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President Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton visit the Pan Am Flight 103 memorial at Arlington National Cemetery on Monday.

Victims of 1988 Pan Am Bombing Mourned

From Times Wire Services

LOCKERBIE, Scotland—To the mournful lament of bagpipes and prayers of healing, residents of Lockerbie paid tribute to the 270 people killed 10 years ago Monday, when a bomb hidden in a suitcase sent Pan Am Flight 103 crashing down on this Scottish town.

The hundreds who packed Dryfesdale Parish Church heard messages from British Prime Minister Tony Blair and President Clinton, who renewed vows to punish the culprits of the Dec. 21, 1988, blast.

But they also heard quiet sobs that echoed throughout the century-old church as several moments of silence were observed before the bagpiper blew her lament.

"In the lives that were lost, some very young, there was meaning and achievement," the Rev. David Almond told the gathering of about 600 people, including 60 relatives of those who perished. "Our task in commemoration is to continue that meaning and to build on that achievement."

Earlier, Prince Philip, the queen's husband, laid a wreath in Lockerbie's cemetery.

The congregation heard the children of the local elementary school sing a tribute, "Let There be Love," as well as a message from Queen Elizabeth II.

"We pray on this anniversary that the families will find solace together in quiet remembrance across the world," the queen's message said.

In a separate service in London's Westminster Abbey, attended by Blair, Foreign Secretary Robin Cook and the queen's second son, Prince Andrew, hundreds listened as each of the names of the 259 passengers and crew and 11 of Lockerbie's own residents were read and a candle was lighted for each.

The service began at 7:03 p.m. local time, the moment when the plane disappeared from radar screens. Simultaneous services were held at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia and in Syracuse, N.Y., which lost 35 college students in the crash.

Meanwhile, Clinton warned Libya that an offer to try two bombing suspects in the Netherlands was not negotiable and threatened tougher sanctions if the men are not handed over by February.

"This is a take-it-or-leave-it offer," Clinton said during the Arlington ceremony.

"We will not negotiate its terms," he added. "If the suspects are convicted, they will serve their time in Scotland. And if the suspects are not turned over by the time of the next sanctions review, we will work at the United Nations with our allies and friends to seek yet stronger measures against Libya."



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Prince Philip meets with some of the loved ones of the 270 people who died in the bombing.

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Clinton Support at Record Levels After House Action

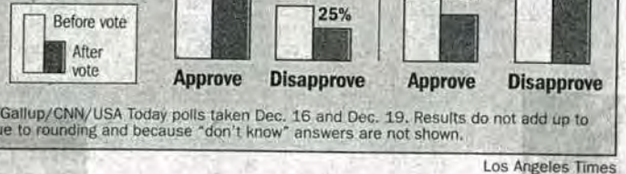


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President Clinton and first lady during ceremony marking 10th anniversary of the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

Impact of the Vote

Polls following Saturday's impeachment vote found a clear surge in public opinion:



Source: Gallup/CNN/USA Today polls taken Dec. 16 and Dec. 19. Results do not add up to 100% due to rounding and because "don't know" answers are not shown.

Los Angeles Times



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President and Mrs. Clinton prepare lasagna while volunteering at a food pantry in Washington. Despite impeachment, he remains upbeat.

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BY MICHAEL LUTZKY—THE WASHINGTON POST

President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton lay a wreath at the memorial cairn during a ceremony for the 259 passengers and crew members who died in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

Clinton Vows to Keep Pressure on Libya

Pledge Made to Victims' Families at 10-Year Memorial for Pan Am Flight 103

By BROOKE A. MASTERS
Washington Post Staff Writer

The United States will seek stronger sanctions against Libya in February if it does not turn over the suspects in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 for trial in a neutral site, President Clinton promised victims' families at a ceremony marking the 10th anniversary of the tragedy.

Speaking at Arlington National Cemetery, Clinton called a joint British-American proposal to have the case heard by a Scottish court sitting in the International Court of Justice in The Hague "a take-it-or-leave-it offer." If convicted, the two suspects would serve their time in a Scottish prison.

"It is necessary and right to pursue the perpetrators of this crime no matter how long it takes," Clinton told a crowd of more than 600 people yesterday.

The Arlington ceremony was one of four memorial services for the 259 passengers and crew members on the New York-bound flight from London and the 11 residents of Lockerbie, Scotland, who were killed by debris.

In Lockerbie, Prince Philip, husband of Queen Elizabeth, laid a wreath in the town cemetery, and a priest told nearly 200 mourners that justice was on its way.

"Ten years ago, for you and for us, a bomb was ticking," said the Rev. Pat Keegans, according to the Associated Press. "Be assured of this—there is another bomb ticking—the irresistible bomb of justice and truth." Keegans was Lockerbie's Roman Catholic priest at the time of the tragedy.

Remembrance ceremonies also took place in London's Westminster Abbey and at Syracuse University. Nearly 500 people gathered on the campus of Syracuse, which lost 35 exchange students in the explosion.

The plane was ripped apart by explosives hidden in a radio inside a suitcase. Many of the 189 Americans aboard the flight were college students or military personnel returning home for Christmas. The average age of the victims was 27.

In August, the United States and Britain dropped their insistence that the two suspects, Lamen Khalifa Fhimah and Abdel Basset Ali Al-Megrahi, be tried in one of those two countries. Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi accepted the proposal for a trial in the Netherlands but has not taken steps toward turning the pair over.

After the suspects were indicted in 1991, the U.N. Security Council imposed economic sanctions on Libya, including a ban on arriving or departing international air travel and a ban on the sale of oil drilling equipment.

"If the suspects are not turned over by the time of the next sanctions review, we will work at the United Nations with our allies and friends to seek yet stronger measures against Libya," Clinton said.

The crowd at Arlington gathered beside a stone monument dedicated to the victims to hear their names read aloud. They bowed their heads under a gray sky as a bell tolled for two minutes—"the time it took for our loved ones to fall to earth . . . and change the world forever," said Jane Schultz of Ridgefield, Conn., who lost her son Thomas and organized the ceremony.

President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton personally greeted many of the family members as they laid flowers beside the monument, and the president praised the group for the many scholarships and other memorials they have funded, their efforts to improve airline security and "your determined campaign for justice."

For many, the ceremony was painful, reminding them of losses that continue to haunt their daily lives. "Today, it feels like [the bombing was] yesterday. We'll never be the same," said Joanne Hartunian, whose daughter Diane, 21, died on her way home from a semester abroad.

For Hartunian, of Schenectady, N.Y., Clinton's promises about the bombing suspects were reassuring but not essential. "I would be very happy if they brought them to trial, but I don't spend my whole life thinking about that," she said.

Other family members said they think the United States should apply more pressure to Gadhafi. "The families have had it up to our necks," said George Williams, 67, president of Victims of Pan Am Flight 103.

"There must be no negotiations," said Williams, of Joppatowne, Md., whose son Geordie, an Army officer, died in the crash. "The time is coming that we're going to have to do something militarily . . . take out his ports and level them."

THE SCENE

Tripp at Pentagon, Stealthy as a Cat if Not a Canary

By FRANCIS X. CLINES

CAPITOL SKETCHBOOK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 — Linda R. Tripp, world-famous taper of Presidential inamorata, was back at her office in the Pentagon today after working from home at her $90,000-a-year job while the wheels of justice ground their way through the last 11 months to the impeachment of the Commander in Chief.

"She was in, but she's gone," a secretary told a visitor at Room 1E776 in the outermost of the Pentagon's five rings.

Festooned with a doorfront Christmas wreath, the office houses the Pentagon's Institute for Planning and Long Range Preparation, a typically plain workplace that Mrs. Tripp was freed from using under a Government arrangement known as flexi-place.

She rocketed to the heights of Washington controversy when she shared with criminal and civil investigators the fruits of her furtive tape recordings of Monica S. Lewinsky, the White House intern sexually involved with the President. Mrs. Tripp's anguished declaration to the nation as the year luridly roared forward — "I am you" — has become one of the folkloric quotations of the Presidential scandal, ranking with the utterance of William H. Ginsburg, Ms. Lewinsky's first lawyer: "No one ever lies. People often do what they have to do to make their story sound right."

Along the catacomb-like corridors of the Pentagon, Tripp sightings have been claimed in recent days by passing military professionals as if they had glimpsed one of the F-117 "stealth" fighter planes designed to fall upon the enemy without being seen by eye or radar.



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Linda R. Tripp

"I spotted her with her publicist," one alert colonel announced tersely to a friend.

For months, the Pentagon has been extremely reluctant to discuss Mrs. Tripp's work situation and no new word was offered today.

Mrs. Tripp's return occurred on a gray day when the capital struggled to find some post-impeachment serenity.

President Clinton volunteered at a soup kitchen, ladling tomato sauce over pasta and wishing Congress a Merry Christmas as his aides strategized privately to spare him a Senate conviction and expulsion from office. He also played host at the Winter Holiday Festival — the annual Christmas party for news workers, many of whom were tracking the President's year of scandal and impeachment even as they took time out for the White House wassail.

"This is payback time," one journalist commented evenly, jammed amid 4,000 invitees wending their way toward a South Lawn tent where they found cookies, soft drinks, beer, wine, coffee, and a platoon of clowns to amuse the young ones.

Miffed journalists noted that there were none of the more sumptuous offerings — lamb chops and the like — of the more commodious media parties thrown by the President last year, a month before the press plunged into the Lewinsky scandal.

Celebrators were distracted by media celebrities intent on a moment's seasonal peace amid the impeachment story.

"Where are the clowns?" a small boy asked Bob Novak, who seemed Dickensian as he put aside his usual "Crossfire" scowl to smile upon the lad.

"Isn't this nice?" Geraldo Rivera asked his little children as they approached the richly twinkling White House Christmas tree.

"This is where the President gets his presents," said Mr. Rivera, who has been as tireless as Santa every night on cable television searching out who's been good and bad in the Clinton scandal.

The city's impeachment anxieties were not easy to put aside. For some reason, one of the first portraits displayed beyond the entryway was of Andrew Johnson, the 19th-century President who preceded Mr. Clinton in impeachment and survived conviction by a single vote in the Senate. The slow going by the thick mob of party invitees lent a Jackson-era aura of heatedness to the evening, particularly when some veteran White House reporters were stopped at the door, informed that their names were not to be found on the computerized security check list.

"You're destroying my reputation!" one angrily announced, dressing down security workers and unleashing cell phone alarms to various White House sources.

At the Pentagon, the President smiled gently upon one and all passing what Mrs. Tripp termed the "jumbo" office photos that Ms. Lewinsky used to muse upon in her tell-all conversations.

As the world's largest office building, spilling up and out through Dantesque office rings, the Pentagon would seem like an ideal place to go unnoticed, with security clearances at all entrances and hordes of workers in the halls. But not for Mrs. Tripp, and not in this tumultuous year.

Other Federal workers in the vast bureaucracy have closely tracked her working arrangements and salary, which doubled since she worked at the White House for the first two years of the Clinton Administration. Under her job, involving computer planning work on the Pentagon's annual Joint Civilian Orientation Conference, Pentagon officials confirmed that Mrs. Tripp would be eligible for the proposed 4.4 percent wage increase announced today by the Administration.

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In the Media

The Day The Stories Snowballed

By HOWARD KURTZ
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The morning began on television with President Clinton on the verge of impeachment. By noon, that drama was eclipsed by an unscheduled rerun of "Showdown With Saddam," and by 5 p.m. the first explosions were shaking Baghdad—all of which left journalists scrambling on two fast-moving fronts.

"This is either heaven or hell, depending on the way you want to look at it," said Brit Hume, Washington managing editor of Fox News.

While anchors, producers and reporters were gearing up for a House vote on impeachment that had been expected today, the prospect of imminent U.S. military strikes against Iraq blew a hole in the media's best-laid plans. Cable networks hopscotched from Baghdad to the United Nations to the latest Republican congressman to declare for impeachment.

As CNN's Candy Crowley told viewers: "This is another example of what's been called the split-screen presidency." Not since the O.J. Simpson verdict shared space with Clinton's State of the Union address has television been pulled so strongly in two directions.

"It just doesn't get any better than this," said MSNBC vice president Erik Sorenson.

Newspapers also remained off-balance as they geared up for this morning's editions. "It's a little like being whacked in turn on each side of the head," said Doyle McManus, Washington bureau chief of the Los Angeles Times. "The problem isn't on the reporting end. The problem is really in terms of planning a list of stories that make some sense out of this confusion. And figure out whether we're dealing with two crises, 1½ crises or one jumbo, all-inclusive crisis."

CNN, which made its reputation during the Persian Gulf War, focused on Iraq. The network carried live reports from Jane Irraf and Christiane Amanpour, who CNN says left from London Tuesday after indications of trouble in Iraq. MSNBC also kept cutting to its Baghdad reporter, Donatella Lorch. Fox News Channel, which had no one in Iraq, initially leaned

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more toward the impeachment story.

"We're totally deployed," said Frank Sesno, CNN's Washington bureau chief. "We may have to go round the clock. We're planning specials, but we can't be absolutely sure what the subject is going to be. You want to handle each story with the gravity and gravitas it deserves, but one is casting a pretty long shadow over the other. We've told the staff you may be living through the most newsworthy day of your careers."

But Fox's Hume argued that "the bigger story is impeachment, any way you slice it, because it's so historic, momentous and rare. Bombing raids on Iraq for failing to comply with U.N. weapons inspections is a very big story, but it's nowhere near as unprecedented."

The stories briefly merged when all three cable outfits went live to a briefing by White House spokesman Joe Lockhart. CNN's Wolf Blitzer asked about critics who say "that the timing is just too cute given the pending impeachment proceeding in the House." ABC's Sam Donaldson asked whether the White House was "running out the clock" and hoping the impeachment vote would be delayed until after this Congress expires. Lockhart said Clinton's decisions were based solely on national security.

The contrasts were often surreal, especially as anchors intoned that American bombs could begin dropping at any time. MSNBC briefly dropped Iraq for an interview with actress Mary Steenburgen, a friend of Hillary Rodham Clinton, saying the first lady has been "demonized" by her husband's political enemies. CNN cut to a Michigan classroom where the students voted 30 to 18 to impeach the president.

About 3 p.m., as the Iraq story heated up, Fox inexplicably went to interviews with Julia Roberts and Susan Sarandon about why they hated the title of their new film "Stepmom." Earlier, while CNN was covering a briefing by State Department spokesman Jamie Rubin—who happens to be Amanpour's husband—Fox aired a segment on grilling red peppers.

At first, said MSNBC's Sorenson, "we were trying to imagine: Do you have one box on the screen with a congressman arguing for impeachment, while in another box you see rubble in Baghdad?" But "as we



Tim Russert, NBC's Washington bureau chief, went to the Hill for an exclusive interview with House Judiciary Chairman Henry Hyde. But while the interview was for a planned MSNBC special on impeachment last night, Russert said that "the first three questions were on Iraq." MSNBC quickly aired Hyde's comments about the possibility of delaying the vote. But Russert's exclusive didn't last long; Fox's Cameron was quizzing Hyde about the "Wag the Dog" scenario—that is, whether Clinton was attacking Iraq to delay impeachment. Hyde said he was "loath" to think that might be the case.

The Big Three networks joined the coverage just before 5, when explosions seemed to rock Baghdad, although they turned out to be antiaircraft fire. "There is indeed a full-scale U.S. military strike en route as we speak," NBC's David Bloom said from outside the White House. Minutes later, Lockhart con-

American sweepstakes

What in the world would prompt Gary Knight to establish a national pool on the Internet (www.knight-international.com) to allow people to bet when Hillary Rodham Clinton might file for divorce?

"The pictures last week of Hillary knocking away Bill's hand as he attempted to hold hers," Mr. Knight tells Inside the Beltway.

INSIDE THE BELTWAY

By John McCaslin

Missing

For the first time in six years, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton was a no-show at the annual White House Christmas party for the press corps. President Clinton offered no public explanation but privately confided that she had sprained her back while delivering Christmas cookies to the various White House offices yesterday. Last night's party was opened to family members of White House reporters, and was held under a tent on the South Lawn.

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AP

Holiday volunteers

President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton prepare lasagna for the homeless during a visit yesterday to the D.C. Central Kitchen emergency shelter.

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By H. Darr Beiser, USA TODAY

Pitching in: President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton help prepare lasagna Monday at the D.C. Central Kitchen, which helps the jobless and the hungry in the Washington metropolitan area.

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POSTOPINION

A Guide to Young Life for Chelsea And How the Media Can Help

R. EMMETT TYRRELL, JR.



IT has been reported in the press that Chelsea Clinton is having a difficult time of it. Her boyfriend, a Stanford University varsity swimmer, has taken a powder, alarmed somehow by the president's scandals — let the milksop depart, Chelsea. Additional pressures are taking their toll.

Last month a British reporter following Chelsea wrote, "Stress also explains another reported visit to the college doctors two weeks ago, this time with headaches and hyperventilation."

"She was rubbing her temples and breathing quickly," according to one source at the medical center. "She said that she was under a lot of stress, then she mentioned that she'd just ended a long-term relationship and that it was causing a lot of distress. She kept saying, 'I'm not adjusting.'"

The gods visit the sins of the fathers upon their children, the ancients insist. Even Exodus conveys that unpalatable message. Today, behind the fog of cliched news stories and the politicians' infantile rationales, the Clinton drama does indeed contain the elements of ancient tragedy.

Still, by all accounts Chelsea Clinton, as first daughter, has lived an exemplary life. She deserves to be spared the anguish of public ignominy as well as the insidious dissipations of celebrity. Hitherto our press has allowed her her privacy. This honorable dispensation ought to continue.

When our Yuppies kick up their heels they, in keeping with their characteristic self-absorption, give not a thought to the consequences their recklessness might bear on those around them. Their family always suffers and their children most of all. Children need exemplars for parents, not arrested adolescents.

On the other hand children can be resilient. Chelsea most likely has a fine mind, neither parent being unintelligent. She probably inherited her parents' recuperative powers. Public life and its attendant pressures has been at her door since she was a child; the present trials cannot be new to her.

What is new is being in college. College campuses are not congenial to intelligent young people with unique problems. They actually are a breeding ground for unhappiness, given the obsessions spawned by political correctness and the professoriate's general neurosis.

My advice to Chelsea — though I have not been asked — is to treat campus life with skepticism. One can always insulate oneself from campus fanaticism and morbidity by seeking intellectual refuge in the library.

Even trendy Stanford probably has kept its main library open, and there would be nothing wrong with bringing an athlete along as a date — even a swimmer. Edmund Burke when he was a college student started a reading circle with his classmates. Even in the 18th century professors were unreliable interpreters of knowledge.

Then, too, Chelsea probably has access to an excellent gym and other athletic facilities. And of course she can jog; her father is a jogger and nothing is so efficacious in jolting the euphoria of endorphins into action as a jog.

Ever since the 1960s there has been a lot of hooey in the air about how great it is to be young. Medical science and common sense tell us otherwise. To be Chelsea's age is to endure a period rattled by ups and downs. She should not be overly alarmed by the downs.

Everyone hangs on his own cross, the late Whittaker Chambers wrote. No one can say for sure what miseries the president's daughter faces or what fugitive laughs she might enjoy at the world's expense.

Based on her irreproachable record thus far, it would not be surprising if she came through her present trials unscathed, with good grades, a promising future and a new boyfriend.

The best break that Chelsea can get is for the press to continue to allow her her privacy.

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BUZZ No. 1: It's therapy. "When you've lost control of so much around you, you can at least get thin." (Time)

BUZZ No. 2: Face-lift! Alas, no. (She doesn't look that young.)

BUZZ No. 3: She's getting ... great poll numbers! Just goes to show what mass adoration will do for you.

HRC FANS' BUZZ: She's running for Senate! Where? Illinois? Florida? New York? "The idea of a Senate race between Mrs. Clinton and [New York City Mayor Rudolph] Giuliani is such a splendid one that it must be kept alive ..." (Bob Herbert, New York Times)

HRC FANATICS' BUZZ: A Gore-Clinton ticket in 2000!

HRC SUPERFANATICS' BUZZ: A Clinton-Gore ticket in 2000.

HRC FOES' SMUG BUZZ: Once she entered the political arena, she'd get chopped up. (Conservative John Fund in New York Press)

HRC FOES' PARANOID BUZZ: "Don't rule out a Gore-appointed Chief Justice Hillary Rodham Clin-

Cover girl

"She has charisma, an inescapable aura magically altering the atmosphere she occupies."

So which movie star or supermodel is *Vogue* talking about this time?

The first lady. That's right. Hillary Rodham Clinton graces the cover of the magazine's December issue and is hailed for her distinctive allure.

Titled "The Extraordinary Hillary Clinton," the article explores the first lady's beauty, inside and out.

The woman — who until recently wasn't all that popular and who traditionally hasn't been known for her style sense — is riding a high that even *Newsweek* notes.

The magazine, which says the first lady "is looking fit and foxy these days," asks what the blossoming of Hillary might mean.





Hillary Rodham (left) wasn't an instant hit following her husband's first gubernatorial inauguration. First lady of the United States Hillary Rodham Clinton, shown here in an Annie Leibovitz photograph from the December *Vogue*, seems to be proving more popular and pretty with each day.

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HEADLINE: The headstrong headliner, Hillary: She's riding an unprecedented wave of popularity and is a media darling. Just what makes Hillary Clinton run?

BYLINE: PAULA BROOK; VANCOUVER SUN

BODY:
smiling gorgeously from the cover of Vogue, lighting Chanukah candles in Jerusalem, embracing Palestinian school children in Gaza, announcing grants to restore historic San Francisco gardens and joining Sammy Sosa to pledge funds for hurricane relief in the Dominican Republic.

If her performance in Washington over the last six years has not always been lauded (Was she over her head in health reform? What really happened to those Whitewater files? And why have so many of her former "friends" dropped like flies?) Hillary Rodham Clinton seems determined to go out with a bang.

I mean that in a good way. This is her triumph, and I won't say final because Bill may not be dead yet and even if he is Hillary may well return glorious to Washington a la Helen of Troy to Sparta, but without any help from her cigar-smoking Menelaus.

The secret of her success? In a word, control. We don't know Jack about Hillary Clinton. All we know is what she wants us to -- what she communicates with icy equanimity, with her lawyerly choice of words. As far as the public is concerned, there is no private Hillary. She has liberated herself (and us) from all that. And in so doing liberated herself from second-stage feminism's maxim that the personal is political. For her, the political is political, period.

Good on her. Welcome to feminism's third stage, in which the truly liberated wife shuns the call to "kick her husband's butt" (that from the National Organization for Women's Patricia Ireland during the heat of Zippergate) and instead exercises true choice -- to remain at his side, for her own reasons, about which don't ask.

Oh, she did speak out once -- on 60 Minutes, describing the "pain" in her marriage -- but the cheap prime-time emotions and pseudo-therapeutic platitudes did not become her and one suspects the adviser who put her up to it has since been fired, or shot.

Since then she has controlled her media, like a pro. Take the current Vogue piece, in which writer Ann Douglas shadows America's first lady on a fundraising tour to restore her country's decaying historical treasures. A "shot in the arm" to every community she visits, Hillary "gives off an enormous, focused energy and, oddly enough, a kind of radiant peace," reports Douglas, who observes nothing cold or mechanical in her subject. "Passion organizes the self more completely than calculation ever can."

I don't think so. What we're looking at here is a case of passionate calculation. I doubt we'll ever see Hillary's unmediated passion unfurled. What we get, instead, is Zelig as first lady. She is whoever we want her to be. Political strategist, homemaker, diplomat, fundraiser, party host, champion of the dispossessed, and, by Vogue editor Anna Wintour's definition, the perfect cover girl. An Oscar de la Renta feminist.

She's also a children's author, don't forget. (Where does she find the time?) Joining her 1996 bestseller It Takes A Village on bookstore shelves this Christmas is a brand new tribute to the first pets, Dear Socks, Dear Buddy. In it, the perfect mom/teacher/master gathers together 80 photos of the Clintons' famous tabby and chocolate lab, along with 50 letters to the critters from children across the United States. Hillary ups the goodwill ante by having elderly U.S. vets sort and answer the letters, and ups it again by donating proceeds from book sales to the National Park Foundation.

But more than anything, these days, Hillary's role is as the perfect antidote for an American public made sick to the stomach by Kenneth Starr's indecent obsession with morality. In a profile of Hillary posted this week on the web magazine Salon, Margaret Talbot (a senior editor at the New Republic) explains Hillary's runaway popularity during Bill's darkest days: "Advertising their faith in the first lady was a way of protesting Starr's ham-fisted conflation of the public and private without endorsing Bill Clinton's recklessness. They liked her because she showed 'dignity' and 'strength' in the face of betrayal and excruciating exposure."

American women need Hillary to not only be better than Bill, but to be better than themselves. In one U.S. poll, 57 per cent of women said Hillary should stay with Bill, while 36 per cent said they would stay with their own partner if he cheated as Bill had.

In Vogue, Salon, and pretty well across the newsstand, Hillary is upheld as the ultimate Asset To Her Husband. Oh how she must rail against such words in moments of private passion, if she has any. I once had the experience of being described as an Asset To My Husband, and it was chilling, particularly as the speaker was a life insurance salesman (oops, I mean financial planner) and he was talking about me, in front of me, to my husband.

Count me among the 64 per cent who'd take a walk. But then, I have far less to lose. As an "asset," Hillary has done extremely well for herself -- and will go on to do much more. Just wait.

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So Hillary, now's the time.

Speak up, girl. You're the one who can still save him from impeachment.

This presidency is taking on heavy water. I don't need to tell you that. This ship is plainly going down. Another mob of so-called moderate Republicans hopped overboard yesterday.

You're the one with the life raft, Hil. And the pump.

Rumors were flying all over Washington as the afternoon wore on. Bill will stride into the well of the House of Representatives, these rumors said. Tears will well up in his eyes. He will deliver one last quivering apology. Again, he will say, "I lied," and seek forgiveness.

He shouldn't even bother with that.

He's already said enough. There's nothing he can say in public now that will change a single vote.

It's too late to throw himself on the mercy of the mid-list congressmen he needs, middling men and women seeking to maximize the political leverage in their tired Hamlet acts. Forget their mercy. What Bill must do now is throw himself on the mercy of his wife.

That was the unspoken message of yesterday. It was all in the mathematics.

Clinton needs 218 votes to block this impeachment. But the list he had to draw from, these so-called moderate Republicans who said they haven't made up their minds, was getting shorter by the hour.

Fred Upton of Michigan . . . gone.

Jerry Weller of Illinois . . . gone.

John McHugh of upstate New York . . . gone.

All of them gone from Clinton's ship.

Soon enough, there were other goners, too: Anne Northup of Kentucky, Tom Campbell of California, Jack Quinn of upstate New York? Gone. And Nancy Johnson of Connecticut? Gone.

Those last two really hurt. Johnson is co-chair of one Republican moderates group. And Quinn had been one of the first Republicans to come out against impeachment - what was that? A few weeks ago?

By late afternoon, Mike Forbes of Long Island was history, too. And Chris Shays of Connecticut, another presumed impeachment foe, was seeming downright doubtful.

Given all this momentum, it really may be too late. Congress may actually impeach a popular president for allowing an intern to service him - and lying about it.

But if there is a chance to stop this ridiculous outcome, that chance rests in the hands of the wife, the real and final Defender-in-Chief.

Yesterday, the enemies of the Clintons were floating a story that she was drifting away from him.

Exhibit No. 1 was the Arm Yank Heard Round the World. On Sunday, Hillary was said to have pulled away from her husband's arm at the gravesite of Yitzak Rabin.

How much did this small gesture really mean? No matter. It had already launched an ocean of speculation.

On top of the Arm Yank, there was word that Hillary had flown in a separate compartment last week on Air Force One. Meaningful? Who knows?

It was true she hasn't said too much in recent days about the precarious state of her husband's presidency. Her aides did say she didn't even know in advance about his most recent I-am-sorry speech.

And finally there was the fact that Hillary does have a life of her own, a fact that has always raised suspicions in the crowd that really hates Bill. Here she's been, making speeches on her special causes, drawing crowds everywhere, turning up at New York openings and on the cover of Vogue. Outrageous! But Hillary, you know all that's not true.

Have you felt some irritation in recent months? Of course you have. Anyone would in your position.

Bad enough he's fooling around with the intern. But then he gets his runaway libido plastered all over the front page.

Idiot!

But you're a team.

You've been a team for 23 years.

And hey - you're not the easiest person in the world to live with either.

As much as others might find this hard to understand, you love the guy.

And you know you don't want to give a boost to that mob of hard-right congressmen, Bible-belt ministers and call-in talk-show rubes who've been making such a sport of your husband.

Increasingly, Hillary, America loves you.

Who would have guessed? Here you are, this far from being named Time's "Woman of the Year."

Americans - most of them, anyway - have come to treasure your independence and your dignity.

In your modern life, they've come to see their own.

Alone in America, you are the one to step up.

You are the one who can defend this man and make a difference.

Only you can speak this truth:

"He sinned. Yes, he did. But mainly, he's sinned against me.

"It hasn't been easy. But I've forgiven him.

"I have, and now you should, too."

Say that into the cameras, Hillary. Mean it when you do.

You could still save your husband - and us - a whole lot of grief.

GRAPHIC: AP Photo - Hillary Rodham Clinton stands by her man yesterday. There is hope she turns action to words.

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First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton waves as she and Steve Sass of the Jewish Historical Society greet crowd at the Breed Street shul.

First Lady Visits Historic Synagogue, Movie House

■ **Preservation:** Trip to L.A. promotes White House drive to save historic sites. Getty Trust gives $1.1 million in support of nationwide project.

By JOSEPH TREVI O
and CAITLIN LIU
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton visited a historic synagogue in Boyle Heights on Thursday and an ornate downtown movie house to promote a White House initiative dedicated to preserving historic American sites.

Clinton's stop in Los Angeles was one of several on behalf of the Save America's Treasures campaign, an initiative of the White House Millennium Council, chaired by the first lady.

Last week Clinton was in New York to visit Louis Armstrong's archives and in the Boston area for Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's house and the African Meeting House. Today she plans to tour San Francisco's Conservatory of Flowers in Golden Gate Park.

The Breed Street Shul is the last remaining synagogue in Boyle Heights, once a center of Los Angeles' Jewish community. The Los Angeles Theater, built in 1931, was the last palatial movie house constructed on Broadway.

On Thursday afternoon, Clinton stood in front of the dilapidated synagogue and addressed more than 500 people who gathered outside.

"This shul and the work we are doing together to preserve it for future generations is an important statement," she said. "We believe that there must be continuity between generations."

Boyle Heights, Clinton said, always has been a community for immigrants.

"Boyle Heights immigrants today can think back to those immigrants 60 to 70

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years ago who did not speak English—they spoke Yiddish," she said. "In honoring this particular building, we honor the past."

At the synagogue, it was announced that the J. Paul Getty Trust will award a $1.1-million grant to the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The grant will support as many as 25 model projects throughout the United States that are part of the Save America's Treasures campaign.

The Breed Street shul is the recipient of a $15,000 grant from the Getty to allow for emergency repairs to the structure, damaged during last year's winter storms. Built in 1923, the synagogue was an integral part of the flourishing Jewish community from the 1920s to the 1950s, when Boyle Heights was home to about 90,000 Jews, then the largest Jewish population west of Chicago.

As the Jewish community moved to other areas, so did the synagogue's worshipers. By the late 1970s, the congregation wasn't able to gather a minyan of 10 men to pray.

The congregation ceased services in 1993, when the last rabbi of the Congregation of Talmud Torah wanted to raze the building and sell the property. Last July the City Council voted to buy the synagogue and turn it over to the Jewish Historical Society.

The shul has great personal significance to several City Council members. Councilman Hal Bernson's Bar Mitzvah was held there, and Councilwoman Jackie Goldberg's aunt, uncle and cousins were members of the congregation. Councilman Mike Feuer's mother grew up a few blocks away.

After Clinton spoke at the synagogue, she addressed a crowd at the Los Angeles Theater, which is one of the magnificent historic theaters in the city. Designed by S. Charles Lee Charles, its splendid French Baroque interior, with chandeliers, murals and paintings, are considered unmatched by any other construction of its kind in Los Angeles.

An album to raise funds for the Save America's Treasures campaign is scheduled to be released in May. The retrospective of voices and songs is intended to form a musical tapestry of the nation's history. Plans for the musical tribute treasury were announced Thursday at the Los Angeles Theater.

"Sing, America: A Celebration of America and its Music," will include songs by Frank Sinatra, Elvis Presley, Bob Dylan, Stevie Wonder, Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald and the New York Philharmonic. A book and television show are also planned.

The proceeds will be used to preserve and restore historic sites and memorabilia, such as Thomas Edison's laboratory, Ellis Island and Revolutionary War-era documents.

City Councilman Richard Alatorre, who pushed to help preserve the shul and the theater, remembers how during the 1950s his grandmother would take him to the Los Angeles Theater after she went to see her doctor.

R. EMMETT TYRRELL

Bumpy road for the unlucky progeny

It has been reported in the press that Chelsea Clinton is having a difficult time of it. Her boyfriend, a Stanford University varsity swimmer, has taken a powder, alarmed somehow by the president's scandals. Let the milksop depart, Chelsea.

Additional pressures are taking their toll. Last month a British reporter following Chelsea wrote, "Stress also explains another reported visit to the college doctors two weeks ago, this time with headaches and hyperventilation. 'She was rubbing her temples and breathing quickly,' according to one source at the medical center. 'She said that she was under a lot of stress, then she mentioned that she'd just ended a long-term relationship and that it was causing a lot of distress. She kept saying 'I'm not adjusting.' "

The gods visit the sins of the fathers upon their children, the ancients insist. Even Exodus conveys that unpalatable message. Today, behind the fog of news stories and the politicians' infantile rationales, the Clinton drama does indeed contain the elements of ancient tragedy. Still, by all accounts Chelsea Clinton, as first daughter, has lived an exemplary life. She deserves to be spared the anguish of public ignominy as well as the insidious dissipations of celebrity. Hitherto our press has allowed her her privacy. This honorable dispensation ought to continue.

When our Yuppies kick up their heels they, in keeping with their characteristic self-absorption, give not a thought to the consequences their recklessness might bear on those around them. Their family always suffers and their children most of all. Children need exemplars for parents, not arrested adolescents. On the other hand children can be resilient. Chelsea most likely has a fine mind, neither parent being unintelligent. She probably inherited her parents' recuperative powers. Public life and its attendant pressures has been at her door since she was a child; the present trials cannot be new to her. What is new is being in college. College campuses are not congenial to intelligent young people with unique problems. They actually are a breeding ground for unhappiness, given the obsessions spawned by political correctness and the professoriate's general neurosis.



Chelsea Clinton

My advice to Chelsea — though I have not been asked — is to treat campus life with skepticism. One can always insulate oneself from campus fanaticism and morbidity by seeking intellectual refuge in the library. Even trendy Stanford probably has kept its main library open, and there would be nothing wrong with bringing an athlete along as a date — even a swimmer. Edmund Burke when he was a college student started a reading circle with his classmates. Even in the 18th century professors were unreliable interpreters of knowledge.

Then, too, Chelsea probably has access to an excellent gym and other athletic facilities. I, being somewhat old-fashioned, would urge her to work out daily with the medicine ball, assuming she can find a reliable mate to throw the ball with. And of course she can jog; her father is a jogger and nothing is so efficacious in jolting the euphoria of endorphins into action as a jog. Ever since the 1960s there has been a lot of hooey in the air about how great it is to be young. Medical science and common sense tell us otherwise. To be Chelsea's age is to endure a period rattled by ups and downs. She should not be overly alarmed by the downs, and by staying busy at the library and in the gym she will mollify those downs.

Everyone hangs on his own cross, the late Whittaker Chambers wrote. No one can say for sure what miseries the president's daughter faces or what fugitive laughs she might enjoy at the world's expense. Based on her irreproachable record thus far, it would not be surprising if she came through her present trials unscathed, with good grades, a promising future, and a new boyfriend. Richard Nixon's daughters certainly did all right, and the press hounded them for years.

The best break that Chelsea can get is for the press to continue to allow her to have her privacy. As news stories go, she should be off-limits. Let us instead fasten on the high drama in Washington. Let us concern ourselves with important revelations such as Michael Huffington's declaration of his homosexuality in Esquire magazine. Already nationally syndicated columnists are meditating on the revelation's deep meaning and cosmic consequences. The former Republican politician now tells us he has had sex in London with men. What does he have against American men? Did he use his frequent flyer mileage? And is it really sex? According to the sworn testimony of the president of the United States, what Mr. Huffington has experienced is not sex.

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Another setback in the case against the Saudi exile? Bin Laden

EXCLUSIVE

Costly Missile Strikes

THE U.S. CRUISE-MISSILE ATTACKS ON SAUDI TERRORIST Osama bin Laden's alleged training camps in Afghanistan last Aug. 20 came in response to the U.S. embassy bombings in Africa two weeks earlier. Ironically, the strikes may have cost U.S. investigators a major breakthrough in tying the African attacks to bin Laden. Shortly after the blasts Pakistani officials picked up two suspects, a Saudi and a Sudanese. Islamabad was prepared to turn the men over to the United States—until the missile strikes. Among the casualties in the camps: several Pakistani intelligence officers. Outraged, Pakistani authorities released the suspects. U.S. sources say the Saudi was a key figure in the conspiracy. When Pakistan's prime minister visits Washington this week, U.S. officials say a key item on President Clinton's agenda will be to restore Islamabad's cooperation on the investigation.

JUSTICE

Family Mystery

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE gruesome death of a 15-year-old Wisconsin girl? Kay Kuffer was brought to a Janesville hospital last week, where she was pronounced dead. Hospital officials told police the girl, who suffered from cerebral palsy, weighed only 15 pounds, 1 ounce. Her mother, Karen Kuffer, 50, was charged with child neglect, but the case raised questions about the community's failure to prevent the tragedy. In 1993, when the family—Karen, Kay and grandmother Eunice—was found living in a storage unit, local authorities investigated but found child neglect was "unsubstantiated." Kuffer's lawyer called her "a grieving mother." She was released on her own recognizance.



'Grieving mother': Kuffer in court

POLITICS

A Father's Concern

ONE POTENTIAL PRESIDENtial candidate paying close attention to press reports about Chelsea Clinton is Texas Gov. George W. Bush. His 16-year-old twin daughters, Jenna and Barbara, would be in college, like Chelsea, in 2000. Asked recently by a small group of Republicans why he seemed reluctant to run, Bush referred to Chelsea and what she's going through at Stanford. His girls, he said, identify with the First Daughter's predicament. "It's not just the news coverage," says a Bush friend. "Here's a young woman in what ought to be the most exciting time of life, and Secret Service agents are following her around. As an adult you can cope with it, but not when you're 18."



Bush with wife Laura and daughter Jenna

KOREA FAX

Bon Voyage

North Korea recently opened its doors to South Korean tourists for the first time in half a century. But it didn't exactly roll out the welcome mat. To keep guests in line, Pyongyang issued a thick rule book for visitors. Here's a look at what not to do:

- **Engage in nontourist talk with North Korean guides or photograph them. Fine: $92.**
- **Argue about the social system. Fine: $92.**
- **Litter along the shore. Fine: $457.**
- **Cause a forest fire. Fine: $4,587 per square yard of land burned, plus cost of planting new trees.**

Also forbidden:

- **Singing loud enough to be heard outside the tour bus.**
- **Drinking alcoholic beverages on North Korean soil.**

Annoyed by the restrictions, one South Korean called the trip "a march of POWs, not tourists."

CONVENTIONAL WISDOM WATCH

Long-Term Vision Edition

The CW wants to skip over the rest of Clinton's term to focus on what's next. Who wins in 2000? Whither Hillary? The CW thus avoids the twin extremes of scandal and substance. A Third Way!

Players		Conventional Wisdom
Clinton	⇔	"We hereby censure you for annoying conduct." Sorry, it will have to be stronger ...
Gore	⇑	Dodges campaign-finance rap. Now must face CW indictment: he's criminally boring.
Bradley	⇑	Ex-Knick runs for prez. If he's at all like his CBS essays, he ... makes Gore look exciting.
Chelsea	⇑	Evil tabs invade her privacy after beau split. CW sez: there's more fish in the sea, baby!
Pinochet	⇓	Torturers can be punished? What's the world coming to? Will Blair's lefties save him?
Starr	⇔	Tieless TV chat. Says he's faithful. But boxers or briefs? Actually, never mind.

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ACROSS THE NATION

BOSTON'S PAH! DEAF YOUTH THEATRE HONORED BY FIRST LADY AT WHITE HOUSE CEREMONY

A local teenager, and several adults raveled to Washington for event sponsored by the President's Committee on he Arts and the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts

Boston's PAH! Deaf Youth Theatre, an after-school program developed through the Wheelock Family Theatre o foster artistic expression and a sense of personal achievement in young deaf people, has been named one of 10 recipients of a prestigious award from the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts. PAH!'s youth and adult representatives received a Coming Up Taller Award rom First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton n an East Room White House ceremony on October 7 at 1:30 p.m.

Since 1993, PAH! - an American Sign Language (ASL) expression that means "Success!" or "Finally! We did it " - has been using theater arts to develop communications skills and build on personal and social strengths among the area's deaf adolescents. Students spend 10 months, meeting wice a week after school at the Wheelock Family Theatre to participate in African dance and drumming, heater crafts, acting, and in ASL poetry and storytelling. The year culminates in a public production created and performed by the PAH! Actors in ASL, with interpreters providing translations in spoken English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

PAH! students are recruited from schools for the deaf in the greater Boston region. All are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, of the students that participate 90 percent of their families receive government aid, half are people with disabilities, and 95 percent live n families that do not know sign language.

"Because communication opportunities for Deaf young people are limited, hey are often left out of everyday activities, and their abilities frequently go unacknowledged," said Barbara Jean Wood, Mass. Commissioner for he Deaf and Hard of Hearing. "PAH!



caption: Jody Steiner, director of PAH! Deaf Youth Theatre and Baranda Bacigalupo, teen representative, receive COMING UP TALLER award from First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Deaf Youth Theatre provides a milieu where they can explore their own creativity, develop problem-solving techniques, and realize their potential as they internalize their natural language."

By expanding the students' world through experience with the arts, PAH! raises their expectations for what they can accomplish in life. When asked about personal goals upon enrolling in PAH!, most answered "work at the grocery store," "work at the hotel laundry," "data entry," or "collect unemployment benefits." Six years later, PAH! students are considering teaching, acting technical theater, nursing and other careers.

"Every time we watch a child's face light up as she plays the first few notes of a song or puts the final touches on a painting, we see the power of the arts to educate and inspire," said First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. "Participation in the arts can give confidence to reach their God-given potential."

The Coming Up Taller Awards, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities (PCAH), recognize some of the outstanding after-school, weekend and summer programs uplifting the development of America's children through education and practical experience in the arts and humanities. Through these programs, performing and visual artists, early childhood educators, historians, offer children safe havens, creative outlets, new learning opportunities, ways to contribute to their communities. All of this helps to build their own future. Recipients of the award will receive $10,000 to be used for their program.

"The Coming Up Taller Awards are a major milestone for everyone working to strengthen the role of the arts in our communities," said President's Committee Chairman John Brademas.

These programs demonstrate some of the most innovative and effective ways we know for leading our nation's young people down the path to achievement and success."

Bill Ivey, Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts stated, "These awards illustrate the integral role the arts can play in shaping children's experiences by allowing them to use their imagination to learn and create. Each and every child reached through these programs strengthens the bedrock of America's future as our children nurture the creativity of America."

In addition to the ten programs receiving the awards, the National Endowment for the Arts and the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities also recognizes 40 semi-finalists. These recipients reflect excellence in the arts and humanities, the addition of child and family support and prevention services, and a demonstrated impact on participants. Over 600 nominations from 48 states and the District of Columbia were received for the 1998 awards. A national jury of experts made final recommendations to the NEA and PCAH for the awards.

The Coming Up Taller awards are supported by The following organizations National Endowment for the Arts and the Anncox Foundation, Earth Sciences & Technologies International, The Green Family Foundation, Thomas M. and Victoria A. O'Gara, Podesta Associates, The Rodgers and Hammerstein Organization, The Rodgers Family Foundation, Travelodge Franchise Systems, and Universal Studios.

For additional information about the National Endowment for the Arts contact the NEA Office of Communications at (202) 682-5570. To learn more about the President's Committee on Arts and Humanities, contact (202) 682-5409.

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF NAD TREE OF LIFE ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN Take Advantage of 1998 Tax Deductions!

SILVER SPRING, MD - In the Fall of 1997, the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) launched an ambitious $5.25 million fundraising effort under the leadership of Dr. Frank R. Turk. The NAD Tree of Life (TOL) Endowment Campaign has raised over $150,000 in actual and pledged funds to date, through individual donations.

The TOL Campaign focuses on four specific areas: a $3 million goal of endowment and capital funds for a multipurpose retreat/training facility; $1 million for youth leadership development programs; $750,000 for state association training programs; and $500,000 to support parent-consumer partnership efforts.

An inaugural plaque commemorating the first 100 donors who contributed $1,000 or more each was displayed at the 44th Biennial NAD Conference last summer in San Antonio, Texas. Built by deaf craftsman Louis Val, the plaque features a golden trunk made from real tree bark, with solid oak leaves-each of which has an engraved brass nameplate.

Turk has recently accepted a new position as special projects director at Communication Service for the Deaf (CSD) in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, beginning January, 1999. The NAD Tree of Life Endowment effort continues in full force; administrative staff at the NAD will take over fundraising activities.

"Dr. Turk holds a very special place in the hearts of those who are associated with the NAD as well as the American Deaf community. This change of scenery does not change in any way his continuing commitment to the overall aims of the NAD and its programs and services," said NAD Executive Director Nancy J. Bloch. "He will continue to work with and advise the NAD on fundraising and youth program efforts." One of Turk's first projects will be to coordinate a national symposium on childhood Deafness under the auspices of the NAD and hosted by CSD in the Spring of 1999.

"As I prepare for a new chapter in my career, I remain as fully committed as ever to the NAD. I also strongly encourage my friends and colleagues across the nation to contribute to the NAD Tree of Life Endowment-your donation will help the NAD to "insure" the quality of life for future generations of Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals, their families, children, and grandchildren," said Dr. Turk.

Interested persons are encouraged to take advantage of year-end tax savings by donating to the NAD Tree of Life Endowment Campaign by or before December 31, 1998. For more information, check the NAD website, www.nad.org, or contact Michael Kane, Director of Business Affairs at the NAD, kane@nad.org Email, 301-587-1788 Voice, 301-587-4878 TTY (direct), or 301-587-1791 FAX.

The National Association of the Deaf is the nation's largest consumer organization safeguarding the accessibility and civil rights of 28 million Deaf and Hard of Hearing Americans in education, employment, health care, and telecommunications. The NAD focuses on grassroots advocacy and empowerment, captioned media, deafness-related information and publications, legal assistance, policy development and research, public awareness, certification of interpreters, American Sign Language, Deaf Studies instructors, and youth leadership development. Additional information on the NAD can found on the World Wide Web at http://www.nad.org.

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Power of the past: Hillary Rodham Clinton and President Clinton walk past daughter Chelsea during a tour of Masada, the fortress where 1,000 Jews killed themselves in A.D. 73 to avoid capture by Roman legions.

Hillary shows signs of relinquishing role as the defender in chief for her husband

By Jennifer Harper
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

It was the cold shoulder felt round the world. When cameras caught Hillary Rodham Clinton shrinking from her husband's touch on Monday, it became a news item of much magnitude.

Mrs. Clinton was "no longer the president's defender in chief," NBC reported.

Yesterday's editions of the New York Post called it "the icy graveyard brush-off," describing how the first lady turned from the president "and pulled away, leaving his lonely arm dangling."

Mrs. Clinton was "keeping her distance," Newsweek's Howard Fineman told MSNBC. "For the first time in their shared careers," he wrote this week, Mr. Clinton "must wage a political battle without her."

The first lady's characteristic cool dignity in the face of the Lewinsky matter over the past months has evolved into frosty serenity, tempered with purpose and independence.

"All these months, Mrs. Clinton's message to the public has been that the Monica affair didn't bother her. Americans figure, well, if it doesn't bother her why should it bother me?" asks Bill Schneider, CNN's political analyst.

"But if there's an indication that it does matter, that she does care about it — this has serious consequences for the president. That is why journalists pay such close attention to it."

Late yesterday afternoon, CNN, without identifying its sources,

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speculated that Mrs. Clinton would call her own press conference in the next 24 hours for some straight talk.

In the past 10 months, the first lady has often given cues to an American public hungry to discover what was deemed "appropriate reaction" to the scandal. Scores of polls gave Mrs. Clinton high approval ratings. Some pitied her, others identified with her travails and self-sacrifice.

Such reactions are portrayed as not necessarily ideal. "Yes, her stature has been enhanced," Mr. Schneider says. "But the wronged woman bearing up under the strain in silence — I just don't think this is the role Mrs. Clinton wants to play. She doesn't want to be our version of Princess Diana."

Which may explain Mrs. Clinton's very public presence these days. There is the splendid Vogue magazine cover in a $4,000 burgundy velvet dress, a chummy TV appearance with talk-show host Rosie O'Donnell and several glamorous times at New York fashion openings.

Mrs. Clinton went on a four-day mission to Eastern Europe on the couple's 23rd wedding anniversary in October and was in San Francisco on Friday during the president's latest apology from the Rose Garden.

She was said to have avoided the president on Air Force One last week and maintained a very separate agenda during this week's Middle East visit.

The term "vast right-wing conspiracy," which Mrs. Clinton coined in her most vocal defense of her husband in February, has not been used lately.

Though reporters have irked Mrs. Clinton, the media is her element. She has crafted a diversified media presence with a deft hand and a voice of reason as well as indignation. Mrs. Clinton has played attack wife, diplomat, politician, humanitarian.

The scandal has actually highlighted some of her most polished personas, which are, according to Richard Noyes of the Center for Media and Public Affairs, defender of family, advocate of the public policy and outspoken politician.

It has not always been thus. Mrs. Clinton collided with reporters and pundits in 1992 when she remarked that she "could have stayed home and baked cookies" rather than go to law school — a gaffe that was not rectified until her personal cookie recipe appeared in a women's magazine.

During Gennifer Flowers' public revelations of an affair with the president, a hard-edged Mrs. Clinton went on "60 Minutes" to boast: "I'm not sitting here as some little woman standing by my man like Tammy Wynette."

A "pretty in pink" makeover followed until Time magazine put her on its cover with an excerpt from a 1996 book, "Blood Sport" by James Stewart, which cast her in the role of pushy harridan. Mrs. Clinton fired back by writing "It Takes a Village," donating proceeds to charity.

Yesterday, the first lady spent her last moments in the Middle East privately praying with Mr. Clinton and talking to a mixed group of Arabs and Israelis.

Peace, she told them, "creates conditions in which each of you can live up to your own potential and fulfill your own promise."

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The First Lady Strikes a Pose and Electrifies the Media Elite

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he magazine sold 900,000 newsstand opies of the October issue, which eatured Oprah Winfrey as its ganine cover model; Ms. Wintour exects that Mrs. Clinton's cover will xceed the Winfrey cover in newstand sales.

"The press hit way before the isue was out, and now we can only eep our fingers crossed," Ms. Winour said.

And Vogue, a Condé Nast publicaon, validated Mrs. Clinton in a way at no other venue could: the artile, written by the historian Ann ouglas, scarcely touches on the onica S. Lewinsky debacle, choosg as its frame Mrs. Clinton's devoon to historic preservation. Mrs. linton gets to appear on the cover f fashion magazine in a velvet dress, ooking self-assured and — perhaps ost important — well-coiffed.

"People have seen it as a vindicaon for her, that being on the cover f Vogue is beyond power and polios," Ms. Wintour said. "It proves in way that she is a woman of stature d an icon to American women."

Score: Vogue, one. Mrs. Clinton, ne.

On Tuesday, Mrs. Clinton spoke at lunch given by Ann S. Moore, the resident of the People division of ime Warner and Patricia Fili-Krunel, president of the ABC Television etwork. Mrs. Clinton sparked aves of murmurs as she walked to the room with her Vogue makeer: she wore a slate-gray suit, a uster of glittering red beads twistt around her neck, and her hair was ooth and straight, in the same eek, I-will-survive hairstyle that rincess Diana adopted in the pages Harper's Bazaar after her divorce om Prince Charles.

The lunch was ostensibly to celeate Mrs. Clinton's work with the ational Campaign to Prevent Teen regnancy, but Mrs. Clinton — anding at a podium emblazoned th the bright blue Teen People logo fore a bank of news camera crews praised Teen People "and its 10 illion readers" for the magazine's ticles on teen-age celibacy.

Mrs. Clinton, in turn, got to gather roomful of influential people in oadcast news (like Lesley Stahl, arbara Walters and the entire cast ABC's midmorning talk show for omen, "The View") and print ime's managing editor, Walter aacson, and editors from every ajor Time Inc. magazine and earst Magazines' Ladies Home Journal) and asked them to send the message of teen-age celibacy to readers. She also urged Ms. Fili-Krushel to infuse the plots of ABC network shows with the same message. After lunch, everyone was given a bag with a coffee mug, a reprinted article about teen-age pregnancy from Teen People wrapped in a shot of a dreamily gazing Leonardo DiCaprio, and a copy of Mrs. Clinton's book "It Takes a Village."

Score: Teen People, one. Mrs. Clinton, one.

On Thursday evening, Mrs. Clinton walked into the Ziegfeld theater for the premiere of the Miramax film "Shakespeare in Love" on the arm of Mr. Weinstein, who is the co-chairman of Miramax with his brother, Bob, and is a generous contributor to the Democratic Party and the Clinton Legal Expense Trust.



Norman Y. Lono for The New York Times

Mrs. Clinton joins Harvey Weinstein and Gwyneth Paltrow for Miramax's "Shakespeare in Love" premiere.

A publishing schmooze-fest in which all parties scored points.

Mrs. Clinton further earned the devotion of Mr. Weinstein. As the First Lady walked to the stage, a thousand folding movie theater seats simultaneously flipped up for an ovation, with a noise that sounded like a flock of large sea birds taking off. She delivered a speech praising the 20-year history of Miramax, and spoke about how much she and the President enjoy watching Miramax movies in the White House screening room.

"Harvey and Bob have really given us a lot of pleasure," she said. "They've raised the bar for excellence." She spoke about the "buzz" behind Miramax movies and media ventures, and said that the Miramax company "has done a great service."

Mr. Weinstein blushed like a newlywed.

Score: Mrs. Clinton, one. Miramax, one.

Mr. Anthony, the biographer, said Mrs. Clinton had learned to be at ease with the press over the last six years. When the couple first arrived at the White House, he said it was not a personal priority for her to get attention from the magazine world.

"Now, it's a matter of maybe acquiescing more, in rounding out the picture of being First Lady," he said. "I think she's realized that there is a halfway point."

He added, "Maybe the willingness to do a Vogue article is not so much a compromise to some traditional role of First Lady, but a way of complying with the traditional expectations, yet still managing to do it in her own way."

Ms. Douglas, the author of the Vogue profile, said she was surprised by the article's eventual status as the cover piece. Ms. Wintour had not initially intended the article that way, and by late summer, Ms. Douglas had assumed that Vogue would cancel the piece.

"When the scandal heated up, I assumed it was dropped," Ms. Douglas said.

Actually, the opposite happened. Ms. Wintour thought the Lewinsky affair made the article more important.

Ms. Douglas pointed out that the cover was especially successful in light of the Democratic Party's gains in the November elections .

"Just think how she would have looked on the cover of Vogue if the Democrats had lost," Ms. Douglas said. "My original title for the piece was 'The Triumph of Hillary Clinton.' And they didn't go with that. But putting her on the cover said it anyway."

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The First Lady Strikes a Pose for the Media Elite

By ALEX KUCZYNSKI

Last week, the First Lady came to town to light the five and a half miles of lights stapled to the branches of the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree, and while she was in Manhattan she also electrified a clutch of the town's media executives. It was a most worthwhile schmooze for all involved.

During a week when she appeared on the cover of Vogue's December issue — the first time a First Lady has done so — Hillary Rodham Clinton swept through the media world, having lunch with editors from Time, Teen People and People magazine on Tuesday, greeting a table of Vogue editors at breakfast on Wednesday, and delivering a 15-minute oration in praise of Harvey Weinstein and his media company, Miramax Films, on Thursday.

You will be reading more about Mrs. Clinton very soon: Newsweek and Time magazines are working on profiles of the First Lady for the end of the year, and she is under consideration by Time to be its Person of the Year, although that will depend on how the impeachment proceedings of Bill Clinton are resolved. (If he is impeached, she will not be considered; if he is not, she will be.)

Mrs. Clinton's visit demonstrated the fact that magazine editors need famous faces to generate a little heat and light for their publications. They can feed off the prestige of the First Lady while she uses them as a vehicle to support her favorite causes. And it also showed that at least in the case of Mr. Weinstein, a generous campaign contributor, the principle of the favor bank is alive and well in the world of media, as it is in the political arena.



During last summer's Lewinsky uproar, there was some doubt that Hillary Clinton would make the cover of Vogue.

She called him "my friend Harvey." And he said she was "the First Lady of all our hearts." (Gwyneth Paltrow, however, was the First Lady of Miramax, Mr. Weinstein said.)

Carl Sferrazza Anthony, a biographer of First Ladies, said Mrs. Clinton had only recently begun to deal with the media in a way that was both shrewd and yet comfortable for her. For example, the Vogue cover article — something coveted but never attained by Nancy Reagan — would not have been possible until this year.

"As she has become more comfortable with the reality that she has been made into a symbol upon which everyone can write all of their frustrations and aspirations, and she has accepted this creation of her as a symbol, she has become more comfortable with the media," Mr. Anthony said. "And thus more comfortable with the lengthier and more in-depth kind of story that a magazine would do."

By sitting for the cover of Vogue, Mrs. Clinton generated a storm of international press so thick that the Vogue publicity department sent it out in a binder. Anna Wintour, the editor in chief of Vogue, said

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On Demanding Day, Some Business as Usual

Clinton Keeps a Full Schedule, With Budget Discussions and a Benefit Too

By JOHN F. HARRIS
Washington Post Staff Writer

President Clinton's day began with a 7 a.m. telephone call from national security adviser Samuel R. "Sandy" Berger providing news on the military conflict in Iraq.

Twelve hours later he was under a heated tent on the South Lawn, presiding at a black-tie gala to benefit the Special Olympics, mixing with the likes of performers Eric Clapton and Whoopi Goldberg.

In between, Clinton huddled with Vice President Gore and senior advisers in the private dining room off the Oval Office for an intense talk about Iraq and impeachment. Then there was an Oval Office exchange with reporters in which he jabbed GOP leaders by saying that no "serious person" could think his actions on Iraq would be affected by the impeachment debate.

From there it was into a rapid succession of calls about Iraq with the leaders of Egypt, France, Jordan and Israel. Then there were calls to members of Congress, including a chat with Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-Miss.), one of the lawmakers about whom he had commented so acidly.

And there were still more calls. Clinton tried to reach at least two Democratic House members, doing his part in a White House campaign to minimize party defections when the House votes on impeachment either today or Saturday. Vice President Gore and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton are also joining in the phone campaign, senior White House officials said.

Wedged into this schedule was an 80-minute meeting with staff about the fiscal 2000 budget. Clinton, participants said, looked exhausted. But he followed his custom of peppering aides with questions about programs, serving up quips about the prowess with which Gore and national economic adviser Gene Sperling were angling for money for favored programs. And, on the eve of a House debate about whether Clinton deserves to be tried by the Senate and removed from office, he took time for a chat with a visiting friend, U.S. Ambassador to Canada Gordon D. Giffin.

"Can it get any weirder than this?" one senior White House official asked of the spectacle. Six years into this presidency, no veteran of the Clinton White House would be rash enough to answer no.

Even so, aides acknowledged yesterday was one of the most demanding and peculiar days of the Clinton presidency, as debates about war and the proper punishment for a presidential sex scandal merged into one, and early evening brought a confession from the incoming speaker of the House that he, too, had commited sexual indiscretions.

Of Clinton's mood, aides said what they always say over years of controversy: that he was "focused on his job," and "undistracted."

But if Clinton's psychology really is such that he can "compartmentalize" his problems, many aides said that their own emotions are not wired this way. All over the building, two emotions prevailed: astonishment and anger.

"This is unbelievable," said one White House official, as an angry House debated

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President Clinton, in a televised address from the Oval Office Wednesday, told the nation he ordered a series of airstrikes against Iraq for its noncompliance with U.N. arms inspections.

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For Clinton, Some Usual Duties on Peculiar Day

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whether it was appropriate to vote on impeachment even as military strikes were underway played on the television. "The Republicans are amazing."

Advisers who fancied themselves students of how Washington worked confessed they had little comprehension of what was happening, and how Clinton would emerge from it all. "It's like all of a sudden gravity is working differently," said one senior White House official. "You're used to dropping the apple and it falls down. Now you drop it and it goes sideways."

Significant chunks of Clinton's day were spent deliberating over just how to respond to the unusual circumstances. At 10 a.m., he summoned Gore, Berger, Chief of Staff John D. Podesta and senior advisers such as Douglas Sosnik and Paul Begala for a discussion of how he would handle questions from the reporters at an Oval Office "photo opportunity" at 10:45. The group, aides said, was able to anticipate the questions, some of them almost word for word.

The most striking answer came when Clinton—who invited reporters and photographers in for the beginning of a "bomb damage assessment" briefing from Defense Secretary William S. Cohen and Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Henry H. Shelton—was asked to respond to criticism suggesting he had ordered airstrikes as "a diversionary tactic to avoid an impeachment vote."

"I don't think any serious person would believe that any president would do such a thing," Clinton said. "And I don't believe any reasonably astute person in Washington would believe that Secretary Cohen and General Shelton and the whole rest of the national security team would participate in such an action."

These comments were mild compared to the scathing words routinely uttered this year about Clinton by critics angry over his affair with Monica S. Lewinsky and the lies he told about it. Even so, they were unusual for Clinton, who typically steers clear of personal disparagement of critics.

His implication that Lott, with whom the White House had hoped to work on Social Security and other issues next year, is not a "serious person" suggests how the debates over impeachment and Clinton's motives in Iraq may be irreparably damaging relationships. Clinton's comments were merely a shade of the rage that some senior aides, speaking on a not-for-attribution basis, directed at Lott, House Speaker-designate Bob Livingston (R-La.), House Majority Whip Tom DeLay (R-Tex.) and other GOP leaders.

One aide said there was a sense of history being written. Axioms—that partisan criticism of a president during a military emergency should never happen, or that impeachment of a president must have bipartisan support—were no longer valid.

"Twenty years from now people may look back on this as the moment when all the old rules changed, and the new rules are that there are no rules," said a senior Clinton adviser. "My guess is that 20 years from now people will look back and say they can't believe we did this."



BY SUSAN BIDDLE—THE WASHINGTON POST

Actors Whoopi Goldberg and Frank Langella arrive at White House for for at a black-tie gala to benefit the Special Olympics.

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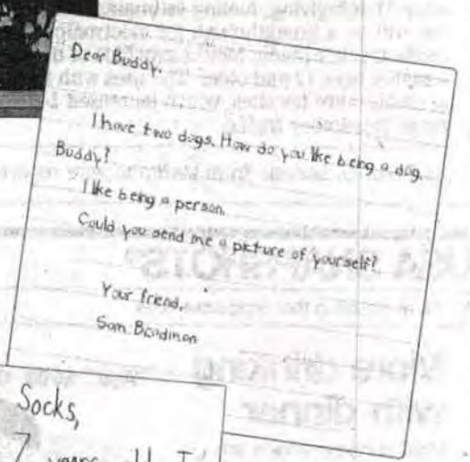


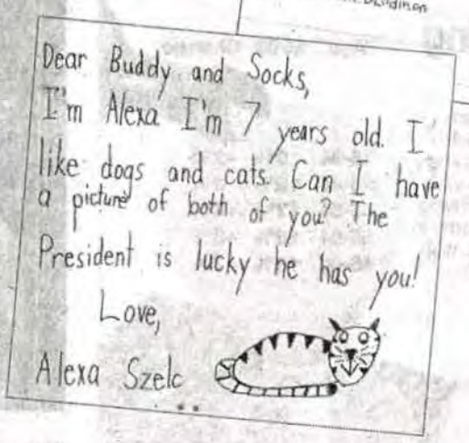
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Text of Hillary Clinton's remarks

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The text of first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's exchange with reporters at the White House South Portico on Friday, after a presentation on Mothers Against Drunk Driving "red ribbon" campaign against drunk driving:

QUESTION: Mrs. Clinton, is there anything that you'd like to say about the debate going on on Capitol Hill today? You've been at work behind the scenes calling members. What would you like to say today?

MRS. CLINTON: Well, I think the vast majority of Americans share my approval and pride in the job that the president's been doing for our country. And I think that the view is shared not only by the vast majority of Americans, but by people all over the world, as I saw recently on the trip to the Middle East.

And I think in this holiday season, as we celebrate Christmas and Hanukkah and Ramadan — and at the time for reflection and reconciliation among people — we in our country ought to practice reconciliation and we ought to bring our country together. We ought to end divisiveness because we can do so much more together.

And, in these times of great economic blessings that we're enjoying in our country, there are still people who need help and need support. There are still, you know, abused and neglected and



Hillary Clinton

foster children that are not getting well taken care of. There are still people with health-care problems who need tending to. There are older people who are, you know, just barely making ends meet on their Social Security and their pensions. And there are issues in education and environment.

There are so many important issues for us to address. I would hope that we as a nation would turn our attention to what we can do together, what we can do positively, how we can build each other up. So I hope that this holiday season is a very happy and blessed one for everyone. Thank you all very much.

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President Clinton with Dale and Betty Bumpers

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Peace Links honors its founder, senator at Washington gala

BY PHYLLIS D. BRANDON
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WASHINGTON — The founder of Peace Links, **Betty Bumpers**, and her husband, **U.S. Sen. Dale Bumpers**, were honored at the 13th annual Peace Links Peace on Earth Gala held Dec. 8 at the Capital Hilton Hotel.

The pair received tributes from **Hillary and President Clinton** and former **Sen. David Pryor**. Clinton reminded the audience that Dale Bumpers "never fails to introduce me and David Pryor as the second best governors Arkansas ever had. And I forgive him because it's probably true."

Dale Bumpers was teased because he was the first man to get this award — "being married to Betty really tipped the scales," former Wyoming **Sen. Alan Simpson** said. Betty Bumpers was gently chided for her "persistence beyond words" by Pryor. "The right answer [to her] is always yes," he said.



Betty and Sen. Dale Bumpers

Simpson was master of ceremonies for the program with remarks about Betty Bumpers by **Anne Bingaman**.

Betty Bumpers added "thanks to those who have continued to support Peace Links." Dale Bumpers added Arkansas jokes, getting President Clinton to laugh and blush. Bumpers said he was once asked if he thought Betty Bumpers' work with Peace Links and children's immunization campaign work would hurt his bid for reelection. "I replied, 'I guess so, among everyone who favors nuclear war and whooping cough.' "

The evening began with a sport auction including autographed and framed photos of Arkansas sports greats Brooks Robinson and Scottie Pippen, among several others. Music throughout the evening was by **Peter Duchin** and his orchestra.

Among the Bumpers family introduced on stage after President Clinton's remarks were **Brooke Bumpers** and her husband, **Gordon Lowe**, and daughter **Callan**; **Leann and Brent Bumpers** of Little Rock with twins **Alex** and **Meg**; and **Heidi and Bill Bumpers** with daughter **Linn** of Washington.

Also toasting the pair were Secretary of Transportation **Rodney Slater** of Washington; **Barbara Phillips, Barbara Pryor, Betsy Blass** and **Peyton and Dr. Bill Bishop**, all of Little Rock; **Maggie Kahliff** of Ohio, and **Archie Schaffer** and daughter, **Faith**, of Fayetteville; **Carolyn and George Kell** of Swifton; **Julia Peck Mobley** of Texarkana; **Martha Chowning** of New York; **Lib and George Dunklin** of Pine Bluff; **Margaret and Carl Whillock, Sydney Probst** and **Beth Rule Myhus**, all of Washington; and **Ann Bartley** of San Francisco.

Bombs can't halt impeachment, but Hillary can

SIDNEY ZION



BOMBS over Baghdad can delay but not derail the Impeachment Express. The only army Bill Clinton has now is his wife. If this Republican train is to be stopped, Hillary Clinton must pull the emergency cord.

The scenario: Hillary goes prime time and tells the American people that no one has suffered more than she has over her husband's confessed infidelity, and if she can accept it, so can the GOP and the House.

"It's nobody's business but mine" is the message, and this message has forever resonated in the hearts and minds and souls of people around the world. This is why the world thinks we're crazy to consider dumping our President.

I recall it well as a kid in Passaic, N.J., where if a guy fooled around, he was nailed in a moment and thrown to the winds. Unless the wife accepted.

My mom told me one day her best friend confided to her that Joey was fooling around and she knew it, but what was she to do, dump him? He was a good provider, and he loved her in his way.

Once the word got around from the wife, nobody dreamed to say a word against Joey. And Joey made Clinton look like a one-night-stand bum next to the mistresses he bedded all his life.

Hillary, once despised by the average American housewife, has become the most popular First Lady since Eleanor Roosevelt. It's because she stood by her man. Lately, however, she has stood a bit away from Bill. Reports from Israel indicate that she was cold to Bill when he tried to put his arm around her at the grave of Yitzhak Rabin. And we hear she refused to share his cab-

Bill's best hope: Her prime-time support

in in Air Force One.

Hillary has reasons for this conduct, of course. She always knew about her husband that way, but she saved him, most famously on that "60 Minutes" show regarding Gennifer Flowers.

What stops her now from going all the way for Bill is her popularity among the women she never wanted on her side. Hillary never envisioned herself as a cookie cutter, a heroine to housewives. She is the quintessential feminist for whom these women are losers. Now the losers are her legions. And she ain't comfortable. But when push comes to shove, Hillary knows where the roses grow, and they grow in the Rose Garden.

Hating her role as Tammy Wynette, she will in the end stand by her man because she really has no choice. She's stuck with Bill forever anyway. If she lets him swing on the Republican scaffold and then tries to run for office, the women of America will view her as they once did — a feminist wanting her way with her man.

But if she does the deed and tells the people it's nobody's business but hers, she will stay aces up with the women and scare the hell out of the men who run the House.

It's a long shot, given the GOP's desire to run Bill out of office. I believe the President will be better off if the Republicans impeach him, since they can't convict him in the Senate. Clinton, however, appears to think differently; he's doing everything he can to stop the Impeachment Express.

Only the Republicans can lose by this madness, given that two-thirds of the American people want nothing to do with impeachment, according to all the polls.

This whole thing is about sex, it has nothing to do with perjury, that's just a hustle by the Republican right wing to destroy Clinton. If he lied about drinking, there'd be no impeachment issue, forget about it.

And since it's about sex, who but the wife has the right to dump the husband? Bombs over Baghdad to hell, say the Republicans. I say, Hillary is the army.

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Rosie, Hillary, Katie and a quick conga



Jeannie Williams
News & Views

This column appears Tuesday through Friday.

Rosie O'Donnell has become a powerhouse who can draw VIPs in the charity world. **Hillary Rodham Clinton**, **Bill Gates** and wife **Melinda**, and Disney's **Michael Eisner** and wife **Jane** showed up Tuesday night in New York to be honored by her For All Kids Foundation.

The first lady got a warm reception, sat with Rosie and **Katie Couric**, and as usual Rosie (chic in a velvet **Dana Buchman** pants ensemble) had a personal touch. "We chatted backstage about both our **Chelseas**, and I told her how mine knocked her front teeth out."

Rosie's **Chelsea Belle**, 1, fell two weeks ago and jammed her teeth into her gum, sending mom, in pajamas, on a taxi race to the dentist.

The talk host said of the first lady: "I like her very much, and I hope the rumors of her running for office are true. Everyone in the country has such reverence for the way she carried herself through this whole fiasco, with a dignity few could muster."

The first lady was to tape O'Donnell's show Wednesday (to air Monday); Rosie said she might ask privately if a Senate seat is in Hillary's plans. She doubted the first lady would discuss it on air.

The Gateses also talked kids with Rosie, since they expect their second child. (He also makes a rare talk appearance with Rosie, to air Tuesday.)

Couric sang with **Barry Manilow** at dinner; about 100 guests joined a *Copacabana* conga line. Only at a Rosie event! And she got it all wrapped up by 10:30 p.m., "home in time to see the last five minutes of *NYPD Blue*," which she was taping.

This was the first awards dinner for Rosie's 2-year-old foundation, which has urban daycare centers as a primary goal. It has raised more than $13 million.

She has Kmart Christmas ornaments benefiting the charity, as well as her *Kids Are Punny* books. Next Christmas, Barbie will have a new friend — a Rosie doll, also for the foundation.

Rosie first rejected the idea, disliking the unrealistic Barbie body. But she got design approval: "I said the waist won't go in, but straight down, the arms and legs will be twice the size of Barbie's, and, she has a little double chin. It's still pretty foxy, because it's Barbie!"

ON THE TOWN: Tom Brokaw choked up, and so did his mom, **Jean**, as he spoke Tuesday at a New York party for his new book, *The Greatest Generation*, about Americans who came of age during the Depression and World War II. But a good time was had as Brokaw and wife **Meredith** mingled with friends, including **Harrison Ford** and wife **Melissa Mathison**, **JFK Jr.**, **Ed Bradley**, **Jane Pauley**. Ford and Kennedy talked flying; Ford, shooting a movie in New York, said he's been up in the air a lot, including in helicopters.



By Marion Curtis, DMI

Hillary and Rosie: Sharing Chelsea chat over dinner

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Peace Corps wins an $18 million increase in funding

Allies in Congress and the White House bring service agency bipartisan support at budget time.

By Vanessa Blum
WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON—Serving with the National Guard in the Persian Gulf war inspired Army 1st Lt. Eric Pugh to apply for the Peace Corps when he returned home.

Moved by the grateful reception of Kuwaiti children after Iraq's surrender, "I wanted to get back overseas and work in another culture," Pugh said.

Now, the 27-year-old Massachusetts native is spending two years teaching high school English in Kyrgyzstan, a remote central Asian nation once part of the former Soviet Union. He says he has never felt more patriotic than when playing baseball with the village children, many of whom had never seen an American before he arrived last summer. "I truly feel like an ambassador of the United States," Pugh said.

Volunteers like Pugh have long been singing the praises of the Peace Corps, which sends Americans to 87 developing nations for two-year terms to work in education, health care, agriculture and business at the community level.

This year, the agency's supporters found a responsive ear in Congress. The Peace Corps received an $18 million increase, bringing its budget for fiscal year 1999 to $240 million, the most in its history.

Although that was short of the $270 million requested by President Clinton, support for the Peace Corps crossed party lines in budget negotiations, winning an increase when lawmakers generally resist adding to spending abroad.

"We are delighted for the affirmation it gives to the work of our volunteers around the world and for the opportunity it will give others to serve," said Peace Corps Director Mark Gearan.

The Peace Corps fared well in part due to its allies in the White House and Congress.

Gearan formerly served as deputy chief of staff and director of communications for Clinton from 1993 to 1996, as well as being Vice President Al Gore's campaign manager during the 1992 campaign.

On Capitol Hill, five U.S. representatives and one U.S. senator are former Peace Corps volunteers, and Sen. Paul Coverdell (R-Ga.) was the organization's director under President George Bush.

"For me, the Peace Corps is not some intellectual abstract," said Sen. Christopher Dodd (D-Conn.), who served in the Dominican Republic from 1966 to 1968. "I feel deeply and personally about the Peace Corps and strongly support its continued success."

The road to the budget increase began with heavy lobbying of the administration by Gearan, who met with more than 20 officials, including Gore, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and then-Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles.

In January, Clinton requested a $48 million increase for the Peace Corps, aimed at expanding the number of volunteers to 10,000 by the year 2000. The increase allocated by Congress falls short of the funding necessary to reach the 10,000-volunteer goal.

"We've tried to get funding up, but we've been very constrained by budget limitations," said Rep. John Porter (R-Ill.), a member of the House Appropriations Committee. "I think support is strong in Congress, in the subcommittee and in the White House."



Among the Peace Corps' friends is Hilary Rodham Clinton, who swore in volunteers on a Panama City visit in October 1997.

Although the 10,000-volunteer goal was endorsed by Congress in 1985, the current number of volunteers—about 6,500—represents an increase of only about 3 percent from the level 13 years ago. At the agency's peak in 1966, more than 15,000 Americans worked overseas.

Established by President John F. Kennedy in 1961, the Peace Corps later suffered in Congress from its association with liberal political causes such as opposition to the Vietnam War.

Now, with six former volunteers, three Democrats and three Republicans, serving in Congress, that stigma seems to have dissolved.

"There has been an acknowledgment that Republicans and Democrats go into the Peace Corps, and they come out as Republicans and Democrats," said Curt Tarnoff, a specialist in foreign affairs for the Congressional Research Service.

According to Tarnoff, there was some concern, particularly in the Senate, that expanding the Peace Corps to 10,000 volunteers too quickly would result in volunteers being used inefficiently.

A review by the General Accounting Office in 1990 found that some volunteers arrived at their sites with inadequate programs and spent months with little to do while establishing their own projects. The Peace Corps claims it has addressed the problems identified by the GAO through regular site evaluations, volunteer feedback and more structured assignments.

Among those arguing for the budget increase were the six ex-volunteers in Congress, Coverdell and Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala, who taught English as a Peace Corps volunteer in Iran.

"The Peace Corps is a pretty easy program to promote and defend. One volunteer can make an amazing difference, and there's a very real need," said Rep. Christopher Shays (R-Conn.), who spent 1968 to 1970 as a volunteer in Fiji.

Thousands of qualified applicants must be turned away each year because of budget constraints, according to Gearan. The agency claims the number of individuals requesting information on joining the Peace Corps jumped nearly 50 percent between 1996 and 1997, from about 100,000 contacts in 1996 to 150,000 contacts last year.

The organization received nearly 10,000 applications in 1997 and sent about 3,500 individuals overseas. Volunteers receive a monthly, subsistence-level stipend and a readjustment allowance of $200 for each month of service—a rate unchanged since 1985—that is paid upon their return.

The Peace Corps experience may once have seemed the antithesis of the corporate world, but as diversity in the workplace increases, a stint in the Peace Corps is viewed as valuable business training.

"A Peace Corps volunteer understands the importance of learning language and culture. As business becomes more global, I think skills like that become essential," said Michael McCaskey, president and CEO of the Chicago Bears, who spent two years teaching English in Ethiopia.

In addition to providing Americans with firsthand experience in adjusting to a foreign culture, the Peace Corps often gives volunteers a fresh view of their own lives.

"I think one of the things you learn is just how little you need to be happy," said Vaughn Churchill, 46, a volunteer in Uganda on medical leave with a broken leg.

Pugh, who is on leave from the National Guard, said, "I will never again be able to think of the world in terms of targets on the map."

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Cheers for Hillary Clinton in NYC

By BETH GARDINER, Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP)--Hillary Rodham Clinton dashed around Manhattan Tuesday, basking in warm applause from First Amendment advocates in midtown, then heading to Wall Street to accept an award for her work to help children.

''I'm actually on my way to two more dinners," she laughed at a People for the American Way Foundation gala at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel. ''I had to come down and wish you all well."

Several hundred admirers in formal wear cheered when the first lady arrived at their cocktail hour, and she praised them in a brief speech.

''We are so fortunate to have citizens like all of you, who care deeply about our fundamental rights and freedoms, who value our Constitution, and who are constantly striving to help our democracy live up to our stated ideals," she said.

The civil liberties advocacy group honored Barnes & Noble CEO Leonard Riggio and Arthur Ochs Sulzberger, chairman emeritus of The New York Times Co., with Spirit of Liberty awards for their defense of First Amendment rights.

The late congresswoman ''Barbara Jordan once said that what the people want is very simple. They want an America as good as its promise," Mrs. Clinton said.

''I think it's important to remind ourselves of the core values that have always sustained us, freedom and opportunity, tolerance, diversity, rights and responsibilities. And if we do that, ... I'm confident that the next century will only build on what we've achieved so far."

The audience was clearly enamored with Mrs. Clinton.

''She's terrific," Riggio said. ''She clearly has established a voice as a national leader. ... I mean, you can see the whole room lights up when she comes in."

Mrs. Clinton, who visited Bellevue Hospital to promote reading Tuesday afternoon, also received the New York University Child Study Center's child advocacy award at a Wall Street reception.

Speakers at the event, which raised $1.6 million for the center, warmly praised Mrs. Clinton for her support of children.

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Oh Boy! Ain't She Opinionated— You Bet I Am!

Starlights by Stella

It is amazing to me how this country is so morally righteous on one hand and like Sodom and Gomorra on the other. This presidential fiasco is so ridiculous. The **President** and **Monica Lewinsky** didn't have sex; they had what I would call "foreplay."

In other words, what she did to him could not cause her to become pregnant. Sex—or actual intercourse—introduces the possibility of pregnancy if you indulge without protection. If what she did to him constitutes sexual intercourse, then we all are guilty on some level.

How many of us at some time in our lives have indulged in hot passionate kissing, caressing, fondling, licking, dribbling and just being horny, but stopped short of actual intercourse? I think most of us would say, "Amen to that." I would hate to engage in just foreplay and some guy goes out and blabs that we actually had intercourse when that particular act never occurred.

Oral sex is appetizing to many women because they know it really works in the "satisfaction guaranteed" category. But, even after that euphoric rush, most women still ask, "Where's the beef?" which means intercourse did not take place. I go along with **President Clinton** when he said they didn't have sex. **Lewinsky** will probably go down in history as the girl who wore some serious "knee pads," but not for actually bedding the **President**. Also, I don't condone using the Oval Office as the "Oral Office," but to impeach the **President** for getting a little on the side is cruel and unusual punishment.

They say he lied to the Grand Jury. Well, most folks who cheat learn to lie and deny. Now if he lied about whether or not he sent troops to Iran—or started a nuclear war without the public's knowledge—those to me are reasons to impeach a guy, not just because he did what a lot of the political powerhouses have surely done sometime in their careers. After all, a rich man can afford to buy a penthouse for a pretty young thing, with no sweat. He can also afford to pay for her car, clothes, credit cards, etc., just to assure that he can get "sexed up" at his convenience.

In a lot of longtime marriages, it is not unlikely that the couple's sex life is not "all that" in their later years, but they still love each other. And we all know that there are couples who have been married for years and stay faithful and loving to the bitter end. I bet'cha **Hillary** was glad that **Monica** was doing all the "work" for her. But **Hillary** should be upset and want to kick the **President**'s butt for letting this affair get out in the public domain.

Powerful men in the public eye are tempting to young women who want to live a cheap and glamorous lifestyle; and being on their backs is not like getting a second 8-hour job. Sugar daddies and young women exist in an underground environment. You have politicians, rich athletes, entertainers and Mafia guys who have secret lives going on that most of their wives don't know about. And in a lot of cases, the wives don't care as long as the man keeps the cash flow coming in. Many of the wives are glad that they don't have to do the "wild thang" anymore and are still getting paid. In fact I would venture to say that a lot of the wives of these characters are glad that those women exist to take care of the freak side of their husbands or indulge their fantasies. And in some cases, the wives may have outside affairs going on as well. A PTA meeting doesn't always mean PTA meeting; it may mean "Prime Tenderoni Affair" is on the schedule.

The **President** made a big mistake when he chose to mess around with a chick with nothing to lose. He should have fooled around with a congressman's wife. At least she would keep her mouth shut to protect her own lifestyle.

The tabloids claim that the **President** and **Hillary** haven't had sex in the last 14 years. Well, if that is true, what would you do? Personally, I am more upset with all of the babies being born in this country out of wedlock. I don't approve of **Clinton**'s sexcapades, but impeachment should not be the end result. The moral decay of this country did not start with **Clinton** and **Monica**; it's been in the works for a long time.

A-B-C-Ya! And merry, merry Christmas!



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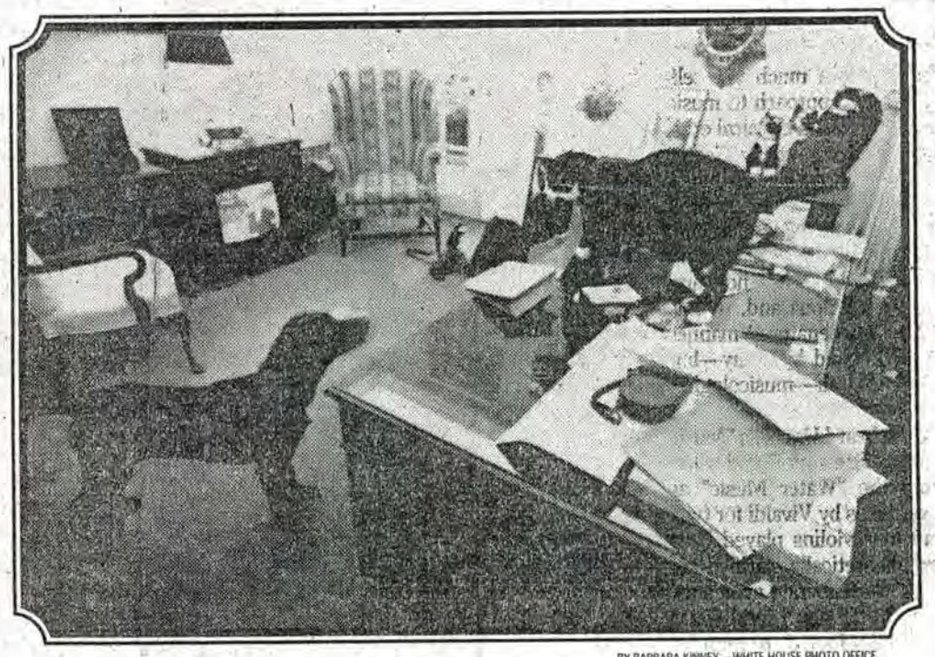
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First Lady Defends Children's Rights

Lecture Series Commemorates 50 Years Since Human Rights Declaration



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First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton encouraged students last Friday in her Gaston Hall address to protect the rights of the child. The talk was given as part of the Eleanor Roosevelt Lecture Series 'Human Rights: The Unfinished Agenda for the New Millennium.'

BY HEATHER BURKE
HOYA STAFF WRITER

While protection of children's rights has improved globally over the past 50 years, the world must still strive to better respect the basic dignity of all children, according to first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. Clinton gave a speech entitled "The Rights of the Child" Friday afternoon in Gaston Hall as part of the Eleanor Roosevelt Lecture Series "Human Rights: The Unfinished Agenda for the New Millennium."

The lecture series commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which was passed by the United Nations. In the UDHR, the international community accepted common responsibility for the protection and pursuit of global human rights. The lecture series focuses on one human rights issue in each lecture in order to highlight the UDHR and to show how much work still needs to be accomplished in order to achieve universal protection of human rights.

University President Leo J. O'Donovan, S.J., who introduced Clinton, said that the Declaration on Human Rights is one of the most significant documents of the 20th century and probably in humankind. "It embraces a broad spectrum of social concerns if a society wishes to be truly peaceful," he said.

Clinton first praised Eleanor Roosevelt's human rights legacy. According to Clinton, Roosevelt's work can be an example for those seeking to protect the rights of all humans, especially those of children. "I believe this is an important, unfinished piece of business of our

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First Lady Extols Child Rights In Speech Given in Gaston Hall

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century and one of the challenges of the new millennium," she said.

Clinton said Roosevelt reached out to give support and a voice to those who had neither, and to those who faced discrimination, such as migrant workers, African-Americans and Japanese-Americans during World War II. "Without fanfare she went everywhere and anywhere she thought her presence could make a difference," Clinton said. "Then she rolled up her sleeves and tried to do something about what she saw."

Clinton told the audience that everyone must work to fulfill Roosevelt's greatest achievement: the U.N. Declaration on Human Rights. Roosevelt chaired the U.N. Commission on Human Rights, which drafted the document from 1946 to 1948. All U.N. member nations signed it Dec. 10, 1948 as "a world-wide response to evil." More specifically, it responded to the discrimination and killings carried out by the Nazis during World War II. In its 50-year lifetime, the document has provided an ideal for nations and people to reach for, according to Clinton.

Clinton did note several areas in which the world has made progress in protecting children's rights. More children than ever before are likely to reach their fifth and 75th birthdays. Three out of five countries, in terms of targets for health, nutrition, education, sanitation and water supply, are on track to reach the child survival goal set by the 1990 World Summit on Children. Three million children have been saved from death due to disease over the past two decades as infant immunization has risen from five to 80 percent.

However, Clinton said that the world still has work to do. The U.N. Declaration on Human Rights inspired the 1989 U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child, which President Bill Clinton (SFS '68) signed. Mrs. Clinton said she hoped the U.S. Senate would ratify the convention, joining all other nations, except Somalia, which also has yet to ratify the convention.

"It is unconscionable that we still are not seeing the circle of human dignity to include children of all the world," she said.

Nations cannot move ahead if their children are left behind, Clinton said. All children have the social protections and inalienable rights of full human beings, but need to be treated with extra care, she said.

Clinton said that over time, society has grown to realize that children are not just "little adults" and need extra nurturing, care, love and discipline. This century, the United States has realized children are not property, which has meant passing laws against abuse and giving them a compulsory education.

Clinton, who has worked with abused and neglected children for 25 years, said, "So often we fail at that very basic fundamental task of respecting them." She said that according to the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child, children have the right to be protected from abuse, violence and work that threatens their health. They also have the right to worship freely, to express opinions and aspirations and to health, education and life, she said. "It is up to us as adults to make these protections real for children," she said.

However, Clinton warned that there are many places around the world where children are suffering. They face "old foes," such as malnutrition and malaria , and new problems, such as child trafficking and child prostitution, that did not dominate the headlines 50 years ago. "We can't just be satisfied with giving children health and nutrition for emergencies, we have to look at root causes," Clinton said. "We can't forget the faces of these children here in our country at this time of prosperity and peace."

Clinton said we must combat malnutrition, which kills seven million children a year, and discrimination against girls that causes them to be fed last and least because they are not valued as much as boys. Children, especially girls, must have increased access to education, Clinton said, noting that 140 million primary school-aged children are not in school.

According to Clinton, society must work to stop child labor, especially when children are forced and sold into labor. She said this situation should not be excused by the fact that parents need money. One hundred and twenty million children in developing nations work full-time, and most of them are the major supporters of their families. Clinton especially decried the international trafficking of girls as slaves and prostitutes, which has left children as young as 12 dying of AIDS, physically abused, malnourished and worked to death.

Clinton said that it is deplorable that children are killed, injured, forced into military service, orphaned, raped, abused and left homeless by the horrors of war. "Who will speak for those children who are being used as instruments of war?" she asked.

Still, Clinton said she has seen places across the world where children are taken in and cared for, which gives her hope. She said that the Clinton administration has taken steps to promote children's rights, including moving more U.S. children from work to school, combating trafficking of girls with the Ukraine with the assistance of the Ukrainian government, and providing birthing kits, medicine and Vitamin A to mothers and children in developing nations. But she added that there is more that the United States must do, including Senate ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Tracy Roosevelt, a Maryland high school student and great-granddaughter of Roosevelt, thanked Clinton. Clinton's speech was followed by a panel discussion on children's rights featuring Ambassador Betty King, U.S. representative to the U.N. Economic and Social Council, Dr. Phyllis R. Magrab, director of the Child Development Center and Dr. Wallace J. Mlyniec, an associate dean at the Law Center.

The lecture was also sponsored by Lauinger Library, the Child Development Center, the History Department, the Lecture Fund and the Wagner Family Trust. The Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill, which uses the former first lady's New York home to "preserve and promote Mrs. Roosevelt's legacy in a variety of areas, including human rights," sponsors the series.

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Political Roundup

Poll: First Lady Runs Well In Primary For Moynihan Seat ...

■ In a hypothetical 2000 Democratic primary contest for the seat of retiring **Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan**, D-N.Y., First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton would win with 32.5 percent of the vote, according to a newly published Zogby International poll.

The poll of 704 likely voters, conducted Dec. 9-10, found Hillary Clinton would defeat state Comptroller H. Carl McCall, who would garner 21.1 percent. New York City Public Advocate Mark Green, who unsuccessfully sought the Democratic Senate nod this year, gets 9.9 percent, and **Rep. Nita Lowey**, 3.5 percent. However, one in three voters are undecided.

The poll indicated that two factors favor Clinton in the primary race. She would attract two in five women voters: 40.7 percent. Also, Clinton would be backed by more than 45 percent of African-American voters — even though McCall is the first black to hold statewide office in New York.

But when the first lady is pitted against New York City Mayor Rudolph Guiliani in a general election matchup, Giuliani wins by a slim margin, 46.3 percent to 41.5 percent.

The poll's overall margin of error is 3.8 points; the margin of error for the Democratic primary is 5.7 points.

It remains unclear whether Hillary Clinton is interested in such a race. And, if her husband survives the current impeachment process, he would still be in office at the time of the 2000 election — which could provide a political obstacle to her running.

Meanwhile, there also has been speculation about the first lady waiting until 2004 and running for Senate in her native state of Illinois — when GOP **Sen.-elect Peter Fitzgerald** would be up for a second term.

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A Social Security deal rests in many hands

■ **Bill Clinton.** Only he can lead the way. But while he hankers for a legacy (beyond Monica), even he is not sure what he means by "saving Social Security": privatization or other less drastic reforms? While aides battle for his heart and mind, liberals on the outside fret that he will "end Social Security as we know it." According to White House sources, there will be a plan to open bargaining by January's State of the Union address.


Summers

■ **Lawrence Summers.** Even more than presidential economic adviser Gene Sperling, he may be a key indicator of the administration's mood. Conventional wisdom holds that Treasury's No. 2 is the biggest fan of privatization. But recently, he has cooled. Could it be that this Gore guy is protecting the veep's 2000 prospects? As in: Can Gore afford to tick off liberals with a Social Security overhaul?

■ **John Sweeney.** Wall Street and right-wingers, the AFL-CIO boss says, dreamed up the Social Security "crisis" as a pretext for trashing the current system. To preserve the status quo, the union pledges to launch "the most aggressive grassroots campaign" in its history. Which Democrats will be first to throw themselves in the union's way?

■ **Hillary Clinton.** Once maligned as the Democratic Party's most knee-jerk liberal, she's now among its best hopes for unity. Because of her stunning performance on the campaign stump, the first lady may be the only person in the White House capable of rallying the Democrats' left and center wings around a single reform.

■ **Bob Livingston.** The soon-to-be speaker says it's his No. 1 priority, alongside tax cuts. And he's just the seasoned closed-door deal maker to work it out with the White House. But if Clinton's got problems on the left, Livingston has them on the right. He has to contend with a plethora of Republican plans and egos. The key issue may be whether he and Ways and Means Committee Chair Bill Archer can get on the same page.


Archer

■ **Trent Lott.** The majority leader has yet to stake out a clear position. This leaves him plenty of wiggle room for a back-room compromise, as he did with the balanced budget. But after the election debacle, Lott seems in no mood to dole out concessions—or trust the White House.

■ **Steve Forbes.** Will it be a deal or a campaign issue? Keep an eye on presidential contenders like Mr. Free Market himself. As with many libertarians, the millionaire-cum-presidential candidate will tolerate nothing short of total privatization.


Clinton

■ **Alan Greenspan.** Even the most mild kvetching from his economic bully pulpit could sink any reform proposal. Already, the Federal Reserve's high priest has said that he is keen on the idea of private accounts. But what else does he think?

■ **John Rother.** So far, there's only deafening silence from the top lobbyist for the American Association of Retired Persons, the group that turned Social Security into the "third rail" of politics. Have its 37 million members decided it just really is not their problem anymore?

■ **The bull market.** An ill-timed dive in the Dow Jones industrial average could put a sock in all this talk of sticking retirement dollars in the stock market until the deal-making window closes. *–F.F.*

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The Better Half

During her husband's greatest crisis, Hillary has come into her own

BY KAREN TUMULTY AND NANCY GIBBS

One monday in January, five days into the longest year of her life, Hillary Rodham Clinton was making her usual rounds. At the Harriet Tubman school in Harlem, third-graders told her they were studying the four values: honesty, caring, respect and responsibility. "Those are really important values," Mrs. Clinton said. "Boy, that's a big word--responsibility--isn't it?" She went on to visit a literacy program before heading to a 50th anniversary gala for UNICEF. She was talking about the things she has always cared about, normally to rooms full of earnest activists and an indifferent camera or two. This time CNN carried her live, and the UNICEF ballroom was packed with reporters, all wanting to see if she was falling apart, since her marriage looked as if it had.

"Well, it's nice to see," she told an aide as they drove away in the limousine, in pursuit of silver linings, "that the press now cares about children's issues."

It would not be the last time she would put that rude spotlight to use. All through the year, as she pursued the private rescue of a marriage and the public rescue of a presidency, she was the one person who seemed to see the larger story and shaped its telling. When talk of resignation spread, she was the one who said, Let this unfold. "We've got a fight on our hands," she told top adviser Doug Sosnik. "You be focused on that and not how bad things are." When everyone thought the story was about Bill Clinton, she said it was about Kenneth Starr. When her husband's confession finally

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confronted her and us with the truth of his lies, she led the way, from denial through fury to a grudging acceptance. The code was always clear: if she can stand by him, she who has been so directly wronged, so should we. And in the fall, when the Republicans promised an election that would give Clinton his comeuppance, she went out and gave the Democratic faithful, many of whom she had let down in the past, something to cling to, straight on to victory in November.

Now at year-end Hillary Clinton finds herself in places she has never been: embraced and admired by more Americans than at any other time in her public life, freed to work on her own causes--and cast as the "single most degraded wife in the history of the world," as Maureen Dowd lethally put it in the New York Times. Public pity, for Hillary Clinton, is an enormous price to pay for popularity. Frustrated feminists and cutting commentators note that her apotheosis comes not in the Congressional Record but on the cover of Vogue, not for what she achieved but for what she suffered. The role was not trailblazing but utterly traditional, born of a mythology of humiliation shared by Princess Diana and Kathie Lee Gifford.

Even beatification, if it comes on these terms, is a kind of punishment for a First Lady who swept into Washington wanting to put her stamp on social policy and bring government back into fashion. Instead she handed Newt control of Congress with her health-care plan and had her place in history established as the first First Lady ever to be forced to testify before a grand jury. But with those defeats, Hillary also began to accept what Dolley Madison and Lady Bird Johnson had taken for granted, and what Eleanor Roosevelt must have told her when the two communed. As her former chief of staff Maggie Williams put it, "One of the things she's learned about being First Lady is, it's not just about doing, it's about being a symbol." Whatever judgments voters were asked to make about the flaws they would tolerate in a reckless politician whose leadership they valued, she mirrored in her own decisions about a faithless husband whom she loved. She was his salesman, but also our surrogate. In a sense, it has been ever thus: the history of the Clinton presidency is and always has been the history of the Clinton marriage, which is why the distinction between public and private in this presidency has always been messy. From the start their union was a vessel not only of love but of ambition, a shortcut for two stars in a hurry to reach heaven. She signed on to be wife and business partner in the hope that they could have great fun and do great things by pooling her discipline, his charisma, her vision, his guts. And there was always the risk that if one stumbled, it would bring down the other too.

So it should be no surprise that as the presidency is teetering, people are quick to look for hints that the marriage is too. Those who have socialized with them in recent months see signs both that healing is under way and that it will be a very long, steep climb. The President shows a new tentativeness when he is with his wife, looking to see if she thinks a joke is funny before he laughs, and for the first



time deferring to her choice in what movies they select, watching fewer car chases and more dramas. Where she used to have to nag him to get his sleep, the night-owl President can now be persuaded to retire when his up-with-the-birds wife is ready.

Their moments of open affection, when they happen, now have a sepia tone to them. "Flashbacks" is what one friend calls them, because they are brought on by a Christmas carol they both love or a recollection of a long-ago vacation. But those close to them also find reassurance in the fact that they talk of their future together in very concrete terms, musing aloud about where they might live and whether either might land a job that comes with a plane.

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Chapter One: January
There was some justice in the fact that Hillary saved her husband time and again, since her actions helped sow his troubles in the first place. She did not make him a philanderer, though even her allies argue about whether she may have enabled it. But she did help create the atmosphere that swallowed him whole this year. Until Monica Lewinsky came along, it was always Hillary who was Starr's prime target: Hillary whose fingerprints were all over Travelgate, whose resistance to releasing any documents or answering any questions helped make Whitewater a four-year saga rather than a two-day story, who opposed settling the Paula Jones case and making all those prying lawyers go away. At the same time, no one was hit harder by the shock wave in January than Hillary. Her marriage was on gruesome display; even if she believed Clinton's denials, she could still foresee the toll. For 22 years they had worked to get to this point, a liberated, second-term presidency with a merry economy, a contented public and the time to spend on the issues she cared about. Instead, every last dime of their joint political capital was going to have to be invested simply in surviving in office.

When the Washington Post first reported on Wednesday morning, Jan. 21, that Starr was officially pursuing charges of an affair between the President and an intern, the White House stopped in its tracks, clutched its heart and crumpled. Hillary's reactions, both private and public, were crucial. In that sense, her calculation was clear: the presidency first, the relationship later. She was virtually alone in her will to fight. "I don't think there was a person in the White House who gave him a snowball's chance in hell, except Hillary," says a former official. "Neither one of them is a quitter. He's a sniveler and

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a whiner, but when push comes to shove, he's got a backbone of steel--exceeded only by hers."

That force, for a while, was all Clinton had. No one in the White House could manage a convincing denial of the Lewinsky charges. Clinton himself was practically in the fetal position, "freaking out," an associate said, a sort of response that was enough to convince many who had watched him over the years that the stories were substantially true. Only Mrs. Clinton seemed more angry than broken, appalled by the very notion of a sting operation against a President, reminding people how offended everyone had been to learn about J. Edgar Hoover's wiretapping Martin Luther King Jr. and spreading stories about his sex life. Wasn't Starr doing the same kind of thing to the President? She plotted the counterattack very quietly, in phone calls and by pulling people aside before photo ops and between meetings. But she knew she could not fight alone, and she had little use for the available recruits. Of her husband's staff, says a close ally, "she thinks they are fairly weak, with little backbone and little courage." At the worst moment of his presidency, after the 1994 election wipeout, sources tell TIME, Hillary was even privately advocating the firing of much of the upper echelon of the White House staff. So she needed some kindred spirits to shape the strategy, people who could double as surrogates in the conversations that could not possibly take place in front of her.

David Kendall was a natural choice: unlike Robert Bennett, Clinton's garrulous lawyer in the Jones case, Kendall was Hillary in a gray suit, polished to a smooth, tough sheen, fast on his feet, discreet and unflinching under pressure. Hillary viewed him as that rarest ally, "someone I could count on and trust implicitly," the First Lady told TIME in an interview. If the months to come brought a fight between the President's legal advisers, arguing to add another brick to the stonewall, and his political aides, urging confession, the fact that the lawyers kept winning said a lot about who was really in charge.

Throughout Hillary's public life, people have looked at these moments, and at her whole partnership with Bill Clinton, with a jaded eye. As far back as 1992, when the couple emerged as a unique partnership in American politics, more than half of those surveyed thought the union was some kind of stock swap; only 22% thought it was a "real marriage," according to a poll done for Vanity Fair. But critics who dismiss her as a faux feminist, someone who craved power and got it the old-fashioned way--by marrying it--miss the point: she didn't need to. At Yale Law School, it was Hillary who was the star, not the husky, glad-handing boy from Arkansas. Her classmates were struck by her fervor to go out and do good, a specific Methodist view of her life as a chance to express her gratitude by serving others. So when she left Washington in 1974 to join Bill Clinton in Arkansas, she probably thought the move was only temporary; he was, after all, already running for Congress.

She maintained her Washington profile, lobbying for children's issues, serving as chairwoman for the legal-services corporation, enjoying a dual life right



up until the day it helped cost Governor Clinton his job in 1980. Arkansas voters had had it with the charming, unfocused boy Governor who stayed up all night playing pinball in the basement of the Governor's mansion. And what was that business of his wife's keeping her name? Bill lost to Frank White, a savings-and-loan executive who acted grown-up and had a very shiny, inseparable spouse.

It was Hillary Rodham--soon calling herself Hillary Clinton--who understood the price that would have to be paid. She scraped off the identity she had forged, began applying makeup, bleached her hair, fired Clinton's operatives and recruited Dick Morris to help run an operation that would bear Hillary's stamp of decisiveness and discipline. "She kind of pegged [her husband] as a woolly-headed dreamer who would get killed in the world of practical politics," Morris says. "She acquired a role as his guardian."

Here enters for the first time the Lady Macbeth view of Hillary that has followed her since. But to assume all her efforts were designed to save his job misses the point that she also had to save her marriage. It was at just this time that the rumors of Bill's affairs were rampant, the days when Clinton, according to his masterly biographer David Maraniss, would soothe his 1-year-old daughter with the lullaby, "I want a div-or-or-or-orce." Once Clinton acquired his reputation as a serial philanderer, the questions about the marriage took a very pointed turn: Was she his co-conspirator, who kept cleaning up after him because she was so intent on holding on to her power? Or was she the ultimate family-values conservative, holding her family together for better or worse and in denial about how much worse it could be?

As this year's scandal unfolded, people's assumptions about what Hillary knew and when she knew it often reflect more about them than her. Conservatives from the Lady Macbeth camp and feminists who hated the image of Hillary as victim both held to the view that there were no secrets in this marriage. But this time, at least some of the First Lady's confidants argue otherwise. No, they say, she didn't quite buy the internal White House cover story; that an employee named Monica had a crush on the President; that it had got out of hand; that he had tried to "counsel her," talk about her family problems, her job hopes; that she had eventually been banished; and that the rest was a fabrication by the President's enemies.

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Instead, says a person who has talked to her about it, Hillary "believed he did something peculiar that was not appropriate, something he was going to be accountable for to her. But the enormity of it hadn't anywhere close to crossed her mind. They both have kind of built-in avoidance mechanisms ... That's why he's a survivor. If he sat there and confronted the enormity of how awful it was with his wife, he never would have transcended it."

In Bill Clinton we call it "compartmentalization." Hillary's allies bristle when the same term is applied to her. Says one: "You call it compartmentalization. I call it focus ... Her natural reaction is to remain clear-headed and not let the emotional part guide her thinking. If there is an emotional part, it is something for her to take home."

And if, upon hearing of the latest charges, there was one thing she could focus on to the exclusion of whatever she was thinking about her husband, it was her hatred of Starr. She was predisposed to view Clinton as more victim than villain because she has always taken his enemies seriously, and none more so than the prosecutor who had questioned her integrity, made her run the gauntlet of cameras to testify before a Washington grand jury, implicated her in every alleged White House misdeed. "This is a fight that she is goddam well not going to lose," said a former top White House official. Whatever humiliation she felt, "it would be more humiliating to be run out of town and be beaten by him."

Hillary's feelings about Starr served a useful private purpose in steeling her for the fight, but in the end they may have been even more helpful in what became her public defense campaign. Right up until

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Hillary appeared on the Today show six days into the scandal-- the round-the-clock commentary had been entirely about the scandal: what Clinton had done, whether he could survive--with virtually no one out to defend him. Then Hillary sat down across from co-host Matt Lauer and challenged the press to pay attention to a different story: "this vast right-wing conspiracy that has been conspiring against my husband since the day he announced for President." She shone the light on Starr--his agenda, his henchmen, his ideological gene pool--and suggested that this was the real story, the real danger, rather than anything her husband might have done.

From the commentariat, at least, her "right-wing conspiracy" theory was mocked as the last resort of a woman in denial about the cad she had married. But that perception would change: By the end of the year, a majority of the public had come to agree with her about Starr, their fear of unaccountable government agents more intense than their distaste for even a lecherous, lying President. Yet if Hillary's Today show performance gave Clinton a lifeline, it was at great personal cost. People close to her say that of all the year's betrayals, this was one of the most painful--that he sent her out there alone, risking her reputation by having her defend him, effectively lie for him, to buy himself some time. "Oh, that did not make her happy," says a close friend. He used her, and she saved him.

Chapter Two: August

Though no one may ever know how the Great Confession went between the two of them, everyone seemed to have an opinion about it, most revealingly within the White House itself. Two irreconcilable story lines began seeping out, one so painful it was hard to hear, the other so cynical it was hard to believe. The President's men were saying Hillary had known all along; the First Lady's press secretary Marsha Berry was calling reporters and telling them no, she hadn't; he deceived her too. It was as though there were an internal debate over whether it was worse for Hillary to appear as a stupid, duped wife or as a conniving hypocrite who had been covering for her husband all year.

Close associates of Hillary's presented the portrait of pain in the days leading up to the President's Aug. 17 testimony: Clinton's fear of this moment had been palpable, says a friend in whom he confided on the eve of his private confession. He had to tell Hillary not only what exactly had been going on in their own house but also admit the fact that he had handed their mortal enemy the weapons that Starr could use to kill them. The next day, the friend could sense how badly it had gone: Hillary seemed a different person--not speaking, not touching, not smiling, barely breathing. She disappeared for the weekend, save for church and a prescheduled birthday party for her husband on the South Lawn, and didn't emerge until moments before he semi-confessed on national television. "It's your speech," she said. "You say what you want to say," which turned out to be bad advice.

If his revelation made a very smart woman appear to have been very stupid about her own husband, her



friends make a case that this was nothing new. They say Hillary has always been a bit dense about herself and those close to her in a way typical of a certain kind of overachiever: a woman who can talk about school vouchers, Medicare Part B and the Third Way of post-cold war politics but who didn't see the psychological implications of taking her family along on her honeymoon; who thought it would be a good idea to toughen up six-year-old Chelsea at the dinner table by telling her all the terrible things being said about her father; who didn't know her close friend Vince Foster was in trouble until the day he shot himself. "She has always thought psychological analysis for her was kind of a petty self-indulgence, says one of her closest friends. "She's not interested in it. It's not her thing."

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The first time she showed a real curiosity about psychological pain was right after Foster's suicide in 1993. She picked up books about depression and started to think of the subject as a real disease. Tipper Gore, for one, helped with Hillary's education in this regard, as did some clergymen, says a friend, whom she consulted about the roots of Bill's recklessness. She hoped to convince herself that "it stems from his screwed-up childhood and his own insecurities, that this is not about her."

That idea--that it was never about her--had always been some comfort in the face of Clinton's infidelities. One friend, at least, says Hillary has never thought of Clinton's dalliances as a commentary on their marriage. Never. "It doesn't occur to her that he doesn't love her," she says. She sees his sexual escapades "as a weakness, a vulnerability, the stuff of junior high school. And as a very small part of his life." And that's why, over the years of rumors and revelations, Hillary was not fundamentally insulted by it. "She doesn't feel it's because she's let him down in some way."

But if over the years she had made a sort of don't-ask-don't-tell marital contract, that still did not fully equip her to handle Lewinsky. That he had continued to carry on right in their home, when she was out of town, after church on Easter, once on their anniversary, with at least the complicity of co-workers, was demeaning to her; his choice of paramour, meanwhile, demeaned him. "It wasn't an adult relationship. It was a man thinking he was 14 years old," says a friend.

But the way that dramatic weekend played out also raised some suspicions: Sunday morning dawned, and it was time for church. He held his Bible. She

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held his hand. It all seemed just a little too tidy, this tableau of grief and rage and reconciliation. With White House operatives leaking that Hillary had known all along, the showdown in the private quarters looked as though it was being carefully stage-managed for the benefit of an audience that was looking to Hillary for its own cues. If that view was surpassingly cynical, it had its own history. Back in January, as Clinton was preparing for his deposition in the Paula Jones case, the cameras had "caught" him and Hillary in a private moment, dancing on the beach in the Virgin Islands. As the year unfolded, casual friends of the Clintons noticed something a little creepy in the occasional offhand remark from the First Couple--as in "Buddy jumped in bed with us this morning"--whose only purpose seemed to be to signal the connubial geography. Privacy, it seemed, could be auctioned off for the right price.

The ultimate public display of private drama came, of course, on Tuesday afternoon, the day after Clinton's testimony and speech, when husband, wife and daughter, hand in hand in hand, did their "it's nobody's business but our own" walk across the endless South Lawn to a helicopter waiting to swoop them off to Martha's Vineyard for family therapy. Hillary wore blue, with dark glasses. Her eyes never met the camera. The President smiled slightly. Had the family temperature at that moment seemed too warm, it would have been dismissed as phony; too cold, and it would have invited the audience to give up on the rogue husband. Hillary, without saying a word, had to get it just right.

It is possible, of course, that the false choices of August--Was this pain real, or was it all being staged?--obscured what was in plain sight. For a family braced for invasion, hardened to humiliation and threatened with oblivion, what more natural course than to take a moment of pain they could no longer avoid and try at least to put it to some use? By letting people see enough of the healing process, Hillary could let their imagination do the rest. Maybe it would help. Nothing could make it hurt more than it already did.

Bill and Hillary had had hard conversations before, but friends of hers put their Martha's Vineyard talks in a category all their own. Up until then, her image was always shaped by his needs; don't be too visible, too feminist, too liberal. But however willing and complicit she was in all her physical and ideological makeovers along the way, the crisis in August went directly to the soul of her identity as a devout, practicing Christian. In the days following his confession, Bill Clinton left her with an excruciating choice. She might want to kill him for what he had done to her and their daughter, refuse to let him get away with it--but she could not do that and still call herself a Christian.

And so when he raised this very question with her--the question of what it means to be a Christian--it went straight to the most basic requirement: God forgives a great many things, except being unforgiving. This is so much a part of who she is that she effectively had no choice, and they both knew it, and so there followed what



several close friends describe as "a lot of Christian talk" between the Methodist First Lady and her Baptist husband.

It has been said that the difference between Methodists and Baptists is that Methodists are always looking for a mission, while Baptists think they are the mission. Bill Clinton set out to pave a road to personal redemption with apology after apology after apology--all in his fashion, without saying precisely what he had done wrong. Hillary refocused on their life's plan. "Acting on our faith is never easy," she told the Methodist General Conference in 1996. "And it is often a test of our own resolve as much as anything else."

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Chapter Three: October
Maybe Hillary had fought for her husband in January because her reflexes told her to. And maybe she had stood by him after his August testimony because a First Lady does not have the option of tossing her husband's things over the Truman Balcony onto the lawn. But as summer turned to fall, the state of their union was becoming a burning political question. Republicans didn't have to talk up the prospect of his resigning; Democrats were doing it for them. Even his most reliable friend, luck, was giving Bill Clinton a cold shoulder: Saddam was mocking him, Russia was collapsing, and so were the world markets.

Once back on the job, Hillary found that her every shudder invited scrutiny. There was the way she ignored the President's touch at a speech in Moscow, and the way she charged half a block ahead of him while working a crowd in Ireland. She spent their 23rd anniversary at a women's conference in Bulgaria; he spent it in budget talks at the White House. But the First Couple danced together three times at a state dinner for Vaclav Havel. "Hillary and I, we're doing fine," her husband said.

No one was buying it, any more than they had his public apologies--particularly after the delivery of the Starr report on Sept. 9. "She's never read it," says Berry, "but she certainly has the gist." Clinton himself, sources tell TIME, has complained to confidants that the independent counsel seemed to be going out of his way to hurt the First Lady and make the marriage unhealable. Why else include not only every last soul-destroying sexual detail but also Lewinsky's testimony that the President had told her that he expected to be alone after he left office and

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that he had had "hundreds" of affairs before he turned 40?

What the gods of conventional wisdom were demanding was another offering: the First Lady must undress her pain before Diane or Oprah so Americans would be convinced that she was--and they were--really capable of forgiving him. This was where Hillary drew the line. "She's tried so hard to protect her privacy and her child," says her top aide Melanne Verveer. "There was enormous pressure for her to say something, but she was adamant that whatever she did she would do in her own time and her own way."

In the meantime, there were serious problems to fix. The fall campaign season could hardly have looked more dire for the Democrats. In mid-September, two dozen Democratic Congresswomen came to the Yellow Oval Room and laid out their desperation to Hillary over coffee and Danish. Their problem was what they called, out of politeness, "the clutter." Clinton himself was useless to them as a campaigner; he was a prisoner of the briefing room and the fund raisers. She was the one politician in the country who would not be interrupted with questions about the scandal. In the miraculous month of October, while her husband made peace in the Middle East, the markets rebounded and John Glenn lifted off, Hillary barnstormed the country. Voters heard her on their car radios when they left for work in the morning and on their answering machines when they came home. The last week of the campaign saw her hitting nine states, with two stops each in Florida and New York. Her appearance in Iowa on the last weekend of the campaign fueled the surge that gave Tom Vilsack the surprise win that made him the first Democrat to be elected Governor there in 30 years. Said his media consultant David Axelrod: "Our voters had a lot more energy than theirs, and she was the major factor in that."

She worked offstage as well, taking on the cases that others thought hopeless. Hillary herself recruited topflight political hand Tony Podesta to set up shop in Illinois and take control of Senator Carol Moseley-Braun's doomed re-election campaign in its final days. "The First Lady was calling me up at home, in the office, from the road and from the White House with suggestions and ideas and a clear sense of what my personal priorities ought to be for October," Podesta says. Infuriated that even women had given up on Moseley-Braun, the First Lady assembled about 50 influential Democratic women in a hotel meeting room and gave them hell. "She talked about strategy and why one election matters, even if you don't live in Illinois," said Adlai Stevenson's III's wife Nancy. "What surprised me the most was how candid she was about what the situation was. [Her speech] was frank and clear and exceedingly personal." Hillary spoke without notes, says Mrs. Stevenson, "but she knew her facts down to the last detail."

On election night, as the President downloaded results in chief of staff John Podesta's office, a television commentator caught Clinton's attention with the observation that Hillary had won the day for



the Democrats. "That's right," he announced to the crowd around him. Hillary's morning-after assessment: "We could have done better."

Epilogue

There is a faraway sense in virtually everything Hillary does now, a hint that she is already on her way to something else. It is hard to believe there is anything accidental about the fact that her schedule of late has kept her away from the White House and Washington, where her husband was devoting an unseemly amount of his time to golf. Her visit to New York City earlier this month, something the White House would usually book as a day trip, stretched over three long days and two late nights, all packed with events nourishing her ego and her image and her agenda. Hillary gamely crooned a funny, off-key duet with Rosie O'Donnell. She lighted the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree with Garth Brooks under a full moon, and lingered later than anyone expected at a movie premiere.

It is easy to imagine her having a far better ex-presidency than her husband will. Those who know her dismiss the notion that she might run for the Senate, from Illinois or New York. If anything, it would seem a comedown and would tie her to a capital she has come to hate. A more likely possibility, they say, is that she might head a child-advocacy organization, or run a think tank, maybe connected with his presidential library, or continue the overseas work she has come to love so much, perhaps as U.N. ambassador or head of a major international organization. She also expects to write at least two books: one a memoir, the other on health care.

For now, there is a battle to be fought and a family to heal. During their Middle East trip, at the gravesite of slain Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Hillary yanked her arm from her husband's grasp. The New York Post called it an "icy graveyard brush-off." And yet as Air Force One prepared to take off from Ben Gurion Airport early Tuesday evening, returning to Washington and the impeachment ordeal, Congressman Sander Levin encountered the First Lady as he made his way back to his cabin. She talked for 15 minutes about the history that her husband had made during that trip, how inspired she had been by his speech to Israeli youth, how awed at the importance of his address to the Palestine National Council and how unfair a judgment the House was about to make of his presidency. "You know, he's my President too," she told Levin. It was more an endorsement than an embrace--but still, Levin found himself wishing the whole country could hear her talk like this. As the House vote neared on Friday, Hillary spoke out for the first time since January. She called for reconciliation. She counted blessings. She invoked the needs of those less fortunate. It was a Christmas card, to us and to him, preprinted but a keepsake nonetheless. Hillary had brought her husband and the country this far, and there was little chance she would let go now.

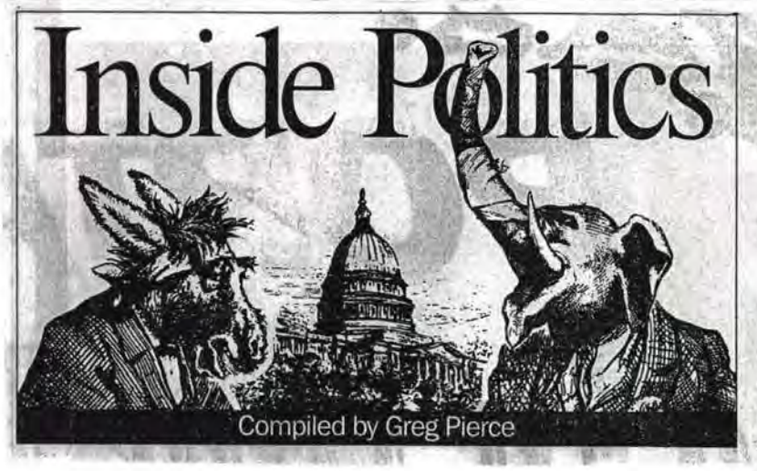
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INSIDE THE BELTWAY

John McCaslin is on vacation. His column will resume Monday.

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Hillary's back hurts

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton is trying to stay off her feet this holiday season after aggravating a previously injured back muscle.

The injury, suffered last spring, flared up last week as a result of too much walking and standing during several days, Mrs. Clinton's spokeswoman, Marsha Berry, said yesterday.

"She has pulled a muscle that has made it difficult for her to stay on her feet for long," the spokeswoman said. "So, she's staying off her feet."

Despite the stiffness, Mrs. Clinton has continued with her holiday activities. She was moving slowly as she greeted children who came to the White House to hear President Clinton read a holiday story, but otherwise showed no discomfort, the Associated Press reports.



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A Clinton in the Senate?

By Miles Benson
Newhouse News Service

WASHINGTON — Imagine a political leader, at age 51, with long years of experience working on both state and national policy problems, the last eight years as an insider at the pinnacle of national power, a candidate with a firm grasp of complex domestic problems, who also has personal relationships with many foreign leaders, who is well-known to voters and well-liked, who possesses a rhetorical style that radiates sincerity, who has the ability to raise money by the ton—but has never run for elective office.

Is this somebody with a political future? Like a seat in the U.S. Senate? Running in New York? Or Illinois? Or Arkansas? Or California?

What if the candidate's name is Hillary Rodham Clinton?

As her embattled husband, Bill Clinton, looks forward to two more years in the White House, many Republicans as well as Democrats say the first lady would be a formidable candidate in her own right—with three big "ifs."

- If Bill Clinton survives his impeachment inquiry.
- If Hillary Clinton escapes further legal problems of her own with Independent Counsel Ken Starr.
- If she wants that kind of life after all the shocks, bruises, crises and humiliations she has already endured in the political arena.

The first lady has always said she has no plans to run for public office. Most recently, on a visit to the Dominican Republic last month, when pressed, she declared: "I really don't respond to those things. I just smile when asked."

Nevertheless, the first lady's political future after the White House is a hot topic of gossip and speculation.

"It seems to me Mrs. Clinton is a viable candidate for office simply because she has the political skills, the name recognition, the fund-raising ability, the messages that are very important, in a capsulated form," said Republican Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana, whose politics are far more conservative than those of the first lady, who has a reputation as a liberal Democrat.

"I thought she was very effective in the 1998 campaign, in the appearances that she made, and she was indefatigable," Lugar said.

Lugar noted her high poll ratings, with 70 percent of the American people expressing approval of her in November, even better than her husband gets.

"So I don't know," Lugar said. "You always have to trace what is the constituency, you know, where (to run). But other people have made this shift. Robert Kennedy ran for the Senate in New York while living pretty close to me in McLean, Va., and he made the transfer beautifully, in large part because of message, name recognition, the ethos of the times."

Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., the outgoing chairman of the National Democratic Senate Campaign Committee who is always on the lookout for political talent, is also thinking New York for Hillary.

"I'd love to see her do what Bobby Kennedy did, move to New York and run for the Senate," he said.

There will be a vacant Democratic Senate seat in New York in the year 2000 when four-term Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan intends to retire.

Illinois is her native state, but the next Senate election there will be in 2002, when Democratic incumbent Richard J. Durbin is expected to seek re-election. The next opening for Hillary Clinton in Illinois would be in 2004 when the first term of Republican Sen. Peter Fitzgerald, who unseated Democrat Carol Moseley-Braun last month, will be ending.

Arkansas, the state Hillary Clinton called home

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in the pre-White House years when Bill Clinton served as governor, will have a Republican Senate seat held by Tim Hutchinson up for grabs in 2002.

And California, where she is popular, where she has campaigned frequently for Democratic candidates, and where she would have a ready cadre of workers to mount her own campaign, has two Democratic senators now, but Sen. Diane Feinstein's term will end in 2000 and there is a possibility that Feinstein might leave the Senate to run for governor.

Of course, Clinton might not be welcomed by everyone in the state she moved to, warns Bob Teeter, a Republican pollster who advised President George Bush. "Wherever she goes, if a Senate or governor's seat is open, there is not usually a lack of people wanting it. Lots of people have been waiting for an opportunity to run," Teeter said.

Still, to Teeter's experienced eye, the first lady has compelling political credentials for elective office.

"Obviously, she's a universally known national figure, which automatically gives anyone a huge leg up," Teeter said. "She also has a base of very dedicated, zealous followers who think she's terrific. That's a good place to start."

But Teeter wonders if Clinton would want to "subject herself again to all the scandal stuff."

Although her favorite issues involve matters of broad concern—families, children, health care and Social Security—Teeter said, "

She always struck me as being ideologically out of tune with the country, and pushed the administration further to the left. I think she is a hard-core left-wing liberal."

Colorado Gov. Roy Romer, a Democrat, unsurprisingly disagrees. "If she wants to have a political future, it would certainly be open to her," Romer said. "She's obviously capable and well regarded and has a basis of continuing at many levels," although he would not suggest a place for her to start.

Amid the fury of colliding events and images that is her life, Hillary Clinton continues to project peaceful serenity.

There is something about Hillary Clinton that makes even aggressive Republicans cautious.

Bill Bennett, the former national anti-drug czar and secretary of education who called for Bill Clinton's impeachment, ducked an opportunity to discuss Hillary Clinton's fitness for elective office.

"I have no idea," Bennett said. "She's obviously quite popular, but I have no idea. I don't have any comment on it."

Reminded that he has frequently and publicly expressed strong views on Bill Clinton's fitness for office, Bennett replied: "Yeah, and I'm going to keep 'em to Bill Clinton."

Bill McInturff, another Republican pollster and political strategist, acknowledges the first lady's political strengths, believes she will remain in public life, but also doubts it will be in elective office.

"She may be popular now, but she's popular because she's not in anybody's hair," McInturff said, echoing Teeter's point that other Democrats might be unwilling to step aside for her.

"And when you go from icon to candidate, you go through the meat-grinder process and you look a lot less attractive at the end of that," McInturff said. "It's more likely we will see her in some senior appointive position in some future Democratic administration, maybe a Cabinet secretary or U.N. ambassador.

Or more likely she'll be one of these people in a public policy role who gets to be head of every special commission in the world."

Amid the fury of colliding events and images that is her life, Hillary Clinton continues to project peaceful serenity.

A vivid example: One day recently the first lady was in full ceremonial mode, standing in the hot white lights of a phalanx of television cameras in the state dining room of the White House, adorned for Christmas with a gingerbread castle and cutouts of first dog Buddy and first cat Sox on ice skates.

A children's choir sang about snowflakes, and Hillary Clinton sang along. Poised and composed, she wore a sober gray pantsuit and lectured a large crowd of reporters about the themes and traditions of the White House Christmas decorations. Meanwhile, just outside the black iron gates of the mansion, a bagpiper in kilts and battle regalia played the Marine Hymn and slow-marched at the head of a band of protesters waving signs demanding "Clinton—Resign," "Congress—Do Your Duty" and "Must Impeach."

At the same moment, on Capitol Hill, the House Judiciary Committee was preparing to vote on articles of impeachment of Bill Clinton based on perjury and his adulterous conduct with a young White House intern.

Through it all, Hillary Clinton's star burns brightly.

The December issue of *Vogue* magazine has on the cover a portrait of a smiling first lady, gowned in wine-colored velvet, seated beside a spray of roses in the Red Room of the White House. Inside is a flattering opinion essay, "The Extraordinary Hillary Clinton."

Trial before censure, GOP insists

Both parties agree on the need for speed in Senate proceedings

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON — Key Senate Republicans say censure should be considered only after a speedy impeachment trial — and perhaps only after a vote on whether to remove President Clinton from office.

"We ought to vote on these articles of impeachment, and then that is the appropriate time to consider a censure," said Sen. Mitch McConnell, a Kentucky Republican.

"Assuming neither of those articles pass, which is what's widely expected will be the outcome, you sit down and you negotiate the censure alternative."

The Senate is set to consider two articles of impeachment passed this month by the House, but significant questions remain about whether a deal for censuring the president can be worked out before a trial begins.

There is widespread agreement among Republicans and Democrats that any trial should be quick, given that senators of both parties widely agree that there's little chance that the chamber will vote to convict and remove Clinton.

Internal surveys to see whether two-thirds of the Senate would vote for removal will not begin until after the trial [*See Impeach, 5A*]



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Steadfast: *First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, who enjoys sky-high popularity, receives a hug from a churchgoer as she leaves Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington with President Clinton and their daughter, Chelsea.*

Loyal first lady stays the course

Hillary Clinton fights to redeem husband's damaged presidency

By ELLEN GAMERMAN
SUN NATIONAL STAFF

WASHINGTON — When Hillary Rodham Clinton arrived at a children's Christmas reading at the White House last week, it was not so much her chitchat with students that caught the attention of those watching, or her multicolored, embroidered Santa sweater and sparkly red-and-green earrings. Instead, it was a statement far more subtle.

Ever so briefly, she held her husband's hand.

Somewhere in that gesture — a quick grasp of the president's hand as they left the East Room — was a hint of defiance to those who would question a marriage under scrutiny and a presidency in crisis. In this latest chapter of the impeachment saga, Mrs. Clinton has allowed her actions to speak for her. The message: The fight for the presidency is far from over.

In the past, Mrs. Clinton has been in the forefront of a White House strategy that unleashed a legalistic attack on Kenneth W. Starr's findings and charged that a "vast right-wing conspiracy" was behind the Monica Lewinsky revelations. Today, she stands by her man on a different front, fighting her war with images of loyalty and perseverance.

In doing [*See First lady, 4A*]

Loyal first lady is her husband's best advocate

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so, she has emerged as one of the president's most credible defenders. Her public allegiance to Clinton perhaps appears stronger with the Lewinsky scandal, signaling to one-time allies that if she can forgive him, they should as well.

"There's politics in her gut — it is in her gut to have this administration succeed," said Thomas E. Mann, director of governmental studies at the Brookings Institution. "It's really clear that she has separated this. She doesn't view it from a personal dimension, and so now she is really speaking about the presidency with gusto and great effectiveness."

After dropping out of view after Starr issued his report to Congress in September, Mrs. Clinton has resurfaced, this time as perhaps the White House's most effective public advocate. With her popularity ratings soaring to record highs, she has emerged as an ideal defender.

Of course, images are hard to control. More than ever, the public reads her actions like tea leaves. Consider the vastly conflicting conclusions about her role over the past month:

Mrs. Clinton appears on the cover of *Vogue* with her hair slicked back, similar to a cool pose Princess Diana took in *Harper's Bazaar* after her breakup with Prince Charles. Observers say she is defiant, a survivor.

She visits the gravesite of Israe-

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li Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and pulls her arm from her husband's grasp. They say she is angry, a woman wronged.

She lobbies Capitol Hill for the president and stands at his side in stoic solidarity on Impeachment Day. They decide she is steadfast, a fighter.

It is this last image that some say makes the most political sense. With the White House in a near-panic the morning of the impeachment vote, Mrs. Clinton rallied Democratic allies in Congress and snuffed out any suggestion of her husband's resignation. Her almost aerobic nodding as her husband delivered a post-impeachment address sealed the picture of the loyal combatant.

"There was strength there," Rep. Dennis Kucinich, an Ohio Democrat, said after the Capitol Hill meeting where Mrs. Clinton reportedly accused Republicans of trying to "hound" her husband out of office and thereby derail his policy agenda. "It was right that she showed that. Because the nation needs her strength now."

At the White House, Mrs. Clinton's staff says she is doing what she always does: staying the course, soldiering on and pursuing the work that brought her and her husband to Washington.

"She's really focused on what she believes the American people elected her husband to do," said Marsha Berry, her press secretary. "She keeps her thoughts on what's important."

As the Senate decides whether to put the president on trial, the White House is pondering the role Mrs. Clinton will play in coming weeks. She must tread carefully. She cannot be seen as openly accepting the president's behavior. And any effort to lobby senators before an impeachment trial would look unseemly — something akin to jury tampering.

Yet Mrs. Clinton can make a considerable contribution to her husband's cause. Many believe that it is she, not he, who can best shore up support for the administration.

"She certainly will be involved behind the scenes," Berry said.

Popularity and sympathy

If ever the first lady was in a position to influence public opinion, it is now. Her popularity has been sky-high all year; not since a brief honeymoon after the 1992 election has she polled higher.

The White House used this popularity to great effect when she helped rally the Democrats to a surprisingly successful showing in the midterm elections — a vote widely viewed as a referendum on how the Lewinsky saga had been handled. The White House had a crisis; she helped fix it.

Part of Mrs. Clinton's new power derives from the sympathy that surrounds her. Friends say the first lady does not want to be seen as victimized and helpless. Yet the perception that she is vulnerable has engendered the goodwill toward her that has lasted all year.

"She's the only one coming out of this entire controversy with her image enhanced," said William Schneider, a political analyst with the American Enterprise Institute. "There's a tremendous wave of public support for her. One reason she seems to be more assertive these days is because she doesn't want to be seen as a victim."

Managing that image is a challenge. Friends say the first lady carefully chooses when and where to appear, striking like a smart bomb when the time is right.

"I think when Mrs. Clinton is very certain about something, including certain about when she can be effective, she acts," said a longtime friend of the Clintons who asked not to be named. "If she's not sure something is a good or a bad idea, she takes that uncertainty as a signal to wait."

Even when Mrs. Clinton goes about business as usual, she is studied intensely. Early this month, critics said Mrs. Clinton was conspicuously absent as the impeachment vote neared. Instead of working for the president's cause in Washington, she was lighting the Christmas tree at New York's Rockefeller Center and singing a duet on the "Rosie O'Donnell Show."

The next week, when the Clintons visited the Middle East, cameras caught her pulling her arm away from her husband's. The next day, the *New York Post* headline read: "Frigid Hill Sends Chill Up Bill's Spine."

This holiday season, the Clintons have offered some well-timed smiles together. And Mrs. Clinton marched through her back-to-back holiday engagements despite having aggravated an injured back muscle during impeachment week.

'Zone of privacy'

Even so, lovebird images of the Clintons spending time together these days are rare. Last year after New Year's, cameras captured the Clintons dancing on a Caribbean beach (much to the ire of a then-unknown named Monica Lewinsky). This year, there will be no such pictures. A Caribbean trip is not on the schedule.

As for dealing with the pain of the scandal and its aftermath, friends say Mrs. Clinton, a Methodist, copes by reading the Bible, working out on her treadmill, talking to friends and staying busy with issues affecting women and children. Her new book of letters to the Clinton pets, "Dear Socks, Dear Buddy," hit the stores last month.

Mrs. Clinton may play out her fight for her husband's presidency in public, but any such battle for her marriage will remain as fiercely guarded as ever. In this realm, words are scarce.

"She has not done any interviews about the topic — she has not spoken," said Lisa Caputo, her former press secretary. "She has reasserted her zone of privacy."

Sun staff writer Jonathan Weisman contributed to this article.

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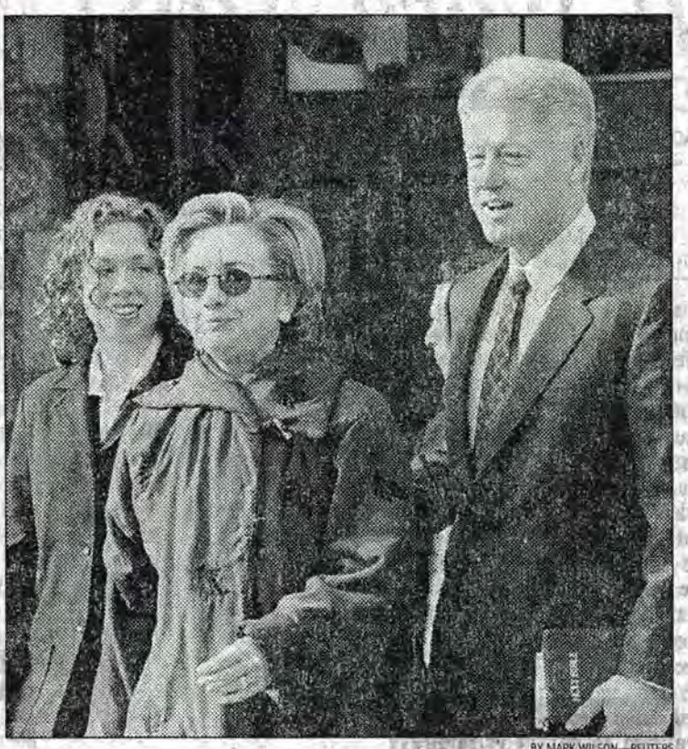
The Clintons' Sunday Outing

After spending a quiet Christmas at home, **President Clinton** and his family ventured out into the city yesterday for brunch and Shakespeare.

The first family attended services at Foundry United Methodist Church. The president helped first lady **Hillary Rodham Clinton,** who has been nursing an aggravated back muscle, up and down the steps.

The Clintons headed to Chinatown for brunch at the Golden Palace and then strolled through the neighborhood with the restaurant's owner, **Yeni Wong.** As Clinton and daughter **Chelsea** stopped in at Starbucks for coffee, they were greeted by cheering tourists. Afterward, the three of them took in a production of "Twelfth Night" at the Shakespeare Theatre, where their entrance prompted a standing ovation from the crowd.

Later this week, the first family will travel to South Carolina for the annual Renaissance Weekend. They will return to Washington New Year's Day.



BY MARK WILSON—REUTERS

Out and about: After attending services at Foundry United Methodist Church, the Clintons had lunch in Chinatown and then strolled around the neighborhood.

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CONVENTIONAL WISDOM WATCH

We Wish You a Merry Crisis Edition

The CW liked it better when it could obsess over gossipy media events like O.J. and Diana. At first, Monicagate looked like the same kind of good, clean fun (thongs, cigars, Altoids, Henry Hyde's extended youth). But then it went Beltway Bad. Thanks for the Christmas present, Congress. We were hoping for one more happy holiday before the Y2K Bug kicks in.

Players		Conventional Wisdom
	↓	**Clinton:** Kind of a slow year for him. Here's to a more eventful '99.
	↑	**Hillary:** A woman with a future: Cover girl, advocate, candidate. Paging Raoul Felder.
	↔	**Gore:** One Senate vote away from presidency. If Flynt has dirt on him, we give up.
	↓	**Starr:** Thanks a lot, pal. Was it really worth it? And where's that Whitewater report?
	↓	**Saddam:** Rope-a-dope game works all year—until it's "Wag the Dog" time. Arf!
	↔	**Monica:** 1999 Preview: "Yes, Justice Rehnquist, that's thong. T-H-O-N-G."
	↓	**Newt:** Neutered in '98. CW sez: Let the rehabilitation begin!
	↓	**Hyde:** His affair was a "youthful indiscretion." What's the excuse for Judiciary Cmtee?
	↓	**Yeltsin:** Still shows up for photo ops. Give that taxidermist a raise!
	↑	**Greenspan:** The Mark McGwire of the global economy. And he did it without andro.
	↑	**G. W. Bush:** The CW has practically elected him for '00. Bring on the Special Prosecutors!
	↓	**Oprah:** Old: America's beloved girlfriend. New: Preachy maker of flop movies.
	↑	**Glenn:** The CW applauds him. But if we hear "The Right Stuff" one more time, *we'll* barf.
	↔	**Ventura:** Governor-elect of the year. Of course, the CW doesn't live in Minnesota.
	↑	**Broccoli:** Vegetable of the Year: Fights cancer, easy to draw. Don't knock the broc!
	↑	**Chelsea:** Everybody's favorite Clinton. Let *her* lead the Senate defense.
	↑	**DeLay:** The Exterminator squashes censure like a bug. Beware toxic aftereffects.
	↑	**McGwire:** Singlehandedly restores baseball glory. Well, no, there was Sosa too...
	↓	**Gates:** M'soft wizard suffers memory crash during deposition. Reboot for appeals court.
	↓	**Livingston:** Hef o' the House gets Hustled off stage. But he still has his lobbyist friends.

Players		Conventional Wisdom
	↑	**Charles:** Old: Dump this cold fish. New: Cuddly dad, PR whiz. Crown 'im!
	↑	**Sinatra:** Forget those FBI files, Jack. He will always be The Voice.
	↓	**TV Nets:** Can only be saved by fresh new ideas—the things that scare them the most.
	↓	**Tripp:** In a year of wretched behavior, no one comes close to Cruella de Beltway.
	↑	**C. Diaz:** CW tries to avoid another "Something About" joke. CW fails.
	↑	**'Star Wars':** 2-minute trailer outgrosses "Joe Black" and "Babe II" combined. Yo-dah!
	↑	**Drudge:** Old: No journalistic experience or ethics. New: So what? He's a player.
	↑	**P. Jones:** New nose, new bank account. Downside: Had to kiss Abe Hirschfeld.
	↑	**Conyers:** Old: Spacey Dem. Judiciary relic. New: Joins Gephardt as serious party leader.
	↑	**A. Sandler:** Makes Jim Carrey look like John Gielgud. That's box-office magic.
	↑	**DNA:** Dishonorable discharges nail Bill, Jefferson. Was Geo. Wash. *really* father of U.S.?
	↑	**Puffy:** Hip-hopper hits the Hamptons. Next: Ron Perelman in baggy jeans.
	↔	**Viagra:** Swollen expectations, then health-warning letdown. Dole stays the course.
	↑	**C. Flockhart:** Ally handles too-thin charge with aplomb. But CW sez: Have a cookie.
	↑	**Furby:** Funny looking, incomprehensible, drives economy. Or was that Greenspan?
	↔	**B. Bradley:** He's running! CW preparing for epic charisma duel vs. Gore.
	↓	**M. Manson:** Rocker's fake boobs bomb, but good on chat shows. Next gov. of Minn?
	↑	**AOL:** Net giant's got Netscape, Hanks and Ryan. Microsoft: You've got competition.
	↑	**Madonna:** Good news: Best album of career. Better news: She's learning to shut up.
	↓	**D'Amato:** *Putzhead* of the year proves you *can* be too obnoxious, even for New York.

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CAPITAL ROUNDUP

First family spends day eating out, seeing play

After spending Christmas in the confines of the White House, President Clinton ventured out Sunday with his family for brunch and an afternoon of Shakespeare. Clinton, his wife, Hillary, and daughter, Chelsea, attended services at Foundry United Methodist Church. The first lady, who has been nursing a sore back muscle, navigated the church's steps slowly while Clinton helped her to and from the building.

The first family had brunch at the Golden Palace restaurant and took a short walk through Chinatown with owner Yeni Wong. Clusters of tourists cheered and rushed over to meet Clinton as he and Chelsea stepped into a Starbucks for coffee. Afterward, the Clintons went to the Shakespeare Theatre to see *Twelfth Night*.

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Clintons top 'most admired' survey

By Ron Elving
USA TODAY

Once again this year, President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton led the list when the Gallup Poll asked Americans to name the man and woman they most admire.

Both were named by a higher percentage this year than last. The percentage of survey respondents naming the first lady this year doubled.

Clinton faces the prospect of a trial in the Senate that could lead to his removal. Yet he led the "most admired" list for the sixth straight year.

He was named by 18% of those surveyed Monday and Tuesday, compared with 14% at the end of 1997. The runner-up both years was Pope John Paul II, named by 7% (up from 5% in 1997). The runner-up to the first lady (who rose from 14% to 28%) was TV-and-film star Oprah Winfrey, whose 8% was an improvement on her 5% in 1997.

Third and fourth among the most admired men were evangelist Billy Graham (5%) and basketball star Michael Jordan of the Chicago Bulls (4%). Rounding out the top 10 were astronaut and retiring Sen. John Glenn of Ohio (3%), retired general Colin Powell (3%), former presidents Ronald Reagan (3%) and George Bush (3%), South African President Nelson Mandela (2%) and computer software billionaire Bill Gates (2%).

Third among the women mentioned was Elizabeth Dole, head of the American Red Cross and wife of 1996 Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole (who tied for 14th on the male list with another former presidential candidate, Jesse Jackson). She got 6%.

Completing the women's top 10 list were former British prime minister Margaret Thatcher (4%), former first lady Barbara Bush (3%), Secretary of State Madeleine Albright (3%), poet Maya Angelou (2%), Queen Elizabeth (1%), Attorney General Janet Reno (1%) and Monica Lewinsky (1%), the former White House intern whose affair with the president led to his impeachment.

Presidents are usually the men most often named as most admired in such surveys. They have tended to top the list even when their job approval ratings were below 50%: Reagan did so in the recession year of 1982, Bush in 1992 (the year he lost to Clinton) and Clinton in 1994 (the year Republicans took over Congress).

But there have been exceptions to the Oval Office rule. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter's last year in office, the top finisher was Pope John Paul II. In 1973 and 1974, the last two years in which President Richard Nixon held office, the top two names were Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Billy Graham.

In 1967 and 1968, his last years in office, President Lyndon Johnson lost to former president Dwight Eisenhower, who had topped the list before he was president (in 1951 and 1952, the last two years in office for President Harry Truman).

Respondents in the Gallup Poll were asked to name two men and two women without a list from which to choose. The survey included interviews with 1,005 adults interviewed by telephone Monday and Tuesday after being selected at random by a computer search of all working residential telephone numbers. The margin of error for such a poll is +/- 3 percentage points.

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TV Preview

Kennedy Center's Ponderous Honors

By LLOYD GROVE
Washington Post Staff Writer

Someday, somehow, someone is going to figure out a way to make all these television awards shows somewhat watchable. Until then, we get yet another windy, glacial and maddening example of the genre in "The Kennedy Center Honors: A Celebration of the Performing Arts," a highly fidgetable but occasionally affecting two hours airing tonight at 9 on Channel 9.

The program—an abbreviated version (!) of the 21st annual gala held at Washington's high-culture emporium earlier this month—does of course put the spotlight on a handful of worthy artists and countless worthy values. But entertainment values aren't big on the list (unless one counts the voyeuristic thrill of all those close-ups of the designated impeachee and his wronged wife awkwardly interacting in the presidential box).



BY MICHAEL LUTZKY—THE WASHINGTON POST

Bill Cosby deflated the pompous proceedings with a little shtick.

Kennedy Center's Lengthy 'Honors'

TV PREVIEW, *From D1*

The honorees—every one of them wonderful, to be sure—are Broadway music men John Kander and Fred Ebb, comedian-philanthropist Bill Cosby, balladeer Willie Nelson, conductor-pianist Andre Previn and American icon Shirley Temple Black.

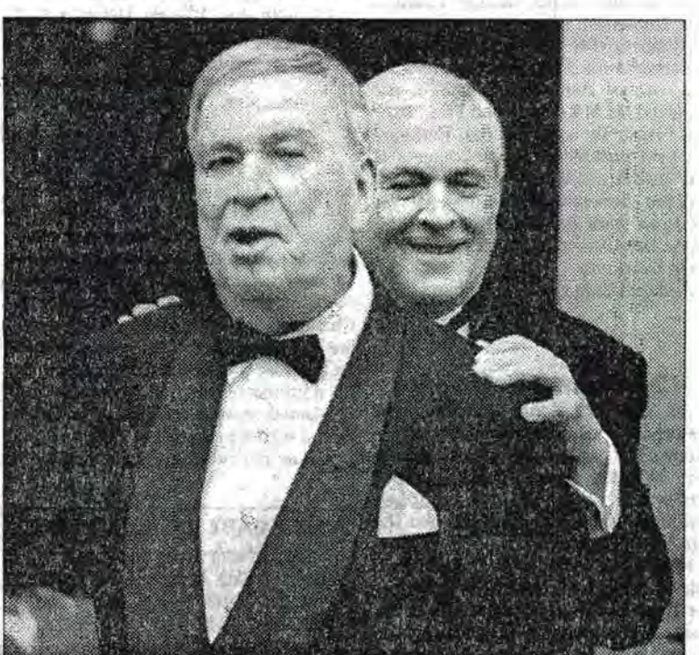
They are feted by the likes of Walter Cronkite, Phylicia Rashad, Mia Farrow and Jack Lemmon, with assists from Kris Kristofferson and Henry Kissinger (or a plump man in a monkey suit doing an excellent impression). There is, as usual, a surfeit of stiff standing ovations. And if things weren't already moving ve-er-ry slo-ow-ly, Kennedy Center Chairman Jim Johnson brings the show to a halt with an excruciating commercial announcement for the center's various good works.

Cosby, up in the balcony, manages to be more compelling than any performer onstage, putting his shoes up on the red velvet railing in a pomp-puncturing move. While the comic Sinbad is favoring him with a tasteless and unfunny monologue, he stands atop his lushly upholstered seat and tries to climb to the balcony above in a get-me-out-of-here gesture that many viewers will identify with.

Despite all the good intentions, there *is* a lot of dross: everything from tap-dancing girls in curls and frills serenading Black to a blowzy-looking, wobbly-voiced Liza Minnelli belting out Kander and Ebb's "New York, New York." More often than is tolerable, President Clinton is shown shaking his head in rhythm and lustily singing along. What, *him* worry?

It's nice to see the redoubtable Black again, looking fit and zesty at 70. During the Great Depression, she assured her immortality as America's brightest child star, then quit Hollywood for good in her twenties and went on to a career in diplomacy—as ambassador to the United Nations, Ghana and Czechoslovakia—and became the White House's first female chief of protocol.

"I share something in common with a generation of Americans," Lemmon tells the audience at one point. "The first drink I ever had was a Shirley Temple."



BY ROBERT A. REEDER—THE WASHINGTON POST

Music men John Kander, right, and Fred Ebb at the honorees' dinner.

FIRST LADY'S FEAR? Can it be true? Hillary Rodham Clinton, the savvy first lady, can't handle a digital alarm clock? During a speech Monday about the Social Security Administration's successful efforts to combat potential Y2K computer problems, President Clinton tattled on his wife. "I was describing this Y2K problem to Hillary," he said, "and she got so technophobic that I gave her a little digital alarm clock for Christmas. And she gave it back to me after I talked to her about it, and she said, 'Why don't you just get me one that winds up?' "



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Clinton: Prefers windup clock

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HEADLINE: In 20 years, plan is for high-tech White House

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Two decades into the new millennium, a moving sidewalk will carry tourists through a tunnel to the White House. Correspondents will question the presidential press secretary in a high-tech underground studio. But the first family still will see softball games on the grassy Ellipse behind their historic home. At least, that's the "carefully crafted vision" that National Park Service officials sketched Wednesday in an ambitious, 20-year, $ 300 million "Comprehensive Design Plan for the White House and President's Park." The project would accomplish the biggest alteration of the White House complex --- albeit mostly underground --- since George Washington approved the original design in 1791. The plan will "effectively meet the demands of the 21st century presidency" while protecting historic structures and preserving familiar vistas around 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., promised Robert Stanton, director of the National Park Service. The plan has been six years in the making, but still faces scrutiny by Congress and several oversight agencies, as well as a 90-day period of public review, before any construction is begun.

Under the proposal, the current visitors center, across 15th Street southeast of the White House, will be expanded underground. Four small theaters and interactive displays will be added to keep tourists busy while they await their White House tours.

Rather than walking across 15th Street, tourists will ride moving sidewalks beneath it, coming up near the visitors gate adjacent to the South Lawn. About 1.2 million tourists visit the White House each year.

Street-level parking would be banned from around the Ellipse behind the South Lawn. White House staffers instead would park in a two-level underground garage constructed beneath the park. The Ellipse is the site of the National Christmas Tree, as well as almost daily softball and soccer games and periodic mass protests such as the annual "Right to Life" anti-abortion march.

A second underground parking lot for senior staffers and motorcade vehicles would be built below the section of Pennsylvania Avenue directly in front of the White House, where traffic has been blocked off since the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995 raised security concerns.

The Park Service did not include a plan for renovating the street level of this stretch of pavement between the White House and Lafayette Park. A pedestrian mall has been suggested, but would have to be approved by Congress.

Deliveries to the White House also would be made underground, with an entrance located near the New Executive Office Building two blocks northwest of the White House. Tunnels would run to an underground storage facility beneath Pennsylvania Avenue.

An underground addition would be made to the present press room, situated between the West Wing and the main White House section. The press briefing room would be moved into this new facility.

An underground recreational room for the first family would be added just north of the existing Executive Mansion, with an underground conference room put beneath Executive Avenue, between the West Wing and Old Executive Office Building.

The Park Service plan had input from a dozen other agencies, ranging from the Secret Service to the Commission on Fine Arts. It concludes that past White House planning has been "piecemeal" and resulted in an assortment of problems. There is no room to store furniture, for instance, and no place for many White House staffers to park their cars.

"For the most part, Americans are unaware of these problems," the report said. "On the evening news or the front page of the morning paper, the white columns still gleam, the chandeliers still sparkle, and the lawns and shrubs remain impeccably groomed."

The changes will ensure that the White House continues to run efficiently, Stanton said at a news conference where the plan was announced.

"The plan seeks to protect the historic site while making site operations over the next two decades smoother and more efficient," he said.

Congress would have to appropriate most of the $ 300 million cost of the renovations, but the Park Service said some would come from private donations. The Park Service's report is available on the Internet: http://www.nps.gov/planning

GRAPHIC: Graphic White House 1203.eps:
President's Park
The National Park Service wants to improve White House operations and better accommodate tourists and the media. Plans include underground meeting rooms, a two-level parking garage under the Ellipse and an expanded underground visitors center. The design changes would take 20 years to complete and cost $ 300 million.
Source: National Park Service / Knight Ridder Tribune
The map is color coordinated to show locations of news media facilities, storage and meeting space, pedestrial corridors, parking and delivery in the plans for the president's park.

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Hillary Clinton's grace and dignity during one of the most undignified periods in American history has elevated her to the status of icon. Elaine Lafferty on how the First Lady weathered the Lewinsky saga

BODY:

Perhaps no rebirth in American politics has been more dramatic this year than Hillary Clinton's. It is difficult to recall that not so long ago Ms Clinton was among the most unpopular first ladies in history. In 1996 her unfavourable rating stood at 41 percent, twice the worst number received by Nancy Reagan.

Hillary Clinton, while admired by many women and progressives, had failed to win over more conservative Americans. Too smart, too controlling, too obsessed with power, and too distant from a more traditional wifely role, they said.

Her initial forays into policy-making were also unsuccessful, notably her attempt to reform the health care system during Clinton's first term. She became the first first lady to ever be subpoenaed, when Kenneth Starr compelled her to testify before a grand jury investigating the Whitewater land deal and the role of Ms Clinton's law firm in it. Rumours swirled that she would be indicted.

And then came Monica Lewinsky.

With a wink of her eye, a nod of her head, or a public statement, Hillary Clinton could have ended her husband's presidency during the early days of the scandal back in August. For weeks, political pundits waited to see what Ms Clinton would do.

When it became clear that she would stand by her man, debates raged among women's groups. Was Hillary setting a bad example for America's young women by appearing to accept infidelity, even promiscuity? Behind the facade of a powerful, modern career woman, was she really just a traditional, in the worst sense, long-suffering wife?

In the midst of all this, it soon emerged that Hillary had a clear strategy. She would stick to her passion for issues and leave the gossip to others. Like a veteran politician, she hit the road on behalf of Democrats running for election, visiting 19 states in all.

In many ways, the campaigns were personal; in New York, for example, Ms Clinton was eager to see Republican Senator Al D'Amato defeated, a man who had viciously attacked her health care plan. In California, democratic Senator Barbara Boxer was in trouble in part for her initial refusal to condemn Clinton. In both states, Hillary's visits are now seen as helping ensure democratic victories.

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The turn-around in the public's attitude to Hillary Clinton is stunning. At events, she is treated like a rock star. She is admired, cheered, and greeted by crowds holding signs that say "You Go Girl!". Her grace and dignity during one of the most undignified periods in American history has moved Hillary Clinton onto the tableau of iconography.

This month, Mrs Clinton is gracing the cover of Vogue magazine, an achievement that was reportedly coveted but never achieved by Nancy Reagan. Mrs Clinton is the first first lady on the cover of Vogue.

Editor Anna Wintour told the New York Times: "People have seen it as a vindication for her, that being on the cover of Vogue is beyond power and politics. It proves in a way that she is a woman of stature and an icon to American women."

Even bigger things may be in store. Time magazine is seriously considering Hillary Clinton for the Person of the Year cover. In early December, during a whirlwind media tour of Manhattan, Hillary's new high profile was in evidence. She had lunch with the editors of Time and People magazines. She presided over the lighting of the huge Christmas tree in Rockefeller Center, and she hosted a glamorous movie premiere for Miramax Films for the opening of Shakespeare in Love.

It is little wonder that more talk centres on Mrs Clinton's future after the White House than her husband's. There is much speculation that she may run for the US Senate, either from New York, or from her home state of Illinois, where she is extremely popular. One White House source discounts such speculation, contending that Ms Clinton loathes the current climate of scandal in politics, despite her aptitude for surviving it.

"I think she has an intense interest in international issues. I would bet she will become some kind of foreign ambassador, a kind of Eleanor Roosevelt role," says this White House staff person.

Paul Costello, a former press secretary for former First Lady Rosalyn Carter, summed up the new buzz. "At any moment, you expect the lights to go up for the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical opera 'Hillary'," he told the New York Times.

The adulation is, however, not universal. Jane Mayer, writing in the New Yorker, noted that Hillary Clinton only became a heroine when she went from seeming too controlling to seeming unable to control her husband. Journalist and commentator Maureen Dowd complains that Mrs Clinton is the hot blond material girl now, hanging out with movie stars and rich people, and that her serene smile is just a bit eerie.

And of course, there is the not insignificant matter of Congress' possible impeachment of the President, despite polls showing that 68 percent of the American people do not want it. In addition, Monica Lewinsky is currently huddled in Los Angeles with Princess Diana biographer Andrew Morton, collaborating on a tell-all book that may reveal unflattering details about Mrs Clinton and her relationship with her husband.

What is certain, however, is that Hillary Clinton is now perceived as a formidable and graceful figure in American public life. She is considered dignified, thoughtful, and mindful of the burden of preserving an image of

respect in the White House.

Sadly, few of those qualities now come to mind when Americans think of William Jefferson Clinton.

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PRESIDENT, FIRST LADY DISPLAY SEMBLANCE OF NORMAL LIVING;
WHITE HOUSE: HE IS A MODEL OF A MAN AT WORK WHILE SHE CARRIES OUT TRADITIONAL HOSPITAL VISIT. THEIR ACTIONS ARE PART OF A BUSINESS- AS-USUAL PLAN.

BYLINE: JAMES GERSTENZANG and ELIZABETH SHOGREN, TIMES STAFF WRITERS

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY:

An observer at the White House might have caught a glimpse of President Clinton Friday:

He appears suddenly, smiling, waving, as he bids farewell to visiting European diplomats at the doorway to the White House West Wing. There he is on the telephone with British Prime Minister Tony Blair and presiding over a meeting of an AIDS panel. And there he is behind closed doors at yet another meeting, this one on the budget. "A perfectly normal budget meeting on an extraordinary536870912day," said a participant.

As for First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, she is seen Friday seated in a rocking chair at Children's Hospital in Washington. A group of patients gathered at her feet is delighted by what has become a traditional holiday visit. She tells tales of how First Cat Socks and First Dog Buddy really don't like each other--and she says that next year, maybe she will return with Buddy.

So how, spokesman Joe Lockhart is asked back at the White House, is the president keeping up with his near-certain impeachment? It is 1:11 p.m. and the House of Representatives is already f1869967904hours into its debate.

"I don't know that he's gotten a report on it yet," the press secretary says.

In the cocoon in which the president and first lady live and work, the tenor on Friday reflected the futility that the White House faces.

Doing Little to Make Case

How much was Clinton doing to make his case?

"Very little," Lockhart said.

Rep. Christopher Shays of Connecticut, one of the few House Republicans whose vote was still up in the air, visited Clinton. He left the White House grounds without a stir.

The president's sunny disposition, Lockhart said, stemmed from the holiday season of good cheer, seven hours of sleep Thursday night and word that after two days of operations over Iraq, all U.S. fliers had returned safely. To which a curmudgeonly skeptical veteran of such White House reports, Helen Thomas of United Press International, disbelieving that even these events could help overcome the heaviness of the day, blurted out to Lockhart: "Is he out of his mind?"

At its heart, the White House plan Friday was twofold: To project an image of business as usual, the portrait behind which every modern administration retreats in crisis, and to begin fending off growing calls for Clinton's resignation after impeachment.

White House officials and outside advisors anticipate a concerted and loud campaign from conservative Republicans they fear will find some support among Democrats, that the president should step down to avoid a wrenching Senate trial.

"I think the results of a meteor strike are more likely than the resignation of the president," said Vice President Al Gore, who kept to a largely private schedule throughout the day.

Clinton's advisors admitted that the scenario may seem far-fetched but one said: "We don't want it to become a self-fulfilling prophecy."

"Three weeks ago few of the White House guard thought it was possible that he was going to be impeached. I think things are so fluid, so up in the air, nobody can tell you what is going to happen," said a former senior White House official who continues to advise his former colleagues.

So it went in and around the White House: A bizarre pastiche in which the usual business was being conducted, even as the clerk of the House read out the articles of impeachment against the536870914president.

Every television set in the White House was tuned to one cable news operation or another. But they always are. Still, the impeachment matter was inescapable--if out of White House control--even as one after another, hour after hour after hour, the president's critics were shown on the House floor, their accusations and condemnations becoming an aural wallpaper for the day's work.

Mrs. Clinton kept up the public schedule for the family. Dressed in a double-breasted black pantsuit, a gold blouse and Christmas tree pin adding a touch of holiday flare, she stepped out onto the White House South Portico, before cameras and reporters, to discourage drinking and driving during the holidays.

Standing with the parents and brother of a boy killed by a drunken driver, she told reporters how she was doing. "Fine," she said.

Support for President Noted

"You know, the vast majority of Americans share my approval and pride in the job that the president is doing for our country and I think that view is shared not only by the vast majority of Americans, but by people all over the world,"

she said.

"In this holiday season, as we celebrate Christmas and Hanukkah and Ramadan . . it's a time for reflection and reconciliation among people," she said.

Times staff writers Sam Fulwood III and Marlene Cimons contributed to this story.

GRAPHIC: PHOTO: President Clinton smiles during a meeting with European diplomats held at the White House. PHOTOGRAPHER: Associated Press PHOTO: First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton reads to children as Santa listens. PHOTOGRAPHER: Reuters

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HEADLINE: Her strength will guide her future

BYLINE: DAN LYNCH

BODY:

As this year draws to an end -- a rough year for the country in general and for many of us in particular -- I find myself thinking back to a sunny June day nearly four years ago. I was in Washington, attending a luncheon in a congressional office building. Hillary Clinton sat a few tables away, waiting her turn to speak.

She's a smallish woman, trim and quick to smile in such settings. She got up, delivered a few well-chosen phrases and sat down again, smiling and seemingly ill at ease with all the attention.

I was struck by that. Here's this blazingly bright Yale lawyer, the First Lady of the land. Yet she struck me as almost shy as she spoke before a few hundred people. Not at all what I'd expected.

And, maybe, not at all what I thought I was seeing. Maybe that shyness was only a studied act, a refined bit of political theatrics. And, certainly, it seemed a marked contrast to the confident, almost brittle woman I'd seen on television -- the one who'd told Steve Kroft of ''60 Minutes'' through a plastic smile that she wasn't Tammy Wynette, standing mindlessly by her man despite the magnitude of his sins against her.

That is, however, precisely what Hillary Clinton has done all through this year. Confronted with one of the most public and humiliating betrayals that any married woman has ever endured, she has stood relentlessly by her man, smiling that same smile, and asked the nation to forgive him as she claims she has forgiven him.

Well, nobody knows what goes on inside anybody else's marriage. Bill Clinton's penchant for philandering was no secret when he ran for president, and most Americans were willing to ignore it as long as his wife was willing to do the same. Nobody could have predicted that Clinton's weakness for young lovelies in thong underwear could provoke such a towering national crisis. And certainly nobody could have predicted that his wife would be called upon to bear such a public burden of humiliation, whatever complicated private arrangement these people have in their marriage.

What's interesting, though, is this:

While Bill Clinton's job approval rating has soared past the 70 percent mark, so has the public's contempt for the man as a human being. Three in four Americans say they would be horrified if their kids grew up to be a Bill

Clinton -- somebody so fixated on satisfying his own desires that he seems oblivious to the pain he causes when he indulges his passions.

Hillary Rodham Clinton's approval numbers, though, are shooting through the roof. John Zogby, the pollster headquartered in Utica, reports that if she moves to New York when her husband leaves office and runs for the U.S. Senate seat of Daniel Patrick Moynihan, she's a cinch to nail down the Democratic nomination. She would beat every other Democratic hopeful, including as prodigious a vote-getter as state Comptroller Carl McCall, who isn't running away.

It's easy enough to write off such imposing political popularity as mere evidence of the power of victimhood in this whiny, self-absorbed culture of ours. But there's more to it than that.

Nobody would blame Hillary Clinton if she moved out of the White House tomorrow and left her lecherous husband to whatever fate might await him in the U.S. Senate now that he has been impeached. It wouldn't cost her a single vote if she chose to embark on a political career of her own.

That she doesn't clear out says something about her -- that she's either a saint or a fool, or a combination of the two.

It says also that whatever becomes of Bill Clinton, we probably haven't seen the last of his dogged, determined wife.

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HEADLINE: MEDIA;
The First Lady Strikes a Pose for the Media Elite

BYLINE: By ALEX KUCZYNSKI

BODY:

Last week, the First Lady came to town to light the five and a half miles of lights stapled to the branches of the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree, and while she was in Manhattan she also electrified a clutch of the town's media executives. It was a most worthwhile schmooze for all involved.

During a week when she appeared on the cover of Vogue's December issue -- the first time a First Lady has done so -- Hillary Rodham Clinton swept through the media world, having lunch with editors from Time, Teen People and People magazine on Tuesday, greeting a table of Vogue editors at breakfast on Wednesday, and delivering a 15-minute oration in praise of Harvey Weinstein and his media company, Miramax Films, on Thursday.

You will be reading more about Mrs. Clinton very soon: Newsweek and Time magazines are working on profiles of the First Lady for the end of the year, and she is under consideration by Time to be its Person of the Year, although that will depend on how the impeachment proceedings of Bill Clinton are resolved. (If he is impeached, she will not be considered; if he is not, she will be.)

Mrs. Clinton's visit demonstrated the fact that magazine editors need famous faces to generate a little heat and light for their publications. They can feed off the prestige of the First Lady while she uses them as a vehicle to support her favorite causes. And it also showed that at least in the case of Mr. Weinstein, a generous campaign contributor, the principle of the favor bank is alive and well in the world of media, as it is in the political arena.

She called him "my friend Harvey." And he said she was "the First Lady of all our hearts." (Gwyneth Paltrow, however, was the First Lady of Miramax, Mr. Weinstein said.)

Carl Sferrazza Anthony, a biographer of First Ladies, said Mrs. Clinton had only recently begun to deal with the media in a way that was both shrewd and yet comfortable for her. For example, the Vogue cover article -- something coveted but never attained by Nancy Reagan -- would not have been possible until this year.

"As she has become more comfortable with the reality that she has been made into a symbol upon which everyone can write all of their frustrations and aspirations, and she has accepted this creation of her as a symbol, she has

become more comfortable with the media," Mr. Anthony said. "And thus more comfortable with the lengthier and more in-depth kind of story that a magazine would do."

By sitting for the cover of Vogue, Mrs. Clinton generated a storm of international press so thick that the Vogue publicity department sent it out in a binder. Anna Wintour, the editor in chief of Vogue, said the magazine sold 900,000 newsstand copies of the October issue, which featured Oprah Winfrey as its gamine cover model; Ms. Wintour expects that Mrs. Clinton's cover will exceed the Winfrey cover in newsstand sales.

"The press hit way before the issue was out, and now we can only keep our fingers crossed," Ms. Wintour said.

And Vogue, a Conde Nast publication, validated Mrs. Clinton in a way that no other venue could: the article, written by the historian Ann Douglas, scarcely touches on the Monica S. Lewinsky debacle, choosing as its frame Mrs. Clinton's devotion to historic preservation. Mrs. Clinton gets to appear on the cover of a fashion magazine in a velvet dress, looking self-assured and -- perhaps most important -- well-coiffed.

"People have seen it as a vindication for her, that being on the cover of Vogue is beyond power and politics," Ms. Wintour said. "It proves in a way that she is a woman of stature and an icon to American women."

Score: Vogue, one. Mrs. Clinton, one.

On Tuesday, Mrs. Clinton spoke at a lunch given by Ann S. Moore, the president of the People division of Time Warner and Patricia Fili-Krushel, president of the ABC Television Network. Mrs. Clinton sparked waves of murmurs as she walked into the room with her Vogue makeover: she wore a slate-gray suit, a cluster of glittering red beads twisted around her neck, and her hair was smooth and straight, in the same sleek, I-will-survive hairstyle that Princess Diana adopted in the pages of Harper's Bazaar after her divorce from Prince Charles.

The lunch was ostensibly to celebrate Mrs. Clinton's work with the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, but Mrs. Clinton -- standing at a podium emblazoned with the bright blue Teen People logo before a bank of news camera crews -- praised Teen People "and its 10 million readers" for the magazine's articles on teen-age celibacy.

Mrs. Clinton, in turn, got to gather a roomful of influential people in broadcast news (like Lesley Stahl, Barbara Walters and the entire cast of ABC's midmorning talk show for women, "The View") and print (Time's managing editor, Walter Isaacson, and editors from every major Time Inc. magazine and Hearst Magazines' Ladies Home Journal) and asked them to send the message of teen-age celibacy to readers. She also urged Ms. Fili-Krushel to infuse the plots of ABC network shows with the same message. After lunch, everyone was given a bag with a coffee mug, a reprinted article about teen-age pregnancy from Teen People wrapped in a shot of a dreamily gazing Leonardo DiCaprio, and a copy of Mrs. Clinton's book "It Takes a Village."

Score: Teen People, one. Mrs. Clinton, one.

On Thursday evening, Mrs. Clinton walked into the Ziegfeld theater for the premiere of the Miramax film "Shakespeare in Love" on the arm of Mr. Weinstein, who is the co-chairman of Miramax with his brother, Bob, and is a generous contributor to the Democratic Party and the Clinton Legal Expense Trust.

Mrs. Clinton further earned the devotion of Mr. Weinstein. As the First Lady walked to the stage, a thousand folding movie theater seats simultaneously flipped up for an ovation, with a noise that sounded like a flock of large sea birds taking off. She delivered a speech praising the 20-year history of Miramax, and spoke about how much she and the President enjoy watching Miramax movies in the White House screening room.

"Harvey and Bob have really given us a lot of pleasure," she said. "They've raised the bar for excellence." She spoke about the "buzz" behind Miramax movies and media ventures, and said that the Miramax company "has done a great service."

Mr. Weinstein blushed like a newlywed.

Score: Mrs. Clinton, one. Miramax, one.

Mr. Anthony, the biographer, said Mrs. Clinton had learned to be at ease with the press over the last six years. When the couple first arrived at the White House, he said it was not a personal priority for her to get attention from the magazine world.

"Now, it's a matter of maybe acquiescing more, in rounding out the picture of being First Lady," he said. "I think she's realized that there is a halfway point."

He added, "Maybe the willingness to do a Vogue article is not so much a compromise to some traditional role of First Lady, but a way of complying with the traditional expectations, yet still managing to do it in her own way."

Ms. Douglas, the author of the Vogue profile, said she was surprised by the article's eventual status as the cover piece. Ms. Wintour had not initially intended the article that way, and by late summer, Ms. Douglas had assumed that Vogue would cancel the piece.

"When the scandal heated up, I assumed it was dropped," Ms. Douglas said.

Actually, the opposite happened. Ms. Wintour thought the Lewinsky affair made the article more important.

Ms. Douglas pointed out that the cover was especially successful in light of the Democratic Party's gains in the November elections .

"Just think how she would have looked on the cover of Vogue if the Democrats had lost," Ms. Douglas said. "My original title for the piece was 'The Triumph of Hillary Clinton.' And they didn't go with that. But putting her on the cover said it anyway."

GRAPHIC: Photo: During last summer's Lewinsky uproar, there was some doubt that Hillary Clinton would make the cover of Vogue. (pg. C1); Mrs. Clinton joins Harvey Weinstein and Gwyneth Paltrow for Miramax's "Shakespeare in Love"

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HEADLINE: What to make of glitzy second coming of Hillary?

BYLINE: MAUREEN DOWD

BODY:

SO what is it with Hillary?

The president's head is on the block, and the first lady has never looked more radiant. As her husband gets dragged through the mud by boneheaded Republicans, she glows. She looks as if she's traveling with her own pink baby spotlight.

Here she is on the cover of Vogue, looking Hallmark happy and Hollywood glamorous. Here she is making the flashbulbs pop, with Harvey Weinstein and Gwyneth Paltrow at the New York premiere of Miramax's Shakespeare in Love. Here she is at the White House, posing with the Christmas gingerbread house, looking totally Norman Rockwell. Here she is doing her Barbara Bush imitation, publishing Dear Socks, Dear Buddy, a book of letters from children to the White House pets.

But why is this woman smiling?

Does she think these are her wages for her husband's sin? Or is she offering up an emotionally airbrushed version of herself in order to help her husband get past his ordeal?

Either way, there is something a little eerie about that serene smile.

A very peculiar thing is happening. Just as she becomes the single most degraded wife in the history of the world, Hillary Clinton is being promoted from celebrity into iconicity. The power elite is deep into Hillary hysteria, treating the glossy, domesticated, upswept, inauthentic version of the first lady like a combination of Princess Di and Mother Courage. Dan Rather said she'd make a good presidential candidate, and Time is considering beatifying her as Person of the Year.

Paul Costello, who worked as a press secretary for Rosalynn Carter and Kitty Dukakis, said that "At any moment, you expect the lights to go up for the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical opera 'Hillary."'

There is more speculation now about what Hillary Clinton will do in the year 2000 than what her husband will do. Will she leave him or stay? Will she run for Senate in New York, or take a Supreme Court appointment from President Gore?

But her iconicity is strangely contentless.

There was a time when there were large and real accomplishments that she wished to achieve. Most notably, she wanted to reform health care and restore the prestige of liberal social engineering. But the halo beneath which she now moves has not been awarded to her for something that she has done, but for something she has endured. She was laid low by publicity, and so she will be raised up by publicity.

Feminists will long ponder how it was that the first lady became wildly popular only when she played the doormat. (Excuse me, I mean played Tammy Wynette.) She became a heroine only, as Jane Mayer wrote in The New Yorker, when she went from seeming too controlling to seeming unable to control her own husband. It was easier for many women to identify with that.

Why is it that Hillary Clinton is hailed as "a woman of stature and an icon to American women," as the Vogue editor Anna Wintour puts it, only after she's been demeaned in this gross, horrible, painful way?

The tough woman who wanted to be a co-president had to be brought down, so that out of the chrysalis could come a woman who stands by her man and does not allow any of her real emotions to show through.

Hillary Clinton is a hot blond material girl now, hanging out with fashion types, movie stars and rich people, showing that she is as attuned to the nuances of back-scratching and corporate huckstering as her husband.

Last Thursday, she repaid the generosity of Weinstein, the co-chairman of Miramax who is a big contributor to Clinton campaigns and the Clinton legal defense fund. As Alex Kuczynski reported in The New York Times, the first lady went to Weinstein's premiere and spoke in praise of "my friend Harvey." Sounding very Tina Brownish, Hillary raved about "the buzz" around Miramax, and said the company "has done a great service."

While in New York she also repaid Vogue for the glitzy cover and puff piece, going to breakfast with Vogue editors. And she had lunch with editors from Time, Teen People and People magazine, talking up her campaign for teen-age celibacy - a campaign that is a little cringe-making, given her husband's fling with an intern.

Historians will long ponder how Hillary Clinton came in as Eleanor Roosevelt and left as Madonna.

Dowd is a Washington-based columnist for The New York Times.

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HEADLINE: THE POSEABLE FIRST LADY

BODY:

Hillary Rodham Clinton agreed months ago to pose for Vogue and be interviewed to promote her Save America's Treasures project, Editor Anna Wintour writes in the December issue. Despite her hubby's troubles this year, the posing took place and the story went forward. When photographer Annie Leibovitz suggested that Mrs. Clinton might be pictured reading a newspaper, she was informed by a White House aide: ''The first lady does not read newspapers.'' Instead, she posed in evening clothes and ''at work on the Truman balcony.'' Gushed writer Ann Douglas: ''I was struck by her height, the level quality of her blue-eyed gaze, her erect, head-held-high carriage. . . . She's in that small, select group of women who are far more beautiful at 50 than they were at 30.'' Also: ''She is simply smarter than any press person she talks to.'' But Vogue is fickle. While swooning over this month's cover girl, it takes a sideswipe at last month's cover girl, Oprah Winfrey. Mrs. Clinton is the epitome of dignity, says the magazine, even in this ''tell-all p postmodern age of Oprah Winfrey and Jerry Springer.'' Yow.

How to succeed in business

Most editors of publications we're familiar with are hard workers who don't have time for shenanigans. Then again, we've never worked at a big-shot New York magazine such as Marie Claire. Nor do we quite understand the concept of inviting celebrities to be ''guest editors.'' Nevertheless, Marie Claire invited actress Susan Sarandon to spend a day ''editing'' its January issue, in exchange for a donation to charity. So, what all did she do?

She had her picture snapped while taking a bite of a stranger's lunch, while shampooing a man's hair and while ordering the Monica Lewinsky dress at the Gap.

She squeezed herself into a newly married couple's wedding photo and swallowed her pride by asking a Barnes & Noble clerk to look up all the books she's in. ''You are not a keyword,'' he told her.

She good-naturedly succumbed to a lap dance by a bodacious blonde at a strip club called Scores.

At no time did she pick up a green eyeshade or a red pencil.

Employee of the month

Temperamental Actor Sean Penn (who recently changed his name to add the words Temperamental Actor) seems to be up to his old tricks, at least on the set of his current movie. Penn has been feuding with producers on Woody Allen's untitled fall project, insiders told the New York Daily News. Penn, who plays

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HEADLINE: Despite trying times first lady remains focused and energetic

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BYLINE: NANCY MATHIS

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY:

WASHINGTON - Perhaps it's symbolic that in the nation's capital, as temperatures hit another record for unseasonable warmth, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton on Monday unveiled the White House's Christmas theme of "Winter Wonderland."

As the impeachment move against her husband continues unabated despite surveys showing that the public is overwhelmingly opposed to it, Hillary Clinton's year of lows is about to end - with her at a high.

The first lady's public approval ratings recently topped 69 percent in the polls; she graced the December cover of Vogue in an elegant Oscar de la Renta gown; and she served as a tireless campaigner for Democrats who defied history by winning additional seats in Congress.

Whatever private anger remains from her public humiliation never seems to leave the White House.

"She gives off an enormous, focused energy and, oddly enough, a kind of radiant peace," gushed Vogue.

As she stood in the State Dining Room, which is decorated with a giant gingerbread castle guarded by a sugary Buddy the dog, she thanked decorators for a "wonderful partnership of people who come in to help us kind of lend an air of fantasy and magic" to the White House.

Later Monday, she appeared on a pre-taped segment of The Rosie O'Donnell Show, where she sang a duet with the star and hawked her new book, Dear Socks, Dear Buddy: Kids' Letters to the First Pets. And, much of her time remains devoted to saving America's treasures that are in need of protection or refurbishment or speaking on childrens' rights.

"We let her actions and her words speak for themselves," said Marsha Berry, the first lady's spokeswoman, declining to provide an interpretation of Hillary Clinton's current situation.

Sherry Bebitch Jeffe, a California commentator, noted that Hillary Clinton has become "an object of fascination" around the world. Indeed, when President

Clinton visited Japan recently a housewife asked him if his wife and daughter had forgiven him and allowed as to how she doubted she would have forgiven her husband.

"The theme of the coverage was how well she has responded to the problems of her husband and how well she is playing the role of the wronged, but steadfast, wife," Jeffe said.

"There is a perception out there that 'as Hillary goes, so goes the nation' and it's been that way since day one. Had she not responded as she did and had she not rallied to him then he would have been in graver danger than he is now," Jeffe added.

Jeffe attributed the first lady's continued embrace of her husband following his acknowledgment of an affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky as a key reason the public has continued to support him.

The political feelings toward the first lady have only lately become warm. During the 1996 presidential campaign, Hillary Clinton remained under wraps, traveling to the nation's smaller cities and to groups where she would be welcomed. This year, she attended hundreds of fund-raising events and was a relentless campaigner for California Sen. Barbara Boxer and New York Senator-elect Charles Schumer.

Many people soured on the first lady during her handling of the health care debacle in 1994 in which she led the effort to overhaul the nation's medical care system. And, for much of independent counsel Kenneth Starr's four-year investigation, the first lady has been as much a target of his probe as the president.

Rehabilitation of her reputation and image had been under way for sometime but hastened dramatically in January once Starr's investigation of Clinton's affair with Lewinsky became public.

Last week at Georgetown University's Eleanor Roosevelt Lecture Series on Children's Rights, the first lady spoke about the women and children she has met on her many travels abroad, people who struggle daily for basic rights.

She could even joke about the 1996 news reports about her conversations with Eleanor Roosevelt. "I thought I needed to discuss this speech with Eleanor Roosevelt," she deadpanned.

So in Washington this week, the bizarre heat wave is supposed to break. Seasonal temperatures are supposed to return. The first lady will travel with the president on a historic trip to Israel. The House Judiciary Committee debates impeachment.

And, there were reports that Hillary Clinton is being considered as Time Magazine's Man of the Year.

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HEADLINE: First Lady: Bring Country together

BYLINE: SANDRA SOBIERAJ

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY:
The Capitol Dome framing her from a distance, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton exhorted the nation ''to practice reconciliation'' today.

''We ought to bring our country together. We ought to end divisiveness because we can do so much more together,'' Mrs. Clinton said.

The first lady spoke to reporters clustered on the White House driveway just as the House debate on impeaching President Clinton was gaveled open on the opposite end of Pennsylvania Avenue.

There to promote the Mothers Against Drunk Driving ''red ribbon'' campaign, Mrs. Clinton looped trails of red ribbon to the antenna of a Ford Explorer and then readily addressed a question about the impeachment debate.

With a small, jeweled Christmas tree pinned to her jacket and with words delivered in a measured, practiced manner Mrs. Clinton began: ''Well, I think the vast majority of Americans share my approval and pride in the job that the president's been doing for our country.''

She noted the confluence of Hanukkah, Christmas and Ramadan, and said, ''At the time for reflection and reconciliation among people, we in our country ought to practice reconciliation. ... I would hope that we as a nation would turn our attention to what we can do together, what we can do positively, how we can build each other up.''

Before turning to leave with the Clinton family cat, Socks, for a holiday program at Children's National Medical Center, Mrs. Clinton concluded, ''So I hope that this holiday season is a very happy and blessed one for everyone. Thank you all very much.''

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HEADLINE: Mrs. Clinton: 'Let's Reconcile'

BYLINE: SANDRA SOBIERAJ

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY:

Taking a dramatic last-minute lead in her husband's defense, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton exhorted the nation Friday to ''practice reconciliation'' and planned a trip to Capitol Hill in the hour before the impeachment vote.

The first lady wanted to give a pep talk to House Democrats in their Saturday-morning caucus just prior to voting, a White House official said.

Mrs. Clinton broke her months-long silence on the impeachment crisis on Friday when she called for the impeachment spirit to give way to the holiday spirit.

With the Capitol Dome in the distance, Mrs. Clinton spoke to reporters on the White House driveway just as the House debate on President Clinton's removal from office was gaveled open at the opposite end of Pennsylvania Avenue.

''We ought to bring our country together. We ought to end divisiveness because we can do so much more together,'' said Mrs. Clinton, who has telephoned House members this week to lobby on her husband's behalf. On Friday, she was not making calls but was ''definitely keeping abreast of stuff,'' spokeswoman Marsha Berry said.

Mrs. Clinton invited the news media to the South Portico in order to promote the Mothers Against Drunk Driving ''red ribbon'' campaign. She stood with her arm around Julian Hill, 11, whose 4-year-old brother was killed by a drunk driver, and looped trails of red ribbon around the antenna of a Ford Explorer.

Finished, the first lady appeared to wait for a reporter's inevitable question about the impeachment debate.

When it came, she began, ''Well, I think the vast majority of Americans share my approval and pride in the job that the president's been doing for our country.''

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HEADLINE: FIRST LADY RESUMES HER ROLE AS DEFENDER-IN-CHIEF

BYLINE: Melinda Henneberger The New York Times News Service

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BODY:

Hillary Rodham Clinton went to Capitol Hill on Saturday morning and said her husband would continue to fight what she called an unfair, politically motivated impeachment process, participants in the meeting said.

In a closed meeting with House Democrats prior to the impeachment votes, Mrs. Clinton said she was there in part as "a wife who loves and supports her husband," and charged that Republicans were impeaching her husband - " hounding him out of office," she said - because they opposed his agenda.

"She said this is as much about ending his agenda on health care and other things as about hounding him out of office," said Rep. Bob Menendez of New Jersey. "She said there would be no resignation and we should not and cannot allow them to hound him out of office."

She returned to the White House after the meeting. As the House voted two articles of impeachment against her husband, aides said Mrs. Clinton was with her daughter, Chelsea, in the White House family quarters.

Mrs. Clinton is extremely popular among congressional Democrats - far more so than her husband - and came to inoculate him against the possibility that Democrats could be persuaded that resignation might be best for the country. Two House Democrats, Rep. Louise Slaughter of New York and Rep. William Lipinski of Illinois, had already said they would urge resignation if he were impeached.

"She was determined and defiant," said Rep. Jerrold Nadler of New York. " Her message was that they've been pursuing him since the day he came into office."

In what several members called a "pep rally," she thanked Democrats for their support and asked them to keep it coming, receiving half a dozen standing ovations. After the meeting, members stood in line to give her a hug. And as they left, several House Democrats referred at least obliquely to Mrs. Clinton's own political prospects.

"She's probably the most popular person in the country with Democrats, period, and that's also true of us in the caucus," said Rep. Eliot Engel of New York, where Mrs. Clinton has been mentioned as someone with the potential to succeed Daniel Patrick Moynihan in the Senate.

Mrs. Clinton's continued support for her husband has been seen as crucial to his popularity with the public.

Though Mrs. Clinton got generous credit for campaigning in congressional races before the November elections, some Democrats had still expressed nervousness that she had not offered fresh support for the President in recent weeks.

And her appearance on Saturday, following supportive remarks she made on Friday, definitively ended a week of speculation that Mrs. Clinton had decided to distance herself from her husband, in the hour of his greatest political need, in order to keep her own options open.

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POLITICS: The first lady addresses House Democrats in an emotional show of support.

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BODY:

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HEADLINE: First Lady Fights for Her Husband

BYLINE: SANDRA SOBIERAJ

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY:

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''She talked about the fact that she believed we were all American citizens and that as citizens we live in a constitutional country and that the process should be done right and that up to now it has not been,'' Minority Leader Dick Gephardt said afterward.

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The Texas congressman quoted Mrs. Clinton as saying, ''We have committed our lives to the values of quality of opportunity and a better life for the children of America.''

A close associate of Mrs. Clinton, speaking on condition of anonymity, said her emotions have bubbled near the surface in the past two weeks as the

ignominy of impeachment grew more certain.

When the House votes were finally cast, aides said Mrs. Clinton was with her daughter, Chelsea, in the White House family quarters. Incongruously, the family was playing host Saturday evening to a long-scheduled holiday party for hundreds of supporters.

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On Saturday, Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., said Mrs. Clinton, who lobbied House members by phone all week, made clear that she had also watched much of the week's House proceedings. ''She shared with us the speeches she had heard on the floor,'' he said.

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HEADLINE: PRESIDENT, FIRST LADY WILL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH HILL

BYLINE: From Our Press Services

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY:

President Clinton plans to address the nation today after the House finishes voting on the four articles of impeachment facing him, the White House said late Friday.

And jumping into the political fray after months of absence, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton plans to journey to Capitol Hill early today to speak to House Democrats before the vote.

The President also planned to meet at the White House with House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt (D-Mo.), and other members of the House Democratic leadership immediately after the vote.

Clinton has made no public remarks since Thursday morning about impeachment, now widely seen as unavoidable. But White House spokesman Joe Lockhart suggested that Clinton would want Americans to know his side of the story as they absorbed news reports about today's scheduled vote.

"I expect that at some point you will probably see him," said Lockhart, who declined to be more specific.

White House officials declined to characterize the purpose or the substance of Mrs. Clinton's intended remarks today. Marsha Berry, Mrs. Clinton's spokesman, said that the first lady was invited by Gephardt to speak because the Democrats "just want to show their support for her and the President."

Mrs. Clinton had no intention of trying to sway Republican votes through her appearance, which will be at a private meeting of the Democratic caucus, Berry said.

While her husband said nothing about the impeachment drama Friday, Mrs. Clinton broke her silence on the issue, urging reconciliation.

"I think in this holiday season, as we celebrate Christmas and Hanukkah and Ramadan - and at the time for reflection and reconciliation among people - we in our country ought to practice reconciliation, and we ought to bring our country together. We ought to end the divisiveness because we can do so much more together," she said.

Mrs. Clinton invited reporters to the South Portico in order to promote the Mothers Against Drunk Driving "red ribbon" campaign. She stood with her arm around Julian Hill, 11, whose 4-year-old brother was killed by a drunken driver.

Finished, the first lady appeared to wait for a reporter's inevitable question about the impeachment debate.

When it came, she began, "Well, I think the vast majority of Americans share my approval and pride in the job that the President's been doing for our country."

With a small, jeweled Christmas tree pinned to her jacket, she noted the confluence of Hanukkah, Christmas and Ramadan and made her plea for reconciliation.

Before turning to leave, Mrs. Clinton concluded: "So I hope that this holiday season is a very happy and blessed one for everyone. Thank you all very much."

The first lady did not use the word impeachment or speak directly of the House effort to oust her husband. Still, her comments were clearly aimed at her husband's political opponents.

Mrs. Clinton has said little in her husband's defense since January, when the allegations of her husband's affair with Monica Lewinsky surfaced. Defending him at the time, she later learned the charges were true.

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HEADLINE: Tension, gloom hang over White House;
Advisers say president is tending to business; first lady makes appeal

SOURCE: Washington Bureau of The Dallas Morning News

BYLINE: Susan Feeney

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY:

WASHINGTON - Cathy Ebee emerged from a White House aglitter in holiday finery.

"It's very lovely. It's beautiful," the Long Islander said. "But there's a pall hanging over the whole place."

With the House moving on Friday toward probable impeachment, President Clinton kept busy and out of sight as his advisers struggled to make the day appear as normal as possible.

But neither those efforts nor the festive trappings of the season could mask the tension and pervasive sense of gloom.

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton made a late call for reconciliation, and the White House announced that she would go to Capitol Hill Saturday morning to make her husband's case. Vice President Al Gore said he was "fighting mad" about Republican partisanship.

The president, who declined to comment on Friday's historic impeachment proceedings, did not plan to watch them, and by midday he had not even been briefed, said White House press secretary Joe Lockhart. Mr. Clinton probably would not be told about the proceedings before early evening, the spokesman said.

The president appears surprisingly focused, said a senior adviser who has been in several recent policy meetings with the president.

"If you didn't know what was going on, you wouldn't know what was going on," said the aide, who asked not to be identified.

Mr. Clinton smiled broadly and appeared to be in a good spirits during an Oval Office picture-taking session with European Union leaders. Mr. Lockhart said the president got seven hours' sleep Thursday, the first good night's rest he's had - given events - in three or four days. But by the early evening, at an AIDS meeting, he looked tired and fidgety.

Mr. Lockhart also showed the strain. During his daily press briefing, the spokesman blasted pro-impeachment Republicans and lectured reporters, at times questioning their questions.

He read from Watergate-era remarks by then-Judiciary Chairman Peter Rodino. The New Jersey Democrat described President Richard Nixon's transgressions as a threat to "our rights, our liberties, our privileges," Mr. Lockhart said.

Allowed to continue, those actions would have brought "grave harm to the republic" and "destroyed the constitutional system," the spokesman quoted Mr. Rodino.

"Nobody, nobody has made the case at any time in this process of anything that reaches that standard," Mr. Lockhart insisted.

Mr. Clinton spent "very little" time on impeachment matters, according to his spokesman, though he held a closed-door meeting with Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., who initially opposed impeachment but later indicated he might reconsider.

Tending to business

Aides insisted that the president tended to presidential business.

He met with his national security advisers and spoke by telephone with British Prime Minister Tony Blair about Friday's third wave of strikes against Iraq.

He videotaped a Ramadan message, to be broadcast in the Arab world, and convened a meeting about next year's federal budget.

The administration released new statistics showing teen drug use down. The Food and Drug Administration approved Ziagen, a new AIDS drug. The Energy Department said it would proceed with the nuclear waste-disposal site in Yucca Mountain, Nev.

Mr. Clinton's photo session with European leaders was open only to photographers. A day earlier, the president took questions from reporters during an Oval Office meeting with his national security team; his responses were carried live on television.

Was Mr. Clinton hiding out?

"If you're going to make the case that we're hiding out, you have no evidence of it," snapped Mr. Lockhart as he abruptly ended his morning session with reporters.

There were two other glimpses of the embattled president Friday.

A reporter arrived early at the White House to find the president passing by an outside service area. He waved hello.

An aide said Mr. Clinton - during one of the darkest days of his presidency - was en route to inspect renovation plans for the White House family theater.

Later, Mr. Clinton attended a 40-minute Cabinet Room session with his AIDS Advisory Council. A single newspaper reporter was permitted to observe - keeping the president away from TV cameras all day.

First lady speaks

In a turnabout, Mrs. Clinton was the public face of the first couple.

Appearing at an annual drunken-driving awareness event on the White House driveway, she broke her four-month silence on the impeachment charges flowing from her husband's admittedly improper relationship with intern Monica Lewinsky.

"As we celebrate Christmas and Hanukkah and Ramadan - and at the time for reflection and reconciliation among people - we in our country ought to practice reconciliation and we ought to bring our country together," Mrs. Clinton said without mentioning the bitter impeachment debate under way at the U.S. Capitol, visible over her shoulder.

Without a coat and wearing a small gold Christmas tree pin on her dark suit, Mrs. Clinton stood with a Maryland family that had lost a 4-year-old child because of a drunken driver.

"We ought to end divisiveness because we can do so much more together," the first lady said.

Some presidential aides were caught off guard by her remarks. They had pushed for greater public involvement by the first lady. But unlike in previous crises, her help was coming at the 11th hour.

Mr. Gore again accused GOP leaders of "cracking the whip and threatening the members of their party to fall into line" on the impeachment vote, set for Saturday.

"That's really what's going on here, and it is dead wrong," the vice president said in an interview with American Urban Radio Network. "They think that people are not going to remember this. Well, I think they may be dead wrong about that, too."

Republican leaders deny pressuring lawmakers on impeachment.

Visitors to the silver-and-gold festooned White House ceremonial rooms on Friday described a strange and intriguing experience.

"It was really amazing to keep reminding yourself that while you're in the building with the president of the United States of America, they're trying to impeach him," said Donald Curtis, 16, from South Africa.

But tourists seemed as divided about impeachment as the Congress.

"It's a thrill to be here. I wish them the best," Teresa Menz of Long Island, N.Y., said of the Clintons.

But Chicago software consultant Jim O'Neal said he was struck by the inscription from John Adams over a White House fireplace: "May none but honest and wise men ever rule under this roof."

"I do think he should be impeached," Mr. O'Neal said.

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HEADLINE: 750 pack anti-impeachment rally

BYLINE: By DIEGO IBARGUEN, Associated Press Writer

DATELINE: NEW YORK

BODY:
Supporters of President Clinton rallied Monday night, urging the House of Representatives not to vote for impeachment.

The gathering at New York University drew two Nobel laureates and a Democratic member of the House Judiciary Committee.

"Like everything else, humiliation must have its limits," said Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor, author and Nobel Peace Prize winner.

Most Americans oppose impeachment, he said, urging "Please, judges in the House, listen to (the majority's) voice."

The crowd of 750, which included students and residents from around the city, cheered as speakers called for an end to the public drama begun by Clinton's affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

Nobel laureate Toni Morrison, feminist Gloria Steinem, novelist E.L. Doctorow, actor Alec Baldwin and Caroline Kennedy all took the podium.

"We will not stand idly by as a Congress dominated by men impeaches the first president elected by women," Steinem said. Republicans in Congress "are consumed with hatred. We have two days to make our will felt."

The speakers tried to send the same message to Congress. Clinton's "low crimes" are not enough to justify removing him from office, they said, and House Republicans are so bent on impeachment that they're jeopardizing the well-being of the nation.

Rep. Jerrold Nadler, a Manhattan Democrat and member of the Judiciary Committee, urged the crowd to tell undecided representatives to weigh in against impeachment when the House votes Thursday. "And then pray for the safety of our country," he added.

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Full circle on health reforms

Just as in this administration's early days, the Clintons are once again mobilizing their forces to push for health care legislation.

President Clinton has already announced it should be the next Congress' first priority. And just before the November election, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton castigated Congress, writing that it "failed to pass the 'patients' bill of rights,' which would have guaranteed that doctors — not bureaucrats or accountants — make decisions about their patients' medical requirements."

To those who have been following the first family's health care prescriptions since they entered the White House, their latest rhetoric appears to constitute a remarkable change in diagnosis for the country.

Just four years ago, the Clinton administration, led by the first lady, was prescribing the largest-ever expansion of federal bureaucracy and complete government regulation and operation — if not outright government takeover — of the nation's health care industry, which represents one-seventh of the nation's economy. Now they are saying "not bureaucrats or accountants" is the way to go? An apparent animadversion of such startling magnitude begs analysis. Did the nation's wholesale rejection of their proposed treatment actually change their fundamental health care philosophy? On closer examination, one finds regretfully not.

The "patients' bill of rights" that Hillary Rodham Clinton cited is not just a phrase, but was actually two separate legislative proposals offered by Republicans and Democrats in the Senate during the just-completed Congress. Needless to say, the first lady chose the Democrats' — one supported by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy and Minority Leader Thomas Daschle. Although Mrs. Clinton claims the Kennedy-Daschle bill "would have guaranteed that doctors — not bureaucrats or accountants — make decisions about their patients' medical requirements," independent analysis shows this was far from the case.

According to analysis done by Multinational Business Services (an independent Washington firm composed of former staffers of the Office of Management and Budget — the accounting arm of the Executive branch), the Kennedy-Daschle bill would have imposed 3,828 new federal bureaucrats. Nor would those thousands of new bureaucrats have been idle because it also contained 359 new federal mandates and 59 new sets of federal regulations. This is hardly the bureaucrat-free utopia Mrs. Clinton promises.

If this sounds vaguely reminiscent, it should. The health care legislation that the first lady developed in 1993 and 1994 was similarly bureaucrat- and regulation-heavy. Again using MBS analysis, the Clinton "Health Security Act" would have required 98,146 additional federal workers and the establishment of 59 new federal and state offices to run its so-called health alliances.

The Clinton bill also contained 818 new regulatory mandates — roughly 10 times the amount needed to run the federal Medicaid program and 2.5 times the number needed to operate the entirely federally run Medicare system.

It would seem that the only difference between the "then" and "now" health care proposals espoused by the Clintons is one of magnitude, not direction. Yet even that conclusion is premature when one considers the fact the more recent version contained an expanded right to sue — 56 new causes for action according to MBS — which were not included in the earlier version. One could well argue that this expanded litigation merely substitutes lawyers for bureaucrats.

A final similarity between these proposals lies in their supporters —besides the president and first lady. While the 1994 Clinton health care proposal's unpopularity kept the Democrat-controlled Congress from holding a direct vote on it, there were some votes that were closely related to it.

A case in point was a 1994 Senate amendment to defer a vote for a year while the proposal was evaluated. The amendment was defeated 54-46. Those opposing the amendment logically can be assumed to have supported the Clinton proposal and vice versa.

Of the 54 opposing the amendment, all were Democrats; furthermore, of the 46 supporting the amendment, 44 were Republicans plus two Democrats — both of whom later switched parties (Ben Nighthorse Campbell of Colorado and and Richard Shelby of Alabama). Furthermore, of the 32 senators who supported the latest Clinton-endorsed proposal, all are Democrats and 29 supported the 1994 Clinton-care proposal in some manner.

The first family has indeed come full circle in their health care sentiments: They are right where they were in 1994. Despite claiming to support a proposal that eliminates bureaucrats, the proposal they endorse once again wholeheartedly embraces them. . . while adding trial lawyers by allowing expanded litigation. Apparently, theirs is only a rhetorical, not a real, change. Or to paraphrase another astute observer of the liberal agenda: There they go again.

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HEADLINE: BOSTON RADIO; 'ZLX helps Franciscan's children

BYLINE: By Dean Johnson

BODY:

How much Charles Laquidara is enough Charles Laquidara?

You may get your answer Thursday when the veteran morning man stages a 12-hour radiothon on WZLX-FM (100.7) to raise $ 100,000 for the Franciscan Children's Hospital the children's hospital in the Hub.

Laquidara will be on the air from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. but has vowed (threatened?) to stay on even longer, if need be, to raise the $ 100,000 needed to help construct a new gymnasium and therapeutic pool for the Franciscan.

But Charles won't be alone. Visitors and guest auctioneers are expected to include local and national celebrities.

He even called in the heaviest of the heavy hitters to help out: Hillary Rodham Clinton. The station will rerun the 25-minute interview Laquidara did with the first lady when she visited the hospital recently . The two quickly formed a mutual admiration club.

"They were both on their game," said someone who was there. The first lady was originally supposed to do a five-minute chat but ended up staying with Laquidara for nearly half an hour.

Laquidara, the most politically active rock DJ Boston has ever had, admitted he would have never done the interview if it had been with Barbara Bush or Nancy Reagan.

"But if people saw the side of Hillary Clinton I saw, they would vote for her for president," he said.

When the interview ended, Laquidara got the first lady to pose with him for the cameras, both giving the raised-thumb-and-pinky "hang loose" sign.

"She turned around and looked at me" Laquidara laughed, "and said, 'What does it mean, Charles?"'

Laquidara said that under different circumstances he would have asked more difficult questions. But since the interview was in support of the Franciscan Children's Hospital (Clinton even did promos for the upcoming radiothon), Laquidara behaved.

She did tell Laquidara she prefers Fleetwood Mac and classical music for background sounds at the White House, and in fact chose the Mac tune that was her husband's original campaign theme, "Don't Stop Thinking About Tomorrow," as a request.

Anyone can make a song request Thursday as long as he or she is willing to ante up. The fee is $ 50 for a tune in the station's regular classic rock format, $ 100 for a "lost classic." Even if you despise classic rock, you can get the last laugh for a good cause. The station will play any request, even, say, "Disco Duck" or "Take Five," for a $ 1,000 donation.

The on-air auction will include Furbys, tickets to the Rolling Stones at the FleetCenter, autographed items by Neil Young, Bruce Springsteen, Steve Winwood and others, as well as a six-hour tour for 20 aboard an America's Cup yacht.

Laquidara hopes it's all enough. "I gotta get the money," he said. "I don't want to stay up all night."

Photo Caption: HANGING LOOSE: WZLX morning show host Charles Laquidara with first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, center, and 'ZLX's Jo Doherty.

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First lady stays low-key as crisis escalates

By Mimi Hall
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — If ever there were a moment for Hillary Rodham Clinton to step out and defend her husband, this would seem to be it.

She has done it before: on CBS' *60 Minutes* when Gennifer Flowers' name made news in 1992, on NBC's *Today* show when Monica Lewinsky first made headlines last January, and in a statement that she still loved her husband after he finally admitted an affair with the former intern last August.

The White House wanted the nation to take its cue from her: If she would stand by her man, despite his personal failings and public humiliations, why should anyone else care?

But now, in the deepest crisis of President Clinton's career, some in Washington — if not the nation — are wondering: Where's Hillary?

Today, on her first day back from a four-day trip to the Middle East, she has no plans for any public appearances.

And when lawmakers begin debating the president's fate Thursday, she'll be attending to her duties as first lady: reading stories to kids at Children's Hospital in Washington and finishing preparations for the evening's star-studded White House concert in honor of the 30th anniversary of the Special Olympics.

After years of seeing her look out for her husband, some are wondering whether Hillary Clinton is starting to look out for herself.

And rumors are flying. On the eve of impeachment votes, will she go on TV to defend him once more? Will she make some dramatic public statement? Will she pick up the phone and start pleading with undecided lawmakers?

Her aides say no.

Well, what does that signify?

In the latest in a series of stories about her activities, NBC reported Monday that friends see "an iciness between the Clintons," and she "is no longer the president's 'defender in chief.'"

Hillary Clinton doesn't comment. But close friends scoff. It's not, they say privately, that she has given up on her husband, notwithstanding persistent reports — from unnamed people who claim to know — that their relationship is rocky.

They say she's simply unwilling to talk about a painful family matter that she would like to keep as private as possible. One friend says she is defiant in her determination to regain her family's privacy and protect daughter Chelsea from further anguish and embarrassment.

That doesn't mean Hillary Clinton isn't seeking and receiving considerable publicity.

She posed for the latest cover of *Vogue*, recently appeared on Rosie O'Donnell's talk show and might be named *Time*'s "Woman of the Year" this weekend.

"This is the first time in anyone's memory that the selection (for what's typically "Man of the year") has gone right down to the wire," *Time* spokeswoman Debra Richman says. The first lady, she says, is one of about 10 contenders.

As she continues to generate media coverage, the topic expands to what she'll do when she and her husband leave the White House.

There's speculation that she'll teach, run for the Senate or even higher national office, or continue traveling the world to promote the issues she cares about.

A Senate run is unlikely, spokeswoman Marsha Berry says, but "all those are possibilities."



By Awad Awad, Agence France-Presse

In Middle East: President Clinton and Hillary Clinton sing Christmas carols Tuesday in Bethlehem. The Clinton family took a pre-Christmas tour on the last day of their visit to Israel and the Palestinian territories.

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The Real Hillary

MAUREEN Dowd of The New York Times is irate that Hillary Clinton does not look disgraced, that she has the effrontery to look good on the cover of Vogue.

It is "inauthentic" for the president's wife not to be dowdy and defeated in this time of her husband's travail. Only by being "emotionally airbrushed" is she avoiding the collapse Ms. Dowd decrees as the only authentic posture.

Dowd gets positively hysterical over what she calls "Hillary hysteria." People are perversely rewarding the woman not "for something she has done, but for something she has endured." Once, we are told, as if wistfully, the president's wife wanted to accomplish things, but now she just goes to parties. Nowhere does Dowd mention the hard campaigning that Mrs. Clinton did for Democratic candidates this fall.

It is, well, inauthentic for Dowd to pretend she is yearning for the days when the president's wife was campaigning for health reform. Dowd hated her back then, too. She has been a journalistic stalker of Mrs. Clinton from the outset, striking a particularly low note when she said that she may have deserved the vile things Dick Morris said about her.

Like any realistic person who takes a defeat like that on health care, Mrs. Clinton has moved on to other things. But anyone who knows her knows that she is serious, hard-working and no dilettante.

You would never get that impression from Dowd. When Mrs. Clinton got up



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Entertaining a Nation

Kennedy Center Stars Can't Stop Shining

By David Streitfeld
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"I know a whoopee spot," Bebe Neuwirth claimed, the sort of sordid allegation that's dominated the news from Washington for nearly a year now.

Luckily she wasn't testifying, merely singing a song from "Chicago" about a place where "the gin is cold but the piano's hot."

The Kennedy Center Honors weekend, which was capped by Sunday night's performance extravaganza starring 60 tap-dancing tykes, a 21-ton bus and Henry Kissinger, isn't about politics. It's a rare moment in an atomized culture where all the performing arts are celebrated together, a feel-good event where everyone actually ends up feeling good.

"A lotta cats copy the Mona Lisa, but people still line up to see the original," said the master of ceremonies, Walter Cronkite, quoting one American genius—Louis Armstrong—and introducing six more.

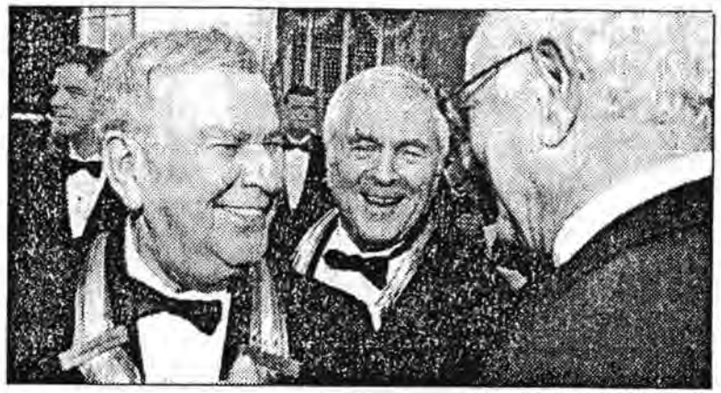
For Bill Cosby, Shirley Temple Black, Andre Previn, Willie Nelson and the songwriting team of John Kander and Fred Ebb, this tribute must have had all the good parts about being dead and none of the bad: Their admirers and colleagues vouched for their creative brilliance, performed snippets of their signature works and said what swell folks they had nonetheless remained.

Tommy Lee Jones, for instance, mentioned how once he was feeling low while shooting a movie in Los Angeles. Then one night, crawling back to his hotel room, he ran into Nelson. The country singer made him feel a whole lot better just by inviting him over for some spaghetti.

"They say you can't go home again . . . and that's true for a lot of people, unhappily, but it's not true for Willie," Jones declared, noting that Nelson's bus, the Honeysuckle Rose, always returns to his base in the Texas Hill Country. "Maybe that's why he speaks well of and sings well of not only Texas but what we call our country."

The Nelson segment, which started with Shelby Lynne doing a version of "Crazy" that was almost as good as Patsy Cline's, continued with Dwight Yoakam and Lyle Lovett, and ended with the evening's first show-stopper: the Honeysuckle Rose itself onstage, horn blaring. "They told us we couldn't do this, so of course we did," said Kris Kristofferson, who got off the bus and launched into "On the Road Again."

The honorees might be alive but they are traditionally at the show mostly in spirit, sitting up in the box with the president and first lady. And even if they don't speak, they sure can gesture: waving, blowing kisses, choking up and, in Cosby's case, literally climbing the walls.



BY ROBERT A. REEDER—THE WASHINGTON POST

Honorees Fred Ebb, left, and John Kander greet a guest after the ceremony.

This was during the comedian Sinbad's riff on how he fought next to Cosby in Vietnam, and even patched him together when he got all shot up, but Cosby never thanked him, because Cosby is a mean, brutal sort. In fact, Sinbad said, completely deadpan, he acted on "The Cosby Show" for four years and never even got paid. It was a virtuoso comedic piece that kept topping itself, probably the most inspired moment of the evening.

Watching the show and sometimes watching the honorees watch the show on the Opera House's TV monitors were 2,000 or so corporate bigwigs, high-priced lawyers and lobbyists and a sprinkling of politicians. Everyone who couldn't afford a ticket, which ranged up to $5,000 for the very best seats, can watch the CBS telecast on Dec. 30. The event, the Kennedy Center's most important fund-raising event of the year, was produced by George Stevens Jr. and Don Mischer.

The first tribute was to Kander the composer and Ebb the lyricist, which naturally meant the "Welcome" song from "Cabaret," their first megahit. This led into Neuwirth and Chita Rivera singing a "Chicago" medley and finally Liza Minnelli valiantly performing "New York, New York."

Did we say there were no political connotations? At one point, soprano Renee Fleming seemed to be singing from a musical version of the Starr Report:

I do misrepresent things
I don't tell the truth
But I tell what ought to be the truth . . .
If that is such a sin
then let me be
damned for it.

In truth, the song was "I Want Magic," from Previn's opera version of "A Streetcar Named Desire." As Fleming sang, the TV monitors showed not Previn but the Clintons, who were talking distractedly.

The show's focus was naturally on the artists' professional lives, with two exceptions. Mia Farrow, who was married to Previn in the late '60s, told about the hot day when the conductor offered to make Jell-O.

A couple of hours later, noting that neither Previn nor Jell-O had emerged from the kitchen, Farrow investigated to find her husband wrestling with toothpicks and a can of sliced peaches. "What on earth are you doing?" she asked.

"The cookbook says I have to 'fold in peaches,' but the damn things won't fold," Previn said. "Maybe these toothpicks will make them stay bent."

This, concluded Farrow, was "a perfect metaphor for the artist," a bumbling soul who creates ennobling things even though he has trouble tying his shoes.

Cosby was the second exception: While his segment included tributes from Phylicia Rashad, his co-star on the "The Cosby Show," and Culp, his partner on "I Spy," there were also several young people who testified to such good deeds as Cosby's educational philanthropy. Among those speaking was Philip Caputo, director of the foundation devoted to the comedian's slain son, Ennis.

Indeed, the tribute to Cosby the humanitarian dwarfed his salute as a comedian. The musical segment offered a blend of sentimental songs like "You Are the Sunshine of My Life," but with improvised lyrics: "I thought I could not go to college and then you came to my rescue."

It's difficult to measure these things accurately, but the long-ago career of Shirley Temple Black seemed to inspire the longest, loudest and most enthusiastic applause from the audience. Her legacy lives on, and not just in the obvious ways. "I share something in common with an entire generation of Americans," said Jack Lemmon. "The first drink I ever had was a Shirley Temple."

Long after her career as a child star was over, Black worked in the diplomatic service as an ambassador and chief of protocol. That accounted for the presence of Kissinger, who explained: "Shirley quite simply ran counter to every basic rule taught Foreign Service officers."

Most of these rules seemed to consist of making sure you don't outshine the secretary of state, a tough task if you're talking Cyrus Vance. But Black, Kissinger noted, effortlessly outshone even *him*.

"Walking into a room with her in Prague or Beijing was a lesson for me in humility," he said to the crowd's amusement. "She attracted far more attention, she was far better known, and there was no ambivalence in people's feelings about her."

Black's was the last tribute, involving the singing fifth-grade class of the United Nations International School, the U.S. Air Force Band, the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard and a gaggle of miniature tap dancers.

At the conclusion of "The Good Ship Lollipop," red and white balloons fell onto both the stage and the audience, and confetti shot out of cannons. The children were delighted, Lemmon tried a little soft shoe, and for a moment there it seemed as if Kissinger himself were going to start tap-dancing. And wouldn't that have been a sign that the century was really over?

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Unusual Earth Warming Not Seen in 1,200 Years

Scientist Says Natural Forces Don't Explain It

By JOBY WARRICK
Washington Post Staff Writer

The warming of the Earth in this century is without precedent in at least 1,200 years and cannot be fully explained by any known combination of natural forces, one of the federal government's top climate scientists said yesterday.

New research that documents climate change as far back as the Holy Roman Empire is strengthening the argument that humans are partly responsible for the rising temperatures, said Jonathan Overpeck, head of the paleoclimatology program for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"There is no period that we can recognize in the last 1,200 years that was as warm on a global basis," said Overpeck, who presented his findings at a meeting of the American Geophysical Union in San Francisco. "That makes what we're now seeing more unusual, and more difficult to explain without turning to a 'greenhouse gas' mechanism."

Overpeck made the assertion as the eastern half of the United States basked in an extended Decemberheat wave that has shattered temperature records in dozens of cities. Although the warm spell is not, of itself, evidence of global warming, a sharp spike in global temperatures in the past two years has intensified the debate over humankind's contribution to climate change.

New scientific findings presented in San Franciso appeared to simultaneously add clarity and confusion to the debate. While some researchers reported strong signals of human-induced warming in the past century, other scientists acknowledged enormous uncertainties that complicate the task of forecasting climate change in the future.

One of the speakers, James E. Hansen, director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, argues that scientists know too little about the complexities of climate, such as changes in cloud cover, to make accurate predictions. Hansen, who told a congressional panel in 1988 that the greenhouse effect "is here," caused a stir a month ago when he wrote about those uncertainties in a prominent journal, The Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

"The forcings that drive long-term climate change are not known with an accuracy sufficient to define future climate change," Hansen wrote.

Overpeck, in his speech, said this century's warmer temperatures are appearing more anomalous as scientists improve their understanding of climate change in the past. Not only has the 20th century produced the hottest years on record, he said, but the magnitude of change appears to be without parallel since at least 800 A.D.

Until very recently, many scientists believed the Earth underwent a dramatic warming in the Middle Ages, beginning around the 9th century and continuing until nearly the 14th century. During the "Medieval Warm Period," as it is called, temperatures rose throughout Europe and sea ice retreated in the North Atlantic, allowing the Vikings to briefly colonize Greenland. Global warming skeptics frequently cite the era as one of the best known, historic examples of natural climate variation—proof, they say, that climate changes without help from people, and that a little warming might even be beneficial.

But new research suggests the Medieval Warm Period never really happened, Overpeck said. Based on evidence from ancient tree rings, glaciers and other "proxy" measurements of past climate, the thaw appears to have been limited to northern latitudes in Europe and North America, while other parts of the globe saw little change. The apparent cause of Europe's warming was a change in ocean currents, he said.

"Our study of the Medieval Warm Period supports the likelihood that no known natural phenomenon can explain the record 20th century warmth," Overpeck said. "Twentieth century global warming is a reality and should be taken seriously."

The average temperature at the Earth's surface has risen about 1 degree Fahrenheit since the 1880s, with many of the century's warmest years occurring in the past decade. Scientists predict 1998 will surpass 1997 as the warmest year since record-keeping began.

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'First lady of our hearts' in love with 'Shakespeare'



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News & Views

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Hillary Rodham Clinton loved *Shakespeare in Love* so much that she stayed for the entire two-hour movie at its New York premiere Thursday. The first lady, scheduled to leave about 10 minutes after making remarks at the start of the show, stayed in her seat and munched popcorn with Miramax honcho **Harvey Weinstein**. He had given her a videotape to watch back at the White House and introduced her as "the first lady of all our hearts."

"This is a real night out. I haven't been in a real theater in maybe five years," Clinton told the audience.

Weinstein has been one of **Bill Clinton**'s strongest supporters. The first lady even introduced film clips celebrating Miramax's upcoming 20th anniversary.

She first attended a prescreening reception at the Righa Royal Hotel with the *Shakespeare* cast, which includes **Gwyneth Paltrow, Joseph Fiennes, Geoffrey Rush, Colin Firth, Tom Wilkinson** and **Ben Affleck**.

Paltrow, or "the first lady of Miramax," as Weinstein called her, wore a sheer, beaded Armani gown, with heavier eye makeup than usual. She was with beau Affleck, battling the flu, and his mom. He was proud to be included in the A-list cast (Rush said Ben's British accent was "spot on," meaning good). Rush himself has some of the funniest lines in this comedy.

"Her best work," Affleck called Paltrow's lady, who disguises herself as a boy to play Juliet. Tricky. She also does some (tasteful) nudity, displaying her "pair of pippins," as was said in the 1500s. "I was really comfortable," she said. "It's not like it's a beer commercial to titillate men. . . . The love has to be the catalyst."

Firth was on hand with lovely brunette wife **Olivia**. Fans of Firth as Mr. Darcy in *Pride and Prejudice* will be happy to know that though he looks less trim in this movie, in person he's still boyishly handsome.

Of Fiennes, brother of **Ralph Fiennes**, co-scripter **Tom Stoppard** said: "He's got this great artist's face, a strong face, but with tremendously sensitive eyes. You look at Joe and you think, 'OK, I'll buy that, he wrote *Romeo and Juliet*.' "



By Albert Ferreira, Startraks

'A real night out': Star Gwyneth Paltrow and Hillary Rodham Clinton celebrate Thursday's New York premiere of 'Shakespeare in Love.'

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U.S. first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Suha Arafat, the wife of Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, trying on traditional embroidered Palestinian dresses yesterday at a women's center at Beach Camp, which supports small business development for Palestinian women.

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Ladies' Day

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton (left) and PA Chairman Yasser Arafat's wife, Suha, visit the Beach refugee camp in Gaza yesterday. (AP)

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Hillary Clinton Visits 'Oasis of Peace' Where Israelis, Palestinians Coexist

By HOWARD SCHNEIDER
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NEVE SHALOM, Israel, Dec. 13—Call it what you will, by the Hebrew name it carries on Israeli maps, by the Arabic "Wahat Salam," or in English, "Oasis of Peace," this half-Palestinian, half-Jewish community of 32 families is anything but the gentle-touch kind of place that first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton spoke of after a late morning tour today.

Founded 20 years ago as an exercise in coexistence, its residents remain adamant about sharing power democratically, educating their children bilingually and biculturally, and providing what they call a "living demonstration" of cooperation between the two societies with historical claims to this part of the world.

"Peace begins at home, in our schools and in our hearts . . . Thank you for doing God's work, the everyday work of peace," Clinton told community members at the start of a day in which she and Sara Netanyahu, wife of the Israeli prime minister, also visited a hospital and a preschool program for Arab and Jewish children. The choice of sites was obvious. As Clinton's husband tried to negotiate peace with the feuding Palestinian and Israeli leaders, she highlighted places where differences in religion and culture have faded.

But make no mistake, after the Ramadan lanterns and Hanukah candles and Christmas lights are long extinguished at Neve Shalom, after the children sang their song with alternating Hebrew and Arabic verses, the differences still roil.

During the Persian Gulf War, as Scud missiles traversed from Iraq into Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, shouting matches erupted in Neve Shalom's cramped communal bomb shelter, with Jewish residents shocked that Palestinians wouldn't condemn Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, and Palestinians shocked that their Jewish neighbors so fervently supported the United States-led gulf coalition.

On Israeli Independence Day, there have been uncomfortable moments as Jews unfurled their patriotism and their blue Star of David flags, and Palestinians, forbidden until a few years ago from displaying their national colors, wondered how they should respond on a day known in their culture as "the disaster."

Two years ago, after one community member's son was killed while stationed with the Israeli army in south Lebanon, there was a charged debate between those who felt a memorial should be erected and those who didn't want to condone the Israeli army's actions along the northern frontier. Eventually, a memorial was placed near the town's basketball court.

In short, nothing about this hothouse experiment in peace-building has led the two sides to forget themselves or their cultures or their emotions. Nothing has led to the conclusion that peace is easy work, a fact most knew when they accepted the challenge of living here.

"I don't say we don't have conflict," said Abdessalam Najjar, a Palestinian Muslim who was among Neve Shalom's original residents and is now the village's public relations director. "When it comes to the national conflict, the dynamics still occur."

What it has done is prove that the two sides can negotiate the rough spots and still run a successful school, create a successful community and build a life together.

There are no illusions about melting pots or assimilation or obliterating the centuries of conflict that have raged in the region. When the tensions mount, Najjar said, the two halves of this village's mosaic go their separate ways, allowing the Jews to vent their Jewish emotions and the Palestinians to vent their Arab ones. After that, he said, they can meet in an emotionally neutral way and listen to what the other has to say.

"In the U.S. the talk is of a melting pot," Najjar said. "We are not at that level. We still have to give legitimacy to diversity. We are two cultures, two peoples . . . We each have our identity."

If Clinton's visit here reinforced the hopes that led Father Bruno Hussar, a Dominican priest, to establish this place in the late 1970s, interviews with village officials and residents showed just how slender a foothold Neve Shalom has in Israeli society.

Funded in part by international grants, given land by a nearby Trappist monastery, the town has never been successful in its requests to the government for more acreage to expand. Though Neve Shalom would like to grow, that will have to come through further negotiations with the Trappist monks.

On the other hand, plans are being laid for developments on either side of Neve Shalom that could obliterate it in a sea of new suburban housing. Located in the hills between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, Neve Shalom's collection of small stucco homes may soon be surrounded by 400 houses built on a nearby farm and sold at market rates, and 300 others being planned by the government to house the families of a counterterrorist squad. Either development, locals say, would probably make it impossible to maintain centerpiece projects such as an elementary school where Palestinian and Jewish co-principals share authority and the students have lessons every week on Hebrew, Islamic and Christian culture.

A separate "Peace School," the site of training for high school students and Israeli and Palestinian adults, might survive, but the spirit of Neve Shalom would likely fade, along with its carefully balanced demographic mix.

Residents say they are uncertain how sympathetic local planning boards and other government agencies will be when presented with that fact—a situation alluded to when the town's leader, in remarks preceding Clinton's, made a pitch for support to Sara Netanyahu. "Politically we don't have big enemies, but we are not especially a favorite," said Daniella Kita'in, a 13-year resident of Neve Shalom whose 21-year-old son, Tom, was killed when two Israeli helicopters crashed en route to Lebanon.

Kita'in said, she grew up thinking of Arabs as "low," but now sees their culture as sophisticated and important in world history, and their society, like any other, textured with good and bad points, good and bad people.

That's the feeling that has been transmitted to the school playground as well, said her daughter, Orit, 11. "Many people are opposed to our being together, and think that Arabs and Jews are different," she said before her class sang for the first lady. "It is not true. . . . We are the same."

Asked, however, if there is ever a factional divide during recess, she and her friends acknowledged that there is.

"If the boys win a race or something," said one friend, "sometimes they make fun of us."



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Hillary Rodham Clinton is surrounded by children in Neve Shalom, a "living demonstration," its leaders say, of Israeli-Palestinian coexistence. Clinton thanked the community for "doing God's work, the everyday work of peace."



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THE FIRST LADY

Hillary Clinton Tiptoes Through Praise in Gaza

By WILLIAM A. ORME Jr.

GAZA, Dec. 14 — Hillary Rodham Clinton, who has been hailed here as a champion of Palestinian statehood, walked a careful diplomatic line in public appearances today, praising Palestinian national aspirations while avoiding comments that could be considered a call for sovereignty.

But it was clear as she traveled through Gaza today that her seemingly offhand endorsement seven months ago of eventual Palestinian independence has made her something of a heroine, even though her comments were immediately disavowed by the White House and were never publicly repeated.

She was greeted with thunderous applause as she walked through the door of the Palestinian National Council gathering here this afternoon. The ovation was repeated with equal enthusiasm as she was introduced from the podium by Yasir Arafat, the Palestinian leader.

Earlier in the day, as she visited a center for disabled children and a refugee settlement with her daughter, Chelsea, and Mr. Arafat's wife, Suha, Mrs. Clinton was acclaimed by local civic leaders as if she were one of their own.

"We are very proud of you and your support for the Palestinian people and their own state," said Hanan Matar, a Gaza City lawyer, as she welcomed Mrs. Clinton to a workshop on family law and women's rights. Mrs. Clinton smiled and asked for a clarification on the jurisdiction of local religious courts in disputes over a wife's right to work or to seek further education.

In her public remarks here, Mrs. Clinton praised "the leadership of Chairman Arafat" in the peace efforts and the "hope for the future" embodied in building new institutions, both civic and physical, like the Gaza International Airport that her husband and Mr. Arafat formally inaugurated today.

But she appeared to prefer stressing more generic themes, such as the social benefits of spending on higher education for women. The capstone of her Gaza tour was a session seemingly calculated to scare off all but the wonkish: "Women's Empowerment Through Micro-Lending."

While President Clinton pushed publicly for further progress in the peace talks, Mrs. Clinton went to the gritty heart of one major unresolved problem: the Arab refugees from the Middle Eastern wars of a half-century ago, and their direct descendants, who remain virtual wards of United Nations refugee camps. Of the 1.1 million refugees in 59 United Nations settlements in four countries, about 760,000 live in the Gaza Strip, and they constitute three-quarters of Gaza's population.

Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Arafat visited the most densely packed of Gaza's eight refugee settlements. Known as simply "the Beach," the Gaza City seafront camp has 65,000 people crammed into 70 sandy acres of low-rise cinder block, many of them living three or more to a room. "I know that for many here in Gaza, life has been too hard for too long," Mrs. Clinton said during her visit today, announcing a modest increase in the annual United States contribution to the United Nations refugee program for the Arab refugees to $73 million from $70 million.



Reuters

Hillary Rodham Clinton joined President Clinton, the Palestinian leader Yasir Arafat and his wife, Suha, at a ribbon-cutting ceremony yesterday to dedicate the new Gaza International Airport.

Mrs. Clinton's visit and the international attention that comes with it "is like a blessing," said Ron Wilkenson, the spokesman for the United Nations' Gaza refugee program. "These people are so desperate for a little bit of recognition. People don't realize how little they have, and how little they are asking for."

As she did in Israel on Sunday, Mrs. Clinton avoided reporters' questions about independence and statehood, and her aides again strove to avoid photographs of the First Lady framed by the Palestinian flag. Still, her itinerary in Israel on Sunday with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's wife, Sara, by her side and her tour through Gaza today with Mrs. Arafat was seen in both places as a display of conscious symmetry.

Mrs. Arafat, usually not the most public of figures here, was clearly pleased by Mrs. Clinton's companionship.

"Thank you for witnessing with us the construction of our country," she said, introducing Mrs. Clinton at the micro-lending forum, "and I hope you will be able to be with us to witness our Palestinian state."

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Hold the meat: Hillary and Chelsea Clinton touring Palestine with Suha Arafat.

BY AHMED JADALLAH—REUTERS

Don't Have a Cow: Chelsea's Sense of Hummus

■ Someone in the first family sticks to principles these days. And that someone would be **Chelsea Clinton**, the non-carnivore.

Although she was invited to yesterday's official luncheon in Gaza hosted by Palestinian leader **Yasser Arafat** for **President** and **Hillary Rodham Clinton**, Chelsea chose instead to sample the fare at Al-Lotus, an open-air burger joint of some renown.

She bypassed the beef on a bun for an order of hummus (made from chickpeas), Gaza salad (featuring fresh green peppers), french fries (greasy but delicious) and Arabic coffee (very strong and sweet), reports The Post's John Harris.

"She did not want to eat any meat. I think she is a vegetarian," said a surprised **Mohammed El-Shawa,** owner of Al-Lotus. He said he learned to make burgers when he lived in San Francisco, where his brother runs Sam's Pizza and Chuckburger, in case Chelsea wants to pop by for a meatless pizza when she returns to Stanford in nearby Palo Alto.

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Palestinians pack streets to welcome Hillary Clinton

By Laura King
The Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Palestinians crowded into the streets and clambered onto rooftops Monday to welcome Hillary Rodham Clinton to a seaside refugee camp.

The first lady skirted the sensitive topic of statehood, hailing Palestinians' hope and determination but stopping short of endorsing their independence drive as she had done last May in remarks to a youth summit.

With her daughter, Chelsea, Clinton began her day with a stop at a center for handicapped children founded by Yasser Arafat's wife, Soha.

Hundreds of Palestinians, many of them schoolchildren clutching small, plastic American flags, lined the first lady's route to the camp, cheering as her motorcade passed. Security was extremely heavy, with Palestinian police, intelligence agents and soldiers every few steps.

At a U.N.-funded job-training center for women, the first lady listened attentively as a law professor lectured two dozen young women on their legal rights under *sharia*, or Islamic law. The women learned they could include clauses in their marriage contracts prohibiting their husbands from taking other wives or giving them the option of continuing to work after marriage.

Speaking to recipients of U.S.-funded "micro" loans used to start businesses, Clinton praised women with "small loans and big dreams" for transforming the lives of their families and communities. She announced 10 new loans for businesses such as vegetable vending and dressmaking.

Accompanied by Soha Arafat, Clinton alluded to their husbands' efforts to implement the Wye River land-for-peace agreement, pledging that they would continue "hard work to achieve peace." She said, "We have the chance to pass down to our children a world of peace."

Rawia Abdel Wahad, 25, said she considered the first lady an important friend to Palestinians:

"Visiting us here in our refugee camp, she gives us importance and hope that our lives will get better after years of suffering."



In Gaza: Yasser Arafat's wife, Soha, right, and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton admire a traditional Palestinian embroidered robe presented to Clinton by women at a refugee camp in Gaza Monday. Clinton wore the robe for the rest of the visit. She was accompanied by her daughter, Chelsea, not pictured

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JERUSALEM, Dec 13 (AFP) - Chelsea Clinton, the 18-year-old daughter of US President Bill Clinton and his wife Hillary, visited Jewish, Christian and Moslem holy sites Sunday on a surprise stroll through the winding streets and alleyways of east Jerusalem's Old City.

Accompanied by an Israeli foreign ministry official, a tourist guide and several bodyguards, the Stanford University undergraduate first visited the Wailing Wall, the holiest site in Judaism, where she left a small note, a Jewish tradition.

She then went for a walk in the renovated Jewish quarter near the Wall and visited the Chuch of the Holy Sepulchre, Christianity's holiest site which tradition says lies on the spot where Jesus was crucified and buried.

Chelsea Clinton also visited al-Aqsa mosque and the adjacent Dome of the Rock, the third most sacred shrines in Islam which are built on the location of the Jewish temple destroyed by the Romans around 70 A.D.

She was applauded by Palestinian shopkeepers as she strolled through the narrow streets and markets of the Old City on a tour which was not scheduled on the official itinerary released by the White House.

Israel captured and annexed the eastern part of Jerusalem in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war and considers the entire city its undivided capital.

The Palestinians want the eastern part of the Holy City as the capital of a future Palestinian state.

While President Clinton discussed the issue of Jerusalem and other Israeli-Palestinian disputes with Israeli government leaders, Hillary visited two mixed Arab-Jewish schools and a pediatrics and maternity center in Jerusalem.

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First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, second from right, admires a traditional Palestinian embroidered robe that was presented to her as a gift by women at the Beach refugee camp in Gaza on Monday. At right is Yasser Arafat's wife, Suha. The Palestinian women make the robes as a source of income.

First Lady Given Special Praise

By REBECCA TROUNSON
TIMES STAFF WRITER

GAZA CITY—Of many standing ovations at the Shawa convention center Monday, one of the warmest went to the other Clinton in the house, the American president's wife, Hillary.

Welcomed by Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat as a "great and generous guest," Hillary Rodham Clinton beamed to the audience, daughter Chelsea at her side. Clinton and Arafat's wife, Suha, seemed genuinely friendly, walking arm in arm and whispering to each other as though sharing comfortable confidences.

While her husband is in Israel and the Palestinian territories to attempt to rescue an endangered peace, Hillary Clinton is making a few stops of her own. She visited a school for disabled children Monday. The day before, she went to a village where Arab and Jewish families live side by side.

Praised as a strong woman who stands by her family in the worst of times, she has attracted fans on both sides of the national divide. But especially among Palestinians, the first lady has earned special status because she is remembered for having declared, way ahead of American officialdom, her support for a Palestinian state.

"I think that it will be in the long-term interests of the Middle East for Palestine to be a state . . . that has responsibility for providing education and health care and economic opportunity to its citizens, a state that has to accept the responsibility for governing," she said.

That statement in May set off alarm bells among Israelis, American Jewish organizations and an antsy U.S. State Department that was then attempting to restart Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations. The president's spokesman found himself having to distance Hillary Clinton's comments from her husband's official position.

On this trip, the Israelis have not mentioned their dismay over the matter, although Israeli television Monday night rebroadcast the comments, which the first lady made to a group of Israeli and Arab students.

And on Monday, as she visited Gaza children who serenaded her with drums and bagpipes, a reporter shouted out a question, asking whether she still supported a Palestinian state.

She ignored the reporter.

Instead, she announced an aid package of $73 million to Palestinian refugees and women's groups.

Palestinians who jostled to catch a glimpse Monday of Clinton or her husband said they were grateful for her statehood statements.

"There was an impression that the U.S. was only a friend of Israel, but when she said these things and then came here, there was a change in that impression," said Mahmoud Sawafira, working in his father's small grocery store.

Amal Dabbagh and her daughters were hanging off their third-floor balcony to watch the festivities as the Clinton motorcade whizzed by. Dabbagh, 43, had stayed up all night cooking, and done all her cleaning in the morning, so that she would be free when the Clintons came to town.

"It is a very good thing for our people that she could come with her husband and visit the Palestinian people, and that we could see them with our own eyes," she said.

In Israel, Hillary Clinton had admirers too.

"Hillary is a role model for me," said Jocelyn Gross, a 23-year-old originally from Philadelphia who is "making aliyah"—immigrating—to Israel. "She's an intelligent woman who can stand up for herself. And she dresses great."

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HEADLINE: 'ANGEL' HILLARY VISITS CAMP

BYLINE: STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

BODY:

GAZA CITY First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton received a tumultuous heroine's welcome from Palestinians crowding a seaside refugee camp yesterday.

"Welcome Mrs. Clinton, Angel of Mercy," read one banner in the mob of star-struck Palestinians flooding the dusty streets of the camp.

A tremendous roar erupted from the crowd when her sleek black limousine rolled through the camp's narrow alleys.

Palestinians have a soft spot for the First Lady, who caused her husband some political problems in May when she voiced support for a Palestinian state.

She studiously avoided rekindling a battle over the issue yesterday but earned a standing ovation from Palestinian dignitaries briefly outshining her husband.

"Thank you again for witnessing with us the construction of our country, and I hope you will be here to witness our Palestinian state," Palestinian First Lady Suha Arafat told Clinton after touring a center to encourage small-scale enterprises run by women.

Clinton's speech stuck to her favorite issues:education, religious tolerance and women's rights.

Women at the center presented Clinton with a black-and-gold embroidered cape made by a refugee seamstress using elaborate traditional designs. "It's beautiful!" she exclaimed, and wore it for the rest of the visit.

Meanwhile, reports of a rift between the First Lady and the President gained steam last night when NBC News aired tape of her pulling her arm away from his at a graveside service for slain Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

She also has done little to defend him against impeachment and reportedly had no involvement in last Friday's Rose Garden apology.

GRAPHIC: AP HUGFEST: First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton hugs Suha Arafat yesterday after Clinton pledged aid to refugee projects.

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HEADLINE: Hillary Clinton carries a message of hope

BYLINE: By Aliza Marcus, Globe Correspondent

BODY:

GAZA CITY - Hillary Rodham Clinton brought a message of hope yesterday to Palestinians living in a squalid refugee camp of barefoot children and tin-roofed houses.

Clinton, speaking at a women's center that aids Palestinians displaced 50 years ago when Israel was founded, assured people that with hard work and courage they would soon see tangible benefits of the peace process.

"I know that for many in Gaza life has been hard for too many years. There is too much suffering and too few jobs to support families," Clinton told Palestinians gathered at the center.

"With God's help and with your determination, courage, and hope, I believe you will build a better future for yourselves and your children," said Clinton, who made the historic trip while President Clinton was meeting with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Thousands of Palestinians crowded the narrow, dusty streets to catch a glimpse of Mrs. Clinton, who was whisked to the center with daughter Chelsea in a black limousine guarded by Secret Service agents.

Mrs. Clinton, who gained in popularity among Palestinians when she voiced support for a Palestinian state last May during a conference of Palestinian and Israeli youth, had something concrete to offer. She said the United States would boost its annual contribution to the United Nations agency for refugees by 4.3 percent to $73 million. And she called on other countries to do the same.

Such aid is sorely needed in Gaza, where some 1.2 million people live crammed into a strip of land roughly double the size of Washington, D.C. Gaza was transferred to Palestinian self-rule in 1994, a year after the peace treaty with Israel.

Unemployment hovers around 30 percent, the birth rate is nearly 5 percent, one of the highest in the world, and schools are so crowded they often operate double shifts.

Although new buildings are being rapidly built, some 400,000 people still live in small concrete houses built decades ago to accommodate the Palestinians who fled or were forced to flee from Israel during its War for Independence in 1948.

"It is good Hillary comes here, but I need work and money so I can live," said Niyazi Massad, a 50-year-old man living with 13 children in a two-room concrete house across the street from where Clinton was speaking.

Palestinians attribute some of the problems to 27 years of Israeli occupation, during which little was done to build up the infrastructure or provide jobs.

Others blame the current situation: Investors hold back on needed investment because of the slowdown in the peace process, Israel restricts the movement of people and goods in and out of Gaza, and local corruption and mismanagement have taken a toll.

Hillary Clinton's visit to the center, which is run by the UN agency for refugees, gave her a chance to stress what individuals can do to improve their lives.

Upon arriving in the freshly-painted two-story structure behind a high concrete wall in the Beach, or Shati, refugee camp, Clinton sat in on a class that educates women about their rights under the law and in Islam.

As Clinton, Chelsea and Yasser Arafat's wife, Suha Arafat, looked on, a female lawyer lectured a dozen women on how Islam allowed them to write their own demands into a marriage contract.

"If you have a contract, who enforces it?" Clinton, herself a lawyer, asked at one point. The teacher explained that a woman could turn to an Islamic court, and then went back to describing the various conditions a woman was able to demand, such as the right to education.

Later, with a richly embroidered shawl - a gift from the students - draped around her, she spoke to Palestinians about the benefits of micro-credit programs, which have allowed women to start small businesses.

GRAPHIC: PHOTO, Hillary Rodham Clinton and Suha Arafat donned traditional Palestinian robes, received as gifts while visiting a refugee camp. / AP PHOTO

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HEADLINE: MIA families discuss plight with First Lady

BYLINE: Elli Wohlgelernter

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The Clinton Visit

BODY:

Hillary Rodham Clinton said the issue of three Israeli MIAs was raised again by President Bill Clinton in his meeting with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, according to Yona Baumel, father of one of the soldiers, following a meeting yesterday morning between Hillary Clinton and the families of the three soldiers.

"She said she knows that the case was raised during the president's trip, but she didn't know any results," said Baumel, father of Zachary Baumel, who with Yehuda Katz and Tzvi Feldman has been missing since the battle of Sultan Yakoub in Lebanon in June 1982.

Baumel said his wife, Miriam, asked Clinton "to help facilitate our efforts to gain more information in the States under the Freedom of Information Act, to know what information they have." Clinton told the group - which included representatives of the Foreign Ministry and the IDF, which organized the 15-minute meeting at the Hilton Hotel - that she would contact Sen. Arlen Specter (R-PA), who is on his way to Syria, to ask him to take up the case, and that she would see what she could do to obtain more information under the Freedom of Information Act.

"She's an extremely competent, well versed person, she knew exactly where it was at," said Baumel. "She indicated her desire and willingness to help, so I hope that in some way she will carry this forward." The topic of what information Arafat might have was also brought up, Baumel said, and that they told Clinton "that so far all the information that Arafat has given has proven to be false. She listened." This was the third meeting Clinton has had with the families, including one on a previous visit here and another that took place at the White House.

"We've been to a lot of these meetings, and frankly, we're waiting to see some progress," Baumel said. "We've received many promises, and certainly it was better to receive promises than to have her shrug it off. But we'll have to see."

Pnina Feldman, the mother of Tzvi, said after the meeting: "I hope that this will be the last meeting, and that soon we'll be able to see our sons alive."

Batya Arad, the mother of missing navigator Ron Arad, held a separate meeting with Clinton, but refused to talk to reporters afterwards.

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HEADLINE: One town where Arabs and Jews make it work

BYLINE: Ilene R. Prusher, Special to the Christian Science Monitor

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BODY:

Recently at their elementary school here, Tzuri Baharir and Ibrahim Hajiyaha horsed around in the yard and said that when they argued, it was over things that most boys fight about: sports teams, and who was first in line.

"We're equal now," said Ibrahim, a Palestinian student from Jerusalem. "Even if we fight, it's not over things about Arabs and Jews."

"Yeah," said his friend Tzuri, who is Jewish. "It's, 'It's my spot! I was here first!' "

If only more Jews and Arabs thought more like the children in this tiny village between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, President Clinton's job might be a little easier.

While the president began an arduous three-day visit to the Middle East in attempt to stabilize the peace process, Hillary Rodham Clinton visited the kindergarten and primary school at the one-of-a-kind village whose two names in Hebrew and Arabic mean "Oasis of Peace."

With Mrs. Clinton, the children lit a Hanukah menorah, then a Christmas tree, and then a lantern for the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

"Peace actually begins in our homes, in communities like this, and in our hearts," she said. "It has to be nurtured within and among human beings and then passed on to our children, and that is precisely what you are doing here."

The village was founded in 1972 by a group of Israeli Jews and Arabs - citizens of Israel who also consider themselves Palestinians - who decided to build the country's first community where the two peoples would live as equals. When the founders opened a school in the early 1980s with 15 of the village's own children, they hoped that the idea would catch on elsewhere in the country.

They remained, however, the exception rather than the rule. The school grew, eventually taking in more than 100 students from outside the village, but the concept stayed within the village limits, save one preschool program in Jerusalem.

Though there was interest in running bilingual, binational schools like it elsewhere in the country, opposition remained formidable. Israel has long

maintained a segregated educational system, which is easily reinforced by popular preferences and geographical separation.

In wake of the Oslo peace accords in 1993, interest in teaching Arabs and Jews in the same classroom resurfaced. A full five years later, parents who spearheaded the movement to open more schools modeled on Neveh Shalom finally inaugurated two pilot classes this September - one in Jerusalem and one in the Galilee.

"There's a lot of inertia against this thing," says Lee Gordon, a founder of the movement for Arab-Jewish coeducation. "We're not saying it's for everyone, but we hope that in five years, we'll have five schools like this all over Israel."

Though Neveh Shalom seems on first inspection to be an idyllic utopia removed from the realities of conflict, the conflict reflects itself on life at the school. Hardly following an American "melting pot" model, the students are taught separately in several subjects, including religion and mathematics.

Christians, Jews, and Muslims study religious texts separately because Israel has no tradition of private Sunday-school education outside of regular classes. At the same time, children learn much more about the other religions that they would in most schools here, and are charged with organizing holiday plays and parties each time the major festivals of the three faiths come around, as they do during this month for Christmas, Hanukah, and Ramadan.

As simple a subject as math, however, cannot be taught together because the traditional Arabic numerals - rather than internationally recognized numbers - are still used throughout the Arab world. Teachers have also found it a challenge to run language and literature classes. While the Arab children usually speak fluent Hebrew by virtue of living in the Jewish state, the Jewish students - and teachers - often struggle to learn Arabic.

Even if they are still at work on perfecting the system, parents say it's far superior to the one in which they grew up. Resident Daoud Boulous says his four children have a different perspective than he did when he grew up in an all-Arab village in the Galilee.

"It's the values that they're growing up with, the acceptance of the other, that is so important, and that's the real problem in the Middle East. They started with each other from nursery school, so for them it's natural to be together, and they'll have a much better chance. We're not really trying to solve the conflict, we're trying to live with it."

GRAPHIC: PHOTO: VISIT: Hillary Clinton with Arab and Jewish children at Neveh Shalom. BY LAURENT REBOURS/AP

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Arab-Jewish work at Hadassah impresses the First Lady

By JUDY SIEGEL

JERUSALEM (December 14) - The sight of Jewish, Moslem, and Ethiopian immigrant children and parents sharing the same Jerusalem hospital wards and helping each other yesterday moved Hillary Clinton to hope that peace among different peoples could be built in the rest of the region as well.

The first lady arrived an hour late at the Mother and Child Center of Hadassah-University Hospital in Ein Kerem, accompanied by Sara Netanyahu and welcomed by Hadassah president Marlene Post.

Young patients, hospitalized with anything from broken legs and neurological diseases to cancer, said they hoped people could live together peacefully in this region "like the Americans do."

Clinton was impressed by the hospital school, where patients study with specially trained teachers and computers at their own level while away from their own classrooms.

The Arab and Jewish children, who spent the time waiting for the guests' arrival by drawing pictures and making dreidels, waved the American flags they had been given and happily accepted the packages of sweets that Clinton and Netanyahu brought them.

Clinton said she had heard much in the US about how the Hadassah Medical Organization, with the support of over 300,000 members in the US and 32 other countries, is working to cure children and adults.

She added her country's thanks to Hadassah staffers for bringing their expertise to Kenya and saving lives after the terrorist bombing of the US embassy and nearby buildings earlier this year.

They then went to the Chagall Synagogue next door and marvelled at the 12 stained glass windows depicting the 12 tribes of Israel.

Post presented both Clinton and Netanyahu with silver-and-brass charity boxes made by the artist Gideon Haim, with peace doves and a Jerusalem skyline.

A dreidel for Chelsea Clinton, which had been taken to space by the Jewish astronaut Jeffrey Hoffman, was given to the First Lady as well.

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Hillary gets view of 'the everyday work of peace'

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

NEVEH SHALOM (December 14) - Hillary Rodham Clinton appeared to savor the first-hand lesson in what she termed "the everyday work of peace" she received yesterday from the children, teachers and parents she encountered at the village of Neveh Shalom and at a center for mother-child education in Jerusalem.

Not even long delays, repeated security checks or overcast weather could dull the sense of wonder and excitement pulsating through the children with whom she met, or the enthusiasm of Clinton and her escort, Sara Netanyahu.

"I want to show her my pictures," five-year-old Isam said as he and his fellow kindergarteners prepared for the special guests at the Neveh Shalom/Wahat al-Salam preschool and kindergarten at Neveh Shalom, near Latrun.

Outside the adjoining primary school, trees were decorated with hamsas and cherubs, and the title of Clinton's book It Takes a Village seemed to take on a new meaning in the excited village of Neveh Shalom, where Jews and Arabs live side by side.

Informed that her special guests had arrived, Adi Pressler, 9, of nearby Tsur Hadassah, trailing harem pants and scarves behind her she had donned for a special dance for the guests, hoped "this important lady" would forgive her if she messed up. "I don't want her to take any presents home from here, just the idea that there should be peace," she said.

That idea was brought home to the children's guests first by the lighting of a hanukkia, a Christmas tree, and a Ramadan lantern in the kindergarten, then in the primary school youngsters' song "A Time of Peace," which seemed to touch a chord with both Clinton and Netanyahu.

"I'm very grateful that the hard work that the prime minister and [Palestinian Authority] Chairman [Yasser] Arafat and my husband did at Wye helped move us closer to fulfilling a dream of peace here in the Middle East, and particularly between Israelis and Palestinians," Clinton said.

"Despite the setbacks that come anytime any great challenge is being pursued, the strong belief that peace will prevail must once again be reinforced."

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Praising the school's doctrine of bicultural, bilingual education, Clinton said: "If all children could have this experience, we would be that much closer to peace, where we would respect and look at each other as individuals, and not classify people according to the group from which they come."

"President [John] Kennedy once said that on this Earth, God's work is our own, and certainly the work of building peace and building trust is among the most important work we have to do. Thank you for doing God's work, the everyday work of peace," Clinton said, before she and Netanyahu stopped to pose and hug with some of the children.

"Clinton shares with all of us the hope for peace," Netanyahu said, 'that our people will live together, work together, dream together for a different better future for all of us."

The two women seemed to have an easy rapport, nodding to each other as they shared ideas or explanations. That was also the case at their visit to Yad Rahel in Jerusalem's Katamonim neighborhood, where youngsters lined the street singing the first lady's name.

The two visited the Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters, a program designed to help disadvantaged mothers help their own children and themselves to learn. Five-year-olds from the Arab neighborhood of Beit Safafa and Ethiopian newcomers from Talpiot were busy with glue and brightly colored construction paper as they built small houses with their mothers, an exercise designed to stress the importance of family life and respect for each others' cultures.

Clinton first found out about the program - founded by Dr. Avima Lombard of the National Council of Jewish Women's Research Institute for Innovation in Education at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in 1969 - in 1985, introduced it in her own state of Arkansas, and has been a major supporter of it since.

After seeing the youngsters and their parents sing and work together, Clinton praised the program and its sponsors, recalling the words of the Talmud. "It says that every blade of grass has an angel that bends over it and whispers: 'Grow, grow,'" she said. "Well, when it comes to our children, we all have an obligation to be those angels, and lean over and whisper: 'Grow and grow.' "

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Yasser Arafat's wife, Soha (right), escorts Hillary Rodham Clinton and her daughter, Chelsea, at her Palestine Avenir Childhood Foundation.

First lady praises Arab women's work

Palestinians learn legal rights, find jobs

By Laura King
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Palestinians crowded into the streets and clambered onto rooftops yesterday to welcome Hillary Rodham Clinton to a seaside refugee camp.

She praised women for learning about their legal rights and starting small businesses to help support their families. But the first lady skirted the sensitive topic of statehood, hailing Palestinians' hope and determination but stopping short of endorsing their independence drive.

As on other stops during her three-day visit with President Clinton to Israel and the Palestinian lands, Mrs. Clinton focused on women's and children's issues.

Accompanied by her daughter, Chelsea, she began her day in the Gaza Strip with a stop at a center for disabled children. It was founded by Yasser Arafat's wife, Soha.

Later, at the beach camp, she urged women to stand up for themselves, for the good of themselves and their community.

"Women's rights are human rights, and are as important here in Gaza as anywhere else in the world," she told refugees and aid workers, to warm applause.

Hundreds of Palestinians, many of them schoolchildren clutching small plastic American flags, lined the first lady's route to the camp, cheering as her motorcade passed by to a blare of sirens. Security was extremely heavy, with Palestinian police, intelligence agents and soldiers every few steps.

Under gray, foggy skies, veiled women and small children perched on the rooftops of the camp's rows of cement-block hovels, waving and hopping up and down in excitement as Mrs. Clinton and her entourage passed by.

At a U.N.-funded women's job-training center on the edge of the camp, the first lady listened attentively as a law professor lectured two dozen young women on their legal rights under Shariah, or Islamic law.

The discussion turned to marriage-contract provisions, and the women learned they could include clauses prohibiting their husbands from taking other wives, or giving them the option of continuing to work after marriage.

"Who enforces the contract?" Mrs. Clinton inquired. An Islamic court, she was told.

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U.S., North Korea agree on more MIA searches

REUTERS NEWS AGENCY

U.S. and North Korean negotiators have agreed to expand joint searches in the North next year for the remains of U.S. troops missing in action since the 1950-53 Korean War, the Pentagon said yesterday.

The agreement for a total of six joint search operations between April and November of next year was reached after four days of talks that began in New York last Wednesday, the announcement said.

It will be the fourth consecutive year that the United States has conducted recovery operations in the North with the help of North Korean teams. In nine joint operations over the past three years, U.S.-Korean teams have recovered remains believed to be those of 29 U.S. troops from the 1950-53 war.

More than 8,100 U.S. troops are still missing from the conflict, which ended in a truce. The Korean Peninsula has remained one of the most dangerous areas of potential military conflict for more than four decades.

The announcement of the new agreement came amid rising tensions between Washington and Pyongyang over North Korean ballistic missile testing and over construction at an underground site in North Korea which the United States, Japan and South Korea suspect is a nuclear arms facility.

"We have hammered out an agreement that takes us far beyond our three previous years' operations," said Bob Jones, deputy assistant secretary of defense for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs.

"We formalized the concept of a joint investigation team to locate and interview witnesses to accelerate the pace of recovery long before our excavation teams begin their work. This concept gives us the potential to recover more remains by using our people more efficiently," he said.

Search operations next year will begin in Kujiang and Unsan, where joint teams have previously operated, with the potential to move to other areas.

Exact search locations will be finalized during technical meetings in February.

One of the 29 remains found during the past three years has been identified by the U.S. Army central identification laboratory in Hawaii. Forensic examinations are under way on all of the other remains and the Pentagon said "identifications of additional soldiers are expected within a few months."

Fewer people back Clinton, new poll says

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Some 59 percent of Americans oppose impeaching President Clinton, down from 66 percent last week, says a new USA Today/CNN/Gallup Poll released yesterday.

Some 64 percent of those surveyed approve of the way the president is doing his job and 62 percent do not want him to step down, the survey says.

Nevertheless, 54 percent say they believe the House of Representatives will vote in favor of impeaching the president later this week, up from 37 percent a week ago.

But 58 percent say they think the Senate — which would try the president on charges of committing impeachable offenses — will allow Mr. Clinton to complete his second term in office.

The survey of 865 adults was conducted Saturday and Sunday. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

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NEVE SHALOM, Israel, Dec 13 (AFP) - US First Lady Hillary Clinton visited on Sunday this unusual Israeli town where Jewish, Moslem and Arab Christian children live and study together in a vibrant experiment in peaceful coexistence.

Accompanied by Sarah Netanyahu, the wife of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Clinton toured the village of Neve Shalom, Hebrew for Oasis of Peace, located about 20 kilometers (12 miles) west of Jerusalem.

At the town school, the first ladies were serenaded by a children's choir singing peace songs and attended a ceremony for the lighting of the first candle for the eight-day Jewish holiday of Hannukah.

Clinton said the village's effort to promote religious and racial coexistence was a living example of the kind of peace her husband Bill Clinton was trying to help foster in his efforts to rescue the US-brokered Wye River peace accord between Israel and the Palestinians.

"I think that the Wye agreement will lead to peace between Israel and Palestinians, we do hope that peace will prevail," she told the children.

"In order for that to be real, however, people need to live and work and go to school together" as you do here, she said.

"You can't just sign an agreement," she continued, "peace actually begins in our homes and communities like this."

Local organizers of the visit initially planned to raise Israeli and Palestinian flags in Neve Shalom but this was stopped by the Netanyahu government, which objected to having the Palestinian banner fly inside Israel, officials said.

Hillary Clinton also visited a joint Arab-Jewish school in Jerusalem and a mother and child care center at a hospital in the city.

Monday the Clintons are scheduled to visit the Gaza Strip, the first time a US president will travel to the Palestinian territories.

As Hillary visited Neve Shalom, her daughter Chelsea toured east Jerusalem's Old City.

Tuesday the Clinton family will pay a pre-Christmas visit to the Palestinian-run town of Bethlehem on the West Bank, which Christians believe was the birthplace of Christ, and then tour Masada, scene of an historic Jewish battle near the Dead Sea.

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HEADLINE: Hillary Clinton asks Arabs and Jews to live together

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Hillary Rodham Clinton lit a Hanukkah candle, a Christmas tree and a Ramadan lantern Sunday as she promoted Jewish-Arab coexistence as the basis for a lasting peace.

''Religion should not be an instigator of war, but a bridge to peace,'' Mrs. Clinton told school children in Newe Shalom, a village tucked into a hillside west of Jerusalem where 36 Arab and Jewish families live together.

Referring to the fragile Wye River peace agreement her husband helped negotiate and is now trying to rescue, Mrs. Clinton said that ''the strong belief that peace will prevail must once again be reinforced.''

The remarks were broadcast live by both Israeli television stations. At each stop of her tour, she was attended by a phalanx of Israeli reporters.

Israelis have paid particular attention to Mrs. Clinton's remarks since May, when she told high school students in Geneva that she thought a Palestinian state would make for a stabler Mideast. The statement was disavowed by the White House.

Israel says talk of Palestinian statehood is subject to final status negotiations. Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has angered Israelis by saying he will declare a Palestinian state next year.

Israeli reporters repeatedly asked Mrs. Clinton accompanied at each of her stops by Sarah Netanyahu, wife of the Israeli prime minister, whether she still endorsed a Palestinian state.

She ignored the questions.

''The president's wife is here to see us, because there is peace here,'' said Manar Gabriel of Newe Shalom, a member of a fourth-grade dance troop bedecked with gold pantaloons and brightly-colored scarves.

The Utopian settlement's teachings have failed to catch on in Israel, where Jews and Arabs live separately, and its teachings are anathema to Netanyahu's

hard-line government a fact not lost on Rayek Rizek, the settlement's mayor.

After praising Mrs. Clinton's interest in the village, Rizek turned to Mrs. Netanyahu and said: ''It is no secret that the interest of the world in (Newe Shalom) has never been matched by a similar degree of interest here.''

It was a message subtly conveyed at all of Mrs. Clinton's stops.

At a children's ward in Hadassah Hospital, she praised the hospital for treating all patients equally, regardless of their backgrounds, and made a point of meeting with both Jewish and Arab children.

She especially praised the transplant work at the hospital, noting that organs had been transplanted from Arabs to Jews and Jews to Arabs.

''You are truly doing God's work by making us recognize our common humanity,'' she said.

That irked David Bar-Illan, a senior adviser to Netanyahu.

''I was really surprised that the president's wife was surprised that so many patients at Hadassah Hospital were Arabs and that the exchange of implants was done regardless of whether the patients were Arabs or Jews,'' he told The Associated Press.

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Hillary Clinton visits innovative Israeli preschool program

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By Nomi Morris

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JERUSALEM Back in 1985, Hillary Rodham Clinton accompanied her husband to a Southern governors' conference where she happened to see a newspaper report about an innovative Israeli program for preschool children.

Nan Rich, a Miami-area resident who is now the president of the National Council of Jewish Women, had just launched the Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) in Florida. It was designed to involve low-income parents in the early education of their children to give them a head start in life.

``Hillary cut out the article, took it home and then invited me and the program's founder to see her,'' Rich recalled Sunday as she waited for the First Lady to arrive at a HIPPY center in Jerusalem. ``Hillary embraced it. She said, `I have to have this program.' She made up her mind and brought it to Arkansas by 1986.''

Under the stewardship of Clinton and Rich, HIPPY has since spread to 28 states, and has touched the lives of 17,000 American families. Pioneered by Avima Lombard, an Israeli professor, in 1969, the program has also been set up in seven other countries.

On Sunday at Yad Rachel, a community center in a working-class neighborhood of Jerusalem, Clinton met Jewish and Arab mothers and children who, with the help of program, have built self-esteem through song, dance, reading and other forms of play-centered learning.

``It struck a chord with me. I was immediately taken by the emphasis on assisting the parent, to be someone who could then in turn support her child,'' Clinton told the gathering. ``Now we have actual scientific evidence that these kinds of activities with very young children are not only a nice thing to do, but they literally build brain cells. That by reading to babies, infants, toddlers, young children, you are helping create more connections in the brain.''

For Clinton and Rich, who have remained close friends, the event was a kind of homecoming the first time Clinton has visited a HIPPY center in Israel.

``I feel that Hillary and Avima and I have come full circle,'' Rich said. ``From Israel where it started, to Miami, my home community, where Hillary learned about HIPPY, to Arkansas where Hillary made it a reality. And now back to Israel, where it all began.''

Clinton was accompanied by the Israeli prime minister's wife, Sarah Netanyahu, who studied psychology at the Hebrew University, where the National Council of Jewish Women runs the research institute that spawned HIPPY.

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The event capped a day of child- and family-centered stops for the First Lady, whose philosophies as articulated in her book, ``It Takes A Village,'' seemed to come to life at every turn.

She and Netanyahu started out at Neve Shalom, a two-decade old village outside Jerusalem where 30 Arab and Jewish families live and work together. Children in an integrated kindergarten lit a Hanukkah candle, a Christmas tree and a lantern for the Muslim holiday of Ramadan, which begins later this month.

The theme of peace through tolerance also was emphasized at a newly built cancer center for parents and children at Hadassah Hospital.

``When we are at a hospital like this, it really strips us down to our common humanity,'' Clinton said. She continued, ``You have been building a bridge to peace, by treating individuals as they are, not asking the questions `Where are you from?' and `Who are your people?' but instead asking, `What is wrong and how can we help?' ``

Monday, Hillary Clinton will visit a Palestinian children's charity in the Gaza Strip and speak to refugee women about empowerment before attending a session of the Palestinian National Council. There President Clinton will make a keynote address that is viewed as the heart of the Clintons' three-day visit to the Middle East.

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Israeli kids send signs of peace to Hillary Clinton

By Jennifer Friedlin

JERUSALEM, Dec 13 (Reuters) - Dressed in teddy bear pajamas, an ailing Israeli child had a holiday season message of peace for Hillary Clinton on Sunday.

Eight-year-old Bat-el Biton told the U.S. First Lady in Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital that American, Israeli and Palestinian leaders ``should talk and make peace so that there will be no more wars.''

Mrs Clinton, accompanying her husband on a three-day visit to Israel and the Palestinian-controlled areas, toured the hospital as well as the Jewish-Arab joint village of Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam in central Israel.

``When we are in a hospital like this it really strips us down to our common humanity in a very obvious way,'' Clinton said.

``There is no difference in a family worried about a child with cancer, no matter where that child comes from, what beliefs those parents might have.''

Some 40 clapping children greeted the First Lady in the hospital playroom, decorated with colourful drawings, gold and red streamers and symbols of the Jewish festival of Chanukkah, which began on Sunday evening.

Clinton sat and spoke with several of the children, who presented her and Netanyahu's wife Sara, with books of their drawings. Clinton held the childrens' hands as they spoke and then swayed along as they serenaded her with a holiday song.

The children, many of whom suffer from life-threatening illnesses, said they were honoured by Clinton's visit and hoped she would be able to contribute to Middle East peace.

``I want there to be peace between the two people (Israelis and Palestinians),'' said 14-year-old Abdallah Muhamad Akrib of Hebron, a frequent flashpoint of violence.

But speaking to staff and reporters following the visit, Clinton said the hospital represented an example of ways in which Jews and Palestinians had built their own ``bridge to peace.''

``As you have taken care of the generations of people who walk through these doors you have been...building a bridge to peace, by treating individuals as they are, not asking the questions 'how do you worship, do you celebrate Chanukkah, or Christmas or Ramadan, where do you live, who are your people', but instead 'what is wrong and how can we help','' she said.

Earlier in the day, Clinton visited Neve Shalom, the only Jewish-Arab joint village in Israel. There, the first lady helped Jewish, Christian and Moslem kindergarten children celebrate their respective holidays.

After lighting Chanukkah candles, a Christmas tree and a Ramadan lantern, Clinton said: ``Peace actually begins in our homes, in communities like this and in our hearts, and it has to be nurtured within and among human beings and then passed on to our children and that is precisely what you are doing here.''

Meanwhile, daughter Chelsea was on her own round of religious holy sites in Jerusalem.

She visited the Church of the Holy Sepulchre followed by Islam's al-Aqsa Mosque and Judaism's Western Wall, where she touched the historic stones, surrounded by Jewish women lost in prayer.

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JERUSALEM, Dec 15 (AFP) - US First Lady Hillary Clinton launched a new peace initiative Tuesday when she signed a peace calendar for the new millennium sponsored by former Israeli leader Shimon Peres.

The first lady warmly supported a Palestinian-Israeli "fruit of youth project" run by the Peres Centre for Peace by mingling with Israeli and Palestinian youths and telling them that through interaction they will flourish together and bring peace to the region.

"The Peres Centre is creating an opportunity for people, Israelis and Palestinians, not only to live together, but to really flourish together," Clinton said.

Some 120 youths were present at the meeting, half of them Palestinian from refugee camps and towns in the West Bank and the other half Israelis from different parts of the country.

Hagar Bromann, an Israeli 14-year-old, told Clinton that she spent three days recently in workshops with Palestinian youths as part of the Peres project and learned that Arabs were normal children, not hostile as she had imagined.

"We discovered we all want peace and we are in fact living through a special experience of crafting peace through interaction," said Bromann.

Hussein Issa, headmaster of a Palestinian school in Bethlehem, expressed the hope that the "fruits for peace" project would create a new Middle East -- long the goal of Peres, who was the main architect of the Oslo peace accords with the Palestinians.

"It is our dream also to show the Israelis that children are children and that there is no difference between children," Issa told AFP.

The calendar lists planned peacemaking events during 1999.

"From the birthplace of three religions, may the new millennium be the dawn of enduring peace, prosperity and security for all," it read.

The optimistic tone of the encounter contrasted with President Bill Clinton's failure during a meeting Tuesday with Israeli and Palestinian leaders to get

the peace process back on track.

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By SARI BASHI= Associated Press Writer=

NEWE SHALOM, Israel (AP) While her husband tries to shore up a fragile Mideast peace, Hillary Rodham Clinton will watch Arab and Jewish children demonstrate with playful ease what grown-ups in this troubled land find so difficult to do how to get along.

Emphasizing programs that put children first, Mrs. Clinton has chosen to visit an Israeli-Palestinian kindergarten, an Israeli preschool enrichment program she helped bring to Arkansas and a rehabilitation center for handicapped Palestinian children.

``I want her to see that there's a possibility for Palestinians and Jews, with all their differences of opinion, to live together,'' said Ayshe Najar, a Palestinian kindergarten teacher at the Newe Shalom village Mrs. Clinton will tour during a three-day presidential trip to Israel and the Palestinian areas.

Nestled in a hill and surrounded by olive groves, Newe Shalom was founded 22 years ago by a Dominican monk who wanted to show that Arabs and Jews could live in the same community. However, the idea has not caught on and throughout Israel, Arabs and Jews still largely live in separate towns, villages and neighborhoods.

On Friday, scores of American and Israeli security officials combed the community of 36 families to make final arrangements for Mrs. Clinton's visit.

Resident Howard Shipper said Newe Shalom, Hebrew for ``A New Peace,'' was not insulated from the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

``Of course there's a lot of friction, just like in any small community,'' Shipper said, strolling along the flower-lined streets that give way to breathtaking views of the Jerusalem hills on one end and Tel Aviv on the other.

All residents speak Hebrew and Arabic and the mayor's job rotates between Arabs and Jews.

Mrs. Clinton will visit the kindergarten, painted in yellow and red, where nine preschoolers from Newe Shalom and 19 from surrounding towns are taught.

On Friday, two children wrestled on the nap couch, nearly tearing down the Arabic and Hebrew alphabet posters on a wall behind them. Three low tables with tiny chairs stood neatly in the center of the room.

One table held a Menorah, or eight-armed candelabra used during the Jewish Hanukkah holiday, a foot-high Christmas tree and a small Fanous lantern, a traditional gift for children during the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan.

Mrs. Clinton was to light all three during her visit, and the children have been sketching the objects to learn more about each other's religions.

Mrs. Clinton and Sarah Netanyahu, the wife of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, will also visit an ``Etgar,'' Hebrew for ``Challenge,'' an enrichment program that teaches poor Jewish and Arab parents how to teach their preschool children.

Etgar officials said Mrs. Clinton helped bring the program to Arkansas more than a decade ago as HIPPY, or Home Instruction Pre-School Program Youngsters, after hearing about it on a radio program.

Soha Arafat, wife of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, will take Mrs. Clinton to Palestine's Future, a rehabilitation center for physically and mentally handicapped children.

The center is housed in a two-story villa near the Arafats' guest house in Gaza City. This week, workers were erecting a stage in the front yard where the 65 children ages 5 to 12 at the center will display crafts they have prepared for Mrs. Clinton's visit.

Children and families is the theme running through Mrs. Clinton's separate schedule during President Clinton's three-day trip to Israel, the West Bank and Gaza.

In addition to the school programs, Mrs. Clinton will tour the Mother and

Child Care Pavilion at Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem and meet with the families of four Israeli soldiers who have been missing in action since the 1980s.

Mrs. Clinton will accompany the president to Gaza on Monday, but go out on her own while he is meeting with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. Among her stops: a visit to a women's center at the Beach Refugee Camp designed to teach refugee women skills necessary for improving their economic standing and to a Palestinian center for disabled children.

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HEADLINE: EARLIER REMARKS EARN MRS. CLINTON BIG GAZA WELCOME

BYLINE: Reuters.

DATELINE: GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip

BODY:

Palestinians gave First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton a heroine's welcome on Monday for having voiced support for a Palestinian state last May.

Mrs. Clinton carefully avoided rekindling a row over the issue -- one of the most intractable problems in U.S. Middle East diplomacy -- while on a landmark visit to Palestinian-ruled lands with President Clinton.

Palestinians flooded the dust-clogged streets of a Gaza refugee camp in a raucous tribute to Mrs. Clinton, whose visit bolstered their dreams of a future independent state.

"Welcome Mrs. Clinton, Angel of Mercy," one banner read.

Almost upstaging her husband, the first lady earned a standing ovation by some 1,000 leading Palestinians at a conference on nullifying clauses in the Palestine Liberation Organization charter calling for Israel's destruction.

"Thank you again for witnessing with us the construction of our country, and I hope you will be here to witness again our Palestinian state," Palestinian First Lady Suha Arafat told Mrs. Clinton after touring a center for encouraging small-scale enterprises run by women.

Mrs. Clinton graciously accepted her host's welcome but steered clear of repeating comments in support of a Palestinian state that made White House policymakers wince.

The first lady stuck to favorite issues, such as education, religious tolerance, and the importance of guaranteeing women's rights to help eradicate poverty in developing countries.

"Women's rights are human rights, and women's rights are as important here in Gaza as they are anywhere in the world," said Mrs. Clinton, wearing a hand-embroidered Palestinian dress given to her by Gazans.

"With God's help and with your determination, courage and hope, I believe you will build a better future for yourselves and your children. God bless you all," she told an audience of development workers and aid recipients.

During an earlier tour of a school for handicapped children, Mrs. Clinton ignored a reporter's request to clarify her views on Palestinian statehood. She also declined to respond directly to the thanks of a Palestinian woman lawyer, Hanan Matar, for her "support of the Palestinian people and their own state."

Mrs. Clinton said at a conference of Arab and Israeli youths in a video address in May that she believed "the territory the Palestinians currently inhabit and whatever additional territory they will obtain through peace negotiations should be considered and will evolve into a functioning modern state."

The White House scrambled to emphasize that she was speaking her mind and not that of her husband.

GRAPHIC: PHOTOPHOTO (color): First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton admires a handmade embroidered robe presented by Palestinian women at the Beach refugee camp in Gaza on Monday as Yasser Arafat's wife, Suha (right), looks on. AP photo.

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HEADLINE: Hillary Clinton carries a message of hope

BYLINE: By Aliza Marcus, Globe Correspondent

BODY:

GAZA CITY - Hillary Rodham Clinton brought a message of hope yesterday to Palestinians living in a squalid refugee camp of barefoot children and tin-roofed houses.

Clinton, speaking at a women's center that aids Palestinians displaced 50 years ago when Israel was founded, assured people that with hard work and courage they would soon see tangible benefits of the peace process.

"I know that for many in Gaza life has been hard for too many years. There is too much suffering and too few jobs to support families," Clinton told Palestinians gathered at the center.

"With God's help and with your determination, courage, and hope, I believe you will build a better future for yourselves and your children," said Clinton, who made the historic trip while President Clinton was meeting with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Thousands of Palestinians crowded the narrow, dusty streets to catch a glimpse of Mrs. Clinton, who was whisked to the center with daughter Chelsea in a black limousine guarded by Secret Service agents.

Mrs. Clinton, who gained in popularity among Palestinians when she voiced support for a Palestinian state last May during a conference of Palestinian and Israeli youth, had something concrete to offer. She said the United States would boost its annual contribution to the United Nations agency for refugees by 4.3 percent to $73 million. And she called on other countries to do the same.

Such aid is sorely needed in Gaza, where some 1.2 million people live crammed into a strip of land roughly double the size of Washington, D.C. Gaza was transferred to Palestinian self-rule in 1994, a year after the peace treaty with Israel.

Unemployment hovers around 30 percent, the birth rate is nearly 5 percent, one of the highest in the world, and schools are so crowded they often operate double shifts.

Although new buildings are being rapidly built, some 400,000 people still live in small concrete houses built decades ago to accommodate the Palestinians who fled or were forced to flee from Israel during its War for Independence in 1948.

"It is good Hillary comes here, but I need work and money so I can live," said Niyazi Massad, a 50-year-old man living with 13 children in a two-room concrete house across the street from where Clinton was speaking.

Palestinians attribute some of the problems to 27 years of Israeli occupation, during which little was done to build up the infrastructure or provide jobs.

Others blame the current situation: Investors hold back on needed investment because of the slowdown in the peace process, Israel restricts the movement of people and goods in and out of Gaza, and local corruption and mismanagement have taken a toll.

Hillary Clinton's visit to the center, which is run by the UN agency for refugees, gave her a chance to stress what individuals can do to improve their lives.

Upon arriving in the freshly-painted two-story structure behind a high concrete wall in the Beach, or Shati, refugee camp, Clinton sat in on a class that educates women about their rights under the law and in Islam.

As Clinton, Chelsea and Yasser Arafat's wife, Suha Arafat, looked on, a female lawyer lectured a dozen women on how Islam allowed them to write their own demands into a marriage contract.

"If you have a contract, who enforces it?" Clinton, herself a lawyer, asked at one point. The teacher explained that a woman could turn to an Islamic court, and then went back to describing the various conditions a woman was able to demand, such as the right to education.

Later, with a richly embroidered shawl - a gift from the students - draped around her, she spoke to Palestinians about the benefits of micro-credit programs, which have allowed women to start small businesses.

GRAPHIC: PHOTO, Hillary Rodham Clinton and Suha Arafat donned traditional Palestinian robes, received as gifts while visiting a refugee camp. / AP PHOTO

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BYLINE: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DATELINE: Gaza

BODY:

Gaza - Palestinians crowded into the streets and clambered onto rooftops yesterday to welcome Hillary Rodham Clinton to a seaside refugee camp.

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"Women's rights are human rights and are as important here in Gaza as anywhere else in the world," she told refugees and aid workers, to warm applause.

Hundreds of Palestinians, many of them schoolchildren clutching small plastic American flags, lined the first lady's route to the camp, cheering as her motorcade passed by to a blare of sirens. Security was extremely heavy, with Palestinian police, intelligence agents and soldiers every few steps.

Under gray, foggy skies, veiled women and small children perched on the rooftops of the camp's rows of cement-block hovels, waving and hopping up and down in excitement as Clinton and her entourage passed by.

At a UN-funded women's job-training center on the edge of the camp, the first lady listened attentively as a law professor lectured two dozen young women on their legal rights under sharia, or Islamic law.

The discussion turned to marriage-contract provisions, and the women learned they could include clauses prohibiting their husbands from taking other wives, or giving them the option of continuing to work after marriage.

"Who enforces the contract?" Clinton inquired. An Islamic court, she was told.

Women at the center presented her with a black-and-gold embroidered cape made by a refugee seamstress using elaborate traditional designs. "It's beautiful!" she exclaimed, and wore it for the rest of the visit.

Later, speaking to recipients of U.S.-funded "micro" loans used to start businesses in Gaza's refugee camps, Clinton praised women with "small loans and big dreams" for transforming the lives of their families and communities, and she announced the awarding of 10 new such loans for businesses like vegetable vending and dressmaking.

Accompanied by Soha Arafat, the first lady alluded to both of their husbands efforts to implement the Wye River land-for-security accord, pledging they would continue "hard work to achieve peace."

"We have the chance to pass down to our children a world of peace," Clinton said.

Craning her neck to catch a glimpse of the first lady as she arrived, Rawia Abdel Wahad, 25, said she considered Clinton an important friend to Palestinians.

"Visiting us here in our refugee camp, she gives us importance - and hope that our lives will get better after years of suffering," she said.

GRAPHIC: AP Photo-First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Yasser Arafat's wife, Soha, were given robes at the beach refugee camp in Gaza yesterday.

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Yasser Arafat's wife, Soha (right), escorts Hillary Rodham Clinton and her daughter, Chelsea, at her Palestine Avenir Childhood Foundation.

First lady praises Arab women's work

Palestinians learn legal rights, find jobs

By Laura King
ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Talking It Over



By Hillary Rodham Clinton

Bid for Mideast peace begins in our hearts

As I write this, Jews around the world are celebrating Hanukkah, Christians are preparing to celebrate Christmas, and Muslims are approaching the monthlong fast of Ramadan. My husband just made his fourth trip as president to Israel and his first to Gaza, delivering this message to Palestinians and Israelis alike: America will stand by you as you take the difficult steps along the road to peace.

In Gaza, members of the Palestine National Council cast a historic vote to revoke the parts of their charter that called for the destruction of Israel. How proud I was to witness the moment when the council members raised their hands in favor of the changes and to see my husband deliver an eloquent and persuasive speech about the promise and rewards of peace.

In large measure, it has been this president's fierce determination, his devotion to the peace process and his willingness to persevere through dark and often sleepless nights that have helped bridge the divide between the Palestinians and the Israelis.

In Jerusalem, I watched as he laid a stone on the grave of Yitzhak Rabin — a stone he'd carried from Wye River. Quietly, he bowed his head and asked God for the strength and wisdom to carry on the work for peace he had started with his friend.

While my husband was participating in meetings with Israeli and Palestinian leaders, I was reminded that the hard work of peace doesn't begin or end at the negotiating table. The hard work of peace begins in our hearts, in our homes and in our communities. The hard work of peace begins when everyday people — out of the glare of headlines — teach their children the values we all share as human beings — faith and family, trust and respect, hope and love.

Everywhere I went this week, I met people doing the everyday work of peace. I spent Sunday morning with Sara Netanyahu in a small village nestled among the hills between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, overlooking the Ayalon Valley, the site of thousands of years of bloodshed. Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam, or "Oasis of Peace," is a unique community where 30 Jewish and Palestinian families have chosen to live together side by side, raising their children in an atmosphere of peaceful coexistence.

There, on the first day of Hanukkah, I watched as three kindergartners lit a menorah, a Christmas tree and a Ramadan lantern. As Muslim, Christian and Jewish children joined together to sing each other's holiday songs, I knew I was looking into the faces of the children who will light the way toward a lasting peace in the Middle East.

In Jerusalem, I toured the Mother and Child Pavilion of the Hadassah University Medical Center, a cutting-edge medical facility begun by an American woman whose commitment to improving public health prompted her to send two nurses to the area. Here, religious differences have no place. Muslim, Jewish and Christian children share the same wards. And no one asks, "Are you Jewish or Christian? Do you celebrate Hanukkah or Ramadan?" The only important question is "What is wrong, and can we help?"

Later that day, I visited HIPPY, the Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters. There, I saw Israeli and Arab children and their mothers playing and learning together to be better prepared for schooling and citizenship. More than 10 years ago, HIPPY's founder and the president of the National Council of Jewish Women helped me plant the seeds of this successful Israeli program in Arkansas and around America.

In Gaza City, Suha Arafat proudly showed me the work she started and oversees at the Avenir Foundation, which provides much-needed special education and therapy to children with disabilities.

At the Women's Program Center at Beach Camp, a settlement for nearly 65,000 poor Palestinians run by the United Nations, I visited a class where women were learning about their legal rights. And I met several women who used small microcredit loans to turn their dreams into thriving businesses. One woman's successful dressmaking business enabled her to enlarge her house and send her daughters to school. One day, she hopes to turn her small operation into a factory her daughters will run.

While at Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam, I heard the story of one young girl who picked up a newspaper and saw a picture of a Jewish child and an Arab child holding hands. Confused, she asked her father why something so ordinary would be considered newsworthy.

As my husband lit the menorah in Jerusalem and the Christmas tree in Bethlehem, we prayed for the day when Arab and Jewish children holding hands together will no longer be news. Then, we will know that the promise of peace will be real.

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Gaza Sees Visit as Symbol of 'New Era'

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and a new situation. Time is required to change things much more, and larger steps are still to be taken. But we have hopes for new conditions. Today, the world is here."

In a place identified for years with the burning of American flags, suddenly American flags were everywhere in Gaza, and none was set ablaze. Palestinians hung American flags from high-rise apartments, affixed them to the backs of bicycles, and, in a few zealous cases, draped them around their bodies.

In a place long associated with terrorists and militants—the Hamas and Islamic Jihad groups have their strongholds here—most Palestinians were at pains to explain to visitors that no one in his right mind could possibly wish harm to befall so honored a guest.

School boys with barely a word of English managed precisely two today when they encountered Americans in the streets of Gaza City: "Clinton good!"

Stapled to trees and plastered on tenement walls, posters, murals and banners appeared of Clinton and Arafat, smiling side-by-side, with the heading: "We have a dream, SAME as yours. A free Palestine."

Three hours before Clinton's arrival, thousands lined the route from the airport, only to discover much later that he would be transported around Gaza by helicopter. So many people were glued to their televisions, or intimidated by the numbers of Palestinian troops deployed, that traffic through Gaza City's ordinarily teeming streets simply evaporated. Shops closed in the center of town, and merchants called it a sign of respect for their eminent visitor.

One Palestinian cleric, who hinted he had not always been so great a fan of the United States, shrugged when asked about Clinton and said simply: "We will remember it forever."

The enthusiasm seemed genuine, but it was not undiluted. In the Jabaliya Refugee Camp, desperately poor, trash-strewn and badly overcrowded, this sudden recasting of the United States' role sparked a new flicker of hope against a backdrop of traditional anti-Western resentments. In some cases, the result was confusion and cognitive dissonance.



BY ADEL HANA—ASSOCIATED PRESS

Schoolchildren gather behind a Palestinian police officer along the route of President Clinton's motorcade in Gaza.



BY SVEN NACKSTRAND—AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

Suha Arafat, left, wife of Yasser Arafat, and Hillary Clinton speak with a disabled Palestinian boy at a child care center in the Gaza Strip.

Take the case of Abdul Fattah Sharfi, born and reared in Jabaliya's mean streets and a child of the intifada, the Palestinian uprising against Israeli military occupation.

As a boy in the intifada, his idea of street theater was to torch an American flag in the gutter. Just because Clinton came calling in Gaza today, and thousands of his countrymen watched in awe, Sharfi was not about to scrap his conviction that the United States, Israel's ally, is fundamentally anti-Arab.

But somehow even Sharfi, 20, a history major at Gaza's Islamic University, was touched and heartened by Clinton's visit.

"I can't carry an American flag today—my conscience won't permit it," said Sharfi, baby-faced and articulate. "But I think Clinton coming here is a step toward creating a Palestinian state. . . . It gives us some hopes."

The outpouring of hope unleashed by Clinton's visit was so great that it is almost certain to be followed by disappointment the morning after. It was a measure of the Palestinians' sense of aggrievement that so many seemed to invest so much into the appearance of one statesman for less than eight hours.

Several Palestinians said assuredly that when Hillary Rodham Clinton said earlier this year that the Palestinians deserved an independent state, this most certainly could not have been an accident—even though the White House immediately distanced itself from the first lady's remark.

Clinton "will help us to regain our land, to regain Jerusalem, to regain what the Israelis took from us," said Khalil Mahmoud Biran, 54, a shop owner in Gaza City. "There is nothing wrong with the United States helping Israel, but at the same time we think now it can help us too."

Still, the president's appearance also prompted Palestinians to confront and discuss the question of Israel's security and its right to exist in a new, perhaps more realistic way.

"I was 16 when I went to work as a janitor in Israel, and I cried because even the room where they keep their garbage was nicer than the rooms we live in here in Jabaliya," said Shedadah Amoudi, 45, a shop owner. "Now the Americans are starting to understand the suffering of the Palestinian people. And we know that Israel has a right to exist, based on an agreement between both sides."

Were Palestinians willing to accept the United States as an ally, after so many years of mutual suspicion?

"We are Arabs—we are known for our hospitality," said Amoudi. "We always close our eyes to many past mistakes."

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Palestinians in Gaza wave U.S. flags to welcome President Clinton.

In Gaza, Visit Is Seen As Sign of 'New Era'

By LEE HOCKSTADER
Washington Post Foreign Service

JABALIYA REFUGEE CAMP, Gaza Strip, Dec. 14—Perhaps not since the day Yasser Arafat returned to Gaza from his years of exile in 1994 have Palestinians felt such a surge of hope and wonder as they did today when President Clinton came calling.

Part of it was pageantry: the 100-foot-long American and Palestinian flags that swaddled the brand new airport control tower like gift wrapping; the stifling security, freshly whitewashed walls and ubiquitous welcome banners that announced this VIP was unlike any other; the big, noisy American choppers floating down one by one from a pale blue sky.

But even before they had heard him speak, Palestinians understood that the mere fact of an American president setting foot on their soil for the first time was a form of recognition and a symbolic windfall that would have been unthinkable until recently.

"Six years ago we were seen as distorted people, as terrorists," said Salah Tamari, a Palestinian lawmaker. "Now we are greeting and meeting the president of the United States. It's a practical recognition of our rights. If someone doesn't understand the significance of it, they are blind."

Said Sayed Shaban, an officer in the fledgling Palestinian navy: "Today we are in a new era

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