

"Sorry, very sorry."

Top Khmer Rouge leader **Khieu Samphan**, apologizing for suffering his regime caused the Cambodian people



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"I've never seen such a word in my Bible." **Nkem Chukwu**, who gave birth to octuplets last month, explaining why she hadn't considered aborting some of the fetuses to increase the others' likelihood of survival

"One reputation I don't have is for stealing money from the public." Outgoing Washington, D.C., Mayor **Marion Barry**, reflecting on his 16-year tenure in a farewell news conference

"I would have tried to tell her that this was a relationship that had no future." Television interviewer **Barbara Walters**, on the advice she would have given Monica Lewinsky if the two had met during the intern's affair with President Clinton



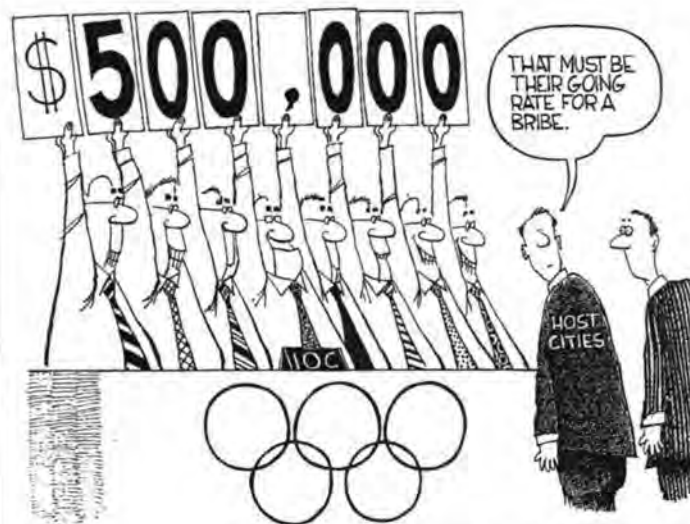
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"If people like my personality, thank you. If you don't, I don't really care." Combative New York City Mayor **Rudolph Giuliani**, speaking to reporters in a year-end interview

"Maybe we're just more, you know, advanced." Eighteen-year-old **Daniel Wells**, who answers technical-support calls for Nintendo of America, explaining his generation's facility with high-tech equipment

"The mere fact that you're a celebrity doesn't give you a lock on a gun." New York police spokesman **Walter Burnes**, on the growing number of celebrities caught with firearms, ostensibly for protection

"It's not my role to be like Hillary and try to rule the world." **Terry Ventura**, on her new job as First Lady of Minnesota



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"Allowing Reform rabbis to perform conversions is like allowing garage mechanics to perform conversions." Rabbi **Avraham Ravitz**, an Orthodox member of Israel's Parliament, on a court decision recognizing conversions performed by non-Orthodox movements

"I now have a 7-year-old boy and a 9-year-old boy, so all I can say is I apologize." **Matt Groening**, creator of animated antihero Bart Simpson, frequently criticized as a bad role model for kids

"This happens to be the first time an impeached president sent a wreath to another impeached president." **Kendra Hinkle**, a park ranger at the Andrew Johnson National Historic Site, when the birthday wreath that the sitting president traditionally sends each of his predecessors arrived last week



CRIME

Hey, Pops, Remember The Crack Old Days?

LAST WEEK THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT released stunning news: violent- and property-crime rates, which have been dropping since 1991, are at their lowest level in 24 years. In 1997, murder dropped 8% and robbery fell 17%; early 1998 figures suggest the trend continues. Experts can't agree on why, citing factors from better



policing to a booming economy. But one of the most fascinating developments seems to be that crack is now your father's drug. Users are maturing, if not heading into middle age, and dealers are less aggressive in recruiting youths, who tend to be turned off by crack's devastation (and more interested in the trendier, mellower highs of drugs like heroin). And the business has become more, well, mature as turf wars have been decided and trade has shifted from street sales to indoor client-list transactions. Then there's the bottom-line dictum offered by an expert: "Killing is bad for business." —By Tamala M. Edwards

THE FIRST COUPLE

Bill and Hill: Once More On the Public Couch

IN WASHINGTON THE TALK OF THE TOWN this week will probably be **VANITY FAIR's** look inside the tormented saga of **BILL** and **HILLARY CLINTON's** marriage. **GAIL SHEEHY's** 21-page report examines the psychological underpinnings of the First Couple's frequently anguished relationship. Among the highlights is a rare interview with Dorothy Rodham, Hillary's mom, who sheds light on the First Lady's seemingly superhuman stoicism: "She is a very sensitive person. But she is able not to overemotionalize it..." She doesn't go into one of these horribly overwrought



to the couple who says Hillary has yet to forgive Bill fully. Sheehy's verdict on the marriage: If everyone is addicted to something, as the President has said, "Hillary's addiction is Bill. He is her only rebellion, the one thing she can't logically explain." —By Flora Tartakovsky/New York

RUSSIA

If You Think Boris Has It Tough...

RUSSIA'S ECONOMIC FREE FALL HAS NOT been kind to **MIKHAIL GORBACHEV**. First, in the banking collapse that followed last August's devaluation of the ruble, he lost—as he told the German magazine *Bunte*—his life savings of some \$80,000. Then the Pizza Hut in Moscow that he made world famous in a TV commercial last year closed its doors. Now he's trying to make a little scratch and regain a measure of



respect at home—where the vast majority of his compatriots continue to revile him for causing their present woes—with the latest volume in his post-Politburo oeuvre. Titled *Thoughts on the Past and the Future*, the 300-page "textbook" consists of the former General Secretary's deep thoughts on his country and the 20th century as the millennium approaches. Although Columbia University Press is to publish an English-language edition in 1999, Gorby has little hope for redemption at home. The Russian-language run of *Thoughts* is embarrassingly small: just 10,000 copies have been printed. And although the book costs only about \$1, fewer than 100 of his die-hard groupies turned up last week at a gala press conference to grab the first copies. —By Andrew Meier/Moscow

THE DRAWING BOARD





The president in South Carolina for Renaissance Weekend, where Monica wasn't mentioned (in public)

New Year's Networking Ain't What It Used to Be

THIS WEEK'S TOPIC? THE BUZZ FROM RENAISSANCE WEEKEND, THE ELITE RETREAT ATTENDED BY President Clinton. Founded as a venue for soul-baring candor, the 1999 event saw a mass refusal to publicly broach the one topic (impeachment) everyone wanted to discuss. But there was still buzz:

IT'S HER TURN: Hillary's the one with the political future. She talked as much as Bill did, and smiled better. She also spoke of a coming "rendezvous with responsibility." Hmm. **AWOL:** Senators Robb, Mikulski and Bayh (and Clinton's Education secretary, Richard Riley) usually at-

tend but didn't. Was it due to, you know... the unmentionable thing? **GRACE:** There's something admirable about Bill's stoic refusal to discuss the elephant in the room. **GRACELESSNESS:** But he should have thanked his longtime friends for their loyalty, don't you think?

THANKS, FRANK: GOP pollster Frank Luntz attends, makes everyone feel bipartisan, and disses other GOPs! **WE'RE BEYOND BILL:** The weekend is already less about Clintonite networking ("I know Ira Magaziner") and more about Internet investing ("I was into eBay early").

MOVIES

Last Laugh

THE REAL-LIFE PEOPLE ROBIN Williams portrays were new as zany as they appear on the screen—until, perhaps, Patch Adams, the eponymous hero of Williams's latest movie, who showed up at the premiere wearing a fork earring to go with his long hair and handlebar mustache. No wonder Universal Studios has asked him not to give interviews for fear he'll overshadow the movie. Universal did give him fund-raising help, he says, for his planned \$25 million hospital in West Virginia. "Usually it's just me out there alone," he says. Here's hoping the irrepressible M.D.'s good fortune will overcome the Williams curse: at least two of Williams's real-life models for past movies lost their jobs soon after he portrayed them.

PAUL O'DONNELL with bureau rep



Patched up: Williams as Adams



LOCKOUT

U.S.A. to NBA: Drop Dead

THE NBA'S JAN. 7 DEADLINE IS LOOMING, BUT DOES ANYONE really care? Nearly 70 percent of Americans don't consider themselves fans of pro ball, and even hoop junkies are feeling betrayed by the bitter lockout. Those who don't want to be like Mike tend to be older, working-class Americans in small towns and rural communities who prefer auto racing, skiing and—hang on to your high-tops—fishing.

MICHAEL J. WEISS

FUGITIVES

Still Missing: Men on the Run

SUSPECTED BOMBER ERIC RUDOLPH HAS AN ANNIVERSARY COining up: he's evaded the Feds for nearly a year. How he matches up with other notable fugitives, with the dates of their warrants:



Eric Rudolph, Jan. 30, 1998: Bare trees this winter were supposed to reveal his redoubt in the North Carolina woods, but the alleged Olympic and abortion-clinic bomber hasn't turned up.



James Kopp, Nov. 4, 1998: He was seen near Buffalo abortion doctor Barnett Slepian's house days before Slepian's murder—then his car was found at Newark Airport. Wanted for questioning.



Jason McVean and Alan Pilon, June 2, 1998: After allegedly shooting a cop in Cortez, Colo., Pilon (left) and McVean, who are said to nurse anti-government grudges, vanished into the desert.



Leo Frederick Burt, May 1971: Of four militants named in the bombing of Sterling Hall at the University of Wisconsin, Burt is the last still at large. If alive, he's been on the run nearly half his life.

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Speculation swirls about first lady in Senate run

Pundits ponder whether she's floating trial balloons

By Mimi Hall
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — In political circles, where every utterance is ascribed a motive, word from Sen. Robert Torricelli on Sunday that he believes the first lady will run for the Senate next year launched a week-long wave of speculation about Hillary Rodham Clinton's plans.

Spokeswoman Marsha Berry says only that her boss "has no plans" for life after the White House. "She really just wants to make the most out of the next two years," Berry says.

Torricelli's spokeswoman, Joy Howell, says the senator's comment on NBC's *Meet the Press* was pure speculation.

"He hasn't spoken with her about it," she says.

But the first lady's staff is not ruling out a run for the seat being vacated in 2000 by retiring Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y. And that is fueling speculation that has the East Coast's political and financial capitals abuzz.

Was Torricelli — or Hillary Clinton through Torricelli — floating a trial balloon? Testing the idea to see if it was well-received?

It sounded that way to *The New York Times*. "Senator Rodham?" the *Times* asked in an editorial Tuesday. "This could simply be wishful thinking" by Torricelli, who as head of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee is responsible for recruiting Democratic candidates, the *Times* noted. But "the fact that Mrs. Clinton has made no attempt to discourage talk about the Moynihan seat suggests she has not ruled the idea out entirely."

A *Vanity Fair* article has added to the talk. In it, writer Gail Sheehy describes how, at a summer fundraiser in Amagansett, N.Y., State Democratic Committee Chairwoman Judith Hope told President Clinton that New Yorkers love his wife. Clinton responded, "Maybe she should consider running for office in New York." He said it "with a chuckle," the article says.

Hope said Wednesday she does not expect the Clinton name on the ballot in 2000. "She has discouraged me from encouraging any speculation that she might run for public office," Hope said. "My guess is that she will find some way to continue her work on the issues she cares about ... outside of government."

But on Thursday, Hope's office issued a statement saying she had spoken with Rep. Charles Rangel and other New York Democrats, and "they agreed that if there is any possibility the first lady might become a candidate, that is something that should be encouraged."

Legally, she wouldn't need residency in the state until the day before the election. And the *Times* says she wouldn't have to worry about carpetbagging, since non-New Yorkers such as Robert Kennedy have held the seat.

People agree she would be a formidable candidate.

"Mrs. Clinton is a proven fund-raiser and vote-getter,"



By H. Darr Belser, USA TODAY

Clinton: Her staff is not ruling out a run for the Senate seat being vacated in 2000 by retiring N.Y. Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

Republican pollster Linda DiVall says. "Her campaigning for Democratic candidates was a definite asset" in 1998.

But Clinton friends say there's virtually no chance she would run for the Senate in 2000. Among the reasons:

► She wouldn't be inclined to virtually abandon the White House and her duties as first lady to run a statewide campaign in New York during the last year of her husband's presidency.

► She'd need to make more money than a senator's \$136,673 annual salary to help cover debts rung up during years of investigations.

► She wouldn't want to be just one of 100 senators when she probably could wield more influence as head of a foundation or as a goodwill ambassador promoting democracy and women's rights worldwide.

► She wouldn't want to spend six more years in Washington — a city, friends say, she has grown to hate.

The speculation might be put to an end next week, when Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo is expected to announce whether he'll seek Moynihan's seat. Friends say the first lady would never challenge Cuomo, son of former New York governor Mario Cuomo, in a primary.

But Hillary Clinton has never been one to limit her options. And if she decides not to run in New York in 2000, speculation could shift to her home state of Illinois in 2004, when freshman Republican Sen. Peter Fitzgerald is up for re-election.



Torricelli: T.V. comment sparks talk

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Clinton all business — by day

After hours, he's on phone, eyeing numbers

By Susan Page
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — As the Senate sergeant at arms was reading the proclamation that opened the impeachment trial, President Clinton was out of sight, spending the morning in the White House residence and not even bothering to watch the historic proceedings on television, his spokesman said.

When he emerged to public view hours later, Clinton ignored the headline topic entirely as he stood before a friendly audience in the East Room to propose increased funding next year for after-school programs.

On one of the darkest days of his presidency, Clinton was following the formula that has sustained him through six roller-coaster years in the White House: Keep the public focus on public issues, stage photogenic announcements on popular programs, and make it clear he remains involved in everything from devising the budget to drafting the State of the Union address.

"A normal day," spokesman Joe Lockhart said.

But these days, Clinton's ability to operate on two tracks has gone beyond his famed ability to "compartmentalize" his problems. It's more as though he's operating in parallel universes — one in which he drops by chief of staff John Podesta's office to discuss falling hog prices with farm-state senators, and another in which he faces a devastating challenge that has tarnished his place in history and could oust him from office.

Some of those close to Clinton say there is a difference, literally, of night and day.

By night, some friends say,



By Ron Edmonds, AP

School plan: President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton after he proposed more funding for after-school programs Thursday in Washington. 'Everyone just has one life. This is about giving people a chance to make the most of that one life,' Clinton said in his announcement.

Clinton is often on the phone to talk and strategize about impeachment with Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, other friendly members of Congress and Democratic advisers he trusts. He routinely calls them at midnight, 1 a.m. and even later to discuss what's happening on impeachment and devise what to do next.

He is intensely interested in what each House member and, now, what each senator has said and will do — down to analyzing how he did in 1992 and 1996 in their states and districts.

But by day, Clinton is all official business, staffers say. As Senate Republicans caucused Wednesday afternoon on how to proceed with the impeachment trial, Clinton was engaged in an intensive hour-long debate on Social Security reform with economic aides in the Cabinet Room. Earlier in the day, he convened a round-up on world events with his foreign policy team. He has held a series of complicated sessions on next year's budget.

"There's an unavoidable

regularity to the budget process: The government has to be funded Oct. 1," budget director Jacob Lew said in an interview, dismissing the notion that the troubles on Capitol Hill have affected the budget work at the White House.

Policy aides are discouraged from discussing the impeachment issue, one of them said, although the president occasionally makes a rueful reference to his troubles. When Clinton is being briefed before a situation in which he'll face reporters, policy aides often leave the room when the topic turns to how to handle an impeachment inquiry.

On Thursday, after talking on the phone and exercising in the White House residential quarters, Clinton held his regular weekly luncheon with Vice President Gore in the dining room off the Oval Office as Chief Justice William Rehnquist was swearing in senators as impeachment trial jurors.

In the late afternoon, he was in the East Room posing for pictures with 75 rookies from major league baseball.

Only occasionally do his two worlds seem to intersect.

At the announcement about after-school programs, Clinton looked weary, with dark bags under bloodshot eyes. Some of his comments seemed to refer as much to his own predicament as to that of latchkey kids.

"I was 28 once," he sighed, remarking on the youth of Rep. Harold Ford Jr., D-Tenn., who had made introductory remarks. Later, Clinton gripped the sides of the lectern and began to muse.

"Everybody just gets one chance," he said almost wistfully. "Everyone just has one life. This is about giving people a chance to make the most of that one life. This is about the sure knowledge we have that the rest of us will just be fine, everything is going to work out all right if we give our children the chance to make the most of their lives."

Then eight military aides lined up to mark the path Clinton would take from the East Room, and he left the room.

Contributing: Mimi Hall

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NATION

Hillary's supporters circulate her name for 2000 Senate run

New York race 'has not been ruled out'

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hillary Rodham Clinton's supporters are quietly circulating her name as a possible candidate to run for the Senate from New York, and the first lady has not ruled out the idea.

Though close aides and confidants say she is not actively considering the Senate bid, there are growing signs of a whisper campaign to encourage speculation as Mrs. Clinton enjoys some of her highest approval ratings ever.

"She's aware that people are speculating about what she might do in 2000, but at this point she has no plans to run for elective office," says spokeswoman Marsha Berry. "For the next two years, she wants to make the most out of being first lady. I'm not in the position to rule it out. I'm just telling you I can't tell you."

Judith Hope, chairman of the New York Democratic Party, says Mrs. Clinton asked her several months ago not to encourage speculation about running for the seat of retiring Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan. She told the Associated Press that she had no reason to believe the guidance had changed. "I would be surprised if this is what she chose to do," Ms. Hope said yesterday, reiterating her comments to other news organizations in recent days.

But a few hours later, she called back to say, "I have reason to believe that my comments have been too negative. If she decides to run, it would be terribly thrilling."

She would not say what prompted her to suddenly view a Hillary-for-Senate in a less negative light.

"I have reason to believe that this possibility has not been ruled out and that gives me cause to be excited," Ms. Hope says.

Several confidants of Mrs. Clinton, all of whom spoke on the condition of anonymity, said there is something to the speculation.

One close friend said this week that she has talked to the first lady about possibly running for the Senate seat.

The conversations were casual and not substantial, but Mrs. Clinton knows friends are circulating her name, the source says.

A leading Democratic official in New York said allies of Mrs. Clinton's have discussed a possible bid with state leaders.

An administration official close to the Clintons says the first lady won't rule out a campaign because she can't give it serious consideration until after the Monica Lewinsky controversy subsides. After that, she likely will take a look at it, though the official said his best guess is she won't run.

That assessment was repeated by several others close to the first lady, who say no polling or organizing has begun.

Friends say Mrs. Clinton has several political options open to her, including seeking Senate seats in Illinois or California and even a presidential race somewhere down the line.

Given the family's massive legal debt, they say, she may instead join corporate boards, return to practicing law or write a book.

She has never been a hotter political commodity.

Polls show a healthy majority of Americans view her favorably. In New York, one poll on prospective Senate candidates showed her in a dead heat with Republican Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani of New York City.

Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo, the son of former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, is expected to announce by early next week whether he will run. If Mr. Cuomo sought the seat, Mrs. Clinton would be unlikely to challenge him, say allies of both. If he bows out, speculation about a first lady candidacy would skyrocket.

Residency wouldn't be a problem. Lee Daghljan, spokesman for the state Board of Elections, says she would have until Election Day to rent or buy in New York.

Getting elected would be tougher. Party leaders say New Yorkers wouldn't be dazzled by the "first lady" title.

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IMPEACHMENT

Clintons still among 'the most admired'

By August Gribbin
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

People don't think as much of President Clinton as they used to, but they still regard him favorably. In fact, polls released this week indicate that Americans rank him and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton among the world's "most admired" persons.

As the Senate geared up for the impeachment trial of the president, a CNN-USA Today-Gallup survey found Mr. Clinton's approval rating had dropped to 63 percent from a record 73 five days before Christmas. The 63 percent rating matched those of early December and was just a few points below those of previous weeks.

What's more, some 70 percent of those queried in a separate CBS

poll want Mr. Clinton to remain in office.

Still, the CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll found that a plurality (42 percent) want Mr. Clinton tried in the Senate. A huge 85 percent of the respondents declared nothing was "likely to occur in the trial" that would change their opinion of the president.

Further probing the president's popularity, an early week survey of 1,055 adults by the same polling group asked who respondents admired most from a list of famous men that included Pope John Paul II, Michael Jordan and retired Gen. Colin Powell. Eighteen percent of the respondents chose Mr. Clinton, ahead of the pope at 7 percent and the Rev. Billy Graham at 5 percent.

Mr. Jordan came in fourth, Gen. Powell sixth. Software magnate Bill Gates and South African President Nelson Mandela were named by 2 percent.

Similarly, people were asked

what woman they most admired. Mrs. Clinton was the choice of 28 percent, compared with 8 percent for second-place finisher Oprah Winfrey. Elizabeth Dole garnered 6 percent, good for third place.

The CNN survey inquired if respondents wanted the president tried. Forty-two percent did. Thirty-two percent prefer censure without a trial, and 21 percent wanted no trial and no censure.

Thirty-three percent of those polled said their senator should vote to convict and remove Mr. Clinton, but almost twice as many — 63 percent — said their senator should vote against removal.

Asked how long they think the trial should last, 62 percent said "just a few days." Twenty-four percent said "at least several weeks."

Those findings represent a change. A CBS News poll of 1,175 adults at the start of the week indicated 63 percent of the public thought a full trial was "not necessary," while 32 percent said it was.

CNN pollsters pushed the point, asking whether the Senate should adopt the plan of Sens. Slade Gorton, Washington Republican, and Joseph I. Lieberman, Connecticut Democrat. The plan called for an early Senate vote to see if there were enough votes for ousting the president and then proceeding with censure if there were not.

Fifty-three percent opposed the Gorton-Lieberman idea and preferred "a full trial"; 42 percent wanted the preliminary vote.

The CBS survey asked interviewees if they would be optimistic or pessimistic about the final two years of Mr. Clinton's term should he survive in office. Sixty percent said they were optimistic; 32 percent pessimistic. Of the optimists, 78 percent were Democrats and 15 percent Republicans.

With the Senate going ahead with preparations for the trial, a poll conducted by Louis Harris and Associates asked if respondents thought people in the Capitol "are out of touch with the rest of the country."

Seventy-six percent said yes.



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Spotlight

The Great Hillary Hope

Speculation persists, but most think she won't run for Senate

By JOEL SIEGEL

Daily News Senior Political Correspondent

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton has a huge list of things to do with the rest of her life, but running for Senate in New York next year is not among them, friends and political associates say.

More than a half-dozen pals and top administration officials interviewed by the Daily News said there's virtually no chance she will seek the seat of retiring Democratic Sen. Daniel Moynihan.

"It's an incredibly flattering scenario. But I would be surprised if it became a reality," friend and former press secretary Lisa Caputo said.

A top White House aide, who asked not to be named, was more blunt, dismissing the Hillary 2000 scenario as "a total flight of fancy."

"She's certainly political, but he's the politician in the family. She's never shown any particular liking for the nuts and bolts of the political process. She'll head up a foundation and promote political causes."

Added Harold Ickes, former deputy White House chief of staff, "I have spoken to people around her. She has [other] serious things to think about. Based on what I know, I don't think she has given [running] an ounce of thought."

The friends and White House aides said the Sen. Hillary Scenario makes no sense on several essential levels.

First, the Clintons have huge debts and no money. The financial squeeze means they'll have to write books and lecture to generate quick cash after leaving Washington.

Lee AP
Hillary Rodham Clinton

Second, the friends said, the First Lady sees herself as having a national and international platform to promote her causes and ideas post-White House — in short, being higher on the pecking order than the rung accorded the junior senator from New York.

Finally, "Given what the Clintons have been through, the last thing she wants to do now is run for office; no one knows the toll it takes on you personally more than she does," one friend said.

Nevertheless, the Democrats pine for the First Lady to jump into the race.

In part, that underscores an amazing reversal of her political fortunes. Four years ago, her poll numbers were in tatters, along with the health-care overhaul she tried to ram through Congress. Now, her ratings are sky-high.

The clamor also reveals the deepening concern among some Democrats that they might not have a marquee candidate to run against the early Republican favorite, Mayor Giuliani.

Robert Kennedy Jr. and Controller Carl McCall have opted out. Now the pressure is on U.S. Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo, son of the former governor, to run.

Cuomo is intensely interested, but running would mean yielding a big role in Vice President Gore's White House campaign.

If he doesn't run, Democrats acknowledged, the party would face a pool of less-formidable potential candidates, including Reps. Nita Lowey (D-Westchester), Carolyn Maloney (D-Manhattan) and Louise Slaughter (D-Rochester).

The optimism of the Hillary Hopeful surged Sunday when NBC-TV "Meet the Press" host Tim Russert broadcast an apparent bombshell: The head of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, Sen. Robert Torricelli (D-N.J.), had told Russert "if he had to guess, he believes Hillary Rodham Clinton will run for the United States Senate from New York."

But a Torricelli confidant acknowledged that the senator never spoke to the First Lady or anyone around her.

Pro-Hillary Democrats also find solace in the refusal by Marsha Berry, the First Lady's press secretary, to categorically rule out a Senate race. But one confidant said Clinton simply is following the old political adage of "not foreclosing any option until you have to. But I doubt she will run."

State Democratic chairwoman Judith Hope, who launched the first Sen. Hillary trial balloon many months ago, said for the first time yesterday that the First Lady had asked her last year not to float such ideas again.

"She sought me out and asked me to discourage that kind of speculation," Hope said. "She said it was not helpful to her. . . . She has her issues she is passionately devoted to — children, families and education — and this creates a distraction."

Still, a new round of Clinton speculation is beginning. The new Jane magazine cover features a headline touting a Clinton for President — the First Daughter, Chelsea.

With Thomas M. DeFrank and Kenneth R. Bazinet

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Thought of Sen. Hillary Clinton Has N.Y. Giddy

Book deals, pundits feed a growing Empire State interest in first lady, and an intriguing political scenario.

By JOSH GETLIN
TIMES STAFF WRITER

NEW YORK—Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton. New Yorkers love the sound of those words—improbable as they might be—if a media frenzy bubbling away in the Big Apple is any indication.

Would the first lady be a strong candidate for the Senate seat being vacated in two years by Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan? "You go, girl!" said bicycle deliveryman Carlos Rodriguez, at a red light in midtown Manhattan. "What an incredible idea!"

Sen. Robert Torricelli (D-N.J.) thinks so too, and the chairman of the National Democratic Senate Campaign Committee sparked the Hillary boom-let last weekend when he suggested to NBC-TV's Tim Russert just before "Meet the Press" that Mrs. Clinton would run for the office.

"Here's a little mini-bombshell," Russert told viewers, spilling the beans, and New York journalists have had a field day ever since. Indeed, many locals seem far more caught up in the idea of Mrs. Clinton's candidacy than the degrading spectacle of her husband's historic impeachment trial, set to begin today.

Interest in the first lady here is enormous, and it's been fanned not only by dreamy-eyed political operatives but by book companies and journalists. This week, Knopf, a division of Random House, announced it will publish a biography of Mrs. Clinton by Watergate reporter Carl Bernstein; HarperCollins and William Morrow said they will also produce books about her.

Meanwhile, Vanity Fair has just published a penetrating profile of the first lady by best-selling writer Gail Sheehy, whose agent announced that she too is penning a book about Mrs. Clinton and her relationship with the president.



Associated Press

One New Yorker said it would be "fa-a-a-bulous" if Hillary Rodham Clinton, shown visiting a Harlem school last year, were to run for the Senate.

"The public's curiosity about this woman and what she's going to do is insatiable," said Random House publicity director Stuart Applebaum.

Americans' appetite for Mrs. Clinton's memoirs will be intense, should she write them, yet the first lady has not broached the subject with her publisher, Simon & Schuster, said editorial director David Rosenthal.

Mrs. Clinton has been equally tight-lipped about the idea of running for the Senate. A host of political experts insists she is unlikely to enter the race, even though she has made a flurry of high-profile appearances here in recent months, either showing up for society events or stumping for candidates.

"I think the chances of her [entering the race] are zero to none," said veteran Democratic consultant Hank Sheinkopf. "She's not going to enter an arena that might expose her to any more abuse, not after the last six years in the White House."

A friend of the first lady also doubted Mrs. Clinton would seek elective office. "Where I could see her is as the U.N. ambassador. I see her in a much more global role," this person told Reuters.

Yet that didn't stop the New York Times from devoting its lead editorial Tuesday to the suddenly hot notion that Hillary Clinton *might* throw her hat in the ring. Ditto for the New York Post, Newsday and a swarm of TV and radio commentators.

"In New York," wrote Boston Globe columnist Ellen Goodman, "there are enough trial balloons being floated to lift Hillary Clinton in a basket across the Hudson River."

While some New Yorkers might call the first lady a carpetbagger if she moved to the Empire State and ran for office, others remember that former Sens. Robert F. Kennedy and James Buckley did the same thing years ago and won. Under the Constitution, senators must only maintain a legal residence in the state they represent.

The open New York seat is already attracting a growing cast of potential candidates, including Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo, the Rev. Al Sharpton and former GOP Sen. Alfonse M. D'Amato.

Few doubt that Mrs. Clinton could raise the millions needed for such a contest, and some politicians salivate at the notion. Rep. Charles B. Rangel (D-N.Y.) told Newsday he has asked the first lady to run. "She says, 'Tell me more.' She smiles. She does very little talking, but she listens," the Harlem power broker said. "Ain't nobody going to run against the first lady."

And if they did, said Bronx businesswoman Suzanne Turrey, "Hillary would cream them."

Pausing on a freezing midtown street, Turrey offered Mrs. Clinton her unqualified support: "I think it's a fa-a-a-bulous idea! She's a rock of Gibraltar. She stands by her man, and by her convictions."

To be sure, Hillary Clinton wouldn't be the only tough candidate. New York Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani is also considering the contest, yet the normally outspoken Republican seemed taken aback when he was asked if he could "whip" the first lady. Playing it safe—and strictly for laughs—he replied: "They start investigations for less than that!"

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Style Plus

Outside the Beltway, the 'When Not in Washington' Rule Applies

By KATRINA SOSTEK
Special to The Washington Post

I began my freshman year at Stanford University this September after growing up entirely inside the Beltway. No, I don't know Chelsea Clinton or anything about her. And I don't know anything about her boyfriend. Or anything about Carolyn Starr, either.

When I return to the Washington area, I feel like I attend "Chelsea School" rather than Stanford University. People inevitably ask me the following questions: (1) How do I like school, and (2) Do I have any

inside information on Chelsea. I tell disappointed people that not only do I not know anything about her, but that most students don't pay much attention to her. Since I don't even know what the tabloids are reporting, I cluelessly listen while those who have stayed inside the Beltway tell me about Chelsea's life at Stanford. Chelsea's name made its way into almost every one of my conversations over Thanksgiving break.

I will admit that I acted like a tabloid reporter when I had my first Chelsea sighting during a visit to Stanford last spring. She walked past me in the opposite direction toward

the athletic facilities. Next, two disguised Secret Service agents with ear coils passed me, one dressed in shorts and a T-shirt and the other following on a bike with a backpack. I used my Nancy Drew knowledge to wait about 10 seconds before swiftly turning around to follow. I stood as casually as I could next to one of the Secret Service agents, who was looking at a water polo match through a fence. I then followed his eyes to find Chelsea in the crowd, then watched her, arming myself with a Chelsea story to tell everyone at home. Sure enough when I came home, everyone asked me if I had seen Chelsea, and I

delivered, telling the story over and over.

When I decided to attend Stanford this fall, I anticipated more sightings and more stories. Apparently, everyone else did, too, because as I said goodbye they joked, "Say hi to Chelsea for me," or "Tell me if Chelsea and Carolyn Starr get in a fight."

When I arrived on campus in September, while going to class or events, I always made sure to look at the faces of people I passed to make sure I didn't miss a potential sighting. I finally saw her one day as she was getting off her bike to go to class. I immediately had an urge to follow

her. But then a strange thing happened. I stopped and looked around and saw my fellow students getting off their bikes and walking to class, and, like Chelsea, minding their own business. I couldn't believe it; no one else seemed to care. I decided to follow the "When in Rome" rule and abort my clandestine plans. I was amazed that the "When Not in Washington" rule meant treating Chelsea like a normal person rather than a political celebrity.

Now that I am home for winter break, I am seeing local friends again. A few days ago, I was having dinner with two of them when one suddenly

exclaimed, "Oh! You go to Stanford! Do you ever see Chelsea?" I explained that I had seen her, but it was no big deal. Second friend: "Well, if I were you, I would walk up to her and make a lewd joke about her father." First friend: "I would go up to her and bug her, asking, 'Are you really Chelsea Clinton, are you sure?'"

I told them that I hadn't heard of anyone harassing her at Stanford; it would be seen as uncouth. The second friend, who attends the University of Maryland, sighed and said, "Yeah, I forget that this insanity only exists inside the Beltway."

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given expedited appeals in federal court to enforce the decisions. Plans that continue to deny coverage could be subject to fines of \$750 per day, up to \$250,000, plus court costs and attorney fees.

While the ERISA provision remains by far the most controversial, Norwood is dropping another piece of PARCA that drew considerable complaint —

language barring plans from discriminating against healthcare providers.

Managed care groups had complained that the provision would have required them to expand their networks beyond what was needed and crippled their ability to manage care.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for **House Majority Leader Arney** said Wednesday that either he or **Speaker Hastert** would be reintroducing last year's Patient Protection Act. As chief deputy majority whip last year, Hastert led the

working group that developed the bill — which passed the House last July.

Norwood aides, however, said their boss prefers his own bill, at least for the moment.

"It's got to be a rank-and-file bill to get passed," an aide said. One thing members learned last year is that a GOP leadership bill is likely to draw only Republican votes, while a Democratic leadership bill is likely to draw only Democratic support.

— BY JULIE ROVNER

Hillary Watch: Rangel Pushes Senate Bid By First Lady

SENATE RACES

IN THE LATEST TWIST in the speculation over a possible 2000 Senate run by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, Democratic **Rep. Charles Rangel** — the senior member of the New York delegation — is working to convince the first lady to seek the seat of retiring Democratic **Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan**, *Newsday* reported Wednesday.

Whenever he is within earshot of the first lady or President Clinton, Rangel said, he has made pitches for the first lady to run.

"She says 'Tell me more,'" Rangel told the newspaper. "She smiles. She does very little talking, but she listens."

Rangel has told both Clintons there is plenty of support, money and an easy glide path in the primary. "We can guarantee funds and no primary [opponent]," he said. "Ain't nobody going to run against the first lady."

Rangel's comments come just days after NBC's "Meet the Press" quoted **Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee Chairman Robert Torricelli** of New Jersey as predicting Hillary Clinton will seek the New York Senate seat next year.

Torricelli's office has declined to elaborate, and New York state Democratic Chairwoman Judith Hope subsequently said she doubts the first lady would run. The first lady's press office has repeatedly said she has no plans to run for office.

But that has not stopped Rangel. Impressed with the first lady's popu-

larity and campaign style during her trips to the state to raise funds and support Democratic candidates, Rangel said he started talking to her after the November elections about running for office herself.

Rangel said he broached the subject with the president, who asked about the residency requirement. "I told him it's not a big deal," Rangel said. The late **Sen. Robert Kennedy**, D-N.Y., served in Washington as attorney general until 1964, then got an apartment in New York and won the seat.

"It would be a shot in the arm for Judith Hope, it would be a welcome gift to New York to have her as a candidate," Rangel said of Hillary Clinton. "People love her. She would be a winning candidate."

While Hope said there are plenty of New York Democrats — including **Reps. Nita Lowey** and **Carolyn Maloney** — who could run for the Moynihan seat, two who had been among the leading contenders — state Comptroller H. Carl McCall and environmental attorney Robert F. Kennedy Jr. — have taken themselves out of the running in recent weeks.

"[Hillary Rodham Clinton] says 'Tell me more,' Rangel told the newspaper. 'She smiles. She does very little talking, but she listens.'"

McCall, the first black elected to statewide office in New York, cited the cost of the race — while Kennedy, son of the late senator, cited family considerations.

A third potential Democratic candidate, HUD Secretary Cuomo, is expected to decide on the race in about two weeks — but there is increasing speculation he will forego the contest and run Vice President Gore's 2000 presidential campaign. That could leave the Democrats without a candidate who already has statewide name recognition — unless Hillary Clinton runs.

The Democrats' need for a highly visible nominee comes in the face of increasing signs that popular New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani is gearing up to seek the GOP Senate nod in 2000.

In the latest such sign, Giuliani Tuesday named his mayoral chief of staff, Bruce Teitelbaum, to take charge of his federal political committee, the *Associated Press* reported.

Giuliani is barred by law from seeking a third term at City Hall in 2001 and has refused to rule out any political options, including a presidential run. But he has indicated he is seriously considering a bid for the Senate and plans to accelerate his fundraising to prepare for that possibility.

When asked if Teitelbaum's appointment Tuesday marked the unofficial start of his Senate campaign for 2000, Giuliani responded: "No." He went on to tell reporters that it is "up to you to interpret."

House Race Hotline EXTRA

The Never-Ending Campaign

By Charles Todd

■ **THIS JUST IN!** Only 670 more fundraising days left until Nov. 7, 2000 — a.k.a. Election Day. Even today, on Day 2 of the new Congress, strategizing for the 2000 campaign is under way. With just a six-seat margin separating the Republicans from majority and minority status, the phrase “never-ending campaign” could never be more appropriate.

Before the '98 elections, many prognosticators figured 2000 would be one of those large turnover elections. With a number of retirements due to either term limit pledges, higher office ambition or just a yearning for the private sector, the potential 2000 open seat list appeared to be getting really long.

But now that Democrats did the unthinkable in '98 — pick up seats in the House — every single seat is crucial going into 2000.

Already, a number of members who originally had term-limited themselves from seeking re-election in 2000 have had second thoughts, including newly named **House Appropriations Chairman Young** and **House GOP Conference Vice Chairwoman Tillie Fowler** of Florida — as well as Florida GOP **Reps. Bill McCollum, Michael Bilirakis** and **Cliff Stearns**; and **Reps. Scott McInnis**, R-Colo., **Martin Meehan**, D-Mass., and **George Nethercutt**, R-Wash. A couple of these may still abide by their pledge. But as of this writing, all were either committed to seeking another term in 2000 or at least thinking about it.

So far, just six members — all Republicans — are expected to abide by their original pledges and not seek re-election in 2000: **Reps. Matt Salmon** of Arizona; **Mark Sanford** of South Carolina; **Helen Chenoweth** of Idaho; **Charles Canady** of Florida; **Tom Coburn** of Oklahoma; and **Jack Metcalf** of Washington. But remember, the Democrats only need to pick up six seats to regain control. Prior to '94 — the year five of these six Republicans were elected — Democrats held four of the six districts, including the seats held by Salmon, Chenoweth, Coburn and Metcalf. At this early stage in the cycle, it is safe to say Democrats would have a reasonable chance at winning all four of those districts back.

In short, because the margin between “majority” and “minority” is so thin — do not expect a lot more members to follow the above six out the door.

■ **STRIKE TWO MORE** House members off the ambition watch list. **Rep. Bill Luther**, D-Minn., who many thought would give

GOP Sen. Rod Grams a tough race in 2000, has now decided to seek re-election. Luther is excited about his new assignment to the Commerce Committee and believes he would best serve Minnesota as a House member with seniority, rather than a junior senator.

And in Maryland, **Rep. Robert Ehrlich**, R-Md., appears to be leaning against challenging Democratic **Sen. Paul Sarbanes**. But Ehrlich's reasons have less to do with committee assignments and more to do with politics. Because of the drubbing Republicans took in Maryland state races in '98, Ehrlich does not believe Republicans can easily win statewide races in Maryland.

■ **WE'RE AT TWO** and counting. Off-years mean one thing for House campaign watchers: special elections. Every off-year has them and '99 is no different. Already, two are on tap, following the resignations of former **Speaker Gingrich** and his would-be successor, **Rep. Bob Livingston**, R-La. The special election to replace Gingrich has been set for Feb. 23, while the date for the Livingston special will not be known until Livingston actually submits his resignation. The early speculation puts it at sometime this summer.

While most analysts agree that Republicans should hold both seats, do not be surprised if the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee decides to make a run in at least one of these districts. With the Republican Party's favorable rating at or near all-time lows, the time may be right for the Democrats to test out a strategy of nationalizing House races.

If impeachment really is going to be a problem for the GOP, then why not go for broke in one of these specials? Republicans did it in early '94 when they first tested out their anti-Clinton campaign strategy in the Kentucky special election to replace the late **Rep. William Natcher**, D-Ky. When that special election first was announced, most analysts believed Republicans had little, or no, chance of winning the race.

■ **IT LOOKS LIKE** there will be no more coverups in Texas! At least, no covering up the bald spot on the top of **House Democratic Caucus Chairman Martin Frost**'s head. The Texan is no longer sporting a comb-over. Frost told the *Ft. Worth Star-Telegram*: “My daughters and my wife had been after me to get rid of the comb-over. It's a recognition that time is marching on.”

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Inside Politics



Compiled by Greg Pierce

Honorary New Yorker

If first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton decides to run in 2000 for the Senate seat now held by retiring Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, New York Democrat, her candidacy "would represent a remarkable change in the dynamics of a marriage in which his career has come first," the New York Times observes.

However, "the public reaction might not be so predictable as some Democrats imagine. The fact that Mrs. Clinton vows party donors in the Hamptons does not automatically mean that her appeal will extend across the board. Nor does the fact that Andrew Cuomo has announced that he will check with President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore before running mean that other ambitious Democrats would fold automatically," the newspaper said in an editorial.

"It might even be true that Republicans in the mold of Mayor Rudolph Giuliani would welcome Mrs. Clinton's candidacy as a polarizing force that would turn out their own votes. Once the campaign heated up, both political rivals and the press would probably take another look at such mysteries as Mrs. Clinton's migrating billing records."

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By Ann Gerhart and Annie Groer

Glenn Close, coming to the Kennedy Center.

A Close (and Flockhart) Encounter With Bosnia

■ Human rights. Women's rights. Ravaged women. Power women.

All will converge Jan. 12 when **Hillary Rodham Clinton** and 450 other invitees gather at the Kennedy Center to see **Glenn Close** play an American on a fact-finding mission to Bosnia, and **Calista Flockhart** (who in real life has been denying reports she's anorexic) play a Bosnian war victim.

They're part of an all-female cast that will read "Necessary Targets," a play about how an American presidential appointee's life is transformed after she meets with women traumatized by years of bloodshed in the former Yugoslavia.

The play was written by **Eve Ensler**, best known as the author and star of "The Vagina Monologues," after she took a 1995

trip to Bosnia, where she interviewed dozens of war victims.

Last summer, Close, Ensler and her producer, **Willa Shalit**, staged the play in Sarajevo, co-starring **Marisa Tomei** and a Muslim and Christian cast of Bosnians, Serbs, Croats and Albanians. Democratic fund-raiser **Beth Dozoretz**, who was on that trip, offered to get a Washington reading. The Kennedy Center donated the Terrace Theater, said Shalit. (Dozoretz's husband, **Ron**, sits on the center's board.)

Among those expected: actress **Whoopi Goldberg** and singer **Phoebe Snow**, who are regulars in Ensler productions, and **Rada Boric**, whose refugee center in Zagreb aids women from all ethnic backgrounds.

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BY J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE—ASSOCIATED PRESS
The Clintons: She's mum to mom on her marriage.

From Mrs. Clinton, Nothing Personal

■ To whom does **Hillary Rodham Clinton** turn when her travails seem intolerable?

Not her mother.

"I don't talk to Hillary about anything deeply personal concerning her marriage," **Dorothy Rodham** says in February's *Vanity Fair*. "We don't sit down and have those mother-daughter discussions about how she relates to her husband, her daughter, or anything else as far as her personal life is concerned."

That's not to say that her only daughter doesn't feel pain. "Of course she does—she is a very sensitive person," Rodham told **Gail Sheehy**. "But she is able not to overemotionalize it. She doesn't go into one of these horribly overwrought emotional tizzies. That's one thing I never did, either."

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Nation in the 'Soup'; don't 'Duck' trial

How would you describe the politics of a nation ("Freedonia") about which the following is true:

► The popular president ("Rufus T. Firefly") is about to go on trial in the upper chamber of the legislature.

► His wife ("Mrs. Firefly") is proposed as a candidate to run in the next election for the same body that is currently judging her husband.

► The most intriguing political leader in Freedonia is a former pro wrestler ("Harpo") who has just been inaugurated as governor of a northern province.

► The wife of Firefly's opponent in the last election is getting ready to run for president.

► Two sons of Firefly's predecessor each serve as governor of an important southern province. One of the sons ("W") is also leading some polls for president in the next election.

Talk about a country in *Duck Soup*. About the only saving grace is that Bob Rubin — and not Chico Marx — is the Treasury secretary.

Consider the ways that America now resembles a banana republic. The formal trial of President Clinton in the Senate is yet more one symbol of the degeneration of our democracy.

Both Elizabeth Dole and Hillary Clinton might well have been formidable political figures regardless of whom they had married. But it is a strange turnabout when running for or



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By Walter Shapiro

becoming first lady is now viewed as a steppingstone to higher office.

What does it say about a modern-day American aristocracy that the Bushes are fast replacing the Adams

family as the nation's most successful political dynasty? After all, it took John Quincy Adams 24 years to win the job that had defeated his father (John Adams). Texas Gov. George W. Bush presumes to vindicate the family name just eight years after his father lost to a parvenu named Clinton.

If the 2000 election turns out to be a race between Bush and Al Gore, what would that do to the patriotic myth that any American child can grow up to be president? Who would be the everyman in that contest? Remember that Bush's grandfather — Prescott Bush — served in the Senate in the 1950s with the vice president's father, Al Gore Sr.

With our politics dominated by the wealthy, the well-born and the well-married, it is hard not to wave a feathered boa in the air and cheer on Minnesota's new governor. Not only is Jesse Ventura the apotheosis of American populism, but one of the candidates he defeated was the son of Hubert Humphrey, who, of course, was a Senate colleague of Prescott Bush and Al Gore Sr.

HYPE & GLORY

So how would that legendary Senate of the late 1950s, dominated by Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson, have handled an impeachment trial? There's no dispute — a backstairs deal would have prevented the public proceedings from getting out of hand. That was the golden age of the establishment consensus, when the dignity of institutions took precedence over ideology and ego.

Forty years later, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott seems stymied in his belated efforts to revive this kind of senatorial comity. With Lott's blessing, Democrat Joseph Lieberman and Republican Slade Gorton tried to rally support around a plan for a truncated trial. But like every prior initiative over the last few months that has sought a middle road on impeachment, this well-intentioned effort quickly unraveled.

Why, I asked Lieberman, has it been so hard to find consensus?

"What's been reflected in the Senate," Lieberman theorized, "is that there are people out there who feel very strongly about this president, both pro and con. As this is moving to common ground, the people who feel very strongly — particularly the cons — keep preventing it from going where the polls say the majority is."

But ideological pressures on Senate

Republicans are only part of the story. Ross Baker, a Rutgers University political scientist, argues that such middle-ground remedies are doomed to fail "because there is a prejudice against a quick-and-dirty solution to this. A three-day denouement and climax in the Senate does not fit as an ending to this movie."

After the intense partisanship of the House vote, there was a naive belief that the Senate would rescue the Republicans from their own ideological excesses. But such expectations failed to factor in the atomized nature of the modern Senate. As Baker puts it, "The Senate is less partisan than the House, but much more individualistic."

Moderate Republican Arlen Specter, a former Philadelphia prosecutor, is a prime example of such an idiosyncratic senator. Rather than pushing for a quickie verdict, Specter is an ardent believer in a full-scale trial, arguing that the Senate's constitutional duty must take precedence over political expediency. When I spoke with Specter late Tuesday afternoon, he admitted, "I've been feeling kind of lonely on this."

In the end, I find myself agreeing that an impeachment trial is no *Night at the Opera* with the Marx Brothers. So let's play it straight without any deals or cutting corners. The Constitution, the nation and, yes, the erring Bill Clinton himself deserve no less.

Walter Shapiro's column appears Wednesdays and Fridays. Past columns on USA TODAY Online at www.usatoday.com

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HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON

Biographers Take To the First Lady

Is anyone writing any biographies of President Clinton? Maybe, but the potential biographee who has would-be authors using words like fascinating and remarkable — and warming up their word processors — is **HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON**. In the next year or so, there could be more biographies about her than about him.

GAIL SHEEHY, the cartographer of personal milestones in best seller after best seller, said that she was interested in writing a book about Mrs. Clinton. Her agent, **LYNN NESBIT**, sounded more definite. Asked whether Ms. Sheehy was working on a biography of Mrs. Clinton, Ms. Nesbit gave a one-word answer, "Yes."

Ms. Nesbit need not circulate a proposal when the time comes to find a publisher.

"I wrote a 15,000-word article," Ms. Sheehy said. "It's better than any proposal."

The article, in the February issue of *Vanity Fair* magazine, will reach newsstands in New York today or tomorrow, Ms. Sheehy said. "It won't even get to Washington until next week," she said.

Ms. Sheehy said she doubted that Mrs. Clinton would run for the Senate from New York.

"She doesn't want to be in Washington," Ms. Sheehy said. "It's been a horrible place for her, and she doesn't like to answer questions. I'm betting she likes being wooed, but in the end she'll write a book and find her own platform."

But living in New York is a possibility, Ms. Sheehy said. "Whether or not they persuade her to run, she might very well move to New York, as Jackie Kennedy did after her husband's demise. Or Eleanor Roosevelt, who only found her own voice after she stopped caring about her marriage."

Back to biographies.

CARL BERNSTEIN, who was half of the team at *The Washington Post* that unraveled the Watergate story in the 1970's, has signed a contract with Alfred A. Knopf for a book about Mrs. Clinton's life.

"She's infinitely interesting," he said after using the word remarkable to describe her twice in less than 90 seconds.

Mr. Bernstein said that he did not know when his book would come out — "I want to be thorough," he said. "I don't want to rush it." — or how long it would be.

"I don't like to write books more than 500 pages at the most because I don't think people read them," he said.

"The Pope book ran 525 and was actually longer than I wanted." ("The Pope book," titled "His Holiness: John Paul II and the Hidden History of Our Time" and written with Marco Politi, was published by Doubleday in 1996.)

Knopf would not say how much it had paid for the book on Mrs. Clinton; neither would Mr. Bernstein. Knopf seems to be betting that Mrs. Clinton will be at least as popular overseas as she is in this country, if not more so: it also acquired the foreign rights.

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Republicans praise Clinton's proposed caregiver tax relief

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President Clinton proposed tax breaks and other steps yesterday to ease the financial burden on families that care for a chronically ill or disabled relative.

The proposal, carrying a price tag of \$6.2 billion over five years, drew praise from many Republican members of Congress, who said Mr. Clinton was resurrecting a GOP idea he once opposed.

"I'm delighted he has changed his tune," said Rep. Bill Thomas, California Republican and chairman of the House Ways and Means subcommittee on health. "This GOP initiative the president has adopted can make a difference." He said House Republicans made a similar proposal in their 1994 "Contract With America."

Sen. Charles E. Grassley, Iowa Republican, chairman of the Senate Special Committee on Aging, applauded Mr. Clinton and said he plans to introduce two bills this year to make long-term care more affordable.

The praise was tempered by concerns about how Mr. Clinton intends to pay for the proposals, which include a \$1,000 tax credit to compensate caregivers for such expenses as adult day care and lost wages in cases in which they must work less to be home to provide care.

In announcing his initiative at a White House ceremony, Mr. Clinton said the revenue loss from the tax cuts would be offset in a balanced budget he will submit to Congress in February. He provided no details, however.

Several members of Congress, including Rep. Phil English, Pennsylvania Republican, said the plan must not be paid for with tax increases.

"The president's idea has an excellent chance of moving forward if he does not raise taxes or propose other creative revenue-

raising schemes that have been defeated two and three times in the last several Congresses," Mr. English said.

Mr. Clinton called his plan "a critical new initiative to give care to the caregivers." He said long-term care would become an increasingly important issue in the 21st century as the baby boom gives way to a "senior boom."

Appearing with the president to provide personal testimony to the needs of family caregivers was Patricia Darlak of Waldorf, Md. She told the White House audience she is struggling to care for her mother, who is suffering from dementia. She said the cost of her mother's care is such a burden that she may have to delay her own retirement in order to pay the bills.

Mr. Clinton's initiative also proposes that the government start offering federal workers and retirees private, long-term care insurance, in the hope that other employers would follow suit. Officials estimate that 300,000 government employees would participate in the model program.

Mr. Clinton will ask Congress for \$625 million in grants to state and local agencies on aging.

Paul Willging, president of the American Health Care Association, representing nursing homes and other health care providers, called Mr. Clinton's plan a "balanced approach" that at least will stimulate debate on a topic that has gained little attention in recent years.

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, who appeared with the president yesterday, said help for family caregivers is long overdue.

"Everyone knows that there is not a substitute for families being able to care for their loved ones," Mrs. Clinton said. "But we sometimes forget that caregivers also need care. They, too, carry enormous burdens."

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PEOPLE

Sheehy suspects Bill is 'Hillary's addiction'

In the wake of President Clinton's public indiscretions, **Hillary Rodham Clinton** remains committed to their marriage because she loves him and is addicted to him, according to writer **Gail Sheehy** in the February *Vanity Fair*, out Jan. 12.

"Hillary's addiction is Bill," Sheehy writes. "He is her only rebellion, the one thing she can't logically explain. ... Bill was for Hillary a taste of freedom, a flight from her Calvinist 'shoulds.' He was, at least at the beginning, her escape — her **Monica**."

The author of the best-selling book *Passages* traveled with the first lady during the 1992 presidential campaign for a piece on the couple that appeared in *Vanity Fair's*



By Joyce Naltchayan, Agence France-Presse

Can't help loving that man? Hillary Rodham Clinton, with the president last year

May 1992 issue. Sheehy interviewed more than 50 people close to the Clintons for the update.

Among those she talked to was Hillary's mother, **Dorothy Rodham**, who says she and her daughter never discuss "deeply personal" matters: "We don't sit down and have those mother-daughter discussions about how she relates to her husband, her daughter, or anything else as far as her personal life is concerned."

As for whether Hillary feels pain deeply, Rodham says her daughter is a sensitive person, but "she is able not to over-emotionalize it. She doesn't go into one of these horribly overwrought kinds of tizzies. That's one thing I never did, either."

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Carl Bernstein's Next White House Target?

Attention **Hillary Rodham Clinton**: Reporter **Carl Bernstein**, who has written books about **Richard Nixon**, **Pope John Paul II** and his own parents, **Alfred** and **Sylvia Bernstein**, is working on one about you.

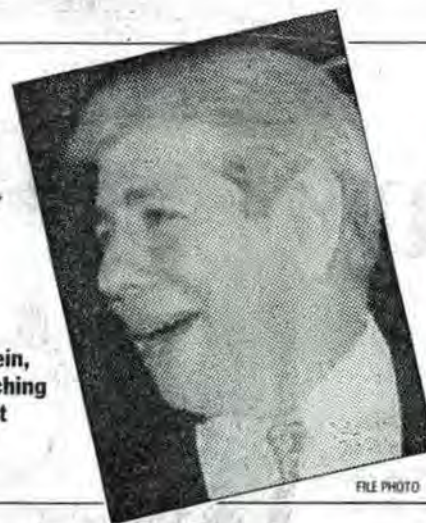
He's inked a deal with Knopf to chronicle the life of the woman he calls "clearly one of the most remarkable figures of our time. She's had a major impact on policy and the country."

Hmmmmmm. Spoken like a writer who would

like some significant face time with the first lady, not to mention a nod to her friends that it's okay to talk to Bernstein.

Clinton spokeswoman **Marsha Berry** told The Source she had not spoken with Bernstein about the project and couldn't comment on whether the first lady would submit to interviews or encourage chums to chat with him. Nor would Berry say whether Mrs. Clinton might cut out the middleman and write her own memoir.

Bernstein, researching the first lady.



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"She certainly would be the best source for a book on herself," said Berry.

No problem, said **Jonathan Segal**, a Knopf vice president and Bernstein's book editor, who said, "I think very often the best biographies are totally unauthorized." Bernstein—who as a young Washington Post reporter helped expose Watergate—was mum about the book's title, publication date and how big an advance he'll get, except to say, "It's up there."

And has he met his subject? Yes, he said: at her husband's second inauguration and on Martha's Vineyard.

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Cuomo's choice

Just when some folks are pushing the idea of Hillary Rodham Clinton running for a U.S. Senate seat from New York in 2000, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo says he will ask President Clinton's advice on whether to seek the seat held by retiring Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

Actually, Mr. Cuomo — son of Mario Cuomo, a former governor of the state — said he will also confer with Vice President Al Gore, and that the two men's advice will be a "determining factor" in his decision.

"It's a tough decision for me, and a strong case can be made on both sides of the question of whether to run," Mr. Cuomo told the New York Post's Fredric U. Dicker.

"A determining factor will be my conversation with the president and the vice president. I plan to speak to both of them over the next several weeks."

Mr. Cuomo, who had been expected to play a key role in Mr. Gore's campaign for the presidency, promised a quick decision on a Senate candidacy.

"Obviously, I'm giving it a lot of thought. I've gotten a lot of calls from Democrats, as well as some Republicans, in New York urging me to get in," he said.

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**Girl talk**

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton stays mum with her mom on the subject of her marriage, Vanity Fair reports in an article featuring rare public comment

from President Clinton's mother-in-law. Dorothy Rodham said she and her daughter do not discuss "deeply personal things."

The AP reports that Gail Sheehy quotes Mrs. Rodham as saying her daughter is a "very sensitive person" but "doesn't go into one of these horribly overwrought kinds of tizzies," she said.

Mrs. Rodham said her daughter is not the type to call her for unconditional love and support in a trying time. "Hillary is really so mature," she said. "She always has been. . . . She's always thought things out for herself. Then, if she needs more help or direction, she'll discuss things."

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Senator Rodham?

Hillary Rodham Clinton's spokesmen say she has not thought of running for the Senate in 2000. But Robert Torricelli, who heads the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, floated what certainly looked like a trial balloon over the weekend.

Senator Torricelli says he had no inside information from the White House about the First Lady's plans, but he told Tim Russert of NBC that his guess was that Mrs. Clinton would run for the seat now occupied by Daniel Patrick Moynihan, who is retiring at the end of his term. This could simply be wishful thinking. Mr. Torricelli's job of raising money for Senate candidates would be easier if a fund-raiser as formidable as Mrs. Clinton was involved in the New York campaign.

The fact that Mrs. Clinton has made no attempt to discourage talk about the Moynihan seat suggests she has not ruled the idea out entirely. Running while her husband is still President would certainly be a dramatic break with tradition, and it also suggests a First Lady who is thinking of building a career and legacy that is separate from and extends beyond the tarnished record of Mr. Clinton. Her candidacy would represent a remarkable change in the dynamics of a marriage in which his career has come first.

As for public reaction, there are surely those who would think it opportunistic and unseemly for a First Lady to hit the campaign trail. One thing Mrs. Clinton would probably not have to worry about is

charges of carpetbagging. Both Robert Kennedy and James Buckley won despite what might be charitably regarded as late-breaking residency. Empire State voters tend to regard anyone famous as an honorary New Yorker.

Otherwise, the public reaction might not be so predictable as some Democrats imagine. The fact that Mrs. Clinton wows party donors in the Hamptons does not automatically mean that her appeal will extend across the board. Nor does the fact that Andrew Cuomo has announced that he will check with President Clinton and Vice President Gore before running mean that other ambitious Democrats would fold automatically.

It might even be true that Republicans in the mold of Mayor Rudolph Giuliani would welcome Mrs. Clinton's candidacy as a polarizing force that would turn out their own votes. Once the campaign heated up, both political rivals and the press would probably take another look at such mysteries as Mrs. Clinton's migrating billing records.

All that is simply to say that the conditions that make New York attractive to famous candidates can also make it tough for them. Our one prediction for the 2000 Senate race is that no one will win it in a walk. But we are strongly on the side of large fields, intense competition and the general theory of the more the merrier, including those who move to New York to find work.

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The hunt is on

The president's State of the Union speech is only weeks away, and already the Pentagon is in high gear to find window dressing to accompany first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton that evening.

The decoration? A young soldier, sailor, airman or Marine freshly plucked from the field.

"The Services have been asked to provide Service recommendations for a Military member to sit with the First Lady at the State of the Union address on 19 January," began the Dec. 22 message from the Pentagon's Joint Staff director Vice Adm. Vern Clark.

"Candidates should be from the E-4 through E-7 regime [meaning noncommissioned officer] and should represent the forward deployed total aspects of Services worldwide," it continued.

Adm. Clark instructs the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps to forward one candidate each, along with bio and photo to the National Security Council at the White House. "Once the service member has been selected, the parent Service will coordinate directly with NSC and provide transportation support."

No word on whether candidates will be vetted for their views on the commander in chief.

Inside the Ring

By Ernest Blazar



A military escort is being picked to sit next to Hillary Rodham Clinton for the State of the Union.

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Clintons Are Most Admired Man, Woman In Annual Poll

Associated Press

Despite scandal and impeachment, President Clinton was again named the nation's most admired man, and Hillary Rodham Clinton was the most admired woman in the Gallup Poll's annual survey.

Clinton was selected by 18 percent of those questioned, becoming the top choice for the sixth year in a row. Last year, he was selected by 14 percent of those Gallup surveyed.

The Gallup Organization noted that sitting presidents are usually selected by Americans as the most admired person.

Pope John Paul II was runner-up, named by 7 percent. The Rev. Billy Graham was third, making the list for a 35th time. Basketball star Michael Jordan and retiring Sen. John Glenn (D-Ohio), a pioneering astronaut who recently flew a space shuttle mission, rounded out the top five.

Hillary Clinton was the most admired woman for a second year, named by 28 percent of those surveyed. She was followed by television personality Oprah Winfrey, American Red Cross President Elizabeth Hanford Dole, former British prime minister Margaret Thatcher and former first lady Barbara Bush.

The Dec. 28-29 poll of 1,005 adults has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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Clinton optimistic as new year starts

President hopes issues will come to the fore

ASSOCIATED PRESS

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C.—President Clinton opened 1999 with a note of optimism and a midnight kiss for his wife. He also called on Washington to "move away from the politics of personal destruction."

No, overt reminder of his political peril darkened the dawn of the new year for Clinton, even as the Senate is poised to weigh articles of impeachment against him.

Taking about two dozen questions on New Year's Eve—first in a dialogue with teenagers and twentysomethings at the Renaissance Weekend retreat, then in written submissions from their parents—Clinton did not receive a single query on the House votes to impeach him or the pending Senate trial to remove him from office.

The president came closer than any questioners to addressing the issues stemming from the Monica Lewinsky affair.

Asked about the Republicans' 1994 "Contract with America," Clinton sounded almost wistful for the days when issues divided the political parties. The aggressive GOP legislative agenda may have won Republicans House control in 1994, but the public backlash two years later got him re-elected, Clinton said.

He said he wanted Democrats and Republicans in Washington to get back to a vigorous debate of

issues such as Social Security reform and "move away from the politics of personal destruction."

The president's off-the-cuff comments in the two private, invitation-only sessions were relayed to reporters by White House spokeswoman Amy Weiss.

One of the youngsters asked Clinton, at the uncertain midpoint of his second term, what he had learned about life.

"He said he's more optimistic than when he took office in 1993 about the capacity of the American people to make changes and the ability of the government to help people improve their lives," Weiss said.

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton answered many of the same questions. Asked how she wanted to be remembered by history, she referred to earlier in the evening when the emcee jokingly wondered how a Wellesley grad landed in Vogue magazine. "I don't have to worry about a legacy, I've been on the cover of Vogue," Hillary Clinton said, laughing.

Chelsea Clinton, on a holiday break from her sophomore year at Stanford University, accompanied her parents on the 48-hour retreat to this resort island.

The president made an early-morning tee time New Year's Day and watched his beloved Arkansas Razorbacks fall 45-31 to Michigan in the Florida Citrus Bowl.

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Compiled by Greg Pierce

Most admired

President Clinton in 1998 was the man most admired by Americans and his rating was 4 percentage points higher than before the Monica Lewinsky sex scandal broke, a Gallup Poll showed yesterday.

According to the poll, conducted Monday and Tuesday, Mr. Clinton was listed first or second on the most-admired list by 18 percent of those queried, far ahead of the second person on the list, Pope John Paul II, who got 7 percent.

That rating for Mr. Clinton, who has led the poll each of the last five years, was up from the 14 percent in 1997 before word of his affair with the former White House intern monopolized the nation's news.

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton was the most admired woman at 28 percent.

Andrew Cuomo Drops Idea of Bid To Replace Moynihan in Senate

By JAMES DAO

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 — Andrew M. Cuomo, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, said today that he would not run for the United States Senate in 2000 and will instead stay in the Clinton Administration, where he can play what is expected to be a major role in Vice President Al Gore's campaign for President over the coming year.

"My wife actually made this decision for me," Mr. Cuomo, 41, said in an interview, referring to his wife, Kerry Kennedy Cuomo, the daughter of the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy. "She said: 'Forget the ego, it's not about ego. It's about public service. How do you serve the most people?' The answer is clear: HUD Secretary. It's not even close."

Had he chosen to run, Mr. Cuomo, the eldest son of former Gov. Mario M. Cuomo, would have immediately jumped to the head of the Democratic pack for the seat held by Daniel Patrick Moynihan, a Democrat who has announced that he will retire next year.

But Mr. Cuomo's withdrawal — coupled with the decisions by Robert F. Kennedy Jr., and State Comptroller H. Carl McCall late last year not to seek Mr. Moynihan's seat — leaves the Democrats bereft of a big-name candidate to challenge the man many politicians think will be the Republicans' nominee: Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani.

In an indication of the Democrats'

worries about the Senate race in 2000, several party leaders said today that they remain hopeful that Hillary Rodham Clinton would decide to move to the state and run for Mr. Moynihan's seat. Mrs. Clinton's aides have said she has no plans to do so, though they have not ruled it out.

A few county leaders have begun promoting Representative Nita M. Lowey of Westchester as the Democrats' next best hope. Ms. Lowey says she is seriously considering running, but many politicians think she is leaning against it.

Other Democrats who are considering running include Representative Carolyn Maloney of Manhattan and Assemblyman Michael Bragman, who is from the Syracuse area.

In addition to Mr. Giuliani, the potential Republican candidates include Representative Rick A. Lazio, from Suffolk County, Representative Peter King from Nassau County, Thomas S. Gulotta, the Nassau County executive, and Jeanine Pirro, the Westchester County District Attorney.

A number of prominent Democrats, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said they thought that Mr. Cuomo had decided against running because Mr. Giuliani would be a formidable candidate.

But Mr. Cuomo asserted that he could have defeated Mr. Giuliani. "Just because you are a good mayor does not mean you will be a good senator," he said.

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Spreading the Peace

Hillary Clinton's visit to Oasis of Peace, the only village in Israel that is half-Jewish, half-Palestinian and where all the children study together in both their languages, gave enormous encouragement to a community that lives peacefully despite differences, through tolerance and mutual acceptance [news story, Dec. 14].

The Post's report, however, gave the impression that land problems endanger the existence of this unique experiment. Actually, the integrity and future of Oasis of Peace are not in jeopardy. The village has a long-term lease from a nearby Trappist monastery. There

was a possibility that some government land bordering the village might be used by others who may not share the villagers' commitment to co-existence, but this threat has receded. In any case, the land doesn't overlap that of the village. Oasis of Peace also hopes that the Israeli government will cede other nearby land to them, a move that would enable 100 wait-listed families to join the community.

Mrs. Clinton's visit to the primary school, which includes many students from other communities, unwittingly overshadowed the village's other major accomplishment: bringing together more than 22,000 Jewish and

Palestinian students from their segregated high schools for three-day workshops to edge them toward mutual acceptance. The effects, as these teenagers go back to their separate communities, are hard to measure but surely considerable.

The success of this venture deserves support; as Hillary Clinton said: "You can't just sign an agreement. . . . Peace actually begins in our homes, in communities like this and in our hearts."

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Ellen Goodman

In Their Own Right

There she goes again. Elizabeth Hanford Dole, red suit and white pearls color-coordinated against a tableau of flags, is announcing that she's leaving her job.

Where have I seen this before? In 1988, when Peter Jennings led the news announcing, "One of the most important women in government has given up her job for a man." In 1996, when she took family and medical leave because her husband had a relapse of the political bug.

Elizabeth Dole, two-time Cabinet member and candidate's wife, half of the original Washington power couple, did her time as a political asset. On one memorable night at the Republican Convention, she put on a revival-meeting version of "This is Your Life" for the man she described as "the most compassionate, the most tender person I have ever known."

While many in the hall whispered "she should be running," she was the updated dream of a political wife. All that accomplishment, all that intelligence, all that in service of her husband.

But this time it's different. This time the buzz is that the 62-year-old leaving the Red Cross, an organization bigger than many Fortune 500 companies, will make the power couple jokes a reality. This time, she'll run for president.

Meanwhile, in New York, there are enough trial balloons being floated to lift Hillary Clinton in a basket across the Hudson River. The buzz in the Empire State is that Hillary will run for the U.S. Senate. The cry that greeted her everywhere during the slam-bang campaign this fall—"You Go, Girl!"—may turn into a campaign slogan.

What is going on here? Just three years ago, these women were locked in a battle, a k a cat fight, for most popular wife. They were pitched against each other in polls and conversation, two strong women judged as helpmates.

Back then, Liddy Dole was cast as both the professional and the un-Hillary, a former secretary of labor and transportation who had to smile through her husband's promise that she wouldn't be in charge of health care, "or anything else." Last year as Hillary's ratings rose along with the scandal, many supporters glumly concluded that Americans still like a wronged woman better than an uppity woman.

It looked like marriage was a lousy career move.

Now, Marie Wilson of the White House Project, an effort to get a woman in the Oval Office, says that maybe something else is going

on. Maybe people, especially women, are relating to two women who can accomplish a modern juggling act: standing by their man and standing on their own two feet.

"Here are two women who paid their dues. It's possible that dues-paying can be turned into a source of power," she says. "A lot of people are glad to see that some power can come out of building and supporting relationships, because that's so much of what women spend their lives doing."

It's even possible that for two ambitious lawyers, the unpaid labor of wifedom can be exchanged for the political coin of the realm.

Pat Schroeder, a classmate of Liddy Dole's at Harvard Law School, a party-mate of Hillary Clinton's and a former congresswoman who tested the icy waters of presidential politics herself, says, "It's pretty interesting if we end this century with two women who really tried to straddle the gulf between being a supportive spouse and being independent."

"How does being a supportive spouse translate when you stand up and say, 'let me tell you who I really am. If you think I thought my husband was competent to be president, let me tell you how competent I am'?"

It's not an accident that the Dole announcement took place on the same day that Jesse Ventura became governor of Minnesota or the day that the Fab Five women took over the top jobs in conservative Arizona. Voters are looking for leaders with different credentials. Both these women know how to walk into a room and dazzle it with more than stardust.

Dole's agenda is in many ways still a blank slate. We don't know what she stands for and whether the ultraconservative Republicans who rule the primaries will stand for her. We don't know how Hillary would ultimately play in the tough New York that sent another star, Gerry Ferraro, packing.

But these women are not Mary Bono stepping into her late husband's shoes. These are pros in their own right and partners who put their ambitions on hold.

In the great unlamented contest of 1996, Mmes. Dole and Clinton were compared, graded, tested as helpmates. Now, after all these years, after Eleanor and Nancy, after pillow talk and petticoat power, it may take a Hillabeth to break through the glass ceiling for wives as well as women.

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Hillary is focus of another book

First the news that Pulitzer Prize-winner *Carl Bernstein* will write a bio of Hillary Rodham Clinton. Now comes word that best-selling author Gail Sheehy also will put the first lady's marriage and political partnership with the president under the microscope.

Sheehy, author of *Passages* and eight other books, is expected to announce a deal by next week, said her agent, Lynn Nesbit.

In the race to publish, Sheehy appears to have the jump on *Bernstein* with a 15,000-word article exploring the Clintons' marriage in *Vanity Fair*'s February issue.

Relying on interviews with family, friends, unidentified associates, aides and lawyers and from previous interviews with Mrs. Clinton, Sheehy characterized the first lady as a woman with two identities: a moral Methodist and a radical feminist.

"Her life strategy, decided long ago, was to take the raw material of a brilliant, emotionally battered child with a good heart and a desperate ambition, and shape him into a political star. . . . It took a Hillary to raise a president," Sheehy wrote.

Sheehy's book is due out in a year at most, Nesbit said. *Bernstein* said he has just started research and wouldn't speculate on a publication date.

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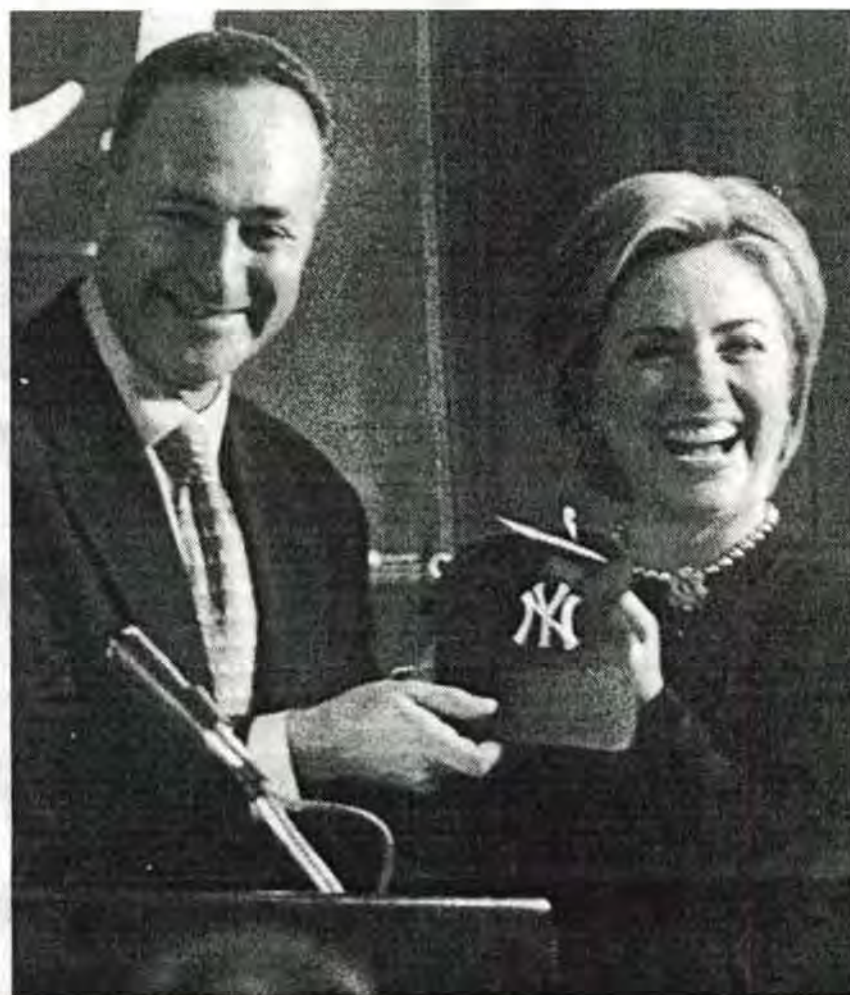
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New York's Team?

Hillary Rodham Clinton was very active in helping elect then-Rep. Chuck Schumer (left) to the Senate last year. Now, Democrats all across the Empire State are urging her to run for retiring Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan's seat in 2000.



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Trial Blocks Talk of Senate Bid Report Says Andrew Cuomo Won't Run

By Rachel Van Dongen

With enthusiasm in New York growing for Hillary Rodham Clinton to bid for the Senate in 2000, Rep. Charles Rangel (D-N.Y.) said the first lady told him in a conversation last week that any talk about a Senate bid must be delayed until the end of the impeachment proceedings against her husband.

"The first lady said that she believes, and I agree with her, that we ought to put discussions on hold until such time as the President has gone through impeachment proceedings," said Rangel, who has been

actively lobbying the first lady to enter the race to replace retiring Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D) two years from now.

But the grassroots pressure continues to build among Empire State Democrats, with a local Democratic Party committee passing a unanimous resolution last week to urge the first lady to throw her hat into the ring.

Removing a major barrier to Clinton's potential entry into the race, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo (D) told New York magazine, in an article to be published today, that he

will not run for Moynihan's seat, despite the exit of many high-profile potential Democratic contenders in recent weeks.

"I love my brother-in-law Joe [Kennedy], I love fishing and I love the water and I love boats. I love spending time with my little girls. But I happen to believe that public service is important," Cuomo told the magazine. "And the way I can best serve the public is as secretary of HUD."

"Here, we're really doing things in an area I'm interested in. I'm not just making speeches. I have the seat at the table.

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Goode on the Hot Seat in Southside Va.

By John Mercurio

President Clinton has never been popular in Rep. Virgil Goode's (D) rural district in Southside Virginia, but Goode's aisle-cross-

anyone can remember.

"Anything is possible with Virgil, and Democrats lose big if he chooses to run as anything but a Democrat," Virginia state Sen. Roscoe

"It's a period of testing for Goode among Democrats," said Marvin Moss, chairman of the Fluvanna County Democrats. "He has a raw and difficult relationship with factional

Across New York, 'Draft Hillary' Effort Gains Steam

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I have the President's ear. And I have \$25 billion to work on issues I really care about."

And Rangel said he has been approached by a number of political leaders in the state urging him to draft Clinton into the race.

"There are any number of political leaders, county leaders, that have already come out and endorsed her. Business people and campaign contributors and the leaders of the labor unions in New York City have come to me and said they want to talk to her."

"She's aware that people are speculating about what she might do in 2000, but at this point she has no plans to run for elective office," Marsha Berry, the first lady's spokeswoman, told The Associated Press.

"For the next two years, she wants to make the most out of being first lady. I'm not in a position to rule it out. I'm just telling you I can't tell you." Associates of the first lady have said she is well aware of the talk surrounding a potential Senate bid, and she has not ruled it out. Judith Hope, chairwoman of the New York Democratic Party, once considered the possibility far-fetched, but told the AP last week that she now feels differently.

"I have reason to believe that this possibility has not been ruled out and that gives me cause to be excited," Hope said, according to the AP.

But her spokesman clarified that Hope's change of heart was based on discussions with New York City Democratic officials, including Rangel.

"Everybody's dreaming if there's enough positive pressure on her, it gets her in," explained Hank Sheinkopf, a Democratic consultant in New York who doesn't believe the first lady will enter the race, although he'd be happy if she did. "She's terrific."

Leading the nascent draft movement is the Nassau County Democratic Party, which passed a resolution last week urging Clinton to "take a very close look" at the Senate race, according to chairman Stephen Sabbeth.

The resolution was approved by about 80 members of the Nassau County committee, said Sabbeth, and included an amendment inviting the first lady to move to Nassau County, on Long Island, if she gets into the race.

Sabbeth said he informed the first lady's staff that such a resolution had been passed.

"I think that they are pleased by the suggestion, and we hold it as more than a suggestion," he said. "It's not just to please the first lady, but it's to activate her to consider this in a very serious fashion. This is not a beauty contest. This is a contest we must win."

Sabbeth pointed to the fact that New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani (R), who draws well among Democrats, looks increasingly likely to be the GOP nominee.

"Giuliani appeals to Democrats, and that's a problem. This is a Democratic state. He wins in New York City, which is where our Democratic base is," Sabbeth said. "So we're not going to be able to hit him with a cream puff."

"We're going to have to hit him with a substantial candidate. I don't think there's any more substantial candidate than Hillary Clinton."

Sabbeth added: "This is a pragmatic move for the Democratic Party. ... We're sitting in a Republican area, and the ripple effect of not having the top candidate to beat [Giuliani] will hurt our local candidates."

Rangel said a local movement to lure the first lady into the race has been swelling for sometime: "It's not just me. It was a common question long before it hit the papers with people that were concerned that her intelligence, her dedication and her leadership be used in public service."

But, Rangel explained, many Democrats don't want to publicize their feelings because they are afraid of offending other potential Democratic candidates if Clinton decides against the race.

"No one's come out and said they're going to run," said Mario Cilento, a spokesman for the New York AFL-CIO. "There are a half-dozen candidates that could be in this race."

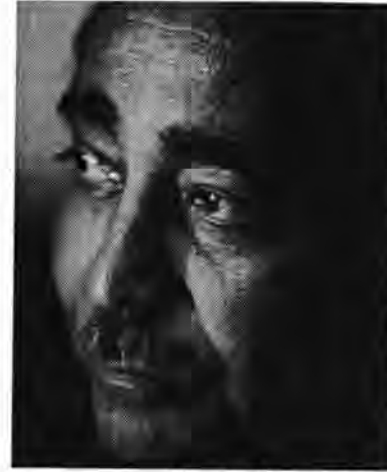


Photo by Maureen Keating

Rep. Charles Rangel says Hillary Rodham Clinton told him discussions of a Senate bid by the first lady should be put "on hold" until impeachment proceedings are concluded.

Citing that fact, Cilento refused to commit to an early endorsement of a Senate candidacy by Clinton.

"There are a lot of candidates out there that would be able to serve the working men and women of New York state well," he said.

Dominic Baranello, the head of the Suffolk County Democratic Party, which shares Long Island with Nassau County, said it was just too early to choose sides.

"I've made no determinations at this particular time," he said. "I'm excited about the thought though, but we're dealing in speculation at this particular moment."

"Quite frankly, I'd be thrilled, if that's the proper word, if she decides to become a candidate," Baranello added. "Her popularity is at an all-time high, she's an exceedingly bright woman, she's articulate and understands the issues and she's a gifted speaker."

He added, "I've heard a great deal about it from my friends in Suffolk County, and most of the remarks are extremely positive. There's an aura of excitement already about this possibility."

Former Rep. Tom Manton (N.Y.), who serves as chairman of the Queens Democratic

Party, said there had been a "little buzz" in Queens, but no organized action to recruit the first lady to seek the Senate.

"She's certainly an attractive candidate and would probably be very well received in New York," Manton said. "I don't know if it's a serious effort."

Besides Clinton, several other Democrats are exploring the Senate race. State Comptroller Carl McCall, a heretofore leading contender, has said he won't enter it, as has Cuomo.

Democrats had predicted that a Cuomo run would quash the Hillary-for-Senate scenario.

"I think that if Andrew Cuomo decided for sure that he wanted to run, that would be the end of this Hillary talk," said one New York Democrat before learning of Cuomo's decision.

New York Democratic Reps. Nita Lowey and Carolyn Maloney are also exploring the contest, and Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala has reportedly made some initial inquiries. Some Democrats say they want to talk with John F. Kennedy Jr., the editor of *George* magazine, who is another candidate who could bank on his celebrity.

"Our sources who know him well say he won't rule it out," said a Democratic insider. "[But] he's not exactly excited about it, either."

On the Republican side, Giuliani has emerged as a leading contender. Although he has not formally announced his intentions, he has been criss-crossing the country and recently appointed his chief of staff, Bruce Teitelbaum, to head up his political action committee — Solutions America.

Other Republicans mentioned as possible candidates include Reps. Rick Lazio and Peter King, both from Long Island; Nassau County Executive Tom Gulotta; and Westchester County District Attorney Jeanine Pirro.

But Democrats said that the field would likely be cleared if Clinton decides to make the Senate race.

"If there was a wink from the first lady, I think the bridges would open from here to the White House, and everybody would be ecstatic with her candidacy," Sabbeth said. "She should consider herself courted."

There are no long-term residency requirements for holding a Senate seat. All the first lady would need to do is rent or buy a residence in New York before Election Day 2000.

Goode Takes Heat, Threats From District Party Activists

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nominating convention, which would tend to

ed Goode in 1996 after the GOP won parity with Democrats in the state Senate for the first

Goode ran for the House in 1996 as one of the few Democrats who could appeal to

But even Goode supporters acknowledged that many Democrats who had

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Business as Usual, but With TV Turned On Low

By RICHARD W. STEVENSON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 — As the Senate listened to the case for her husband's removal from office today, Hillary Rodham Clinton's mind was a world away — on Mars, to be precise.

Under a panorama of the Martian landscape in the planetarium at the National Air and Space Museum, Mrs. Clinton unveiled a program called the Mars Millennium Project through which schoolchildren will develop plans for how a colony on the red planet would function.

"It Takes a Village" meets "The Martian Chronicles."

It was not just his wife who was taking a page from the playbook of the Compartmentalizer in Chief as the impeachment proceedings against President Clinton unfolded on Capitol Hill and on television screens throughout Washington.

George W. Black, one of the five members of the National Transportation Safety Board, and an expert in highway safety, said, "I'm watching the Weather Channel."

As the weather here switched from rain to freezing rain and back to rain, Mr. Black said, "I'm trying to figure out whether to sleep in the office or drive home."

Mr. Black, a Republican appointed by Mr. Clinton, said he had not found time to watch the impeachment proceedings.

"We at the safety board have a lot of things to do," he said, including work on major unsolved air crashes. "I am totally immersed in reading dockets and technical reports."

From the bowels of the bureaucracy to the highest reaches of the political class, work went on, but with an occasional halt to view what jaded Washingtonians seemed to be straining to view as history. Even as televised drama, it did not seem to measure up to Sam Ervin listening to John Dean — or Marcia Clark questioning Kato Kaelin, for that matter.

"This is quite different from Watergate," said Richard A. Steinhurtzel, a partner at the law firm of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, who as a law student had summer jobs in the Government during the Senate Watergate hearings and the House Judiciary Committee's impeachment proceedings against Nixon. "During Watergate, all the TV's were on, and we were hanging on every word."

Bob Squier, a Democratic strategist who worked for Mr. Clinton, said the television in his office was not working properly, so he walked home to watch, tuned in "and promptly fell asleep."

"Can you believe it?" Mr. Squier said. "The President I helped get elected is on trial for impeachment, and I can't stay awake."

At the offices of Kenneth W. Starr, the independent counsel, televisions were on. "People are popping in and out and taking a look at it," said a staff member who insisted on anonymity. "But no one is glued to it."

Interest in the proceedings varied, unsurprisingly, by political conviction. Bill Pascoe, the political director for the American Conservative Union, was watching the trial at his home office in Alexandria, Va.

"I'm watching it for the same reason you watch a car race — you keep watching in the merbid hope that someone is going to wipe out in the fourth turn," Mr. Pascoe said. "It's compelling."

Within the Clinton Administration, predictably, there was a concerted effort not just to get on with the people's work but to be seen as getting on with the people's work.



Paul Rosenthal/The New York Times

Mr. Clinton had lunch with Vice President Al Gore — no talk of impeachment there, Mr. Gore's aides said — and worked on his State of the Union address. Late in the day he canceled a trip to New York because of the wintry weather.

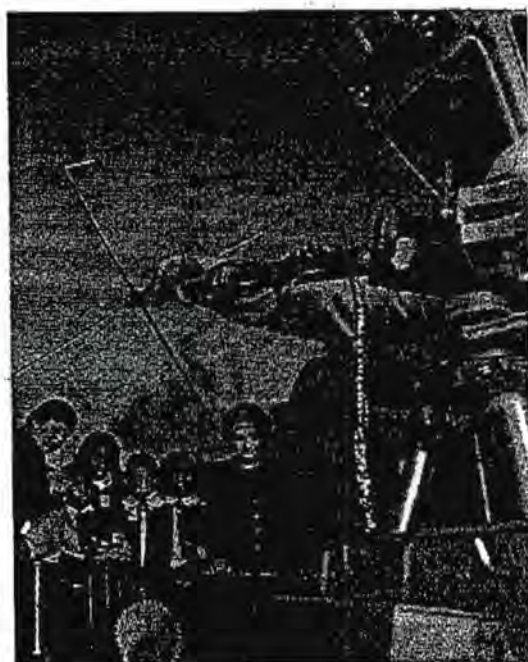
At the Pentagon, Deputy Defense Secretary John Hamre reported that the military was going all out to insure that software problems associated with the year 2000 would not imperil national security. The State Department proposed loosening restrictions on oil sales by Iraq. The Department of Housing and Urban Development unveiled a plan to help businesses in poor communities create jobs.

"I don't have the time or the inclination to watch this stuff," said David C. Leavy, the spokesman for the National Security Council, who said his television was not on. "All my colleagues on N.S.C. are focused on the hard work of Iraq and Kosovo and international economic issues and others. Even if I wanted to watch, I don't have the time."

Not all of his colleagues were quite so pure, with some stealing glances at television sets that were tuned to the proceedings, albeit with the sound turned down.

And at the Justice Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, some employees admitted to having tuned in, curious about a proceeding far different from their criminal and civil trials in Federal court.

One F.B.I. official said today's proceeding seemed devoid of new information, but was interesting as a piece of history. "It's pretty awesome," he said.



Sherry

An hour before his impeachment trial, President Clinton and Attorney General Janet Reno visited Alexandria, Va., to promote money for community policing and law enforcement technology.

Hillary Rodham Clinton spent part of the first day of the impeachment trial with schoolchildren at the Mars Millennium Project at the National Air and Space Museum.

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HEADLINE: LOWEY MAY RUN FOR PAT'S SEAT IF HILLARY KEEPS OUT

BYLINE: VINCENT MORRIS Post Correspondent

BODY:

WASHINGTON - Rep. Nita Lowey says she's interested in Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan's soon-to-be-vacant Senate seat, and will decide in "the next few weeks" whether to run.

But Lowey, a Democrat from Westchester County, says she'll stay out of the race if Hillary Rodham Clinton jumps in it.

"If Hillary Clinton gets into the race, the entire state party would be behind her and I would, too," Lowey said yesterday.

Lowey said she asked Hillary Clinton a few weeks ago about whether she was serious about running.

"She just smiled ... She's very noncommittal," said Lowey.

Lowey said she herself could top the likely Republican nominee, Mayor Giuliani, explaining: "Giuliani would be a strong candidate, [but] I think New York state could support a moderate Democratic woman."

George Stephanopoulos, a former top adviser to President Clinton, said on ABC's "This Week" yesterday that Lowey, who has taken a leading role in Congress advocating more money for school construction, is a credible candidate.

"I think Nita Lowey looks very tough. She's got a lot of support. She can raise the money," Stephanopoulos said, when asked to pick a legitimate Democratic candidate for the Senate seat.

Moynihan's announcement last year that he would not seek re-election when his term ends in 2001 has set off a scramble to fill the seat he has held for 22 years.

The election is a long way off, but recent word that two top Democrats - Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo and state Comptroller Carl McCall - are not in the race has intensified speculation about who will be.

Giuliani hasn't said if he's running, but he's considered a top contender, along with Reps. Peter King and Rick Lazio also mentioned as possible GOP candidates.

GRAPHIC: NITA LOWEY Has "a lot of support."

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YOU STATED THAT "STARR HAD A CHANCE to trap Clinton in a way that could have destroyed the President" if Clinton had continued to deny sexual relations with Lewinsky at a time when Starr held contradictory DNA evidence from the blue dress. You noted that although the prosecutor "wasn't legally bound to inform" Clinton, he nonetheless decided to alert the President rather than set the trap for a "clear-cut perjury case." I wish the prosecutor had not been so magnanimous. Clinton's ratings in the polls would now be much lower.

ALICE WROBLEWSKI
Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Better Half?

HILLARY, ANOTHER JOAN OF ARC, ENDURING so much suffering because of philanthropy [Dec. 28-Jan. 4]? Baloney! That tough little gal marches to her own drummer's beat. It will be interesting to see her plans for fulfilling her personal ambitions after Bill leaves office. I wonder if he is included? Hillary has the media and the public just where she wants them, thinking she's such a martyr.

BILL BANDLE
Manchester, Mo.

AS HILLARY CLINTON MAKES VOCATIONAL plans for the future, in either the private or public domain, the question is, How can she expect to win back respect and the all-important women's vote with the persona of a doormat?

BARBARA REIDER
El Dorado Hills, Calif.

PEOPLE WONDER WHY HILLARY DOESN'T divorce Bill. Don't bet on it. She will remain married to the scoundrel for the duration. If she were the ex-Mrs. Clinton, she would be a nobody. Isn't it ironic that the feminist elite point to her as an icon, when in fact she is just the old-fashioned wife of a powerful man?

DAN HARRELL
Savannah, Ga.

MAIL CALL!

We had a banner year for mail in 1998: more than 80,500 letters, e-mails and faxes from readers, an increase of 19% over 1997. We're talking big! We're talking huge! We're talking eyestrain! Here are the cover stories that got the greatest response:

■ Starr Report (Sept. 21)	3,640
■ Clinton Speaks (Aug. 31)	2,723
■ Monica and Bill (Feb. 2)	2,327

VERBATIM

“The Senate will convene as a court of impeachment. The chaplain will offer a prayer.”

WILLIAM REHNQUIST,
Chief Justice, opening
President Clinton's
trial in the Senate

“Markets have a funny way of reacting positively to reality once they think it through.”

BYRON WIEN,
chief U.S. investment
strategist at Morgan Stanley
Dean Witter, on the effect of
the devaluation of the
Brazilian currency

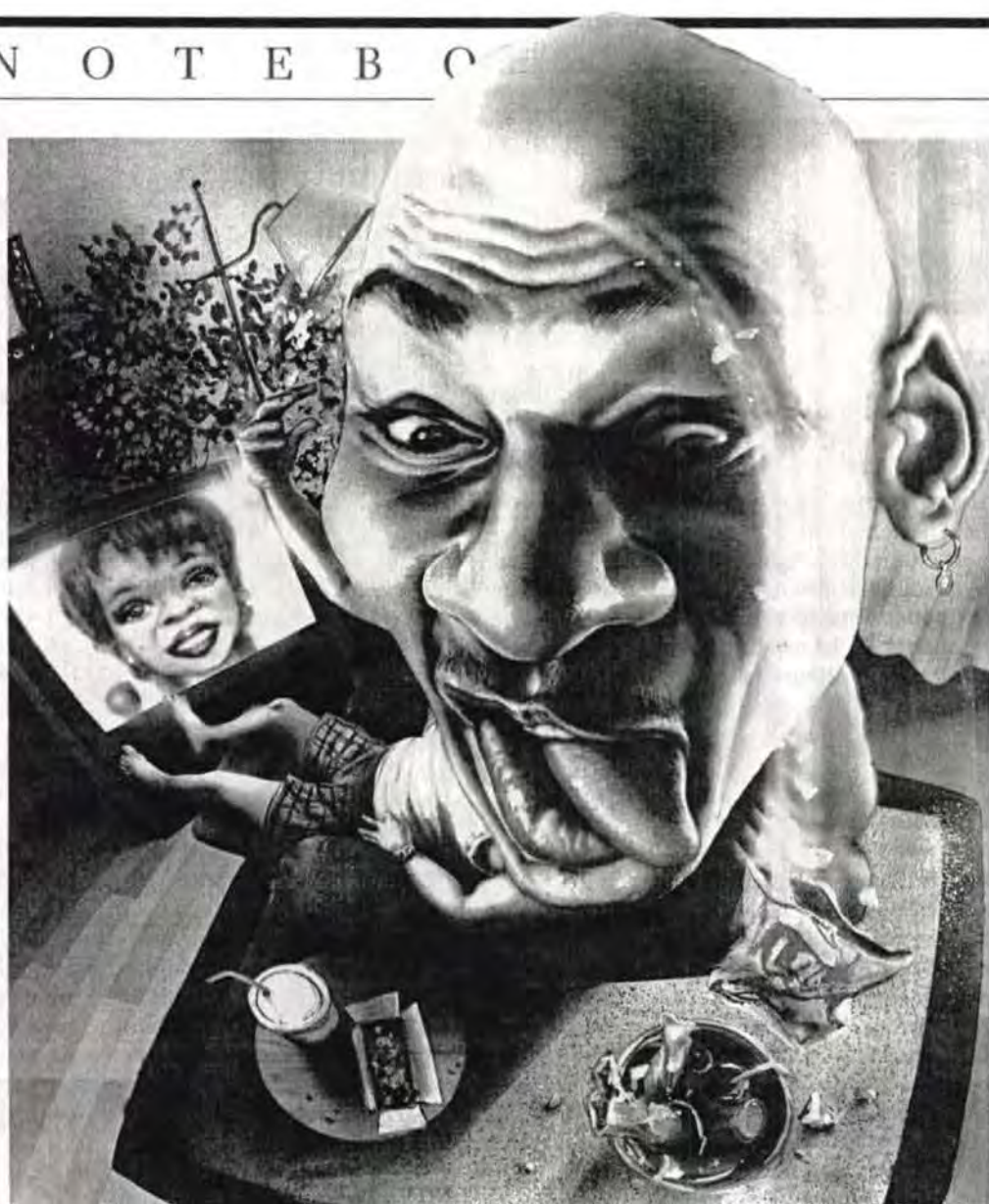
“That's one thing Bill Clinton and I do have in common: we overmarried.”

DAN QUAYLE,
former Vice President,
complimenting his wife

“So this is a reciprocal relationship ... people in Virginia like to utilize New York because we're a cultural center ...”

RUDOLPH GIULIANI,
New York City mayor, on
why Virginia should accept
New York City's garbage

Sources: Rehnquist, Wien (New York Times); Quayle (CNBC's Hardball); Giuliani (Washington Post)



MARK FREEDMAN FOR TIME

PLAYOFFS 2000 Rich enough never to work again, famous enough to want to stay indoors, Michael Jordan, the man regularly compared to God, Einstein and thin air, may have to practice his hook shot seatside. Mike, we'll miss ya

WINNERS & LOSERS

ALL JORDAN EDITION

JUANITA JORDAN

Says life won't change, except that Mike may do "more car pooling." Most popular car pool ever!

THE LAKERS

They're young, talented and hungry. Just keep Shaq out of the movies

SPORTSWRITERS

President's on trial, but everyone's reading them. Hope Gretzky quits soon

DAVID STERN

The lockout's over, but does anyone care? Quick, charm lessons for Latrell Sprewell!

CHICAGO

Famous for gangsters, Jordan and now what? Oprah can't dunk

THE OTHER MICHAEL JORDAN

U. Penn b-baller keeps hearing that the NBA will never see another Michael Jordan



JOHN ZICH—APR



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MIRANDA SHEN/Celebrity Photo

Which is witch? At a first anniversary party for **TEEN PEOPLE** in L.A., *Sabrina, the Teenage Witch*'s Melissa Joan Hart (left) smiled and said "cheese" with costars Lindsay Sloane, Jenna Leigh Green and Tara Charendoff.



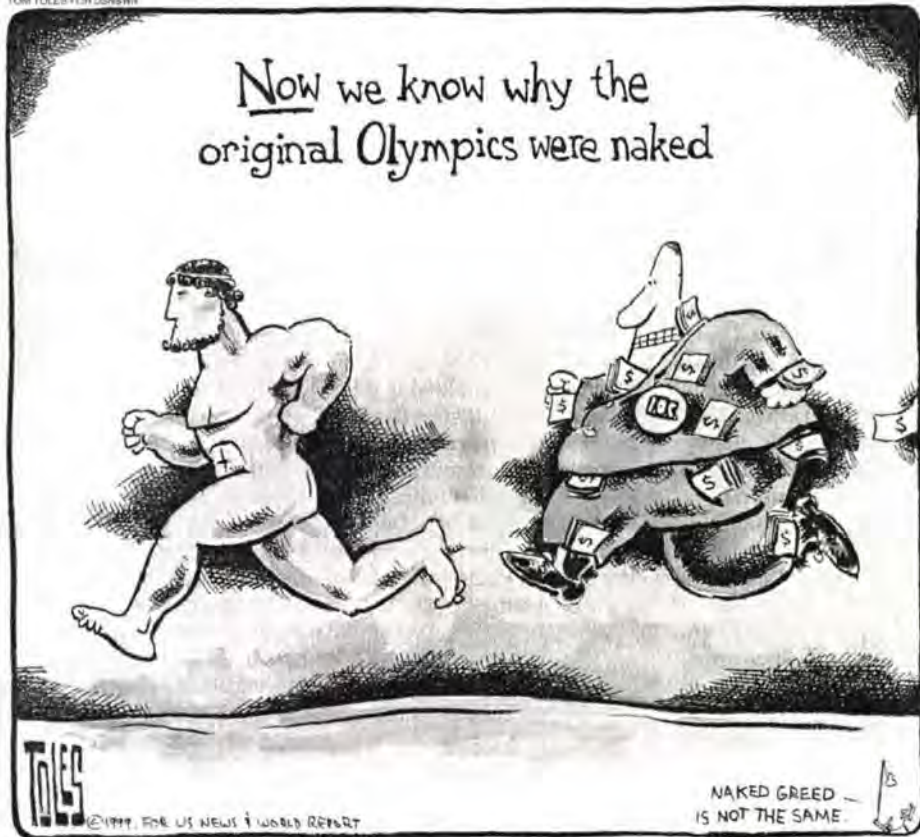
LARRY DOWNING/REUTERS

In Washington, D.C., while the Senate did a solemn impeachment dance, tango enthusiast Robert Duvall performed at a White House dinner. "I'll never look at you the same way again, Robert," said President Clinton.

"I'm glad those people weren't at Valley Forge or the Alamo."

Rep. Henry Hyde, a House manager in the impeachment trial of President Clinton, on his Senate Republican colleagues after they backed Democratic efforts to pare back the witness list

TOM TOLES FOR USNEWS



"People still need to hear your message that all are God's children; all have fallen short of his glory."

President Clinton, to Pope John Paul II

"I admire all her hairdos."

Alice Starr, wife of independent counsel Kenneth Starr, on first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

"Well, Alison, it meant that he was very happy."

Sen. Charles Schumer, New York Democrat, defining for his young daughter the Starr report's use of the word "aroused" in describing the reaction of President Clinton to Monica Lewinsky

the Union guests as a B-1 bomber pilot who organized and flew in the first-ever B-1B combat mission from his post in "Thumrait, Oman."

Rascally liberals

Fighting sticks and stones cost money, as we see in a fundraising letter for the conservative Heritage Foundation sent out by likely GOP presidential candidate **Steve Forbes**. Gasp, he writes, liberals distort conservative positions and no one is fighting back. "Are you as frustrated as I am with the way conservatives have allowed liberals to seize the initiative and successfully paint us as heart-

less fiends who seize food from the mouths of babies and throw old people out in the snow?" he writes. And that's where Heritage comes in. "We have to stop cowering with fright when the liberals attack us." How? By sending Heritage \$100. Through the group, "We can put the liberals on the defensive and show that they are the extremists."

Presidential Hall

At a time when **President Clinton** is being accused of disrespecting his office, White House officials are taking steps to expand the dignity of the facility. Take the thorough-

ly unexciting auditorium in the Old Executive Office Building. Many guests are often disappointed to find out that they aren't going to the East Room, just boring old "Room 450." So, presto chang-o, the hall has been gussied up and renamed "Presidential Hall."

True patriot

Washington lost one of its unsung heroes last week with the passing of **Brad Smith**. Smith was the key man behind the success of the State Department's international-rewards program, which is credited with nabbing top terrorists and thwarting attacks on

Americans. For eight years, Smith, 45, suffered from Lou Gehrig's disease, the often fatal nerve disorder. From his home computer in Fredericksburg, Va., he searched for tips and informants. When his breathing grew labored, he used a respirator; when he lost command of his arms, he used a mouthpiece to work his computer. When Smith died last week, he was surfing the Internet for info on the latest No. 1 terrorist, **Osama bin Laden**.

With David E. Kaplan

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UPDATE

Pilot Discord on No. 111?

WHEN SWISSAIR FLIGHT 111 CRASHED OFF Nova Scotia last fall, many experts were surprised that the pilots turned out to sea to dump fuel—a standard emergency tack



but one that may have given the plane's suspected wiring problem enough time to force the craft down. Last week the *Wall Street Journal* reported that a preliminary summary of a cockpit recording

showed that co-pilot Stefan Lowe suggested landing immediately but was overruled repeatedly by Captain Urs Zimmermann, who focused on the procedural checklist.

Still Dead, Though

POL POT DIED OF AN OVERDOSE, NOT A heart attack as Cambodian officials claimed last April, according to the *Far Eastern Economic Review*. The late dictator swallowed tranquilizers and antimalarial pills upon discovering that a Khmer Rouge comrade,



Ta Mok, planned to turn him over to the U.S. for trial. Ta Mok offered to make Pol Pot available in

March, the article by journalist Nate Thayer claimed. But U.S. officials declined, saying they needed more time to prepare to arrest and try him.



LISTEN UP Chief Justice William Rehnquist may want to bring the libretto next time he goes to a Gilbert and Sullivan show. He has said that he put four gold stripes on his robe in imitation of a costume he saw on the Lord Chancellor in *Iolanthe*. Bad choice. The Lord Chancellor describes his duties this way:

*The constitutional guardian I
Of pretty young wards in Chancery.
All very agreeable girls—and none
Are over the age of twenty-one.
A pleasant occupation for
A rather susceptible chancellor!*

—With thanks to Lawrence O'Donnell of MSNBC

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Jennifer Dunn Best Makeover



Ruth Bader Ginsburg Worst Dressed



Ernest ("Fritz") Hollings Too Cool for School



Hillary Clinton Most Likely to Be Thinking One Thing but Doing Another



Dennis Hastert Most Powerful Unknown Guy



John Breaux Most in Need of Caffeine



Jim Sensenbrenner Most Resembles the Late Chris Farley



Strom Thurmond Most Resembles an X-Files Extra



Barney Frank Most Full of Team Spirit



Steve Largent Most Full of Holy Spirit



Bill Clinton Just Call Him Mr. Popularity



Rosa Parks Least Likely to Give Up Her Seat



Ileana Ros-Lehtinen Most Likely to Push Child into Photo Op with Guy She Voted to Impeach

ROLE MODEL

THE GAP

BOOK II In June the late Ralph Ellison's *Juneteenth* will come out, 47 years after his *Invisible Man*. Other tardy second novels:

TOM WOLFE 11

The Bonfire of the Vanities ('87), *A Man in Full* ('98)

JOSEPH HELLER 13

Catch-22 ('61), *Something Happened* ('74)

DOROTHY WEST 47

The Living Is Easy ('48), *The Wedding* ('95)

HENRY ROTH 60

Call It Sleep ('34)

A Star Shines Over Mt. Morris Park ('94)

THE ONCE AND FUT

By KATI MARTON

IF BILL CLINTON'S PREDICAMENT HAS but one historical precedent, Andrew Johnson's, Hillary Rodham Clinton's current position has none. After surviving the most painful year one could imagine, Hillary has begun to do something no other First Lady—not the second Mrs. Wilson, not Nancy Reagan, not even Eleanor Roosevelt—ever did: create a political base independent of her spouse's. In the new TIME/CNN poll, 70% view her favorably. And her popularity has caused talk, encouraged by New Jersey Senator Robert Torricelli, a close White House ally, that she may run for the Senate from New York in 2000. Though her friends call such a run unlikely—Washington, they say, is the last place she'll want to be in 2001—the First Lady's office has so far done nothing to squelch the idea, which seems to be gaining momentum.

The Clinton marriage is famously, inef-
fably complex. But presidential marriages
are almost always about more than matters
of the heart. By the time they enter the
White House, a presidential couple have
generally forged a partnership that is both
political and personal. Once there the
First Lady has a dual role to play: internal
and external. Successful First Ladies must
balance them; if one part overwhelms the
other, the result can be disastrous. Take the
Wilsons—Woodrow and his second wife
Edith, whose 1915 courtship and marriage
were the stuff of a romantic novel but cat-
astrophic for the country. After Wilson was
felled by a massive stroke in 1919, Edith
kept him in office as a form of therapy—she
thought a resignation would quicken his
death—concealing the truth from the
world. Half-paralyzed and nearly blind,
Wilson became more rigid in a way that
would affect history, refusing to compro-
mise in order to gain Senate approval for
American membership in his own crea-
tion, the League of Nations. Edith Wil-
son pulled off a masterful charade for the
benefit of Congress and the country, be-
coming in the process what some called the
“28th and a half” President. She skillfully
arranged an early version of a photo op for
a congressional delegation, propping up
her inert, bedridden husband with pillows
in a darkened sickroom. It was all to con-
vince the public that the President was still

in charge. Although she acted out of love,
she damaged both the country and Wil-
son's legacy. “Woodrow Wilson was first
my beloved husband whose life I was try-
ing to save,” she said with pride of what she
called her stewardship; “after that he was
the President of the United States.” Theirs
was a White House union based entirely—
and tragically—on matters of the heart.

The Roosevelts represent the opposite
pole. Their marriage had perhaps not
enough heart. Eleanor was the “eyes and
ears” of her wheelchair-bound husband,
his pipeline to African Americans, Jews and
other disfranchised people. Her middle-
aged, maternal image gave the New Deal its
most compassionate face. In 1940, F.D.R.
dispatched Eleanor to the Democratic
Convention to quell a revolt against his
choice of political outsider Henry Wallace
as running mate. “This,” she told the con-
vention, “is no ordinary time,” and the
force of her presence ended the crisis.

Comparisons between Eleanor Roo-
sevelt and Hillary Clinton are unavoidable
and sometimes startling, though inexact.
Eleanor was famously insecure, and Hil-
lary conveys quite the opposite impression.
But like Mrs. Clinton, Mrs. Roosevelt
needed time to assimilate her nearly im-
possible job description. She too wanted a
“real job” and did not always accept the
fact that being First Lady, however ill de-
fined, is a job in itself. Eleanor took a po-
sition as assistant director of the Office of
Civilian Defense. The press went after her,
and F.D.R.'s enemies attacked too—calling
her the O.C. Diva, forcing her to resign.

But Eleanor was unwilling to retreat to
an inoffensive corner of the White House.
Zealous in pushing her causes, she would
interrupt Franklin's sacred cocktail hour
with a sheaf of policy papers. When, in the
last months of her husband's life, Eleanor
still pursued her own agenda for good gov-
ernment—berating F.D.R. for the appoint-



The Protector

EDITH WILSON

successfully hid her husband's paralysis,
saving his presidency but hurting his legacy

The “Eyes and Ears”

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

took the nation's pulse for her wheel-
chair-bound husband, and survived marital disc-



The Style Setter

JACKIE KENNEDY

brought glamour to the White House and,
later, solace to a grieving nation



The Insider

NANCY REAGAN

was a powerhouse, but Americans were
unimpressed by her political clout

UTURE HILLARY

She is one of the most influential First Ladies, but none ever did what she's doing now

ment of two Assistant Secretaries of State whom she considered reactionaries—his aides tried to limit contact between the sick, weary President and his wife. Of course she had her reasons for disengaging emotionally from the marriage—primarily the discovery in 1918 of Franklin's affair with her social secretary. Today we would call the Roosevelts a dysfunctional couple. Yet they constructed rich and varied lives for themselves, filling the void in their marriage with other relationships. But such a union would not be possible today. No present-day occupants of the White House could live as freely and creatively as the Roosevelts did during their 12-year tenure and keep their private life—and wounds—private until years after their death.

As an "external" First Lady, Jacqueline Kennedy was in her own way almost as successful as Eleanor Roosevelt. Her sense of history and style captivated the nation and put a stamp on her husband's presi-

dency. Her unforgettable performance as the nation's widow eased us through the nightmare of November 1963. It was only much later that we learned of the harsher truths behind the glittering façade of the Kennedy White House.

Every generation modifies its expectations of the First Lady to reflect its own cultural values. What was admired in Jackie did not work for Nancy Reagan. Criticized in public for her extravagance, Mrs. Reagan was a huge power inside her husband's Administration, a far greater influence on presidential policy than anyone since Mrs. Wilson. It was not until years later, when Ronald Reagan's Alzheimer's condition was disclosed, that the nation began to take Nancy Reagan to its heart. Lady Bird Johnson (still a beloved national figure), Rosalynn Carter and Barbara Bush all managed to balance the external and internal functions of First Lady. They were good performers, good wives and good political

partners. All of them promoted important causes—but none was an independent political figure. Nor was Betty Ford, an ordinary political housewife catapulted into an extraordinary role. To her credit, Mrs. Ford spoke with therapeutic candor to a nation looking for relief from Vietnam and Watergate, showing that the First Family was, well, just like any other American family, with secrets and troubles of its own, from her children's experimenting with marijuana to her dependency on prescription drugs. Her exuberant nature—she once danced on the polished Cabinet table—helped chase away the Watergate blues. In fact, today Betty Ford's image—and the famed center for substance-abuse treatment that bears her name—is more sharply etched in our memory than her husband's.

Dutiful Pat Nixon is the pre-eminent example of the First Lady as victim. We remember her not for all her good works for children and the elderly, but as a lonely woman standing near her husband on his last day in office as he rambled on about his sainted mother, oblivious to his wife. Even her official White House portrait is sad.

Watching Pat Nixon made us feel bad. Not so with Hillary Clinton. Nor can we imagine Mrs. Clinton saying of her husband, as Eleanor Roosevelt did—with typical self-effacement and not entirely accurately—"I was one of those who served his purposes." Part of Mrs. Clinton's achievement last year was the way she reclaimed a measure of privacy for herself after her husband's public admission of infidelity—not by pulling back like Mamie Eisenhower but by refusing to play by the prevailing rules of the confessional age. Affirming her right to privacy, she focused on the issues, found her own voice and set her own boundaries. The nation seems willing to abide by them, a reaction without precedent in American history.

When Eleanor Roosevelt left the White House, she told the press, "The story is over." That prediction turned out to be far off the mark. No one would think it about Hillary Rodham Clinton. The next act will be, I suspect, even more fascinating for the woman who continues to change the rules and the role of the First Lady.

Kati Marton, an author, is working on a book about presidential marriages

SENATOR CLINTON?

■ Would you like to see Hillary Rodham Clinton run for the U.S. Senate?

Yes	47%
No	49%

■ If Hillary Clinton were running for the Senate in your state, would you vote for her?

Definitely vote for, or consider voting for	59%
Not vote for her under any circumstances	39%

From a TIME/CNN poll

The Power Broker

HILLARY CLINTON

the first presidential spouse to create her own political base, could become the first to run for office

FROM TOP LEFT: GLOBE PHOTOS; CORNIS—RETMANN; CYNTHIA JOHNSON FOR TIME; ART RICKERTY—LIFE; NEIL LEIFER

La Opinión

Los Angeles, California

Por L. TORAL, S. Hoffmann

Hillary visita el Este de Los Angeles

Hace campaña para preservar la sinagoga de Boyle Heights y el Teatro Los Angeles

Leticia García-Irigoyen
Reportera de La Opinión

Con la promesa de servir como un enlace más entre las comunidades judía y latina de Los Angeles, se inició ayer, con el respaldo de la primera dama de Estados Unidos, Hillary Rodham Clinton, la campaña de recaudación de fondos para la renovación de una de las más antiguas sinagogas que se localizan en el área de Boyle Heights.

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Sin embargo, los daños estructurales sufridos durante el terremoto de Northridge de 1994, aunados a los esgagos producidos por las pasadas lluvias y los episodios de vandalismo que



RENE MIRANDA / La Opinión

Primera dama. Hillary Clinton promueve en Boyle Heights la preservación de edificios históricos como parte de su campaña nacional.

ha padecido, la han mantenido fuera de operación durante los últimos cuatro años.

Su imponente estructura de ladrillo, rodeada hoy en día por una cerca metálica coronada con alambre de púas, contrasta con el colorido de los murales y las fachadas de residencias

que le rodean.

La primera dama, quien encabeza el programa denominado Salvemos los Tesoros Nacionales, visitó ayer este y otros sitios locales, incluso el Teatro Los Angeles del centro de la ciudad, designados como históricos y en

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GALLERY

① **STEPHEN DE STAEBLER** — White House Sculpture Garden (Washington, DC, Nov. 6-Sept.) — *Standing Figure with Blue Shoulder*, 1983, edition of three, bronze, cast, 76 1/2 by 17 by 17 1/4 inches, among 12 works in the series "Twentieth Century American Sculpture at the White House," this seventh exhibition subtitled "Inspired by Rodin." Brochure: 16 pages, free, written request to Curator's Office, White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, 20502. ② **HIROSHIMA KAZUO** — California College of Arts and Crafts Oliver Art Center (Oakland, Nov. 21-Jan. 16) — *Chaff Sieve*, 1995, bamboo, 4 by 23 inches, in a group exhibition. ③ **CHERYL TALL** — Stetson University Duncan Gallery of Art (DeLand, FL, solo exhibition, Nov. 6-Dec. 11) — *Handy Man*, 1998, terra-cotta, coil-built, glazes, 36 by 15 by 16 inches. ④ **DEBORAH BROD** — College of Wooster Art Museum (Ohio, solo exhibition, Oct. 23-Dec. 13) — *Retired Combs (From the Weintraub Collection)*, 1998, velvet, silk gauze, combs, thread, quilt batting, muslin, wood, 102 by 86 by 20 inches. ⑤ **PAT HICKMAN** — San Francisco Craft & Folk Art Museum (California, Oct. 17-Jan. 3) — *Local Strain*, 1998, gut, mixed media, 17 by 32 by 15 inches, in the Master Craftsman series of solo exhibitions.



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Editor's Letter

On the Trail Campaign

It could have been a standard-issue political event. On a rail-trail in Severna Park, Md., Hillary Rodham Clinton was about to kick off the White House Millenium Trails project, a multimillion dollar plan for creating, improving, and recognizing America's trails as part of the country's year 2000 celebrations. During the coming year, trails of all kinds all across the country will benefit.

The day was stage-managed to the last detail, with the requisite flower-bearing school children, flag-waving Cub Scouts, and officious local officials. But the predictability lasted only until the keynoters got up to speak. From Secretary of Transportation Rodney Slater to National Park Service Director Robert Stanton to Mrs. Clinton, this event went beyond the pro forma to the personal—there was genuine excitement. David Burwell, president of the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, said this was our chance to “tie the nation up in a ribbon of green.” “Trails were America's original surface transportation system,” said Slater, whose department primarily oversees the building of federal highways. “Not merely preserving but expanding trails can improve the quality of life for millions of Americans, lifting their spirits and their pocketbooks.”

In this issue of *WALKING* writer Melissa Chessher finds that bit of political rhetoric is true. Her story, **Is Your Life Hazardous to Your Health?** (p. 66), shows how our

society's approach to food and transportation robs people of their health. For her sake, and that of her daughter, Chessher takes a big step—a new job in a new community.

Mrs. Clinton would no doubt support Melissa. “Millenium Trails,” she said, “are tangible gifts to our future. With them we are creating the kind of communities—and the kind of nation—we want to have.” She stepped down from the podium. As her coterie glanced at their watches and tried to edge her toward her limo, Mrs. Clinton lingered, chatting away. You sensed

she was aware of her choice: She could continue to enjoy the outdoors and the friendly community it engendered, or she could return to Washington. Mrs. Clinton stayed. I don't blame her a bit. That's what trails are for.



Not just a gesture: Clinton was excited about Millenium Trails.

SETH D. BAUER
Editor in Chief

✓ Psst! Whisper says Hillary is all but in N.Y.'s Senate race

A PARTY. A crowded hallway. A hurried whisper: "Hillary is 99.9 going to go for senator from New York."

I always knew ears did more than protect your hat from falling over your eyes. Mine suddenly took on a life of their own. By themselves they followed The Whisperer's voice.

"Say again," I said. "What did you say?"

"I said it's 99.9 Hillary goes. She'll run for senator from New York."

"You THINK? Or you know?"

As The Whisperer's edging toward the door: "Look, I'm telling you."

"But that 99.9 percentage. That's such a big, definitive number. Where'd you get this 99.9 from?"

"Look," The Whisperer sighed heavily as though addressing a not-very-bright child, "I know what I'm talking about, all right?"

The Whisperer's got major money. Plus access to pots more. Big contributor who gets courted by Republicans and Democrats. Also a goer to White House parties that are not cattle calls.

"Trust me," was the last word. "I must know something, right?"

At the elevator, I tried one more time. "You being tapped as the fund-raiser?"

"Ye-ess... but... look... don't mention me... I mean, I can't... it's... it's... you know..."

I brain-picked Hillary-ites. My friends who are her friends.



White House another two years. When's she supposed to get this together?"

Back to The Whisperer. When's she supposed to get this together, I asked.

"The big thing is fund-raising," was the answer. "This cap start quietly now. For D'Amato, who lost this last election, he had to get together \$24 million."

"With Hillary's tremendous name factor and the fact New York loves her, we're talking \$10 million. Not a big deal to pull in. The Clintons make 10 speeches, \$10 million."

What's the time frame we're talking about?

"She'll be the new senator from New York for the millennium. That means the election's November 2000. That means a primary, because you'd have to be nuts to challenge her — which is September 2000."

"That means it's this September for her to make an announcement. At least that's my timing. I haven't received any directive from anyone about that."

Susan Thomases. Long

longtime pal of the First Lady. When we discussed the topic she said:

"Hillary loves New York. I know it. She told me so. Even though Bill prefers California. But all she'd say right now is, 'I can't think about anything right now except getting through this.'"

"And we know what this is. She's focused like a laser. She's in full battle mode. Later is what happens later. But for now, she won't even permit herself to even think of afterwards. When you ask about her future plans, she just laughs."

Agreed, as I've printed earlier, the first post-White House duty is wiping out their legal debt. She'll lecture at one mil a pop. She'll get 5 to 7 mil for a two-book deal.

As for Mama and Papa Bear's marital future? All concur they have a symbiotic relationship and love one another and need one another, and they'll stay together but maybe lead separate lives.

I called the Whisperer back. I said, "Tell me again what you told me."

Came the whisper: "I'm telling you — 99.9 Hillary Clinton goes for Senator from New York."

And what, I asked, is the other one percent dependent upon?

"Nothin'."

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HILL ON THE HILL? An informed source says it's "99.9" percent certain Hillary Rodham Clinton will run for Senate from New York.

N.Y. Post Don Halasy

Lisa Caputo. Was Mrs. Clinton's first White House press chief. Her take?

"I doubt it. The Senate's a fraternal group. Hillary's not one of them. She's not one of the old-guard insiders, one of the old-boy network. She's the quintessential outsider. She wouldn't be comfortable there. That wouldn't be her style."

What the friends agreed would be her style would be a bully pulpit. Something like a made-up, made-to-order United Nations position where she could do good for some international organization which would look good, real good, sound good, allow her to network and speechify and still use it as her forum to back into her own agenda.

Kathie Berlin. Another friend from their long-back Renaissance Weekend times.

"Not like Hillary to start as a junior senator. She's not the type to be a junior anything. Yeah, she loves New York. But I don't see this happening. Besides, the timing's against it. This lady's still in the

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Beyond the City

Spotlight

The Great Hillary Hope

Speculation persists, but most think she won't run for Senate

By **JOEL SIEGEL**
Daily News Senior Political Correspondent

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton has a huge list of things to do with the rest of her life, but running for Senate in New York next year is not among them, friends and political associates say.

More than a half-dozen pals and top administration officials interviewed by the Daily News said there's virtually no chance she will seek the seat of retiring Democratic Sen. Daniel Moynihan.

"It's an incredibly flattering scenario. But I would be surprised if it became a reality," friend and former press secretary Lisa Caputo said.

A top White House aide, who asked not to be named, was more blunt, dismissing the Hillary 2000 scenario as "a total flight of fancy."

"She's certainly political, but he's the politician in the family. She's never shown any particular liking for the nuts and bolts of the political process. She'll head up a foundation and promote political causes."

Added Harold Ickes, former deputy White House chief of staff, "I have spoken to people around her. She has [other] serious things to think about. Based on what I know, I don't think she has given [running] an ounce of thought."

The friends and White House aides said the Sen. Hillary Scenario makes no sense on several essential levels.

First, the Clintons have huge debts and no money. The financial squeeze means they'll have to write books and lecture to generate quick cash after leaving Washington.



Lee AP
Hillary Rodham Clinton

Second, the friends said, the First Lady sees herself as having a national and international platform to promote her causes and ideas post-White House — in short, being higher on the pecking order than the rung accorded the junior senator from New York.

Finally, "Given what the Clintons have been through, the last thing she wants to do now is run for office; no one knows the toll it takes on you personally more than she does," one friend said.

Nevertheless, the Democrats pine for the First Lady to jump into the race.

In part, that underscores an amazing reversal of her political fortunes. Four years ago, her poll numbers were in tatters, along with the health-care overhaul she tried to ram through Congress. Now, her ratings are sky-high.

The clamor also reveals the deepening concern among some Democrats that they might not have a marquee candidate to run against the early Republican favorite, Mayor Giuliani.

Robert Kennedy Jr. and Controller Carl McCall have opted out. Now the pressure is on U.S. Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo, son of the former governor, to run.

Cuomo is intensely interested, but running would mean yielding a big role in Vice President Gore's White House campaign.

If he doesn't run, Democrats acknowledged, the party would face a pool of less-formidable potential candidates, including Reps. Nita Lowey (D-Westchester), Carolyn Maloney (D-Manhattan) and Louise Slaughter (D-Rochester).

The optimism of the Hillary Hopeful surged Sunday when NBC-TV "Meet the Press" host Tim Russert broadcast an apparent bombshell: The head of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, Sen. Robert Torricelli (D-N.J.), had told Russert "if he had to guess, he believes Hillary Rodham Clinton will run for the United States Senate from New York."

But a Torricelli confidant acknowledged that the senator never spoke to the First Lady or anyone around her.

Pro-Hillary Democrats also find solace in the refusal by Marsha Berry, the First Lady's press secretary, to categorically rule out a Senate race. But one confidant said Clinton simply is following the old political adage of "not foreclosing any option until you have to. But I doubt she will run."

State Democratic chairwoman Judith Hope, who launched the first Sen. Hillary trial balloon many months ago, said for the first time yesterday that the First Lady had asked her last year not to float such ideas again.

"She sought me out and asked me to discourage that kind of speculation," Hope said. "She said it was not helpful to her. . . . She has her issues she is passionately devoted to — children, families and education — and this creates a distraction."

Still, a new round of Clinton speculation is beginning. The new Jane magazine cover features a headline touting a Clinton for President — the First Daughter, Chelsea.

With Thomas M. DeFrank and Kenneth R. Bazinet

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Bernstein, Sheehy plan biographies on first lady

Associated Press

NEW YORK -- Hillary Rodham Clinton's turbulent marriage and her political partnership with the president will be under the microscope in dueling biographies by Pulitzer Prize-winner Carl Bernstein and best-selling author Gail Sheehy. But don't expect the first lady to sit down and talk with either author.

"I don't think she will do any interviews. At some point there is speculation about whether she will write a book, and, frankly, she would be the best source for her book," Hillary Clinton's spokeswoman, Marsha Berry, said this week. Bernstein, whose Watergate work with Bob Woodward in The Washington Post helped bring down President Nixon, has signed a deal with Alfred A. Knopf. Sheehy, author of the best seller "Passages," is expected to announce a deal by next week, said her agent, Lynn Nesbit. Both work as contributing writers to Vanity Fair magazine. In the race to publish, Sheehy appears to have the jump on Bernstein with a 15,000-word article exploring the Clintons' marriage in Vanity Fair's February issue, which hit newsstands Wednesday. Relying on interviews with family, friends, unidentified associates, aides and lawyers and on previous interviews with Hillary Clinton, Sheehy characterized the first lady as a woman with two identities: a moral Methodist and a radical feminist. Both have helped her with her marriage and her public life, says Sheehy. "Her life strategy, decided long ago, was to take the raw material of a brilliant, emotionally battered child with a good heart and a desperate ambition and shape him into a political star. It took a Hillary to raise a president," Sheehy wrote. When the Clintons moved to the White House, Sheehy wrote, "Hillary believed that, at last, Bill would be more or less exclusively hers. If not because of a change of heart, then because of diminished opportunity. She told friends they had grown closer than ever." But when the allegations of sexual improprieties arose, "Hillary adopted a Valkyrian battle mode in order to save her marriage. Presumably, she learned not only to rationalize but even to capitalize on her husband's weaknesses," the article said. The article speculated that Clinton would fight to keep his marriage, quoting Betsy Wright, who was Clinton's chief of staff while he was governor of Arkansas. "That man would lie down and kill himself before he would let her leave," Wright said. Sheehy's book is due out in a year at most, Nesbit said. Bernstein said he has just started the research and would not speculate on a publication date, nor would he discuss the terms of the book deal. "One of the things I've always done, and I really believe is that books speak for themselves. The last thing I would do is talk about what's going to be in a book that I haven't even written," he said. "We are in the early stages."

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1998 EDITORS' PICKS

NOW IT'S OUR TURN TO RATE THE YEAR'S HEADLINERS, HAS-BEENS, AND HOPEFULS.



Savviest celebrity:
Charlton Heston

Most valuable politician Hillary Rodham Clinton

Once seen as the Lady Macbeth of her generation, Hillary Rodham Clinton had a transformative year. She helped reverse her husband's political fortunes by asserting that the president was the victim of a vast right-wing conspiracy; she assisted in the successful campaigns of numerous Democratic candidates, such as Chuck Schumer in New York and Barbara Boxer in California; and she appeared calm and focused on policy issues, not scandal, reinventing herself as perhaps the sole voice of conscience in an otherwise morally questionable White House. Hillary Clinton has proved once and for all that the role of the first lady is not to be a poodle but a true political force.

Least valuable politician Newt Gingrich

Republicans said he was a visionary, but sometimes it's hard to understand why. Did Americans really usher in the GOP in 1994 because of Newt's Contract with America? No. Postelection polls show that they barely knew it existed. Was it wise of Newt to force a government shutdown over the budget in 1995? Hardly. That fiasco contributed to the GOP defeat in the 1996 presidential election. And the Monica Lewinsky matter? Well, the proof is in the pudding.

Truth is, every time Newt went eye to eye with Bill Clinton on the vision thing, he proved himself nearsighted. But given Clinton's astounding political skills, you can hardly blame Newt. His failing was in refusing to admit what was plain to see.

Most valuable foreign politician King Hussein

Faced with a diagnosis of cancer, the economic damage of a trade embargo with Iraq, and the growing threat of a resurgent Saddam Hussein, King Hussein of Jordan has risen symbolically from his sickbed to reassert his position in Middle East politics, and push for the peace process he hopes will secure his nation's future. As he reassured Jordanians shaken by the news of his cancer, the king is "not over and done with yet." The authority that comes from a figure unafraid

to deal with either Arabs or Israelis was a crucial factor in ensuring the October peace accord, and if the U.S. does launch bombing raids against Iraq, Hussein is likely to prove Clinton's most crucial ally in the region.

Celebrity whose political views we take most seriously Charlton Heston

When Charlton Heston was elected president of the National Rifle Association last June, it was a disarming choice. Not many actors cap off their career by heading one of the country's most powerful lobbying groups. But then, the man who played Moses has never been gun-shy about taking on large roles. Now 74, the jut-jawed conservative hopes to lead a wilting NRA (its membership dropped 20 percent in 1995) out of the desert and into the promised land. In an age when movie stars think that "being politically active" means a pajama party in the Lincoln Bedroom, Heston is the real thing: a straight shooter who's been to the mountaintop and keeps on climbing.

Lady who loves too much:
Barbra Streisand



Who was America's most valuable politician of the year?

1 Bill Clinton

- 2 Madeleine Albright
- 3 Alan Greenspan

For the third year in a row, you picked the president by an overwhelming margin.

Who was the year's least valuable politician?

1 Newt Gingrich

- 2 Trent Lott
- 3 Bill Clinton

Only 90 votes separated Newt Gingrich from the president in this category.

Who was the MVP from another country?

1 Tony Blair

- 2 Benjamin Netanyahu
- 3 Bertie Ahern

Rule Britannia! Tony Blair received more than twice as many votes as the runner-up.

Which rising politician do you most admire?

1 Andrew Cuomo

- 2 George W. Bush
- 3 Elizabeth Dole

Members of political dynasties took first and second here.

Who do you most wish would return to the political spotlight?

1 Mario Cuomo

- 2 Colin Powell
- 3 Ann Richards

Former governor Cuomo had a quiet year but still overtook Richards, last year's No. 1.

Who do you wish would sink back into the mire?

1 Trent Lott

- 2 Gary Bauer
- 3 Steve Forbes

The Senate leader takes a hit for the GOP's inept year.

What issue are you sick of hearing about?

1 Monica Lewinsky

- 2 Campaign finance
- 3 Middle East peace

"All Monica, all the time" is simply way too much for you.

What is the most important issue that politicians aren't addressing?

1 Education quality

- 2 Social Security solvency
- 3 Erosion of family values

With American literacy rates as low as they are, you made a smart choice.

Who is your favorite talking head?

1 Cokie Roberts

- 2 Tim Russert
- 3 Eleanor Clift

You just can't get enough of Cokie: This is her third year as your favorite.

Which talking head should keep quiet?

1 Sam Donaldson

- 2 John McLaughlin
- 3 Eleanor Clift

Donaldson was drubbed for bad predictions: Thought Clinton would resign pronto. Yikes!

Which celebrity activist's views do you take most seriously?

1 Christopher Reeve

- 2 Steven Spielberg
- 3 Charlton Heston

Reeve's gets raves for the second year in a row.

Which celebrity activist should stick to his or her day job?

1 Charlton Heston

- 2 Barbra Streisand
- 3 Alec Baldwin

Heston won a top NRA post—and your ire.

What was the best political book of the year?

1 And the Horse He Rode in On

- 2 Spin Cycle
- 3 The Starr report

You selected Carville's screed over Starr's sex-posé.

Which living president do you most admire?

1 Jimmy Carter

- 2 Bill Clinton
- 3 Ronald Reagan

You lust in your heart for Carter, who sets the standard for post-presidential grace.



Smoothest talker:
Cokie Roberts

Who would be a great president but would never run?

1 Colin Powell

- 2 Mario Cuomo
- 3 Hillary Clinton

Who cares if he says he won't be a candidate? You want the general in 2000!

What historic figure could have best guided us through 1998?

1 Harry S. Truman

- 2 Franklin Delano Roosevelt
- 3 Abraham Lincoln

You were on the same page as the editors on this question—we also miss "Give 'em Hell Harry."



Has foreign fans:
Tony Blair

Run, Colin, Run!

The Washington Post

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Spreading the Peace

Hillary Clinton's visit to Oasis of Peace, the only village in Israel that is half-Jewish, half-Palestinian and where all the children study together in both their languages, gave enormous encouragement to a community that lives peacefully despite differences, through tolerance and mutual acceptance [news story, Dec. 14].

The Post's report, however, gave the impression that land problems endanger the existence of this unique experiment. Actually, the integrity and future of Oasis of Peace are not in jeopardy. The village has a long-term lease from a nearby Trappist monastery. There

was a possibility that some government land bordering the village might be used by others who may not share the villagers' commitment to co-existence, but this threat has receded. In any case, the land doesn't overlap that of the village. Oasis of Peace also hopes that the Israeli government will cede other nearby land to them, a move that would enable 100 wait-listed families to join the community.

Mrs. Clinton's visit to the primary school, which includes many students from other communities, unwittingly overshadowed the village's other major accomplishment: bringing together more than 22,000 Jewish and

Palestinian students from their segregated high schools for three-day workshops to edge them toward mutual acceptance. The effects, as these teenagers go back to their separate communities, are hard to measure but surely considerable.

The success of this venture deserves support; as Hillary Clinton said: "You can't just sign an agreement. . . . Peace actually begins in our homes, in communities like this and in our hearts."

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Clinton all business — by day

After hours, he's on phone, eyeing numbers

By Susan Page
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — As the Senate sergeant at arms was reading the proclamation that opened the impeachment trial, President Clinton was out of sight, spending the morning in the White House residence and not even bothering to watch the historic proceedings on television, his spokesman said.

When he emerged to public view hours later, Clinton ignored the headline topic entirely as he stood before a friendly audience in the East Room to propose increased funding next year for after-school programs.

On one of the darkest days of his presidency, Clinton was following the formula that has sustained him through six roller-coaster years in the White House: Keep the public focus on public issues, stage photogenic announcements on popular programs, and make it clear he remains involved in everything from devising the budget to drafting the State of the Union address.

"A normal day," spokesman Joe Lockhart said.

But these days, Clinton's ability to operate on two tracks has gone beyond his famed ability to "compartmentalize" his problems. It's more as though he's operating in parallel universes — one in which he drops by chief of staff John Podesta's office to discuss falling hog prices with farm-state senators, and another in which he faces a devastating challenge that has tarnished his place in history and could oust him from office.

Some of those close to Clinton say there is a difference, literally, of night and day.

By night, some friends say,



By Ron Edmonds, AP

School plan: President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton after he proposed more funding for after-school programs Thursday in Washington. "Everyone just has one life. This is about giving people a chance to make the most of that one life," Clinton said in his announcement.

Clinton is often on the phone to talk and strategize about impeachment with Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, other friendly members of Congress and Democratic advisers he trusts. He routinely calls them at midnight, 1 a.m. and even later to discuss what's happening on impeachment and devise what to do next.

He is intensely interested in what each House member and, now, what each senator has said and will do — down to analyzing how he did in 1992 and 1996 in their states and districts.

But by day, Clinton is all official business, staffers say. As Senate Republicans caucused Wednesday afternoon on how to proceed with the impeachment trial, Clinton was engaged in an intensive hour-long debate on Social Security reform with economic aides in the Cabinet Room. Earlier in the day, he convened a round-up on world events with his foreign policy team. He has held a series of complicated sessions on next year's budget.

"There's an unavoidable

regularity to the budget process: The government has to be funded Oct. 1," budget director Jacob Lew said in an interview, dismissing the notion that the troubles on Capitol Hill have affected the budget work at the White House.

Policy aides are discouraged from discussing the impeachment issue, one of them said, although the president occasionally makes a rueful reference to his troubles. When Clinton is being briefed before a situation in which he'll face reporters, policy aides often leave the room when the topic turns to how to handle an impeachment inquiry.

On Thursday, after talking on the phone and exercising in the White House residential quarters, Clinton held his regular weekly luncheon with Vice President Gore in the dining room off the Oval Office as Chief Justice William Rehnquist was swearing in senators as impeachment trial jurors.

In the late afternoon, he was in the East Room posing for pictures with 75 rookies from major league baseball.

Only occasionally do his two worlds seem to intersect.

At the announcement about after-school programs, Clinton looked weary, with dark bags under bloodshot eyes. Some of his comments seemed to refer as much to his own predicament as to that of latchkey kids.

"I was 28 once," he sighed, remarking on the youth of Rep. Harold Ford Jr., D-Tenn., who had made introductory remarks. Later, Clinton gripped the sides of the lectern and began to muse.

"Everybody just gets one chance," he said almost wistfully. "Everyone just has one life. This is about giving people a chance to make the most of that one life. This is about the sure knowledge we have that the rest of us will just be fine, everything is going to work out all right if we give our children the chance to make the most of their lives."

Then eight military aides lined up to mark the path Clinton would take from the East Room, and he left the room.

Contributing: Mimi Hall



The president in South Carolina for Renaissance Weekend, where Monica wasn't mentioned (in public)

New Year's Networking Ain't What It Used to Be

THIS WEEK'S TOPIC? THE BUZZ FROM RENAISSANCE WEEKEND, THE ELITE RETREAT ATTENDED BY President Clinton. Founded as a venue for soul-baring candor, the 1999 event saw a mass refusal to publicly broach the one topic (impeachment) everyone wanted to discuss. But there was still buzz:

IT'S HER TURN: Hillary's the one with the political future. She talked as much as Bill did, and smiled better. She also spoke of a coming "rendezvous with responsibility." Hmm. **AWOL:** Senators Robb, Mikulski and Bayh (and Clinton's Education secretary, Richard Riley) usually at-

tend but didn't. Was it due to, you know ... the unmentionable thing? **GRACE:** There's something admirable about Bill's stoic refusal to discuss the elephant in the room. **GRACELESSNESS:** But he should have thanked his longtime friends for their loyalty, don't you think?

THANKS, FRANK: GOP pollster Frank Luntz attends, makes everyone feel bipartisan, and disses other GOPs! **WE'RE BEYOND BILL:** The weekend is already less about Clintonite networking ("I know Ira Magaziner") and more about Internet investing ("I was into eBay early").

MOVIES

Last Laugh

THE REAL-LIFE PEOPLE ROBB Williams portrays were new as zany as they appear on the screen—until, perhaps, Patch Adams, the eponymous hero of Williams's latest movie, who showed up at the premiere wearing a fork earring to go with his long hair and handlebar mustache. No wonder Universal Studios has asked him not to give interviews for fear he'll overshadow the movie. Universal did give him fund-raising help, he says, for his planned \$25 million hospital in West Virginia. "Usually it's just me out there alone," he says. Here's hoping the irrepressible M.D.'s good fortune will overcome the Williams curse: at least two of Williams's real-life models for past movies lost their jobs shortly after he portrayed them.

PAUL O'DONNELL with bureau rep



Patched up: Williams as Adar



SOURCES: CLARITAS INC.; SIMMONS MARKET RESEARCH BUREAU

LOCKOUT

U.S.A. to NBA: Drop Dead

THE NBA'S JAN. 7 DEADLINE IS LOOMING, BUT DOES ANYONE really care? Nearly 70 percent of Americans don't consider themselves fans of pro ball, and even hoop junkies are feeling betrayed by the bitter lockout. Those who don't want to be like Mike tend to be older, working-class Americans in small towns and rural communities who prefer auto racing, skiing and—hang on to your high-tops—fishing.

MICHAEL J. WEISS

FUGITIVES

Still Missing: Men on the Run

SUSPECTED BOMBER ERIC RUDOLPH HAS AN ANNIVERSARY COining up: he's evaded the Feds for nearly a year. How he matches up with other notable fugitives, with the dates of their warrants:



Eric Rudolph, Jan. 30, 1998: Bare trees this winter were supposed to reveal his redoubt in the North Carolina woods, but the alleged Olympic and abortion-clinic bomber hasn't turned up.



James Kopp, Nov. 4, 1998: He was seen near Buffalo abortion doctor Barnett Slepian's house days before Slepian's murder—then his car was found at Newark Airport. Wanted for questioning.



Jason McVean and Alan Pilon, June 2, 1998: After allegedly shooting a cop in Cortez, Colo., Pilon (left) and McVean, who are said to nurse anti-government grudges, vanished into the desert.



Leo Frederick Burt, May 1971: Of four militants named in the bombing of Sterling Hall at the University of Wisconsin, Burt is the last still at large. If alive, he's been on the run nearly half his life.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Striving to Make Extraordinary Days Look So Ordinary

By JOHN M. BRODER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 — All was made to appear normal at the White House today on another historically abnormal day in the Presidency of Bill Clinton.

Mr. Clinton met with his national security adviser on a military incident in Iraq, shared his customary Thursday lunch with Vice President Al Gore and presided over an East Room ceremony at which he announced an expansion of after-school programs for children of working parents.

At the education event, Mr. Clinton made no reference to the opening of his impeachment trial in the Senate two hours earlier. But the First Lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton, pointedly noted that the White House education announcement — unlike the grim proceedings in the Senate chamber — concerned “what is really important and what our priorities must be as we move into the 21st century together.”

A senior White House aide said that today would be like every other day for the foreseeable future as the President tries to conduct the business of the country while his lawyers prepare for his impeachment trial and his political future is weighed by his Senate jury. The skillful White House image apparatus is taking pains to make the extraordinary — the governance of the first impeached President in 131 years — appear utterly ordinary.

“If we are fated to a split-screen Government, all we can control is what occurs on our side of the screen,” said Paul Begala, senior adviser to the President. “On our side will be a President confident and competent and commanding.”

The plan, then, is to fashion an event or announcement almost every day to control the images projected from the White House. In the past week, Mr. Clinton has appeared in public to announce Federal subsidies for long-term care of the elderly, a drug testing and treatment program for prison inmates, a record Federal budget surplus number and today’s proposal to triple Government spending for after-school and summer school programs.

Behind closed doors, the President and his senior advisers are working on the State of the Union address, which Mr. Clinton plans to give as scheduled on Jan. 19. He hopes to deliver the prime-time speech to a joint session of Congress with all its attendant ceremony, even if it is bracketed by days of impeachment trial deliberations, to show that he is fully engaged in the people’s work.

They are also devising a legal strategy to defend the President in whatever form the Senate impeachment trial takes. Aides warned today that an open-ended trial with witnesses could last for months and tie the Congress in knots.

The White House impeachment-management team, like previous damage-control squads that dealt with crises from Whitewater to the revelation of the Monica Lewinsky affair, is generally walled off from the day-to-day activities of the President and the rest of the staff, officials said. It intrudes on Mr. Clinton’s

time only when members need to consult him on a point of law or political strategy, aides said.

Mr. Begala said 5 percent of the White House staff handled impeachment matters, with the carrying out the normal functions of the executive branch, from personnel to budget matters to foreign policy.

“There’s no doubt that what is happening on the Hill is a distraction, there’s no doubt it’s important and there’s no doubt we don’t control it,” Mr. Begala said. “We’re not going to provide running commentary on it. But we are determined to show what is the reality and which is the distraction.”

Mr. Clinton refused to be distracted by the solemn reading of the articles of impeachment this morning on the Senate floor by Representative Henry J. Hyde, Republican of Illinois, who will serve as chief prosecutor of the President. Mr. Clinton was in the White House residence handling paperwork and receiving a briefing from Samuel R. Berger, the national security adviser, on an incident in northern Iraq today involving an American F-16 and an Iraqi ground-to-air missile battery.

Mr. Clinton also did not bother to watch the installation of Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist as the presiding officer of the impeachment trial and the swearing in of the 100 senators as jurors.

At that hour, Mr. Clinton and Mr. Gore were having lunch in the President’s private dining room off the Oval Office. (Thursday is Mexican food day in the White House Mess.) Mr. Gore chose not to exercise his constitutional right to preside over the opening of the Senate trial of the President today, leaving the chair to Senator Strom Thurmond, Republican of South Carolina. An aide to Mr. Gore declined to explain Mr. Gore’s decision not to attend the ceremony. “He just didn’t,” the aide said.

Mr. Clinton is responding to his own need to stay busy at an agonizing time of his life, as well as to polls that show a large majority of the public fed up with the Lewinsky-impeachment drama, advisers say.

He is not indifferent to his fate, they say; he is simply determined to deal with those things that he can do something about.

Joe Lockhart, the White House press secretary, said Mr. Clinton was leaving his impeachment defense primarily in the hands of the lawyers and political advisers he had hired to manage it.

“I’m not trying to create the impression that he is uninvolved,” Mr. Lockhart said. “But a good client allows his lawyers to do their work.”

Elsewhere in the White House, work goes on with an air of resigned unreality and all the appearance of normality.

“Sticking to our work has been our strength, our saving grace,” said a senior White House official who insisted on anonymity. “If we allow this stuff to take over everybody’s job, we’ve lost anyway.”

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Nation in the 'Soup'; don't 'Duck' trial

How would you describe the politics of a nation ("Freedonia") about which the following is true:

► The popular president ("Rufus T. Firefly") is about to go on trial in the upper chamber of the legislature.

► His wife ("Mrs. Firefly") is proposed as a candidate to run in the next election for the same body that is currently judging her husband.

► The most intriguing political leader in Freedonia is a former pro wrestler ("Harpo") who has just been inaugurated as governor of a northern province.

► The wife of Firefly's opponent in the last election is getting ready to run for president.

► Two sons of Firefly's predecessor each serve as governor of an important southern province. One of the sons ("W") is also leading some polls for president in the next election.

Talk about a country in *Duck Soup*. About the only saving grace is that Bob Rubin — and not Chico Marx — is the Treasury secretary.

Consider the ways that America now resembles a banana republic. The formal trial of President Clinton in the Senate is yet more one symbol of the degeneration of our democracy.

Both Elizabeth Dole and Hillary Clinton might well have been formidable political figures regardless of whom they had married. But it is a strange turnabout when running for or



Politics

By Walter Shapiro

family as the nation's most successful political dynasty? After all, it took John Quincy Adams 24 years to win the job that had defeated his father (John Adams). Texas Gov. George W. Bush presumes to vindicate the family name just eight years after his father lost to a parvenu named Clinton.

If the 2000 election turns out to be a race between Bush and Al Gore, what would that do to the patriotic myth that any American child can grow up to be president? Who would be the everyman in that contest? Remember that Bush's grandfather — Prescott Bush — served in the Senate in the 1950s with the vice president's father, Al Gore Sr.

With our politics dominated by the wealthy, the well-born and the well-married, it is hard not to wave a feathered boa in the air and cheer on Minnesota's new governor. Not only is Jesse Ventura the apotheosis of American populism, but one of the candidates he defeated was the son of Hubert Humphrey, who, of course, was a Senate colleague of Prescott Bush and Al Gore Sr.

HYPE & GLORY



becoming first lady is now viewed as a steppingstone to higher office.

What does it say about a modern-day American aristocracy that the Bushes are fast replacing the Adams

So how would that legendary Senate of the late 1950s, dominated by Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson, have handled an impeachment trial? There's no dispute — a backstairs deal would have prevented the public proceedings from getting out of hand. That was the golden age of the establishment consensus, when the dignity of institutions took precedence over ideology and ego.

Forty years later, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott seems stymied in his belated efforts to revive this kind of senatorial comity. With Lott's blessing, Democrat Joseph Lieberman and Republican Slade Gorton tried to rally support around a plan for a truncated trial. But like every prior initiative over the last few months that has sought a middle road on impeachment, this well-intentioned effort quickly unraveled.

Why, I asked Lieberman, has it been so hard to find consensus?

"What's been reflected in the Senate," Lieberman theorized, "is that there are people out there who feel very strongly about this president, both pro and con. As this is moving to common ground, the people who feel very strongly — particularly the cons — keep preventing it from going where the polls say the majority is."

But ideological pressures on Senate

Republicans are only part of the story. Ross Baker, a Rutgers University political scientist, argues that such middle-ground remedies are doomed to fail "because there is a prejudice against a quick-and-dirty solution to this. A three-day denouement and climax in the Senate does not fit as an ending to this movie."

After the intense partisanship of the House vote, there was a naive belief that the Senate would rescue the Republicans from their own ideological excesses. But such expectations failed to factor in the atomized nature of the modern Senate. As Baker puts it, "The Senate is less partisan than the House, but much more individualistic."

Moderate Republican Arlen Specter, a former Philadelphia prosecutor, is a prime example of such an idiosyncratic senator. Rather than pushing for a quickie verdict, Specter is an ardent believer in a full-scale trial, arguing that the Senate's constitutional duty must take precedence over political expediency. When I spoke with Specter late Tuesday afternoon, he admitted, "I've been feeling kind of lonely on this."

In the end, I find myself agreeing that an impeachment trial is no *Night at the Opera* with the Marx Brothers. So let's play it straight without any deals or cutting corners. The Constitution, the nation and, yes, the erring Bill Clinton himself deserve no less.

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Inside Politics



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Most admired

President Clinton in 1998 was the man most admired by Americans and his rating was 4 percentage points higher than before the Monica Lewinsky sex scandal broke, a Gallup Poll showed yesterday.

According to the poll, conducted Monday and Tuesday, Mr. Clinton was listed first or second on the most-admired list by 18 percent of those queried, far ahead of the second person on the list, Pope John Paul II, who got 7 percent.

That rating for Mr. Clinton, who has led the poll each of the last five years, was up from the 14 percent in 1997 before word of his affair with the former White House intern monopolized the nation's news.

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton was the most admired woman at 28 percent.

MARY McGRORY

Parenting Class

The president has been whirling around the landscape, ministering to the dispossessed. He has strewn grants for the homeless around Baltimore and Washington; he has communed with seniors about Social Security; and before departing for the hot air of the Renaissance Weekend, he announced new plans to protect the nation's children.

He has always engaged in such activities, but as Doomsday in the Senate looms, they have a particular edge. It is as if he is saying to the country, "Don't believe all you hear about me—my heart is in the right place." The polls, since his impeachment, have climbed. Conversely, his reputation is blackened beyond repair. It's reached the point where even in church, from the holiday pulpit, you hear sermons that begin: "There's something good in everyone—even in our president."

Like his other initiatives, his program to reduce mayhem in the lives of children has a lot of tomorrow in it. He spoke of a Justice Department summit in May on children exposed to violence. He left the strong impression in the Roosevelt Room that he expects to be there. Stiffening penalties for those who abuse or neglect children is a beginning; so is strengthening prevention and intervention. But the fact that has to be faced is that 80 percent of the people who abuse or neglect children are their parents. We consider ourselves a child-centered country, but you would hardly know it from what happens in U.S. courts, where light sentences are meted out to child-killers, and judges routinely send children back to abusive parents.

The president could have mentioned the notorious case of Latrena Pixley. She is the D.C. mother who smothered her six-week-old daughter in 1992, for which she was sentenced to three years in prison for weekends only. The judge accepted her defense of post-partum depression.

Now Pixley is seeking to reclaim custody of another of her children, 2-year-old Cornilous. He has been in the care of a police officer, Laura Blankman, since he was 3 months old. Blankman's petition for adoption was turned down by a three-judge panel that awarded custody to Pixley, who lives in a halfway house. Blankman appealed recently, with the help of the National Council for Adoption, to the Supreme Court of Maryland. Her side was much heartened by the fact that one of the nine judges

called Pixley's infanticide "extraordinary" and worthy of gravest consideration.

Both the president and the first lady consider themselves ardent advocates of children's causes. Clinton lost much standing with liberals with his hard-nosed welfare reform bill. Hillary Rodham Clinton has a longer record of championing change in the Family Reunification Act—responsible for so many grotesque "family" reunions. The president needs to make much more use of the bully pulpit to bring one of the great scandals of our time to the public's attention: the silly theories about the efficacy of "parenting" classes as a deterrent to abusive and murderous parents.

People are perhaps willing to listen to Clinton on the subject of children because of his undisputable success in bringing up his own child. Maybe her mother did it all, but Chelsea is an almost heartbreakingly satisfactory daughter. She came to town with braces on her teeth, and was unkindly called an ugly duckling. She has emerged as a swan, and she loves her parents.

Through the teenage years, a nightmare of rage and tears for so many families, she has been willing to appear with her parents—between them, if necessary—in public. By contrast, a colleague's Christmas newsletter tells of an adolescent daughter who treats him like a pariah in the way of her contemporaries. Her edicts have the force and cruelty of similar emanations from Catherine the Great. A sample: "When accompanying your teenager and her friends to the movies, take a back seat, way back. Do not acknowledge any relationship (unless she needs money)." But Chelsea Clinton, the day after impeachment, when the whole world is dumping on her dad, goes to church with him. She carries her Bible and a smile. She may know that she is being used, but she doesn't seem to mind. Maybe she's just following her mother's example in standing by the man in her family. Maybe she has a religious sense of duty and pardon or maybe she just loves him. Whatever. She is a little island of mercy and grace in the heaving seas of squalor, spin, slime, hypocrisy and treachery that are her father's doing.

He can't speak with much authority about morals and ethics these days. But as long as Chelsea is around, he may get a hearing on the subject of children.

THERE WAS Hillary Clinton again in the checkout lane at the grocery store.

This time, she was on the cover of *People* as one of its most intriguing people of 1998. A couple of racks away, she spiced up the front of *Life*, which was recapping the year in—what else?—pictures.

Last month, Mrs. Clinton was on *Vogue*'s cover as "The Extraordinary Hillary Clinton." She was also in vogue: Velvet dress by Oscar de la Renta. Cartier pearl and diamond drop earrings. Hair by Isabelle Goetz for Cristophe Salon. On-set styling by Sally Hershberger for Sheer Blonde. Makeup by Barbara Lacy. On-set makeup by Jeanine Lobell for Stilla. Yep, just another Woman of the People. Nothing breeds a demand for royalty like democracy.

The first lady was Di-ified in *Vogue* by Ann Douglas, who began her adulation this way: "During Hillary Clinton's four-day Save America's Treasures tour to various historical sites in the eastern United States last July, large crowds of people, 'presidential-size crowds,' as one reporter put it, packed every place she stopped." (Save America's Treasures?)

And so it has come to this: The former Hillary Rodham—ex-health czar, ex-lawyer, ex-co-president—is now America's Most Popular Icon. She has mastered the art of being both ubiquitous and low profile. Which makes her a star.

EDITORIALS

Saint Hillary returns The Di-ification of America's first lady

HERE IS Hillary Rodham Clinton in 1999: Understood. At long last, the first lady is approachable. People think they know her because she seems so familiar to a country raised on soap operas and addicted to talk shows. She's either victim or manipulator, heroine or villain, standing by her man or Her Own Woman or all of the above all the time. And why not? It's America, it's Arkansas, it's the Land of Opportunity, where everything is possible. If not all at the same time, certainly sequentially.

But who would have guessed that the former and formerly plain Hillary Rodham would play her new role so well and, apparently, so eagerly? Not since her 66-star disavowed having sexual relations (whatever that now means in our now infinitely deconstructible time) with That Woman has a Clinton been so convincing. She practically glows under the mantle of marital martyrdom. Or is it political martyrdom? And what's the difference in American culture circa 1999?

You've got to wonder if this is what the Ur-Hillary would have wanted? Does anybody else remember the bespectacled law professor who once railed against the National Endowment for the Humanities because it would erode academic freedom? Back then she stood against every special interest, even her own. Now, after more metamorphoses than a whole flock of butterflies, she's on the cover of *Vogue*, enjoying great poll numbers, and being talked up for the U.S. Senate, probably from—of course—New York.

It wasn't supposed to be this way. Note this opener from Michael Kelly in his then controversial "Saint Hillary" piece in the May 23, 1993 edition of *New York Times Magazine*: "Since she discovered, at the age of 14 that for people less fortunate than herself the world could be very cruel, Hillary Rodham Clinton has harbored an ambition so large that it can scarcely be grasped. She would like to make things right."

And now HRC has gone from that global bang to this faux-royal whimper. "The saddest thing I have ever read about Hillary Clinton was the compliment paid her by a young man who saw her give a fund-raising speech in September. The Starr Report had been available to the public for two weeks. The first lady had been touring the country, gamely campaigning on behalf of Democratic congressional candidates for three days. And somewhere along the way, the



admiring young man told the *New York Times*, Hillary Clinton had become 'kind of like our American Princess Di.' . . . As different as they were, both women had achieved their greatest popularity in direct proportion to their husbands' philandering."—Margaret Talbot in *Salon*.

They're fascinating people, the Clintons, just as Barbara Walters told us again the other night. Our own Duke and Duchess of Windsor. They're always just a little . . . apart. In exile. They're always changing, yet they never seem to change. Torn between the two for Most Fascinating Person of the Year, Ms. Walters went with the husband rather than the wife. Wrong guess. Mrs. Clinton is much more interesting, especially in her latest incarnation as glamour queen, American royalty and scorned-yet-determined spouse. Given the right spin, Miss Hillary could yet be the poster-woman for the sanctity of marriage. Given the right spin, anybody could be anything for 15 minutes in our throwaway culture.

ONE DAY we'll look back at the Clintons and see just where they fit into the sprawl that is American history—with Eleanor and Franklin, or Flo and Warren G.? Why not both? Or neither?

It's too early to tell. History has a way of prolonging suspense, or just burying it. People's feelings about Pat and Dick Nixon are no longer as fierce as they once were. Both now slowly recede into the American people's immense capacity for pity, at least until another of Richard's vulgar little tapes surfaces. One can sense the same thing happening with the Clintons, even when the latest lie surfaces. We've grown accustomed to his case.

Instant history, aka the polls, —sures us that both Clintons' favorable ratings have never been higher. Dick



Nixon did well in the polls, too, at least until the ride was almost over. Something tells us the Clintons' poll numbers will stay high even after the ride is over. But, lest we forget, polls are not a verdict but a snapshot. They may reflect not the judgment of the moment but the confusion of the moment. Thought may be replaced by reaction, mood, and How It Affects Me.

Did you catch Johnny Apple's piece in the *New York Times*, the one that was reprinted in Sunday's Perspective? An old-schooler on the Washington beat, he's seen a little bit of everything inside the Beltway. But he's never seen anything quite like the Clintons. They've managed to change the rules. He was talking about the evolution of Washington insiderism. He acknowledged that the importance of What You Know gave way to Who You Know long ago (and not just in Washington). But now the Who to Know in Washington aren't ambassadors and secretaries of state. They're actors, directors, movie producers. The Hollywoodization of American politics grows complete.

Strange: A couple from Arkansas—yes, last-to-know, gauche, backwater, little ol' Arkansas, this small wonderful state yearning to get back to obscurity—seems to have turned Washington into Hollywood East. It might be the greatest legacy these Clintons leave behind: the replacement of politics with celebrity.

In today's climate, it's hard to think of anybody but Bill or Hillary on the cover of any magazine, including *Sports Illustrated* and *Cat Fancy*. (Come to think, Bill Clinton was on the cover of *SI*.)

Yes, of course. It makes perfect sense that the long ago Hillary Rodham, hippie advocate, should have devolved after many a twist and turn into *Vogue's* Extraordinary Hillary Clinton. At last, finally, Saint Hillary has achieved her destiny, her consecration, her epiphany. She is well-known for her well-knownness. But unfashionable as ever, we miss the feisty young lady from the '70s. She had something of her own.



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HEIR'S SUICIDE TRY STUNS HOLLYWOOD

HOLLYWOOD socialite D.W. Owen - nephew of Douglas Fairbanks Jr. and Mary Pickford, cousin of Blake Edwards and a pal of Michelle Pfeiffer - tried to take his own life last week after losing a bundle in the market.

The dashing Tinseltown insider - married to Pfeiffer production company partner Kate Guinzburg, the daughter of former Viking Press president Thomas Guinzburg and actress Rita Gam - failed to kill himself by firing an antique gun that had belonged to his father.

Owen, in his early 50s and named Douglas after his famous uncle, but known as "D," is scheduled to undergo surgery today at Los Angeles's Cedars of Sinai Hospital.

"He's aware of what's going on but he can't communicate," said a family friend.

Owen reportedly lost the entire \$3 million inheritance left him by his sculptor father, who died last summer.

Owen - a strikingly handsome man still capable of turning women's heads when he walked into a party - had apparently felt pressure to parlay his windfall into a great deal more money in a hurry.

Owen and his wife, who have two small daughters, had recently bought a \$1 million-plus house and lavishly remodeled it. In addition, Owen was also concerned about his mother, who is in fragile health.

"He felt completely responsible for his mother," said an insider. "He was utterly destroyed because she had Alzheimer's."

One Hollywood rumor had Owen losing his entire \$3 million in a single day, but sources say it happened over several months.

Owen's anguish reached a climax last Monday, when he went to his mother's house to look for a gun that had belonged to his father. (She was in the hospital having a hip replacement.) He turned the antique weapon on himself. But the bullet, which lodged in his head, failed to kill him. He is now in the same hospital as his mother.

Owen's attempted suicide has shocked Hollywood. "It's a horrendous tragedy," said an insider. "This is a wonderful man, a really nice person. D is truly a sweetheart."

"It's horrendous but Kate isn't alone," said a family friend. "Michelle has been going from the set to the hospital because Kate's her best friend."

Pfeiffer is filming "The Story of Us," with Bruce Willis, for Castle Rock.

Rusty Unger, Kate Guinzburg's stepmother, flew to Los Angeles to be at her stepdaughter's side. Thomas Guinzburg is heading to L.A. tomorrow.

Rock of gold

HOT-blooded fans of Foreigner will be "Urgent" Sunday hoping "Still Crazy" takes home Golden Globes for best musical/comedy and best song. Foreigner's Mick Jones and Squeeze lyricist Chris Difford penned the nominated rock anthem "The Flame Still Burns," as well as the other retro-rock tunes in the movie about Strange Fruit, a '70s supergroup that reunites 20 years after a violent break-up. Think of a cross between "This Is Spinal Tap" and "The Full Monty." The comedy, released briefly in L.A. last year just to qualify for awards, comes out Friday. It stars Stephen Rea and Scottish comic Billy Connolly as a roadie who liked wearing a long wig over his gray hair. "It was nice to see a bit of color again," said Connolly. "I understand now why old ladies go in for blue and purple rinses."

Sightings

MATT Dillon helping a new bride at the Peter Elliot store on Madison Avenue pick out a tie for her husband ... ETHAN Hawke bringing baby Mia by rehearsals of "The Misanthrope" at the Classic Stage Company on East 13th Street to hook up with mommy, Uma Thurman, during breaks ... OLIVER Stone flying in from California to have lunch at Rage with his fun-loving French mother

Jacqueline and a bunch of her pals like Monique van Vooren ... FELIPE Lopez, dressed head-to-toe in white, celebrating his departure to the Vancouver Grizzlies by bringing 68 family and friends to Jimmy's Bronx Cafe .

We hear ...

THAT BBC producer for religious affairs Abigail Saxon will not lose her job after running naked around a Manchester restaurant during a Christmas party. Saxon, 34, did three laps - two on a \$150 dare and the last one shouting, "This one's for free!" ... THAT Hillary Clinton cemented her feminist support the other night as the honored guest at the Kennedy Center for her "inspiring commitment to women's rights" with a reading of a new play by Eve Ensler, author of "The Vagina Monologues" ... THAT Alexis Stewart, daughter of domestic goddess Martha Stewart, has sold the shuttered Bridgehampton Motel for \$1.1 million through the Devlin McNiff agency. The buyers are a couple from Michigan who plan to reopen March 1 as the Enclave Inn ... THAT sparks are flying at the Sunday Magazine of the New York Times between talented young fashion editor Amy Spindler and the moth-eaten old guard opposed to new ideas.

Shania's hissyfit stuns the Boys

SHANIA Twain put on quite a show during the recent taping of her prime-time special. The country crooner was in Fort Lauderdale to shoot concert footage for the show set to air in March. The special features two special guests: Elton John and teen sensations the Backstreet Boys. While scenes with John were to be shot separately, the Backstreet Boys arrived to perform their next single, then duet with Twain on her latest hit, "From This Moment On." But most folks in the audience were teenage girls who only cared about the Backstreet Boys. "Producers had to tell the girls to keep their 'I Love You, Backstreet Boys!' signs down and out of the way until the guys were actually introduced. But their shrieking still shut out Shania," says a show insider. When the Boys attempted their duet with Twain, they had some trouble hitting some of the high notes. According to our insider, Shania promptly threw a fit on stage: "Talk about a diva. Shania was absolutely livid." Twain's mood only grew worse when execs told her she'd have to redo another number because of technical difficulties. That news prompted another Twain tantrum. Sexy Shania couldn't have cheered up much later. As soon as the Backstreet Boys left the set, half the crowd got up to go. Next time she should pack the audience with

post-pubescent men who will only have eyes for her.

Cover up

NICOLE Kidman is doing for the trench coat what Monica Lewinsky did for the blue dress. In a scene in "The Blue Room," the leggy Aussie, who plays a politician's wife, goes to rendezvous with her lover wearing a classic tan trench. Show insiders say fashion-conscious theatergoers - at least those able to tear their eyes away from Kidman and her delectable derriere - have been asking who makes the coat. It's a Burberry, and it's \$695. "The 57th Street store has been fielding calls since just after opening night," a Burberry rep confirmed.

KELLY: learns patience

WHITNEY Houston gave a lesson in being a diva to new singing sensation Kelly Price. Price, whose "Soul of a Woman" album hit No. 1 on the R&B charts, flew to Miami to shoot the video of "Heartbreak Hotel" with Whitney and Faith Evans. But Houston delayed shooting for nearly a whole day saying her dressing room chair was inadequate. She refused to go on until a better replacement was found, stalling production for hours. Price, who has sung back-up for Mariah Carey and Puff Daddy, is now working on a video with Jermaine Dupri and Da Brat.

Lawrence SchwartzwaldSARAH: familiar lunchTHERE'S an inside joke in Miramax's new teen flick "She's All That" which only "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" buffs will get. The modern-day Pygmalion story stars Freddy Prinze Jr. as a high schooler who turns Rachel Leigh Cook of "Dawson's Creek" from a geek to a prom queen. "Buffy" star Sarah Michelle Gellar makes a cameo appearance in a cafeteria scene - and her fans will recognize it as the same high school where "Buffy" is shot. Is this what they mean by synergy?

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Hillary Clinton as a Senate candidate

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Those who would replace retiring Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan with Hillary Clinton are ignoring some political realities, not the least of which is her vulnerability to the kind of no-holds-barred campaigning that has marred New York senatorial campaigns of the past.

At first glance, Clinton would appear to offer a tremendous opportunity for Democrats to continue to control both of the state's Senate seats after the 2000 election. She is extremely intelligent and attractive and recently displayed her political savvy and charisma in campaigning for the party's congressional candidates in last November's elections.

She was given considerable credit in helping Rep. Charles Schumer defeat three-term New York Republican incumbent Alfonse D'Amato in one of the nastier races in recent memory.

There also is a huge amount of public sympathy for this long suffering wife of a president whose womanizing has brought his administration to the brink of ruin. Somehow it seems she has managed to keep her distance and carry out her duties, but more and more, it would seem, she has appeared to go her own way.

What enthusiastic boosters of a Hillary race for the Senate seem to have forgotten is that she has been in the midst of some of the more controversial decisions since her husband was elected in 1992. New York Republicans, smarting over the loss of D'Amato's seat, aren't likely to let voters forget it.

Her clear mismanagement of the Clinton administration's one major initiative, over-

hauling national health care, is something she would have to confront in any race of her own. The entire process was a primer in partisanship that revealed a decided lack of understanding about how Washington works. The overblown proposal that emerged collapsed under its own weight.

On the seamier side, her role in the White House travel office scandal and that of her aides in questionable campaign fundraising activities would be fair game for her political opponents. This is not a shrinking violet or even a subordinate first lady in the traditional sense. She has demanded and apparently received consideration as full partner in her husband's presidency.

There also is the question about how she conducted herself during his many years as governor. As the chief bread winner for her family, during her husband's underpaid years in the Arkansas state house, Mrs. Clinton seemed prone to lay aside ethical considerations in favor of practical ones. For instance, she seemed not bothered by the fact that she and her husband were the beneficiaries of an astounding financial gain through commodities trading orchestrated by his Arkansas allies.

While she is not expected to be prosecuted, she was deeply involved in the Whitewater case and in the Castle Grande matter.

Has anyone forgotten the billing records suddenly discovered in a reading room in the White House living quarters? And what about her association with the disgraced Webb Hubbell, her former law partner? She has appeared before the federal grand jury on the case as recently as a few days ago, reportedly refusing to answer at least one question by claiming her marital exclusion.

All of these things and more could be expected to be fodder in any senatorial campaign, particularly those as volatile as in New York state. Much will depend on the climate a year from now. Mrs. Clinton still would be the wife of the president at the time of her running, which would complicate things. But she will be a wife who maintained her husband's innocence in the Monica Lewinsky matter.

Those promoting a candidacy need to consider what baggage she is carrying and whether it would be fair to her to encourage her. On the other hand, a benevolent electorate seems willing to overlook her husband's ethical and legal shortcomings and may be willing to do the same for her. It's a dicey call.

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Rehnquist rings

The height of fashion

What drama, what an unexpected development, what a surreal scene. It happened Thursday in the oh-so-hallowed halls of the United States Senate: William Rehnquist wore gold rings on his black robe.

Now this was news. The talking heads scurried for The Story. There just had to be some special significance to such unexpected grandeur. Did the four gold stripes on each arm represent some great and true ideal: Justice, honor, truth and, uh, did we mention justice? Or something equally reverent-sounding. Yes, that must be it. Especially on this Historic Day when America Held Its Collective Breath and the Fate of a President Hung in the Balance.

But no. It turns out that this justice has a passion for fashion—but not for basic black. He added the stripes after he saw Gilbert and Sullivan's *Iolanthe*. The lord chancellor of that production wore gold stripes on his sleeves. So now Chief Justice Rehn-

quist wears gold stripes. Life imitates even campy art. Maybe he'll start a trend. Or at least set a precedent. A member of the nation's highest court should be accustomed to doing that.

Here's another reminder that, while our republic is ancient as republics go, our country is ever young and our traditions instant. Maybe, 130 years from now, as some inky wretch does his research into the impeachment trials of Andrew Johnson and William Jefferson (né Bill) Clinton, he'll stumble upon the story behind the Rehnquist Rings. And it'll be the kind of historical tidbit that'll leave even the scholars surprised. Some revisionist historian will doubtless discover their "true" meaning, or maybe a masonic plot behind it all. But by then all fashionable justices will be wearing them.





She's had a major impact on policy and the country."

Hmmmmmm. Spoken like a writer who would like some significant face time with the first lady, not to mention a nod to her friends that it's OK to talk to Bernstein.

Clinton representative Marsha Berry says she has not spoken with Bernstein about the project and can't comment on whether the first lady will submit to interviews or encourage chums to chat with him. Nor will Berry say whether the first lady might cut out the middleman and write her own memoir.

"She certainly would be the best source for a book on herself," Berry says.

No problem, says Jonathan Segal, a Knopf vice president and Bernstein's book editor, who says, "I think very often the best biographies are totally unauthorized." Bernstein's lips are zipped on the book's title, publication date and how big an advance he'll get, except to say, "It's up there."

And has he met his subject? Yes, he says, at her husband's second inauguration and on Martha's Vineyard.

The Washington Post contributed to this report.

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Unauthorized Hillary

Attention Hillary Rodham Clinton: Watergate reporter Carl Bernstein, who has written books about Richard Nixon, Pope John Paul II and his own parents, Alfred and Sylvia Bernstein, is working on one about you.

He's inked a deal with Knopf to chronicle the life of the woman he calls "clearly one of the most remarkable figures of our time."

INSIDE THE BELTWAY

By John McCaslin

Hillary and Ernie

The phone rang, fellow columnist Mike Conklin of the Chicago Tribune on the line. He'd read our items about Hillary Rodham Clinton being a native of Chicago and the resulting uproar from Chicagoans who refuse to claim her.

One labeled Mrs. Clinton a "sneering suburbanite" from Park Ridge, and added: "If you doubt me, go play a tape of the Cubs Opening Day ceremonies from the 1996 season, when Mrs. Clinton threw out the first pitch. The babble of the announcers was nearly drowned out by the boos showering down on her!"

Mr. Conklin, who actually accompanied Mrs. Clinton to the game, says he didn't hear any boos, albeit for good reason.

"The funny part about it," he says, "is that the Cubs were so worried about [hecklers] they paired her with Ernie Banks when she threw out the first pitch so there wouldn't be any booing, because Ernie is such a popular person."

E. J. Dionne Jr.

The Public's Logic

It's a year since the president's scandalous relationship with Monica Lewinsky became public. It's worth asking: How do the predictions made in the heat of the original revelations look now, and what can we learn about the future of this case from where they went awry?

Before dismissing the commentariat's instant prophecy of dire consequences for President Clinton, consider: The man has been impeached by the House and is on trial in the Senate. The pundits got that part right.

What went wrong was the expectation that Clinton would be forced from office by a strong public outcry against him. Why? Clinton's critics will say: He stonewalled for seven months. True. But there was no guarantee that once the stone wall broke in August, Clinton would be any better off than he had been in January. He was. What changed between January and August?

The public attitude toward Clinton's affair didn't change. Most Americans still think his behavior was tawdry, sordid and, it's fair to say, stupid.

But in those seven months, two strong public sentiments came to the fore. First, it's now clear that most Americans do not want to know much about the sexual lives of public officials. Contrary to the view that we've "gone French" in adopting a let-the-good-times-roll attitude toward our politicians, Americans have, more or less, *always* been like this, certainly from Grover Cleveland's time to ours.

Separating the personal from the political is not a libertine idea. If anything, it's a traditionalist's impulse. In the traditional view, the private life is sacrosanct, and it's better for society if the highly personal moral failings of highly public people are kept under wraps. That's why the "what do we tell the children" argument cuts not only against Clinton but also against his opponents.

Now Clinton's critics, despite the affecting speech of former Arkansas senator Dale Bumpers to the contrary, make a fair point when they say this is not about sex (or, more properly, not just about sex). The issues of perjury and obstruction of justice are real, even if you conclude that the House managers didn't prove their case on either of them. But how did

Clinton's private behavior cross into the realm of criminal law?

Here a second sentiment kicked in. When Hillary Rodham Clinton proclaimed her husband the victim of "a vast right-wing conspiracy," her choice of words seemed over the top. But she put into circulation an idea that came to correspond to the public's view: that Clinton's enemies had, well, conspired to get the issue of his sexual failings wrapped into a legal case.

Consider these words: "As it turns out, some of the most serious damage to Bill Clinton's presidency came not from his high-profile political enemies but from a small secret clique of lawyers in their 30s who share a deep antipathy toward the president."

Hillary Clinton didn't invent that "secret clique." Don Van Natta Jr. and Jill Abramson wrote those words in last Sunday's New York Times, reporting on how a group of young, politically committed (and obviously skilled) lawyers spent five years working on the Paula Jones lawsuit and "then helped push the case into the criminal arena and into the office of the independent counsel, Kenneth W. Starr."

None of this excuses Clinton's wrongs. But the public's logic in this case is seamless: If most people don't want a president judged by his sexual life, and if they come to believe they've been forced to do so primarily by the actions of his enemies, they'll turn even more harshly against them than against him.

That's why a majority has decided that this case is at bottom about neither sex nor perjury nor obstruction but politics. It's why Democrats have found it easy to hold firm behind Clinton. And it's why Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott—having made relatively modest concessions to House managers on the issue of calling witnesses—will try to shut the trial down as fast as he's able.

A year ago, it seemed that Clinton's critics might win the argument. He surely gave them the ammunition. Clinton came back not because he was so ingenious, and certainly not because he was guiltless. His enemies threw away a rather powerful case because they were too public and too unrelenting in their willingness to use every available weapon to get rid of him. The public didn't like that, and still doesn't.

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Mrs. Starr on spouses

The wife of independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr says she "would rather not be married" to a husband who is not faithful.

Alice Starr, in an interview in the March issue of *Ladies' Home Journal*, said she could not imagine herself in first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's position, after the president admitted his affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

"We took a vow to be faithful to one another when we married," said the 49-year-old Mrs. Starr. "We've lived up to that vow."

Asked how she would feel if she were in the first lady's shoes, she replied, "I'd rather not be married to someone who doesn't love me enough to remain faithful."

In the interview, Mrs. Starr also defended her husband's investigation of the president and conceded that Mr. Starr's sudden fame has made their life at home more difficult.

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THE RELIABLE SOURCE

By Ann Gerhart and Annie Groer

Alice Starr, Beyond Her Ken

■ Even Alice Starr couldn't bring herself to read her husband's report on *l'affaire Lewinsky*. "I don't care to read things like that," she says in an interview in the March Ladies' Home Journal. "I trust my husband. If he says there's perjury and obstruction of justice, that's what happened."

Invited to offer an opinion of **Hillary Rodham Clinton**, Alice Starr said, "I admire all her hairdos. Personally, I've had the same one for the past 20 years." As for the first lady's chin-up perseverance in the face of adultery, Starr said, "I'd rather not be married to someone who doesn't love me enough to remain faithful. . . . I really don't know how long she's had to develop a reaction to this kind of situation. It looks to me that it's been more than one indiscretion."

Starr, a vice president at a commercial real estate firm, also dismissed tabloid reports that her daughter **Carolyn**, a Stanford University freshman, has had on-campus run-ins with fellow student **Chelsea Clinton**.

"Carolyn was crushed that anyone would think they'd had a fight," said Starr. "If she ever met Chelsea, she'd give her a hug. She knows what a tremendous ordeal she's been through."

Below,
the
Starrs,
Ken,
Carolyn
and Alice,
earlier
this year
at
Stanford.

■ President Clinton had another chance to glad-hand his jurors yesterday, when he and first lady **Hillary Rodham Clinton** joined many senators in the Russell Senate Office Building for a memorial service for former senator **Lawton Chiles**, the Florida governor who died last month. Clinton sat a few rows away from impeachment trial House "manager" **Bill McCollum** (R-Fla.), and stopped to chat for a few minutes with **Bob Packwood**, who resigned from the Senate during a sex scandal of his own.

During the service, Clinton spoke of Chiles's legacy: "Our job is not to posture but to produce." And **Tandy Chiles Barrett**, the governor's daughter, admonished the senators: "Sow mercy

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Illustration by John Overmyer

A female president might be an opportunity for one woman to shine, but would a woman president be a victory for womankind? A woman president could make the country see that real leadership doesn't have to look male. But she might also simply guide the country back to moral cleanliness and then step aside, allowing man to take his 'rightful' position. A woman president now might amount to yet another woman cleaning up yet another mess and then disappearing back into the kitchen when the house is clean again.

Cleaning house

Is a woman president the answer to men behaving badly?

By Ken Lindblom

As it appears less and less likely that President Clinton will be removed from office, discussion will quickly turn to long-term effects of the impeachment process. What will change? Is Rep. Henry Hyde correct that his determination to oust President Clinton will "signify nothing"? One scenario under speculation is a woman president. After all, government-by-men has brought us the undignified sexual detail of the Starr report and Larry Flynt's uncivilized "outing" of politically prominent adulterers. Our country is run, we now know for sure, by men behaving badly. Women, the only human alternative to men, might be the answer. Perhaps, we hope, a woman president would put our fears of orgies in the Oval Office to rest and run the country in a dignified, civilized fashion. Women are used to being totally responsible for sex, while boys will just be boys. Young girls are made responsible for their virginity—at pain of death in some countries—and instructed to resist pressure from boys. Women are used to being blamed for their own rapes. Female college students are admonished not to eat or drink at parties as responsible precautions against the "date-rape" drug. A woman in this social climate would naturally bring sexual responsibility to the office of the president. And how cleansing that would be for us all! Two women figure prominently for high-level government service at the moment. Wouldn't President Elizabeth Dole and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton be a step forward for feminism? The answer, I worry, is no. In

the current political context, their viability as candidates would be based less on their qualifications than on their one common feature: THEY ARE NOT MEN.

Ask the litmus-test question: If not for "Zippergate," would Elizabeth Dole or Hillary Rodham Clinton be under serious consideration? If not for the behavior of the men already in power, wouldn't we want Liddy out making commercials with Sen. Dole? If not for standing by her man, wouldn't we still detest Hillary's political ambitions?

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Women have often filled in for men and stepped back once the men were available again, as they did after World War II when Rosie the Riveter transformed herself into June Cleaver.

Some religious groups have recently enacted this script in frighteningly literal ways. The men of Promise Keepers confess their sins to their wives, apologize to them for ignoring their rightful roles as head of the family, and ease the little women back into their roles as stay-at-home moms. These men, who have been bad, are ready to be

good again. They are redeemed (if they do say so themselves), and so the women can stop knocking themselves out doing men's work and get back into the kitchen. Witness also the recent Baptist proclamation that a wife should "graciously submit" to her husband's will.

It is possible that a woman president could be more than a "place holder" while the fallen men redeem themselves. It is possible that women elected to public office would educate the public to understand that women are as capable of leadership as men—that, in fact, gender is not a valid measure of leadership skill at all. But if history is our teacher, it is far more likely that the women will clean up the mess and be swept aside again.

In such a scenario, we would view the "impeachment" with distanced, more critical eyes and discover that the real victims of the story all along were the maligned male politicians, who were just boys being boys. And the villains of the story, we would come to understand, were really Linda (who wouldn't graciously submit to being called a liar) and Monica (who submitted a little too graciously). Then we'd be sure to put a man back in the White House.

Thank you, Madam President, for your capable leadership during these troubled times. Now go make me a sandwich.

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Steve Chapman is taking the day off.

Nation

President sets plan for schools

By Linda Perlstein and Jay Mathews
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — President Clinton proposed a broad slate of education initiatives yesterday that would hold states and local school districts accountable to the federal government to an unprecedented degree.

Detailing education initiatives that he plans to introduce this year, Clinton urged Congress to pass legislation discouraging schools from promoting children who did not meet academic standards simply to keep them with their age group. He also proposed that teachers teach only subjects in which they have been trained, and that states in some cases shut down schools that consistently perform poorly.

Under Clinton's proposal, states and school districts would create their own standards, procedures, and specific rules. But they would be judged by a national panel of educators and experts, and if their efforts were deemed inadequate, the Education Department could withhold federal funds.

Clinton issued his proposals at a time when parents and legislators are demanding stricter standards from schools and a public accounting of whether those expectations are being met. Although almost all states now have educational standards, but schools are under no national compulsion to meet them.

That must end, Clinton said in his State of the Union address and in detailing his initiative yesterday at the White House. "Each year, the national government invests more than \$15 billion in our public schools," he said. "I believe we must change the way we invest that money, to support what works, and to stop supporting what does not work."

His proposals face considerable resistance in Congress, however. Although Republicans champion local efforts to hold schools accountable, they generally bristle at the notion of having the federal government dictating whether they've succeeded. "I stood up and clapped and shouted at one point in his speech, and that was when he mentioned accountability," said Representative William F. Goodling, Republican of Pennsylvania, chairman of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. "Where he's going to run into trouble is mandating from Washington, D.C., everything that happens at the local level when Washington sends only 6 to 8 percent of their funding."

Paul Shaker, dean of the School of Education and Human Development at California State University in Fresno, agreed that the federal government may lack clout. School districts in his area, he said, "don't even like Sacramento dictating what they are doing."

Under Clinton's plan, states would have these requirements:

- Teachers would be allowed to teach only subjects in which they are educated, and new teachers would face exams. A quarter of high school teachers have no major or minor in the subject they teach.

- Report cards would have to contain information on individual schools, including standardized test scores, class size, and teacher qualifications. Thirty-six states do this already, according to a recent Education Week study.

- "Social promotion" would be ended, by testing students before allowing them to move to the next grade.

Clinton's budget also will include funds for hiring and recruitment: \$1.4 billion for 8,000 teachers, as part of a 1998 initiative to reduce class sizes in first through third grades; \$35 million for students willing to teach in poor schools; \$10 million for 1,000 people to teach Native American students; and \$18 million to help 3,000 people move from the military to teaching.

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■ **Fayetteville:** *Here, Bill and Hillary Clinton were married, taught at the University of Arkansas and launched his political career.*

By JEAN MARBELLA
SUN NATIONAL STAFF

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Law Professor Ray Guzman is in full "Paper Chase" mode. His lecture on the rules of evidence is clipping along, he is surprising students with sudden questions — "Miss Do-

herty, how would you rule?" — and he's jumping from case to case to illuminate the finer points of admissibility.

Guzman is training the next generation of lawyers with this time-honored, doze-off-and-die method, much as he's done almost continuously since the 1960s here at the University of Arkansas Law School.

During one leave of absence, though, a new professor at the law school took over his class.

"A friend called me and joked, 'If you want to continue teaching criminal procedures, you better get back here

quickly,' " he said. "The new guy is terrific."

Guzman's job remained safe then, and it's probably still safe now.

That new kid, Bill Clinton, left in 1975 for a dazzling political career that took him all the way to the White House.

And although President Clinton has been impeached and may be removed from office by the Senate, no one thinks he would actually come back here, to the first job he held and his base for his first campaign, an unsuccessful run for Congress.

Still, the specter of Arkansas [See Arkansas, 7A]

On the road: In Buffalo, N.Y., President Clinton and wife, Hillary, tout his plan to use the budget surplus to protect Social Security. But the Federal Reserve chairman criticized Clinton's proposal to invest some Social Security funds. (Articles, 6A)

A case history in Arkansas

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At U of Arkansas Law School, Clinton is a case study

[Arkansas, from Page 1A]

Law's most famous ex-professor hovers over the campus these days.

Driving into this college town in the rolling northwest corner of the state, a sign proudly announces, "First Home of Bill and Hillary Clinton."

The couple married here — with the future first lady joining Clinton on the faculty in 1974 after finishing her work on the Nixon impeachment inquiry — and started the law clinic that students still staff today.

As the Senate trial continues, some students and professors here find themselves drawn into the real-life case study featuring one of their own, and they are as split on the subject as the rest of the country.

'Revoke his license'

"It's sad that Bill Clinton would lie under oath. He was a law professor here," said Michael Fairbanks, 23, a second-year student. "They should revoke his license."

"It's not really a trial," countered Dusan Price, also a second-year student, "it's political."

The trial, which plays to sparse crowds in the first-floor TV lounge here, is drawing less than rapt attention — the outcome is predictable, it's all politics, law school leaves little free time, students say.

Arkansas Law holds a special place in the state's political and legal circles, serving as a sort of starting gate for future leaders. Its

graduates include any number of names famous in the state and, now because of Clinton, in the nation — Webster L. Hubbell, for example, and Rodney Slater, the secretary of transportation.

"If you want to practice law in Arkansas, you go here," said Asa Hutchinson III, a student here and the namesake son of one of the House managers prosecuting the trial.

His father graduated from here in 1975, but hadn't taken any of Clinton's classes. And while his uncle, U.S. Sen. Tim Hutchinson, did not go to Arkansas Law, the senator's son, also named Tim, is a current student.

"I didn't even apply to any other law schools," said the younger Tim Hutchinson.

Both are interested in going into Republican Party politics as well, although the increasing scrutiny on personal lives does give them pause. Still, they are perhaps the students most interested in the Senate trial, and they ditched class last Thursday to watch Asa Hutchinson's star-making turn presenting the House's case.

"To be a law student while this is going on is just fascinating," Tim Hutchinson said. His cousin agreed, noting that much of what they're studying about evidence and procedures figures into the Senate trial.

Asa Hutchinson III can only shake his head at the interwoven personal and political history he feels on campus: His father representing the 3rd Congressional Dis-

trict for which Clinton ran unsuccessfully; Clinton as a law professor here participated in an on-campus seminar on the impeachment of Nixon; his father holding a similar session here in October, but this time regarding Clinton.

"Arkansas," he said, "is a small state."

The Hutchinson presence on campus adds to the sense of discretion many feel when discussing the case.

"People are afraid of saying anything because they might hurt someone's feelings," said Shawn Overton, 32, a Persian Gulf war vet now at the law school. "You have members of both parties here, the Hutchinsons, people involved in politics, and Bill Clinton has many dear friends still on the faculty."

From diplomacy to poultry

About 400 students, most of them from in state, attend the law school, which occupies a low-slung, modern building on a sprawling campus. The university boasts everything from a small yellow house that is home to the Fulbright Institute of International Relations to a shiny new building for the John W. Tyson Center of Excellence for Poultry Science.

Several faculty date to the Clintons' time here, including Guzman, whose wife, Terry Kirkpatrick, a retired professor, worked with Hillary Rodham on the Nixon inquiry. Another close friend is Mort Gitelman, a professor whose cluttered office bears several pictures of the Clintons.

Clinton's last visit to the area

was in November for the dedication of the new Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport north of here — a controversial project pushed by both the Clinton administration and Wal-Mart heiress Alice Walton, who said she was tired of hearing her family complaining "you can't get there from here."

Clinton's friends held a party for him after the dedication at one of his favorite local restaurants, the AQ Chicken House.

Guzman and Gitelman remember the young Clintons, then just barely out of Yale Law School, as exceedingly bright and popular on a campus where they were not much older than their students.

They still talk about how Bill Clinton, who was juggling teaching duties, local activism and a run for Congress, managed to land himself in every professor's nightmare: losing the final exams for one of his classes.

"He always had so many icons in the fire, and he was so unorganized," Guzman said. "But he was really an engaging professor in class."

Today, they remain stunned and frustrated, at what seems like Clinton's propensity for pushing himself to the brink of disaster.

"He was always so smart, especially politically," Gitelman said. "He's the kind of person who is so smart and so quick that he doesn't always listen to advice, even from Hillary, who might be even smarter."

"Most of this he brought on himself. He gives his enemies every opening."

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Investigate Flynt

Mark Levin, president of Landmark Legal Foundation, urged the Justice Department yesterday to begin a criminal investigation of Hustler magazine publisher Larry Flynt and his investigator, Dan Moldea.

Mr. Levin accuses them of violating a federal law against impeding a congressional inquiry by trying to intimidate members of Congress. Mr. Flynt hired Mr. Moldea to dig up dirt on pro-impeachment Republicans.

Mr. Moldea's findings on Rep. Robert L. Livingston prompted the Louisiana Republican to quit Congress and forgo the chance to be speaker of the House. He findings on Rep. Bob Barr were presented by Mr. Flynt at a news conference on Monday.

Mr. Moldea told The Washington Times he has salacious material on more Republicans, but he and Mr. Flynt are willing to keep it secret as long as the targets do not "take the moral high ground against Clinton."

"This is precisely the kind of misconduct the statute prohibits," Mr. Levin wrote to the department. "Clearly this is not protected speech under the First Amendment."

Flynt hospitalized

Hustler magazine publisher Larry Flynt, a player in President Clinton's impeachment, has been hospitalized for pneumonia.

Mr. Flynt was admitted to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles Wednesday after X-rays showed the pneumonia, said his attorney, Alan Isaacman.

The pornographer, who said Monday he has evidence of marital infidelity by a Clinton critic, Rep. Bob Barr, Georgia Republican, was supposed to stand trial Tuesday in Cincinnati on charges of selling pornography to a 14-year-old boy.

That trial was postponed until April 5 so Mr. Flynt can undergo surgery for an apparently unrelated urological problem.

Angry supply-siders

Some conservative Republicans are waging an uphill battle to thwart Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete V. Domenici's choice to head the Congressional Budget Office.

A Washington lobbyist and longtime GOP aide not known for supply-side economics, Dan Crippen, 46, is the choice of both Mr. Domenici and House Budget Committee Chairman John R. Kasich of Ohio to replace the outgoing economist June O'Neill. But Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott still has not given his formal blessing, and a campaign is under way to stop the appointment.

Larry Hunter of Empower America says he and other trickle-down economists still have "an outside chance" at stopping the appointment of Mr. Crippen, which he said would doom any chances of passing a serious tax cut in the 105th Congress.

"He's going to lock us into a no-tax-cut position. It's really distressing that the majority leader is letting this happen," Mr. Hunter said.

Isn't it ironic?

A campaign flunkie has written a piece for the magazine Campaigns and Elections titled, "A Campaign Manager's Guide to Success: 10 Winning Tips."

Perhaps it was occupational therapy for Jason Linde, who had a tumultuous ride in the 1998 election cycle.

First, he was fired from South Carolina Sen. Ernest F. Hollings' re-election campaign in June. The next month, he was fired from Democrat Tom Vilsack's gubernatorial campaign in Iowa for spying.

Mr. Vilsack, who won the governor's race, fired Mr. Linde after discovering the staffer "tried to infiltrate" ex-Rep. Jim Ross Lightfoot's campaign just days after he was hired, the Des Moines Register reported last summer.

After the incident, Mr. Vilsack apologized to his Republican opponent, telling Mr. Lightfoot, "I felt he showed extraordinarily poor judgment and violated my sense of fair play and integrity."

This may explain Mr. Linde's tip No. 9: "Be aggressive and creative — don't be stupid."

L.L. Cool Gephardt?

House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt's aides are a little miffed over recent stories about the Missouri Democrat's "resurgence" as a true statesman. Erik Smith, Mr. Gephardt's spokesman, says his boss has always been that way.

"Dick Gephardt is the L.L. Cool J of American politics: 'Don't call it a comeback, I've been here for years,'" Mr. Smith said, quoting from the rapper's hit single "Mama Said Knock You Out."

Polite bite

New York's freshman senator, Charles E. Schumer, dished out a bit of disingenuous politeness for his former House colleague, Henry J. Hyde, when the two crossed paths Wednesday in the Senate dining room.

The New York Democrat always enjoyed a friendly relationship during his days in the House with the silver-haired conservative Republican chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.

When he spotted Mr. Hyde in the dining room, Mr. Schumer strolled over and said, "I just wanted to wish you good luck tomorrow, but not too good luck," the New York Daily News reported.

B.H. for G.W.

When he was a freshman House member, Gerald B.H. Solomon actively supported Ronald Reagan for president over GOP primary opponent, George

most immediately. Today he will address the annual Team 100 meeting of major Republican donors and will speak at the National Press Club on Wednesday about his book, "Courage is Contagious."

Watts admission

Rep. J.C. Watts, Oklahoma Republican, says his admission earlier this week that he had a child out of wedlock more than 20 years ago had nothing to do with Larry Flynt's ongoing smear campaign. And he challenged President Clinton to put an end to Mr. Flynt's shenanigans.

Asked at a news conference whether his disclosure was based on fear, Mr. Watts said, "I'm not going to dignify that by discussion, but I will say this: The president

stood in the Rose Garden here three or four weeks ago and said that we should bring an end to the politics of personal destruction."

"I do believe that the president of the United States could stand at his podium and really call an end to the personal destruction of people's lives in the political arena."

Bush. But what he did not do for the elder Bush in 1980, he is making up for in 2000.

Mr. Solomon, who recently retired from the House and is now a lobbyist, is now actively supporting Texas Gov. George W. Bush for president, the Associated Press reported yesterday.

"While the governor has yet to disclose his presidential intentions for 2000, Solomon is trying to enlist his former colleagues in a Draft Bush movement," the AP reported.

"He is the most electable and one I think [who] is almost guaranteed to be elected," Mr. Solomon was quoted as saying. "He is a conservative with compassion. That's what Ronald Reagan was."

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Too wide a poll

Buoyed by poll numbers showing that a majority of the country stands behind him, impeached President Clinton slid across the icy Potomac yesterday to a crime prevention (no pun intended) seminar in Alexandria, a Democratic stronghold with one lonely Republican alderman.

Actually, the big news in Alexandria these days isn't crime prevention, but how wide a new version of the crumbling Woodrow Wilson Bridge — which carries Interstate 95 traffic (read 190,000 vehicles per day) through the city and across the Potomac — should be.

This week, a \$10,000 poll was released showing that roughly 60 percent of Alexandria's residents favor a 12-lane bridge, a width being fought by the city's Democratic fathers, who desire a narrower bridge.

When asked about the findings, Mayor Kerry Donley and council member David Speck, both Democrats who welcomed Mr. Clinton to their city yesterday, had some interesting things to say about polls to The Washington Post. Words that fellow Democrats on Capitol Hill, now sitting in judgment of the president, might have a hard time swallowing.

Mr. Donley: "The poll is a little bit of information that we can use to help us make our decision. I don't believe we will make a decision because of a poll, however."

Mr. Speck: "Ultimately, I have to make a decision based on my judgment and not how many peo-

ple respond one way or another."

Derivative presidency

Despite his troubles, President Clinton wants to go ahead and give his State of the Union Address on Tuesday.

Still, says Paul C. Light, a Brookings Institution senior fellow and author of "The Tides of Reform: Making Government Work, 1945-1995" (Yale University Press, 1997), don't expect much in the way of meat.

Mr. Clinton, expects Mr. Light, will offer no ambitious new programs, but instead mostly small adjustments to the status quo.

"As the audience has changed from inside the Beltway to outside, the State of the Union has changed from a sometimes windy policy address to a major campaign event," he explains. "This president has mainly learned that the American political system will not tolerate much more than small adjustments of the past."

"The derivative presidency has arrived."

Conspiracy time

A tough couple of months for Tom Mooney, general counsel for

INSIDE THE BELTWAY

By John McCaslin



Glenn Close wowed first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton at a liberal event at the Kennedy Center.

the House Judiciary Committee that impeached President Clinton, got even tougher late Wednesday as he watched his family's Irish bar — Murphy's Pub on King Street in historic Old Town Alexandria — partially go up in flames.

There were no injuries in the two-alarm blaze.

Necessary targets

It was a liberal love-in at Kennedy Center's Terrace Theater this week as a cast of nine notable actresses performed a reading of Eve ("Vagina Monologues") Enslar's work-in-progress, called "Necessary Targets."

The reading tells of the experiences of two American women therapists who encounter Bosnian women refugees.

Hillary Rodham Clinton was the night's honoree, seated beside Richard Holbrooke, the administration's U.N. ambassadorial nominee.

Afterward, Mrs. Clinton gave remarks somewhat akin to a sermon — "to trust and stay open to the pain of others" — and visited backstage for nearly 30 minutes with Glenn Close, Calista Flockhart, Lena Glin, Natalie Portman, Shirley Knight and others in a stellar cast.

Producers Willa Shalit, daughter of TV's Gene Shalit, and Beth Dozoretz (a Democratic party fund-raiser, President Clinton is godfather to her son) eventually hope to get the piece to Broad-

way.

Word of mouth from the audience — including Gloria Steinem, HHS Secretary Donna Shalala, White House spinmeister Sidney Blumenthal, former Mayor Marion Barry and wife Cora, George and Elizabeth Stevens, and Phoebe Snow — can't hurt.

All "incredibly distinguished people," Miss Close gushed in her introduction.

Mrs. Dozoretz's husband, Ron, sits on the Kennedy Center board. The center donated the theater for the invitation-only affair.

Mad about Jesse

"Is this the stupid party at work?" asks Hugh Newton, public affairs handler for the conservative Heritage Foundation, referring this time to Republicans.

"Giving Jesse Jackson the leadoff role in a hearing on [preserving] Social Security? Seems to me 4:45 p.m. the last day would be the appropriate spot. That's surely where our people would be if Democrats controlled the House," he opines.

The House Ways and Means Committee hearing, chaired by Rep. Bill Archer, Texas Republican, will be held on Thursday. Along with Mr. Jackson, president of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, former HUD secretary Jack Kemp will testify.

Coming Monday

Renaming Jack Kent Cooke Stadium. Suggestions from readers.

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► FEMINISM

The Diana vs. Hillary Conundrum

By Ann Taylor Fleming

Is there any yardstick, any stretch of the imagination, by which the late Princess of Wales might be considered a better feminist than our own formidable first lady? Is such a thing possible, that a jet-set princess with an eating disorder could be perceived as more liberated than a hard-charging, fiercely articulate Ivy League lawyer?

The question might strike some as silly, even a little diabolical. But these are the two most prominent female icons of our time, and comparing them offers a hard look at contemporary feminism and at how love and ideology don't always mesh—and at what we tell our daughters about what a fulfilling married life should

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look like and feel like and what they should put up with and what they shouldn't.

In her painful, public way, Princess Diana could not, would not do what Hillary Rodham Clinton has done, that is, put up with a philandering mate. A wide-eyed naif when she married, she turned suicidal, we are told, when she discovered the extent to which her husband loved another and had always done so. Amid all that royal-wedding bacchanal, he had pledged his troth falsely.

It was a pomp-and-circumstance carnard, a misalliance of major proportions. She loved clothes and rock 'n' roll; he loved Camilla Parker-Bowles and retro

architecture. She floundered and starved herself and took lovers. He made speeches and looked glum and sneaked off to see his true love. Finally, both went public, a profoundly unroyal and rivetingly unseemly display of accusation and counteraccusation. They finally divorced. He went back into his reserved country-squire self (with Parker-Bowles close by), while Diana plunged into the embrace of an empathetic public, helping rid the world of land mines in her khakis and doing her complicated love-hate dance with the press and paparazzi till her death in that Paris tunnel.

Love her or disdain her, there was
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something touchingly admirable in Diana's unhinged inability to live with her husband's cheating heart. The one thing that came through loud and clear was that Diana could not settle into any overt or tacit marital arrangement. Charles was not going to have her, and Parker-Bowles on the side, no matter how much royal pressure was brought to bear.

What, then, does that say of our own first lady, hanging in through the lurid details of her husband's indiscretions, the talk of semen stains and hotel-room propositions? We've cringed for her, as she has soldiered on, coiffed head held high. We've admired her grit, her grace, her dogged silence on the matter of Monica S. Lewinsky et al.—unlike Diana's teary-eyed public burling. A silence, we are told, she maintains even with close friends and family.

But it's impossible not to ask how this happened. How does a strong, capable woman like Hillary Clinton, a purported exemplar of her liberated generation, find herself in this unliberated position of being tethered to a serial adulterer? How in the world can she deal with this?

Various commentators and pundits have suggested that the Clinton marriage is but "a repugnant arrangement," a cold-eyed partnership of the power-hungry. She married him because she knew he was going places and was willing to tolerate his roving eye for her own ambition. That's the bottom line.

But the truth is none of us know what really goes on and has gone on in the first marriage—how much love there was and is. Love is always the mystery, how it blooms, what it survives. Just ask Princess Diana, whose fair prince, as it turned out, loved her not a whit. Hillary Clinton, on the other hand, has been quoted as saying Bill is her best friend and has been for more than 25 years. Does that sound like an arrangement?

Even if she knew what a complicated bargain she was making, maybe for

Hillary Clinton there was a higher goal, a higher good. Not just to satisfy her ambition, as her critics insist, but something more: a chance to matter, to make a difference. This is an earnest, spiritually inclined achiever from way back, a dogooder.

Whether you like her politics or not, what's been clear about Hillary Clinton from the beginning is her drive to be a positive force. What she no doubt realized, at peril, perhaps, to her own self-respect, is that joining up with the charming, equally driven Arkansan way back when improved her chances of doing precisely that—while he, in turn, probably felt the same way. If there's calculation in that, there is in any relationship or marriage. You don't sign on unless you think you're going to be stronger, better, bigger together than apart.

All that said, the sad thing is that Hillary Clinton hasn't been able to pull it off. She wasn't able to be the kind of first lady she and many other women hoped she would be. Part of this is due to the nature of the tradition-bound office, part to the intense media scrutiny. No first couple has ever been subjected to the nonstop prying and scrutiny the Clintons have endured, singly and together. There are serious implications for the presidency and the democracy if such an invasive and destructive habit continues. It is part of what killed Princess Diana.

But Hillary Clinton's immobilization also stems from the overt and tacit bargains she made long ago. From day one she's had to keep secrets, protect her flank. It made for an early stiffness, a penchant for secrecy, for snappishness (for example, that early campaign remark about cookies and milk) that made her unpopular for a long time and also helped doom the health-care overhaul. That was a disaster: too much secrecy, too much arrogance. It was a mistake in the first place to put her in charge of such a big deal, knowing how tarnished she could be if it failed, just as it was a mistake to suggest that she would be a kind of co-president. That was another unfortunate and unfeminist overreach. She had not been elected for that job.

The irony is that, far from step forward, as many insist, her husband ran, Hillary Clinton was a throwback, an anachronism in a world where women like her and winning on their own.

Now, we are told, she's doing just that, or at least she's thinking of it for her. Maybe there's this strange glow in the midst of the impeachment seemed eerie at first, a martyr's mask. But now it's as if the final shoe has pushed the envelope so far she somehow exhale. She does protect him anymore, beyond reflexive loyalty and antipathy to their enemies. It's as if she, on the other side, finally longer about Bill Clinton as he's running for and what for him—change her name, defend him and their national television—what's in her entire adult life.

But what she's made clear that it was her choice to do the opposite of what Princess Diana graphed, a free-form, emotional and the swirling sorrow and that was her life.

In that sense, you'd have a major feminist edge to Hillary if you understand feminism to be the ability to make her own choice, external impediment, and them, however painful or consequential. To ask for purer than that, some unallied woman never to be hurt, is an unfair standard, a backlash brigade to try to force a very notion of feminism equality.

No one wants a daughter who's that. That's not so much feminism as common sense. It's just too tough, just as Princess Diana's marriage is gone and Hillary a survivor. She has another choice, no question, it will be fascinating what she makes of it.

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Sen. John Breau (D-La.), left, chairman of commission on the future of Medicare, talks with Sen. John D. "Jay" Rockefeller IV (D-W.Va.) before a meeting.

Medicare Panel Makes Sessions Public

Bipartisan Commission Amends Ground Rules Following Access Complaint

By AMY GOLDSTEIN
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A high-level commission advising Congress and the White House on the future of Medicare has agreed to make all of its sessions and documents accessible to the public, in response to questions about whether it was complying with federal open-meetings law.

The two chairmen of the bipartisan commission issued a letter yesterday that revised its ground rules, following a complaint from The Washington Post that members of the panel were doing part of their work at private dinners and breakfasts. The letter promised to give "the American people . . . timely and complete access to commission information."

The chairmen, Sen. John Breau (D-La.) and Rep. Bill Thomas (R-Calif.), have acknowledged that members convened informally in private virtually all of the eight times they have gathered for a public meeting of the full body. Breau, Thomas and other commissioners say those get-togethers were largely social, intended to create a smoother rapport among the 17 members, who include members of Congress and outside health policy experts with sharply divergent views. "The functions we were having were not meetings under the sense of the law," Breau said in an interview.

However, one participant said, "We did discuss part of the time sort of substantive issues

. . . to explore ideas, look at various ways of solving a problem." One discussion, the participant said, included a contentious exchange about the possibility of recommending a tax increase to help keep the program solvent over the next several decades, an idea favored by a few more liberal members but rejected by the panel's Republicans.

One private document, prepared for the chairmen before last month's meeting, listed the agenda for three private sessions, as well as a 3½-hour public meeting. The document said the dinner-time conversation was intended to "discuss and show which combination of financing options . . . achieve solvency and allow benefit enhancements."

The commission, created as part of a 1997 federal budget agreement, is working to find ways to modernize the nation's insurance program for the elderly and enable it to withstand enormous financial pressures once baby boomers begin to retire in about a decade. The panel is due to turn in its advice to Congress and President Clinton by March 1.

Lawyers for The Post questioned whether the panel was violating a federal law that covers government advisory committees. The law requires such committees to meet in public if their members include people from the private sector, in addition to government employees. Eight members of the Medicare commission do not work for the government.

Yesterday's letter from Breau and Thomas

said the commission is a "hybrid congressional executive entity," suggesting that the open-meeting law might not apply. The letter also said that no official business had been transacted over meals but added, "we welcome the public and media in the future to these information gatherings."

Questions surrounding the government's openness in major health policy decisions arose in 1993 as a result of secret meetings of a White House task force, led by Hillary Rodham Clinton, that drafted the administration's proposal for restructuring the health care system. Congress ultimately rejected the plan. A federal judge later fined the administration, saying it had failed to reveal that some task force members were private citizens.

The issue surfaced again in late 1997, when the General Accounting Office found that improper private meetings were being held by a committee that advises the Health Care Financing Administration, the agency that runs Medicare, on what medical treatments it should cover. The GAO began its inquiry at the request of Thomas, now the Medicare commission's co-chairman. HCFA disbanded its technology advisory committee a year ago and is working to resurrect it with broader representation and public meetings.

The Medicare commission has not done its work entirely behind closed doors. It has held 31 public hearings, committee sessions and full commission meetings.

Commentary

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The Ascending Star of St. Hillary

■ The first lady makes for a better subject for scrutiny than the disgraced president.

With the passing of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and Princess Diana and the fading of Elizabeth Taylor, the best bet for living-legend status these days is Hillary Clinton.

But which Hillary? Not the Hillary Rodham Clinton who mocked Tammy Wynette-style stand-by-your-man cookie-baking in 1992. And not the policy maven whose wonkish campaign for national health insurance collapsed in 1994. The new Hillary Clinton—Vogue conspicuously dropped the “Rodham” in its lush-and-gush cover story last month—is kinder and vaguer, more inclined to new looks than new policy crusades.

To be sure, she is a bundle of contradictions; she's the regal first lady, but she's also the aggrieved wife, whose don't-touch-me body language at Yitzhak Rabin's grave site was analyzed with Zapruder film-like thoroughness.

And in tabloid-land, too, the struggle to define her is heating up. The Jan. 5 issue of the National Enquirer blared on its cover, “Hillary Beats Up Bill: Secret Service Pulls Furious First Lady Off Prez.” Inside, the reader was told that Hillary “snapped” and hit the president “so hard she left a visible mark on his face.” Yet that same week the Globe tabloid put “Hillary's Secret Vow” on its cover; with impressive omniscience, the tab told that Mrs. Clinton turned to Mr. Clinton and said, “I'll fight for you to the very end.”

Yet even as she becomes a multifaceted icon, he—or as Monica Lewinsky called him, the Big He—is increasingly portrayed in the monochrome dirty brown of a mangy hound dog.

Elite media attitudes toward Bill Clinton the man have shifted dramatically in the last year. The most tectonic of those shifts came last November, when Sally Quinn, the de facto diva of the D.C. smart

set, wrote a piece for the Washington Post, “Not in Their Backyard,” that effectively exiled Clinton from Georgetown society. Said Quinn of her friends and neighbors, “Even those who have to deal with him or publicly support the administration do so grudgingly.” She added: “Regardless of whether his fortunes improve, Bill Clinton has essentially lost the Washington establishment for good.”

And now comes a 15,000 word profile of the Bill-Hill marriage in the February issue of Vanity Fair. The juiciest bits of psychogossip from Gail Sheehy's piece have been much reported: “Hillary's addiction is Bill. He is her only rebellion, the one thing she can't logically explain.” Indeed, the buzz is such that Sheehy is mulling over book offers, which would put her in competition with another would-be Hillary biographer, Carl Bernstein.

While Hillary is portrayed by Sheehy as talented but tormented in a “Days of Our Lives” way, Bill is simply pounded. The writer takes us back to Clinton's very beginning, reporting on everything from his possible illegitimacy at birth to the moral swamp in which he became what he has become. Sheehy describes Hot Springs, Ark., as “a warm bath of half-truths and hypocrisy where gamblers and bookies and fugitive mobsters from New York and Chicago found a resort just right for their tastes.” And she sums up Clinton's life with these words: “All politicians lie some of the time. But Bill Clinton has earned a reputation for prevarication surpassing even Lyndon Johnson's and Richard Nixon's.”

A cynic would say that the elite media feel free to clobber Clinton now that he is no longer needed to defeat a Republican at the ballot box. That same cynic would point to the mostly positive coverage of Hillary Clinton from coast to coast—“New York Giddy Over Idea of Sen. Hillary Clinton” headlined the Los Angeles Times last week—as evidence that the press sees her as the next Democratic hope.

But maybe that's too cynical. After all, in the tabloid media, when one-half of a relationship goes up, the other half goes down. That was the story of Prince Charles and Diana, and it's the story today of Kathie Lee Gifford, that sadder-but-wiser saint of forgiveness, and her Frank, that wayward lug of a prodigal husband.

That's the drama-dynamic of tabloid media. But the mainstream media have been guilty of a different dynamic: not revealing the truth about liberal Democrats until after they're safely elected and reelected. As the Clintons face their future, the time for real scrutiny is now, and the better subject is her, not him.

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A tale of two women

You could call it "The Tale of Two Women." One blonde, one dark. One is Midwestern earnest, the other is Southern serious. One is married to a cad who despite acute zipper disease won the nation's highest office. The other married a decent guy who was a loser in the ultimate pursuit of that office.

One hails from Yale Law School. The other has a law degree from Harvard. The blonde was once



Suzanne Fields

deliberately frumpy, but became a Vogue cover girl. The brunette was a natural feminine fashion plate. Someone is always assigned to carry a traveling iron to smooth the wrinkles when she sits too long.

Imagine a presidential race in 2000 between

Hillary Clinton and Elizabeth Dole. They could finally define the Year of the Woman — the Millennium woman.

Hillary Clinton and Elizabeth Dole are wives of politicians, who remain powerful in their own way, despite (or maybe because of) the flaws of their husbands. The Great Mentioner never fails to mention these wives as potential candidates for high office.

They play the traditional heart-strings as well as appeal to post-modern aspirations of competent and ambitious professionals. No one accuses either of suffering from stereotypical female liabilities, as defined by male chauvinists. Like them or not they're smart, tough and good-looking.

It's true that Hillary's highest ratings have followed the revelations of her husband's adultery. Better to be a victim than a woman who won't bake cookies and serve tea. But she's been undaunted and indefatigable in raising money and campaigning for other Democrats. She has the charismatic attraction for Democratic liberals that Newt Gingrich has had for Republican conservatives.

Elizabeth Dole left her job to campaign for her husband when he ran for president (to the criticism of the feminists). When she returned to her position as president of the American Red Cross, "she brought

intelligence, skill and integrity to the post," in the words of Donna Shalala, the secretary of Health and Human Services who is a Millennium woman in her own right, an independent mind and spirit in the face of fiery partisanship.

Hillary has been accused of imposing a co-presidency and that hurt her husband, but it may not hurt her future among liberals, especially liberal women. Elizabeth played Oprah on her husband's behalf, a performer interviewing his friends and colleagues at the Republican National Convention in San Diego. It was not her finest independent-woman moment, but she did what it took to elicit the personal side of Bob Dole, and she did it a lot better than he did.

Neither has run for elected office, but despite this lack of elected experience they've got powerful backers.

Certain Democrats want Hillary to run for Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan's seat in New York, though it seems unlikely to me that her masochism would take her that far, given many unanswered questions about her role in Travelgate, Castle Grande and the mysterious

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reappearance of her Rose Law Firm billing records. "Senator Rodham" may be thinking, in the words of the New York Times, "of building a career and legacy that is separate from and extends beyond the tarnished record of Mr. Clinton."

Speculation among Republicans is that Elizabeth Dole resigned from the Red Cross to test her ability to raise funds for a run for the presidency or, at least, for vice president. She's not an ideologue, but conservatives like her. She's been described as a "Billy Graham Christian," and the fundamentalists like her, too. The biggest gripe against her is that she's programmed — even "canned" — and lacks spontaneity in public, but that could be an asset in a political world vulnerable to the remorseless eye of the camera. She once told me she was a fan of Margaret Thatcher, not a bad female "role model" for leadership.

We're all sick to death of sexual scandals surrounding male politicians. No one has ever answered Freud's question, "What do Women Want?" In the new millennium we may answer for female politicians: We want them to be better than their men.

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BOOK REPORT *By David Streitfeld*

Publisher's Pet Peeve

The first lady, we are routinely assured by pollsters and the media, is beloved by the vast majority of the American public. She is even being touted as a New York senatorial candidate. But when it comes to voting with their pocketbooks, the public is shying away.

Dear Socks, Dear Buddy, a collection of children's letters to the first pets edited by Hillary Rodham Clinton, was one of the big busts of the holiday season. Simon & Schuster had announced a printing of a half-million copies, scaled that back to 300,000 or so when it came time to actually order the books, and then didn't sell many of those.

"The book continues to sell well, but perhaps not with the velocity we would like," maintains a diplomatic David Rosenthal, S&S publisher. He refused to give sales figures. Others estimate that the book, which made no bestseller lists, will sell 100,000 copies at best. *It Takes a Village*, the first lady's first book, on the other hand, sold nearly 400,000 copies in hardcover.

What went wrong? Perhaps the intended audience didn't know it was there. Clinton could do little publicity for the tome, because interviewers might have asked pesky questions about impeachment. And it's possible that potential bookbuyers never realized the book was by her. There is no photo of the first lady on the cover.

It's not that political books aren't selling. James Carville's attack on Ken Starr did better than expected. William Bennett's attack on President Clinton hit No. 1. And even Bob Dole's collection of jokes—*Great Political Wit: Laughing (Almost) All the Way to the White House*—exceeded its modest initial sales estimates by a factor of four.

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End Notes

Trent Lott was on **Hillary Rodham Clinton's** turf, and it showed yesterday on the applause-o-meter. The Senate majority leader and first lady each spoke to the U.S. Conference of Mayors at the White House, neither one of them mentioning impeachment. Lott's speech met with only a smattering of clapping, even when he said Washington lawmakers didn't have all the answers to local problems, a welcome message to mayors. Mrs. Clinton received two standing ovations before she uttered a word . . . The truck driver who stole **Elizabeth Taylor's** heart, for a few years, was critically injured in a fall Thursday at his California home. **Larry Fortensky**, 46, who married Taylor in 1991, was in a coma and on life support yesterday after falling down a flight of stairs at his condominium, 50 miles south of Los Angeles. Taylor met Fortensky at the Betty Ford Clinic. They divorced in 1996 . . . In case she bombs "The Star-Spangled Banner" before tomorrow's Super Bowl, **Cher** already has an explanation: "I'm really not a great singer. Really I'm not. **Celine Dion** is a great singer. I'm a mediocre singer with a really interesting style."

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Extending support after foster care

Clinton budget includes money for services

By AMY OAKES
SUN STAFF

While a junior at Northeastern State University in Oklahoma last year, Terri Faye Yaden faced a common college crisis: She needed a car for student teaching.

As one of thousands of young people over 18 who have exceeded the age of those allowed to stay in foster care, Yaden had no family to call on for help. So she called on the Orphan Foundation of America, which stepped in with money to help her buy a car and automotive advice.

The Virginia-based foundation was one of several recognized yesterday at a White House gathering to promote support for young people leaving the foster care system. First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton announced that President Clinton's budget for 2000 includes \$280 million over five years to boost support for older foster care children. It's not clear how Maryland will benefit.

"It marks another step forward in our efforts to make life better for our children," Mrs. Clinton told the crowd of about 100 foster care advocates.

The president's proposals include increasing funds for a training and housing program for older foster care children by 50 percent and the transitional living program by \$5 million, offering emergency financial support, and raising the age through which foster care children are eligible for Medicaid from 18 to 21.

Though she thinks it won't be enough, Yaden said she's relieved that people are taking notice.

"There's a vast majority who are falling through the cracks," Yaden said outside the White House. "But, we're just excited that there is an awareness taking place."

Since Yaden graduated from high school in 1995 and left the Cookson Hills orphanage in Oklahoma, she said, the orphan foundation has given her scholarships and guidance.

"They've helped me financially and with decision making," said Yaden, 21, who lives in North Baltimore and plans to attend Towson University this summer. "But, the No. 1 thing they did was believe in me."

Yaden and nine others who grew up in foster care around the country attended the ceremony yesterday. Each represented a success story of making the transition from foster care to adulthood with the help of support services.

"After you leave foster care, the truth is you're nobody's priority," Yaden said. "We need normal, everyday people to volunteer to just take an interest in us."

Each year, 20,000 young people are forced to leave foster care programs because they "age out" when they reach 18 or receive their high school diploma. Mrs. Clinton said during her 10-minute address in the East Room.

When Terry Harrak, 19, of Alexandria, Va., turned 18, she found herself homeless after having to leave a foster care family home. She stayed with friends and teachers and slept in subway stations. "Everything I was used to shut down," Harrak said.

After sleeping a night in a hospital emergency room, Harrak made a pact with herself to get a college degree.

She entered a transitional living program for homeless youths where she learned life skills and received help with schoolwork and finding college scholarships. She graduated high school and is attending a community college.

A year before he outgrew the foster care system, Rico Shaw, 18, began laying the groundwork for his future. Shaw enrolled in the United Parcel Service's School-to-Career Partnership for Maryland Youth in Foster Care.

Shaw has an apartment in Prince George's County and is studying for his high school diploma while working part time as a loader for UPS in Washington. He said he keeps in touch with his mentor at the school-to-career partnership.

"The program has helped shape me in many different ways," Shaw said.

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Clinton Proposes \$280 Million In Aid for Former Foster Children

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President Clinton has included \$280 million in his next federal budget to help teenagers who are pushed out of the nation's foster care system simply because they hit their 18th birthday.

The program, to be announced today by first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, would fund state programs that work with teenagers as they leave foster care by providing training, health insurance, limited financial help and housing to help them live on their own.

Roughly 20,000 children are moved out of foster care each year at age 18, often without families or relatives to provide a home or financial support. While a fraction remain with foster families, most must fend for themselves because the state and federal funding that has supported them ends by law when they turn 18.

That means they must find a job and a place to live, sometimes before they have finished high school.

"We need to do much more to help young people who have spent their whole lives in foster care make it on their own," said Bruce Reed, White House domestic policy adviser.

A Washington Post report last year drew attention to the plight of these young people, a quarter of whom spend at least some time homeless after they are "emancipated" from the foster system, the bureaucratic label for the process. Studies by University of Wisconsin researcher Mark Courtney found that 12 to 18 months after they left foster care, just half of the ex-foster children were employed, one-third were on welfare, one-fifth of the girls had given birth and more than one-quarter of the boys had been imprisoned.

"We're very pleased the president has supported this underserved population," said Robin Nixon, director of youth services for the

Child Welfare League of America. She said her organization and others would push for even broader legislation—extending the foster care entitlement to age 21, a change that would cost \$500 million over five years.

But while congressional Republicans had signaled their support for the president's initiative, she said, it would be more difficult to secure approval for extending an entitlement, which guarantees funding to any eligible child.

The president's proposal would increase federal spending for the first time since 1992 for the Independent Living Program, a state-run program that encourages young people to finish high school and get training and teaches them how to budget, find apartments and plan for careers. That effort would receive \$175 million over five years.

The budget also includes \$50 million over four years to provide financial support for housing and other needs while the youths finish education or training they need to find jobs. It adds \$50 million over five years to allow former foster children to receive Medicaid until they are 21.

And it includes \$25 million over five years to provide housing and training to homeless adolescents between the ages of 16 to 21.

Congress created the Independent Living Program in 1986 after researchers noticed that many of the nation's homeless were former foster children. The funding for that program now stands at \$70 million a year, a figure that was based on the foster care population in the mid-1980s. Since then, the number of children in the system has more than doubled, to about 500,000.

In some states, the programs amount to short seminars on how to budget and find a job. In other programs, young people are placed in subsidized apartments and given job training and entry-level work.

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Stella's capital clothes encounters include one with Hillary Clinton

McLEAN, Va. — Stella McCartney toured the White House Thursday before appearing at a Nordstrom department store to show her line of Chloe clothes.

Mrs. Clinton, says McCartney, 27, was "really sweet. We had a little chat. My mum had written to Chelsea because Chelsea's a vegetarian, so there was already a little family bonding thing."

She and the first lady talked about Linda McCartney, who died last year of cancer. "She asked, 'Can I hug you?' And it made me feel like crying. It was just like my mum, she's quite motherly. She's really cool."

Asked about the last year, McCartney sighs. "How long have you got? I can't begin to answer that."

And at this point in her ca-

reer, she says she doesn't think being Paul McCartney's daughter hurts or

helps. "All the journalists ask, 'It must be really hard with your last name,' and I say, 'Then why are you asking me? Stop asking and it will go away!'"

"I don't have a problem with it; everyone else does. I'm cool with it."

Among the shoppers browsing through suits, camisoles and frilly dresses: 12-year-old Theresa Bowman, who was playing hooky from Washington's private Sidwell Friends school. "She's Stella-crazy," said her mom, Bonnie Brownell. "Actually, I love Chloe," said Bowman.

Among her purchases: a \$100 air-brushed T-shirt.

By Ann Oldenburg



By James Kieley for USA TODAY

McCartney: Hillary Clinton was 'really cool.'

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NAMES & FACES

BY CAROL BEGGY AND BETH CARNEY

Hillary hands out praise and awards

"NOVA" executive producer **Paula Apsell** received a compliment yesterday from first lady **Hillary Rodham Clinton**, after a six-minute segment of the upcoming show "Surviving AIDS" was shown during an awards ceremony in Washington. Clinton called it "a powerful and important piece of work" during the ceremony at the National Press Club. She also gave Elizabeth Glaser Scientist Awards to four of the country's leading researchers in pediatric HIV/AIDS, including **Paul Johnson** of Harvard Medical School and **Philip Goulder** of Massachusetts General Hospital.

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Clinton Targets Childhood Asthma

Associated Press

President Clinton will ask Congress for \$68 million to attack childhood asthma and \$40 million to subsidize the training of pediatricians by children's hospitals, according to the White House.

Both initiatives will be included in the proposed fiscal 2000 federal budget Clinton will submit next week, said the official, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

The asthma plan, to be announced today at the White House,

was billed as the "first-ever comprehensive, administration-wide strategy" to fight the disease. Most of the money—\$50 million—would be used for competitive state grants to identify and treat poor children who have asthma and are served by Medicaid.

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton was scheduled to unveil the proposed new subsidies for training pediatricians in a speech at the National Press Club.

The government helps pay for the training doctors receive by reim-

bursing hospitals through the Medicare program for the elderly. But that system is based on the number of Medicare patients a hospital sees, creating a disadvantage for hospitals that mainly treat children.

Children's hospitals lose money each year, more so than other teaching hospitals partly because of this inequity, the administration contends. The \$40 million would come through an existing grant program and would amount to about \$9,380 per resident. The average hospital would receive \$689,000.

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INSIDE THE BELTWAY

By John McCaslin

Hillary and Ernie

The phone rang, fellow columnist Mike Conklin of the Chicago Tribune on the line. He'd read our items about Hillary Rodham Clinton being a native of Chicago and the resulting uproar from Chicagoans who refuse to claim her.

One labeled Mrs. Clinton a "sneering suburbanite" from Park Ridge, and added: "If you doubt me, go play a tape of the Cubs Opening Day ceremonies from the 1996 season, when Mrs. Clinton threw out the first pitch. The babble of the announcers was nearly drowned out by the boos showering down on her."

Mr. Conklin, who actually accompanied Mrs. Clinton to the game, says he didn't hear any boos, albeit for good reason.

"The funny part about it," he says, "is that the Cubs were so worried about [hecklers] they paired her with Ernie Banks when she threw out the first pitch so there wouldn't be any booing, because Ernie is such a popular person."

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New York

Clinton, Giuliani Both See Encouraging Polls

If first lady **Hillary Rodham Clinton** (D) was looking for encouragement to enter New York's open-seat Senate race in 2000, she found it in a recent poll that showed her leading New York City Mayor **Rudy Giuliani** (R) in the race to replace retiring Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D).

A Marist College poll taken of 513 registered voters on Jan. 24 showed Clinton topping Giuliani, 53 to 42 percent, in a general election matchup, with 6 percent of respondents undecided. The first lady led Giuliani by the biggest margin — 35 points — in New York City, demonstrating why Democrats are eager to lure her into the race.

Clinton also beat Giuliani upstate and in the New York City suburbs. But Giuliani was more popular among men, with 51 percent of males polled saying they would support the mayor in a Senate bid against the first lady. Clinton topped Giuliani among women, 58 to 34 percent.

But another survey taken just days earlier showed the first lady, who is being heavily courted by New York Democrats to become a Senate candidate, trailing the Big Apple's mayor.

The Zogby International poll, taken Jan. 20 to 21 of 706 adults, showed Giuliani ahead of Clinton, 47 to 39 percent. That poll showed the first lady getting a bounce from the unpopular Senate trial, with the largest segment of respondents — 37 percent — stating they wanted an end to the trial without punishment for the President. Only 22 percent of those polled want the President to be censured.

But New York voters believe the President

and Republicans deserve a roughly equal share of the blame for the scandal, according to Zogby's numbers. Thirty-eight percent of those polled blame the GOP for the scandal, while 36 percent blame President Clinton.

Giuliani has set up three political action committees and is clearly interested in running for Senate. Mrs. Clinton has told Democratic supporters that she won't contemplate a Senate run until the impeachment proceedings have concluded. Rep. **Nita Lowey** (D) is also considering a bid for Moynihan's seat.

— Rachel Van Dongen

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Helping Secure the Future for Women

A crucial issue for females, benefits can serve as a shield from poverty.

BY ROBERT A. ROSENBLATT
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WASHINGTON—When you go to the supermarket, or attend religious services, look closely at the faces of older women, Hillary Clinton was saying.

"Every other woman you see who is over 65 would be living in poverty" without the economic lifeline provided by Social Security, the first lady told audiences watching from Los Angeles and nine other cities Saturday in a special teleconference on women and Social Security.

Benefits are far from lavish—women get an average of \$676 a month from Social Security—but the checks are a shield against destitution. The poverty rate among women over 65 is about 14%. Take away Social Security and another 39% of this group would fall below the poverty line.

The future of the biggest of all government programs becomes a vital issue for all Americans of retirement age but is particularly pressing for women. They tend to earn less than men, are less likely to get a pension, and when they do get one it tends to be smaller because they generally have taken more years out of the work force to care for children or older relatives.

Only 26% of women over 65 receive a pension, compared to 46% of men. And their pensions are an average of \$6,684 a year, compared to \$11,460 for men, according to the Employee Benefit Research Institute.

"The face of America is changing. She is growing older," according to Terrie Wetle, deputy director of the National Institute on Aging. Women typically outlive their husbands, and then their savings.

But, fortunately, nobody outlives a Social Security check, with its automatic adjustment each year to protect against inflation. In fact, the first person who ever received a Social Security check—

Ida May Fuller of Vermont—began drawing benefits in 1940, and when she died 35 years later, at 100, she had collected \$22,888. It was a great deal for her—she had paid a total of \$24.75 in payroll taxes from 1937 through 1939.

But future generations won't enjoy that kind of financial windfall. Instead, they face the problem of a maturing system with fewer workers to carry the financial burden of paying for retirees.

Boomers' Retirement Presents a Problem

Bill Clinton, the first baby-boomer president, is trying to figure out a way to keep the system going for his generation, the horde of Americans born between 1946 and 1964. In just 12 years, the leading edge of the baby boomers will be eligible for full retirement benefits. (These "old boomers," who are at least 50, include Bill and Hillary Clinton, Al and Tipper Gore, Cher, Susan Sarandon, Donald Trump, Farrah Fawcett, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Ozzy Osbourne, Cheryl Tiegs, Donna Karan and Donna Summer.)

The big debate deals with keeping Social Security solvent so baby boomers can get their checks. The crisis year is 2032, when Social Security will have consumed its surplus, and payroll taxes will be sufficient to pay only 75% of benefits promised under current law.

Neither Clinton nor members of Congress, Democrats and Republicans alike, have any enthusiasm for closing that 25% funding gap with higher taxes, reduced benefits or by raising the retirement age.

Instead, the president's plan calls for reserving 62% of anticipated future budget surpluses—some \$2.7 trillion over 15 years—to help Social Security. It's an indirect approach: The surpluses will be used to reduce the national debt. As the debt is reduced, it will be easier to find the funds to fi-



"There is even more we can do, there are inequities that can be fixed."

Hillary Clinton

Speaking to audiences watching a teleconference on women and Social Security

nance the growing burden of Social Security benefits.

Republicans say the president is just delaying the day of reckoning. Many of them want to let workers keep a portion of their Social Security payroll taxes (12.4% on salary up to \$72,500, equally divided between worker and employer) for investment in personal stock accounts. This would enable Americans to build nest eggs and to depend less on Social Security.

"Younger employees should have the chance to increase the quality of their life" through individual accounts, Rep. Jennifer Dunn (R-Wash.) said at the Saturday conference, where she was co-chair along with Hillary Clinton.

But the accounts could be risky for women, according to some critics. Social Security now is a family benefit with protections especially significant for women. At retirement, a woman can choose between a benefit based on her earnings or an amount equal to 50% of her husband's benefit, whichever is larger. For two-thirds of women, the spousal benefit is a better deal.

(A woman who was married for at least 10 years has the right to a sum equal to 50% of her ex-husband's retirement check. This is true no matter how many wives he had. The marriage may have lasted no more than 10 years, but the benefit goes on forever.)

Individual accounts, however, would be personal, private property. Will a woman "have access to the private account of her husband, or will he leave it to his girlfriend when he dies?" asked Heidi Hartmann, president of the Institute for Women's Policy Research, another speaker at the conference.

In addition to debating the merits of personal accounts and arguing the best way to assure Social Security's solvency, President Clinton and Congress have an opportunity this year to place long-ignored women's issues on the agenda of reform.

"As much as Social Security does for poor women, it doesn't do enough," said Hartmann. And the

oldest women are the poorest. "Elderly women who are widowed have very few resources," Jane Ross, deputy commissioner for policy at the Social Security Administration, told the conference, called "What Every Woman Should Know About Social Security." It was sponsored by Americans Discuss Social Security, a project of the Pew Charitable Trusts. Couples may be relatively prosperous at age 65. But by age 80, the husband has died and the wife is existing on a comparatively meager income.

Take the imaginary Jane and John Doe. They retire, John receives a Social Security benefit of \$1,000 a month, and Jane gets \$500 (the spousal 50% share). When he dies, she foregoes the spousal benefit and receives an amount equal to his full benefit—\$1,000. Several ideas are floating around to put more cash in Jane's pocketbook:

- The survivor's benefit could be boosted to guarantee Jane 75% of the total family income while John was alive—\$1,500—or \$1,125 a month.

- Congress could authorize a special boost in benefits at age 80 or 85, a stage of life when women far outnumber men.

- The system could be revamped to give Jane some earning credits for the years she was out of the work force when her children were young, or when she quit her job to help her mother through a serious illness. Currently, Social Security benefits are pegged to 35 years of earnings, and many women have a number of "zero" years when they did not work outside the home.

Specific measures to help elderly women have never received serious attention in committees of Congress. They could have a fighting chance this year to be included as part of a Social Security deal between President Clinton and Congress.

"There is even more we can do, there are inequities that can be fixed," Hillary Clinton reminded the viewers at Saturday's teleconference.

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✓ Fit to be front-runners

Clinton, Dole lead readers' picks of women for president

BY SCOTT FORNER
POLITICAL REPORTER

Looking for some fresh faces in the 2000 presidential election?

How about a Clinton-Dole battle?

Not Bill and Bob. Hillary and Elizabeth.

The two women were the top choices among Chicago Sun-Times readers who responded to the newspaper's invitation to select the five women they would most like to see elected the first woman president.

But if Hillary Rodham Clinton and Elizabeth Hanford Dole should decide to square off, the outcome might mirror the 1996 matchup between their husbands—at least if Sun-Times readers have their say.

For them, this is Hillary Country. "I wish I could vote for her more than once," one reader wrote.

This being Chicago, several others did just that, choosing Mrs. Clinton for all five spots on their lists.

What prompted the survey was a feminist organization's effort to promote women as presidential timber and ultimately put one in the Oval Office by 2008.

The group, calling itself the White House Project, released a list of 20 women who could be president in September and asked people to select their top five choices. They plan to release the results in early February.

The Sun-Times conducted its own smaller survey and is releasing the results now because the issue is back on the front burner.

Just weeks ago, Dole quit her job



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Local favorite Hillary Rodham Clinton has stated no interest in the presidency or other political office.

is considering a bid for president in 2000.

Hillary Rodham Clinton has voiced no interest in the presidency or any other political office.

Among Sun-Times readers, Clinton, 51, was far and away the winner—with or without the handful of readers who voted early and often.

The first lady was the first choice of 40 percent, more than any other candidate. And two-thirds of the readers put her somewhere on their lists.

Dole, 62, was the No. 1 choice of 15 percent.

Overall, she won a place on the lists of 38 percent.

Rounding readers' top five were

former astronaut; Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) and Army Gen. Claudia Kennedy.

Jemison, 42, was the No. 1 pick of 6 percent and was placed some-



MAE JEMISON
Readers' No. 3 choice

where on the list by 38 percent. Feinstein, 63, was selected for first place by 4 percent and placed on the list by 34 percent. Kennedy, 51, ranked first among 3 percent and was placed on the list by 29 percent.

The results were hardly scientific, merely reflecting the opinions of the 68 readers who chose to participate.

Obviously, the results



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Elizabeth Dole, who resigned as chief of the American Red Cross, is considering a presidential run.

woman to fly in space, graduated from Morgan Park High School. Clinton was born on the North Side and grew up in Park Ridge.

Gender generally transcended partisanship, with many readers selecting Democrats Clinton and Feinstein alongside Republicans Whitman and Dole.

Marc Oser, 25, a Ravenswood resident who works for an online encyclopedia, wrote that Dole, who has been both Transportation and Labor secretary, was "absolutely" her first choice.

"With all that has happened in the Clinton administration, I believe that the country is up for a change of pace," Oser wrote. "Elizabeth Dole would help that along nicely."

That did not stop her from making Mrs. Clinton her second choice and adding, "I'll put Bill in his

READERS' PICKS

Here is how the 20 women on the White House Project's list fared among Sun-Times readers. Rank reflects the sum of all the votes each woman received, with votes weighted to reflect the position on each specific reader's list.

1. Hillary Rodham Clinton, 51, first lady.
2. Elizabeth Dole, 62, former Cabinet official.
3. Mae C. Jemison, 42, physician, former astronaut.
4. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, 63, California Democrat.
5. Claudia Kennedy, 51, three-star Army general.
6. Gov. Christine Todd Whitman, 52, New Jersey Republican.
7. Marian Wright Edelman, 59, children's advocate.
8. Sen. Mary Landrieu, 43, Louisiana Democrat.
9. Donna Shalala, 57, Clinton Cabinet official.
10. Wilma Mankiller, 53, Cherokee Nation chief.
11. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, 55, Texas Republican.
12. Linda Chavez-Thompson, 54, labor leader.
13. Angela Oh, 43, human rights activist.
13. Ann Fudge, 47, Maxwell House president.
15. Bernadine Healy, 54, medical school dean.
16. Sen. Olympia J. Snowe, 51, Maine Republican.
17. Carol Browner, 40, EPA Cabinet head.
18. Carol Bellamy, 56, UNICEF chief.
18. Maria Echaveste, White House official.
20. Judith Rodin, 54, nonprofit president.

■ *Disenfranchised until 1920, women have achieved much in the area of politics during the last century. These 15 Chicagoans are among those who have made a significant difference, writes political columnist Steve Neal.*

Women of the century

It has been a century of accomplishment for Chicago's political women.

At the beginning of the 20th century, women couldn't even vote.

But as a result of the activism of pioneers such as Jane Addams and Ida B. Wells, the rules were changed. It took decades and generations for women to achieve major gains.

Women nationally won the right to vote in 1920 but only after a long struggle. Illinois was admitted to the union in 1818 but didn't elect a woman to statewide executive office until 1990. Earlier this month, Corinne Wood of Lake Forest was sworn in as the state's first female lieutenant governor. State Treasurer Judy Bear Topinka, a Chicago native, in the 1998 election became the first of her sex to win back-to-back terms in statewide executive office.

The Illinois Constitution of 1970 included an equal-rights provision. But although 35 states ratified the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, Illinois legislators effectively killed the ERA in 1982.

Even so, Chicago's political women have achieved a great deal in the 20th century. These 15 made a significant difference:

Jane Addams (1860-1935): When the founder of Hull House delivered the seconding speech for Theodore Roosevelt at the 1912 Progressive convention, it marked the entrance of women into national politics. A year later, Illinois became the first state east of the Mississippi to grant women the right to vote. Addams also played important roles in the enactment of the state's first factory inspection laws, the Child Labor law of 1903, and the city's first juvenile court. She became active in the peace movement, and her views were unpopular during World War I. But she was later awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Jane M. Byrne (1894-): Elected in 1970 as Chicago's first female mayor, Byrne opened the city's books, balanced the budget and did much to promote this town as a world-class city. She embarked on a \$1 billion expansion project at O'Hare Airport, proposed the redevelopment of Navy Pier and a lakefront park campus that were carried out by her successors. When Byrne launched a campaign against gang crime, she moved into Cabrini-Green. Though elected as an independent, she hurt herself by making accommodation with politicians she had denounced as "evil cabal." That cost her re-election in 1983.

Hillary Rodham Clinton (1947-): A native of Chicago's North Side who grew up in suburban Park Ridge, she was a National Merit Scholarship finalist and member of student government in high school. She was voted "Most Likely to Succeed" by her classmates at Maine South High School in 1965. She fulfilled that promise when she was named as one of the nation's top lawyers. As President Clinton's wife, she has had more influence on policy than any other presidential spouse. She has maintained close ties to the Chicago area.

Emily Taft Douglas (1869-1994): Her election as a Democratic congresswoman in 1944 in 1944 over an incumbent Republi-



Dawn Clark Natchez



Hillary Rodham Clinton
Maintains ties with Chicago



Ruth Hanna McCormick



Paula Wolff



Ida B. Wells



Lois Weisberg



Nancy B. Jefferson
Led Midwest Community Council



Lynn M. Martin



Jane Addams



Elizabeth Wood
Pioneer in public housing



Carol Moseley-Braun
First black woman elected to U.S. Senate



Nancy Davis Reagan
Transformed role of first lady



Ilana D. Rovner



Jane M. Byrne



Emily Taft Douglas

can incumbent showed that Midwestern attitudes about America's role in the world were changing. Douglas, who served on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, was among the first public officials to suggest a plan for American economic aid to help rebuild Europe in the wake of World War II. It would be called the Marshall Plan. She was the first woman in Congress to precede her husband. The late Sen. Paul H. Douglas followed her to Washington, D.C., in 1945.

Nancy B. Jefferson (1923-1992): A powerful voice for civil rights and community empowerment, Jefferson showed that private citizens can have more impact than government officials. As the leader of the Midwest Community Council for three decades, she organized more than 100 block organizations on the West Side and galvanized the black independent movement. A close ally of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s in the 1960s, Jefferson encouraged Harold Washington to run for mayor in 1983 and helped elect him.

Lynn M. Martin (1920-): The first woman to win a senior slot in the GOP's con-

gressional leadership, Martin represented northwestern Illinois in the U.S. House during the 1980s. After losing a 1990 U.S. Senate bid, Martin was appointed by President Bush as secretary of labor. In that role, Martin promoted the retraining of workers for the 21st century and sought to help break the glass ceiling that kept women and minorities out of top management.

Ruth Hanna McCormick (1880-1944): An early campaigner for women's rights, McCormick in 1928 became the first woman in the United States to win a statewide election when she was elected to one of the state's two at-large congressional seats. Two years later, McCormick became the first woman nominated by a major party for the U.S. Senate when she upset Republican incumbent Charles McNamara in the primary. But she lost the general election.

Carol Moseley-Braun (1947-): The first black woman elected to the U.S. Senate, she delivered an impassioned speech and won a showdown with Jesse Helms over the Confederate flag by persuading colleagues to change their votes and kill the re-

newal of a design patent that included the flag. Moseley-Braun was a strong proponent of federal aid to help rebuild crumbling schools. But because her tenure was plagued by controversy, she lost her '98 re-election bid.

Dawn Clark Natchez (1926-): The North Side's election in 1990 as Illinois state comptroller made her the first woman to win statewide executive office. Four years later, she achieved another historic first by winning the Democratic nomination for governor but lost the general election. As a delegate to the 1970 Illinois Constitutional Convention, she wrote the provision in the Constitution that declares that the state has the primary responsibility for funding public education.

Nancy Davis Reagan (1921-): Her earliest political involvement was as the class president at the Latin School. But she would play a larger role as Ronald Reagan's wife and confidante. She showed him the path to power. It has been suggested that she transformed the office of first lady into an associate presidency. She influenced her husband's approach to the Soviet Union and was the only person whom President Reagan consulted about his decision to seek re-election.

Ilana D. Rovner (1938-): At every stage of her career, Rovner has been a trailblazer. The first woman to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals bench, she was previously the first of her sex to head a division in the U.S. attorney's office for northern Illinois and the first to serve as deputy governor. In the administration of James R. Thompson,

Lois Weisberg (1925-): As commissioner of cultural affairs for a decade, the indefatigable Weisberg sparked a local renaissance that has gained international acclaim. She previously served as director of special events in the late Mayor Washington's administration. Before going into government, she was among Chicago's more effective civic activists as a founder of the Friends of the Parks and as executive director of the Chicago Council of Lawyers.

Ida B. Wells (1862-1931): She made an unsuccessful race for the Illinois Senate in 1930 but had enduring impact as a social reformer. Wells was the organizer and first president of the Negro Fellowship League in 1908 and a year later was among the organizers of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Paula Wolff (1915-): A key adviser to three Republican governors in the last 30 years, Wolff has had a distinguished career in higher education and public service. As the chairwoman of Gov. Jim Edgar's Commission on the Status of Women, she developed a blueprint to help women achieve more economic independence. She is now president of Governors State University.

Elizabeth Wood (1899-1993): A public housing pioneer, she was the founding executive director of the Chicago Housing Authority, serving from 1937 until 1954. It was her goal to achieve racial and economic integration.

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By Annie Groer and Ann Gerhart

■ Our inquiries into a meeting at which Sen. **Robert Torricelli** (D-N.J.) was said to have brandished positive polling data and urged first lady **Hillary Rodham Clinton** to run for the Senate from New York brought this cryptic statement from Torricelli's office: "As Chair of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, one of my tasks is to identify and recruit good Democratic candidates for the U.S. Senate. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will certainly have a number of options when she leaves The White House . . . and she would be a very formidable candidate if she chooses to run."

Clinton's press secretary, **Marsha Berry**, said her boss and Torricelli have not met. But the first lady remains coy about any aspirations to elected office. Few think she'll run, many hope she will, and other would-be senators, like Rep. **Nita Lowey** (D-N.Y.), remain publicly polite.

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Virtual tie

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and New York City Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani would be in a virtual tie for the U.S. Senate seat in New York in 2000 if the vote were held now, according to a poll by SurveyUSA of Verona, N.J.

A survey of 1,000 registered New York voters gave Mrs. Clinton 49 percent and Mr. Giuliani 47 percent of the vote, a statistical tie given the survey's margin of error of plus or minus 3.2 percent.

Still, neither potential candidate received majority support to run in the first place, Bloomberg News reports. Only 48 percent of those surveyed said Mrs. Clinton should even run for retiring Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan's seat in 2000, and just 49 percent said Mr. Giuliani should run.

Twenty-three percent of Republicans said they would cross over and vote for Mrs. Clinton, while 30 percent of Democrats would vote for Mr. Giuliani, the survey found.

Neither Mrs. Clinton nor Mr. Giuliani has publicly expressed intent to run for a Senate seat. The telephone survey was conducted Thursday and Friday.

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Social Security crucial for women, first lady says

By Eun-Kyung Kim
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Most Americans first heard about Social Security as they registered for their cards to help them get their first jobs as teen-agers. But most people — women in particular — are only beginning to understand how the system benefits them, Hillary Rodham Clinton said Saturday.

"The future of Social Security is, without a doubt, one of the most important issues facing our country and facing women in America today," the first lady said. "Yet many of us are just beginning to get involved in the debate, and we're just starting to learn about how Social Security affects us as women."

Clinton's comments opened the teleconference "What Every Woman Should Know About Social Security." The gathering linked Washington, to 10 major cities across the nation. It was intended to stress the significance of pre-



Associated Press

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, right, greets Rep. Jennifer Dunn, R-Wash., left, as Rebecca Rimel, president of the Pew Charitable Trusts, looks on.

serving the retirement program and explain how Americans, particularly women, benefit from it.

More than half of all elderly women would fall below the pov-

erty level without Social Security, Clinton said. Currently, she said, Social Security is the only income one in four women receives.

"When you go to the supermar-

ket, when you go to church or to synagogue, when you're walking down the street, I want you to think that every other woman you see who is over 65 would be living below the poverty line if it were not for Social Security," she said.

Women have "unique life patterns," because they live longer than men, Clinton said. They also make lower lifetime earnings and, therefore, reach retirement with smaller pensions and other financial assets.

Speaking after the first lady, Rep. Jennifer Dunn, R-Wash., said the Social Security system must be preserved "at least at the current level so that women will have peace of mind that Social Security will be there for them as they move into retirement."

Dunn said if nothing is done to the current system, Social Security will be able to pay only 73 percent of current benefits when her oldest child reaches retirement age in 2032.

"As the mother of two sons, I

know that the last thing a woman wants to be is a burden on their family," she said. "Preserving Social Security will help women who are growing older to have the freedom and independence that comes with knowing that their future retirement is secure."

House Republicans have accepted President Clinton's suggestion to reserve 62 percent of the budget surplus until an agreement on Social Security is reached. The first lady praised the decision and urged lawmakers to reserve more of the surplus to protect Medicare, the health insurance program for the elderly and disabled that, like Social Security, is in danger of being financially overwhelmed by aging baby boomers.

"Health security and retirement security should go hand in hand," she said.

Dunn said lawmakers want to work quickly to ensure Social Security's future.

"We're always going to be looking for areas in which we can agree to make the system better for all of us," she said.

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Nation

First lady unveils \$4.5m plan to protect clinics

Abortion foes mark 26th anniversary of Roe v. Wade with vow to continue battle

By Cassandra Burrell
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton announced yesterday that President Clinton plans to seek \$4.5 million for alarm systems and closed-circuit camera systems to protect clinics where abortions are performed. Across town, thousands swayed, sang, and prayed for the government to make abortions illegal again.

On the 26th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion nationwide, Mrs. Clinton told an abortion rights group of the administration proposal. Clinics would buy security devices — which also include motion detectors, bulletproof windows, and improved lighting — with federal money under a White House plan to counter clinic violence. The money also would be used to determine which clinics were most at risk.

She said the president will include the plan in his budget proposal for the next fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1.

"Violence, harassment, and intimidation have no place in our health care system or in this debate," she told members

of the National Abortion Rights Action League. NARAL was celebrating its 30th anniversary at a Washington hotel.

Mrs. Clinton also saluted Dr. Barnett Slepian, an obstetrician who was shot to death by a sniper last October in the kitchen of his home in Amherst, N.Y., a Buffalo suburb. Investigators suspect he was killed by an antiabortion protester.

A law enforcement official said yesterday that preliminary DNA tests link the protester to a strand of hair found near Slepian's house.

The first round of DNA tests on the hair at the FBI Laboratory in Washington established a high probability that it came from the same person as a hair found in a New Jersey home where James C. Kopp, a 44-year-old antiabortion protester, lived last year, the official said.

An appropriate way to honor Slepian is to "make sure doctors are trained and available to provide safe and comprehensive health care to women all over our nation," Mrs. Clinton said.

"In the last 10 years there have been seven murders, 38 bombings, 146 cases of

arson, and 733 cases of vandalism," she said. When doctors are killed or clinics are bombed, she said, "this is not free expression. This is domestic terrorism and it must stop."

She also emphasized the importance of making contraceptives and health counseling available to young women and men to avoid teen pregnancies.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists presented Slepian's widow, Lynn, with a plaque honoring the doctor's service at the NARAL meeting. The crowd in the ballroom gave her a standing ovation.

As Mrs. Clinton spoke, hundreds of antiabortion activists gathered on a muddy park near the White House for speeches, songs, prayers, and a march to the Supreme Court and the Capitol.

This was the 26th straight year that the group March for Life has organized a massive rally on the Ellipse, just south of the White House, to mark the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. Many participants said they would never tire of returning to Washington year after year to demand that the government outlaw abortion.

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Abortion opponents, marking the 26th anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision, marched in Washington yesterday.

First lady unveils clinic security plan

Announcement comes on Roe anniversary

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At the NARAL meeting, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists honored Slepian's widow, Lynn, with a plaque honoring her husband's service.

An appropriate way to honor him, Mrs. Clinton said, is to "make sure doctors are trained and available to provide safe and comprehensive health care to women all over our nation."

"In the last 10 years, there have been seven murders, 38 bombings, 146 cases of arson and 733 cases of vandalism" that were abortion-related, she added.

A law-enforcement official said Friday that preliminary DNA tests link a missing anti-abortion activist to a strand of hair found near where a sniper shot and killed Slepian.

The first round of DNA tests by the FBI established a high probability that the hair came from the same person as a hair found in a New Jersey home where James C. Kopp, a 44-year-old abortion protester, lived last year, the official said.

Kopp has eluded authorities since they obtained a warrant for him as a material witness in the Slepian killing.

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"Public opinion is changing," said Richard Miranti, a dentist from Toms River, N.J. "The reality of the cruelty and violence is becoming more apparent."

Protesters snarled traffic even before they started marching as they walked to the Ellipse for the rally.

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W.Va. governor urges taxing chewing tobacco

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. — In the state that leads the nation in chewing tobacco use, the governor is proposing to capitalize on the habit by taxing it.

Republican Gov. Cecil Underwood, a former board member of the American Cancer Society, sees it as a health issue. He wants \$5 million of the anticipated \$7 million revenue from the tax to pay the state's share of a program for children without health insurance.

He has opposition: Republicans oppose increasing taxes, and many Democrats say chewing tobacco is a part of West Virginia's culture, something that grew in popularity in part because smoking is banned in the coal mines.

"My father always told me, if you know a person who chews tobacco or carries a pocket knife, you'll find he's a pretty good fellow," said Senate Majority Leader Truman Chafin, a Democrat.

West Virginia has the nation's highest percentage of men who chew tobacco — 18.4 percent, compared with the national average of 7.2 percent. In one county, 54 percent of men chew.

Underwood has proposed a 25 percent tax; anti-tobacco lobbyists want it to be 50 percent.

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Incredibly Rare Find—If Real

By BILL McALLISTER
Washington Post Staff Writer

It has to be one of the ugliest stamps ever produced. But for decades the poorly-printed, magenta octagonal from British Guiana has been considered the world's rarest stamp, a 1-cent stamp that last sold for \$935,000 in 1980.

Now Stamp Collector, a philatelic newspaper, is reporting that there may be a second copy of the stamp. The new discovery is undergoing tests by the Royal Philatelic Society in Great Britain to determine if it is genuine.

If those tests, expected to take several more months, uphold the stamp's validity it could be "the major stamp story of the decade," says Stamp Collector publisher Wayne L. Youngblood. The second copy is as badly damaged as the first copy, but it supposedly has better color than the first.

The 1-cent British Guiana was hurriedly produced in the South American British colony by a local newspaper printer after the local post office in British Guiana ran out of 1- and 4-cent stamps printed in England. That was 1856, and a small number of the stamps were printed and used on letters.

While several 4-cent stamps have appeared, only one 1-cent stamp has ever been located. That stamp is owned by multimillionaire murderer John E. du Pont, who was sentenced to prison for shooting an Olympic wrestler who lived on his Pennsylvania estate.

The new discovery is supposedly owned by a German stamp dealer who purchased it from a Romanian dancer in the mid-1980s. She had inherited it from her father, a Russian nobleman, according to Stamp Collector.

If the stamp is found to be

Feldman is planning to sell the stamp. "This stamp has puzzled a number of the experts in the field," he told Stamp Collector. "It's definitely not a black-and-white case."

■ WHEN RICHARD MOE, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, wanted a way to promote sales of the new Dolley Madison commemorative silver dollar last week, he needed to look no further than Madison's old Washington address.

There he found first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, who has made preservation of historic sites one of her top goals. And because Clinton last summer had cited Montpelier, James and Dolley Madison's home near Orange, Va., as one of the historic homes that should be preserved, her promotion of the first coin to depict a first lady seemed natural.

The coin features a portrait of a young Dolley Madison surrounded by Cape Jasmine gardenias and the Ice House temple at Montpelier. The reverse features a view of the front entrance to the mansion, which the National Trust acquired in 1983.

The price of each coin includes a \$10 surcharge that will be given to the Trust for preservation of the Virginia estate. The coin is being sold in proof and uncirculated condition for \$33 and \$30 each respectively through Feb. 8; then the prices will rise to \$37 and \$32.

Standing in front of the Gilbert Stuart painting that Dolley Madison saved from being torched by the British in 1814, Clinton last week hailed the wife of President James Madison as "one of our first ladies for all time."

Moe praised Clinton as a "kindred spirit" of Madison, saying that each had "helped shape the role of the first lady in her own time in



The new Dolley Madison silver dollar got a promotional boost recently from first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The Madison silver dollar is the first U.S. coin to bear the trademark of a commercial firm. Each side of the new coin carries the tiny letters "T&Co," the mark of Tiffany & Co. The New York jewelry company, in an unusual arrangement, designed the coin for the National Trust. Most U.S. coins are created by the Mint's staff or in a contest conducted by the agency.

Mint employees engraved the coins, which were struck at the Mint in Philadelphia, Dolley Madison's hometown.

■ NOW THAT the rush for 33-cent stamps and 1-cent stamps has abated, the U.S. Postal Service is releasing its latest "Love" stamps and envelope at the new higher rates. All go on sale Wednesday in Loveland, Colo., and are the latest additions to the popular "Love" stamp series than began in 1973.

The 33-cent and 55-cent self-adhesive "Love" stamps are the first die-cut stamps the Postal Service has ever issued, each peels off a sheet in the shape of a Victorian-era Valentine's heart. The Postal Service has printed 1.5 billion of the 33-cent stamps and 300 million of the 55-cent stamps. The higher valued stamps are for use on wedding invitations that weigh two

■ THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA Coin Club's quarterly stamp and coin show will be held at the Northern Virginia Community College Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike (Rte. 236), Annandale, on Saturday from 10 to 6 and Sunday from 10 to 5. Admission is free. Call 703/532-6640.

INFORMATION on the Dolley Madison coins is available from the U.S. Mint. Call 800/646-8872.

INDIVIDUALS seeking first-day cancellations of the love stamps or envelopes should purchase the stamps and envelopes at their local post office. The stamps should be placed on addressed envelopes. These should be mailed in a larger envelope to: Love Stamps, Postmaster, 446 E. 29th St., Loveland, CO 80538-9991. Requests should be postmarked by Feb. 27.

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A ROAD TRIP

Clintons and Gores seize 'the moment'

By Roger Simon
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

BUFFALO—Rarely in the past several months did the White House staff allow the public to see President Clinton in person. Unless you were a Democratic contributor with a big bank account or a Democratic stalwart with a lucky ticket, Clinton was a television show only.

But Wednesday, with his State of the Union speech behind him, his poll numbers in the stratosphere and his impeachment trial at least two states away, Clinton went on a road trip to Buffalo, where nearly 22,000 people braved more than 4 feet of snow and sub-freezing temperatures to cheer themselves hoarse.

It was a four-ring circus and a rare gathering: Bill, Hillary, Al and Tipper all together and all giving speeches from the same stage.

"We're sort of like a big family," Clinton said. "We like going places together."

But before Tipper Gore spoke about mental health, before First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton made what could be the beginning of her New York Senate campaign and before Vice President Al Gore growled in what was certainly part of his presidential campaign,

there was Rev. Bennett Smith, who turned toward Clinton on the stage in the Marine Midland Arena and said: "We have kept you and your administration in our prayers. You have been the greatest president for our people in all times."

Each member of the White House "big family" got up and emphasized the same thing: Although Clinton's presidency is ending in two years (or less, if 67 senators decide to pull the plug), he intends to make the time count.

"I am very, very proud that my husband has never, ever taken his eyes off the fundamental goals," Hillary Clinton said. "We heard a new agenda last night. We have to make sure that the promise of America is available to everyone."

As she spoke, she faced hand-made signs that said "Hillary for NY Senator." A seat will be open in 2000 when Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.) retires.

Vice President Gore got up and tried out the gravel-throated, tent-revival, "Preacher Al" speaking style he debuted in Champaign-Urbana on the day after the State of the Union last year.

"We've got the LEAD-er-ship! Last night we were given the ag-EN-da! We have the VIS-ion," he rasped. "When anybody brings about as much POS-i-tive change



President Clinton, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton (left) and local guests react to remarks by Vice President Al Gore in Buffalo, N.Y., where the Clintons and Gores touted the administration agenda on Wednesday.

in such a short period of time as President Bill Clinton has brought, it's bound to dis-com-BOB-u-late some people! It's bound to SHAKE them up."

Clinton draws strength from big crowds. He gets energized by their applause and laughter and likes to try out lines on them. And when he stood up Wednesday he got a

2-minute-25-second standing ovation, which would have gone on longer had he not asked the people to stop.

He bashed Republicans for trying to bankrupt the nation with tax cuts and rob future generations of prosperity. "It may sound good if somebody says, 'This is your surplus and we ought to give

it back to you,'" Clinton said. "But you ought to ask yourself, 'What's America going to look like 10, 20, 30 years from now? How are all the families going to deal with the retirement of the Baby Boom generation?'"

The whole day, from the applause to the introductions to the speeches, had one underlying

message: Scandal? What scandal? On the same day that White House special counsel Greg Craig was arguing in his defense before the Senate, Clinton felt confident enough to make some veiled references to his problems:

Earlier, Gore had said that the president reminded him of Dominic Hasek, the goalie for the Buffalo Sabres, because Clinton always had to keep knocking away bad things.

A few minutes later, Clinton said: "You know, he kept talking about how I was swatting away those flying hockey pucks in Washington. I was flattered, but I thought: I just wish one day they would give me a mask and a few pads when I dodge that stuff!"

What Clinton does have is continuing good poll numbers: Surveys taken after his Tuesday night State of the Union address showed an increase in his job-approval rating.

ABC News had him rising 3 percentage points to 66 percent, and CBS News had him up 5 percentage points to 72 percent.

Wednesday marked the sixth anniversary of Clinton's inauguration and he noted the date by saying, "It seems impossible to me that those six years have flown by. They have been, to put it mildly, quite eventful."

"We've had a lot of fun today," Clinton said after presenting a detailed defense of his Social Security plan. "But I want you to think about this: We cannot afford to squander this moment. ... We have to make the most of it."

Clinton made the most of his moments all day, pressing the flesh with the crowds in Buffalo and later in the day in Norristown, Pa.

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Greeting well-wishers: Hillary Rodham Clinton (upper left) photographs President Clinton as he greets enthusiastic supporters at a rally yesterday at Marine Midland Arena in Buffalo, N.Y.

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President goes on road, pushes plan to save surplus for Social Security

His approval ratings rise after State of the Union

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Riding a bump in the polls, President Clinton argued vigorously yesterday for his plan to save the budget surplus for protecting Social Security, saying it would give the nation stronger economic footing "long after I'm gone from the White House."

At his first public rally since being impeached Dec. 19, the president promoted the agenda unveiled Tuesday night in his State of the Union address. Clinton was joined at the rally by the vice president and their wives.

Clinton said he is ready for a clash with Congress over whether about 60 percent of the federal surplus he expects — \$4 trillion over 15 years — should be reserved for shoring up Social Security or go for a tax cut.

"We're going to have a big argument about this, and we should," he said. "It may sound good if somebody says, 'This is your surplus and we ought to give it back to you.' What I'm trying to do is give you a way to maximize the

chances that we will have a strong economy" in the future, he said.

Later, at a rally in Norristown, Pa., Clinton said he did not oppose tax cuts, as long as they are targeted. "Yes, we ought to give some tax cuts. But they ought to be the right kind," he said.

If his Social Security plan is approved, Clinton said, the nation will continue to prosper. "And long after I'm gone from the White House, you would have ... a better future."

The president's job approval rating got a lift after Tuesday night's speech and ranged from 66 percent to 76 percent, according to several network polls. His personal approval ratings also rose.

Barnstorming by "all four principals," as the Clintons and Gores are known among White House staff, is unusual. Except for big-ticket party fund-raisers and personal outings, the foursome has seldom traveled and appeared together since the 1996 campaign.

A crowd of more than 20,000 greeted the visitors from Washington at Marine Midland Arena in Buffalo. The White House said it was the largest group Clinton has addressed since last year's post-State of the Union appearance in LaCrosse, Wis.

Clinton has made several pub-

lic appearances since he was impeached, but before smaller audiences.

Noting the financial upheaval abroad, Clinton said a tax cut now could hurt efforts to sustain surpluses. Avoiding debt now, he said, means "you would be somewhat more protected."

The Republicans are calling for a 10 percent tax cut.

Clinton said he believes Congress ultimately will see his side after debate and negotiation involving lawmakers, the White House and the American people.

"I ask you to talk to your friends and neighbors about it," Clinton told the crowd. "When people come out and disagree with my approach, listen to them, sit down and have a discussion about it."

The president, the vice president and their wives lingered to greet well-wishers. Clinton leapt to slap hands with a little girl straining through the bars to greet him.

Vice President Al Gore underscored the uphill battle Clinton's proposals face in Congress.

"Last night was a turning point for our country," Gore said, raising his voice. "Are you going to fight for his agenda? That's what it's going to take!" The crowd responded enthusiastically.

'My Fellow Americans . . . State of Our Union is Strong'

Excerpts:

When the first lady and Tipper Gore visited the region, they saw thousands of our troops and thousands of American volunteers. In the Dominican Republic, Hillary helped to rededicate a hospital that had been rebuilt by Dominicans and Americans working side by side. With her was some one else who has been very important to the relief efforts. You know sports records are made and sooner or later, they're broken. But making other people's lives better and showing our children the true meaning of brotherhood, that lasts forever. So for far more than baseball, Sammy Sosa, you're a hero in two countries tonight. Thank you.

So I say to all of you, if we do these things, if we pursue peace, fight terrorism, increase our strength, renew our alliances, we will begin to meet our generation's historic responsibility to build a stronger 21st century America in a freer, more peaceful world.



First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton talks to baseball star Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs during State of the Union. President Clinton singled out Sosa for his work in providing aid to hurricane victims.

You know, barely more than 300 days from now we will cross that bridge into the new millennium. This is a moment, as the first lady has said, to honor the past and imagine the future.

I'd like to take just a minute to honor her, for leading our Millennium Project, for all she's done for our children. For all she has done in her historic role to serve our nation and our best ideals at home and abroad, I honor her.

Last year—last year I called on Congress and every citizen to mark the millennium by saving America's treasures. Hillary's traveled all across the country to inspire recognition and support for saving places like Thomas Edison's invention factory or Harriet Tubman's home.

Now we have to preserve our treasures in every community. And tonight, before I close, I want to invite every town, every city, every community to become a nationally recognized millennium community by launching projects that save our history, promote our arts and humanities, prepare our children for the 21st century.

Already the response has been remarkable. And I want to say a special word of thanks to our private sector partners and to members in Congress of both parties for their support. Just one example. Because of you, the Star Spangled Banner will be preserved for the ages.

In ways large and small, as we look to the millennium, we are keeping alive what George Washington called the sacred fire of liberty.

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President takes stand before Congress, nation



By Tim Dillon, USA TODAY

Special guests: Hillary Rodham Clinton is joined by, from left, Capt. Jeffery Taliaferro, Vietnamese refugee Loc Truong, baseball player Sammy Sosa, Tipper Gore and civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks.

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The New York Times

Tentative Bid To Succeed Moynihan

Lowey, a Democrat, Is Gauging Support

By ADAM NAGOURNEY

Amid growing concern among New York Democrats over finding a candidate to run for the Senate in 2000, Representative Nita M. Lowey of Westchester said yesterday that she was considering a race for the seat and that she had begun calling Democrats and contributors to measure potential support.

As things now stand, Ms. Lowey, 61, would have the field essentially to herself if she sought the job held by Daniel Patrick Moynihan, even though she is barely known statewide. Many Democrats said yesterday that the thin ranks of potential candidates pointed to a troubling weakness in the party as it approached the 2000 election.

Several prospective candidates — including the State Comptroller, H. Carl McCall, and Andrew M. Cuomo, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development — have ruled out the contest, leaving Democratic leaders worried that potential candidates are being scared off by the possible Republican candidacy of Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani of New York.

Some state Democratic leaders have urged Hillary Rodham Clinton, the First Lady, to move to New York next year and run for the Senate. Ms. Lowey said yesterday she would immediately abandon her prospective campaign if Ms. Clinton ran. Mrs. Clinton has not publicly ruled out the idea, although her friends describe it as highly unlikely.

In an interview yesterday, Ms. Lowey said she had spent the day calling Democratic leaders and contributors to measure how well she would do in lining up support. She also said she would spend the next few months traveling the state to discuss her prospective candidacy.

"I'm seriously, actively exploring the Senate race," she said. "I'm going to make a definitive decision in the spring."

Mr. Moynihan's decision not to seek a fifth term in 2000, which he announced three days after the election of Charles E. Schumer, a Democrat and former Representative, to the Senate, has underlined the absence of formidable statewide candidates in the party.

The party's inability to recruit a strong

candidate has been chilled as well by the prospective candidacy of Mr. Giuliani. The two-term Mayor presumably would have no trouble drawing Democratic votes in New York City and raising the money needed for the contest.

But the vacuum in the Democratic Party has, it seems, created an opportunity for Ms. Lowey, a five-term member of Congress who is barely known outside her district, which includes parts of Westchester, the Bronx and Queens. Several Democrats said that she would, if by default, be the front-runner if she decided to run.

Ms. Lowey's aides said yesterday that she had \$800,000 in her campaign account that could go toward the race. Ms. Lowey said that a Senate race would be expensive, but she said she did not believe she would have any difficulty financing a campaign. "You have to raise a huge amount of money, and I think I can do it — I think between \$15 million and \$20 million," she said.

The main promoter of a Clinton candidacy in New York, Representative Charles B. Rangel of Manhattan, said yesterday he would welcome Ms. Lowey into the race if Mrs. Clinton ultimately decided not to run.

"I think outside of Clinton, she would be the most outstanding candidate that we have," Mr. Rangel said. "If Hillary Clinton doesn't run, I cannot think of any candidate who has a better chance to win, who is better qualified, than Nita Lowey."

Mr. Schumer also said he believed that Ms. Lowey would be "a strong candidate" and that "she has a strong record in Congress." The new Democratic Senator said he did not believe that Mr. Giuliani was necessarily as a fearsome political force as many Democrats have suggested.

"Giuliani is not a pushover," Mr. Schumer said. "But we're a long way away from the election. I had 1 percent in the polls at about this time, and no one thought I could win the primary, let alone beat D'Amato."

If Ms. Lowey decides against running, the field as of now would include Representative Carolyn B. Maloney and the Rev. Al Sharpton.



Nita M. Lowey
of Westchester

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No Elbow Room at the White House

Park Service Plans \$300 Million Overhaul to Ease Congestion

By STEPHEN C. FEHR
Washington Post Staff Writer

A walk through the White House begins in the wood-paneled East Wing lobby and continues on to the elegant Ground Floor Corridor, with its vaulted ceiling, bronze-and-crystal chandeliers, marble walls and floors, portraits of first ladies and bronze busts of famous Americans.

"This is sort of the good view of the White House," said Ann Smith, a National Park Service planner. "It looks very formal, very special."

But open a nearby door that's off-limits and you come to a narrow, crowded corridor through which everyone and everything must pass to go between the East and West wings.

On any given day, up to 3,000 people work at the White House complex, attending hundreds of meetings, delivering mail and packages and picking up food or supplies that require them to navigate the 11-foot-wide hall a floor below the North Portico. As many as 600 deliveries a week are made to the White House, and many

cross at this spot. "Everything converges here," said Gary J. Walters, chief usher at the White House.

Worsening congestion and strain are evident at the president's home, office and 82-acre grounds, the Park Service says, and that has prompted the agency to propose a 20-year, \$300 million overhaul of the 200-year-old complex.

In a rare, two-hour backstage tour last week, the Park Service presented its view of the depth of

See WHITE HOUSE, A4, Col. 1

At the White House, Planning to Expand

WHITE HOUSE, From A1

the problems. Storage space is so scarce that items for holiday decorations and the yearly Easter egg roll are kept elsewhere. And the China Room, where the presidential china is on display, doubles as a coat room for state dinners.

The White House is more to Washington than a symbol of the power of the presidency. Part residence, museum, office building and park, what happens there has a direct impact on the surrounding neighborhood, especially on traffic circulation and downtown parking. Any renovation also would affect the 5,000 tourists who come there every day and who make the White House the most visited home in America.

Though not always visible to people on those tours, the building's needs aren't being met, the Park Service says, even as the number of meetings and events there increases. The historic state rooms are now being used for business meetings because there's no space elsewhere. Parking is so tight that cars are parked next to fire hydrants and in crosswalks. Heightened security demands longer and more frequent motorcades, which tie up traffic on outside streets and inside the gate.

On the day a reporter and photographer glimpsed the White House underbelly, President Clinton was welcoming Argentine President Carlos Menem for the first state visit of 1999, adding to the foot traffic inside and vehicles

In the corridor between the East and West wings, White House staffers carried lattes and muffins from the cafeteria to their offices, outside visitors came and went to meetings and Secret Service personnel moved about. The Coke man pushed a dolly stacked with cases of beverages. A carpenter passed by carrying a bucket of sawdust headed for the trash.

Meantime, the White House florist, Nancy Clarke, was nervous because the shipment of flowers she needed for the state dinner hadn't arrived. When they were delivered, "that's when we really have a problem because there's very little space for us to work," Clarke said.

The florists were forced to open boxes of flowers on a table set up in the corridor.

The hallway also doubles as an open storage closet for tablecloths, wall coverings, choral risers, tables and chairs used for special events. The ice machines are there, too.

And when storage space is scarce inside, materials sometimes are taken outside to the service drives on either side of the North Portico, an eyesore hidden from tourists that includes construction work space and the White House recycling bins. Walters pointed out three rented racks for food tray storage sitting outside in the cold "because we don't have any place to store them."

Most items for special events—Christmas decorations and Easter egg rolls—must be packed and stored at a warehouse in the College Park area, then brought back each season, each time going through a complicated security check. For diplomatic receptions—which can number five a week—the Park Service has to set up and take down the tables, chairs and stages, all of which come from the warehouse.

The items not put up in the warehouse are tucked into every available space in the White House, much like anyone's crowded family basement or garage. Even the president's basement bowling alley—a single lane, flanked by walls—is used for storage. If someone wants to play, the clutter has to be removed.

That collection of problems drove the Park Service to recommend changes to the complex. "Inadequate storage space requires frequent deliveries, often within view of those working at, coming to, or visiting the site," the Park Service said in a report. "The result is traffic congestion, delays, unsafe conditions . . . and an incompatible visual setting."

Walters, who has worked in the White House since 1970, said there has been a noticeable rise in the number of functions at the White House, spurred in part by security concerns about having the president leave the grounds too frequently.

The arrival of a limousine carrying Vice President Gore demonstrated how congested the White House confines can become, particularly on days when there are multiple events.

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The limo pulled up on West Executive Avenue, a main street serving the White House that also serves as a parking lot for staff, a delivery drive for trucks, a pedestrian crossing between the Old Executive Office Building and the West Wing and a staging area for motorcades. Vehicles often double-park, and there isn't much room for motorcades to turn around.

"The number of functions along West Executive Drive has maxed out," Smith said.

Closer to the North Portico, delivery trucks could not pull up to unload for the state dinner because the driveway was blocked by TV reporters giving live reports about the president's impeachment trial.

Gore was on his way to the arrival ceremony for Menem, which had to be moved indoors because of chilly weather—creating another logistical demand. Risers, chairs, a canopy and other materials that had been brought in by truck and set up on the South Lawn had to be removed or brought inside to the north entrance, and then a stage had to be built there.

"In many ways, this building is like a theater, with the sets changing all the time depending on the event," said James I. McDaniel, the Park Service's liaison to the White House.

Walters considers himself the choreographer, arranging the movements of the staff and outsiders as precisely as possible so they don't collide. But there can be near misses.

The band for the arrival ceremony, driven indoors, set up in the largest space close to the new ceremony site—which happened to be the State Dining Room, the same place where 150 people would be gathering for dinner that night. That meant the tables and chairs for the dinner couldn't be arranged until the ceremony was over.

"Usually, we'd set up the dining room in the morning, but because the band was there we had to wait," Walters said. "And we had to put up and take down red screens behind the band and because we didn't want the guests to see the unkempt dining room."

Nearby, the Family Dining Room had been transformed into a catering and storage area for the state dinner, with some tables stored against a marble fireplace under a Louis XVI mantel made in France in the 1770s.

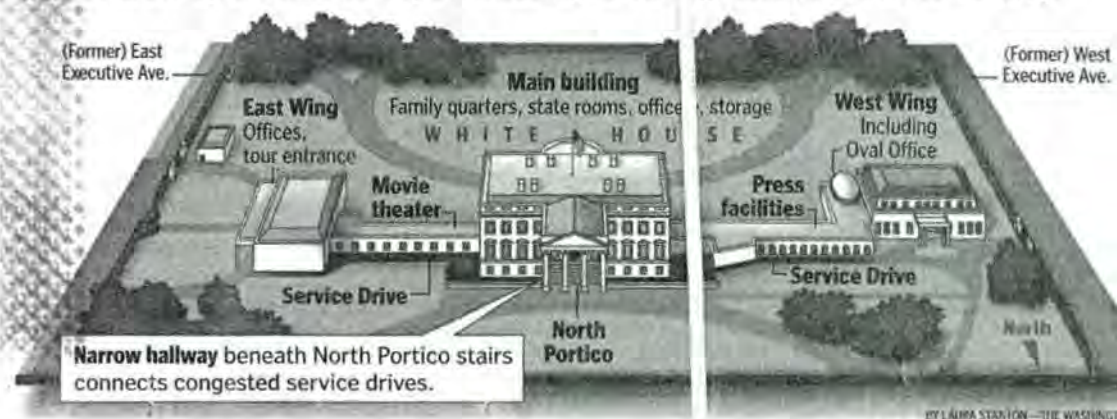
A floor below, White House Executive Chef Walter Scheib was beginning to prepare the dinner in a 30-foot-by-20-foot kitchen, small by professional kitchen standards. Food deliveries to the kitchen are limited—the staff can't shop for a week's groceries at a time—because of the limited storage space. The fish for the state dinner was brought in that day, but the vegetables were delivered a few days earlier.

"We don't really have a wine cellar, either," said Walters, who often has to turn down vintners' recommendations to buy cases of a particularly exquisite wine.

The Park Service plan does not cover everything—the kitchen space can't be expanded, for instance. But if Congress approves the money, the plan would remake the mansion and grounds in a dramatic way.

Remaking President's Park

Plans by the National Park Service for a \$300 million project to remake parts of the White House grounds and the surrounding 82 acres of parkland known as "President's Park" are being considered to help alleviate some of the crowding and congestion within the house itself.



For the first family, a 3,000-square-foot rec room would be added, directly accessible to the executive residence, providing private space in which to relax. Except for a small theater, the president and his family do not have that now. The congestion on West Executive would be eliminated by building a parking garage under Pennsylvania Avenue, where motorcade staging, staff parking and 2,000 square feet

of storage would be provided.

Separate tunnels for pedestrians and deliveries also would be built, improving foot and vehicle circulation. Deliveries would be made through the New Executive Office Building and distributed by light vehicles traveling in underground service corridors. Meeting space would be carved out beneath West Executive Avenue, and the news media would be housed in larger, subterranean facilities.

Elsewhere, the roadways on the Ellipse would be closed to vehicles; staff vehicles would park in a new garage below the Ellipse. Tourists would start the revamped tour in a roomier visitors' center.

Park Service officials have scheduled a public forum on the plan from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 27 and 28 at the center, 1450 Pennsylvania Ave. South.

The plan's future is uncertain; a dozen federal and local agencies must clear it before construction can begin. Park Service officials are planning to take lawmakers on similar behind-the-scenes tours in the hope they'll be persuaded.

The Park Service anticipates that the cost of the proposal will raise the strongest objections. The White House has undergone piecemeal renovations before, and the plan does not call for changes that would alter the facade of the mansion. Most additions are underground, and the rec room would be added without changing the house's exterior.

The plan, if fully executed, would be the most comprehensive renovation of the White House in its history.

"What I'd hope they'd see is that this is a plan that protects a historical residence while providing the services and facilities needed by both the presidency and the people," Smith said.

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Part-time butlers work in the Family Dining Room, used as a catering and storage area for state dinners because there is no room elsewhere.



A staff person wheels a coat rack outside the China Room, where the presidential china is on display. It doubles as a coat room for state dinners.



Nancy Clarke, White House florist, uses a table set up in a busy corridor to prepare flowers. Clarke said, "There's very little space for us to work."

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Dole and Clinton could be big names
again in 2000 election campaignsBy Mary Leonard
BOSTON GLOBE

WASHINGTON — Dole and Clinton could be the big campaign names of 2000, just as they were in 1996. The significant difference, however, would be watching Bob and Bill play the supporting-spouse roles to their star-candidate wives.

Republican Elizabeth Dole said recently she is considering a run for president in 2000, the same job her husband pursued in 1996. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton has not hushed, nor has she confirmed, rumors that she will seek the Senate seat of retiring New York Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan next year.

"I kind of think he feels he'd make a great first spouse," Dole, the retiring head of the American Red Cross, said of her husband on the "Today" show in early January. As for President Clinton, many believe his character and behavior have created opportunities for credentialed and disciplined women candidates like Dole and even his wife.

Marie Wilson, president of the White House Project, an 8-month-old effort aimed at electing a woman president by 2008, said a year of scandal in Washington had changed the political climate so that being different — in voice, vision, leadership style and gender — is a plus and a reason for excitement.

"Women who ran for president or vice president before — Margaret Chase Smith, Shirley Chisholm, Geraldine Ferraro, and Patricia Schroeder — stepped into a climate where people laughed and said, 'You're different,'" said Wilson, who heads the Ms. Foundation for Women in Manhattan. "Nobody was snickering at Mrs. Dole because today voters are dying for someone who is different."

In a poll done for the White House Project, 76 percent of

Americans said they would vote for a woman president. But there would be high hurdles for Dole in a national race and Clinton in a statewide contest. Neither of them has ever run for public office, and Dole was not tested on policy issues during her Red Cross tenure. Clinton could turn out to be as polarizing as candidate as she once was in the White House, and she has never been a resident of New York.

Still, Dole and Clinton are taken as serious contenders because they are, in their own right, nationally known, tireless campaigners, excellent fundraisers, articulate and experienced public policy advocates. Dole has been a Cabinet secretary in two administrations and is credited, in her eight-year tenure, with performing a rescue operation on the faltering Red Cross. Clinton came off the 1998 congressional campaigns as the Democratic Party's most effective spokeswoman.

They also are spouses admired for standing by their husbands in their darkest days. Dole was viewed as a better campaigner than her husband during his bid for the White House in 1996. Clinton's popularity has soared this year as she took a traditional role of defending the president and enduring the most withering public humiliations of a sex scandal and impeachment.

In a recent *Vanity Fair* magazine article, Clinton and Dole, along with Tipper Gore, topped the list of female "Legends, Leaders, and Trailblazers." A USA Today poll last June found that Dole would soundly defeat the first lady in a presidential matchup and be tied with Vice President Al Gore.

"In the past, wives of politicians came to power over their dead husbands' bodies," said Debbie Walsh, associate director of the Center for the American Woman and Politics at Rutgers University. "What we're experiencing here is a historic moment when a dif-

ferent kind of political wife moves ahead on her own to forge an independent career."

Walsh, whose center tracks the progress of women in public office, said Dole and Clinton are viable candidates. "We know that when women are competitive, they do win," she said.

"This isn't about her being vice president," said Linda DiVall, a Republican pollster. "This is about a woman with class, stature and impeccable professional and personal credentials making a serious commitment to a presidential campaign."

Timing is everything in politics, and Dole is expected to take cues from an electorate that says it is more interested in issues like education, health care and Social Security than in balancing the budget or commanding the military. "The issues in ascendancy are ones where women are seen as having expertise and credibility," Wilson said.

Dole, who highlighted her compassion, Christianity and conservatism in a farewell address at the Red Cross on Jan. 4, also has the potential to unite the often warring Republican factions behind a presidential candidacy, analysts said. Because of her personal accomplishments, she also could attract Democratic and independent women voters and close the gender gap that hurts Republicans in national and statewide races, GOP activist Ann Stone said.

"Obviously, just being a woman isn't going to be enough to succeed," said Charles Cook, a political commentator, noting that female candidates need to "perform very, very well."

Dole will have a chance to perform in New Hampshire on Feb. 8, when the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce honors her as its citizen of the year. With an expected audience of 800, the event might be a prime moment for her to announce a presidential candidacy in the first-primary state.

"I think she would be received quite well, and she would be considered a serious candidate," said Thomas Schwieger, the chamber president. New Hampshire has a woman governor, Democrat Jeanne Shaheen, and a woman House speaker, Republican Donna Sytek.

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HILLARY-FOR-SENATE talk churns Democratic plans for next year's New York race.

"I think she wants to run for national office," says one Clintonite who has talked to the first lady, and, as New York senator, "she'd be a national figure." Her office says only that "she has no plans" to become a New Yorker and seek retiring Sen. Moynihan's seat. But "Hillary hasn't ruled it out, and I think that's significant," says former Democratic state chairman John Marino.

Republicans, and some Democrats, say the buzz makes Democrats look desperate. "It's borderline hilarious," says GOP campaign spokesman Stuart Roy. The timing of talk started by New Jersey Sen. Torricelli vexes backers of HUD Secretary Cuomo, who afterward decided not to run. They say polls showed that Cuomo could beat the GOP favorite, New York Mayor Giuliani.

Now, says political analyst Charles Cook, the first lady is "arguably the only Democrat who could do it against Giuliani."

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Hillary Rodham Clinton and Dr. Donna Shirley, former director of the Mars Pathfinder Project, talked with students yesterday at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum. Some New York Democrats hope the first lady will seek Daniel Patrick Moynihan's Senate seat.

New York Democrats pine for a Clinton

By Fred Kaplan
GLOBE STAFF

NEW YORK — President Clinton is planning to come to town today, but as far as many New York Democrats are concerned, it's the wrong Clinton.

Certainly the president is popular here, more so than in nearly any other state. But the Clinton some Democrats really want is the first lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton, and not just to visit but to stay — and to run for the US Senate.

For months, ever since the state's senior Senator, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, announced that he would not seek reelection in the year 2000, Democratic chieftains have been daydreaming Hillary. And the longing has intensified since the speculation that followed the recent prediction by Senator Robert Torricelli of New Jersey that Mrs. Clinton would enter the Senate race.

It was a prediction for which Torricelli admitted he had not a shred of evidence. But among the Hillary hopefuls, evidence is not the issue.

"She's wonderful, it would be wonderful if she ran," gushed Hank Sheinkopf, a Democratic political consultant. "People love her, admire her, respect her. She would win big time in the city, win with women, win with minorities."

Judith Hope, the state's Democratic Party chairwoman, has been floating rumors of a Hillary-for-Senate race everywhere she goes.

Meanwhile, her husband's impeachment trial, which seems only to have boosted the president's popularity, seems likely to work in Hillary Clinton's favor, too. "Every day the Republicans keep banging the president, that's another 100 votes for Hillary," Sheinkopf said, adding carefully, "should she choose to run."

There's the rub. The object of desire has shown not the slightest flicker of a hint that she wants the job in question.

Then again, she hasn't kicked her suitors out the door, either. She hasn't said a firm and simple "No." So hope springs eternal.

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The "A" list of possible replacements — Robert Kennedy Jr., Andrew Cuomo, state comptroller Carl McCall — have all declined to run.

Those who say they might have a go at it — Congresswomen Nita Lowey of Westchester County, Carolyn Maloney of Manhattan, and Louise Slaughter of Rochester — are not widely viewed as obvious winners.

Few think any of them would have much of a chance against the person who seems more and more likely to be the Republican nominee — Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani.

Giuliani has been running for *something* these past several months, gallivanting across the country, telling the New York City success story to hushed Republican crowds, forming a political action committee, and raising piles of money.

In New York politics these days, Republicans are so strong in the suburbs and upstate that if they don't lose the city too badly, victory in a statewide contest is almost certain. And against most Democrats, Giuliani would not lose the city too badly, and might even win it.

The one Democrat who could put a high hurdle in Giuliani's path to glory might be Hillary Rodham Clinton.

A statewide survey, taken last month by the pollster John Zogby, found that she would crush any and all opponents in the Democratic primary, and would run neck-and-neck with Giuliani in the general election, beating the mayor in his own city and tying him upstate.

Last fall, she came here four times to

against the Republican incumbent, Alfonse M. D'Amato. Her speeches, at corporate luncheons and union rallies alike, were smash hits.

Technically, there is nothing stopping the first lady from running. She would not have to move out of the White House, since New York laws do not require candidates to live here.

"New York is not averse to welcoming outsiders," noted Maurice Carroll, head of the Quinnipiac Polling Institute.

Robert F. Kennedy, after all, successfully ran for Senate here, though he had to fend off the tag of "carpet bagger." James Buckley did so without abandoning his home in Connecticut.

Like them, Hillary Rodham Clinton would have to establish residency upon taking office.

But, again, will she run? Her spokeswoman, Marsha Berry, waved off such talk as "speculation," though she has not ruled it out of hand.

One Democrat with connections dismissed the notion completely. "After she leaves the White House," the Democrat said, "she has no interest in doing anything that involves the press or other politicians. She's sick of the whole thing."

She might move to New York, the Democrat added, but more likely to become a lawyer again or to run a corporation or foundation.

According to author Gail Sheehy, who is writing a biography of Hillary Clinton, the idea of a Senate-run may have originated with the president. Last August, when the Clintons were in the Hamptons, the first lady was greeted with such enthusiasm that the president turned and said, "Maybe she should run for office from here."

That's about as solid as the signposts get. Hope, who was among the first to float the rumor, told the Daily News last week that the first lady recently asked her not to do it anymore, calling them "a distraction."

The fuel for the story's persistence may simply be its pipedream appeal. New York Times columnist Bob Herbert stated it most baldly last November. "I have found nothing to substantiate the rumor that Hillary Rodham Clinton is interested in running for Mr. Moynihan's seat," he wrote. "But the idea of a Senate race between Mrs. Clinton and Rudy Giuliani is such a splendid one that



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Hillary Rodham Clinton enjoys a "flower dance" presented by students in the Lighthouse program at Haines Elementary School.

Visiting first lady targets epilepsy, after-school care

By Diane Struzzi
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

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Mrs. Clinton also was on hand to dedicate a six-room monitoring unit at the hospital's epilepsy center. Afterward, she announced a series of initiatives that include a meeting next year to gather 150 experts on the disease.

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First lady's visit targets epilepsy

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First lady hangs tough during visit to Chicago

BY SCOTT FORNEK
AND ADRIENNE DRELL
STAFF REPORTERS

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton came to Chicago on Wednesday to help raise awareness about epilepsy, push for federal funds for after-school programs, mingle with grammar school students and pay tribute to Michael Jordan.

The busy day came on the eve of her husband's impeachment trial.

"You know something?" she said. "It's hard to walk away, but it's the right thing to do."

Clinton was not talking about the events in Washington. She was talking to third-graders about how to resolve conflicts peacefully. Her advice came during a visit to an after-school program at Haines Elementary School in the Armour Square neighborhood.

But the first lady did walk away from reporters' questions about the perjury and obstruction of justice charges her husband faces.

"I am delighted to be here with all of you to discuss this very important disease," Clinton told participants in a round-table discussion on epilepsy at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center, moments after a reporter shouted a question about the impeachment.



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Hillary Rodham Clinton chats with students at Haines Elementary. She visited here on the eve of her husband's impeachment trial.

She did weigh in on Jordan, calling it "a sad day for Bulls fans."

Later, in a speech at Haines, Clinton called for an additional \$400 million for after-school programs. She said the money would help other cities mimic Chicago's Lighthouse program, which provides a mix of study help, recreational activities and warm meals to 175,000 students.

But the impeachment hung like a cloud over her visit.

A group of eighth-graders Clinton visited at Haines had plenty to say to reporters before the first lady entered the room.

"I don't think he should have been impeached, because it's his business what he does behind closed doors," said Arkesha Green, 14, who lives in Chatham.

Arkesha said she admires how the first lady is handling the situation, although she would do it differently. "It would have been a divorce—quick, fast and hard," she said.

Late Wednesday, Clinton spoke at a benefit at the Drake Hotel that raised more than \$300,000 for Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy.

Referring to Jordan's retirement, she said, "Nobody in this room will ever play professional basketball, but there are champions among us—children who suffer but do the best they can every day, and family members who watch their champion children struggling."

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First lady offers condolences to officer's widow

January 14, 1999

BY MICHAEL SNEED SUN-TIMES COLUMNIST

Sneed hears first lady **Hillary Rodham Clinton** briefly postponed her entry into a private reception at the Drake Hotel on Wednesday night in order to telephone at home **Joan Knight**, the widow of slain Chicago Patrol Officer John C. **Knight**. "The first lady told Mrs. Knight how proud she was of her husband and how sorry she felt about what happened to him," a Clinton source said.

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... Hillary: Our hope for Senate

By LETTY COTTIN POGREBIN

WITH TODAY'S OPENING arguments in the impeachment trial, the countdown begins. Either the President's term will end prematurely in disgrace or the Comeback Kid will have the last laugh.

Whatever his fate, it's time to turn from the ghost of Clinton past to the hope of Clinton future. Hillary may turn out to be Bill Clinton's greatest legacy.

There are at least five compelling reasons she should be the Democratic nominee for the U.S. Senate from New York in 2000. (Ditch the old carpetbagger residency critique — Sens. Robert F. Kennedy and James Buckley put that to rest long ago. And forget about potential scandal. If Ken Starr and Al D'Amato couldn't hang anything on Hillary, local pols will have slim pickings.)

Reason one: She deserves it. Not because she's been Wonder Wife, but because she would be a terrific candidate, one with solid professional credentials, a life-long record of public service and a unique connection between head and heart.

She graduated from Yale Law School. Worked for the Children's Defense Fund and the Watergate impeachment inquiry staff (surely one of life's scrap ironies). Taught law school. Wrote seminal articles on women's and children's rights. Developed expertise on rural health care, infant mortality, educational standards, retraining of American workers. Practiced law. Is listed in Best Lawyers in America.

She served on boards of several volunteer organizations. Gained global

prominence as First Lady speaking out on children's issues, human rights and economic development. Turned skeptics from Beijing to Bosnia into converts who now ask, "Can she be President?"

The fact is, she's brilliant. Her capacity for complex policy analysis is legendary. She's known to ask tough questions and absorb vast quantities of information, and to speak eloquently and persuasively

The First Lady and New York — perfect together

on a host of subjects — usually without a note. And, believe it or not, she has a great sense of humor.

Second, the issues she cares about most are the issues that affect the largest number of New Yorkers — health care, education, legal services, child care and economic security for working families. As senator, she could translate her long-term commitments into national policy and shine a special spotlight on the problems facing women and children. Whether her health care plan was mishandled or misguided, she combines genuine empathy with a hard-won understanding of the need for consensus — ideal tools with which to fine-tune health care reform in the future.

Third, if she jumps in early, we might

avoid the self-immolation known as the Democratic primary. Carl McCall and Andrew Cuomo already have bowed out. If Hillary runs, Nita Lowey and Donna Shalala say they won't. The power of a Clinton candidacy might discourage other longshots from declaring, attacking one another and making the Republicans' job easier.

New York Democrats should draft her quickly, before Illinois does. She's far and away the Democrat with the best chance to beat Rudy Giuliani, the presumptive Republican nominee. You have only to contrast her compassion with his vindictiveness; her grasp of national and international affairs with his five-borough perspective; her commitment to a broad spectrum of human and economic issues with his narrow focus on crime, reducing welfare rolls and protecting his personal power.

Fourth, were such an extraordinary public personality to be elected from New York, she would command far more collegial deference and media attention than the average junior senator, bringing high visibility to our state's needs and initiatives.

Last, but certainly not least, it's time for New York to elect a woman. I know, I know, gender shouldn't matter, but it does, since we've been picking talent from only half the pool.

Still, it's not about running a woman, but running this woman — Hillary Rodham Clinton, a woman who will do us proud, a woman who can win.

Pogrebin, a founding editor of Ms. and president of the Authors' Guild, often writes about women and politics.

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Embassy Row

By James Morrison

'Lady Zu' a no-show

Washington was preparing to be dazzled by her beauty and watch how President Clinton reacted to the 27-year-old daughter of Argentine President Carlos Menem.

But Zulema Eva Menem, who became a media star in black leather miniskirts on her father's trip to Britain in November, skipped the state visit to Washington this week.

Her reasons remain a mystery. The White House said she had the flu.

A well-connected Hispanic leader in Washington said the "rumor" making the rounds was that she was angry that the White



Zulema Menem

House snubbed the wives of four Cabinet ministers traveling with Mr. Menem by leaving them off the guest list for the state dinner Monday night.

Argentina's leading newspaper, El Clarin, said there was no official explanation for her absence.

It suggested she may have wanted to avoid the cold weather in Washington, saying she decided to stay on vacation in the jet-set resort of Punta Del Este in Uruguay.

The newspaper called her cancellation a "tremendous blow" to the White House, which had scheduled her for a tea with first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

La Nacion, another Argentine newspaper, said the Argentine Embassy had difficulty explaining Miss Menem's absence.

An embassy source told the newspaper, "She had a commitment to her mother." Her mother, also named Zulema, divorced from Mr. Menem in 1991.

Whatever the reason for the cancellation of her visit, the embassy was clearly taken by surprise. As late as Friday, the embassy had Miss Menem scheduled for two appearances with her father.

She was to have attended the opening ceremony Monday on the White House lawn and the state dinner that evening.

When she accompanied her father on his state visit to London, Miss Menem attracted a pack of reporters who followed her everywhere. The British tabloids spread rumors of a romance with Prince Andrew.

No tango for Madonna

Another famous lady missing from the Argentine president's state visit was pop diva Madonna.

The Argentine Embassy was expecting her to attend the White House dinner and dance the tango with actor and tango aficionado Robert Duvall. But she did not show, and no explanation was offered.

President Carlos Menem yesterday spoke of the tango, his country's national dance, when he met reporters at Blair House.

He danced with first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton after Monday night's White House state dinner.

"Hillary is a very good dancer," he said.

Asked about President Clinton, who also took a swing at the tango, Mr. Menem was diplomatic.

"I did not follow his tango dancing because I was dancing with Hillary at the time," Mr. Menem said. "But I know he likes the tango and will learn it."

A note to the White House: Mr. Duvall gives lessons at the Argentine Embassy.

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BY CAROL BEGGY AND BETH CARNEY

Hillary checks back in

First lady **Hillary Rodham Clinton** was apparently impressed last month by her visit to the Franciscan Children's Hospital in Brighton. This week, hospital president **Paul Della Rocco** received a check for \$10,000 from Clinton from the proceeds of her book "It Takes a Village and Other Lessons Children Teach Us." ... Harvard Kennedy School lecturer **Elaine Kamarck** is in Washington this week teaming up with her former boss, Vice President **Al Gore**, hosting a global conference on reinventing government.

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WELCOME TO FIRST-LADY
Hillary Rodham Clinton, who comes to the Drake Hotel today to address the Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy. Piano star Stanley Paul will perform at the event. . . . Memories of the City News Bureau, scheduled to close in March, will be related by newspaper veterans Bernie Judge, Pam Zekman, Ellen Warren and Bob Wiedrich at a Como Inn luncheon today.

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Scoopville . . .

Sneed has learned voter registration in Chicago has jumped 95,000-plus in the past two months (since the Nov. 3 election, when 1,363,957 voters were registered).

■ **Fact:** Aimed at the Feb. 23 municipal elections, it's the biggest voter registration push since Harold Washington ran for mayor in 1983, according to Sneed's sources.

■ **Behind the scenes:** Although mayoral contender Bobby Rush's 2nd Ward had a 3,000 voter increase recently to 31,000 from 28,000 . . . Mayor Daley's minions have been the busiest.

■ **The shocker:** Although the vote gains are citywide, the lakefront wards are in the forefront, with outgoing Ald. Charles Bernardini's 43rd Ward alone experiencing a 5,000-voter increase in the last few months.

■ **Stats:** The current registration of 1,459,289 voters is even higher than for the November, 1996, presidential election, when there were 1,428,795 registered voters.

■ **The kicker:** There are 13 more days of intensive voter registration; the last two weeks are always the biggest push, and 311 locations citywide will be open Jan. 23 for voter registration.

Hillaryville . . .

So how popular is first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton? Tickets for the Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy dinner at the Drake Hotel tonight became so hot, organizers had to close sales Monday.

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First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton dances with Argentine President Carlos Menem at last night's state dinner, a sharp departure from the day's impeachment proceedings.

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The Washington Tango

At State Dinner for Argentina, Only the Bold Step Out

By ROXANNE ROBERTS
and LONNAE O'NEAL PARKER
Washington Post Staff Writers

This is what normal looks like these days in Washington: Yesterday afternoon the White House responded to the articles of impeachment and last night several senators arrived at the executive mansion wearing tuxedos and wide grins as the Clintons hosted a state dinner for Argentine President Carlos Menem.

"It is unusual in that we're about to begin an impeachment trial," said Sen. Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.), sworn in just five days ago as a juror. "But he is the president of the United States and he's conducting the business of this country. And I'm delighted to be here."

Dorgan, who was seated at the president's table, was among the seven senators on the guest list. Actor and tango fanatic Robert Duvall and actress Salma Hayek provided the star power, Roger Clinton supplied brotherly love, and the rest of the 170 guests were a supportive and appreciative audience for the tribute to all things Argentine—especially the tango exhibition after dinner.

"Well, we'll watch and see how it goes," said Sen. Richard Lugar (R-Ind.). "I'm not ruling it out."

He could have been talking impeachment, but he was actually talking about doing the tango. It was hard to tell the difference.

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Tango buff Robert Duvall and fiancée Luciana Pedraza glide in to dinner and, eventually, the dance floor.

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President Clinton dances last night with Amanda Fernandez, wife of Argentina's minister of economy and public services. Actress Salma Hayek, right, smiles after greeting first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.



Argentina's Menem to Clinton: Tango Very Much

DINNER, From C1

Conventional wisdom, at least this week's version, is that the Senate is unlikely to muster the votes to force Clinton from the presidency. So last night the impeachment process felt more like a painful and chronic backache than a critical injury.

"The president, obviously, will not be run out of office," said former House Democratic whip Tony Coelho. "The Republicans realize the American people have rejected the right-wing paranoia." Look at Clinton's approval ratings, he said:

"House members don't pay attention to polls, but senators do."

Which means that the president can focus on other things, such as foreign relations.

Clinton, who spoke of the friendship between the United States and Argentina, opted for a light tone in his toast. "There are certain disputes that will be never be resolved," he said. "Like which country has the better beef, or whose cooks have better mastered the ancient art of barbecue."

Menem echoed the ties of friendship but struck a more serious note. "Mr. President, I would like to publicly show you my full solidarity," he said. "I hope the American citizens will come to recognize that they are not the only ones who need you still here. . . . Your leadership is needed, Mr. President, all over the world."



Clinton has a smile for guests in the receiving line.

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The White House did not hold the traditional joint news conference yesterday, so Menem missed an opportunity to defend his U.S. counterpart to reporters. But he did voice his support throughout the day. "I want you to know you have in me a true friend," he said at the welcoming ceremony.

Clinton paid a state visit to Buenos Aires in October 1997, and Menem was invited here to talk about trade, peace in Bosnia and Iraq, and unrestricted air routes.

The 68-year-old Argentine president, who is celebrating 10 years in office, is credited with reforming his country's economy and ending unbelievable inflation: 5,000 percent in 1989, down to 1.1 percent now. Yesterday, Argentine trade unions announced plans for a massive march to urge him to run for a third consecutive term this year, despite a constitutional ban against it.

Last night's dinner was a low-key affair. Menem, who is divorced, attended without his daughter, who usually accompanies him on state visits.

The meal, served hours early by Argentine standards, began with lemon chicken and vegetable risotto, then moved on to striped sea bass with sauteed morels and sweet potato and a salad of winter greens. Dessert featured frozen dulce de leche with baked pineapple, caramel walnuts and coconut snowballs.

The highlight of the night was Argentina's most famous export: tango.

Argentine and American danc-

ers—led by Duvall, his fiancée, Luciana Pedraza, and Pablo Veron, star of "The Tango Lesson"—performed the intricate moves in the East Room. Duvall has made repeated trips to Argentina to perfect the traditional version of the classic love dance and recently agreed to become the chairman of the U.S. Tango Academy.

"The best Argentine ambassador of the night was Robert Duvall," said Diego Ramiro Guelar, the official ambassador to the United States who was quite happy to play second fiddle for one night.

Clinton was also impressed. "I will never look at you quite the same way," he told the actor.

Then both presidents took the floor in a more restrained but competent version of the tango: Menem with first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, the president with Amanda Fernandez, wife of Argentina's economic minister. Emboldened, several other guests—including Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Sen. Christopher Dodd (D-Conn.)—joined in.

"*Marvellous!*" Dodd shouted. "That says it all. That's my official senatorial judgment."

Although composer and conductor Lalo Schiffrin, an Argentine native, composed the music for the upcoming movie "Tango" and spoke passionately about the dance, he declined to actually perform it.

Tango is difficult for the best of dancers; most of the guests last

night—including the politicians—hedged when asked if they would give it a turn. Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) teased that she might slip out before the entertainment. "I'm not much of a tangoer," demurred Sen. Harry Reid (D-Nev.).

Smart move, according to Schiffrin. "A man should know his limitations," he said seriously.

The guest list for last night's state dinner:

Vice President and Tipper Gore
Carlos Saul Menem, president of Argentina
Guido Di Tella, minister of foreign affairs, International trade and worship
Diego Ramiro Guelar, ambassador of Argentina, and Diana Custodio de Guelar
Carlos V. Corach, minister of the interior
Raul Granillo Ocampo, minister of justice
Jorge Dominguez, minister of defense
Roque Fernandez, minister of economy and public works and services
Alberto Kohan, secretary general of the presidency
Carlos Mario Zabala, head of the joint chiefs of staff
Hugo Anzorreguy, secretary of state intelligence
Francisco Mayorga, secretary of tourism
Raul Delgado, secretary of media and information
Maria Julia Alsogaray, secretary for natural resources and sustainable development
German Kammerath, secretary of communications
Victor Alderete, secretary for the senior citizens
Ana Kessler, secretary for small and medium-size business
Jorge Castro Mongan, secretary for strategic planning
Antonio Cafiero, national senator, vice president of the senate
Juan Manuel Vazquez, chief of the president's military house
Alejandro Tfell, president's private physician
Ramon Hernandez, president's private secretary
Mario Falak
Duane Ackerman, chairman & CEO, BellSouth Corp., and Katherine Ackerman
Madeleine K. Albright, secretary of state, and David Andrews, legal adviser, Department of State
Mari Carmen Aponte, attorney, Aponte & Associates, and Jose E. Ferraioli, president, Latin America, Results International Inc.
Keith Bailey, chairman, president and CEO, Williams Cos., and Pat Bailey
Gato Barbieri, musician and composer, and Laura Barbieri, physical therapist
Leonard Barrack, national finance chairman, Democratic National Committee, and Lynne Barrack
Charlene Barshefsky, United States trade representative, and Edward B. Cohen, deputy solicitor, Department of the Interior
Melinda Naumann Bates, special assistant to the president and director, White House Visitors Office, and Metin Yazir, tango instructor
Samuel R. Berger, assistant to the president for national security affairs, and Susan Berger
Donald S. Beyer Jr., former lieutenant governor of Virginia, and Megan Beyer, freelance journalist and co-chair, 1999 Wolf Trap ball saluting Argentina
Lanny A. Breuer, special counsel to the president, and Nancy Robinson Breuer, associate general counsel, National Gallery of Art
Norman Brownstein, chairman, Brownstein Hyatt Farber & Strickland, and Helen Brownstein
Sen. Richard H. Bryan (D-Nev.) and Bonnie Bryan
James R. Cheek, ambassador in residence, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and Carol Cheek
Anthony L. Coelho, chairman, LoanNet, and Phyllis Coelho
William Daley, secretary of commerce
Richard Danzig, secretary of the Navy, and Andrea Danzig
James F. Dobbins, special assistant to the president and senior director for Inter-American affairs, National Security Council, and Toril Dobbins
Sen. Christopher Dodd (D-Conn.) and Jackie Clegg, vice chair, Import-Export Bank of the United States
Sen. Byron L. Dorgan (D-N.D.) and Kimberly Dorgan
Patti Solis Doyle, deputy assistant to the president and director of scheduling for the first lady, and James Doyle, deputy chief of staff, Department of Commerce
Robert Duvall, actor-director and chairman of the board, U.S. Tango Academy, and Luciana Pedraza
Maria Echaveste, assistant to the president and deputy chief of staff

Alfonso Fanjul, chairman and CEO, Florida Crystals Corp., and Lourdes Gutierrez
Susan Feeney, White House correspondent, Dallas Morning News, and Steve Hirsh, director of special events, Fox News Channel
Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) and Richard Blum, Richard C. Blum & Associates
Fernando Ferrer, borough president of the Bronx
James C. Free, president and CEO, the Smith-Free Group, and Ann Todd Free
Mary Mel French, U.S. chief of protocol, and Julie McVicker, Fit for the Future
Richard Fulsz, chairman, Fulsz Technologies, and Lorraine Fulsz
Armando Gutierrez, president, A. Gutierrez & Associates, and Dora A. Garcia
Salma Hayek, actress, and Edward Atterton
Steve Holland, White House correspondent, Reuters, and Lucie Holland
Raul Jaurena, master of bandoneon, and Marga Mitchell, singer
Sen. Timothy Johnson (D-S.D.) and Barbara Johnson
Alan C. Kessler, attorney, Buchanan Ingersoll P.C., and Gail Kessler
Rep. Dale E. Kildee (D-Mich.) and Gayle Kildee
Rep. Peter T. King (R-N.Y.) and Rosemary King
Lewis H. Lapham, editor, Harper's magazine, and Libby Handros, senior producer, "Inside Story"
Anthony Lewis, columnist, New York Times, and Margaret Marshall, justice, Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts
Joseph Lockhart, press secretary to the president, and Laura Logan
Frank E. Loy, undersecretary of state for global affairs, and Dale Loy, artist
Sen. Richard G. Lugar (R-Ind.) and Charlene Lugar
Barry R. McCaffrey, director, Office of National Drug Control Policy, and Jill McCaffrey, national chairman, Armed Forces Emergency Service, American Red Cross
Thomas F. McLarty III, chairman, McLarty International LLC, and Donna McLarty
Henrique de Campos Meirelles, president and COO, BankBoston, and Lucia Lazzaro
Lars-Erik Nelson, New York Daily News, and Mary Nelson, American University
Hassan Nemazee, president and CEO, Nemazee Capital Corp., and Shelia Nemazee
Martin Ornelas-Quintero, executive director, National Latino/Latina Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Organization, and Adolfo Mata, director of Migrant Health Services Health Resources and Services Administration
Federico F. Pena, senior adviser, Vestar Capital Partners
Thomas Pickering, undersecretary of state for political affairs, and Alice Pickering
John D. Podesta, chief of staff to the president, and Mary Podesta
Bill Press, co-host, CNN's "Crossfire," and Carol Press, artist-weaver
Sen. Harry Reid (D-Nev.) and Landra Reid
William Richardson, secretary of energy, and Barbara Richardson
Victor Manuel Rocha, charge d'affaires to Argentina, and Karla Wittkop Rocha
Peter F. Romero, acting assistant secretary of state for Western Hemisphere affairs, and Ruth Espey-Romero, attorney, Perkins Cole LLP
Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-Calif.) and Edward T. Allard III, businessman
Ronald Schernan, president, Museum of the Americas Foundation, and Lynn Cutler, deputy assistant to the president for intergovernmental affairs
Lalo Schiffrin, composer, conductor and pianist, and Donna Schiffrin, president of Aleph Records
Mark L. Schneider, assistant administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean Agency for International Development, and Susan Schneider
Gen. Henry H. Shelton, chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Carolyn Shelton
Daniel Solis, alderman for the 25th Ward, Chicago, and John Buschner, manager of governmental affairs, United Airlines
Douglas B. Sosnik, counselor to the president, and Fabina Jorge, director of Latin American affairs, Verner, Lipfert, Bernard, McPherson and Hand
James Steinberg, deputy national security adviser and deputy assistant to the president for national security affairs, and Sherburne Abbott
Art Torres, chairman, California Democratic Party, and Joaquin Torres
Pablo Veron, choreographer-dancer, and Anne Monty
Victoria Vieyra, dancer
Antonio Villaraigosa, speaker of the California State Assembly, and Corina Villaraigosa
Melvin I. Weiss, international chair, Hatikva Memorial Project for Buenos Aires Israeli Embassy Site, and Saul Rotsztein, international committee member for the project

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By Ann Gerhart and Annie Groer

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NOW YOU KNOW . . .



BY KEVIN LAMARQUE—REUTERS

First firsts: The first lady holds a coin of Dolley Madison, first first lady and the first to grace a coin.

■ Boy wonder businessman **Daniel M. Snyder** and his wife and another couple were celebrating The Big Purchase (Capital Area Football Team: \$800 million) quietly enough at Morton's in Georgetown Sunday night with dinner and a bottle of Cristal champagne.

And then the cell phone rang.

The quartet immediately repaired to the bar, where they high-fived over television news accounts of Snyder's and real estate mogul **Howard Milstein's** successful team bid.

But does Snyder have enough red meat in him to take on the hurly-burly of the NFL? He and his wife split the filet.

■ Tough times for a Terps fan: After the Maryland-N.C. State basketball game Sunday afternoon, columnist **Bob Novak** slipped on ice outside Cole Field House and broke his hip. He was undergoing surgery at Sibley Hospital last night.

■ An immature eagle landed on a tree just outside the 17th and E streets office of Red Cross President **Elizabeth Hanford Dole** yesterday. A sign from the political gods? Or just a confused bird looking for good Republican hair in which to nest?

The eagle stayed in the tree from 8 a.m. until about 3 p.m., when it took off—perhaps to pay a visit to **Dan Quayle**.

■ First there were the cakes. Now, there's a coin. **Dolley Madison**, the first presidential wife to be called first lady, has her face on a commemorative silver dollar. Our brave-faced first lady, **Hillary Rodham Clinton**,

unveiled it yesterday. The two "really are, indeed, kindred spirits," said **Richard Moe**, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation at a ceremony lauding Mrs. Madison's bravery in saving White House treasures before the British burned the place down in 1814. "Both have helped to shape the role."

At White House, bopping to tango

Dinner serves up Argentine treats

By Ann Geracimos
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The White House bent over backward to honor visiting Argentine President Carlos Menem and his official party at dinner last night.

The tango with its fevered rhythms and athletic dips and bends was the featured entertainment. And the guest list included an unusually large number of Senators: six Democrats and one Republican.

"We're delighted to be invited by our president," said Sen. Richard G. Lugar, Indiana Republican, when asked how it felt to be a juror for one's host.

"We're serving the country [at the dinner], as is the president," said Mr. Lugar, who joined Sen. Byron L. Dorgan, North Dakota Democrat, at the president's table.

Asked the same question, Rep. Peter T. King, New York Republican, replied — in jest — "I'm just going to try and stay sober."

Also among about 170 guests were leading administration officials involved in Latin American trade and diplomacy and former Virginia Lt. Gov. Donald S. Beyer Jr.

A noticeably subdued Mr. Clinton managed a mild jest in his toast after praising "the friendship between our two people [that] goes back to the earliest days of our republics."

"There are certain disputes we will never resolve," he said. "Like which country has the better beef. Or whose cooks have mastered the



Photo by James R. Brantley/The Washington Times

President Clinton and Argentine President Carlos Menem smile at Mrs. Clinton as they wait to receive guests at the state dinner.

ancient art of barbecue."

He praised Mr. Menem personally, saying, "A great deal of the credit for South America's achievements belong to the man here this evening."

In his own toast, Mr. Menem then told Mr. Clinton, "Your leadership is needed, Mr. President, all over the world."

Earlier in his comments, the visiting president praised Robert Duvall, the actor who has become a leading exponent of what may be Argentina's most enduring export, the tango.

Mr. Menem called Mr. Duvall "an excellent actor and now an excellent dancer," and cited his role as chairman of the Academy of Tango.

The sultry dance and equally sultry musical accompaniment at last night's dinner proved the perfect diversion for a week in which Mr. Clinton impeachment trial begins.

Mr. Duvall, who owns a farm in Middleburg and sponsors tango lessons at the Argentine Embassy here, performed along with his friend, acclaimed dancer Pablo Veron, who has a company in Buenos Aires and has starred in films such as "Evita" and "The Tango Lesson."

QuinTango, a Washington chamber ensemble, and bandoneon expert Raul Jaurena also were featured.

It was also the first time a dinner

was held in the newly refurbished State Dining Room. To accommodate more guests than expected, tables also were set up in the adjoining Red Room. The custom to split up the crowd had been done during President Kennedy's time but this was the first for the Clinton administration.

"We didn't have as many regrets as we anticipated," said White House Social Secretary Capricia Marshall. And the Argentine delegation was larger than usual, she noted. Mr. Menem's daughter, Zulema, who was to have accompanied him was kept at home with the flu.

The menu echoed the exuberant approach with "a heavy dominance of earthy flavors," chef Walter Scheib explained. The first course featured chickens custom-raised by Amish farmers in Lancaster, Pa. The entree was striped bass that Mr. Scheib said were "the last ones of the season."

Mr. Menem was said to have wanted to try something other than his national specialty of beef, but gave in to another Argentine specialty, dulce de leche, a sweet, rich ice cream made from milk and caramel. Pastry chef Roland Mesnier added a dramatic touch of his own: two tango statuettes, made entirely of chocolate.

The presentation, he said, showed "dancing under the moon by the palm trees — very romantic."

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Lowey's future

U.S. Rep. Nita M. Lowey of New York is emerging as the most likely Democrat to run in 2000 for the seat of retiring Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, but only if first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton decides not to seek the office.

The congresswoman said she asked Mrs. Clinton a few weeks ago whether she was serious about running.

"She just smiled. . . . She's very noncommittal," Mrs. Lowey said.

"If Hillary Clinton gets into the race, the entire state party would be behind her and I would, too."

Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo, after conferring with President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, announced last week that he will not enter the contest to succeed Mr. Moynihan. Earlier, state Comptroller Carl McCall declined an invitation from Mr. Moynihan and announced he will not seek the seat.

New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani is considered the most likely Republican to run for the seat, although he has made no announcement yet.

presidential nominee Bob Dole will become one of the front-runners overnight. Even if she does not win the nomination, she will be a strong prospect for the vice presidential slot.

"A Dole run also may force Democrats to put a woman in the vice presidential slot on their 2000 ticket. Prospects include California Sen. Dianne Feinstein, who has twice won statewide races in the nation's most populous state."

Inside Politics





AP PHOTO

DOLLY'S DOLLAR – *Hillary Rodham Clinton displayed the new silver dollar coin commemorating another first lady, Dolly Madison, yesterday at the White House.*

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Commemorative coin

Deputy Secretary of the Treasury Lawrence Summers applauds as Hillary Rodham Clinton displays a new silver dollar commemorating the achievements of Dolley Madison, wife of President James Madison. This year is the 150th anniversary of her death.

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Dolly Madison dollar: First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton displays a book on White House history featuring a cover with a painting of Dolly Madison at a White House ceremony Monday unveiling a commemorative silver dollar honoring the wife of the fourth president. The coin is the first to feature the likeness of a first lady.

First lady to attend epilepsy fund-raiser

Hillary Rodham Clinton is scheduled to visit Chicago Wednesday to raise money for epilepsy research. The first lady will attend a fund-raiser for Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy. CURE president Susan Axelrod and her husband, David, a Democratic consultant, are the parents of a 17-year-old daughter who has epilepsy.

Suburban moms persuade first lady to speak at fund-raiser for epilepsy

By KIM CONTE
Daily Herald Staff Writer

To snag first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton as guest speaker for a first-ever fund-raising event is any volunteer organizer's dream.

It's a dream come true for Debbie Flader, a Hanover Park mother, and two other moms who founded Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy.

At their invitation, the first lady will speak Wednesday at a private dinner as part of a fund-raiser for their organization at the Drake Hotel in Chicago. The event is expected to raise \$250,000 for epilepsy research.

Clinton also will tour the epilepsy wing of Rush-Presbyterian Memorial Hospital and moderate a round-table discussion on epilepsy with doctors, parents and children.

The suburban women reached out to Clinton in hopes of helping their

"We are so fortunate to be able to bring in someone of Hillary's stature, especially at a first fund-raising event."

— Debbie Flader,
co-founder of Citizens
United for Research
in Epilepsy

children and others who have intractable epilepsy, a devastating disease that causes uncontrolled seizures and brain damage and doesn't respond to medication, surgery or special diets.

"We are looking for a new approach and trying to get ourselves on the map," said Susan Axelrod of

Burr Ridge whose 17-year-old daughter, Lauren, has intractable epilepsy. "Having Hillary will give us great credibility."

Axelrod's husband is noted political consultant David Axelrod, who got in touch with a Clinton staff member to enlist her assistance. As it turned out, Clinton was moved by the Axelrods' experience with the disease and agreed to attend, Susan Axelrod said.

"We hope that this will make an incredible difference in children's lives," said Flader, whose 15-year-old daughter, Noel, has intractable epilepsy. "We are so fortunate to be able to bring in someone of Hillary's stature, especially at a first fundraising event."

The organization is a volunteer group of parents with children who have intractable epilepsy.

Axelrod said she, along with Flad-

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Shawna Egan, left, of Cary, Nancy Monica of Lake in the Hills, Debbie Flader of Hanover Park and Mary Ellen Magrini of Oak Brook plan a fund-raiser featuring Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Daily Herald Photo/Marcelle Bright

MOMS: Group expects to raise \$250,000 for epilepsy research

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der and Nancy Monica of Lake in the Hills, started the group in September to raise money to find a cure and not just a new method of treatment.

The three women visited Washington last year as part of Advocates for Epilepsy, a national organization, to ask that more attention be given to epilepsy. Although they were successful in generating pub-

licity, Flader said they decided to start CURE to raise money privately and have some control over the advocacy movement themselves.

"We are very honored that she is coming," said Monica, whose 4-year-old daughter, Megan, also has the disease. "We need to have more hope for the kids."

Daily Herald staff writer Bill O'Brien contributed to this report.

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A PET'S LIFE

DEAR SOCKS, DEAR BUDDY

By Hillary Rodham Clinton, Simon & Schuster Audio, approximately 1 1/2 hours, abridged, \$12.

As you listen to these letters written to First Pets Socks and Buddy, you can almost hear Art Linkletter reminding you that "Kids say the darndest things." Indeed they do. And the messages they have written to these two famous animals are a glimmer of the hope and innocence that all children possess. Read by children from the Littleton School in Parsippany, N.J., many of these letters go beyond basic inquiries about Socks and Buddy; they show a deep inquisitiveness about the world and the people who run it. In between letters, Hillary Rodham Clinton offers a history lesson about pets in the White House, which have included FDR's Scottish terrier, Fala; Caroline Kennedy's pony, Macaroni; and Amy Carter's cat, Misty. Says Mrs. Clinton: "Together Socks and Buddy have received more than 300,000 letters and e-mails, including admirers from England, Bangladesh and nearly 50 other countries who have written asking for celebrity shots and pawtographs. By comparison, Thomas Jefferson, one of the most prolific correspondents of his day, received an average of 137 letters a month while he was president."

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Iris Cantor (left) and Hillary Rodham Clinton. George Segal's *Standing in Nature*, 1976 (below).

Lucky Strike

Regaling her audience at the ceremony for the National Medal of Arts and the National Humanities Medal in the capital this fall with one of her favorite stories, **Hillary Rodham Clinton** aimed to shed light not only on her husband's renowned persistence but also on her own interest in art in general and sculpture in particular. In the process, she took a political risk and let on that **Bill Clinton** had once crossed a picket line.

The occasion of the anecdote was the First Couple's first date, at the Yale Art Gallery when both were in law school. They'd gone to see a Mark Rothko exhibition in the museum and a Henry Moore sculpture in the garden. The only problem was that the gallery was closed due to a labor strike.

"But in a manner of persuasiveness that I saw for the first time that day, and have seen every day in the last 27 years," the First Lady laughed, "Bill Clinton was able to persuade the museum curators and watchman that if we picked up

the trash that had accumulated in front of the museum, we could go in."

So they did. As the president went on to note, only days after the Democratic successes of last November's elections, "I just realized that at the moment of greatest unity for my political party in many years, my wife has told the president of the AFL-CIO that I crossed a picket line. But it's true."

The day following the awards, Mrs. Clinton presided over the inauguration of "Exhibition VII: Inspired by Rodin"—the newest in a series of shows begun in 1994, headed "Twentieth-Century American Sculpture at the White House" and installed in the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden. The First Lady gratefully saluted collector and philanthropist **Iris Cantor**.

"Although dozens of museums have been involved in choosing and lending appropriate pieces for the exhibition," Mrs. Clinton said, "none could have underwritten the expense of mounting such a

series alone. For that, we turned to one of this country's most important arts patrons, Iris Cantor, who, along with her late husband, **B. Gerald Cantor**, and the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Foundation, agreed not only to underwrite



the expense of the exhibits but also to lend the two centerpieces of the current show—castings of Rodin's *The Three Shades* and *The Thinker*."

She also reminded visitors that a cast of *The Thinker* had been placed in the Oval Office on Inauguration Day. "It was Bernie's prized piece and it had never traveled until it was placed there."

For this show, 12 works by artists as diverse as **Louise Bourgeois**, **Bryan Hunt**, **George Segal**, and **William**

Zorach were selected from public art collections throughout the Northeast.

The garden stands as the First Lady's unique contribution to art in the White House. Since opportunities for adding contemporary art to the historic residence are few—by law, any art on public display can't have been done within the past 25 years, or be by a living artist—the garden offers a refreshing expressive outlet. The shows are put together by museum curators in consultation with White House curator **Betty Monkman**, Mrs. Clinton, and decorator **Kaki Hockersmith**, and with the support of the Preservation Committee and **J. Carter Brown**.

If anyone thinks it's easy to put together a show, consider such thorny matters as these: social and political diversity (regional, racial, gender representation), security, and logistics. One exhibition included a Donald Lipski sculpture of two spheres that Hockersmith says "looked like underwater mines"—they had to be X-rayed to ensure that they contained no explosives.

Hockersmith also recalls the installation of a large Calder. "A marine helicopter landed," she laughs, "and the sculpture started doing its thing and spinning around. The marines were really astonished, thinking the machines would take off."

What will happen when the Clinton term is over and the last of the rotating shows is closed? Will the garden be reclaimed by nature? "It's perfectly landscaped for sculpture," notes Hockersmith, but it's also difficult to get material from public collections. "There is only a finite quantity of sculptures available in public museums. You begin to repeat yourself."

—Barbara A. MacAdam

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First Lady Praises Efforts of National Campaign and Media Leaders



First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton addresses the issue of teen pregnancy at a luncheon for the National Campaign.

Calling teen pregnancy "a one-way ticket, not just to a dream deferred, but to the ending of a dream," First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton applauded the efforts of the National Campaign and called on media and business leaders to become more involved in preventing teen pregnancies.

At a New York luncheon hosted for the National Campaign by Ann Moore, President of the *People* Division of Time Warner, and Pat Fili-Krushel, President of the ABC Television Network, Mrs. Clinton noted that the country is at a "turning point in the struggle against teen pregnancy," but cautioned against complacency. While noting the decline in teen pregnancies and births—particularly among African-Americans—the First Lady sounded a warning about the rates among Hispanic teens. "For the first time in history, Hispanic youngsters have the highest teenage birth rate in the nation," said Mrs. Clinton.

Mrs. Clinton praised the National Campaign as a "partnership model" that

attempts to bring together the public and private sectors as well as those with profound and differing views on how best to prevent teen pregnancy. The First Lady also applauded the efforts of *People* and *Teen People* magazines for continuing editorial coverage of the issue, ABC television for its ongoing teen pregnancy storyline in the daytime drama *One Life to Live* and its attendant public services announcements, and Black Entertainment Television for its *Teen Summit* programs on teen sexuality. "Imagine what we could do if more of the media did these types of things on a regular basis," said Mrs. Clinton. "The more the media can portray the gritty reality" of teen pregnancy, the more likely we are to prevent teens from becoming pregnant, she added.

The December 1 luncheon was attended by media celebrities, media executives, business leaders, and others concerned with preventing teen pregnancy. Among those representing the media were

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Now Available from the National Campaign.
Goodbye to Girlhood: What's Troubling Girls and What We Can Do About It, by Barbara Dafoe Whitehead and Theodora Ooms. See Page 11 for details

First Lady Praises the Efforts of the Campaign

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Barbara Walters, Lesley Stahl, Christina Saralegui, Star Jones, and Deborah Norville, as well as such executives as Norm Pearlstine, Editor-in-Chief of Time Inc., Mike Klingensmith, President of *Sports Illustrated*, Herb Scannell, President of the Nickelodeon cable network, Ellen Levine, Editor-in-Chief of *Good Housekeeping*, and Janet Chan, Managing Editor of *Parenting* and *Baby Talk* magazines. Business leaders included Kathy Dwyer, President of Revlon, Val Azzoli, President of Atlantic Recording Corporation, Dan Brestle, President of Estee Lauder, and Jane Fonda of the Turner Foundation.

Christina Ferrari, Editor-in-Chief of *Teen People* magazine—which reaches over one million readers—also announced a contest to be held in collaboration with the National Campaign. Appearing in the February 1999 issue, the contest will encourage readers to create their own teen pregnancy prevention public service advertisements (see page 3 for details).

Two youth development organizations were given money raised at the luncheon: Girls Inc., a national program that encourages young women to be “strong, smart, and bold,” and Inwood House’s “Boys to Men” program, a New York-based program designed to help young men from the South Bronx pass safely through adolescence.



(from left to right) Jane Fonda, Isabel Stewart, National Executive Director, Girls Inc. and Campaign Board Member, Regina Montoya, President, Girls Inc., First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, and Girls Inc. member Melody Gonzalez.



First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton congratulates Brandon Mercado of Inwood House while Gladys Carrion, Executive Director of that organization, looks on.

Baby Love — The Voices of Teen Mothers

Baby Love, a telling video created by filmmaker Carol Cassidy in association with the Independent Television Service, provides a startling look at the realities of teen motherhood. From their hopes and dreams to their day-to-day struggles as parents, teen mothers from a variety of social, racial, and economic backgrounds talk openly on camera about what happens when children have children.

Baby Love touches on a variety of issues related to teen sex, relationships, and motherhood, including the search for love; sexual decision-making; the often-

stormy and short-lived relationship with the baby’s father; the challenge to finish high school, get a job, and provide for your child; missed opportunities; family relationships; and plans for the future. Designed to be used as an educational tool, the video comes with a study guide to facilitate group discussion on teen pregnancy and parenthood.

For more information about this video, please contact Direct Cinema Limited, P.O. Box 10003, Santa Monica, CA 90410; phone: 800-525-0000; e-mail: directcinema@attmail.com.



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First lady tours school

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton toured a Chicago public school Wednesday to promote after-school programs.

The first lady visited Haines Elementary School, 247 W. 23rd Place, with Chicago Mayor Richard Daley, public schools chief executive officer Paul Vallas, and Chicago School Reform Board President Gerry Chico.

Last week, President Clinton proposed a \$400 million increase in funding in the fiscal year 2000 budget for after-school and summer school programs nationwide.

Daley spokesman John Camper said the first lady's visit may mean more funding for Chicago's Lighthouse program, which has 175,000 elementary students involved in after-school activities at 314 public schools.

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CUOMO TO STAY AT HUD: Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo said he'll stay rather than seek the Senate seat being vacated in 2000 by fellow New York Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan. His decision could reignite speculation that first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton might seek the office, but aides and friends have dismissed that suggestion.

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POLITICS

New York Giddy Over Idea of Sen. Hillary Clinton

Book deals, pundits feed a growing Empire State interest in first lady, and an intriguing political scenario.

By JOSH GETLIN
TIMES STAFF WRITER

NEW YORK—Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton. New Yorkers love the sound of those words—improbable as they might be—if a media frenzy bubbling away in the Big Apple is any indication.

Would the first lady be a strong candidate for the Senate seat being vacated in two years by Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan? "You go, girl!" said bicycle deliveryman Carlos Rodriguez, at a red light in midtown Manhattan. "What an incredible idea!"

Sen. Robert Torricelli (D-N.J.) thinks so too, and the chairman of the National Democratic Senate Campaign Committee sparked the Hillary boomlet last weekend when he suggested to NBC-TV's Tim Russert just before "Meet the Press" that Mrs. Clinton would run for the office.

"Here's a little mini-bombshell," Russert told viewers, spilling the beans, and New York journalists have had a field day ever since. Indeed, many locals seem far more caught up in the idea of Mrs. Clinton's candidacy than the degrading spectacle of her husband's historic impeachment trial, set to begin today.

Interest in the first lady here is enormous, and it's been fanned not only by dreamy-eyed political operatives but by book companies and journalists. This week, Knopf, a division of Random House, announced it will publish a biography of Mrs. Clinton by Watergate reporter Carl Bernstein; HarperCollins and William Morrow said they will also produce books about her.

Meanwhile, Vanity Fair has just published a penetrating profile of the first lady by best-selling writer Gail Sheehy, whose agent announced that she too is penning a book about Mrs. Clinton and her relationship with the president. "The public's curiosity about this woman and what she's going to do is



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One New Yorker said it would be "fa-a-a-bulous" if Hillary Rodham Clinton, shown visiting a Harlem school last year, were to run for one of the state's Senate seats.

insatiable," said Random House publicity director Stuart Applebaum.

Americans' appetite for Mrs. Clinton's memoirs will be intense, should she write them, yet the first lady has not broached the subject with her publisher, Simon & Schuster, said editorial director David Rosenthal.

Mrs. Clinton has been equally tight-lipped about the idea of running for the Senate. A host of political experts insists she is unlikely to enter the race, even though she has made a flurry of high-profile appearances here in recent months, either showing up for society events or stumping for candidates.

"I think the chances of her [entering the race] are zero to none," said veteran Democratic consultant Hank Sheinkopf. "She's not going to enter an arena that might expose her to any more abuse, not after the last six years in the White House."

A friend of the first lady also doubted Mrs. Clinton would seek elective office. "Where I could see her is as the U.N. ambassador. I see her in a much more global role," this person told Reuters.

Yet that didn't stop the New York Times from devoting its lead editorial Tuesday to the suddenly hot notion that Hillary Clinton *might* throw her hat in the ring. Ditto for the New York Post, Newsday and a swarm of TV and radio commentators.

"In New York," wrote Boston Globe columnist Ellen Goodman, "there are enough trial balloons being floated to lift Hillary Clinton in a basket across the Hudson River."

While some New Yorkers might call

the first lady a carpetbagger if she moved to the Empire State and ran for office, others remember that former Sens. Robert F. Kennedy and James Buckley did the same thing years ago and won. Under the Constitution, senators must only maintain a legal residence in the state they represent.

The open New York seat is already attracting a growing cast of potential candidates, including Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo, the Rev. Al Sharpton and former GOP Sen. Alfonse M. D'Amato.

Few doubt that Mrs. Clinton could raise the millions needed for such a contest, and some politicians salivate at the notion. Rep. Charles B. Rangel (D-N.Y.) told Newsday he has asked the first lady to run. "She says, 'Tell me more.' She smiles. She does very little talking, but she listens," the Harlem power broker said. "Ain't nobody going to run against the first lady."

And if they did, said Bronx businesswoman Suzanne Turrey, "Hillary would cream them."

Pausing on a freezing midtown street, Turrey offered Mrs. Clinton her unqualified support: "I think it's a fa-a-a-bulous idea! She's a rock of Gibraltar. She stands by her man, and by her convictions."

To be sure, Hillary Clinton wouldn't be the only tough candidate. New York Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani is also considering the contest, yet the normally outspoken Republican seemed taken aback when he was asked if he could "whip" the first lady. Playing it safe—and strictly for laughs—he replied: "They start investigations for less than that!"

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Spotlight

The Great Hillary Hope

Speculation persists, but most think she won't run for Senate

By JOEL SIEGEL
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First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton has a huge list of things to do with the rest of her life, but running for Senate in New York next year is not among them, friends and political associates say.

More than a half-dozen pals and top administration officials interviewed by the Daily News said there's virtually no chance she will seek the seat of retiring Democratic Sen. Daniel Moynihan.

"It's an incredibly flattering scenario. But I would be surprised if it became a reality," friend and former press secretary Lisa Caputo said.

A top White House aide, who asked not to be named, was more blunt, dismissing the Hillary 2000 scenario as "a total flight of fancy."

"She's certainly political, but he's the politician in the family. She's never shown any particular liking for the nuts and bolts of the political process. She'll head up a foundation and promote political causes."

Added Harold Ickes, former deputy White House chief of staff, "I have spoken to people around her. She has [other] serious things to think about. Based on what I know, I don't think she has given [running] an ounce of thought."

The friends and White House aides said the Sen. Hillary Scenario makes no sense on several essential levels.

First, the Clintons have huge debts and no money. The financial squeeze means they'll have to write books and lecture to generate quick cash after leaving Washington.



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Hillary Rodham Clinton

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Second, the friends said, the First Lady sees herself as having a national and international platform to promote her causes and ideas post-White House — in short, being higher on the pecking order than the rung accorded the junior senator from New York.

Finally, "Given what the Clintons have been through, the last thing she wants to do now is run for office; no one knows the toll it takes on you personally more than she does," one friend said.

Nevertheless, the Democrats pine for the First Lady to jump into the race.

In part, that underscores an amazing reversal of her political fortunes. Four years ago, her poll numbers were in tatters, along with the health-care overhaul she tried to ram through Congress. Now, her ratings are sky-high.

The clamor also reveals the deepening concern among some Democrats that they might not have a marquee candidate to run against the early Republican favorite, Mayor Giuliani.

Robert Kennedy Jr. and Controller Carl McCall have opted out. Now the pressure is on U.S. Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo, son of the former governor, to run.

Cuomo is intensely interested, but running would mean yielding a big role in Vice President Gore's White House campaign.

If he doesn't run, Democrats acknowledged, the party would face a pool of less-formidable potential candidates, including Reps. Nita Lowey (D-Westchester), Carolyn Maloney (D-Manhattan) and Louise Slaughter (D-Rochester).

The optimism of the Hillary Hopeful surged Sunday when NBC-TV "Meet the Press" host Tim Russert broadcast an apparent bombshell: The head of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, Sen. Robert Torricelli (D-N.J.), had told Russert "if he had to guess, he believes Hillary Rodham Clinton will run for the United States Senate from New York."

But a Torricelli confidant acknowledged that the senator never spoke to the First Lady or anyone around her.

Pro-Hillary Democrats also find solace in the refusal by Marsha Berry, the First Lady's press secretary, to categorically rule out a Senate race. But one confidant said Clinton simply is following the old political adage of "not foreclosing any option until you have to. But I doubt she will run."

State Democratic chairwoman Judith Hope, who launched the first Sen. Hillary trial balloon many months ago, said for the first time yesterday that the First Lady had asked her last year not to float such ideas again.

"She sought me out and asked me to discourage that kind of speculation," Hope said. "She said it was not helpful to her. . . . She has her issues she is passionately devoted to — children, families and education — and this creates a distraction."

Still, a new round of Clinton speculation is beginning. The new Jane magazine cover features a headline touting a Clinton for President — the First Daughter, Chelsea.

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