political wives.

Instead, Hillary was recruited as one of the first women in the state to join a main-line law practice, the Rose Law Firm, after several partners were impressed by the way she set up the University of Arkansas's legal-aid clinic. "I think initially there were some [clients] who might put her into a stereotype... the pushy, Yankee female," says her law partner Webb Hubbell, "but I don't think anybody after fifteen minutes with Hillary would think that. ... She can tell if the client is very nervous or concerned about something and can put them at ease."

In 1978 the Clintons swept into the governor's office with the promise of youth and purity. "Arrogant" was the outcry of the Establishment, and the governor's spouse became the lightning rod for people's resentment. To southerners expecting a more decorative First Lady, Hillary Rodham was almost an eyesore. She rejected makeup, glared through thick glasses, drowned herself in big shapeless fisherman's sweaters, and adamantly stuck to her maiden name.

Two years later, at the age of thirty-two, Hillary produced her "one perfect child" the same month she made law partner. According to Carolyn Huber, Hillary believed the baby came three weeks early because she was under the emotional stress of litigating a tough child-custody case. There were harrowing hours until Hillary underwent a cesarean. Finally, Bill emerged from the delivery room in green scrubs, cradling a seven-pound baby, saying he was "bonding" with his new daughter, and generally acting "like he'd invented fatherhood," says Diane Blair, a political-science professor in Fayetteville.

But it was also an election year. When the newspapers reported that "Governor Bill Clinton and Hillary Rodham had a daughter," the voters were outraged at their First Lady's blatant feminism.

His defeat that November was devastating for the wunderkind governor, who was written off as having no political future. "There are a couple of periods in my adult life that were pretty tough," says

What Hillary Wants

Bill, and this was the first one. Observant friends think Bill also felt as if he had failed Hillary. "The mutual admiration that creates the closeness in their marriage also produced difficulties," says Piercy.

At the time of his disorienting loss, Hillary's own career was soaring. "Subconsciously, that's hard for all of us," sympathizes Herb Rule, another of Hillary's partners. "You always want your friends and spouse to do well. But not at a time when you're failing."

For the next six months, according to friends, the governor "went a little crazy." They suggest that the Clintons' marital problems began around this time, and lasted until a few years ago. Before the couple purchased a small house, Betsey Wright was summoned to move into the mansion and see what was salvageable of Bill's career and his political records. "He got crazy in the incessant quest for understanding what he did wrong, which was masochistic," remembers Wright.

The ousted governor stalked around the state apologizing for himself—and seeking solace. "The frustrations I went through in the seven years of being his chief of staff," moans Wright, "of watching the groupie girls hanging around and the fawning all over him. But I always laughed at them on the inside, because I knew no dumb bimbo was ever going to be able to provide to him all of the dimensions that Hillary does."

According to Wright, Clinton resisted the aphrodisiac effect of his powerful position more than many men. But, she admits, "Bill was always very careless, out of an unbelievable naïveté. He has a defective shit detector about personal relationships sometimes. He just thinks everyone is wonderful. He is also careless about appearances."

Bill remembers during this dark period being so haunted by a sense of imminent death, "I would seize everything." Hillary thinks he "viewed his father's death as so irrational—so out of the blue—that it really did set a tone for his own sense of mortality. . . . Not just in his political career. It was reading everything he could read, talking to everybody he could talk to, staying up all night, because life was passing him by." Uncharacteristically, her narrative begins to skip at this juncture: "I mean it was. . . it was an intense sense of . . . what he might miss at any moment."

Some say Hillary took the political de-

feat harder than her husband did. When she gets down for brief periods, she withdraws into reading, playing dress-up with Chelsea, or trudging off to the Y to work out. She also prays. "Hillary has an unbelievable ability to control her personality and her moods," marvels Wright. Sometimes, she pops off, not often, but stingingly. "The person on the receiving end never gets over it," says Huber.

Hillary determined to do whatever it took to put her husband back in power. So, without a word from Bill, she shed her name for his. She also dyed her hair, traded her thick glasses for contacts, and feigned an interest in fashion.

The Clintons campaigned nonstop those next two years—on top of their jobs at respective law firms. The first of a series of baby-sitters was hired to live on the premises and be on twenty-four-hour call. Once their daughter began speaking, at age two, "Chelsea would say, 'I want my mama,'" recalls Huber, but she soon learned to answer her own question: "Mommy go make 'peechee.'"

Commonly, a chief of staff and willful wife are natural enemies, but "Hillary made herself absolutely indispensable," says Betsey Wright. She sat in on their strategy sessions. "Her own performance in selling and implementing his government programs was extraordinary. There were so many ways he needed her."

Hillary also acted as his conscience. "I think that there have been many times when he would have liked to go home and turn on the TV and escape or just read a book," concedes Wright, "and she would be in with a list of things people had called her about that day or that had to be done. He would be 'Ah, couldn't you just be a sweet little wife?' instead of being this person helping me be what I'm supposed to be."

"Between Hillary at home and me at the office, pushing and pushing him, I know there was a point where he felt, *These people need to leave me alone. I just want to do what I want to do.* It was a rebellion."

By the time voters returned the Clintons to the governor's mansion in 1982, Hillary was ready with her beaded inauguration gown, Chantilly lace over charmeuse silk. And for Easter she made sure to pick out the sort of cartwheel-brimmed hat that would stir whispers of "Very nice" and "Just right." As Jan Piercy puts it, "Hillary made her trade-offs early on, and I think she steeled herself not to look back."

The Clintons marched straight into the

heat of public censure in '83 when the governor appointed Hillary to chair the state committee on educational standards. She spearheaded a requirement for a one-time teacher examination. "Lower than a snake's belly," one school librarian called her. It was typical of the insults she faced for the next several years.

Hillary pushed on to introduce a consumer-rights approach to education, and the concept of continuing education for educators. She barnstormed around the state for hearings, stopping in all seventy-five counties. Her husband massaged his legislature until Arkansas was eventually funneling seventy cents out of every tax dollar into education programs. These improvements—plus the governor's timely hike last year in teachers' salaries—won over the teachers' union, which had been their bitterest foe. It was typical of the way their political partnership worked.

Hillary also injected her ideals into her corporate-board work. As a sort of resident sociologist on the board of Wal-Mart, a nonunion company with 380,000 employees, she contributed to the retailing giant's ranking in *The 100 Best Companies to Work for in America*. Named head of Wal-Mart's environmental committee, she reframed the question from waste disposal to education and launched the company on a recycling program. She "saved us from a false start on environmental policy," says Rob Walton, son of the company's founder.

The Clintons' partnership looked perfect, at least from the outside. And then Bill stepped on another land mine from his past.

He was thirty-seven when he went through the worst year of his life. It was 1984, during his second term as governor, when a colonel of the state police phoned Betsey Wright, who dashed out to track down Hillary in a nearby restaurant and tell her, "We need to talk to Bill." His twenty-seven-year-old half-brother, Roger, had been spotted selling cocaine. The state police wanted to inform Clinton about their undercover surveillance. Though he was pained by it, he told them to proceed. "It was," says Hillary, "a much greater crisis than anything we've had in this presidential campaign."

Bill's half-brother did more than a year in prison, then came out only to discover that he was cross-addicted to alcohol. A drug counselor rounded up Bill, Roger, their mother, and even occasionally Hillary for intense family therapy. She led them through discussions on co-dependency. Clinton says the process helped him to learn things he never knew about

himself. The counselor told them that the line between wanting to be a rock star—Roger's dream—and a governor is a very thin one.

During "the next two or three years of discovery... they all came to grips with having grown up in the home of an abusive stepfather," says Wright.

"After my brother got into trouble in 1984, it really had a profound impact on me," explains Clinton. "I just couldn't imagine... I kept asking myself, How could I not have known this?"

The unfinished business of his past threw him again into a period of disequilibrium. He feared he might not be able to live up to the great expectations of his political life and his life partner. The soul-searching, which coincided with Bill's mid-life passage from the age of thirty-seven to forty, also sparked a revival of the behavior that had earlier put strains on their marriage.

In the summer of 1987 forty-year-old Bill Clinton was poised to launch his candidacy for the presidency. Political big shots flew into Little Rock for the announcement luncheon. Everything was ready.

But moments before the scheduled start, Bill backed out. He and Hillary had had a heart-to-heart talk about the long-standing rumors of his zipper problem. Chelsea was only seven. It was too soon. The press that July day caught a rare glimpse of Hillary Rodham Clinton spilling emotion: she stood behind Bill and wept.

The period that followed the climb-down from their joint national aspirations may have been the nadir of their marriage. A clue slipped out during the *60 Minutes* confessional. Bill told Steve Kroft humbly, "If we had given up on our marriage... three years ago, four years ago, you know... If we were divorced, I wouldn't be half the man I am today, without her and Chelsea."

So it was that Hillary Clinton woke up one morning last August in the Arkansas governor's mansion, looked over at her husband's sleepy face, and told him, "You almost have to do it," meaning run for president.

"Do you have any idea what we're getting into?" he asked.

"I know, it'll be tough," she replied. But she was ready to take her own platform national, as a campaign letter described it. And she was bored with the politics of Arkansas, where her husband has put in a full decade as governor.

"She doesn't like all the duties of First Lady," confirmed her brother Hugh Rodham. "It's tiresome and too local."

Reflecting back on the personal journey he has made over the last four years, Bill says the fear of life running out at any moment has subsided. "It's all different now. I think—in the aftermath of my brother's encounter and all the stuff that Hillary and I went through, and where we are together now, and Chelsea—I'm so much more relaxed. I got into this race because I really felt I was strong enough and ready to be president... and because the things that Hillary and I have worked on together were more relevant to what has to be done in the country than anybody else."

"Every life has challenges," Hillary told me philosophically. "Life has become very unpredictable and scary for people. And the only insurance policy you've got against whatever comes down the pike is to be as ready as you personally can be. I think that's part of what the voters have been saying to me: Nobody could have predicted that all this would happen to you. You didn't ask for it. But you were ready. And, boy, we're glad you were."

If he loses, Hillary predicts, "Bill and I have great opportunities, we'll always be able to make a good living, we've got a wonderful daughter—we'll be fine." It doesn't usually work that way, however, particularly not for two driven people whose every axon and dendrite have been tingling for months as they crisscross the country in matching campaign planes, eager to deliver political redemption to the masses. If suddenly they land, SPLAT, back in Little Rock, and they wake up to the concern that their child has been necessarily neglected, and perhaps Hillary begins to thaw out the small, excruciatingly painful little package in the deep freeze labeled "Bill's Marital Mistakes," this could be a very difficult period.

But Hillary Clinton also has developed her own form and substance, her survival instincts and resilience. Maybe the next gubernatorial election the other Clinton will run. There could be a role switch: Bill might find rewards in replicating his childhood—supporting the woman who defines and controls his existence.

And maybe the next presidential election, or several more down the line, the other Clinton will be on the ticket. As Hillary told a Los Angeles audience recently, "We'll have a woman president by 2010."

Would she consider running? she was pressed.

"We'll talk later." □

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Schmoke, Curry, Gibson will exact a price for their endorsements

When Baltimore Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke, Prince George's County Executive Wayne K. Curry and political adviser Larry S. Gibson — all Democrats — decide to endorse a candidate for governor, their support will come with a price. The message will be: Neither party can afford to take black voters for granted. (Page 2a)

In Baltimore City

Nursing assistant abused patient. (Page 3a)

Joenell Fisher, jazz club singer for nearly 20 years, dies. (Page 5a)

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ON THE TRAIL CAMPAIGN

Walking, talking: Hillary Rodham Clinton (center) tours the B & A Trail with Rep. Benjamin L. Cardin (left), National Park Service Director Robert Stanton, Rails to Trails' David Burwell, Sen. Paul S. Sarbanes, and Gov. Parris N. Glendening. Ahead are Mike Jones (left), Oak Hill Elementary fourth-grader Tyneka Paca, 9, and Jennifer Jarman. (Article, Page 2B)

Balto. County limits construction

Height restrictions imposed on sites at Green Spring Station

Dundalk Democrat Louis L. DePazzo, the measure's only opponent on the council, also called it unfair. "I think it's just unfair to that person who played by

ing it won't affect just that development, but rural areas around the county located close to business zones.

The lopsided vote "shows a broad support across this county. We need solid back-

Republican who sponsored the measure, said the law is needed to control growth in the traffic-worn corridor.

"Large buildings mean more people, and this greatly impacts on roads, especially

Sauerbrey, Glendening rally forces

Coalition praises governor's support of abortion rights

Candidates tap grievances

Challenger outlines improved benefits for state employees

By MICHAEL DRESNER
AND GREG GARLAND
SUN STAFF

Praising Gov. Parris N. Glendening for his support of abortion rights, a coalition of women's groups endorsed his re-election bid yesterday and predicted Republican Ellen R. Sauerbrey will try to roll back those rights if she wins the election.

Sauerbrey, meanwhile, received a warm reception from a state employees' group for her promises of im-

the other candidate.

Traci Siegel, executive director of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League's Maryland chapter, said Sauerbrey "voted to deny women the right to choose at every turn during her 18 years in the Maryland General Assembly."

She said that in contrast, "Governor Glendening has fulfilled his promise to oppose any efforts to limit women's access to safe and legal abortions."

Her group was among several women's organizations to announce endorsements of (See Governor, 4a)

TV ads drive

Teachers and a former principal of the Berlin school denounced child welfare officials who did not remove the child, Shamir Hudson, and his two younger siblings from Hudson's home despite more than two dozen reports of possible child abuse filed by educators.

"These children were slowly tortured," said kindergarten teacher Diane H. Raines. "Every time we tried to intervene, the Department of Social Services said our reports were unfounded."

Shamir Hudson was found beaten to death March 24 in a bedroom of Hudson's mobile home. An autopsy determined that the child died of wounds of every size, age and direction, including a broken rib, a lacerated liver and hemorrhaging from his head. According to police reports, a burn on the child's arm and two open wounds on his legs were covered with duct tape.

School officials also reported suspected abuse of Shamir's 7-year-old brother, Shamale, and his 6-year-old sister, Shamie. All three children had been adopted.



Trail talk: First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks at the Baltimore & Annapolis Trail in Severna Park during an event to kick off a White House program to promote U.S. trails.

First lady's path leads to B & A Trail

Hillary Rodham Clinton kicks off federal trail effort

By CHERYL LU-LIEN TAN
SUN STAFF

Ignoring a banner that said "Save the Presidency. Jail Ken 'Porno' Starr," first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton spoke in Severna Park yesterday flanked by a phalanx of politicians that included Gov. Parris N. Glendening, who snubbed the president when he visited a Montgomery County school last month.

Mrs. Clinton — almost an hour late when she arrived at the Baltimore & Annapolis Trail — stepped into the miniature-flag-waving fanfare of a community that is rarely visited by dignitaries beyond the county government level. She was there to kick off a White House Millennium Council program to promote and develop 2,000 trails nationwide.

The first lady's visit followed the recent slighting of President Clinton by Glendening, who supported Mrs. Clinton and seemed to take two contrasting stands with regard to the president's recent troubles.

When Glendening canceled plans to show up at a Silver Spring elementary school during a Sept. 8 presidential visit to show support for the governor's educational initiatives, he blamed scheduling conflicts. Glendening canceled an

Oct. 2 fund-raiser with Clinton and criticized him for failing to set a good example for the nation's youth.

Yesterday, Glendening took a swipe at the cost and intent of independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr's investigation.

"In all honesty, I think it's a waste of time, money and energy on ... a person's personal life," he said.

Asked yesterday about his Silver Spring absence, the governor said Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend had been there for the administration and that he didn't regret pulling out of the fund-raiser. Since then, he said, Clinton has admitted he "made a mistake and apologized" for the Monica Lewinsky affair.

"It is time to try and move on," he said. "Let's get on with the business of running this country."

Mrs. Clinton said nothing about the scandal at yesterday's event. She took no questions from the media and ignored reporters who yelled questions about the House Judiciary Committee's impeachment inquiry.

She arrived just before 4 p.m., walked about 500 yards of the trail, inspected a map and went to the stage.

About 1,000 people showed up to give Mrs. Clinton a standing ovation and to cheer as Anne Arundel County Executive John G. Gary, a Republican, took the microphone to say, "Isn't she great?"

Mrs. Clinton spoke about trails and their importance in "bringing together the community."

"Like the railroads that brought us together in the 19th century, these trails will bring us together in the 21st century," she said.

The ceremony took little more than an hour, but Mrs. Clinton's visit — which brought a crowd of Secret Service agents and county police to the usually quiet area — left an indelible impression on many.

Holding up his right hand, 10-year-old Dimario Walker of Annapolis said Mrs. Clinton had just shaken it.

"I'm never going to wash this hand," Walker said. "I'll just never get nothing on it when I eat."

Sun staff writer William F. Zorzi Jr. contributed to this article.

Curry says Glendening, who was Prince George's executive before he became governor, left Curry an enormous budget deficit. (It was a surplus, says Glendening.)

Beyond these personal-political disputes, their decision to dangle belated support in exchange for state aid could be based on broader considerations: respect and control, for example.

Howard University political scientist Ron Walters puts it this way: "I believe that if you're a minority and want to compete in the political system, you can't afford to be taken for granted by one party (Democrats) and ignored by the other (Republicans)."

Offered as theory often, versions of this thought are finding expression in Maryland and in campaigns across the

Howard County, where Curry's 1994 bid to become governor was projected to be the Democratic nominee's. The Democratic nominee's bid for governor may be a compromise between Maryland's Howard P. Sauerbrey and Howard P. Sauerbrey's bid for governor.

Glendening campaign team's judicial appointments of blacks and aid to the city that amounts to anything but taking blacks for granted. Save for the disagreements over slots, the governor might well have assured himself of Schmoke's backing long ago. But the holdout continues.

Glendening is reduced to offering a somewhat bald political payoff: A \$73-million state takeover of the circuit courts as bait for Schmoke's belated endorsement. Of the total, the city's share would be \$9 million. Negotiations reportedly are under way, some of them having to do with Curry's needs in Prince George's.

All of these exertions are undertaken to promote the sort of turnout Glendening needs in Baltimore and Prince George's, where he had a majority of 137,000 votes in the 1994 race with Sauerbrey. He won by 5,993.

Baltimore might yet see a Gibson-style demonstration of what he called "the church of sign-tology" — blanket coverage of the city with lawn and window signs to convince the uncommitted that

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U. of Md. gets grants to study

Federal, state aid totals \$2.4 million

By TIMOTHY B. WHEELER
SUN STAFF

University of Maryland scientists have been awarded more than \$2.4 million in federal and state funds to study the causes of Pfiesteria outbreaks in Atlantic coastal waters, officials announced yesterday.

The federal grants from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration are the first of a five-year research effort aimed at finding out how Pfiesteria and related dinoflagellates interact with their aquatic environment.

Two UM institutions have received more than \$1.6 million in federal Pfiesteria research grants so far, and Gov. Parris N. Glendening announced the state will give

\$800,000 toward the study.

UM's Center for Environmental Science, which got \$613,999 this year, will lead the multistate study from its laboratories at Horn Point and Solomons. Researchers from Delaware, North Carolina and South Carolina also are participating, but Maryland institutions have cornered most of the federal Pfiesteria research funds this year.

UM's Biotechnology Institute, which is based at Adelphi, received \$997,020 to continue work on new molecular biological tools for identifying and possibly predicting Pfiesteria outbreaks, which can kill thousands of fish and cause human maladies.

The University of Maryland, Baltimore also has applied for a federal Pfiesteria research grant. That award is pending.

The study hopes to answer fundamental questions about how Pfiesteria and related toxic micro-

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Food handler said to be cause of Howard virus outbreak

Health officials close probe at Turf Valley Resort

By EDWARD LEE
SUN STAFF

State and local health officials have concluded that a sick employee who was handling food transmitted a virus to more than 350 guests who dined at Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center in Elkton City last month.

The determination closed a three-week investigation into an outbreak of a Norwalk-like virus that caused vomiting and diarrhea, officials said.

"This was your common, garden-variety virus that can cause flu-like conditions," said Lori Leonard, state Department of Health and Mental Hygiene spokeswoman. "It's like having a 24-hour bug."

Howard County health officials gave the resort the green light to reopen full food service at its three facilities after Turf Valley officials submitted copies of their menus.

"We wanted them to start up slow so that we would know if they

could [serve food], and they have," said Frank Skinner, director of the department's Bureau of Environmental Health. He added that no sanctions would be levied.

More than 350 people who attended about a half-dozen events between Sept. 17 and 22 reported feeling ill. Turf Valley officials notified health officials, who closed the resort's kitchens, ordered medical tests for every employee and set up a hot line for guests.

Officials have determined that the cause of the outbreak was a Norwalk-like virus. It is transmitted to people who come in contact with an infected person's excrement or who eat or drink contaminated food or water.

Health officials believe that an employee with the virus — who has not been identified because of confidentiality rules — handled cold food items such as deli meats and vegetables.

Although the outbreak was the first of its kind at Turf Valley, Leonard said it proved that employees can't be too careful with personal hygiene habits.

"Wash your hands," she advised. "It's a low-tech solution that can go a long way."

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The New York Times

Footlights

Literary Lights

John Barth, the author of nine novels ("Giles Goat-Boy," "The Sot-Weed Factor") and two short-story collections, was named the recipient of a Lifetime Achievement award of \$100,000 from the Lannan Foundation today. In all, the 1998 Lannan Literary Awards, celebrating excellence in fiction, poetry and nonfiction, amount to \$850,000. This year's 10 other winners, each to receive \$75,000, are Frank Bidart, Jon Davis and Mary Oliver for poetry; J. M. Coetzee, Lydia Davis, Stuart Dybek and Lois-Ann Yamanaka for fiction, and Chet Raymo, Lawrence Weschler and Howard Zinn for nonfiction. The Lannan Foundation was established in 1960 by J. Patrick Lannan, a self-educated entrepreneur and financier.

Saving Grace

In ceremonies at the White House yester-



day, Hillary Rodham Clinton and Bill Ivey, chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, presented the nation's most prestigious honor in folk and traditional arts to 15 master artists from 11 states. The National Heritage Fellowships, each carrying an award of \$10,000, honor the recipients' accomplishments as artists, teachers, innovators and guardians of the country's cultural heritage. The winners include the Epstein Brothers, klezmer musicians; the Apsara Ensemble, Cambodian musicians who are preserving an ancient Cambodian art form; Eddie Blazonczyk, a polka band leader; Pops Staples, the gospel singer and bluesman; Dale Calhoun, a master boat

builder; Bruce Caesar, an Indian silversmith; Tony de la Rosa, an accordionist known for conjunto music; Sophie George, a Yakama-Colville bead worker; Nadjeschda Overgaard, a Danish Hardanger needle worker; Harilaos Papapostolou, a Greek Byzantine chanter, and Claude Williams, a Jazz and Music Hall of Fame fiddler.

In Harmony

Musicians of the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra have ratified a three-year contract with management. Under the agreement, the board abandoned its proposal to reduce the season to 35 weeks from 38, and the orchestra agreed to reduce the number of full-time musicians to 60 from 67 through attrition. The contract, including pay raises of 2 and 4 percent in its final two years, runs through the 2000-2001 season.

LAWRENCE VAN GELDER

GREENWIRE

October 5, 1998

TRANSPORTATION: TRAILS INITIATIVE WOULD LINK NATION

Hillary Rodham Clinton and Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater today will kick off the "Millennium Trails" program by hiking briefly along the Baltimore & Annapolis Trail in Maryland (Susan Page, USA Today, 10/5).

Sprung from a partnership between the non-profit Rails to Trail Conservancy and the Transportation Dept., the initiative aims to designate "more than 2,000 hiking, biking, historic and cultural trails in all 50 states" (RTC release, 10/1). By 2000, the program will designate 12 national "flagship" millennium trails of historic importance, select a state millennium trail in each state, and identify 2,000 community trails. Ultimately, the project seeks to "create trails and riding paths within 15 minutes of each American's front door." (Page, USA Today).

Funding for the trail projects will come from "a variety of sources, including portions of the new TFA-21 omnibus transportation bill, as well as a wide range of public-private partnerships" (Greenwire, 5/26) (RTC release).

LOCAL GROUPS ON PARALLEL TRAILS

In Maryland, the Patapsco Heritage Greenway Committee today will unveil a plan "for a trail network that would span historic sites in Baltimore and Howard counties, using the Patapsco River as a centerpiece" (Melody Simmons, Baltimore Sun, 10/5).

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October 6, 1998

First Lady and Secretary Slater kick off Millennium Trails initiative

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton today joined U.S. Transportation Secretary Rodney E. Slater near Annapolis, Md., to kick off the national Millennium Trails program, an initiative of the White House Millennium Council, to recognize America's transportation legacy.

"President Clinton and I want to ensure that we as a country honor our nation's transportation history," Mrs. Clinton said. "Millennium Trails is a wonderful opportunity to showcase, protect and build on that legacy as we move into the 21st century."

Mrs. Clinton and Secretary Slater toured the scenic Baltimore and Annapolis Trail in Severna Park, Md., and unveiled a Millennium Trail logo. The B&A Trail is part of the planned East Coast Greenway, which will span 2,000 miles from Maine to Florida.

Under the project, 12 U.S. trails will be designated as flagship National Millennium Trails, 52 will be designated as Millennium Trails chosen by the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and more than 2,000 will be designated as Community Millennium Trails.

"Transportation is about more than concrete, asphalt and steel; it is about quality of life for the American people, today and in the future," Secretary Slater said. "The Millennium Trails project will help protect and enhance the nation's natural environment, which is one of our top priorities at the Department of Transportation."

Besides designating the Millennium Trails, the project is devoted to enhancing, building and extending America's overall trail system, which totals some 250,000 miles, more than six times the length of the nation's Interstate Highway System. An initiative goal is to connect people, their land, their history and their culture.

Funding for the new trail projects, as well as the extension, completion and enhancement of existing trails, will come in part from the new Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), the landmark surface transportation legislation that President Clinton signed into law on June 9, 1998. Public-private partnerships will provide additional funds.

Under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, the Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) provided about \$2.7 billion to the states in transportation enhancement funds, about half of which was used for trails and bicycle-pedestrian pathways. The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), which is ISTEA's successor, will provide \$3.7 billion in transportation enhancement funds over the next six fiscal years, FY 1998-2003, as well as \$270 million for the Recreational Trails program.

The Millennium Trails project is a major component in the larger White House Millennium Council initiative. Other projects include Save America's Treasures, a broad-based effort to preserve the infrastructure of the nation's heritage and culture; America's Treasures On-Line, digitizing and disseminating documents and artifacts from museums and archives; the Mars Project, engaging students and others in imagining a human community in space; My History Is America's History, encouraging families to preserve individual and community histories; and a series of Millennium Evenings at the White House, lectures and cultural showcase programs featuring prominent Americans.

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U.S. NEWSWIRE

October 05, 1998

UPDATE: FIRST LADY'S SCHEDULE FOR MONDAY, OCT. 5

On Monday, October 5, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will visit the Baltimore and Annapolis (B&A) Trail in Severna Park, Md.

The First Lady will announce a new national program of the White House Millennium Council, the "Millennium Trails" initiative. Millennium Trails, the second major initiative that the White House Millennium Council is undertaking with its federal partners, is dedicated to making connections between people, their land, their history and their culture. The national program will focus on celebrating, extending and creating nature, historic and cultural trails to "honor the past and imagine the future," as part of America's legacy for the year 2000. The project is a partnership of the White House Millennium Council, the Department of Transportation and its partner, Rails to Trails Conservancy, a national non-profit organization.

----- EVENT: Kickoff of Millennium Trails Project

DATE: Monday, Oct. 5

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: The Baltimore and Annapolis Trail

Ranger Station
Earleigh Heights Road
Severna Park, Md.

Press Notes

Prior to the program, the First Lady will walk a section of the B&A trail. There will be photo-op of the trail walk pool press only. Pool is comprised of AP photographer, Baltimore Sun photographer, and WBAL-TV (contact Brendan O'Connell 410-467-7444). The program is open to the press.

Throw for photo-op is approximately 55 feet. Lighting and a mult is provided. Throw is approximately 50 feet.

Pre-set: Noon-1 p.m.

Final access: 2-3 p.m.

Credentialing Information

No pre-credentialing is required. Press covering this event must show standard press identification at police check-point before parking and gaining access to the event. Due to road closing for the event, press should clear check point by 2:45 p.m. Press and truck parking is available on site, beyond the check point, at the B&A Trail Ranger Station. The on-site contact is Rob Rosen.

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GLENDENING CHANGES TUNE, SAYS HE'D WELCOME CLINTON

BY: TOM STUCKEY, Associated Press Writer

DATELINE: SEVERNA PARK, Md.

Caught in a tough battle for re-election, Gov. Parris Glendening said Monday he would no longer refuse to appear with President Clinton if he schedules another visit to Maryland.

Glendening, a Democrat, has criticized the president and distanced himself from him, even canceling a fund-raiser with Clinton last month.

At the time the governor said Clinton had been an excellent president, but that he could not condone Clinton's relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

Glendening said he does not regret his earlier criticism.

"At the time, he had not made a real apology," Glendening said.

Now Clinton has made it clear he is sorry and "it's time to rally behind the president because he's doing a great job," the governor said.

The Washington Post reported in Tuesday's editions that talks are underway to bring Clinton back to Maryland.

Glendening made his remarks Monday during a visit by first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton to a 13.3-mile hiking and biking trail. Mrs. Clinton used the occasion to announce a program to double the nation's 1,200-mile system of trails.

The governor spoke only briefly, saying that he was "thrilled and honored" that Mrs. Clinton had come to Maryland. He also expressed his gratitude for the commitment to the environment demonstrated by the Clinton administration.

Glendening's change of attitude toward Clinton comes less than a month before the November election. He faces a tough challenge from Republican Ellen R. Sauerbrey, who lost by a slim margin four years ago.

Senior White House officials said Clinton was weighing a request from Maryland Democrats for a visit. Another said that it is "very likely" that Clinton or Gore will come to Maryland before Election Day.

The first lady already is scheduled to headline a fund-raiser with the lieutenant governor on Oct. 21.



NANINE HARTZENBUSCH: SUN STAFF

Trail talk: First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks at the Baltimore & Annapolis Trail in Severna Park during an event to kick off a White House program to promote U.S. trails.

First lady's path leads to B & A Trail

Hillary Rodham Clinton
kicks off federal trail effort

By CHERYL LU-LIEN TAN
SUN STAFF

Ignoring a banner that said "Save the Presidency. Jail Ken 'Porno' Starr," first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton spoke in Severna Park yesterday flanked by a phalanx of politicians that included Gov. Parris N. Glendening, who snubbed the president when he visited a Montgomery County school last month.

Mrs. Clinton — almost an hour late when she arrived at the Baltimore & Annapolis Trail — stepped into the miniature-flag-waving fanfare of a community that is rarely visited by dignitaries beyond the county government level. She was there to kick off a White House Millennium Council program to promote and develop 2,000 trails nationwide.

The first lady's visit followed the recent slighting of President Clinton by Glendening, who supported Mrs. Clinton and seemed to take two contrasting stands with regard to the president's recent troubles.

When Glendening canceled plans to show up at a Silver Spring elementary school during a Sept. 8 presidential visit to show support for the governor's educational initiatives, he blamed scheduling conflicts. Glendening canceled an Oct. 2 fund-raiser with Clinton and criticized him for failing to set a good example for the nation's youth.

Yesterday, Glendening took a swipe at the cost and intent of independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr's investigation.

"In all honesty, I think it's a waste of time, money and energy on ... a person's personal life," he said.

Asked yesterday about his Silver Spring absence, the governor said Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend had been there for the administration and that he didn't regret pulling out of the fund-raiser. Since then, he said, Clinton has admitted he "made a mistake and apologized" for the Monica Lewinsky affair.

"It is time to try and move on," he said. "Let's get on with the business of running this country."

Mrs. Clinton said nothing about the scandal at yesterday's event. She took no questions from the media and ignored reporters who yelled questions about the House Judiciary Committee's impeachment inquiry.

She arrived just before 4 p.m., walked about 500 yards of the trail, inspected a map and went to the stage.

About 1,000 people showed up to give Mrs. Clinton a standing ovation and to cheer as Anne Arundel County Executive John G. Gary, a Republican, took the microphone to say, "Isn't she great?"

Mrs. Clinton spoke about trails and their importance in "bringing together the community."

"Like the railroads that brought us together in the 19th century, these trails will bring us together in the 20th, 21st centuries," she said.

The ceremony took little more than an hour, but Mrs. Clinton's visit — which brought a crowd of Secret Service agents and county police to the usually quiet area — left an indelible impression on many.

Holding up his right hand, 10-year-old Dimario Walker of Annapolis said Mrs. Clinton had just shaken it.

"I'm never going to wash this hand," Walker said. "I'll just never get nothing on it when I eat."

Sun staff writer William F. Zorzi Jr. contributed to this article.

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ON THE TRAIL CAMPAIGN

Walking, talking: Hillary Rodham Clinton (center) tours the B & A Trail with Rep. Benjamin L. Cardin (left), National Park Service Director Robert Stanton, Rails to Trails' David Burwell, Sen. Paul S. Sarbanes, and Gov. Parris N. Glendening. Ahead are Mike Jones (left), Oak Hill Elementary fourth-grader Tyneka Pacc, 9, and Jennifer Jarman. (Article, Page 2B)

MANINE HARTZENBURCH: SUN STAFF

Hillary's hike blazes millennium trails

By Susan Page
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton will hike briefly along the Baltimore & Annapolis Trail in Maryland this afternoon to announce a White House "Millennium Trails" project designed to promote development of bike paths and jogging trails across the nation.

By 2000, the program will designate 12 national "flagship" millennium trails of special importance, honor a "state millennium trail" in each state

from nominations made by governors and identify 2,000 community trails.

The goal: to help create trails and riding paths within 15 minutes of each American's front door by the end of the millennium celebration.

"Trails connect people, their land, their culture, and their history," says Marianne Fowler of Rails to Trails Conservancy, a private group that is joining in the project.

The 13.3-mile Baltimore & Annapolis Trail is an abandoned rail corridor that winds past suburban developments,

historic sites, shopping centers and picnic spots. It is a link in the proposed East Coast Greenway, a 2,000-mile system of recreational trails that is to stretch from Maine to the Florida Keys.

The East Coast Greenway is likely to be designated one of the nation's flagship trails, says Ellen Lovell, director of the White House Millennium Council. The council, the federal Department of Transportation and a half-dozen other federal agencies are participating in the project.

Other likely flagship trails

include the Appalachian Trail, which was started more than 75 years ago; the Grand Canyon Greenway, a project that will enable tourists to hike around the rim of the canyon; and the Bay Area Ridge Trail, a project that is developing a trail around the San Francisco Bay area.

The project will encourage states to tap federal Transportation Department funds available to develop pedestrian and bike paths and other trails. Last year, states were given an estimated \$1.35 billion for trails and paths.



Taking a trip: The Clintons head for Camp David, Md., Saturday.

Reuters

THE INSIDER

Girls will be girls

One of the highlights of last week's "slipper party" honoring **Hillary Rodham Clinton** was the presentation to the First Lady of a "Hillary" doll. Little Rock designer **Connie Fails**, a friend of Mrs. Clinton, made the ragdoll-like toy.

Fails had a recent White House photo of Hillary color-printed onto fabric that the designer used to make the doll's face. The doll came with its own wardrobe consisting of doll-sized versions of outfits created by Fails for the First Lady, as well as a trunk in which to store the doll clothes.

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"It was fun," Fails said of the private party at her home. Long-time female friends from Hillary's Arkansas days attended. "We wanted it to be filled with friends, so we let all of the friends sign the inside of the doll trunk," Fails added. "You're never too old to play and have fun."

Party-goers were required to wear slippers. Mrs. Clinton's footwear? Babe slippers, as in Babe the famous movie pig.

Homecoming

One more note on the First Lady's trip to the Women's Emergency Committee reunion in Little Rock: Presidential aide **Bruce Lindsey** hitched a ride on the plane with Mrs. Clinton to visit his folks back home, particularly his mother Grace.

What Lindsey didn't know, until he arrived back in Little Rock, was that his mother had been a member of the Women's Emergency Committee to reopen the high schools. Bruce was just an elementary school tot then. Thumbing through **Sarah Murphy's** book on the committee, Lindsey was also informed for the first time about the out-front work for peace played by his late father, Bob, a lawyer. It was, friends say, a warm respite for Lindsey from his ongoing role in Washington controversies.

The Lord's house

When a Baptist minister is governor of the state, it perhaps shouldn't surprise that meetings at the Governor's Mansion start with Christian prayer.

So the members of the Governor's Mansion Association, meeting to plot out fund-raisers for the state's official residence and discuss taxpayer-financed improvements, bowed their heads and listened as mansion administrator **Don Bingham** read Psalm 150 and prayed, in Jesus' name, for the work of the non-profit to succeed.

Starrgate

Following is some presidential crisis news that you might have missed if you rely on one daily newspaper.

• **Linda Tripp** has testified to a federal grand jury that she knowingly violated Maryland law by taping **Monica Lewinsky** in December, after warnings from her lawyer, to get dirt on the president. She was granted immunity from **Kenneth Starr** before admitting the acts. (Washington Post, Oct. 6)

• **Caryn Mann**, an Arkansas woman who once lived with Hot Springs fishing resort owner **Parker Dozier** accused of passing money and other help to Whitewater witness David Hale, says she copied and faxed to Clinton foes (who happen to be friends of Kenneth Starr) documents that appeared to have come from the Whitewater grand jury investigation. Hale was brought to the resort frequently by FBI agents while he was assisting Starr's investigation. (**Geraldo Rivera** on CNBC, broadcasting Oct. 6 from Little Rock).

Weran out of room last week to tell you about **Geraldo's** Little Rock visit, capped with a late-night dinner at the Faded Rose with Democrat-Gazette columnist **Gene Lyons**. **Geraldo** got the celebrity treatment, we hear.

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INVISIBILITY. Gov.

Mike Huckabee dodged debates and appeared publicly mostly for photo ops such as the Helena blues festival. The idea was to avoid loose lips that could sink his Nov. 3 coronation.

The **LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT**. The district embarked on a neighborhood school assignment plan and also won a \$3.2 million grant to boost math and science courses.

The **LITTLE ROCK NINE**, who received the Congressional Gold Medal for desegregating Central High School in 1957. Congress also signed off on National Park status for a memorial to the school crisis.

HOGS. The unbeaten Piggies are sell-outs and then some, thanks to a nifty trick in which some Fayetteville seats are sold twice when students don't claim ticket rights in time.

IT WAS A BAD WEEK FOR...



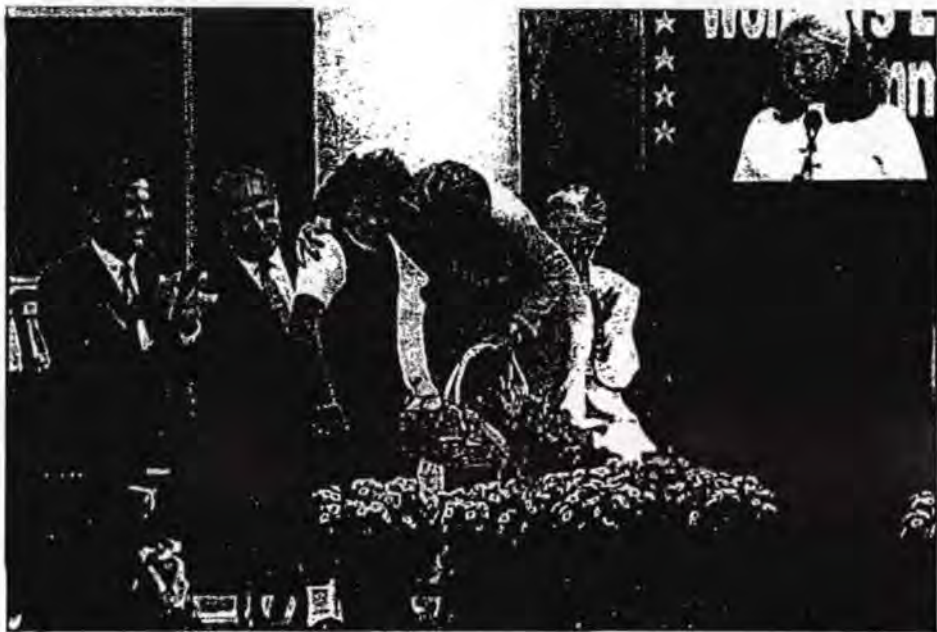
HIGHWAYS. The

governor's highway plan, as devised by his blue-ribbon study group? Borrow money against anticipated federal revenue to do a bit less work a bit sooner. Smoke and mirrors, in other words.

FAY BOOZMAN. Yes, the Republican Senate candidate is wacko. He thinks women can't get pregnant when they're raped. Arkansas, meet your next U.S. senator, **Blanche Lincoln**.

Attorney general candidate **BETTY DICKY**. New chinks appeared in the avowed crime-fighter's armor, including numerous plea bargains in murder and drug cases, mediocre conviction rates and felonies blown by tardy prosecution.

STATE POLICE and **PROSECUTOR TIM WILLIAMSON**, who declared they'd hit a stone wall on the Boy Scout camp dog killing in which one of the governor's sons was reportedly involved. Question: Did the crack investigators phone the Texarkana man who has freely admitted his son's own role?



FLOWERS FOR THE FIRST LADY: Rachel and Elizabeth Borne, great-grandchildren of WEC founder Adolphine Fletcher Terry, gave Mrs. Clinton a basket of Arkansas flowers at the reunion. Sander Vanocur (second from left) applauds in the background.



DRAWING PARALLELS: WEC member Mainie Ruth Williams (center) said the First Lady was the Adolphine Terry of this generation.



GEORGE FISHER

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First lady stumps for Moseley-Braun

October 23, 1998

BY MARK BROWN AND LYNN SWEET STAFF REPORTERS

Before blowing out the 51 candles on a surprise birthday cake Thursday afternoon, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton surveyed the blaze and asked Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun (D-Ill.) and others for assistance.

"I'm going to need all the help I can get," said Clinton, whose birthday is Monday.

The conventional wisdom in Illinois politics these days, however, is that it is Moseley-Braun who needs all the help she can get.

And who better to give it than the first lady.

Despite her husband's travails, or possibly because of them, Hillary Clinton remains an immensely popular figure in Illinois. Public opinion polls show she's viewed more favorably than the president. Democratic politicians are eager to embrace her, and she's been hitting the road for the party, pitching for money and votes at 63 political events across the country since the first of the year and more to come before Election Day.

On Thursday, Clinton returned to Chicago for her second campaign visit in a week to attend fund-raisers for Moseley-Braun and Cook County Board President John Stroger, two politicians who need her help in energizing female voters. Campaigning for a county-level candidate is highly unusual for the first lady.

She'll stump for Moseley-Braun at a series of events today. And she may be back again.

Clinton is particularly potent in Illinois because of her hometown ties, which she has maintained through the years. Her childhood buddies organized the early birthday party at Booby's Restaurant in north suburban Niles.

In an election where the turnout of Democrats and independents is key, Clinton's visits, and the enormous free media attention she attracts, is a factor.

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"She's from here. She's handled herself with dignity and class throughout this entire year," said Barbara Guttman, former executive director of the Illinois State Democratic Party, referring to the Monica Lewinsky scandal and impeachment hearings facing the president. "She brings out suburban and collar county voters who are more moderate on the issues, which benefits Stroger and Moseley-Braun."

The first lady's only campaign commercial was made for Moseley-Braun, and her appeal was demonstrated in a fund-raising letter she sent out on Moseley-Braun's behalf. She raised \$145,000 for the senator in 10 days, one of the most successful direct mail appeals of the campaign, said spokesman Michael Briggs.

With four days of campaigning this year for Moseley-Braun, the TV spot and fund-raising, the first lady has done more for the Illinois senator than any other candidate except Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.), whose daughter is married to Clinton's brother.

"When Carol won her Senate seat in 1992, I was extremely proud that the state in which I was born and raised finally elected its first woman senator," Clinton's letter said, asking for money because the senator is "in the fight of her political life."

Does Moseley-Braun think Clinton's highly visible support will help her win back female voters who may have been dissatisfied with her first term?

"I think women voters are going to vote their interests, and there should be no question but that my representation and advocacy for women should encourage them to support my re-election," Moseley-Braun said.

Stroger said Clinton can be a "lightning rod" who can energize women voters on behalf of him and the rest of the Democratic ticket.

But there's a limit to what Clinton can do.

Take Netty Rigali, of Park Ridge, who had stopped by Booby's restaurant to pick up some sandwiches and stumbled onto the birthday party for Clinton.

Rigali said she's a big believer in Clinton and voted for Moseley-Braun six years ago. But she's backing Peter Fitzgerald this time, and the first lady won't sway her.

"Even if [Moseley-Braun] showed up with the pope, I wouldn't change my mind," Rigali said. "I think it was wonderful for females that she was able to be elected into the Senate, but she let some people down."

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The Washington Post

Welcoming the Other Clinton

October 3, 1998 Saturday, Final Edition
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When President Clinton paid a visit last month to a school in Silver Spring, Maryland Gov. Parris N. Glendening went elsewhere, avoiding a photo-op with the scandal-besieged commander in chief.

But when first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton travels to Maryland on Monday to formally announce plans for a hiker-biker trail stretching from Maine to Florida, Glendening and Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend both plan to be there to greet her, the governor's spokesman said yesterday.

The news provides the latest signal that the Glendening camp is edging closer to the White House, after shunning contacts to avoid political proximity to the Monica S. Lewinsky matter.

Hillary Clinton plans to kick off the Millennium Trails program in Severna Park in Anne Arundel County, using the Baltimore and Annapolis Trail there as a backdrop. The popular artery for two-wheeled traffic would make up a piece of the proposed Maine-to-Florida route.

Even some Republicans apparently feel there is benefit to being seen with the first lady: Anne Arundel County Executive John G. Gary, a staunch supporter of Glendening's Republican opponent, Ellen R. Sauerbrey, plans to be on hand to welcome Clinton.

— Peter S. Goodman

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Clinton support brings unfair attacks on blacks

■ WASHINGTON — Once again, black people are catching it. At least the whopping majority of black Americans who say they want President Clinton to remain in office despite having had a relationship that he says, charitably, was "not appropriate." A recent Gallup Poll puts black support at 90 percent.

Not only have black defenders' intelligence and political loyalties come under question, but their morality too, as if the black majority's stance on Clinton is, itself, deviant behavior.

Further, the criticism is not just coming from those white establishment figures who tend to look at black people as aliens anyhow, but also from some blacks who have made a name and sometimes a fortune by shunning the mainstream every chance they get.

A prime example: On a recent airing of the CNN shoutfest "Crossfire," former Republican presidential candidate Alan Keyes blasted "liberal black Americans" for supporting Clinton. But he saved his harshest cut for Toni Morrison, the author and Nobel Prize winner, who just wrote a controversial piece for the New Yorker magazine that said, essentially, Clinton is like a black man, is being railroaded like a black man and therefore is a black man.

To wit, Robert Novak, the seemingly immortal conservative columnist and political talk show fixture, expressed shock and consternation over Morrison's commentary, which was very much an esoteric piece, as Novak helped confirm.

Keyes called Morrison one of the "brain-washed Step and Fetchits of moral depravity," thereby proving that even paragons can be foul, offensive and muddy-headed.

Implicit in the evening's discussion was that old indictment of black intellect. The one that always springs up in election season. The one that attacks blacks for being more inclined toward the Democratic Party than the Republican Party. The one that suggests that, with a little wising up, black people would abandon the Democrats. The one that says that to be black and vote Democratic is to be dumb sheep, trotting haplessly along without a thought to be told.



■ DEBORAH MATHIS

No longer an oxymoron, no longer a phenomenon, no longer a handful, black Republicans would have us believe that the GOP is better for us. Keyes and his fellows want us to take their word for it — which would, indeed, be sheepish. Worse, it seems self-destructive. The Republican Party seldom supports any program that allows have-nots to share the American pie, let alone to have first dibs for a change. And since black people are disproportionately represented among the have-nots, switching loyalties from the Democratic Party — which absolutely takes black voters for granted — to the Republicans would be like giving up something that makes your head hurt for something that gives you a stomach ache. It is, alas, a Hobson's choice.

Well, almost. The Democratic Party has at least advanced the right ideas about some things that resonate among blacks particularly. The Democratic president has filled his Cabinet and other key agencies with black professionals, whereas his Republican counterparts did not.

Still, my Republican friends may be heartened to know that I, for one, am all for diversity and would love to see the black vote break up and scatter. The absence of predictability could be good medicine for the Democrats and empowering for blacks, who would require more courting and better delivery on promises.

The cynics and critics and repudiators should know that black voting trends are the function of neither blind faith nor lazy habit. Rather, they are conscious — and conscientious — choices.

If the GOP wants a cut of that action, then — as we black folks say, Mr. Novak — you'd better recognize.

EDITORIAL

Primary causes

■ After a gay college student was brutally murdered in Wyoming, gay activists complained of a growing hostility toward gays, fueled by an advertising campaign of the Religious Right. James Dobson, a professed moralist and president of the right-wing group Focus on the Family (and a harsh critic of President Clinton also), was quick to take offense.

"Homosexual activists have tried to stigmatize anyone, particularly Christians, who dissent from their agenda," Dobson said. "The efforts of these activists amount to intolerance of the worst sort."

Not quite. The worst sort of intolerance is being beaten and burned and left to die, tied to a fence on a cold Wyoming night.

And speaking of intolerance . . .

"The enemy of my enemy is my friend" is an old and wise saying. This is why groups such as the Congressional Black Caucus and the National Organization for Women defend the president. They have seen who's on the other side; they recognize a common foe.

As we've said before, not all the Clinton haters hate for the same reason, but racism and sexism are primary causes for many. Not everybody who hates Bill Clinton is a racist, but everybody who is a racist hates Bill Clinton, and that is true of sexists, religious bigots, xenophobes and homophobes as well.

Clinton has disappointed his minority supporters on occasion, as he has disappointed all his supporters on occasion. He is a far from perfect president, like his predecessors, none of whom was impeached for imperfection. But he has kept faith with the underdogs often enough to inflame their enemies, now set on removing a president who communes with the non-white, the non-male, the non-native, the religiously incorrect, the politically misaffiliated—with all of those who are omitted when the Far Right talks about "we the people."

If not Clinton, who? Why Jesse Helms, of course, or someone very like him. Kenneth Starr is just a younger, slicker Jesse Helms with a law degree.

The Helmses and the Starrs have every right to elect a president and a Congress who think as they do. That's democracy. They have no right to change the rules when their candidate doesn't win. That is precisely what democracy is not.

There are many similarities between Starrism and McCarthyism, and some differences. Starrism plays for higher stakes. To force an elected president from office because of private conduct would be a worse disaster for America than anything McCarthy accomplished. Starrites hope to achieve it by appealing to the worst in everyone, and Clinton does, somehow, manage to bring out the worst in many. For every Baptist and Bubba who hate Clinton, there is somebody who hates Clinton for being a Baptist and a Bubba himself. If "rubbing a lot of people the wrong way" were grounds for impeachment, Clinton should go. But it's not. Defending oneself against a vicious enemy is not "obstructing justice" either, although James Dobson would call it that.

Needed again: true grit

■ Who more fitting than First Lady Hillary Clinton to laud the "grit and determination" of the Women's Emergency Committee, the women who refused to accept closed schools in Little Rock 40 years ago?

When the moral compass of males failed, Adolphine Fletcher Terry called out the women. On their reunion day, Mrs. Clinton eloquently extolled public education herself, only hours after Congress had targeted her wayward husband.

The event was moving, particularly if you had vicarious ties to the heroes. My mother-in-law was a WEC member; her late husband was routed from the School Board for his liberal views on racial equality. I'm proud of them and of the schools they saved. Such tiny women, such huge footprints.

The ceremony wasn't without sadness, for those departed and for other reasons, too. The newspaper I joined 25 years ago for its record on civil rights is dead and its passing wasn't mentioned. Little Rock's surviving daily newspaper has expropriated the corpse's history and its Pulitzers, but its top executives weren't in evidence this day.

When Hillary Clinton talked of the dual systems of education in Northern Ireland, she could have talked as easily of Little Rock. Several grandchildren of WEC members came in parochial school uniforms.

Little more than 24 hours earlier, the same mayor and City Board that basked in the WEC's reflected glory had continued their destruction of the Little Rock School District. They approved cut-rate taxpayer-subsidized financing to relocate a private school still farther away from the black people it was established to avoid.

The school can't be blamed. It is only moving into Little Rock's second city — the rich, white western half. Population is transferring there rapidly, induced by the City



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Board's no-cost annexations and infrastructure subsidies from the decaying inner city. The relocation was put in motion when the city Board ceded the western lands to a majority-white school district. Politicians who truly shared the WEC aim of "legislation favorable to public education" would demand that anyone who wants to be part of Little Rock must also be a part of its school system.

But politicians dance to the rich white folks' tune today, just as they did in 1958. And still, the ruling class seeks to do more harm.

The latest effort, not yet announced, is said to be a private financial treasury assembled by well-intentioned but patronizing local titans. It will pay a Tennessee college placement expert who happens to be a critic of Little Rock public schools, despite their unequalled college prep record. The expert will hand-pick black students to receive money and other help to become academic Pygmals. If they learn their places well enough, these lucky Negroes might even get to join the black mercenaries who've broken into private school classes on strength of their athletic prowess.

We could wish that people with clout would invest in the future of *all* children, as the public schools do. But the men are failing us again. Breathes there another Adolphine Terry?

More, lots more, of a mansion for the governor

Plans unveiled for \$5 million addition.

BY LESLIE NEWELL PEACOCK

■ The Governor's Mansion Commission unveiled plans Tuesday to seek legislative support for a \$5 million-plus addition that would more than double the size of the governor's home and add such amenities as an exercise and game room for the first family.

The plans, which Mansion Commission chairman Wayne Cranford said were drawn up in 1995, call for a 1,170-square-foot Governor's Hall that would seat 100, an addition Cranford said is desperately needed. The mansion's current dining room is considerably smaller, seating no more than 30 or 40 at small tables, and is inadequate for the governor's official entertaining needs.

Cranford acknowledged the expenditure might be seen as controversial, coming as it does at a time of anti-tax fervor and during a Republican administration. He noted that earlier offers of private money to add certain amenities to the mansion — such as the swimming pool and tennis courts proposed during the Clinton administration — were rejected as being politically unwise.

Instead, the Commission and the Governor's Mansion Association, a non-profit formed to raise money for the mansion, will go after both public and private dollars to fund the expansion.

"Everyone agrees," Cranford said, "that there's a need for bigger space for state dinners and meetings."

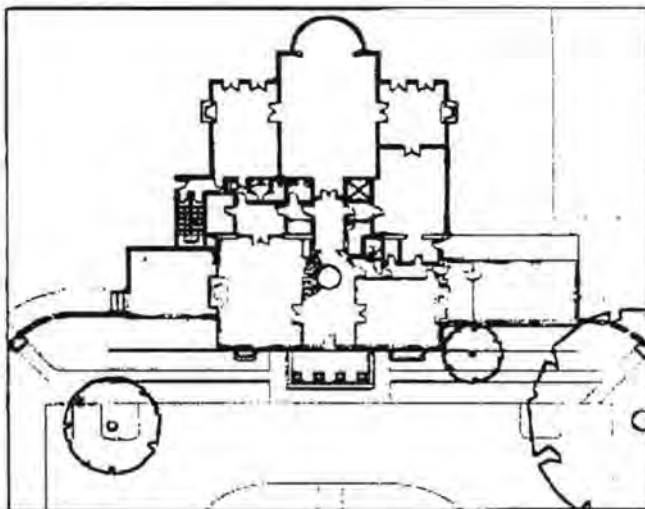
At Tuesday's Association meeting, Cranford said that after recent discussions with Gov. Mike Huckabee's mansion administrator Don Bingham, he decided "it was a good time to dust off the plans" and try to move forward on the expansion. The Gaskin Hill Norcross architectural firm drafted the plans; architect William Gaskin is a former member of the Commission and president-elect of the Association.

To association member Jane Rogers' question about why now would be a good time to seek funds for the expansion, another member, Rush Harding, replied, "The Razorbacks are 5 and 0." Cranford credited improved working conditions with the legislature for the decision to go forward now. The Commission and Association may ask the legislature to match private funds raised for the expansion.

While public entertaining has long been a focus of talks about additions to the Mansion, Tuesday's meeting was the first public disclosure of significant additions to the first family's quarters.

A portion of the price tag — \$350,000 — would buy permanent furnishings for the first family's quarters, which would include a game

REMODELING: In this drawing, in which south is at top, the current mansion is drawn in gray and the expansion in black lines. The large central room with the curved wall is the Governor's Hall; the room to the east (left) is the Governor's Office, and a conference room and a family living and dining room are on the west.



room, exercise room, new first and second floor family rooms and a new 610-square-foot master bedroom. The governor's family now furnishes the private areas of the mansion with personal belongings.

The Governor's Hall, a two-story room with a semi-circular wall and patio on the south, would be joined to the mansion directly south of the entrance foyer. The hall would be flanked by an office for the governor on the east and a conference room and family room on the west. An office for the mansion administrator would be located south of the living room.

An office for the first lady (or the governor's husband, Cranford noted) would be added to the second floor, along with new family areas and bathrooms. Second floor patios and a sun porch would extend south from the master bedroom and another first family living area on the second floor.

The exercise room and expanded game room, featuring a fireplace, would be on the ground floor, along with offices for the first lady's scheduler and the groundskeeper.

Bingham would like to see a gift shop added to the ground floor — a notion that's been entertained by previous administrators — and Cranford said the Commission would be amenable. Cranford said he expected input from the governor and first lady on the mansion layout.

One part of the mansion redo envisioned in the Gaskin plans has already been completed — \$85,000 worth of work on the kitchen, with interior decoration by Georg Andersen.

Asked if he thought the plans would change, Cranford said, "if we got a blank check," no. But Cranford said his first priorities for a smaller appropriation would be the Governor's Hall and a porte cochere at the entrance, to shelter arriving guests.

OFFICIAL SECRETS

■ The Governor's Office has refused to answer the *Arkansas Times'* questions about whether the governor and first lady buy their own groceries or use public mansion funds for meals.

The *Times*, which inspected records of mansion spending since January 1998 and reported on them last week, asked the governor's lawyer, John Wyvill, whether the Huckabees have reimbursed the account for personal expenditures, as has been the practice of previous first families.

The mansion account showed that the governor and first lady were reimbursed

\$4,779.39 through September for expenses labeled, for the most part, only as "food" and "supplies."

Policy states that the \$5,000-a-month payment for entertainment and grounds upkeep is not to be used for items of a "strictly personal nature." While it does not require vouchers for expenditures under \$250, it does require that a record of the purpose of the expenditures be kept. No such detailed records were provided to the *Times*. Wyvill, after asking for written questions on such unresolved matters, then declined to provide further information. He wrote "this office has given you everything the public is legally entitled to inspect, and the documents speak for themselves."

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By JENNIFER LOVEN= Associated Press Writer=

WASHINGTON (AP) As Hillary Rodham Clinton returned to Chicago on Thursday in an extraordinary effort to raise funds for Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, new reports showed the Illinois Democrat falling further behind in the money chase.

Campaign finance reports showed a fast fund-raising pace with Moseley-Braun collecting \$239,000 in two weeks. But as of Oct. 14 less than three weeks before Election Day she had only \$264,000 left to wage a come-from-behind campaign.

She is campaigning for reelection to a second term in the Senate but has consistently trailed in the polls.

Meanwhile, her opponent, Republican state Sen. Peter Fitzgerald, put another \$850,000 of his own money into his campaign. It raised his total spending to nearly \$10 million, mostly in loans, since he entered the race last year. He raised \$267,000 from other sources and had \$331,000 left.

The reports also showed Fitzgerald outspending Moseley-Braun by 4-to-1, averaging \$750,000 a week to her \$190,000.

Despite her problems, national Democrats including the first lady were not giving up on Moseley-Braun.

Mrs. Clinton was to attend a get-out-the-women's-vote rally and lunchtime fund-raiser for Moseley-Braun at the Drake Hotel in Chicago on Friday. The first lady had last visited Illinois for Moseley-Braun only six days earlier.

She also appeared in a 30-second television commercial on Moseley-Braun's behalf that aired this week.

A direct-mail fund-raising effort by Moseley-Braun featured a letter from Mrs. Clinton apparently the only such appeal she has made for a candidate, said Julie Mason, a spokeswoman for the first lady. The letter raised \$145,000 in 10 days, Moseley-Braun spokesman Mike Briggs said.

Because the new reports reflect fund-raising only in the first two weeks of October, the direct-mail money is not included. Neither are campaign funds generated during President Clinton's visit to Chicago last Friday or at an event for Moseley-Braun on Monday sponsored by Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley and Commerce Secretary William Daley.

Briggs said that fund-raiser collected \$250,000 for Moseley-Braun and the Senate Democrats' campaign organization.

Moseley-Braun also is benefiting from TV ads paid for by the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee and the state Democratic Party.

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Women talk of special Social Security problems

Eds: Grafts 11-14, 'Today, Clinton planned ... to be offered.' are for release at 7 a.m. EDT; event starts at 10 a.m.; prenoon lead expected

By ALICE ANN LOVE= Associated Press Writer=

WASHINGTON (AP) Bernice Meyer sees obstacles for her and many other American women that will make it difficult to support themselves in retirement.

'Life doesn't always work out that you keep moving up,' said Meyer, 49, of Seattle, who was joining a handful of other women at a roundtable discussion today at the White House with President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore.

Meyer's current job as a home aide helping elderly and disabled people with daily activities is typical of the community service work to which she has devoted herself: it pays little and offers few benefits. Single all her life, she does not have a husband's pension on which to depend, either.

'So, Social Security is important for me in terms of being my livelihood when I retire,' Meyer said.

For a woman, supporting herself in old age can be a greater worry than for a man, simply because women live longer and often have earned less. Thus they are particularly dependent on Social Security for retirement money and yet tend to get smaller checks from the system because they have worked less.

Democrat women in Congress have asked the president to speak up for women's interests as the nation prepares to consider systemic changes to keep Social Security from running short of cash as baby boomers retire.

Today's roundtable, less than two weeks before congressional elections on Nov. 3, was not expected to include any Republicans. It was to be beamed, via satellite, to 10 U.S. cities including Philadelphia with audiences of 50 to 100 women were to participate.

'It's to remind all Americans about how important retirement security is for women and in particular about how important Social Security is,' said Social Security Commissioner Kenneth S. Apfel.

American women are still twice as likely as men to spend at least a decade or more outside the labor force, often caring for children or elderly family members. That may make it harder for them to qualify for or get full benefits from company retirement plans.

It can be harder for working women to save for retirement as well, as they tend to be concentrated in the lowest-paying jobs and on average make only around 75 cents for every dollar men do.

BEGIN EMBARGOED MATERIAL

Today, Clinton planned to propose two new laws giving women greater access to income from private pension or 401(k) retirement savings plans, according to a White House aide who requested anonymity.

One administration proposal would allow women to count any time they take away from work under the Family and Medical Leave Act toward pension eligibility or vesting in a 401(k) savings plan. The act allows for up to 12 weeks unpaid leave to care for a new child or a seriously ill family member or for personal illness.

The other proposal would require private pension plans to offer married couples more options to reduce the payments they receive while both are alive, in order to assure the longest surviving spouse most often the woman a larger income later.

Pensions now must offer payment plans providing 50 percent benefits to surviving spouses. Under the administration's proposal, plans providing 75 percent survivor benefits would also have to be offered.

END EMBARGOED MATERIAL

The White House discussion grew out of town-hall meetings on Social Security's future that the Clinton administration has held this year.

Republican lawmakers participated in each of those events, and Clinton and Gore were mostly neutral about possible solutions as they talked about changes

needed to keep the nation's retirement system from being overwhelmed by aging baby boomers.

A horde of advocacy groups claiming to speak for women have endorsed or debunked a confusing array of possible changes, however, from raising the retirement age to starting private retirement accounts that workers would invest on Wall Street. That led female congressional Democrats to ask Clinton to address women's needs specifically.

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Hillary Clinton Urges Women To Support Schumer

By ADAM NAGOURNEY

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GARDEN CITY, N.Y. - Hillary Rodham Clinton campaigned with Rep. Charles Schumer for the second time in a month on Monday, assailing Sen. Alfonse D'Amato for deluging Schumer with a ``blizzard of negative advertising,'' and she explicitly urged women to support the Democratic challenger in November.

``If you look at the records of these two men - and they've both been in public life, so we don't have to guess - there is absolutely no choice,'' Mrs. Clinton declared at a fund-raiser for the Brooklyn congressman in Manhattan on Monday morning. ``Al D'Amato does not deserve the votes of the women in New York - he has consistently voted against so many issues that women care about, that we think about.''

The first lady's unusually blunt appeal to women voters - she assailed D'Amato for everything from opposing abortion rights to opposing new penalties for spousal abuse - was one sign of the importance the two candidates attach to women in these last two weeks of the campaign.

Another sign could be found two hours later at a medical center in New Rochelle, N.Y., where the Republican senator trumpeted his work on behalf of breast cancer patients, and vowed that he would fight for \$1 billion for breast cancer research next term.

D'Amato, as has become the daily custom of his fourth statewide campaign, also turned the issue of breast cancer research into an opportunity to scold Schumer for missing votes in Congress. He said Schumer had been absent in the House of Representatives for a vote on a \$250 billion Defense Department appropriations bill that included \$135 million for breast cancer research. The bill was approved, 369 to 43, last month.

The first lady made two campaign appearances with Schumer, helping raise about \$250,000 at the midtown fund-raiser, and then joining him at Nassau Community College here.

Monday was the second time she has campaigned in the state alone on behalf of the congressman, underscored the importance the White House has put on winning a seat that Democrats consider vulnerable, and, in the process, defeating the senator who led a congressional investigations into the Clintons' Whitewater business dealings.

The president has also appeared with Schumer during this campaign and will return once more before the end of the month, Schumer's aides said.

Schumer and Mrs. Clinton used their two appearances to discuss the tactics of the campaign and to draw contrasts between the congressman and D'Amato on issues of concern to women and on education.

To prolonged cheers at the college, Mrs. Clinton assailed D'Amato for voting to cut various scholarship programs, like Pell grants, while Schumer repeated what has become the cornerstone proposal of his campaign: making college tuition tax deductible for families with incomes up to \$150,000.

``It's one of the mainstays of this campaign to make the cost of all college tuition completely deductible,'' Schumer said. ``I will fight until my last breath to make college affordable for you and your younger brothers and sisters and our future generations.''

Mrs. Clinton echoed Schumer's remarks. ``Al D'Amato has consistently - not just once, but consistently - supported cuts to student loans,'' the first lady said. ``I don't understand that. Why would anyone want to pull up the ladder of opportunity after you've already climbed it?''

The main subject of interest on Monday was how women would vote in November. Speaking before about 150 people at a luncheon at Sound Shore Medical Center in New Rochelle, D'Amato said he had secured \$900 million for breast cancer research since 1992, much of which was channeled to institutions in New York.

``I fought to see to it that \$135 million this year went into the battle

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Clinton stumps for House candidates; Fieger waves from sidelines

Eds: Subs penultimate graf to restore dropped words 'the' and 'was.' Moving on general news and political pages.

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By JUSTIN HYDE= Associated Press Writer=

DETROIT (AP) First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton came to Michigan Thursday to raise money and votes for Democratic candidates for Congress.

But in her public remarks, Mrs. Clinton did not mention Democratic gubernatorial candidate Geoffrey Fieger who drew cheers at the rally Mrs. Clinton attended and met with her separately, but left before she arrived at the rally.

Mrs. Clinton also didn't mention her husband by name, and was kept isolated from the media. She did tell a rally of a few hundred Democratic loyalists that they would need to do all they could to drum up votes for the November elections.

"If we don't vote, we begin to forfeit those blessings, don't we?" Mrs. Clinton said. "We let other people make decisions for us. People who have very narrow interests go and vote, and send to Congress people who will represent very narrow interests."

"If the people of Michigan know what's at stake in this election, if they know the real records of these men and women...this should not even be a close race," she said.

Democrats hold 10 of the state's 16 congressional seats. While political pundits have predicted that all of Michigan's congressional incumbents would hold onto their seats, Republicans have mounted well-funded challenges to three Democrats from southeast Michigan David Bonior, Sander Levin and Lynn Rivers.

Before the rally, Mrs. Clinton attended a \$1,000-a-plate fundraiser. The event raised close to \$300,000 for congressional campaigns, said Debbie Dingell, wife of U.S. Rep. John Dingell, D-Dearborn.

Mrs. Clinton also met privately with Fieger and his wife for about 15 minutes. Fieger also briefly attended the rally, where the crowd chanted "We want Fieger." Fieger waved, shook some hands, then left.

Fieger said the meeting with Mrs. Clinton was positive, and the lack of public acknowledgment was not a sign that Mrs. Clinton or the national party had a distaste for him.

"This has been the way it has been since the very beginning," he said. "Maybe there are a few naysayers, but remember: I'm not a member of any organized political party. I'm a Democrat."

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First lady stumps for Schumer

AP Photo

By BETH J. HARPAZ= Associated Press Writer=

NEW YORK (AP) First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton on Monday appealed for an old-fashioned get-out-the-vote effort for Senate hopeful Chuck Schumer in the face of what she said was Sen. Alfonse D'Amato's unmatched financial resources.

"They have more money than the Democrats will ever have, unlike Chuck, who has to actually win your confidence," Mrs. Clinton said at a \$250-a-head breakfast fund-raiser at a Manhattan hotel.

D'Amato, she added, "just says, 'Send more money from the gun lobby, the tobacco lobby and all the other special interests.' ... Too many people have too much at stake in Al D'Amato's re-election not to pour in every single dollar they can in the last two weeks."

D'Amato's donors include the National Rifle Association and tobacco firm political action committees. Schumer said at the breakfast that he has not and will not accept donations from those organizations.

The D'Amato campaign did not immediately return a request for comment.

According to campaign disclosure forms filed last week, D'Amato's campaign raised more than \$2 for every \$1 brought in by Schumer between the end of August and the end of September. D'Amato ended the filing period with \$6.5 million in the bank; Schumer had \$1.3 million in the bank.

Mrs. Clinton told the 1,000 guests that Schumer "cannot outspend Al D'Amato. All he needs is enough money to get his message out."

She also urged Schumer's supporters to engage in "the old-fashioned kind of politicking: Talk to as many people as you can reach. It really matters if you ask a friend or a neighbor or a colleague. You can get people to the polls who otherwise might not come."

Mrs. Clinton shared the dais with actress Glenn Close.

"I stand here as a woman, as a mother, as a deeply concerned citizen who is deeply relieved there is someone I can be 100 percent for," Ms. Close said.

Schumer told his supporters he was "facing an opponent whose singular accomplishment is that he's the greatest fund-raiser in the history of the Senate." The D'Amato re-election campaign has raised over \$20 million so far.

D'Amato spent the day in New Rochelle at a conference on breast cancer at Sound Shore Hospital. The senator, who always wears a small gold ribbon on his lapel in recognition of breast cancer survivors, has secured \$900 million for research into the cancer. On Monday, he pledged to raise that amount to \$1 billion, if re-elected.

The senator became interested in the disease after a group of women from Long Island asked him to help investigate why the cancer is so prevalent there.

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PM-NV--First Lady, Bjt,530

Hillary Clinton pitches education, Democratic candidates
With AP Photos

awl By ANGIE WAGNER= Associated Press Writer=

LAS VEGAS (AP) First lady Hillary Clinton on Friday toured a fitting place to tout educational issues a first-grade classroom with 31 students and two teachers.

"Hello, Mrs. Clinton," the students at Halle Hewestson Elementary School called out, showing her signs they made in honor of her arrival. One first-grader asked Mrs. Clinton to open her glue for her.

Mrs. Clinton spent the afternoon in Las Vegas pitching educational issues and urging Democrats to support gubernatorial candidate Las Vegas Mayor Jan Jones and congressional candidate Shelley Berkley.

The first lady talked about how important education is to growing cities like Las Vegas and stressed that electing candidates like Berkley, a university regent, would help put more teachers in classrooms.

"We need people who can understand education at the state level and the national level. It is a very important challenge for us to face up to and understand how we're going to accommodate all these needs of our children," she said during a speech at the school.

Mrs. Clinton said Jones and Berkley were "two of the best candidates running for office in the entire country."

She said Jones would be a good governor because of her record of getting things done and her ideas about the education system in Nevada.

"She knows that overcrowded classrooms are a big issue in Nevada. ... We have to make it possible for teachers to have more individual time with individual students," Mrs. Clinton said.

Because of Nevada's transient population, the state has the highest dropout rate in the country, Mrs. Clinton said, adding that Jones has a plan to hire a dropout czar to monitor student attendance.

Later, at a \$500-a-plate luncheon, Clinton again asked Democratic supporters to vote for Jones and Berkley, and also Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., who did not attend the luncheon.

"I love Harry Reid," Mrs. Clinton said. "I love him because there's no pretense. He didn't go get a makeover anywhere. He has such a wonderful way of bringing people together."

Mrs. Clinton said she was frustrated that the Republican Congress chose not to hold a hearing on education because "it was not important enough."

President Clinton and Democrats wanted the hiring of 100,000 new teachers, but the budget agreement on Thursday provides enough money to hire only about 30,000. Democrats also didn't get the tax subsidy they sought to help build new schools or repair old ones.

"You have so many students in your school system here in Clark County that you're going to have to deal with this," Mrs. Clinton said.

The Clark County School District is the ninth-largest in the nation and the fastest growing.

About 230 children and their parents gathered outside the school to protest a recent 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision to void the work permits of thousands of aliens who face possible deportation. At least 18,000 Nevada families 80,000 people are being affected by the decision.

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Hillary Rodham Clinton urges to Democrats to show up at polls

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By ANDREW BLASKO= Associated Press Writer=

MADISON, Wis. (AP) First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton visited two key congressional districts in Wisconsin Saturday, telling supporters they need to do more than raise money. They also need to get people to vote.

'You're going to have to do more, and I'm going to ask you to do more,' Mrs. Clinton said before an audience of 700 people at a fund-raiser in Madison for state Rep. Tammy Baldwin, who is seeking the 2nd Congressional District seat, and other Democratic candidates.

'I'm going to ask you to spend your time in the next days leading up to this election, talking to everybody you can about why it is so important that they vote, that they get their friends, and their family members, and their colleagues to vote.'

Republicans are counting on a low turnout in the Nov. 3 election to win their races, and Democrats must get their supporters to the polls if they want to beat GOP candidates, Mrs. Clinton said.

But Josephine Musser, a Republican running against Baldwin, said in an interview that low voter turnout would be the result of scandals that have plagued the White House, including the president's admitted affair with Monica Lewinsky.

'The Democrats are doing this to themselves,' Musser said. 'This is not a Republican strategy.'

GOP strength increases among voters who are most intensely committed to voting, so a low turnout election could hurt Democrats, a recent CBS/New York Times poll indicated.

Dennis Dresang, a political scientist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, said many Democrats don't show up at the polls because they think their vote doesn't count.

'There tends to be more armchair Democrats than armchair Republicans. You just got to get them out of the armchairs,' Dresang said.

One person who attended the rally said that the party often takes its support for granted and does not do enough to keep strong ties with its supporters.

'Democrats seem to think that the people are always behind them,' said Sharron St. John, an Ameritech employee who lives in Madison.

Both the 1st and 2nd Congressional districts are viewed as important because they could determine whether Democrats or Republicans control the U.S. House.

The districts, located in southeastern and south-central Wisconsin, once were longtime Democratic strongholds, but changing demographics have made them competitive for both parties.

After the Madison rally, the first lady later went to Janesville to campaign for Lydia Spottswood, who is running against Republican Paul Ryan in the state's 1st Congressional District. In Janesville, she toured Marshall Middle School, hitting on education issues, and again urging people to get to the polls.

Greg Tralmer, 40, who works at the General Motors plant in Janesville, heard the first lady speak. He said he worried about a low voter turnout.

'People need to get out and vote,' Tralmer said. 'People have to understand what's at stake.'

He said he thinks people don't go to the polls because they get disillusioned with politics.

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AM-IL--Mrs. Clinton Visit,370

Mrs. Clinton campaigns with Moseley-Braun

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By JIM PAUL= Associated Press Writer=

MOUNT PROSPECT, Ill. (AP) A sparkling new suburban elementary school was the backdrop Saturday as Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun's faltering re-election campaign got a boost from first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton .

Mrs. Clinton's 90-minute stop at Lions Park Elementary School was billed as a rally to underscore the benefits of public education in America.

"I am here because I believe so strongly that America is what it is today because we've always believed in a strong public education system," the first lady told an enthusiastic, overflow crowd of more than 500.

But the rally also served to tout the education proposals and accomplishments of the Democratic senator, who is trailing Republican challenger Peter Fitzgerald by double digits in recent statewide polls.

"There is no more important issue than education, and she has been a tireless advocate," Mrs. Clinton said. "She has relentlessly stood up for education."

Moseley-Braun was greeted by cheers and shouts of "six more years" when she was introduced.

She praised the Mount Prospect school system for committing property tax money to build new schools. She also chided Republicans in Congress for dropping her plan to provide federal money to rebuild dilapidated schools from the new budget agreement.

"Partisanship and politics ought to stop at the schoolroom door," Moseley-Braun said. "It benefits no one to punish the children just because there is an election at hand."

Before the rally, the first lady and Moseley-Braun spent about a half hour in a small-group setting discussing ways communities and schools can work together to improve education.

"Let's focus on what's right, because there is a whole lot more right than is wrong," Mrs. Clinton told the group that included administrators, parents, teachers and police. "Then we can figure out what we need to do to fix what's wrong."

Moseley-Braun received a double dose of support from the first family this weekend. Mrs. Clinton's visit came just a day after her husband helped the senator raise thousands of campaign dollars in Chicago.

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PM-RI--Hillary's Visit, Bjt,300

Few will see Hillary Rodham Clinton during Rhode Island visit
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PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) When Hillary Rodham Clinton visited Rhode Island in June 1997, she spoke to a cheering crowd from the steps of Providence City Hall and urged young people to participate in community service.

It was her fourth, and perhaps most visible, solo trip to Rhode Island in a year and a half.

Her visit Tuesday to campaign for Democrats will stand in marked contrast: Fewer people will get to see Mrs. Clinton this time around, as she speaks before a hand-picked crowd of about 1,000 seniors, to high school students and Democratic contributors.

Mrs. Clinton has cut back access to her since the Monica Lewinsky scandal broke. She has continued to travel the country, but has shielded herself from access.

U.S. Rep. Patrick Kennedy's office has said she will grant no media interviews.

Only those with a \$125 ticket will be admitted to a fund-raiser for Democratic gubernatorial candidate Myrth York at the Biltmore in Providence. A fund-raiser for the Democratic Party at the home of former ambassador to Malta Joseph Paolino will cost \$500.

For her most high-profile appearance, a speech in Woonsocket on health care and issues affecting the elderly, 1,000 elderly residents signed up by Kennedy's office will get to see Mrs. Clinton.

Her other appearance will be before North Providence High School students, who will hear a speech on education issues.

The visit also comes as Kennedy, D-R.I., stands out among Democratic colleagues in supporting President Clinton. While Rep. Bob Weygand, D-R.I., voted for the wide-ranging Republican-backed impeachment inquiry, Kennedy opposed the measure and delivered some of the strongest remarks in the House in support of Clinton.

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Mrs. Clinton urges voters to elect Harshbarger

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SOMERVILLE, Mass. (AP) - Gubernatorial candidate Scott Harshbarger and other Democrats are committed to education, and are not prone to "election-year conversions" like the Republicans in Congress, according to first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Joining Harshbarger on the campaign trail, Mrs. Clinton urged Massachusetts voters to turn out for Democrats in next month's election.

Mrs. Clinton was the featured speaker Tuesday at a rally held at the Edgerly Education Center, a public school in Somerville.

Also touted was Somerville Mayor Michael Capuano, the Democratic nominee for the 8th Congressional District seat being vacated by U.S. Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy II.

But since Capuano is expected to glide to victory, much of the attention was showered on Harshbarger, who is battling Republican acting Gov. Paul Cellucci in what Mrs. Clinton described as a "dead heat." Most polls put Cellucci ahead by a few percentage points.

The Cellucci campaign dismissed the endorsement.

"It's little surprise that a Democratic first lady would endorse a Democratic candidate for governor in any state," said Cellucci campaign spokesman Andy Antrobus.

Mrs. Clinton said Republicans in Washington for months refused to even hold a hearing on some of President Clinton's plans to improve education.

"They were too busy dividing us and diverting us from the important business of the country," she said. "Then, all of a sudden, they had an election-year conversion."

She said GOP lawmakers agreed to increase education money by 11 percent, and begin working toward her husband's goal of adding 100,000 more teachers nationwide. She said that works out to 2,500 for Massachusetts.

But to maintain those gains and ensure the money is not siphoned off later, Mrs. Clinton said people needed to elect Democratic congressmen and governors.

Harshbarger said he was pleased to get the endorsement of Mrs. Clinton, who, he said, was an internationally recognized advocate for children.

In other gubernatorial campaign action Tuesday:

- Republican lieutenant governor candidate Jane Swift left

- Republican lieutenant governor candidate Jane Swift left the hospital and headed home after giving birth to a baby girl last week.

She chatted briefly with reporters outside Brigham and Women's Hospital before riding off with her baby, Elizabeth Ruth Hunt, and her husband, Chuck Hunt.

"I feel OK. I feel like I just had a baby. But we're elated. She's beautiful," she said.

She also said: "I'm learning how to deal with a lot less sleep."

The former state senator from North Adams says she didn't know when she might return to the campaign trail. But she said Elizabeth Ruth might join her and Cellucci on a train ride planned for the final weekend of the campaign.

- State Sen. Warren Tolman, D-Watertown, led a news conference with a number of activists criticizing a negative ad by the Cellucci campaign that ridicules some of Harshbarger's actions as attorney general.

The commercial pokes fun at Harshbarger for, among other things, his 1992 role assisting Salem police in their efforts to protect the city's witches.

Activists for gays and lesbians, the disabled and minority groups joined Tolman in calling for the ad to be pulled.

"The last thing we need is to have people in positions of responsibility make jokes about people who are different. It gives the wrong message to our kids," said Rep. Liz Malia, D-Boston.

Antrobus, the Cellucci spokesman, said, "Only Scott Harshbarger would hold a press conference to defend banning Christmas decorations in his office."

Harshbarger banned Christmas decorations in common and reception areas of his office.

"Look, this ad is about Scott Harshbarger's priorities and accomplishments. He ought to be encouraging us. If he's so proud of his record, he ought to be encouraging us to keep it on the air for a long time."

- About 50 union activists demonstrated outside the Community National Bank in Hudson on Tuesday. Some even went inside the bank to apply for loans of \$100,000 to protest what they believe is favorable lending offered to Cellucci in the form of personal unsecured loans totaling more than \$100,000.

"I don't think it's fair that Cellucci is getting huge loans from the bank his dad runs while he's vetoing a 16-cent-per-hour raise for health care workers," said Elizabeth Skidmore, 32, of Boston's Roxbury neighborhood. Skidmore is a member of the New England Regional Council of Carpenters, which is affiliated with the AFL-CIO, supporters of Harshbarger.

The bank includes on its board of directors Argeo R. Cellucci, Cellucci's father.

Also at the bank were more than a dozen Cellucci supporters.

"I just think it's another trick by Harshbarger to get free publicity," said George Markopoulos, 39, of Plainville, who

owns Nick's Restaurant in Hudson. ``It's the one negative he can find on Paul Cellucci. He's lagging in the polls and he's trying to make up."

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First lady gives York a boost

■ Mrs. Clinton stresses the importance of support for public education and programs for the elderly, and slams Republican proposals.

By SCOTT MacKAY
Journal State House Bureau

Urging Rhode Island voters to return to an ancient electoral habit -- voting the straight Democratic Party ticket -- First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton yesterday emphasized party loyalty and electing Myrth York the state's first woman governor.

At campaign stops in Woonsocket, North Providence and Providence, Mrs. Clinton said Democratic candidates would best protect federal programs for the elderly and education programs for children.

There was scant mention of her husband's sexual escapades with White House intern Monica Lewinsky and the impeachment inquiry they have generated. In Woonsocket and North Providence Mrs. Clinton stuck to bread-and-butter issues. But she alluded to the scandal in a speech at a York fundraiser at the Providence Biltmore last night.

"Does this state, does this country care more about progress over partisanship?" Mrs. Clinton rhetorically asked Democrats at the Biltmore, to hearty applause. "Or are we going to give in to the sideshow running in Washington? The choice is yours."

At the Biltmore, the crowd chanted "Myrth, Myrth," as York and Mrs. Clinton clasped hands and raised their arms.

For most of her tour, Mrs. Clinton's message came straight from the Democratic Party's national campaign playbook.

In Woonsocket, for example, where she addressed about 1,000 elderly voters at the Stadium Theatre, she stressed the importance of preserving Social Security and Medicare. At North Providence High School, supporting public education was the theme.

Before the elderly audience, she blasted proposals -- floated mainly by some conservatives in Congress -- to allow individuals to invest Social Security money in the stock and bond markets.

"That is turning the clock back. That is going back to the time that Franklin Roosevelt led us out of," Mrs. Clinton said.

And she criticized Republican proposals that she said would make Medicare much like "a giant HMO" that could make access to health insurance more difficult for elderly patients.

"That would be a terrible, terrible possibility," Mrs. Clinton said. "So we have to be ready with enough votes in Congress so that when changes need to be made, they are made, but the system of Medicare is protected."

It was a big day for Woonsocket, the seen-better-days industrial center in the Blackstone Valley that has made a comeback of sorts with several downtown development projects.

"It's a historic occasion," said Mayor Susan Menard. "It's very important for the city because we've been working very hard for the past three years to improve the city. The city is moving and I'm very proud of it."

ALL THE DEMOCRATIC candidates for statewide and federal office were on hand for Mrs. Clinton's Woonsocket appearance. She called on Rhode Island voters to support all of them, taking special note of York and U.S. Rep. Patrick J. Kennedy.

Emphasizing that York would be Rhode Island's first woman governor, Mrs. Clinton said, "I'm very proud Myrth York is a woman." But she added that Rhode Islanders should elect York not because of her gender but because she is the "most qualified" candidate.

But Mrs. Clinton's most florid and personal praise was saved for Kennedy, who has been a partisan basher of Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr and vocal supporter of President Clinton's contention that the sex scandal is a private matter that should not be the subject of impeachment hearings.

The Woonsocket crowd's applause signaled its support for Mr. Clinton when Kennedy said he would back Democratic Party programs by "standing up for Bill Clinton as president of the United States."

The first lady returned the favor. Gesturing to Kennedy, seated behind her as she spoke, Mrs. Clinton said: "I just love Patrick Kennedy."

As Kennedy's ruddy face turned the shade of a lobster pulled from a boiling pot, Mrs. Clinton said: "He's blushing."

"I love being around him. I love listening to him," said Mrs. Clinton, smiling. "He has more energy than a medium-sized power plant."

And Mrs. Clinton lauded Kennedy for taking trips around the country to help campaign for Democratic candidates running for U.S. House. Kennedy is so coveted by fellow Democrats that his telephone "is just ringing off the hook" with pleas to come and campaign for them, she said.

While Kennedy's opponents -- particularly Republican Ron Santa and Reform Party candidate James Sheehan -- have been hammering his refusal to debate and his frequent trips outside Rhode Island, Mrs. Clinton said Kennedy's constituents should be pleased that

their representative is so well regarded by colleagues.

About a dozen random interviews with elderly voters turned up ample support for the president and Rhode Island Democrats. Many in the audience wore York lapel stickers. Several recalled casting presidential ballots years ago for such Democrats as FDR and John F. Kennedy.

"I'm for the Democratic programs," said Rita Audete of Woonsocket.

Mary Cafferty of Woonsocket said she is a lifelong Democrat who loved Mrs. Clinton's speech. "She was great."

There were a few discordant voices. Charles Souders, of Woonsocket, a 70-year-old retired meat cutter, said he thinks the Democratic attacks on Republicans on Social Security and Medicare are more about politics than policy.

"It isn't about us," said Souders. "It is, above all, about Patrick Kennedy and his political ambitions. It's all politics, in other words."

IN OVERWHELMINGLY DEMOCRATIC North Providence -- a community won narrowly by York in 1994 -- the first lady was showered with a standing ovation when she arrived. When she stood to speak, she received another.

And when she spoke, the crowd of 770 in the high school auditorium listened with rapt attention. (Six hundred more watched on closed-circuit TV in the gym.)

Senior class president Christopher Bizzacco told Mrs. Clinton that she was invited to be an honorary member of the Class of 1999.

"America is the way it is . . . because of public education," Mrs. Clinton said.

She went on to describe a recent trip to Belfast, Northern Ireland, a land where Protestants and Catholics are for the first time trying to forge a peace.

Someone there, she said, told her that part of Northern Ireland's problem is that "the Catholics go to one school and the Protestants to another." There is no public school system like there is in America.

"When I heard that, I thought, I wish every American could be with me now to hear this," she said.

Mrs. Clinton coupled her praise of public education with a partisan warning, saying that public schools will suffer if the Republicans retain their hold on Congress.

York used the school stop to underscore her twin education themes of smaller class sizes and the importance of education to "working families."

WHILE YORK bashed Republican incumbent Governor Almond at every stop, Mrs. Clinton did not refer to him by name, calling him the "current governor."

York broke no new ground in her criticisms of Almond, saying that he has not been strong enough on education issues and programs for the elderly. And she hammered Almond for not voicing strong opposition to for-profit hospitals.

Rhode Island's economy is not performing nearly as well as other states," York asserted, at the Biltmore. "We are at the back of the pack, Rhode Islanders know that," she said.

Even by the standards of such visits, Mrs. Clinton's and York's staff went to extraordinary lengths to shield the first lady from the press. Journalists were kept at least 100 feet away from Mrs. Clinton at all the events; in Woonsocket, reporters given seats close to the stage by Kennedy's staff were ordered to move much farther back by Mrs. Clinton's press secretary, Marsha Berry. And at the Biltmore event, reporters and photographers were confined to a small roped-off area, far from the stage, in the hotel's grand ballroom on the 17th floor. York's staff posted volunteers along the rope, who threatened to have journalists who crossed the rope line kicked out of the hotel.

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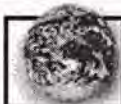
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Beyond the City

Hillary Says Female Vote Is Wasted on D'Amato

By TRACEY TULLY and JOEL SIEGEL
Daily News Staff Writers

The Senate candidates battled yesterday for the support of women as First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton said Sen. Alfonse D'Amato "does not deserve the votes of the women in New York."

D'Amato was in Westchester County, touting his work for breast-cancer patients, while Rep. Charles Schumer stumped with the First Lady in Garden City, L.I., and midtown. Their appearances underscored the importance of female voters in the neck-and-neck campaign, especially in the suburbs.

The First Lady's visit was her second in a month for Schumer, and she again lashed D'Amato with surprisingly fierce rhetoric — even taking the unusual step of mentioning the three-term Republican by name. She might return for a third visit on behalf of Schumer — showing the importance of the contest to the White House.

At a midtown fund-raiser that raked in \$250,000 for Schumer's campaign, Clinton called D'Amato "a senator who is more committed to the extremists at the National Rifle Association than to the women and men of New York."



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The First Lady campaigns for Rep. Schumer at a midtown fundraiser last night.

"Al D'Amato does not deserve the votes of the women in New York. He has voted consistently against so many issues that women care about, that women think about," she charged, citing his opposition to abortion, the Violence Against Women Act and a ban on assault weapons.

Later, the First Lady appeared with Schumer (D-Brooklyn) at Nassau County Community College, in the heart of D'Amato's political base, to spotlight one of Schumer's central promises: making college tuition tax-deductible.

"Sen. D'Amato has consistently, not just once but

consistently, supported cuts to student loans, to Pell grants. I don't understand that. Why would anyone want to pull up the ladder of opportunity after you've already climbed it?" she asked.

At the same moment, D'Amato addressed a breast-cancer symposium at a New Rochelle hospital. He vowed to press for more breast-cancer research funds and passage of a bill he's sponsored to guarantee insurance coverage for breast-cancer reconstructive surgery.

"No one should have to seek the intervention of a United States senator to be able to receive a medically necessary procedure," D'Amato said.

He also used the forum to make his daily attack on Schumer's attendance record in Congress this year, this time lacerating the Democrat for skipping a Sept. 18 vote on a bill containing breast-cancer research funds.

"Instead of being in Washington participating, voting, making his voice known, he was campaigning in Albany, making political speeches. That's not what it's about," D'Amato said.

Asked about his record on abortion, the senator said, "People know my position as it comes to the issue of life. I recognize that others may have a difference."

D'Amato said he voted against the Violence Against Women Act because it was part of a larger anti-crime bill that he opposed because it contained money for crime programs such as "midnight basketball."

Schumer has acknowledged that his 92% lifetime attendance record in Congress fell to 77% this year because of campaign obligations. He said that in no case did he miss a vote in which he would have been the deciding factor.

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By Rick Brand and Deborah Barfield. STAFF WRITERS

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton returned yesterday to New York's increasingly incendiary U.S. Senate battle, stumping for Rep. Charles Schumer and lambasting Sen. Alfonse D'Amato as anti-education and anti-woman. The veteran Republican countered with a vow to raise an extra \$1 billion for breast cancer research.

At the same time, D'Amato escalated his blistering attacks with a new radio spot in which former New York City Mayor Ed Koch skewers Schumer for being "in the rear" when D'Amato and others backed the Persian Gulf War and "nowhere to be seen" in the aftermath of the 1992 Crown Heights violence. Koch also reminds voters that D'Amato championed the return of Holocaust victims' assets by Swiss banks.

The ad's message is aimed at taking Jewish votes from Schumer, who is Jewish, in favor of D'Amato, who is Catholic.

Schumer spokesman Howard Wolfson called the attack ad "sad" and a sign of D'Amato's desperation. "Chuck Schumer has spent his entire life fighting for a safe and secure Israel. The fact is Al D'Amato . . . will say anything and do anything to get re-elected," Wolfson said.

The new round of attacks and parries came as the race enters the final two weeks, with crucial televised debates this weekend in Schenectady and New York City. The focus on gender and ethnic issues indicates that both sides are scratching for every edge they can muster in what is considered a dead-even contest.

Clinton campaigned for Schumer at a \$1,000-a-head Democratic breakfast at the New York Sheraton in Manhattan and later at Nassau Community College, where she touted Schumer's record on education, abortion rights and other women's issues, while assailing D'Amato's.

"There is absolutely no choice. Senator D'Amato does not deserve the vote of the women of New York," Clinton said at the breakfast, which was expected to raise \$250,000. "Everybody has a stake in this election. But I think it's fair to say that women in New York have a bigger stake than anybody in America."

At a Westchester hospital, D'Amato, in a speech aides described as a major policy address, vowed to increase breast cancer funding by an extra \$1 billion in the next five years, noting that since 1992 he has won nearly \$900 million in research funds.

He also predicted that Congress will enact before the end of the year a measure to force insurance companies to guarantee reconstructive surgery for breast cancer victims. If the law passes, D'Amato said he will seek to have it named "Janet's Law" after Janet Franquet, a Ronkonkoma woman who was denied coverage by her insurance company.

Later, D'Amato dismissed Hillary Clinton's attacks, noting, "It's the political season, obviously." D'Amato, who has the Right to Life Party endorsement, acknowledged he may differ with some people over abortion rights, but said, "When it comes to protecting women, I've been there." He also reiterated his charges that Schumer has missed repeated votes for cancer funding and other issues, votes that Schumer aides say were often procedural and passed by wide margins.

Wolfson questioned the sincerity of D'Amato's cancer funding pledge. "He has a history of making election-year promises that don't come true," he said. "Six years ago he promised never to run again . . . and we know he broke that promise."

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KOCH RIPS CHUCK ON '91 RIOT

By GREGG BIRNBAUM

Former Mayor Ed Koch yesterday jumped into the battle over the Jewish vote, starring in a new radio ad for Sen. Alfonse D'Amato ripping Charles Schumer for being AWOL on Crown Heights and the Persian Gulf War.

The 60-second commercial injects the 1991 Crown Heights rioting into the Senate slugfest for the first time, with Koch quoting Rabbi Joseph Spielman, a Crown Heights leader, as having said, We were in the middle of a pogrom. Schumer was not to be seen.

Koch, who is Jewish and has strong appeal in the Jewish community, also reminds listeners that D'Amato voted in favor of military action against Iraq in 1991, while Schumer was in the rear, saying no.

Al D'Amato deserves our support, Koch says in the ad. Do vote for him on Nov. 3. I will.

The D'Amato campaign's latest blast comes as the fierce war over which candidate is best for the Jewish community entered its second day.

D'Amato fired the first volley on Sunday, when he held a press conference at the Holocaust memorial wall near the United Nations, charging that Schumer missed votes on using the U.S. Capitol for a Holocaust event and launching an investigation of Swiss banks' theft of Nazi victims' money.

Schumer, who is Jewish, and key Jewish supporters, city Comptroller Alan Hevesi and Rep. Jerrold Nadler, struck back quickly with charges that D'Amato was crassly politicizing and trivializing the Holocaust, while rounding up elderly survivors to serve as backdrops in his photo-ops.

Schumer spokesman Howard Wolfson said it

was Schumer who pressed U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno for federal prosecution of Yankel Rosenbaum's killer.

There would never have been justice in Crown Heights without Chuck Schumer, Wolfson said.

Chuck Schumer has spent his whole life fighting for a safe and secure Israel. Al D'Amato has been in office 18 years and will say and do anything to get elected.

The Schumer campaign referred reporters to Shea Hecht, a Crown Heights leader at the time of the rioting, who said Schumer kept on top the situation.

After speaking about breast cancer at a New Rochelle hospital, D'Amato ordered his car to stop and rolled down the window to respond when reporters asked about Schumer's charges that he trivialized the Holocaust.

Nobody, no one, can accuse me of having trivialized the question of getting a measure of justice that was denied for so long for so many people, an agitated D'Amato said from the back seat, referring to the Swiss banks' agreement to pay \$1.2 billion to survivors.

As a matter of fact, the person who trivialized it was ^doing so_ by saying, "I didn't have to be there' - to be at a committee to vote to see to it that we set up a ^Holocaust_ commission, a commission that was set up under my law ... that Chuck Schumer was too busy campaigning to vote for, D'Amato said, rolling up the window and speeding off.

Koch told The Post that the issues being raised in his radio ad and in D'Amato's statement - the Persian Gulf War, the Crown Heights riot, Swiss banks - were all fair game.

They are legitimate issues, Koch said.

Those people who say you shouldn't engage in negative campaigning don't know what they're talking about.

Jews are expected to make up about 15 percent of the electorate on Election Day in two weeks, and D'Amato is hoping to match or top the 41 percent of the Jewish vote that he won in 1992.

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The Death of Outrage:

Bill Clinton and the Assault on American Ideals

by William J. Bennett

(The Free Press, 154 pp., \$20)

William Bennett's essay was obviously written in some haste and then made to appear book-length through typographic artisanship and the addition of an unnecessary afterword, postscript, and appendix. From a commercial standpoint the alacrity has paid off, but events have proceeded so quickly since he shipped his manuscript off to the publisher--the Starr report was released-- that Bennett no longer stands out as a lonely paragon of outrage. So much has come to light with which he could have gotten himself even more outraged! The particulars of the president's sexual depravity, his lies to the public, his ill-use of people who trusted him: all would have been excellent grist for Bennett's virtue-mill.

There is an advantage, though, to the relatively uninformed state in which Bennett had to write. Just as the Starr report is a legal brief against Bill Clinton, The Death of Outrage is a political brief against him. It is couched in moral terms, but Bennett's territory is the politics of morality, not morality itself. In the Starr report, the irresistibly interesting story and its details overshadow Kenneth Starr's legal argument. But there is no juicy material in The Death of Outrage, so that what Bennett is saying stands out in clear relief, and we can get a good hard look at it.

Bennett criticizes Clinton's defenders for participating in public discourse "in a wholly partisan spirit--while also claiming the high ground of principle." The idea of this book is that Bennett himself is going to be more high-minded, and, by implication, more intellectually rigorous. He raises the hope that he will soar above the level of talk-show and lecture- circuit ping-pong disputation and present a rich, workedout theory of why Clinton is not fit to be president.

This works only up to a point. Bennett has organized the book in the form of summaries of the "Defense of President Clinton," followed by his response, on a series of six subjects: Sex, Character, Politics, Ken Starr, Law, and Judgment. These sound suitably elevated, but the defense-and-response format sets the tone of the discussion. Even Plato would have had a hard time scaling the

philosophical heights by dint of a dialogue with James Carville. A good deal of The Death of Outrage consists of so's-your-old-man accusations of liberal hypocrisy and comparisons of Clinton's misdeeds to Nixon's. The discussion takes place in a universe of debater's points.

In Bennett's hands, everything the White House does is an outrage and everything that Kenneth Starr does is the act of a decent man impelled, finally, to defend his and his country's honor. For Bennett, it wasn't Starr who made presidential fellatio into the centerpiece of our public life, it was Clinton: "a sexual affair is forced in our face, on the front page, by the president's own irresponsible, self-indulgent conduct."

As an example of the one-directionality of Bennett's understanding, he has great fun with Hillary Clinton's "vast right-wing conspiracy" theory. He calls it "either intentionally preposterous or unintentionally paranoid," and summarizes it in a cartoonish, exaggerated way ("Its members would seem to include Monica Lewinsky, Kathleen Willey, Gennifer Flowers, former California Governor Jerry Brown...") rather than defending the work of the figures whom Mrs. Clinton was actually talking about (Richard Mellon Scaife, Lucianne Goldberg). And then, without a trace of irony, he flatly asserts, as if it is self-evidently true, that "Judge Starr's low popularity is overwhelmingly due to the fact that he is the object of a well-orchestrated and relentless smear campaign." Bennett's mode of argumentation invites the same kind of triumphantly dense response that he uses to put away the conspiratorialists in the Clinton camp: who is running the conspiracy, Jay Leno and the entire population of France? Bennett reports with horror that the independent counsel's office has been the target of leaks: in one month, the office received "almost one hundred calls from reporters that's three calls every single day, folks! inquiring about false and damaging accusations against its prosecutors." But the other side would never leak that kind of damaging information about the White House, of that we can be sure.

Still, Bennett has a case to make. His opening gambit is to insist that the liberals and the Clinton defenders are wrong in saying that this is just about sex. "The notion that President Clinton's sexual activity is the object of the investigation by the independent counsel is false," Bennett announces. The actual object is "violations of law and efforts to undermine constitutional government." For if there were an inquiry into a politician's private life, Bennett would not approve of it. As he writes, "public officials (like everyone else) ... deserve a legitimate zone of personal privacy."

The first problem here is that it is really quite difficult to present Starr's inquiry as being concerned solely with abuse of power. Even if we accept the Starr report on its own terms, the narrative of Clinton's career as an abuser of power does not begin until the night of October 9, 1997, when he called Monica Lewinsky and offered to help her find a job in New York. Never mind that, as abuses of power go, this one is pretty minor. Clinton's motive, according to the Starr report, was to protect himself from having his sex life explored in the Paula Jones case; a few days earlier he had been served with an interrogatory from Jones's lawyers asking about his extramarital affairs. All of Clinton's "efforts to undermine constitutional government" were actually an effort at self-defense, with the aim of protecting himself from having his career as an adulterer investigated in tendentious legal proceedings whose real aim, as he surely realized, was to use subpoena power to get dirt on him and then make it public.

Of the Starr report's eleven grounds for impeachment, eight are variations on the theme that Clinton tried to keep his affair with Lewinsky out of the purview of the Paula Jones case. This is the crime that Starr has been investigating all year. The three remaining grounds for impeachment have to do with Clinton's trying to evade Starr's inquiry into his evasion of the Paula Jones inquiry. Clinton's deposition in the Jones case on January 17, which lies at the heart of his lawbreaking (it provides the foundation for three of the eleven grounds for impeachment), looks an awful lot like an induced crime, rather than one independently committed and then run down by lawmen. Only a day before the deposition, the current phase of Starr's investigation began when Janet Reno gave him the go-ahead to look into the Lewinsky affair; and practically the moment the deposition ended, Newsweek was working up a story saying that Starr was looking into Clinton's having perjured himself. It would be hard to imagine any legal proceeding against a public official that was more about his private sexual misdeeds and less about his misconduct of official duties.

Anyway, it soon becomes apparent that Bennett's insistence that the issue is not sex is a little thin. If it were about sex, he plainly would not object. He says at one point, in a see-how-reasonable-I-am tone, "Let's agree that adultery ought not automatically disqualify a person from seeking high public office"; but the word "automatically" gives away Bennett's view that adultery should not simply be kept out of the public realm. Indeed, the opposite idea, that presidential adultery is none of the public's business, offends him deeply. "Much, perhaps most, of the public commentary about President Clinton's adulterous relationships makes them seem unimportant, trivial, of no real concern," he says disapprovingly.

Bennett ought to be razor-sharp on this point, because it is the logical key to the book. He needs a coherent theory about the relation of personal morality to governance if *The Death of Outrage* is going to rise above the level of "I am virtuous and Bill Clinton is not." When, exactly, is presidential adultery a public matter and when isn't it? What is the justification for its being a public matter? Unfortunately, Bennett does not present a consistent answer to these questions.

Indeed, I detected three distinctly different positions over the course of Bennett's book:

1. Presidential adultery becomes a public issue if the circumstances reach a threshold level of moral outrageousness. Bennett never specifies the exact location of the threshold, but he makes it clear that the "sordid sexual affair" between Clinton and Lewinsky easily exceeded it.

2. Any presidential adultery is a public issue because it is a reliable signifier of official misfeasance, at least in Clinton's case: "There is a seamless web of deceit that connects Bill Clinton's private and public life, his private failings and his public failings."

3. The president is the moral leader of the nation, as well as the administrative head of the executive branch of government. Committing adultery is a dereliction of this part of his official duties. Having "high moral standards," Bennett says, "...is obviously not his only responsibility. Nor is it his first responsibility. But it is a responsibility he cannot shirk." Rather than believing that the scandal is about lawbreaking and not sex, Bennett (when he is hawking this position) seems to believe that it is about sex and not

lawbreaking, and so the hell what? "Interpreting the actions of a president solely through a legal prism habituates Americans to think like lawyers instead of citizens."

The passage where Bennett most clearly displays his lack of precision in stating exactly what it is that he thinks Clinton has done wrong is an extended, supposedly devastating "thought experiment" comparing Clinton's situation to Watergate. Let us imagine that a hypothetical president has a "lurid sexual relationship with a young White House intern." Now, what if, in order to prevent it from being made public, he ordered a break-in at a psychiatrist's office, had wiretaps placed on journalists' phones, and launched IRS audits and hushmoney payments? What would the Clinton defenders think then?

Bennett asks the question triumphantly; but by this time he has made the opposite of the point that he thinks he is making, by reminding us of the immense difference between Richard Nixon's use of government power to harass his political enemies and Bill Clinton's saying that he did not have an affair with Monica Lewinsky when he did. And then, having unwittingly made a case against what Nixon did, Bennett concludes the thought experiment by saying, out of logical left field, "Let's ... concede the obvious: the private lives of public figures can often be relevant." What the thought experiment actually demonstrates is that Bennett's dislike of Clinton is so intense that it prevents him from being able to think straight.

The reason that Bennett's parsing of Clinton's situation is so unsatisfying, I think, is not that questions of public morality are unimportant to him, but that they are overwhelmingly important to him. His writing is strongest when he is most moralistic and least rational; he achieves a thundering indignation. He was trained in philosophy and in law, but he has not carefully reasoned his way to the conclusion that Clinton should not be president. Instead he is absolutely certain, with a visceral abhorrence of Clinton every bit as powerful as the visceral abhorrence of liberals for Nixon, that it is bad for America, in a moral sense, to have Clinton as head of state. And so any weapon at hand against Clinton will do. That is why Bennett makes different, incongruent arguments over the course of his book.

Owing to the triumph of liberal relativism, the country has sunk into a parlous moral condition: this is Bennett's deepest conviction. And the terrible, tangible results are everywhere around us: "We see it on angry urban streets. In drug rehabilitation centers. In hospital emergency room admissions. In classrooms that resemble war zones. In crisis pregnancy centers. In foster homes. In divorce courts." Oddly, given the context, one of the sages Bennett chooses to quote bemoaning the hollowness of American life is John Updike, who is surely the very emblem of the idea that an adulterer can retain moral authority.

If the country had a leader whose personal behavior were exemplary, Bennett implies, the tenor of ordinary life would begin to change for the better. It would become finer and more stable. (Never mind that all of Bennett's alarming indices of social collapse have declined during the reign of the immoral Clinton.) Conversely, to excuse Clinton's behavior is to send out a signal that will be picked up "by aggressive young men and vulnerable young women across America."

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This doctrine should at the very least occasion some careful reassurances on Bennett's part. A never-quite-directly-stated syllogism lies under the surface of The Death of Outrage. The major premise is that the successful state must possess moral authority. ("Without being 'judgmental,' Americans would never have put an end to slavery, outlawed child labor, emancipated women, or ushered in the civil rights movement. Nor would we have prevailed against Nazism and Soviet Communism....") The minor premise is that for the state to possess moral authority, the head of state must embody moral authority. And the conclusion, therefore, is that the personal moral stature of the president is the necessary condition for the successful functioning of the American government.

The trouble with this is that Bennett finds the fit between morality and democracy much more natural and troublefree than it actually is. Laws are the fruit of democratic processes, because the elected representatives of the people make them; but morality, which is usually rooted in religion, exists outside of (and long predates) democracy. That is why the idea of a moral code that takes precedence over laws, even in the operations of a democratic government, is frightening. Whose moral code is it? Who gets to decide on the particulars? Once it is in place, what check is there on its power?

These are not just abstract questions from your introductory course in political theory. Clinton's affair with Lewinsky demonstrates, for Bennett, the awfulness of government without an overlay of personal morality; but surely Starr's investigation of Clinton demonstrates the perils of personal morality invested with the force of law. A recent issue of Newsweek casually summarized the recent phase of the Starr investigation this way: "The son of a Texas fundamentalist preacher, Starr is a moral purist who seems personally offended by lying.... Starr's deputies are less high-minded, yet just as determined to catch Clinton in a falsehood. They believe that throughout the Whitewater investigation, the White House covered up the truth. The Lewinsky case offered Starr's team the perfect opportunity to get even by setting a perjury trap."

It looks as if this comes from sources within the independent counsel's office (it has the tone of an amiable explanation); but if you think about it, the whole line of argument is shocking. Starr is personally offended by Clinton's lying, and so it is perfectly all right for him to use the power of the state--grand juries, subpoenas, and so on--to punish him for it. Starr's deputies were personally offended by Clinton's conduct in the Whitewater investigation, and so it is all right for them to get revenge by transmuting, through entrapment, an adulterous affair that evidently didn't itself bother them very much into a violation of the law, in order to put Clinton in the way of punishment by the state.

Starr actually put Clinton's redolent lie of January 26--"I want to say one thing to the American people. I want you to listen to me. I'm going to say this

again: I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky"--on his list of grounds for impeachment, even though Clinton told it at a minor ceremonial event, not under oath. Even the lies of Hillary Clinton, the Cabinet, and the White House staff in their public statements about the Lewinsky affair (in other words, by implication, Clinton's private lies to them on the subject, which they were only repeating) are grounds for impeachment, according to Starr. Do we really want this logic--if it offends my moral sense, then it is illegal--to be part of the regular workings of government? Do we really want its legitimacy to go unchallenged?

Bennett does not see the danger of indistinctly blending legal authority and moral authority. Every time he makes a run at the subject of morality's place in government, he gets bollixed up, because morality is so central to him that he cannot counterbalance it with anything else in a cogent way. At one point he writes: "The brand of politics being practiced and advocated by Clinton apologists is based on no code of conduct, no reliable way of deciding what is within or without the bounds of proper political discourse and conduct. The underlying premise is that there are no moral facts, thus reducing politics to what the philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche called (approvingly) the Will to Power." Once again, as in his Watergate "thought experiment," the magnificent force of his moral fervor has led him to get the point exactly wrong. For in the present situation it is morality that is giving cover to the Will to Power, tempered by no publicly agreed-upon set of rules. To take the position that public life ought to revolve around public issues dealt with through democratic processes hardly constitutes an abandonment of all known codes of conduct; but in the United States, investing a personal moral code with state power does indeed represent an alarming departure from the fundamentals of our tradition.

At one point in *The Death of Outrage*, Bennett announces, with more of his stagy pugnacity, that "I am going to take the bait offered by James Carville, and speak for those allegedly intolerant Puritans who have the effrontery to believe that a president's sex life is, or can be, a matter of public consequence." Making the "unfashionable" move of aligning himself with the Puritans is Bennett at his most adorable, but it is worth remembering that the Puritans were not only intolerant of lasciviousness. They also made political citizenship conditional upon membership in their church. If there is a sharp line between moralist and theocrat, William Bennett certainly has no sure sense of its location.

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HEADLINE: BULGARIANS: DUMP THE BUM, HILLARY

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SOFIA, Bulgaria - Bulgarians on hand as Hillary Rodham Clinton spent her 23rd wedding anniversary here suggested she should ditch her cheating husband and make her own run for the Oval Office.

She should leave him and run for president. She would make a much better president, as she ... has respect of the world, unlike her husband, who has made a fool of himself, said mathematics student Marieta Konstantinova.

Fellow student Eleonora Peichinova said, She is a strong woman, and this is why I can't understand her position. She should have left her husband long ago. He doesn't deserve her.

Secret Service agents kept reporters at a distance so they had no chance to question Mrs. Clinton, who has been dodging the press since her husband admitted to sex-and-lies with Monica Lewinsky.

Mrs. Clinton was in Bulgaria Sunday, her wedding anniversary. Her staff said it was a long-planned trip and Sexgate had nothing to do with the First Couple's decision to spend their anniversary apart.

The First Lady went on to the Czech Republic yesterday. She kissed Nixon Secretary of State Henry Kissinger before joining him, Czech President Vaclav Havel and other world leaders who lit candles for peace at Prague's St. Vitus Cathedral.

Mrs. Clinton speaks today to the second annual Forum 2000 conference on the world's future, and then flies back to Washington.

Bank employee Aneta Georgieva, 21, said, Of course, being the world's First Lady, she is playing according to the rules of the game. But when Clinton's presidency is over, she will put her cards on the table ... and will win.

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Winding up her tour of Eastern Europe, Hillary Rodham Clinton discussed civil society with the world's pundits Tuesday and sipped liqueur in a cafe with the Havels.

Speaking at the Forum 2000, a gathering of over 50 political and religious activists, the U.S. first lady tried to define civil society and its role in post-communist countries.

"It is really in that space that life is lived," Mrs. Clinton said about the importance of civil society as a bridge between economy and government.

"Economy alone cannot create the work ethic capitalism requires," Mrs. Clinton noted. "Only civil society can do that important job."

She praised post-communist countries such as Bulgaria and Slovakia for the progress they have made in building civil society after decades of totalitarian rule.

"Much of the success in the recent election in Slovakia owes its roots to the recognition that ... citizen activities were necessary preconditions for true democratic values," she said.

Mrs. Clinton was invited to attend the conference by Czech President Vaclav Havel, a co-sponsor of the conference and a civil society advocate himself.

"No one has worked harder to nurture civil society," Mrs. Clinton said of Havel.

Before lunch, Mrs. Clinton, accompanied by Havel and his wife Dagmar, stopped briefly in the Slavia cafe, Havel's favorite hangout in his dissident years, for a glass of absinthe.

Young people watching the presidential motorcade in the street were largely indifferent to Mrs. Clinton's visit, but others inside the cafe were appreciative.

"She is a very intelligent lady and she has a lot to say to the world," said a woman drinking coffee at a table nearby. She declined to give her name.

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The visit to Prague was a continuation of Mrs. Clinton's four-day trip to Eastern Europe and her second visit to the Czech Republic in the last two years.

She spent the first two days in Bulgaria speaking with students and businesswomen.

Mrs. Clinton was due back in Washington Tuesday night.

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HEADLINE: Clinton Seeks Votes for Schumer, Who Is Away, Casting Some

BYLINE: By ADAM NAGOURNEY

BODY:

President Clinton flew into New York last night to raise \$1 million in one of the most fiercely contested Senate races in the nation -- Charles E. Schumer's challenge to Alfonse M. D'Amato -- and to draw emotional sustenance from a place where Mr. Clinton has been admired, even during his worst of times.

Only one thing was missing: Mr. Schumer.

Even as Mr. Clinton was preparing to head to Air Force One from the White House, Mr. Schumer, a Brooklyn Democratic Representative, was boarding the 2:30 P.M. Delta Shuttle for Washington for a series of session-ending votes on the budget. The result was an odd scene in which Mr. Clinton spoke to a hotel ballroom filled with Schumer signs, Schumer supporters, and Mr. Schumer's wife, Iris -- but no Mr. Schumer, aside from three minutes of videotaped remarks that the Congressman had prepared yesterday morning.

Mr. Schumer's absence from his own blue-chip fund-raiser was due to a tangle of governmental and political obligations -- and suggested that Mr. D'Amato had captured Mr. Schumer's attention with his latest line of attack in the campaign. Mr. D'Amato's escalating criticism of Mr. Schumer for missing votes this year left the Congressman with a choice between staying in New York with Mr. Clinton and risking new criticism from Mr. D'Amato, or going to Washington and leaving Mr. Clinton alone to do his financial favor. Mr. Schumer chose the latter.

"I told Chuck Schumer when he decided to take on this herculean task that if he ever needed anyone to fill in for him, just to call me," Mr. Clinton said after being swept with applause that lasted two minutes and was quieted only when the Representative's wife raised her hand. "So here I am."

And then, for 21 minutes, the President, standing alone on a stage at the New York Hilton, laid out a case for Mr. Schumer that went notably beyond the President's usual generic case for Democratic candidates in his frequent trips across the nation. Mr. Clinton assailed Republicans for questioning Mr. Schumer's attendance record in a Congressional session that he said was notable for its lack of accomplishment.

In the Senate, he said, Mr. Schumer could at once fill the constituent-service role that Mr. D'Amato has traditionally played in New York -- which has earned him the nickname "Senator Pothole" -- and perform the grander policy duties normally associated with senators.

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"New York deserves a Senator who is both tied to the specific, concrete needs of individuals and their communities, and a Senator who will vote in the interests of this state and the nation over the long run, and finally give voice to what makes America a great nation," Mr. Clinton said. "This is a time when we need people who are both practical and visionary."

Mr. Clinton's appearance in New York comes less than a month after his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, came to New York to campaign on Mr. Schumer's behalf, a clear sign of how vulnerable Mr. D'Amato is viewed by the White House. In his speech, however, Mr. Clinton was less caustic than the First Lady about Mr. D'Amato, mentioning him by name and even offering some praise for his accomplishments.

"Senator D'Amato has gotten some criticism that I never thought was fair, actually, for being called Senator Pothole and all that -- you know that people make these funny little jokes," Mr. Clinton said. "It's not funny if you've got a pothole in front of your house. It's not funny, it's important."

But, Mr. Clinton added, "If Chuck Schumer is a Senator, given his level of energy, his intensity, his aggressiveness, he will make Senator D'Amato look laid back when it comes to filling potholes."

Mr. Clinton's political appearances here, along with a brief speech at a cancer charity fund-raiser in Manhattan, came on a trip that was also constrained by the demands of government. It had originally been planned as a two-day trip to New York and Florida before the White House scaled it back to about seven hours, after Republicans criticized the President for taking care of politics in the midst of budget negotiations in Washington.

Mr. Clinton also appeared last night at a far smaller fund-raiser at the Waldorf Astoria for Peter F. Vallone, the City Council Speaker, who is running against Gov. George E. Pataki, a Republican. This one was attended by fewer than 50 people.

Mr. Clinton's appearance on behalf of Mr. Vallone, who is trailing badly in the polls, came after the Speaker ran a television advertisement embracing Mr. Clinton and saying he should not be impeached.

The Clinton appearance in New York -- and Mr. Schumer's trip to Washington -- came as the two Senate candidates exchanged charges about each other's attendance records. Mr. D'Amato offered a list of 10 out of about 100 votes Mr. Schumer had missed this year, while Mr. Schumer, trying to capture the offensive, said he had discovered six instances in which Mr. D'Amato had missed votes to give speeches for honorariums from such groups as an association of public accountants.

"Al D'Amato has missed crucial votes to go out and line his pockets with honoraria, with payments from the special interests," Mr. Schumer said. Mr. D'Amato's office disputed the actual votes that the Senator had missed, but did not deny the instances Mr. Schumer had provided of the Senator's collecting money. The practice was outlawed in 1991.

Mr. Schumer's aides said they were not concerned about Mr. D'Amato's attack, but the candidate's actions suggested differently. He flew to Washington even though he was unsure what votes might come up. He hopped a late flight last

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night to return in time for a private dessert reception with Mr. Clinton at the home of Steven Rattner, an executive at Lazard Freres.

While in Washington, Mr. Schumer voted for a resolution to keep the Government operating through Wednesday -- a measure the President signed in New York, during the event at Mr. Rattner's house -- and for legislation increasing penalties for someone convicted of repeated sex crimes.

And Mr. Clinton devoted a sizable portion of his speech to rebutting Senator D'Amato, telling the audience of more than 600 that he was "a little amused" by Mr. D'Amato's line of attack. The Senator has pointed to about 100 votes Mr. Schumer has missed this year -- many on procedural votes, or own measures that passed overwhelmingly -- to try to portray him as derelict.

The President praised Mr. Schumer for casting what he described as key votes, including one for the 1993 deficit reduction bill. He then listed initiatives that had foundered in the Republican Congress, including campaign finance reform and the tobacco settlement legislation.

"If I had that kind of voting record, I don't believe I'd be criticizing Chuck Schumer for his voting record," Mr. Clinton said. "Every time it counts, just like today, Chuck Schumer is there to vote for you, for New York, for your children and for the future." Later, at Mr. Rattner's house, Mr. Clinton said, "If you want to stand by me, the best thing you can do is stand up for him."

GRAPHIC: Photos: Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato, left (Associated Press--), and Representative Charles E. Schumer, right (Librado Romero/The New York Times), marched yesterday in Manhattan's Columbus Day Parade. The rival candidates for the Senate are waging an unrelentingly negative campaign. Page B5. (pg. B1); President Clinton appeared last night on behalf of Charles E. Schumer, the Democratic candidate for Senate, at the New York Hilton. (Michelle V. Agins/The New York Times) (pg. B5)

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HEADLINE: EAST EUROPEANS HAIL VISIT BY U.S. FIRST LADY

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Hillary Rodham Clinton praised Bulgarians on Monday for their reform efforts and encouraged women who are trying to help create a new business culture in this former communist country.

Clinton met with businesswomen at a Sofia bakery and discussed the challenges of running a business in Bulgaria before leaving for the Czech Republic on the second day of a four-day trip to promote women's rights in Eastern Europe.

"We're very impressed by the reform effort and the difficult decisions that your government is making on behalf of the future," the U.S. first lady told the women.

Clinton also accepted an offer to allow her book "It Takes a Village" to be translated and published into Bulgarian.

She arrived Sunday, exactly 23 years after she had married Bill Clinton and three days after the House of Representatives launched an impeachment inquiry against him.

Her aides insisted the trip was long planned and had nothing to do with the case of Monica Lewinsky, with whom her husband had an affair.

Ordinary Bulgarians hailed the visit.

"The courage and dignity she has displayed is amazing, having in mind that millions of people across the world have read

her husband's confessions of adultery," said police officer Stefka Petrova, part of Bulgarian security for the visiting American.

After talking Monday with students at the American College of Sofia, the first lady flew to Prague to meet with Czech leaders and speak at a conference organized by President Vaclav Havel and Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel.

She met with about 500 students at the American College of Sofia, where she also toured the school, talked to teachers and alumni, and looked at their computer laboratory.

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"I saw the future of Bulgaria in the eyes of the brilliant and dynamic students I met at the American College of Sofia," she said.

The college, established in 1860 while Bulgaria was still under Turkish rule, was closed in 1942 and turned into a police training academy after the communists came to power.

College alumni were persecuted, but the school's book collection was preserved at the local monastery. The college was resurrected in 1992.

The first lady presented the college with 100 volumes of the Library of America, containing the best works of famous American writers, historians, philosophers and statesmen.

The students presented her with "Heroines of History," a book that contains a chapter about her.

In Prague, she met separately with Prime Minister Milos Zeman and Havel's wife, Dagmar, and then was to meet the Havels together, go to church and attend a gala dinner.

On Tuesday, she was scheduled to deliver a keynote speech at the Forum 2000 conference before returning to Washington the same day.

The prestigious gathering of more than 50 thinkers and political and religious activists includes former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, former Polish Prime Minister Hana Suchocka and the chief rabbi of Israel, Meir Lau.

GRAPHIC: PHOTOPHOTO: Aided by audio translation, Hillary Rodham Clinton listens Monday to political and religious activists in a Prague cathedral. She is flanked by former Polish leader Hanna Suchocka (left) and Czech President Vaclav Havel. AP photo.

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