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HEADLINE: Rock The Vote expands its efforts beyond elections

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Nonprofit organization Rock the Vote is hoping to get the music industry's attention with a new focus, a new president, and a new marketing campaign aimed at broadening its appeal.

"Rock the Vote isn't the same organization people might think it is," says Rock the Vote president Seth Matlins, who joined the organization in mid-1998. "We're changing."

Instead of focusing mainly on getting young people to vote, the Los Angeles-based Rock the Vote is repositioning itself as an umbrella organization for young people to get involved in social activism.

Matlins continues, "We're changing the direction, intent, and strategy of Rock the Vote. No longer are we going to find ourselves constrained by the electoral cycle of events. People interested in change have two tools: their vote and their actions. Rock the Vote hadn't paid enough attention to the action side of the equation."

Recording Industry Assn. of America president/CEO Hilary Rosen, who is also a Rock the Vote co-chair, agrees with that observation. "What we found is that getting people registered to vote isn't enough. We need to give people reasons to vote. It's always been our job to try to get people to build a connection between what they care about in their immediate surroundings and what they want to change for the larger good."

Matlins cautions that Rock the Vote won't become an organization for all causes. "We're trying to partner strategically with youth-driven causes. We've shifted from an electoral orientation to a civic orientation and political change that's rooted in communities. There's a tendency to define communities as geographic, but communities can be cultural, social, academic, and so on."

As part of its makeover, Rock the Vote has introduced a new annual award - the Rock the Nation Award - which will be bestowed on a recipient for the first time this year. The debut honoree is first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

"This award represents the new evolution of the organization," Matlins says. "The award is different because it's given to someone outside the entertainment business. The first lady has been a tireless advocate for youth. She has utilized her public platform to effect change."

The Rock the Nation Award will be presented as part of Rock the

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Vote's annual Patrick Lippert Awards show. This year's show will take place Feb. 23 at the House of Blues in Los Angeles.

The Patrick Lippert Awards - named for the Rock the Vote executive director who died of AIDS in 1993 - honor individuals or groups who, according to Rock the Vote, "have made extraordinary achievements in empowering people."

This year's Patrick Lippert Award honorees are Neil Young (recognized for his work with Farm Aid and the Bridge School benefits) and Wyclef Jean, who is being recognized for his Wyclef Jean Foundation for Haitian refugees and indigenous people. Young and Jean are both scheduled to be present at the ceremony. At press time, Clinton had not confirmed that she would attend. Other celebrities expected to appear are Stevie Wonder, Beck, and Lucinda Williams.

Jean, who will perform at the show with his group the Refugee Allstars, tells Billboard, "What I've always liked about Rock the Vote is how they have music in conjunction to spreading a message, and they spread their message to kids in a subliminal way that's not preachy."

Of Haitian descent, Jean stages a an annual Haitian refugee benefit concert. He says that his Wyclef Jean Foundation has been able to raise awareness of the refugees' plight. "I don't want people to think I'm Mother Teresa, but I feel like God blessed me, and this is my way of giving back. In addition to raising money to help the refugees, we bought music instruments for Haitian schools, and we've donated \$10,000 to VH1's Save the Music."

Prior to joining Rock the Vote, Matlins was senior vice president of ProServ, an international sports and entertainment marketing company. He says his marketing background and enthusiasm for Rock the Vote were two of the reasons why he was chosen to become the organization's president.

"I've always financially supported causes I believe in," he says. "My career focus in the past may have been in the corporate world, but I gave up a lot of money to do this Rock the Vote job."

Rock the Vote's public-service announcements have gotten attention in the past for featuring music stars, with the celebrities sometimes delivering a message in a provocative manner. But Matlins says that the organization's PSAs will also change.

"We're shifting from a celebrity-driven model to a peer-driven model," he says. "We'll continue to have celebrities in our PSAs, but we'll also have real people. New PSAs are in the planning stages, but they won't be about voting. The focus will be that if there's something in your community - however you define community - that needs fixing, you've got the power to change it."

He adds, "We're trying to diversify our base of media support so we're not as reliant on one media partner. We want to work with MTV, ESPN, Telemundo, BET, the WB, and Fox, just to name a few."

Matlins says that Rock the Vote will continue to have a presence at music industry gatherings, such as the National Assn. of Recording Merchandisers Convention. The organization has also revamped its site on the World Wide Web (www.rockthevote.org). He adds that although Rock the Vote is not a membership organization, "we have youth activist workshops in several markets to teach young people to get involved."

Work Group co-president Jeff Ayeroff is one of Rock the Vote's founding members and a co-chair. He observes, "We want to let kids know that politics isn't just about elections, or about President Clinton and his underwear. It's about what they can do to make a change. That's why Rock the Vote is starting an 'I'm a politician' print campaign."

Ayeroff adds, "I think there's a real stigma attached to politics right now, so that might make Rock the Vote harder to sell. Politicians sometimes don't realize that young people do care and can make a difference."

As for the music industry's involvement with Rock the Vote, Warner Bros. Records Inc. president and Rock the Vote co-chair Phil Quartararo says, "I think Rock the Vote is good for the music business because we're a celebrity-laden industry that can get people's attention. As long as we can provide a credible association with Rock the Vote, it will be a positive thing."

Ayeroff adds that high-level music industry executives have been supportive of Rock the Vote, but "I'd like to see more non-executives like product managers and art directors get involved in Rock the Vote."

Rosen concludes, "It feels better to do something locally and do something more tangible instead of telling people just to vote. People who have been turned off by politics should take a take a new look at Rock The Vote - it's something they can believe in."

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Hillary & Senate Speculation

Rush Limbaugh Discusses media speculation about Hillary Rodham Clinton running for New York Senate.

The following discussion occurred during Limbaugh's broadcast of February 15th, 1999:

Caller: "Hey, the reason I called today is I was going to say, 'Run, Hillary, run!' I would like to see her run for Senate. I'd like to see her basically face the media scrutiny she's been able to, you know, avert so far."

Rush: "Oh! That's interesting! Now, I've heard a lot of people suggest that, that Hillary would get all signs—all kinds of media scrutiny. Do you really think she would?"

Caller: "Yeah, I still want to find out who hired Craig Livingstone."

Rush: "Why do you think the media would turn everything upside down like they do with other candidates to find out things in her past?"

Caller: "I don't know. It's New York. It's pretty rough and tumble. I'd like to see her face that scrutiny. Plus, you know, let the feminists pile all their money in New York. You know, the liberals and let them spend money on that campaign."

Rush: "Interesting. Thank-you, Michael. I—I don't know, ladies and gentlemen. I'm not so sure that the media would behave at all in the traditional fashion with a Hillary Clinton Senate candidacy in New York. Now, I should point out to you that George 'Steffi' Stephanopolous thinks that all this is a practical joke. He doesn't think she has any intention of running for the Senate. Why would she want to be one of one hundred people, and in her case, part of the minority? What's in it for her? Hillary would view the world as her domain, not the measly state of New York and the United States Senate. I'm putting some words in Stephanopolous' mouth. But, he did say that he thinks this is a practical joke, that a lot of people are just getting their jollies by watching people react to a potential Hillary run."

"I'll have to tell you: I think if Hillary Clinton ran for the Senate, that the New York media would bend over backwards to not look into her past. And I don't know, I think all Democratic potentials would get out of the race. If she actually got in, I don't think she'd have any opposition on the Democratic side. Her lone opponent would be Rudolph 'Rudy' Giuliani who is said to want the seat himself. So, it'd be up to Rudolph 'Rudy' Giuliani to go digging deep, which he would do. Rudolph 'Rudy' Giuliani has demonstrated he is afraid of nothing and nobody. Oh yeah, they'd dig on Rudy. Oh-oh, ho, ho!! They would dig on Rudy and they would dump on Rudy for digging into Hillary. You, you think the press has been critical of negative campaigning, wait 'til you see what they do to any opponent of Hillary's."

"This whole Hillary candidacy, ladies and gentlemen, I just have to laugh. It's amazing how many people are just bending over backwards and forwards!! I mean, it, it, it, it is like the second coming of the Virgin Mary, almost, the way people are reacting here. They're talking about how brilliant she is, how smart, how typically New York she would be. And I've done a little research here, ladies and gentlemen. I just want to remind you of some things. I, it's not an assault on the first lady. I trust you will accept me when I say that. It's just an observation of, of two forces at work, one the media that presents her image and the public that accepts it."

"But, here's her resume: Student at Yale following Wellesley where she meets up and coming guy, latches onto him, follows him wherever he goes and then attempts to take over when he gets there. Here are some details:

"They get married. She was hired by the Rose Law Firm when her husband became Attorney General of Arkansas. She was hired by the Rose Law firm specifically because her husband was the Attorney General of Arkansas. She was then promoted to partner in the Rose Law firm when her husband became Governor of Arkansas. She, it is said, reformed education in Arkansas. Well, what is Arkansas' education ranking in this country? It was number 48 when Hillary took over. When she left, to go to Washington with her husband, Bill the President, Arkansas ranked, I think, 50th. There wasn't much room to lose, but she managed to lose it. I mean, they went down. Arkansas got worse, educationally, under Mrs. Clinton. I tell you, this is not an assault. I'm just giving you facts."

"She then conceived the ill-fated Universal Healthcare plan in 1993 that her own party wouldn't even vote on! Remember the 1993 Healthcare Plan? I don't think there was one Democrat vote for it. And that healthcare plan is widely considered to be the first or second reason the Republicans won the House in 1994. So, you have to say that Mrs. Clinton is credited with helping the Republicans gain a majority in Congress because of her strategy in the healthcare plan.

"She then hired a ghostwriter for It Takes a Village, which was a modest bestseller. She did not hire a ghostwriter for the book Socks and Buddy. This is where she attempted to copy the premise that Mrs. Bush used in writing the book Notes from Millie, or whatever it was. But the book that she wrote, Socks and Buddy, was a major bomb.

"It was also Mrs. Clinton who masterminded the defense in the Paula Jones case. It was Mrs. Clinton, who said, 'You will settle over my dead body.' It was Mrs. Clinton therefore, who prolonged this whole sordid episode. Do you realize—and even Dershowitz will tell you this—that if they had settled the Paula Jones case or if they would've just defaulted the Paula Jones case, then none of what followed would've happened. There wouldn't have been any impeachment. There wouldn't have been any Monica Lewinsky. There wouldn't have been any Starr investigation of Lewinsky. It wouldn't have been discovered. All of this occurred because of Mrs. Clinton's strategy, her political strategy.

"And then she became a successor to our old friend McCarthy and McCarthyism. We got Hillaryism: 'Look behind you. There's a vast a vast right-wing conspirator everywhere.' So, now the question of the day is, 'Will Hillary accept the New York Senate seat? It wasn't whether or not she'd run. It's whether or not she will *accept* it because it is assumed that if she runs she is a shoe-in.

"In fact, they're saying, ladies and gentlemen, that she's as much a shoe-in as Ted Kennedy would've been if he'd have run for president. I know, he did, he did run for president in 19--what was it? 1980. He attempted to gain the nomination from Jimmy Carter. Remember what a shoe-in he was going to be? Ha-ha-ha-ha!! Turned out not to be the case.

"So, I just, I, I, I think everybody is overstating her accomplishments. There's no question they love her. There's no question that they think that she's this great feminist and great liberal woman but when you look at what she's actually done she doesn't deserve all this praise. My friends, I promise you here, this is not an assault. I'm giving you a political analysis as I would analyze any other candidate."

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President's brother says Clintons ``back on track''

WASHINGTON (AP) President and Mrs. Clinton are confident ``that they've gotten back on track,' ' with still a lot of work to do in their marriage because of his problems, his brother, Roger, said today.

``As far as I can tell the family unit is getting stronger every day,' ' Roger Clinton said on ABC's ``Good Morning America.' '

The younger brother said he met with the president Tuesday. ``He sounds very upbeat, very positive and he's still as concerned as ever every day with the business of the country and of the world.' '

Even as the president's impeachment trial continues in the Senate, ``He's doing fine now. He's really doing fine. The bigger picture was what he had to deal with and that was the family situation and he's dealt with that,' ' said Roger Clinton, who lives in Redondo Beach, Calif.

He said he has not discussed Chelsea Clinton's feelings with her. ``All we can hope for now is that Chelsea can deal with this because of the fact she's had two great teachers in her life to prepare her for situations, for adversities such as this.' '

When President and Mrs. Clinton are out of the spotlight, Roger Clinton said, ``I see a lot of focus, a lot of determination and a lot of confidence that they've gotten back on track and they still have much work to do.' '

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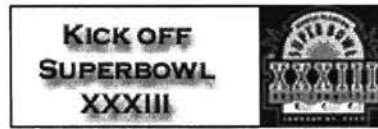
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STANFORD STANDS BEHIND CHELSEA

By David K. Li, Kate Coyne and Gersh Kuntzman

Stanford University students rallied around the school's most famous sophomore after the White House slammed a People magazine cover story on Hillary and Chelsea Clinton that hits the stands today.

The "Leave Chelsea Alone" view flares up whenever coverage of the ongoing impeachment and Sexgate scandals gets close to the campus.

"The only people who care [about Chelsea] are you people in the media, so why don't you leave her, and everyone else, alone?" screamed one student, riding off before a reporter could get her name.

The Stanford Daily - the school newspaper - maintained its policy against coverage of Chelsea or other campus celebs.

"We mention them when they make news in a way an ordinary student would make news," said Editor Jim Tankersley.

As an example, Tankersley said, the paper recently wrote about a student named Carolyn Starr, who is a member of an award-winning campus a cappella group, identifying her only as "a freshman."

There was no mention of her father, Kenneth.

But far from the Stanford campus, critics complained Chelsea has become a public figure - precisely because of the role she plays in shaping public opinion about her controversial parents.

During the 1992 presidential campaign, Chelsea was featured in a photo spread in People magazine.

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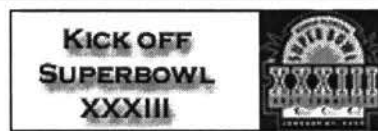
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CLINTONS RIP PEOPLE FOR COVER STORY ON CHELSEA

By Keith J. Kelly, Kate Coyne, Tracy Connor, Bill Sanderson and Deborah Orin

President Clinton and the First Lady last night blasted People magazine for today's cover story on the relationship between Hillary and Chelsea - an article that discusses the First Daughter's feelings of "betrayal" over Sexgate.

"We deeply regret and are profoundly saddened by the decision of People magazine to print a cover story featuring our daughter, Chelsea," the Clintons said.

"Other than at public situations where she is an integral part of our family, Chelsea has not taken on a public role. We have been very grateful for the media's restraint in allowing Chelsea the privacy that any young person needs and deserves."

Carol Wallace, People's editor, said the magazine gave "a lot of thought" to the Clintons' objections to the story.

"There is a great deal of admiration for this mother-daughter relationship," Wallace said.

People pointed out that Chelsea is no longer a child. She "is nearly 19 years old and a poised young adult," the magazine said. "We feel that because she is an eyewitness to the family drama and history unfolding around her, she is a valid journalistic subject."

But a friend of Chelsea at Stanford University told The Post the First Daughter will see the story as a serious invasion of privacy.

"If this article tries to bring the bond between her and her mother under the microscope, if it scrutinizes it in any way, Chelsea will have a hard time shrugging it off," the friend said.

"Hillary is the most important thing in the world to her."

The article contains no blockbuster revelations, but includes a few new details about Chelsea's reaction to her father's infidelity.

"There was a terrible sense of betrayal," a former White House aide is quoted as saying.

She "doesn't talk about the scandal, even to her closest friends," according to another of the magazine's sources.

Chelsea's friends know better than to ask her about the scandal, People says.

"Let's face it," said a former aide to Hillary and Chelsea. "This has just been so humiliating for the two of them. They don't want to talk about it, and nobody asks."

People paints a portrait of a sometimes lonely Chelsea waking up before her seven Stanford housemates, sitting alone in the kitchen they share, and reading up on the scandal in USA Today.

The magazine says Chelsea has turned to her mom for solace in the maelstrom.

Nobody believes Chelsea is taking sides between her parents. "She loves them both," a friend told People.

But the friend added that Chelsea is "very, very much an advocate of her mother's."

Another longtime friend said Hillary's advice to "just keep keeping on" has likely helped Chelsea get through the worst days.

Still, Chelsea is calm and often upbeat, the magazine says.

It quotes a friend of the president, diplomat Richard Holbrooke, who met her on the Stanford campus after he delivered a speech there. "She gave me a big hello and a hug," he said. "This was at the height of the storm and she was poised and calm."

On the night of her father's impeachment - and soon after she broke up with her boyfriend Matthew Pierce, a friend of the Clintons' saw her at the White House.

The friend described Chelsea as "so upbeat and teen-age. She came running and said, 'I've got to run. I'm so late for a party, my friends are going to kill me.'"

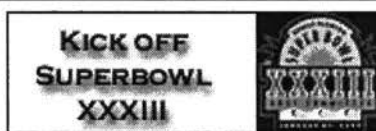
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SO, DID BILL SPILL BEANS ABOUT HILL?

By ROBERT HARDT Jr. and TOM TOPOUSIS

President Clinton last night raised the volume on speculation his wife might run for the Senate, saying, "It's highly likely that I will increasingly be known as the person who comes with Hillary to New York."

Clinton's remark - which he made with a broad smile - came at a \$10,000-a-head Democratic fund-raiser in Manhattan's swanky Le Cirque 2000 restaurant.

Clinton's line about Hillary - paraphrasing a comment by President John Kennedy talking about his wife, Jackie - got the biggest applause of the night from the audience at the \$1 million fund-raiser.

Mrs. Clinton had spent her afternoon at a Brooklyn YMCA where she hosted an Oprah-style discussion with struggling parents - and carefully avoided talk of her political future.

Speaking to about 250 invited guests in the Bedford-Stuyvesant Y, Mrs. Clinton received two standing ovations during her 45-minute talk.

"This is a very welcome respite from Washington, where sometimes you wonder - but here in New York you can get it done," Mrs. Clinton said to rousing applause.

For much of the round-table talk, Mrs. Clinton listened to mothers who told her of their difficulties in trying to make ends meet.

"Many of us are just one event away from

finding ourselves in a position we never thought we'd find ourselves in," she said.

"What's that old American Indian saying about walk a mile in somebody else's moccasins? See the world from somebody else's perspective."

Many of the guests said they could see Mrs. Clinton in the U.S. Senate.

"I think she would be a big plus for New York state if she was our senator," said Elizabeth Sanders, the executive director of the East New York Council for the Aging.

"I admire her. She's the epitome of what womanhood should be, because she's weathering the storm."

Mrs. Clinton has never spoken publicly about the possibility of running for the Senate in New York, but several Democratic leaders have said they hope she will run for Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan's seat, which he is vacating in 2001.

"I would vote for her in a second," gushed Ida Mae Martin, 65, who lives in Bedford-Stuyvesant.

"She's a strong woman who can take all the hard knocks."

The Le Cirque fund-raiser was expected to rake in \$1 million for the Democratic National Committee - \$75,000 of which was earmarked for the state party.

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Roger Clinton Hails 1st Couple

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WASHINGTON (AllPolitics, February 4) -- President Clinton and his wife said Wednesday they "deeply regret and are profoundly saddened" by a decision by People magazine's editors to feature a story about their daughter, Chelsea, on its cover.

The magazine is scheduled to go on the street Friday with a cover photo of Chelsea with her mother Hillary Rodham Clinton and the headline: "Hillary & Chelsea -- Grace Under Fire."

People bills the eight-page story inside as "an intimate look at the deep bond of love that sustains the Clinton women through their painful family ordeal" in the Monica Lewinsky scandal and the impeachment of the president.

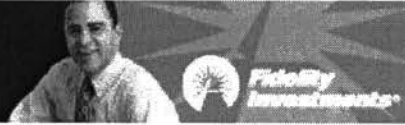
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Chelsea magazine story angers White House

Reuters

WASHINGTON -- People magazine chronicles the close bond between Hillary Rodham Clinton and her daughter Chelsea in a cover story released Thursday, prompting a strong reproach from President Clinton and the first lady.

The weekly entertainment magazine published by Time Warner Inc. decided to carry the article, entitled "Grace under Fire," despite White House objections because it said Chelsea was an eyewitness to history and a "valid journalistic subject."

But in a terse statement issued late Wednesday by the White House, the Clintons said they "deeply regret and are profoundly saddened" by the magazine's decision to run the piece.

A color photograph of Mrs. Clinton and Chelsea -- both smiling -- adorns the magazine's cover, and many more photographs are featured inside.

The accompanying article is an unabashedly positive look at two strong women who have turned to each other for strength and solace during the Monica Lewinsky scandal that has tested their family and threatened Clinton's presidency.

Despite the article's positive tone, the Clintons fought hard to prevent the magazine from proceeding with a rare cover story filled with personal anecdotes about Chelsea, who has been largely shielded from the public eye throughout her life.

"Unfortunately, despite personal appeals with respect to her privacy and her security from her parents, People magazine has chosen to run the story," the Clintons said in a statement issued by the White House, appealing to other news media to continue to respect their daughter's privacy.

Both mother and daughter have stood by the president throughout the year-long Lewinsky scandal, despite their personal disappointment about his admission in August that he

had misled them about the affair.

People managing editor Carol Wallace issued a brief statement late Wednesday defending the decision to feature Chelsea in a cover story:

"Over the years we have written about the Clinton family in good times and bad. Chelsea is nearly 19 years old and a poised young adult. We feel that because she is an eyewitness to the family drama and historical events unfolding around her she is a valid journalistic subject."

In a recorded statement, Wallace also said there was "a great deal of admiration for this mother-daughter relationship."

The president and first lady have fiercely guarded their daughter's privacy throughout their time in Washington, and before that, when Clinton served as governor of Arkansas.

Chelsea Clinton is now a student at Stanford University, and while occasional reports have surfaced about her life as a college student, she has escaped the frenzied media attention lavished on other celebrities in the United States.

"We deeply regret and are profoundly saddened by the decision of People magazine to print a cover story featuring our daughter Chelsea," the Clintons said in their joint statement. "For over six years, the media has understood and respected the unique situation facing Chelsea as she grows up in the spotlight focused on her parents."

The Clintons said they had been very grateful for the media's restraint in "allowing Chelsea the privacy that any young person needs and deserves," noting that Chelsea had not taken on a public role other than as "an integral part of our family."

Clinton's half-brother, Roger Clinton, has said that Chelsea has been "deeply shaken" by the scandal surrounding her father, who is now on trial in the Senate for charges that he lied under oath and obstructed justice to hide his affair with Lewinsky.

"Despite her good humor and her happiness, Chelsea has been deeply shaken by this whole thing. Like Bill. Like Hillary," Roger Clinton said in an interview with the weekly Paris-Match in November.

Chelsea is keeping her head high, refusing like her mother, to let the world see her private pain about the scandal. The two exchange letters and frequent late-night phone calls, according to the People article.

And although she reads the news reports to keep abreast of events in the impeachment saga, Chelsea doesn't talk about the scandal, even to her closest friends, the magazine said.

"Chelsea has her mother's strength," People quoted long-time Hillary friend Nancy Snyderman as saying. "She's been bred for it."

PM Chelsea Clinton, 750

Has Chelsea Clinton become fair game for news media coverage? Eds: Also moving on national news wire as PM-Chelsea Clinton, 2nd Ld-Writethru

By SANDRA SOBIERAJ= Associated Press Writer=

WASHINGTON (AP) Bill Clinton gushed about the time his daughter, Chelsea, asked if unmarried girls can have babies. Hillary Rodham Clinton chimed in, laughing, about Chelsea's plea to have her ears pierced.

That was 1992, in the heat of their first run for the White House, when the Clintons invited People magazine into their backyard for a cozy family photo shoot and extensive interview.

This is 1999, in the denouement of the crisis sparked by President Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky, when a similarly flattering People cover story ``Hillary & Chelsea: Grace under fire. An intimate look at the deep bond of love'' set the White House into an icy stew.

Press secretary Joe Lockhart, peppered with questions Thursday about an unusual statement from the president and first lady prefacing the release today of the 8-page magazine feature, refused even to entertain the question about whether Chelsea is, as People managing editor Carol Wallace called her, ``a valid journalistic subject.''

``We deeply regret and are profoundly saddened by the decision of People,' ' the president and Mrs. Clinton in an official statement late Wednesday after their personal appeals to the magazine failed to kill the story. The White House refused to elaborate on those contacts.

Media watchdogs cried foul.

``Chelsea is becoming fair game,' ' said Marvin Kalb, director of Harvard's Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy.

From a gawky 12-year-old in braces to poised college student at Stanford University, Chelsea, nearly 19, has emerged as a sort of semipublic figure traveling on overseas missions, working the crowds alongside her parents, turning up in front of news cameras to hold her father's hand when the political stakes last year became critical.

So why the fuss over an article that, in trying to illustrate a close family bond, recalls slumber parties, messages from ``Mommy'' to Chelsea's elementary school and a beach picnic where Chelsea, unasked, draped her jacket around her mother's shivering shoulders?

``Chelsea has not taken on a public role,' ' the Clintons said in their appeal meant to hold back the floodgates on coverage of their daughter.

The latest People story follows sensational tabloid cover stories last year on Chelsea's breakup with her college boyfriend. But it is no more intrusive and no less flattering than the story the Clintons sanctioned in 1992, when they offered up everything from Chelsea's favorite TV sitcoms to her morning routine.

The difference between then and now? ``Nothing has changed, from Mrs. Clinton's point of view,' ' said her spokeswoman, Marsha Berry.

But Kalb and others point to vivid images from the past year that suggest mixed messages.

Three days after Ms. Lewinsky burst into headlines last year, Chelsea flew 3,000 miles home from Stanford, where she was then a freshman. Photographs of her and Dad arm-in-arm departing for the Camp David presidential retreat helped bolster his initial denials of any marital wrongdoing.

Seven months later, she linked hands with both parents and again before a bank of cameras held husband and wife together the day after Clinton publicly confessed his affair with Ms. Lewinsky.

``Chelsea is now being used to convey an image and the line then becomes more and more difficult to draw between what is journalistically acceptable and what is self-protective for family reasons,' ' Kalb said.

He called the coverage unfortunate. But journalism professor George Reedy, who was press secretary to President Lyndon Johnson, saw a public benefit to knowing the private lives of presidents and their families.

``One of the very important things the press must do is give the public a

picture of what the man is really like what his personality is, is he honest, is he smart. And people are reflected in their children,' Reedy said.

It is a mirror the Clintons, unlike their predecessors, have tightly cloaked since the '92 campaign.

``I'm not going to answer any questions about her,' Mrs. Clinton firmly told CNN's Larry King when he asked in 1996 whether Chelsea was dating.

Chelsea has never been interviewed, although reporters have been invited to off-the-record dinners with her during foreign trips. She only has spoken in public overseas, in roundtable discussions with other young people.

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(UPI Focus)

Clintons, People battle over Chelsea

By HELEN THOMAS= UPI White House Reporter=

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (UPI) The White House dug in its heels over the People magazine cover article profiling first daughter Chelsea Clinton, reiterating her parents' pleas for her privacy but refusing to detail its full reasons.

White House press secretary Joe Lockhart, asked repeatedly to explain the objections of President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, steadfastly refused to go beyond the first couple's written statement saying they ``deeply regret and are profoundly saddened'' by the magazine article.

The Clintons, in the brief statement, said they had appealed directly to editors at People magazine, saying they wanted to protect their daughter's ``privacy and her security.''

NBC reported that the magazine also was warned by the Secret Service that it felt the article would raise the threat to Chelsea. A spokesman for the Secret Service refused to comment.

People editor Carol Wallace said her magazine gave a lot of thought to such objections, but went ahead anyway with the article, which is due to hit newsstands Friday with both the first lady and Chelsea pictured on the cover.

Wallace said the piece, which involves a largely flattering profile of Chelsea as she copes with the effects of her father's behavior, expresses a great deal of admiration for the mother-daughter relationship.

Wallace also pointed out that at 19, Chelsea is no longer a child. She said Chelsea is fair game for a profile because she is an eyewitness to history and to the latest family drama.

The article doesn't include any blockbuster revelations, but it does offer a few new details about her reaction to her father's infidelity.

``There was a terrible sense of betrayal,' ' a former White House aide is quoted as saying. ``She doesn't talk about the scandal, even to her closest friends,' ' says another of the magazine's sources.

``Let's face it,' ' says a former aide to Hillary and Chelsea, ``this has just been so humiliating for the two of them. They don't want to talk about it, and nobody asks.''

Although the family posed for a photo spread in People during Clinton's 1992 presidential campaign, the Clintons say they are not pleased with the media attention now.

Lockhart refused repeated requests for an explanation. Asked whether the White House was arguing that Chelsea is not a public figure, Lockhart said, ``I don't get to decide that.''

Asked why Chelsea should be treated differently than other presidential children, he answered: ``You can ask yourself that question, because I think you have, for whatever reason, as a news organization, made a decision I think a proper one to treat this question with some sensitivity and privacy. And I can't give you an answer.''

The children of recent past presidents have not been held strictly off limits, although there have been attempts to protect their privacy from time to time.

When John F. Kennedy was elected there was tremendous curiosity about his children when they moved into the White House. Caroline was 3 years old, John F. Kennedy Jr. had just been born, and the nation delighted in their exploits in the White House and the humanizing atmosphere they brought to its hallowed halls.

The Johnson daughters, Lynda Bird and Luci, were constantly in the news. Their romances and weddings were the stuff of headlines. The Nixon girls and David Eisenhower campaigned in 36 states in 1968 and they could no longer lay a claim to privacy.

The Carters let their daughter Amy attend state dinners and bring her playmates to skate in the East Room.

The Reagan children were grown and were in the news only occasionally such

as when son Ron joined a ballet group or when Maureen wanted to run for Congress.

The Bush children were also grown but the dozen grandchildren showed up from time to time and President Bush loved showing them off.

The Clintons put Chelsea on the campaign platform occasionally during 1992. When they moved into the White House, Mrs. Clinton went to see Jackie Kennedy Onassis for advice on how to preserve her privacy.

With the paparazzi in disrepute and facing special appeals from the first family, reporters and cameramen tacitly agreed that Chelsea was off limits unless she appeared publicly with her parents.

For six years, there have been no real stories in the press about Chelsea except for snippets here and there. No coverage was allowed of the president when he spoke at his daughter's graduation at Sidwell Friends School.

Stories about Chelsea have been banned at Stanford University. The profile in People magazine is the first to break the ban that has been imposed by the first family, and it reportedly has won the magazine, whose corporate ownership also includes Time magazine and CNN, White House threats of retaliation on future news cooperation. Even so there are no direct quotes from her or her family in the article.

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SECTION: Washington - general news

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HEADLINE: Clintons Decry Story on Chelsea AP-Chelsea-People ,0425

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY:

President Clinton and his wife say they are ''profoundly saddened'' by People magazine's decision to do a cover story on daughter Chelsea.

''For over six years, the media has understood and respected the unique situation facing Chelsea as she grows up in the spotlight focused on her parents,'' the Clintons said Wednesday in a prepared statement. ''We have been very grateful for the media's restraint in allowing Chelsea the privacy that any young person needs and deserves.''

The Clintons said People chose to run the story ''despite personal appeals with respect to her privacy and her security from her parents.''

The magazine is to hit the street Friday with a cover photo of Chelsea with her mother and the headline: ''Hillary & Chelsea Grace Under Fire.''

People bills the eight-page story inside as ''an intimate look at the deep bond of love that sustains the Clinton women through their painful family ordeal'' in the Monica Lewinsky scandal and the impeachment of the president.

''There is a great deal of admiration for this mother-daughter relationship,'' People's managing editor, Carol Wallace, said in response to the White House statement. ''Chelsea is nearly 19 years old and a poised young adult. We feel that because she is an eyewitness to the family drama and historical events unfolding around her she is a valid journalistic subject.''

Administration officials said they didn't believe there were any startling revelations in the magazine's upcoming issue, but that the Clintons were chagrined to see their daughter, who will turn 19 on Feb. 27, the subject of a cover story.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said the Clintons found fault with ''more the concept than the detail'' of the story.

The media basically ignored Chelsea while she was a high school student. There was an initial flurry of stories on her move to Stanford University in 1997, but they quickly subsided.

''There's never been a cover story on Chelsea,'' said Marsha Berry, the first lady's spokeswoman.

AP Online, February 04, 1999

Berry said the Clinton's statement was not intended to dispute any particular facet of the article. ''It's just that it exists at all,'' she said.

In their statement, the Clintons said ''we deeply regret and are profoundly saddened by the decision of People.'' The also said they hoped that ''the media will continue its policy of restraint with respect to our daughter.''

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SECTION: Domestic News

LENGTH: 1118 words

HEADLINE: People defends Chelsea story

DATELINE: NEW YORK, Feb. 4

BODY:

People magazine says it gave a lot of thought to President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's objections to its planned cover story about their daughter, Chelsea. But Editor Carol Wallace says the glossy went ahead anyway with the article, due to appear Friday. In a statement Wednesday night, Wallace said the piece expresses a great deal of admiration for the mother-daughter relationship. Wallace also pointed out that at 19, Chelsea is no longer a child. She said Chelsea is fair game for a profile because she is an eyewitness to history -- and to the latest family drama. According to the New York Post, the article doesn't include any blockbuster revelations, but it does offer a few new details about her reaction to her father's infidelity. "There was a terrible sense of betrayal," a former White House aide is quoted as saying. "She doesn't talk about the scandal, even to her closest friends," says another of the magazine's sources. "Let's face it," says a former aide to Hillary and Chelsea, "this has just been so humiliating for the two of them. They don't want to talk about it, and nobody asks." Although the family posed for a photo spread in People during Clinton's 1992 presidential campaign, the Clintons say they are not pleased with the media attention now. In a statement released Wednesday night, the first couple said they "deeply regret and are profoundly saddened by the decision," which the magazine made "despite personal appeals with respect to her privacy and her security from her parents." The Clintons say the media has for more than six years "understood and respected the unique situation facing Chelsea as she grows up in the spotlight focused on her parents." They added: "We can only hope that the media will continue its policy of restraint with respect to our daughter." The article comes just three months after other national news organizations began breaking the voluntary wall of silence generally afforded Chelsea. Two supermarket tabloids, the National Enquirer and the Star, ran expose-style cover pieces on Chelsea last November and were followed within days by a front-page headline in The New York Post reading, "Chelsea's Heartache." The articles featured details of Chelsea's efforts to cope with her father's admitted extramarital affair and her breakup with her boyfriend at Stanford University. Details were quickly relayed by wire service reports and radio stations. White House officials argued then that Chelsea deserves to be shielded from media attention because she has no responsibility for her parents' political careers and has not participated in them. "Other than at public situations where she is an integral part of our family, Chelsea has not taken on a public role," the president and first lady said in their statement. "We have been very grateful for the media's restraint in allowing Chelsea the privacy that any young person needs and deserves." ---

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SECTION: Domestic, non-Washington, general news item

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HEADLINE: Clinton decries People Magazine cover piece on daughter Chelsea

DATELINE: WASHINGTON, Feb 4

BODY:

President Bill Clinton and his wife Hillary denounced People Magazine for running a cover story on their daughter Chelsea and pleaded with the media to leave her alone.

"We deeply regret and are profoundly saddened by the decision of People Magazine to print a cover story featuring our daughter Chelsea," the first couple said in a statement.

They noted that in the six years that Chelsea has lived in the White House, "the media has understood and respected the unique situation facing Chelsea as she grows up in the spotlight focussed on her parents.

"Other than at public situations where she is an integral part of our family, Chelsea has not taken on a public role. We have been very grateful for the media's restraint in allowing Chelsea the privacy that any young person needs and deserves," the statement said.

The 18-year-old student at Stanford University in California has generally stayed out of the papers, though a Vanity Fair piece on her father recently reported that she had had heated arguments with independent counsel Kenneth Starr's daughter, who also attends Stanford.

The Clintons' statement said that People decided to run the story "despite personal appeals with respect to her privacy and security from her parents" and added: "We can only hope that the media will continue its policy of restraint."

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February 1, 1999, Monday

SECTION: OPINION; Pg. A09

LENGTH: 512 words

HEADLINE: Anti-abortion violence inexcusable

BYLINE: By Stephanie Salter San Francisco Examiner

BODY:

For years now, pro-choice advocates have tried to drive home a truth about the violence that is inflicted on abortion providers and their medical facilities. Last week, Hillary Rodham Clinton became perhaps the most prominent mainstream figure to join this effort. She identified clinic violence for what it is.

"This is not free expression," she said. "This is domestic terrorism, and it must stop."

In an address to the National Abortion Rights Action League on the 26th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, the first lady cited some familiar statistics:

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Imagine, as did Nation writer Katha Pollitt, such a siege against any other business or organization. In a column last autumn, Pollitt wondered what the national response would be "if zealots like the ones who burn down abortion clinics and kill doctors and stalk their children were committing the same crime against, say, dermatology clinics or convents or the Marines."

How many folks would term these overt criminal acts "free expression" or defend them as a natural result of deep-seated religious convictions? How many would ignore the fact that the activities of the dermatologists, nuns or Marines are -- like those of abortion providers -- still legal, protected by state and federal statutes?

In October, a noted abortion provider -- the obstetrician and gynecologist Dr. Barnett Slepian was shot to death through a window of his home in Amherst, N.Y. The prime suspect, a longtime antiabortion zealot named James C. Kopp, has eluded police and the FBI.

A month after Slepian's murder, Attorney General Janet Reno finally delivered an appropriate federal response. She created a task force to prosecute and prevent violence against abortion providers. Besides establishing a national database on clinic violence, the task force will train local police and clinic staff in response and prevention tactics.

In her abortion rights address, Clinton told her audience that the president's forthcoming budget will ask Congress for \$4.5 million for an array of protective devices for abortion providers.

The Deseret News (Salt Lake City, UT) February 1, 1999, Monday

Even if the president would not be handicapped by the residue from his impeachment (and he will), the likelihood of this Congress allocating such a sum to protect abortion providers is probably small. Most of the women who use highly visible family planning clinics are among one of the least powerful influence groups -- the young and the financially strapped. Middle class and wealthy women receive birth control or abortions in their doctors' offices.

In addition, too many members of the male-dominated Senate and House fear the voting and funding clout of the antiabortion movement. They may not be willing to target legal abortion for extinction, but they don't like to appear to support the procedure in any active way.

Sadly, that could include not allocating the funds to protect providers from being murdered.

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SECTION: EDITORIAL, Pg. 15A, COMMENTARY

LENGTH: 651 words

HEADLINE: TERRORISM AT ABORTION CLINICS IS NOT EXERCISE OF FREE SPEECH

BYLINE: STEPHANIE SALTER ; San Francisco Examiner

BODY:

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The day before Hillary Clinton's speech, the Feminist Majority Foundation reported findings from its most recent survey of the nation's abortion providers. From January through July 1998, more than 20 percent of clinics experienced at least one incident of violence.

The incidents included blockades and death threats, invasions, stalking, bombings, fires and chemical attacks.

In October, a noted abortion provider -- the obstetrician and gynecologist Dr. Barnett Slepian -- was shot to death through a window of his home outside Buffalo, N.Y.

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Sun-Sentinel (Fort Lauderdale), February 2, 1999

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Sadly, that could include not allocating the funds to protect providers from being murdered.

Clinton spoke the obvious truth when she said, "Violence, harassment and intimidation have no place in our health care system or in this debate."

But until our nation's lawmakers admit that such tactics are indeed domestic terrorism, their place in the debate and the health care system will be guaranteed.

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February 7, 1999, Sunday, Home Edition

SECTION: Part A; Page 2; Advance Desk

LENGTH: 760 words

HEADLINE: MIKE DOWNEY;
LEAVE ST. CHELSEA ALONE!

BYLINE: MIKE DOWNEY

BODY:

A headline screamed, "LEAVE HER ALONE."

It was the front page of the New York Post. I don't mean the headline was on the front page. I mean it was the front page. All of it. Except for a photo of President Clinton curling his arm around his curly-haired daughter, Chelsea.

"LEAVE HER ALONE."

I saw those capital letters and flinched.

"Poor Chelsea," I thought. Somebody must have done something awful to her. Hassled her. Harassed her. I thought perhaps she'd been treated badly by people known for their rudeness--like the Stanford band.

But it wasn't those people.

It was People.

"Clintons rip People for cover story on Chelsea," a second headline explained.

People magazine--known far and wide for its controversial stories on what kind of shampoo Cher uses and what kind of pie Oprah eats--had just had the temerity to do a story on Chelsea Clinton.

A story on the love between Chelsea and her mother.

The nerve of People!

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My phone rang.

"Did you see the White House tried to stop that Chelsea magazine thing?" a caller asked.

Los Angeles Times February 7, 1999, Sunday,

"Yeah," I said.

"Why can't you people leave that kid alone?"

"We people?"

"Media people."

"Oh, us people," I said. "Yeah. I hate us people. Did you read the story?"

"No. And I won't!"

OK, I said. I will. I'll see what those rotten People people did to the president's kid.

After all, I'd been hearing how Hillary Rodham Clinton's staff had urged People to drop the story. And how, after it came out, the Clintons issued a statement that they "are profoundly saddened" by Chelsea's not being given the privacy "any young person needs and deserves."

In other words:

LEAVE HER ALONE!

I wondered what People had done. Had it staked out a Stanford dorm? Had it hollered questions at Chelsea at a Palo Alto mall? Had it shot hidden-camera photographs of Chelsea at a big Stanford game, secretly cheering for Oregon State?

Inquiring minds need to know. So I went to a magazine stand, where I slipped a copy of People in between copies of U.S. News & World Report and the National Review, so that nobody would catch me buying such a mudslinging rag.

Well, what an article.

I can see why the Clintons objected. Oh, the things People reveals.

Such as in the second paragraph, when we discover that the relationship between Hillary and Chelsea is stronger than ever before. About how her daughter is the first lady's "strongest legacy."

Pretty mean stuff.

Oh, and the quotes! Like the first one in the story, from one of Hillary's friends: "Chelsea has her mother's strength."

And the next one, from a family friend, about Chelsea greeting some well-wishers after her father's admission of having an affair: "She was terrific. She just made everyone feel great."

People, you swine.

And the next quote, about Chelsea's poise. And the one from Hillary's childhood pastor, about how "Hillary and Chelsea have this inner glow."

Los Angeles Times February 7, 1999, Sunday,

Invading their privacy that way!

And then there's the paragraph about how smart Chelsea is. And how she's "the living embodiment of her mother's ideas about child rearing and feminism."

Oh, leave her alone!

I also looked at the pictures. There are 13 of them, counting the cover. Not one is of Chelsea in private. Not one was taken at school. Not one photo has Chelsea caught off guard, unless you count a baby picture and one of her at age 4, with her mom.

In fact, this young woman--she turns 19 in two weeks--whose "privacy" should be respected--is shown in nothing but photographs from election-night political rallies, Washington social functions and global travels where her parents took her along.

You know, private Chelsea in public.

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For six years and more, the only child of the most powerful and famous man in the world has been left alone.

I don't even know what she sounds like.

Thousands of White House events and photo ops, thousands of TV and radio programs, not a peep out of Chelsea.

Don't invade her privacy? Hey, nobody invades Chelsea's privacy. She's been invaded less than anybody in White House history.

Yet here we are, at a time when her father's family values are in part why he has become the second president in 220 years to be impeached. And a magazine's cover story reports on the "deep bond of love" that still exists between his daughter and his wife.

The Clintons shouldn't trash this magazine.

They should frame it.

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SECTION: Section B; Page 7; Column 2; Metropolitan Desk

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HEADLINE: Senator Giuliani? Moynihan Can't See It

BODY:

Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, who is retiring in two years, has offered an acerbic assessment of the possibility that Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani would run to succeed him.

"You can't come to the Senate for group therapy," Mr. Moynihan, a Democrat, told The New Yorker magazine in the issue that goes on sale today. "You need to learn how to work in groups before you arrive."

Officials in the Mayor's office said last night that they would not comment until they had read the article.

According to the magazine article, Mr. Moynihan -- who had unsuccessfully urged the State Comptroller, H. Carl McCall, to seek his seat -- also offered a terse "welcome" to the prospect that First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton would run.

Senator Moynihan, 71, told the magazine that his feelings about the impeachment proceedings against President Clinton were tinged both by his concerns that impeachment would destabilize the Presidency and by his disdain for what he called Mr. Clinton's "absence of character."

Mr. Moynihan did not say how he would vote in the Senate trial, but the magazine said it was virtually certain that he would not vote to convict Mr. Clinton. "The Constitution says high crimes and misdemeanors," Mr. Moynihan said, "but this is a low crime. In some societies, people get their throats slit over this kind of thing, but we don't remove Presidents because of it."

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SECTION: NEWS; Pg. 1; ZONE: C

LENGTH: 223 words

HEADLINE: CHELSEA COVER STORY ANGERS CLINTONS

BYLINE: Reuters.

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY:

People magazine chronicles the close bond between Hillary Rodham Clinton and her daughter Chelsea in a cover story released Thursday, prompting a strong reproach from President Clinton and the first lady.

The weekly entertainment magazine published by Time Warner Inc. decided to carry the article, entitled "Grace under Fire," despite White House objections because it said Chelsea was an eyewitness to history and a "valid journalistic subject."

But in a terse statement issued late Wednesday by the White House, the Clintons said they "deeply regret and are profoundly saddened" by the magazine's decision to run the piece.

A color photograph of Mrs. Clinton and Chelsea -- both smiling -- adorns the magazine's cover, and many more photographs are featured inside. The article is a positive look at two strong women who have turned to each other for strength and solace during the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

People managing editor Carol Wallace issued a brief statement late Wednesday defending the decision to feature Chelsea in a cover story:

"Over the years we have written about the Clinton family in good times and bad. Chelsea is nearly 19 years old and a poised young adult. We feel that because she is an eyewitness to the family drama and historical events unfolding around her she is a valid journalistic subject."

GRAPHIC: PHOTOPHOTO (color): Despite a magazine article's positive tone, the Clintons fought hard to prevent People magazine from proceeding with a cover story about Chelsea. Reuters photo.

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LENGTH: 168 words

HEADLINE: CLINTONS ONLY WANT PEOPLE TO BACK OFF

BYLINE: Tribune News Services.

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY:

During the 1992 campaign, the Clintons invited People magazine into their backyard and posed: Bill, Hillary and Chelsea in one big hug. A similarly flattering cover story on Chelsea almost seven years hence has drawn a testy retort from the president and his wife.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart, peppered with questions Thursday about the unusual statement from the Clintons prefacing next week's 8-page feature, "Hillary & Chelsea: Grace Under Fire," refused even to entertain the question about whether Chelsea is, as People managing editor Carol Wallace called her, "a valid journalistic subject."

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Chelsea, nearly 19, has emerged as a sort of semipublic figure. So why the fuss over the article? "Chelsea has not taken on a public role," the Clintons said in their appeal to hold back coverage of her.

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SECTION: EDITORIAL; Pg. A8

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HEADLINE: PRINCIPLE VS. PEOPLE: THE FIRST DAUGHTER SHOULD BE OFF LIMITS

BYLINE: By Myriam Marquez of The Sentinel Staff

BODY:

In this era of public obsession over others' private failings, of media hype about politicians going Hollywood, it was inevitable to find the First Daughter gracing People magazine's cover.

Headlined "Grace under Fire," the story uncovers nothing new, simply exposing the love of a mother and daughter who happen to be caught in the painful maelstrom of unsolicited victimhood caused by a husband, a father, a president who told us once, "I feel your pain."

Hillary Clinton married the man, chose to stay with him countless times after he strayed, chose to campaign against the right-wing conspirators she blames for the president's own irresponsible behavior. The first lady, having taken a public-policy role in Bill Clinton's administration long ago, is a public figure - no question.

But Chelsea?

Mother, journalist. Mother, journalist.

It's as if there's an angel on one shoulder and a devil on the other sending conflicting messages.

"Leave her alone," the mother angel says. "She has enough grief to handle, what with Her Father's Scandal. She didn't ask for any of this. She's a bright kid who never created one whiff of scandal that's newsworthy. Let her be!"

The journalist devil hisses: "She's fair game. Who walked out to Air Force One holding Mommy's and Daddy's hands and sporting a big smile for the cameras the day after her father finally admitted he hadn't come clean to the American people about his fling with that Monica woman? She did! She did! Get her. Get her."

Mother, journalist, rock, paper, scissors. Mother beats out journalist on this one.

It makes me ill to see People psychoanalyzing "the deep bond of love that sustains the Clinton women through their painful family ordeal."

Orlando Sentinel Tribune, February 8, 1999

It's a gratuitous puff piece that adds nothing to the core issue facing the nation: Is the president's lying to the American people about his fling with a former White House intern worthy of eviction from the White House?

The issue isn't about the president lying to a grand jury or in a deposition in the defunct Paula Jones sexual-harassment case. Clinton used legalisms to wiggle out of those.

Besides, there has been plenty of "news" about hypocritical Republican members of Congress having affairs, lying in divorce proceedings, lying in civil court about their financial circumstances and so on to put The Scandal into perspective.

All those righteous hypocrites deserved to be outed by pornographer Larry Flynt. An eye for an eye for those who thump their Bibles on their way to visit their mistresses.

But Chelsea - what has she done to solicit publicity - even for a "positive" story about her personal saga?

"Chelsea is nearly 19 years old and a poised, young adult," People managing editor, Carol Wallace, stated. "We feel that because she is an eyewitness to the family drama and historical events unfolding around her, she is a valid journalistic subject."

Gag me. It would be one thing if Chelsea had granted interviews or written a book about her parents, as Ronald Reagan's daughter, Patti Davis, did. But Chelsea's pain, grace or anything else really isn't anybody else's business.

If she were a Kennedy kid who had been caught drugging it up or accused of raping a date or - to be petty - had mouthed off to somebody in a public place, that's one thing. But Chelsea hasn't proved to be that way.

The personal may be the political, but to this mom, Chelsea's privacy outweighs the public's right to gawk. In today's cult of celebrity, though, political vendettas have turned to the personal, and poised young women have become easy prey for the devils among us.

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SECTION: International News

LENGTH: 444 words

HEADLINE: Don't give up, Hillary Clinton urges groups fighting population

BYLINE: ANTHONY DEUTSCH, Associated Press Writer

DATELINE: THE HAGUE, Netherlands

BODY:

Volunteer agencies are "the vanguard" of U.N. efforts to slow the world's soaring population and must not lose heart in the face of dwindling financial support, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton said Sunday.

With the world's population expected to hit 6 billion later this year - an increase of 20 percent in just 12 years - 140 non-governmental organizations met in the Netherlands Sunday to assess progress toward slowing population growth since a landmark conference in 1994 in Cairo.

Despite a serious shortfall in funding, both from industrialized donor countries and developing nations, Mrs. Clinton called for the groups to keep working.

"The challenge to all of us is to persevere. Don't ever think that the work you do day in and day out is not having an impact on people's lives," she told the meeting ahead of a U.N. forum opening Monday. "You are the vanguard of Cairo."

A global resolution adopted at the International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo calls for universal access to affordable reproductive health services by 2015, including family planning, sexual health services and programs for adolescents.

"We have come a long way in the last years. It may not seem fast enough for many of us who are impatient, and I'm sure it seems glacial to young people," she said. "(But) if we continue to make that progress, we will see Cairo's goals enacted."

Although volunteers reported progress in achieving some Cairo targets, they said momentum was being slowed by funding problems.

Attiya Inayatullah, the president of International Planned Parenthood, called the forum "a wake-up call to ambivalent and disinterested donor countries."

The United States cut financial support to the U.N. Population Fund last year amid congressional concern that it was promoting abortion, but it will soon

The Associated Press, February 7, 1999

review a proposal by Rep. Carolyn Maloney of New York to reinstate funding.

"We as Americans are not living up to our goals," Maloney said in The Hague.

The first lady was scheduled to deliver the keynote address for the U.N. forum opening Monday, but will cut short her visit to fly to Jordan for King Hussein's funeral. Hussein died Sunday of cancer at the age of 63.

As they did in Cairo, abortion and birth control were expected to provoke heated controversy in The Hague, with delegates from the Vatican expected to lead the debate.

Mrs. Clinton praised U.S. grassroots groups for playing a key role in family planning initiatives.

"They are the ones who have pushed successfully to increase our funding for family planning programs in the United States and to make abortion in America safe, legal and rare," she said.

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SECTION: ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT; Pg. G12

LENGTH: 317 words

HEADLINE: Where history meets the here and now

BYLINE: BILL MORRISON, Staff Writer

BODY:

Bill and Hillary Clinton are known to love musical theater, and if they venture out to see "Eleanor" when it opens in Washington, there are bound to be shocks of recognition.

The Clinton and Roosevelt families alike have been racked by a husband's infidelity, Clinton with Monica Lewinsky, a young intern, and Franklin Roosevelt with Lucy Mercer, his wife's social secretary. Though Roosevelt's adultery was hardly as public as Clinton's, both wives shared in the knowledge and chose to stand by their husbands.

Anna Eleanor Roosevelt says both her grandmother and Hillary Clinton viewed their marriage as a partnership.

"Hillary understands that," Roosevelt says. "I think their stories are relevant, and I think the relevancy extends to what we actually see in the polls. I think people are extraordinarily receptive to Bill and Hillary Clinton, just as they were to Franklin and Eleanor, because they see them as real people who go through real-life situations like the rest of us. Unfortunately for them, they have to live their lives in a fish bowl."

Anne Kanengeiser, who plays Eleanor in Bolt's musical, sees a tragic difference in the parallel tales: FDR fell in love with Lucy Mercer, with whom he began a liaison during World War I.

"That was the tragedy," Kanengeiser says. "Had it been a different time, they likely would have divorced. But I think he also loved Eleanor. I think they adored each other, and that's what was so painful."

"It wasn't just a fling. It may have lasted two years or longer, and the magnitude of the betrayal was so difficult for Eleanor. He had been away. He was on shipboard and became very ill. They brought him home. She unpacked his luggage and found this packet of love letters from Lucy. And she said, 'The bottom of my world dropped out.' "

But Eleanor endured.

FDR died on April 12, 1945, at Warm Springs, Ga. Lucy was with him at the time.

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HEADLINE: NOTE TO CHELSEA: LIFE ISN'T FAIR

BYLINE: Ellis Henican

BODY:

Our hearts go out naturally to politicians kids.

Whatever kind of rats their parents turn out to be - hey, it's not like the children can fairly be blamed.

Dad might be a legendary hound dog, the way that Chelsea Clinton's daddy is. Or Dad might be like Derrick Barr's, a seething pit bull. (The Clinton-hating Georgia Republican, Rep. Bob Barr.)

Either way, it doesn't seem fair - does it? - for the children to pay a big price for their parents dreadful sins. There's no denying these kids have already suffered, just having parents like those.

Of course they have.

For those reasons and others, I'm sure most people reacted with sympathy this week to the sternly worded plea from Hillary and Bill. Boy, did they ever sound steamed!

The Clintons said they were "profoundly saddened" by People magazine's decision to put Chelsea on the cover - "despite personal appeals with respect to her privacy and her security from her parents."

Said the Clintons: "For over six years, the media has understood and respected the unique situation facing Chelsea as she grows up in the spotlight focused on her parents. We have been very grateful for the media's restraint in allowing Chelsea the privacy that any young person needs and deserves."

They were reacting to a cover shot of Chelsea and Hillary, both smiling, both up-close. "Grace Under Fire," the headline said. Inside were eight pages of puffy copy, illustrated with 13 photographs, moving forward from a baby picture taken when Chelsea was 1 week old.

May we all be so lucky with the coverage we hate.

Let's just say this: In the world of journalistic hit jobs, this one was as tame as they come.

Newsday (New York, NY), February 7, 1999

But there it was. The Clintons were grumbling loudly. And, like I said, most Americans could sympathize.

But still.

That doesn't mean the Clintons - or most Americans - were right. Because they weren't.

As Jimmy Carter, father of Amy, used to say: "Sometimes life isn't fair."

It's a sad fact of life. But children get disadvantaged by their parents all the time.

Some kids have the misfortune to grow up in boring suburbs. Some have the pleasures of growing up stimulated and rich. You think that's fair?

Some kid's Dad just got a new job in Erie, Pa.? Sorry, Junior, pack your bags.

Some Mom is going off to prison next week? You know that Susie's also doing time.

And some children, like Chelsea Clinton, have parents who have chosen public life - and actually achieved it. Those children are raised with many advantages - and a small few disadvantages, too.

Like Amy's Daddy used to say: "Life isn't fair."

In the case of Chelsea Clinton and People magazine, the argument isn't even all that close.

Chelsea is 19 years old, after all, an adult by the laws of the land. And the story in question is hardly the deep-probing type. Heck, we hardly learn a thing about the first daughter's dating life.

You think this is scrutiny, Chelsea? Just wait until "Hard Copy" shows up.

But like all politicians, the Clintons aren't really objecting to publicity. They're objecting to publicity that they don't control.

In fact, it wasn't so long ago that the Clintons were inviting People magazine into their own backyard for an intimate family photo shoot. The year was 1992, when Bill was first running for president, and that time the Clintons held up young Chelsea as seductive profile bait.

Thanks to Sandra Sobieraj of The Associated Press for remembering this. But that time around, Bill Clinton yukked it up for People about the time sweet Chelsea asked a question: Can unmarried girls get pregnant? And Hillary allowed, in a similarly cheery vein, how Chelsea was begging to get her ears pierced.

Harmless details? Of course they are.

But what is the new People clip-job filled with but harmless details?

Newsday (New York, NY), February 7, 1999

And even to this very day, Chelsea's parents have been more than willing to use her as their own publicity prop, every time it suits their needs.

Bill is eager to deny an affair with an intern, you say? Well, let him pass before the cameras arm-in-arm with Chelsea.

Bill just told Hillary about this embarrassing affair? Well, let the three of them walk arm-in-arm before the cameras.

Sorry, Chelsea, it's all your parents fault. You probably don't deserve any of this.

But then what kid ever does?

Like Amy's Daddy said, life is hardly ever fair.

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SECTION: State and Regional

LENGTH: 444 words

HEADLINE: President wants boost in microenterprise support

BYLINE: By SANDRA SOBIERAJ, Associated Press Writer

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY:

President Clinton urged Congress Friday to more than double the government's support for small enterprises.

"We have an obligation now to spread the spirit and the opportunity for enterprise to all the American people," the president said in an East Room awards ceremony honoring six outstanding microenterprise development and lending programs.

The Institute for Social and Economic Development of Iowa City, Iowa, was among those honored.

It is a business that helps low-income Iowans and people on welfare start their own businesses. They offer 13-week training course, teaching them financial management, human resources, business planning and other tools.

In its 10th year, company has helped start more than 1,000 small businesses around the state. It has branch offices in Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Des Moines, Waterloo and Sioux City.

"Our dream was to help move people out of poverty and revitalize distressed communities. This award is for those that made their dream a reality," said the Iowa company's founder and president, John F. Else. "We are deeply honored to be recognized."

Clinton's proposed budget for fiscal 2000 asks Congress for \$ 83 million - up from \$ 32 million for the current fiscal year - for technical and training assistance to organizations that support microenterprise, which typically includes businesses that employ five or fewer people and need less than \$ 25,000 in credit to get up and running.

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Such help can "transform welfare checks to paychecks, poverty to economic growth and income, despair to hope," said first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, for whom microenterprise has become a pet issue, especially in her overseas travels.

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"This whole country is basically built by entrepreneurs - whether they're in Silicon Valley or young investment bankers in Manhattan, or people running the street vending operations out here for the tourists in Washington," Clinton said.

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HEADLINE: Trivial cover story uncovers nonsense;
Clintons, People magazine quibble over Chelsea

SOURCE: Staff Critic of The Dallas Morning News

BYLINE: Tom Maurstad

BODY:

Chelsea on the cover of People - it's the spark that's fired the latest media blaze of controversy.

The issue hit newsstands Friday, but the story hit the airwaves Wednesday night when President and Hillary Rodham Clinton released a statement criticizing People magazine and its cover story on Chelsea for breaching a six-year agreement between the White House and the press to leave the first daughter alone.

"We deeply regret and are profoundly saddened by the decision of People magazine to print a cover story featuring our daughter Chelsea," the first couple began. They closed with a request that other media outlets not follow People's lead. "We can only hope that the media will continue its policy of restraint with respect to our daughter."

According to a People spokesperson, the Clintons' Wednesday statement to the press came after the magazine's editors sent the White House advance copies of "Hillary & Chelsea: Grace Under Fire." According to a White House spokesperson, the first couple's statement followed People's decision to give an advance copy to the syndicated television show Entertainment Tonight.

Unfolding with all the subtlety of an opera, People issued its counter-statement, in which managing editor Carol Wallace pointed out that Chelsea is "nearly 19 years old," not to mention that "the family drama and historical events unfolding around her" make this "poised young adult . . . a valid journalistic subject."

Puffed-up phrases such as "valid journalistic subject" notwithstanding, the article at the center of all the dramatic rhetoric is wafer-thin and gossipy. People ends up outing itself rather than its subject with this cash-in story on the forbidden first daughter. Readers should note the romance-fiction fervor of the cover headline that almost pants its promise: "An intimate look at the deep bond of love that sustains the Clinton women through their painful family ordeal."

THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS, February 6, 1999

In a perfect reflection of the story to come, People opens with a 2-year-old anecdote. Simply put, there is no new information here, just lots of unidentified ("a close friend") or distant ("as she told presidential adviser Dick Morris' niece") sources providing secondhand and thirdhand observations.

The fuss on both sides ends up seeming baseless and self-serving. For the Clintons, it's hard to see a difference between this article and the White House-approved story People did on the first family in 1992 (full of Chelsea--related revelations such as her favorite television shows).

For the magazine, it's using a sex scandal as an excuse to turn the lights on Daddy's little girl and calling it journalism.

As for the rest of us, we're witnessing the emergence of a new rite of passage. When you turn 18, you can vote, you can be drafted and, as far as the media is concerned, you become fair game.

GRAPHIC: PHOTO(S): BAD GRACES: People magazine raised President and Hillary Rodham Clinton's ire with its cover story on first daughter Chelsea, which hit newsstands Friday. In a statement Wednesday, the Clintons called the article a breach of the press' six-year agreement to leave Chelsea alone. The magazine responded that the 19-year-old is "a valid journalistic subject."

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HEADLINE: 'PEOPLE' STORY SHOULDN'T SIGNAL START OF OPEN SEASON ON CHELSEA

BODY:

Even those Americans whose animosity toward Bill and Hillary Clinton knows no bounds probably would grudgingly concede that the president and first lady have done an admirable job of bringing up their daughter, Chelsea.

Chelsea was an awkward and giggly 12-year-old when the Clintons moved into the White House six years ago. Under her parents' protective guidance, she has matured into a poised and articulate young woman in her sophomore year at Stanford University.

The soon-to-be-19-year-old has blossomed mostly outside the harsh glare of the national spotlight because the Clintons had a tacit understanding with the media that reporters and photographers would exercise restraint in covering the first daughter.

But now that unwritten agreement has been breached. The current issue of People magazine features Chelsea and her mother on its cover with the headline "Grace Under Fire." The eight-page story inside is described by the magazine's editors as "an intimate look at the deep bond of love that sustains the Clinton women through their painful family ordeal."

The Clintons understandably have reacted with sadness and chagrin to what they perceive as a breach of faith by the media and an unwarranted intrusion into their family's privacy. It is painful for any loving parent to see a child leave the nest, but it hurts even more when the transition from private person to public figure is involuntary.

People editors defended their decision to run the story on the grounds that Chelsea, as an adult and intimate participant in the historic impeachment drama now unfolding, is fair game for legitimate journalistic inquiry.

It should also be remembered that it was Clinton's own reckless and indefensible behavior that set in motion the chain of events that landed his wife and daughter on the cover of People.

While People probably is justified in publishing its story, the precedent should not be interpreted by irresponsible journalists as signaling open season on Chelsea. If the coming weeks bring a swarm of paparazzi and tabloid-television lizards to the Stanford campus, Ms. Clinton could become by far the most poignant victim of her father's indiscretions.

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HEADLINE: Clinton Turns to Small Enterprise

BYLINE: SANDRA SOBIERAJ

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY:

President Clinton urged Congress Friday to more than double the government's support for small enterprises.

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SECTION: Washington Dateline

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HEADLINE: Has Chelsea Clinton become fair game for news media coverage?

BYLINE: By SANDRA SOBIERAJ, Associated Press Writer

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY:

Bill Clinton gushed about the time his daughter, Chelsea, asked if unmarried girls can have babies. Hillary Rodham Clinton chimed in, laughing, about Chelsea's plea to have her ears pierced.

That was 1992, in the heat of their first run for the White House, when the Clintons invited People magazine into their backyard for a cozy family photo shoot and extensive interview.

This is 1999, in the denouement of the crisis sparked by President Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky, when a similarly flattering People cover story - "Hillary & Chelsea: Grace under fire. An intimate look at the deep bond of love" - set the White House into an icy stew.

Press secretary Joe Lockhart, peppered with questions Thursday about an unusual statement from the president and first lady prefacing the release today of the 8-page magazine feature, refused even to entertain the question about whether Chelsea is, as People managing editor Carol Wallace called her, "a valid journalistic subject."

"We deeply regret and are profoundly saddened by the decision of People," the president and Mrs. Clinton in an official statement late Wednesday after their personal appeals to the magazine failed to kill the story. The White House refused to elaborate on those contacts.

Media watchdogs cried foul.

"Chelsea is becoming fair game," said Marvin Kalb, director of Harvard's Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy.

From a gawky 12-year-old in braces to poised college student at Stanford University, Chelsea, nearly 19, has emerged as a sort of semipublic figure - traveling on overseas missions, working the crowds alongside her parents, turning up in front of news cameras to hold her father's hand when the political stakes last year became critical.

The Associated Press, February 5, 1999

So why the fuss over an article that, in trying to illustrate a close family bond, recalls slumber parties, messages from "Mommy" to Chelsea's elementary school and a beach picnic where Chelsea, unasked, draped her jacket around her mother's shivering shoulders?

"Chelsea has not taken on a public role," the Clintons said in their appeal meant to hold back the floodgates on coverage of their daughter.

The latest People story follows sensational tabloid cover stories last year on Chelsea's breakup with her college boyfriend. But it is no more intrusive and no less flattering than the story the Clintons sanctioned in 1992, when they offered up everything from Chelsea's favorite TV sitcoms to her morning routine.

The difference between then and now? "Nothing has changed, from Mrs. Clinton's point of view," said her spokeswoman, Marsha Berry.

But Kalb and others point to vivid images from the past year that suggest mixed messages.

Three days after Ms. Lewinsky burst into headlines last year, Chelsea flew 3,000 miles home from Stanford, where she was then a freshman. Photographs of her and Dad arm-in-arm departing for the Camp David presidential retreat helped bolster his initial denials of any marital wrongdoing.

Seven months later, she linked hands with both parents and - again before a bank of cameras - held husband and wife together the day after Clinton publicly confessed his affair with Ms. Lewinsky.

"Chelsea is now being used to convey an image and the line then becomes more and more difficult to draw between what is journalistically acceptable and what is self-protective for family reasons," Kalb said.

He called the coverage unfortunate. But journalism professor George Reedy, who was press secretary to President Lyndon Johnson, saw a public benefit to knowing the private lives of presidents and their families.

"One of the very important things the press must do is give the public a picture of what the man is really like - what his personality is, is he honest, is he smart. And people are reflected in their children," Reedy said.

It is a mirror the Clintons, unlike their predecessors, have tightly cloaked since the '92 campaign.

"I'm not going to answer any questions about her," Mrs. Clinton firmly told CNN's Larry King when he asked in 1996 whether Chelsea was dating.

Chelsea has never been interviewed, although reporters have been invited to off-the-record dinners with her during foreign trips. She only has spoken in public overseas, in roundtable discussions with other young people.

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HEADLINE: Clinton cites small Minnesota firm, others for economic development

BYLINE: By SANDRA SOBIERAJ, Associated Press Writer

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Mary Matthews, president of the Northeast Entrepreneur Fund Inc., attended the ceremony with Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn. Matthews is a member of the National Advisory Council of the Small Business Administration.

"I have enjoyed working closely with Mary and Minnesota small businesses working toward our shared goal of bringing community economic development to all areas of Minnesota," Wellstone said.

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HEADLINE: Foster child beats long odds, meets first lady

BYLINE: GABRIELLE FIMBRES

DATELINE: TUCSON, Ariz.

BODY:

Seventeen years ago, a tiny, frail Margaret Duarte was thrown into the world alone, to make her way through a maze of foster homes.

Duarte's future seemed bleak.

But hers is a tale of triumph. That starving, neglected, 5-year-old daughter of alcoholics has grown into a confident young woman who was called to the White House to meet with Hillary Rodham Clinton.

"I still can't believe it," said Duarte.

Duarte, a 22-year-old University of Arizona student, was one of 10 young people from around the nation selected by Clinton to help present a \$ 280 million budget initiative that would support teens leaving the foster-care system. The presentation was made at a White House press conference in late January.

Half of the nearly 20,000 young people who leave foster care each year after turning 18 end up in the criminal justice system, homeless or on public assistance.

The \$ 280 million, spent over five years, would help people between the ages of 18 and 21 who were not adopted or have no other family support.

It would provide independent living programs, limited economic support, health insurance and more transitional living programs.

Duarte appeared on CNN and C-SPAN as Clinton divulged the details of the proposal.

The first lady requested that young people who grew up in foster care help her present the proposal.

The Casey Family Program, a private foundation based in Seattle that provides long-term foster care, was asked to recommend several people.

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The folks at the local office knew Duarte well and sent a copy of an article about her successes that ran in the Tucson Citizen last year.

"We faxed the article to the White House, and Mrs. Clinton selected Margaret," said Maureen Andrew, employment specialist at the Tucson office of the Casey Family Program.

One week after Duarte was chosen, she flew to Washington, accompanied by Andrew.

In the nation's capital for the first time, Duarte met the first lady, Tipper Gore and Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala in the privacy of the White House Blue Room.

"Mrs. Clinton knew all our stories; she knew all our names," Duarte said.

While Duarte trembled at the prospect of meeting Clinton, Shalala put her at ease.

"She asked me, 'Are you nervous?' and I said 'Yes,'" Duarte recalled.

"She said, 'Don't be. It's only Hillary.' She made me laugh."

Duarte also met with U.S. Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., for an hour, and gave him her resume.

"He was very nice, very genuine," Duarte said.

Duarte, who lived in numerous foster homes, said making it alone can seem nearly impossible.

"When you turn 18 and leave the system, they don't give you money or clothes or anything, and you're technically homeless, unless you can find someone to take care of you," she said.

Duarte, who is putting herself through school with grants and a job at UA's soil, water and environmental sciences department, has beaten the odds.

She's overcome the nightmare of abuse and neglect that surrounded her from birth. She will graduate from UA in May with degrees in accounting and finance.

She also gives back to those who helped her. Once a week, Duarte rocks, feeds and plays with babies at Casa de Los Ninos crisis shelter.

Duarte and several of her siblings, all starving and terrified, were sent to Casa after they were removed from their home by the state.

Duarte stayed at Casa for about nine months before moving to a foster home. Her memories of Casa are of a friendly, comforting place where there was always plenty to eat.

While Duarte has made it, she knows many foster kids will not.

"There are no resources for these kids," she said. "If it hadn't been for Pell Grants (to get her through school), I'd probably be homeless, too."

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HEADLINE: COVER STORY ON DAUGHTER LEAVES CLINTONS INCENSED

BYLINE: Muriel Dobbin Scripps-McClatchy Western Service

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY:

The 6-year-old protective cocoon built around Chelsea Clinton collapsed Thursday in an explosion of White House anger over a magazine story about the Clintons' daughter.

A People magazine cover titled "'Hillary and Chelsea: Grace under Fire,'" published as President Clinton's impeachment trial winds to a torturous close, evoked an immediate rebuke from the Clintons and a rancorous exchange in the White House press room.

"'We deeply regret and are profoundly saddened by the decision of People magazine to print a cover story featuring our daughter, Chelsea,'" read the statement by the president and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

They added: "'Despite personal appeals with respect to her privacy and her security from her parents, People has chosen to run the story. We can only hope that the media will continue a policy of restraint with respect to our daughter.'"

Carol Wallace, editor of People, which has a 2.3 million circulation, issued a response contending that Chelsea Clinton's position as "'an eyewitness to this family drama and historical events unfolding around her'" make the president's daughter "'a valid journalistic subject.'"

It is not the first story that has been written about Chelsea Clinton, whose privacy usually has been honored and protected by the press since her father took office more than six years ago. But it is the first story probing her reaction to the Monica Lewinsky scandal that led to the president's impeachment and his current trial in the Senate.

It is also the first time a magazine breached the unique wall of privacy that has grown around Chelsea Clinton since her father appealed to the press to let his daughter, then 12, grow up in as much peace as possible in the White House.

Stories about the president's daughter were rare. Interviews were nonexistent. Even when she moved out to become a student at Stanford University, the press left her alone.

Ironically, what made her more vulnerable to public scrutiny was the year of scandalous allegations and political sensation after the admission by the

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president that he had lied to his family and everyone else about his involvement with the former White House intern.

And there is speculation that the Clintons are very worried that the story, published in People as opposed to one of the lurid supermarket tabloid newspapers, could trigger a wave of intrusion into their daughter's life.

The People story focused on how the young woman's close relationship with her mother was deepened by the wounds inflicted on the family by the Lewinsky scandal.

It was because of that, according to the article, that 18-year-old Chelsea and the first lady "reached out to each other more than ever before."

The article refers to tabloid reports that Chelsea collapsed after breaking up with a boyfriend, but it also quotes an anonymous male friend as saying such reports were blown out of proportion.

It asserts that the president's daughter has paid close attention to the daily outpouring of newspaper and television reports on the scandal, getting up before her seven Stanford roommates and reading alone. The article says Chelsea doesn't talk about the scandal "even to her closest friends."

There is no suggestion that Chelsea takes sides between her parents, but according to the article, "She is very, very much an advocate of her mother" whose advice, reportedly, is "just keep on keeping on."

White House press secretary Joe Lockhart found himself catapulted into the middle of the Chelsea controversy at his daily briefing. Reporters charged that a double standard was being applied to Clinton's daughter, compared with the children of other presidents who were targeted for far more publicity.

Lockhart refused to expand on the Clintons' response to the magazine article. He also declined to discuss previous White House willingness to let the president's daughter be photographed when she held the hands of both her father and her mother while they walked to a helicopter the day after Clinton made a public confession that he lied to everyone about his involvement with Lewinsky.

"Is she a public figure or not?" asked a reporter.

"I don't get to decide that," said Lockhart.

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HEADLINE: PEOPLE UNDER FIRE;
BREAKING THE 'CHELSEA' RULE

BYLINE: MARY K. FEENEY; Courant Staff Writer

BODY:

Chelsea Clinton, says People magazine, is "a poised young adult," an eyewitness to history and, therefore, a legitimate subject for news coverage.

That's what the magazine said Thursday in its statement regarding the upcoming cover story, "Hillary & Chelsea Clinton: Grace Under Fire."

The White House, however, vociferously disagrees, as it always has when stories are written or broadcast about the personal life of the president's daughter.

The article has angered some in the media industry, which is under assault for increasingly following the tabloids' lead. They say People is adding more fuel to the fire of journalistic disrepute with a "puff piece" meant to sell magazines.

"The people at People magazine should be ashamed of themselves," says Tom Rosenstiel, director of the Project for Excellence in Journalism, a journalistic think tank in Washington, D.C. "The net result is that people are going to hate us more, and the media will feel like it's fair game to intrude in this young girl's life."

The article, which "reports on the deep love between mother and daughter that has sustained Hillary and Chelsea Clinton throughout the Monica Lewinsky scandal and the presidential impeachment ordeal," will be on newsstands today.

In a statement issued late Wednesday, the president said he was dismayed that "for over six years, the media has understood and respected the unique situation facing Chelsea as she grows up in the spotlight focused on her parents," and that People had chosen to run the story. "We can only hope that the media will continue its policy of restraint with respect to our daughter."

People's managing editor, Carol Wallace, issued a response Thursday, saying People had written about the Clintons "in good times and bad. Chelsea is nearly 19 years old and a poised young adult. We feel that because she is an eyewitness to the family drama and historical events unfolding around her, she is a valid journalistic subject."

The publicity department at People was swamped with reporters' requests for copies of the story and, in a recorded message, said the magazine would not be "making any editors available for comment" on the story.

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Rosenstiel, former media critic for the Los Angeles Times and chief congressional correspondent for Newsweek, said that from the beginning of their administration, the Clintons asked the media to respect Chelsea's privacy. And for the most part they've cooperated. But he and others criticized People, along with the New York Post, which published a story in November about the breakup of a romance between Chelsea and a student at Stanford University. The story, which used unnamed sources, referred to her supposed emotional distress at the time.

"Journalists all the time decide which stories not to do and which to do, and weigh the public good of doing the story," Rosenstiel says. "When you're writing about something fairly significant, usually the answer falls on the side of publishing. But in the case of children, where there isn't a hell of a lot of significance to what Chelsea Clinton thinks, this is not a hard call.

"This is not a news blackout, it's not violating some First Amendment freedom. It's demonstrating a little common sense and a little self restraint on the part of the press."

In February's Brill's Content, Steven Brill commented on the Post's Chelsea story, noting that several newspapers and TV outlets ran it, citing the Post as a source.

"Rupert Murdoch became everybody's editor," he says.

Brill believes that the People article will open the door to more coverage of Chelsea, which is unfortunate.

"She didn't seek a public spot; she didn't bargain for it," he says. "I think on balance, it's not right to cover her personal life."

Keith Woods, who teaches journalism ethics at the Poynter Institute, says maintaining a protective buffer around the child of celebrities, or the president, is a good instinct.

"The line that you don't want to cross is one that enters into a categorical agreement with anyone that says you never will report on the behavior or the lives of their children," Woods said. But the real question is, "Why haven't we been reporting on her all along, and what are we waiting for to change?"

Chelsea is not attending a tiny, secluded college and is no longer living in the White House, Woods says. "She's living a public life; she's hit that level of newsworthiness. If we wanted to report on her, that would be a logical journalistic thing to do."

Richard Blow, executive editor of George magazine, says it's inevitable that Chelsea Clinton will be written about.

"Obviously, we have a real sensitivity to the question of when it's appropriate to cover the children of presidents, as you would expect us to, given who our founder is," Blow says. "At the same time, there's no question that at some point Chelsea is a very legitimate story, and I think the discussion would not be whether to write about her but when."

At 19, "old enough to go to war," Chelsea is by all accounts a mature young woman, Blow says. "And I think there is a sense that the White House has on

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occasion used Chelsea as pro-family propaganda, and you can't have it both ways."

"In the midst of a scandal about your sex life, if you fly your daughter back from college, and she walks out on the White House lawn holding her mother's hand on one side and her father's on the other side, for the whole world to photograph -- there was no question in my mind that this was political propaganda," Blow says.

"Of course, if Bill Clinton really ever wanted to keep Chelsea out of the papers, he shouldn't have had sex with Monica Lewinsky."

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HEADLINE: CHELSEA: FAIR GAME

BODY:

The Boston Globe's Leonard notes that the People Magazine profile of Chelsea Clinton "is no hatchet job." But the WH reaction suggests a worry that Chelsea "might become a window for other media to probe the complex and very private relationships of the Clintons." And some people wondered if the Clintons "weren't trying to have it both ways - to stage-manage Chelsea's media exposure as the devoted daughter in a happy-family portrait," while keeping her "safely away from the unfiltered glare of the press" (2/5).

GOPAC exec. dir. Rich Galen called the Clintons' outrage seemingly "hypocritical." Galen: "They were perfectly happy to use Chelsea in the photo on the South Lawn. I don't think the White House was horrified at that media coverage" (Gamerman, Baltimore Sun, 2/5). Meanwhile, "some Time Inc. staffers were struck by the administration's aggressive response, noting that the Clintons cooperated on a Father's Day piece in USA Today and Vogue's coverage of Hillary and Chelsea Clinton's trip to Africa" (Kurtz, Washington Post, 2/5).

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MSNBC's Connell writes that after the "Saturday Night Live" routine mocking Chelsea "it became clear that there should be a media moratorium" on her. The "meanness of the skit" made it clear to the press corp "that the Clintons' stated wish for Chelsea not to be the focus of media coverage made sense and should be respected." But now Chelsea "has become fair game" and we can expect more "compelling, in-depth reports" (2/5).

The Philadelphia Daily News' Porter writes that the story was "inevitable" and "harmless." There's nothing in the article "the Clintons can object to: no dirt on Chelsea's life at Stanford, no tasteless insinuations, not one unflattering observation about their daughter." The story "is proof that the Clintons need not worry about subjecting Chelsea to publicity" (2/5).

ABC's Cochran: "It seemed innocuous enough ... still the president and Mrs. Clinton complained with barely concealed anger ... (The Clinton's) dilemma is, (their statement) may boost magazine sales, and may encourage others to do the same" (2/4).

NBC's Brokaw: "This has set off a spirited debate about journalism, boundaries and exploitation" (2/4).

NPR's Mara Liasson: "I think it's the principle of the thing. What they are worried about ... is that this (article) is going to open the flood gates" ("Special Report," FNC, 2/4).

Mort Kondracke: "It gets to the point where (Chelsea) is

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part of the caricature story of Bill Clinton one way or the other" ("Special Report," FNC, 2/4).

UPI's Helen Thomas: "They always want the good things to be written about family life and so forth" (ABC, 2/4).

NBC's Bloom: "The president and first lady telephoned top executives imploring them and pressuring them not to publish, and NBC News has learned, the secret service took the highly unusual step of warning the magazine that its story would almost certainly trigger increased threats to Chelsea Clinton's safety" (2/4).

Ex-HRC press secy Lisa Caputo: "I don't think it's right at all to say that she's 18, therefore she's fair game" (NBC, 2/4).

Newsweek's Jonathan Alter: "It violates kind of an informal but useful agreement that the media had to give her a break, let the poor girl alone. She didn't ask for this. She's essentially a victim. She didn't put herself forward. Why is it necessary?" (NBC, 2/4).

NBC's Welles: "The truth is, the article could hardly be called critical, it's more like a combination love letter and sympathy card, revealing such bombshells as her plans to be a pediatric cardiologist and that she doesn't eat meat" ("Upfront Tonight," CNBC, 2/4).

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HEADLINE: CHELSEA GOES PUBLIC - AND A MAGAZINE PROFITS;
PEOPLE MAGAZINE BREAKS A GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT.

BODY:

She was only 12 years old with heavy braces on her teeth and a sprinkle of freckles on her nose when she moved to the White House in January 1993. Chelsea Clinton, an only child in the throes of 'the awkward age,' could have been an inviting target for the media's piercing gaze.

But the Clintons pleaded for her privacy, arguing that their daughter deserved a normal childhood. The media entered a gentleman's agreement with the White House, making Chelsea off-limits as news fodder.

For the most part, the media have upheld the agreement, a rarity in American journalism, which gets ever more intrusive in covering private lives.

But today, People magazine violates the deal. It hits American newsstands with Chelsea on its cover and an eight-page story with a loaded headline: 'Hillary and Chelsea - Grace Under Fire.'

The Clintons issued a statement saying they are 'profoundly saddened' by People magazine's decision. 'For over six years, the media has understood and respected the unique situation facing Chelsea as she grows up in the spotlight focused on her parents,' the statement said. 'We have been very grateful for the media's restraint in allowing Chelsea the privacy that any young person needs and deserves.'

People magazine, the celebrity-chasing weekly, was unrepentant. 'Chelsea is nearly 19 years old and a poised young adult,' said the managing editor, Carol Wallace. 'We feel that because she is an eyewitness to the family drama and historical events unfolding around her she is a valid journalistic subject.'

Baloney. What People really feels is the hope of cash registers ringing up hot sales. The Chelsea story - the first time she has been the cover subject of any magazine - will be a grabber. Ever since the Monica Lewinsky sex scandal exploded, the American people, both the curious and the sympathetic, have wondered how Chelsea is surviving the family trauma. How many times have you heard people say, 'I feel so sorry for Chelsea?' People magazine heard it too and couldn't resist the nagging temptation to answer with a flashy cover story.

The magazine is trying to ennoble its cheesy decision by passing off the story as a profile in courage. People is touting the story as 'an intimate look at the deep bond of love that sustains the Clinton women through their painful family ordeal.'

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But on another level, the story is ''an intimate look'' at People magazine's decision to put profit above principle.

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HEADLINE: A WIDER RISK TO CHELSEA'S PRIVACY

BYLINE: By Paul D. Colford. STAFF WRITER

BODY:

People magazine's decision to publish a cover story on Chelsea Clinton over the apparent objections of her parents raised the possibility yesterday that other news outlets also will abandon a longstanding policy of respecting the teenager's privacy.

People, after all, is a 3.7-million-circulation powerhouse with a glossier reputation than those supermarket tabloids that reported late last year that Chelsea had broken up with her boyfriend and was deeply troubled by the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

People's story "begins to create a crack in the wall that some magazines will want to open wider," said Ellen Levine, editor in chief of Good Housekeeping, who added that she has made several unsuccessful requests to interview Hillary Rodham Clinton and her daughter together. "As a mother, I have to respect the White House position."

Patrice G. Adcroft, editor in chief of Seventeen, said yesterday Chelsea Clinton recently turned down an invitation to guest-edit an issue of the magazine. "It was explained to us that her foremost interest was her studies," Adcroft added. "The question now, though, is where the line separating her from scrutiny has been moved, now that People has written about her. I have to think about that."

"Would fallout from the White House prevent me from pursuing a story that was relevant to my readers? Not necessarily."

Jeannette Walls, a veteran gossip columnist who now dishes online for MSNBC, said she would continue to keep Chelsea Clinton out of her reports. "I do feel children are off-limits because they didn't ask for it - they're thrust into the limelight," she added. "But People is a bellwether publication that opened the floodgates 25 years ago to writing about celebrities. People's writing about Chelsea does knock down some of these barriers."

Copies of People's Feb. 15 issue, which goes on sale today, were delivered to the White House Wednesday. Around 10 that night, the White House took the unusual step of alerting reporters that it planned to issue a statement about the cover story from the president and first lady. "For over six years," the statement said, "the media has understood and respected the unique situation facing Chelsea as she grows up in the spotlight focused on her parents. Other

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than at public situations where she is an integral part of our family, Chelsea has not taken on a public role. We have been very grateful for the media's restraint in allowing Chelsea the privacy that any young person needs and deserves.

"Unfortunately, despite personal appeals with respect to her privacy and her security from her parents, People Magazine has chosen to run the story. We can only hope that the media will continue its policy of restraint with respect to our daughter."

White House press secretary Joe Lockhart yesterday declined to describe the "personal appeals" mentioned in the Clintons statement, telling reporters that contacts with the magazine "were private and will remain private."

Word circulated yesterday within Time Inc., which publishes People, that the White House may have expressed concerns about the piece to higher-ups at Time Warner, the parent corporation. A call seeking comment from Edward Adler, a spokesman for Time Warner Chairman Gerald Levin, was not returned.

Marcia Berry, Hillary Clinton's spokeswoman, would not say yesterday whether the first lady personally had protested to People.

People magazine declined to answer questions about its piece - a striking posture for the magazine, which typically welcomes interest in its stories from other media and makes staffers available for TV interviews. Instead, People responded to the Clintons with a statement from Managing Editor Carol Wallace: "We are certainly sensitive to the Clintons concerns about their daughter but there is a great deal of admiration for this mother-daughter relationship . . .

"Chelsea is nearly 19 years old and a poised young adult. We feel that because she is an eyewitness to the family drama and historical events unfolding around her she is a valid journalistic subject."

People's story is mostly flattering to Chelsea, highlighting the close bond that she has with her mother in particular. Moreover, many of the anonymous sources quoted in the story are described as friends of the family; one source identified by name is Dick Kelley, Chelsea's step-grandfather.

A reporter reminded Lockhart yesterday that the Clintons had posed with their daughter for a People photographer during the 1992 presidential campaign.

"There's no question that this was an attempt by the White House to get out its own spin on this story and perhaps create sympathy for the family before anybody had even seen the issue," said Howard Kurtz, The Washington Post media columnist and author of "Spin Cycle," a best-selling account of how the Clinton administration strives - and often succeeds - in "spinning" media coverage in its favor.

"Interest in the story may have been escalated by the White House's reaction to it," said Tom Goldstein, dean of Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism. "Otherwise, it seems to me that the press, in this one special area, has shown admirable self-restraint. People may have broken ranks in writing about Chelsea, and they may have had their own imperative for doing so, but there's no reason to expect that others will follow." Bill Douglas contributed to this story.

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HEADLINE: Grandson pens letter to presidential pet

BYLINE: PAIGE FUMO

BODY:

Young Patrick Collins has been good about writing to his grandfather, Ray Mueninghoff of Bloomington, over the years.

But now, Collins' address book is going to become more crowded - ever since his teacher assigned his class to write letters to someone in the White House.

Collins, who lives in Bedford, Texas, was one of the more than 300,000 school children who wrote letters to Socks and Buddy, the two White House pets. From that number, 50 were chosen for inclusion in the book, "Dear Socks, Dear Buddy: Kids' Letters to the First Pets," which first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton edited and published last fall.

"Oh man, he became a celebrity," Mueninghoff said of his now 9-year-old grandson. "He was at Barnes & Noble and signed books all day." The first signed copy, though, went to his grandfather.

For his assignment, Collins chose to write to Socks, because he has a cat who resembles the first pet. He wrote, "Dear Socks, How old are you Socks? What is the best place to explore in the White House? Where do you sleep? I am eight years old. I go to Holy Trinity school. I love corn. My name is Patrick Collins. Do you like cat food? What is the biggest room in the White House? Sincerely, Patrick Collins."

Collins then received a letter and two signed copies of the book from Mrs. Clinton. The book, published by Simon & Schuster, will raise money for the National Park Foundation.

And Mueninghoff will be in more renowned company when his grandson takes pen to paper. "Now he's going to write to all the senators and let them know what he thinks," Mueninghoff said. "He's a real smart kid."

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HEADLINE: Should Chelsea Clinton be considered a public figure?

BYLINE: By SANDRA SOBIERAJ, Associated Press Writer

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY:

In the heat of their 1992 campaign, the Clintons invited People magazine into their backyard and posed: Bill, Hillary and Chelsea in one big hug, piled into a hammock. A similarly flattering cover story on Chelsea almost seven years hence drew a testy retort from the president and his wife.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart, peppered with questions Thursday about the unusual statement from the Clintons prefacing next week's 8-page feature, "Hillary & Chelsea: Grace Under Fire," refused even to entertain the question about whether Chelsea is, as People managing editor Carol Wallace called her, "a valid journalistic subject."

Media watchdogs cried foul on the White House.

"Chelsea is becoming fair game," said Marvin Kalb, director of Harvard's Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy.

From a gawky 12-year-old in braces to poised college student, Chelsea, nearly 19, has emerged as a sort of semipublic figure - traveling on overseas missions, working the crowds alongside her parents, turning up in front of news cameras to hold her father's hand when the political stakes last year became critical.

So why the fuss over an article that, in trying to illustrate a close family bond, recalls slumber parties, messages from "Mommy" to Chelsea's elementary school and a beach picnic where Chelsea noticed her mother shiver and slipped her own jacket around Mom?

"Chelsea has not taken on a public role," the Clintons' said in their appeal meant to hold back the floodgates on coverage of their daughter.

This year's People story follows sensational tabloid cover stories last year on Chelsea's breakup with her college boyfriend. But it is no more intrusive and no less flattering than the story the Clintons sanctioned in 1992.

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In the earlier feature, they freely offered up details on Chelsea's plea for pierced ears, her favorite TV sitcoms, her morning routine, even the time she asked about sex.

The difference between then and now? "Nothing has changed from Mrs. Clinton's point of view," said her spokeswoman, Marsha Berry.

But Kalb and others point to vivid images from the past year that suggest mixed messages.

Three days after Monica Lewinsky burst into headlines last year, Chelsea flew 3,000 miles home from Stanford University where she was then a freshman. Photographs of her and Dad arm-in-arm departing for Camp David helped bolster his initial denials of any marital wrongdoing.

Seven months later, she linked hands with both parents and - again before a bank of cameras - held husband and wife together the day after Clinton publicly confessed his affair with Ms. Lewinsky.

"Chelsea is now being used to convey an image and the line then becomes more and more difficult to draw between what is journalistically acceptable and what is self-protective for family reasons," said Kalb.

He called the coverage unfortunate. But journalism professor George Reedy, who was press secretary to Lyndon Baines Johnson, saw a public benefit to knowing the private lives of presidents and their families.

"One of the very important things the press must do is give the public a picture of what the man is really like - what his personality is, is he honest, is he smart. And people ARE reflected in their children," Reedy said.

It's a mirror the Clintons, unlike their predecessors, have tightly cloaked since the '92 campaign.

"I'm not going to answer any questions about her," Mrs. Clinton firmly told CNN's Larry King when he asked in 1996 whether Chelsea was dating.

Chelsea has never been interviewed, although reporters have been invited to off-the-record dinners with her during foreign trips. She has only spoken in public overseas, in roundtable discussions with other young people.

"For over six years, the media has understood and respected the unique situation facing Chelsea," the Clintons said on learning of the new People story. "We can only hope the media will continue its policy of restraint."

But a public role is not unusual for the progeny of presidents. Anna Roosevelt served as substitute hostess for her father. Amy Carter was trotted out for state dinners and to play the violin for Egyptian President Anwar Sadat at Camp David. LBJ's then teen-age daughters, Lucy and Linda, made speeches and kept full public schedules. Barbara Bush's eldest grandchild introduced her to the 1992 Republican national convention.

But when historian Carl Sferrazza Anthony suggested "it would be wonderful" if Chelsea introduced Mrs. Clinton to the Democrats' 1996 convention, the first lady turned frosty, for the first time in their many conversations.

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"She said absolutely, unequivocally no. There was not even a hesitation or consideration of that," recalled Anthony, author of the upcoming "First Families."

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DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY:

President Clinton and his wife said Wednesday they were "profoundly saddened" by a decision by People magazine's editors to feature a story about their daughter, Chelsea, on its cover.

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"There is a great deal of admiration for this mother-daughter relationship," People's managing editor, Carol Wallace, said in response to the White House statement. "Chelsea is nearly 19 years old and a poised young adult. We feel that because she is an eyewitness to the family drama and historical events unfolding around her she is a valid journalistic subject."

People magazine spokeswoman Dianne Jones, reached at her home late Wednesday, could not immediately comment on the article or on the protest from the president and Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Administration officials said they didn't believe there were any startling revelations in the magazine's upcoming issue, but that the Clintons were chagrined to see their daughter, who will turn 19 on Feb. 27, the subject of a cover story.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said the Clintons found fault with "more the concept than the detail" of the story.

The Associated Press, February 4, 1999

The media tended to take a hands-off approach toward Chelsea while she was a high school student, but her move to Stanford University in 1997 generated a spate of news stories.

Nevertheless, administration officials said the upcoming issue of People crossed a line: "There's never been a cover story on Chelsea," said Marsha Berry, the first lady's spokeswoman.

Berry said the Clinton's statement was not intended to dispute any particular facet of the article. "It's just that it exists at all," she said.

In their statement, the Clintons said "we deeply regret and are profoundly saddened by the decision of People." The also said they hoped that "the media will continue its policy of restraint with respect to our daughter."

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BYLINE: Michael Sneed

BODY:

The police blotter . . .

The Santos saga: Well. Well. Well. The Fraternal Order of Police just endorsed City Treasurer Miriam Santos, despite the fact she is under federal indictment. But they didn't vote to endorse anyone for mayor. Hmmm.

Pssst! . . .

Sneed hears ousted City Colleges Chancellor Ronald Temple is being eyed to head up the Oakland, Calif., community college system. A team of scouts is in town sniffing around.

Tipstville . . .

Grrrrrrrr? Rumor is U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.) is angry first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton hasn't made a decision to run for his seat. Word is that he came out early and said he would retire to allow Democratic candidates to raise the money to make a run. She's holding things up.

Clinton had always maintained she wasn't interested in running for public office. She told Sneed a year ago, she wasn't interested in running for the U.S. Senate in Illinois.

But consider this recent comment made by her press secretary, Marsha Berry, in New York last month: "At this point, she has no plans to run for elective office, but she hasn't ruled it out. . . . I can tell you she does like New York."

Fitz glitz . . .

Haaahaaaaaaaaaaaa: U.S. Sen. Peter Fitzgerald took the biggest political risk of his career Tuesday night . . . and survived.

(Fitzgerald was one of four Senate freshmen expected to deliver funny monologues at the annual black-tie Washington Press Club Foundation dinner, which draws a who's who of Washington.)

Some of Fitzgerald's better lines:

"Look at some of our political figures from Illinois. Denny Hastert, Bob Michel, Jim Edgar, Paul Simon, Dick Durbin and me. You got the bland leading

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the bland."

"Hillary campaigned so often in Illinois I thought I was running against Hillary Moseley-Braun.";

Referring to the impeachment trial, where senators must remain silent:
 "That's the main reason I accepted the invitation to be here tonight. The way things are going in the Senate, this may be my only opportunity to say anything my entire first term."

Referring to the fact he is losing his hair, he quipped: "People told me if I wanted to be a success in this city, I needed to keep my nose to the grindstone and my head to a bottle of Rogaine."

Bench press . . .

The Sengstacke saga: Judge Thomas A. Hett just appointed James H. Lowry, president and CEO of James H. Lowry & Associates, as trustee for the estate of John Sengstacke, who owned the Chicago Defender and three other newspapers.

The Sengstacke family (beneficiaries) would like to maintain control or have a role in control over the Defender and does not want to sell the businesses . . . and Judge Hett wanted to ensure that family concerns were met. Earl Strayhorn was appointed Lowry's attorney. Stay tuned for the continuing saga of the Defender dynasty.

Cuban coffee . . .

Singer Gloria Estefan's husband, Emilio, her Cuban-born producer and musical partner, is a one-man welcoming committee.

Consider: Estefan was jogging on Miami's South Beach when he saw 11 Cuban refugees come ashore Monday in a crude, handmade boat. "I saw them come in, and I saw them crying when they touched down. They were so cold," he recalls. "I bought them a little Cuban coffee just to welcome them to the land of freedom." The men were taken into custody by the U.S. Border Patrol. They had left Cuba in a small wooden diesel-powered boat a week earlier.

The sing thing . . .

Is it true Barbra Streisand could be getting \$ 13.5 million to perform on the millennium New Year's Eve at the MGM Grand?

The women's room . . .

Bringing out the big guns: NOW President Patricia Ireland was spotted precinct walking Sunday with former Chicago NOW President Lorna Brett, who is running for 32nd Ward alderman against Ted Matlak, who was appointed to replace former Ald. Terry Gabinski.

Sneedlings . . .

Chicago Sun-Times classified ads employee Lillith Rausa, 27, whose big dream is to sing the national anthem at the United Center, sang it Wednesday night at the DePaul; -University of North Carolina-Charlotte basketball game. . . .

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Today's birthdays: Alice Cooper, 51; David Brenner, 54; Rosa Parks, 86; Clint Black, 37; Dan Quayle, 52.

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HEADLINE: \$68M IS A START VS. ASTHMA

BYLINE: BY ALBOR RUIZ

BODY:

IN QUEENS, where 35,000 school children suffer from asthma, Hillary Rodham Clinton's announcement last Thursday that the President's budget would include \$ 68 million to combat asthma nationwide is welcome news.

Queens children suffer from asthma in disproportionate numbers. The problem is compounded in the areas near the airports.

"It is a very serious problem in southeast Queens," says Tara Fleming, director of public affairs at the Jamaica Hospital Pediatric Asthma Clinic. "And it gets worse every year."

Take the case of Wendy Cevallos. She is 8 and lives in Jackson Heights another of the problem areas in the borough with her parents and brother Erik, 6. She has big brown eyes and short curly hair. She loves school and is playful and happy a normal, healthy little girl. That is, until an asthma attack leaves her desperately gasping for breath.

"I lost count of the times we have had to rush her to the emergency room," says Nancy, her mother. "She would turn blue, and I thought she was going to die."

Nancy's fears are well-founded. Wendy is only one of the 130,000 New York school children who suffer from asthma. This is the city with the highest asthma rate in the country, and hundreds of people die from it every year.

The problem, though, is not only New York's. With more than 450,000 people hospitalized in the country, and 5,500 dying as a result of the respiratory disease every year, the epidemic is choking the whole country.

And although the money allocated to fight it seems woefully inadequate, the First Lady's involvement could be a big help. For once, it provides a powerful boost to Rep. Nita Lowey (D-Queens/Westchester), who has taken a leadership role in Congress in the fight against asthma.

"Last year, I introduced a five-year, \$ 100 million initiative with Rep. Joe Baron (R-Tex.) to address this critical issue," Lowey says. "I will be reintroducing it this year, and I am pleased to have the First Lady join our fight."

Lowey's initiative, if approved, could make a difference. At this point, even though the number of people who die of asthma has risen 50% since 1980, and

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although it is the leading cause for child hospital stays in the city, health authorities have failed to make the epidemic a priority.

"We don't get any funding from the city or the state," says Dr. Hadi Jabbar, the director of the Pediatric Asthma Center at the New York Hospital-Flushing Medical Center since 1993. "I am working closely with Borough President [Claire] Shulman, and she is trying very hard to get some funding. But it depends on the City Council."

The fact that the majority of the sick children do not get continuous care makes matters worse.

"Asthma is a chronic disease," Jabbar says. "It is a life-long thing, like [the illness of] a diabetic that has to take insulin."

But for this to happen, Jabbar says, money has to be spent in specialized treatment. There should be, he says, enough centers such as the clinic he directs to make it possible for people to have access to them.

"Right now," he says, "the emphasis is on education, which is important. But all by itself education can only make a very small dent in the epidemic."

The quality of the air in Queens adds to the problem. A federal study conducted last year found that air in the borough is especially dirty. The main culprits are a half-dozen major highways, three major power plants and the two airports.

"There is no scientific evidence that pollution causes asthma," Fleming says. "But no one disputes it makes it much worse."

There is no way, of course, that the asthma epidemic can be fought effectively in New York, or anywhere else, without sufficient funding.

WITH THE DREADED RESPIRATORY illness so widespread that it is one of the main causes of work and school absenteeism in the country, the First Lady's interest is extremely important. But it is not enough. Congress must also approve Lowey's initiative.

Wendy, and more than 30,000 other children in Queens, deserve the chance to lead healthy, productive lives.

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HEADLINE: CHELSEA IS A COVER GIRL

BYLINE: Deborah G. Guadan, from Bee news services

BODY:

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Meanwhile, first brother Roger declared Wednesday that President and Hillary Rodham Clinton are confident "that they've gotten back on track," with a lot of work still to do in their marriage because of his problems.

"As far as I can tell, the family unit is getting stronger every day," Roger Clinton said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

GRAPHIC: Associated Press photograph

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and first feline Socks brave the media glare Wednesday in the East Room of the White House. They are touting Clinton's new book featuring Socks and Buddy, the first canine, which includes children's letters to the first pets and the history of critters roaming the White House. The book is called "Dear Socks, Dear Buddy: Kids' Letters to the First Pets."

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BC-CLINTON-HILLARY

Mrs. Clinton holds NY forum on family, work issues

NEW YORK, Feb 2 (Reuters) - Hillary Rodham Clinton, who has been touted as a possible candidate for the Senate seat being vacated by Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan in 2000, came to New York on Tuesday to discuss pet causes of family and work issues.

But she avoided mention of any political ambitions.

At a forum in Brooklyn at the YMCA in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighbourhood, Mrs. Clinton met and listened to working mothers who related how their hardships had been eased by government support such as after-school programmes, or told of their frustrations and failures in trying to get help.

"The more we support families ... the more we help our economy," Clinton told several hundred people after she heard from the women. One of them said the Family Leave Act signed by President Bill Clinton allowed her to take 12 weeks off to care for her 16-year-old daughter who had been critically injured in a car accident.

"It is not only a human, moral response, but it makes good business sense," Clinton said, adding that employees who were treated well would work that much harder when they returned to their job.

Clinton also said that the ageing population spelled a need for greater support and services for people caring for elderly parents and relatives, saying that people now spend more time caring for ageing parents than they do raising children.

After the forum she spent several minutes chatting with community people and posing for photographs. But she ignored a reporter's question on whether there was a chance of her running for the Senate.

While the first lady's spokeswoman has said "she has no plans to run for elected office," Democratic analysts and pollsters continue to keep the buzz alive.

Clinton did meet several local politicians who attended the forum, including members of New York's City Council and representatives of borough presidents' offices, fuelling speculation that she could be courting local officials.

A poll by the Marist Institute for Public Opinion last week found that Clinton would beat possible Republican candidate Rudolph Giuliani, who is in his second term as New York City's mayor, by 52.5 percent to 42 percent.

Her lead over former Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, who lost his Senate seat in November to Charles Schumer, was even bigger: 57.2 percent to 37.7 percent, with a 4.5 percent margin of error.

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First lady spotlights working moms to push budget proposals

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By CHELSEA J. CARTER= Associated Press Writer=

NEW YORK (AP) Hillary Rodham Clinton used a forum with stressed-out working moms to highlight proposals in the president's \$1.77 trillion budget that would help women balance work and family pressures.

``The president unveiled a balanced budget that puts families first through a package of initiatives that will help parents struggling to meet their responsibilities to their jobs and even more important, to their families,'' the first lady told 300 people gathered Tuesday at a YMCA in New York City's gritty Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood.

In a round table discussion, Mrs. Clinton heard from women struggling to balance their jobs with caring for children or elderly parents.

Angelina Charriez told Mrs. Clinton that her 67-year-old mother suffered from a mental ailment and could not take care for herself.

``We almost lost our home. We lost our car because we couldn't make the payments. I can't work full time and take care of my mother and my child,'' she said as she wiped tears from her eyes.

Mrs. Clinton put her hand on Mrs. Charriez's shoulder and promised to follow up with her and the other women who spoke during the panel discussion.

``We're going to have to really confront this issue because people are living longer and longer,'' Mrs. Clinton said.

The president's budget would invest \$6.2 billion over five years including \$5.5 billion to provide a \$1,000 tax credit for families caring for disabled relatives, Mrs. Clinton said. The budget also includes a \$250 tax credit for stay-at-home parents caring for a child under age 1.

Eileen Quinones, a 33-year-old single working mother, told Mrs. Clinton that she was unable to find child care for her 18-month-old toddler.

``Because of my income, I make too much money to qualify for subsidies and not enough money to pay for it myself,'' she said. The cheapest child care available cost \$800 a month, Quinones said. As a result, she said, her baby stays with her aunt.

Mrs. Clinton said Ms. Quinones' problem was not unique.

``We have these very arbitrary rules about who can qualify for subsidies,'' Mrs. Clinton said. ``One of the hopes I have is that with the president's budget... you would be able to increase the limit of income to qualify (for child care subsidies).''

Mrs. Clinton's comment was met with a standing ovation in the gymnasium full of cheering mothers, many of whom brought their children.

After spending about an 1½ hours with the mothers, at one point taking a moment to play with a crying 9-month-old baby, she headed for a Democratic National Committee dinner with her husband at Manhattan's posh Le Cirque restaurant.

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(UPI Focus)

Clinton hints Hillary may run in NY

NEW YORK, Feb. 3 (UPI) Someone very close to Hillary Rodham Clinton is fueling rumors that the first lady will move to New York and run for a seat in the Senate, and that someone is none other than her husband, Bill Clinton.

President Clinton said at a Democratic National Committee fund-raiser in the Big Apple Tuesday night, ``It's highly likely that I will increasingly be known as the person who comes with Hillary to New York.''

The remark was met by thunderous applause from the 100 or so people who attended the \$10,000-a-head dinner party at the swanky Manhattan eatery Le Cirque 2000.

Mrs. Clinton has never publicly spoken about possibly running for the Senate in New York, but several Democratic leaders have said they hope she'll run for Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan's seat, which he is vacating in 2001.

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President, First Lady, Lott Talk To Mayors

By MICHAEL JANOFSKY

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WASHINGTON - President Clinton took advantage of a meeting with mayors from more than 200 cities Friday to announce that he is seeking a hefty raise for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Clinton's proposed increase of \$2.5 billion would give the agency a record \$28 billion at a time the administration is using every bit of good news to draw attention from the impeachment trial in the Senate.

In a meeting that lasted more than an hour in the East Room of the White House, the president thanked the mayors for their role in helping drive down crime rates, expand job growth and improve the living conditions for many low-income Americans. But he emphasized that more work remained.

"The present prosperity is an opportunity and a responsibility to make sure that opportunity and prosperity reaches every person in every corner of this country, into every neighborhood in every city of this country," he said. "If we cannot do this now with what some people believe is the strongest overall economy in our history, believe me, we will never get around to doing the job."

The address by Clinton was the first of several the mayors heard here on the third and last day of the winter meeting of the United States Conference of Mayors. Over lunch in a hotel ballroom, they listened to Senator Trent Lott, R-Miss., who is the majority leader; Attorney General Janet Reno, and Hillary Rodham Clinton. They focused on different urban issues.

The original speaking schedule included only Lott and Mrs. Clinton, a plan that left open the possibility that Mrs. Clinton would share a dais with the man who is controlling the impeachment proceedings against her husband.

But other commitments assured that the two would not even be in the hotel at the same time. Lott, who spoke for 25 minutes, finished at 12:10 and quickly returned to Capitol Hill for meetings. Mrs. Clinton arrived shortly before 1:30 and spoke for half an hour. An aide to the mayoral conference said she had asked to speak last and had told officials that she could not arrive any earlier than she did.

Joined by members of his Cabinet, Clinton used much of his time with the mayors highlighting aspects of the urban agenda he discussed in his State of the Union address last week. He said the housing increase would help pay for a second round of community empowerment grants to 20 cities, which were announced two weeks ago, and for 100,000 new vouchers for poor and low-income people.

A spokesman for Rep. Rick A. Lazio, R-N.Y., who heads the House subcommittee on housing, said the administration was certain only to get an increase of \$2 billion and faced a fight for the remaining \$500 million.

After his remarks, Clinton took questions. Mayor Linda Lawrence of Wausau, Wis., rose and took aim at the impeachment trial, saying, "I want you to know what on behalf of everybody I know, especially my parents who are so damn conservative that I had an 11 p.m. curfew all my life, that they want Congress to stop this to allow you to get on with the business of the country."

At that point, Mayor Lawrence said later, the other mayors stood to applaud, "and I couldn't finish."

Lott's appearance before the mayors was his first after two previous invitations. Assuring the mayors that the Senate was eager to get busy on a spectrum of issues that affected cities, he made only veiled references to the impeachment trial, saying he was grateful to be away from the Capitol, where he has been "tethered to the floor" of the Senate for three weeks.

"This year we have a particularly difficult responsibility, given to us under the Constitution, to carry out, and we're going to carry out that responsibility," Lott added. "But it will come to a conclusion, and when it does, it's important that we have a burst of activity to work on those

problems that Americans really do care about.''

Lott received respectful applause before and after his remarks. But it was nothing like the ovation showered upon Mrs. Clinton as she walked down the ballroom aisle toward the dais. The mayors stood and clapped loudly; some cheered.

Mrs. Clinton spent the first half of her speech reviewing administration programs that she portrayed as ``tools this president has provided'' to help cities and urged the mayors to build support for the president's next budget.

She closed by promoting the Millennium Communities Program, an effort by the White House to encourage communities to plan celebrations that ``honor the past and imagine the future.''

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(UPI Spotlight)

Hillary won't say yes or no

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (UPI) A spokeswoman says (Thursday) Hillary Rodham Clinton has ``not ruled in or out'' a run for the seat of retiring New York Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan. Her press secretary Marsha Berry says the first lady ``is not in a position to be thinking about'' such a race. Moynihan and state party leaders are said to be restive and want Clinton to make up her mind so the fund raising can begin. They also are concerned New York Mayor Rudy Guiliani and former Sen. Alfonse D'Amato may be gearing up to make the run on the Republican ticket.

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HEADLINE: The silence on Chelsea is breaking

BYLINE: By Mary Leonard, Globe Staff

BODY:

WASHINGTON - Chelsea Clinton, it seems, has her mother's strength and her father's optimism. In spite of feeling betrayed, angry, and humiliated by The Scandal, the 18-year-old first daughter loves her parents and won't wear her emotions on her sleeve. And as for the story that Chelsea collapsed last fall after breaking up with her boyfriend, that was "blown way out of proportion," a friend told People magazine.

"Grace Under Fire," which hits the newsstands today, is no hatchet job. Still, the Clintons are having a fit over the People cover story on Chelsea, the first piece that promises "an intimate look at the deep bond of love that sustains the Clinton women through their painful family ordeal."

The strong White House reaction - including an extraordinary appeal to the magazine from Marsha Berry, the first lady's press secretary, to kill the story - signaled more than a fear that Chelsea's privacy had been violated. It suggested a worry that at age 18, and as a player in the White House family drama, Chelsea might become a window for other media to probe the complex and very private relationships of the Clintons.

And some wondered whether the Clintons weren't trying to have it both ways - to stage-manage Chelsea's media exposure as the devoted daughter in a happy-family portrait during a year of scandal, while keeping the Stanford sophomore safely away from the unfiltered glare of the press.

The conservative commentator Arianna Huffington noted that when the Clintons needed the family image in the 1992 campaign, they invited People magazine into their home for a story and photographs. "The reason the Clintons are making such a public stand now," she said, is not so much because they are mad at People magazine - it's a glowing story - but because they want to stop an avalanche of media coverage of their daughter."

Indeed, Chelsea has been largely, remarkably, out of the media spotlight during her father's tenure in the White House. In 1993, the Clintons firmly laid down the law about Chelsea's privacy after the then 12-year-old was portrayed in an unflattering "Saturday Night Live" skit. In the mainstream media, the off-limits instructions on Chelsea, by and large, have been followed.

At least until the People profile.

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"We deeply regret and are profoundly saddened by the decision of People magazine to print a cover story featuring our daughter, Chelsea," the president and Hillary Rodham Clinton said in a joint statement that went out in a press alert Wednesday night. "For over six years, the media has understood and respected the unique situation facing Chelsea as she grows up in the spotlight focused on her parents."

The Clintons said Chelsea should be spared scrutiny because, other than in family situations, she "has not taken on a public role." And they pleaded with the media to "continue its policy of restraint with respect to our daughter."

Executives at People magazine said they were sensitive to the appeal, but were not persuaded to stop publication. "Chelsea is nearly 19 years old and a poised young adult," said Carole Wallace, People's managing editor. "We feel that because she is an eyewitness to the family drama and historical events unfolding around her, she is a valid journalistic subject."

Gail Collins, author of "Scorpion Tongues: Gossip, Celebrity, and American Politics," said that while the press has been happy to leave Chelsea alone, it is getting harder to make a rational argument that she is too young or vulnerable to be protected by the old rules.

"It's tough to say you can draft Chelsea and send her to war, but you can't write about her," said Collins, who is an editorial writer at The New York Times. "How old was Monica - 21? - when she had an affair with the president? Nobody is arguing that she was too tender to be bothered with."

In fact, Chelsea has been called upon by the White House in its time of greatest peril. There was the touching picture of Chelsea clutching her parents' hands as they left the White House in August in the wake of the president's disclosures of an extramarital affair. The White House made much of Chelsea's romance last year with an all-American boy. And former Senator Dale Bumpers of Arkansas referred to Chelsea by name during his speech before the Senate impeachment trial last month, suggesting that the family had suffered enough in a relationship that was "incredibly strained, if not destroyed."

Brit Hume, the Washington managing editor for Fox TV News, said "it's a very close call" for the press in deciding if, as People magazine said, Chelsea has become a "valid journalistic subject."

"It's unfair to say you are a public figure by extension of who you are related to," Hume said. "But if Chelsea crosses the threshold, if she is consciously putting herself out there as a symbol of support for her father, it's hard to argue that she isn't news."

Hume said many journalists operate on the "out-there factor" - that is, once a story appears in a wide-circulation publication like People, the subject becomes fair game for the rest of the press.

The wall protecting Chelsea started to break down in November, when some media outlets reported that Chelsea had broken up with her boyfriend and had sought treatment at Stanford's health center for stress-related symptoms. The story first appeared in the tabloid newspapers, the National Enquirer and the Star, but it did not get wide attention in the mainstream press until the New York Post reported it. A short wire service version of the Post report was

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picked up by a number of newspapers, including The Boston Globe.

Tom Rosensteil, director for the Project for Excellence in Journalism, a nonprofit group that monitors press performance, said the Clintons' efforts to protect their daughter from the media horde have been "one of the genuinely endearing things about this tragically messed-up family." He accused People magazine of exploiting Chelsea.

"This is garbage," Rosensteil said. "Chelsea's story is not important, there is no overriding public good in reporting it. This is exploitation to sell magazines, and journalists everywhere should stand up and say, 'Shame on you; don't you have any decency?' "

GRAPHIC: PHOTO, 1. CHELSEA CLINTON/A magazine cover story
2. First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and her daughter, Chelsea, arrived at Hilton Head, S.C., for a short vacation on Dec. 30. President Clinton and his wife released a statement yesterday saying they "deeply regret and are profoundly saddened" about People magazine's cover story on Chelsea./AFP PHOTO

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HEADLINE: Mrs. Clinton may join Illinois race;
NATIONAL BRIEFS

BYLINE: (REUTERS)

BODY:

NW YORK - The former Democratic vice presidential candidate, Geraldine Ferraro, said yesterday that she expected Hillary Rodham Clinton to run for the Senate in her home state of Illinois with an eye to becoming president in 2008. In a column in the New York Daily News, Ferraro addressed speculation among media and analysts that Clinton might seek the Democratic nomination for the Senate seat being vacated by Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

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HEADLINE: Comment: Pro: Is Hillary Rodham Clinton a target of unfair criticism?
: First lady possesses the qualities
to humanize the world of politics

BYLINE: By Janine Easter

BODY:

Hillary Rodham Clinton is an admirable first lady, and she is good for the country. She has been unjustly criticized and demonized by her husband's opponents. Many of these people are so filled with hate for President Bill Clinton that their hate spills over onto Mrs. Clinton.

Some critics are angry because she's had the courage to stand up to some of the country's most powerful special interest groups, such as the National Rifle Association, as well as the tobacco and the health insurance industries. And there are others who would dislike any woman with Mrs. Clinton's strength, intelligence and power.

Hillary Rodham Clinton has the qualities to be a wonderful leader, and I hope she will run for office some day. She would humanize politics. She would get things done. And we know that she can take the hard knocks that come with politics.

Indeed, what makes Hillary Rodham Clinton so impressive are her public achievements and private qualities.

I have seen Hillary at her husband's side in times of glory and of tragedy, putting the interest of family and community ahead of herself, looking for the greater good. Her important work improving human rights, especially those of children and women here and abroad, has gone on despite enormous personal difficulties at home.

Mrs. Clinton's faith, discipline and desire to make the world a better place help keep her going. After her husband admitted having had an affair with Monica Lewinsky, she didn't recede into the background; rather, she rolled up her sleeves and worked hard for her party and country.

That particularly impressed me and I told her so at a Detroit event in October. Obviously pleased, she smiled and thanked me. When I added that some members of the fan club wanted her to know that they liked Bill, too, she laughed heartily and asked me to thank them as well.

But Hillary has made public contributions as well. Even though Hillary's role as first lady became confined to tamer issues after she tackled health care

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and was forced to withdraw, she has made important contributions and improved the lives of many women and children. Her support of the micro-credit program, which helps women escape poverty by supporting their early business investments, is just one example. Although she understands the importance of successful businesses, Hillary wants to create a future society that is less consumer-oriented to help solve long-term environmental problems that will face our children and grandchildren.

I also like the fact that she is interested in art and its public financing because of role art plays in fueling our imagination, hence our ingenuity and cultural strengths.

Hillary is strong and brave, but she is also generous and loyal. Indeed, she has a softer feminine side that her detractors don't want to acknowledge. Clearly, she is a great mother to her daughter Chelsea. She and her husband have managed to raise Chelsea in the glare of television lights while keeping their daughter's privacy intact. In the face of tremendous pressures, Hillary has reassured Chelsea of her love and reinforced Chelsea's sense of her own worth.

The better I get to know her, the more I like her. On two occasions, I have been invited to the White House along with other fan club members. There we met a charming, fun, relaxed and attractive first lady. During the second visit, she expressed concern for us, her fans, who had been drenched by a sudden downpour in Washington while waiting to get into the White House. She even offered us towels as we dripped our way into the East Room. Her good-natured sense of humor won our affection, and her speeches won our admiration.

Whatever Hillary Rodham Clinton decides to do in the years ahead, she will keep on contributing to a stronger country and a better world. No matter what happens, I will be proud to be among her fans.

Janine Easter is the coordinator of the Hillary Rodham Clinton Fan Club in Ann Arbor, the largest of the 175 such fan clubs in America and the world.

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SECTION: Washington - general news

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HEADLINE: Roger Clinton Hails 1st Couple AP-Roger-Clinton ,0269

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY:

President and Mrs. Clinton are confident ''that they've gotten back on track,'' with still a lot of work to do in their marriage because of his problems, his brother, Roger, said today.

''As far as I can tell the family unit is getting stronger every day,'' Roger Clinton said on ABC's ''Good Morning America.''

The younger brother said he met with the president Tuesday. ''He sounds very upbeat, very positive and he's still as concerned as ever every day with the business of the country and of the world.''

Even as the president's impeachment trial continues in the Senate, ''He's doing fine now. He's really doing fine. The bigger picture was what he had to deal with and that was the family situation and he's dealt with that,'' Roger Clinton said.

He said he has not discussed Chelsea Clinton's feelings with her. ''All we can hope for now is that Chelsea can deal with this because of the fact she's had two great teachers in her life to prepare her for situations, for adversities such as this.''

When President and Mrs. Clinton are out of the spotlight, Roger Clinton said, ''I see a lot of focus, a lot of determination and a lot of confidence that they've gotten back on track and they still have much work to do.''

He said the president had not used the words ''will you forgive me'' in discussing the affair with Monica Lewinsky. ''Some things you don't need to express in a certain way,'' Roger Clinton said. ''We knew he was asking for forgiveness.''

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HEADLINE: 1st Lady Highlighting Budget Plans

BYLINE: CHELSEA J. CARTER
AP-Mrs.-Clinton-Budget ,0474

DATELINE: NEW YORK

BODY:

Hillary Rodham Clinton used a forum with stressed-out working moms to highlight proposals in the president's \$1.77 trillion budget that would help women balance work and family pressures.

"The president unveiled a balanced budget that puts families first through a package of initiatives that will help parents struggling to meet their responsibilities to their jobs and even more important, to their families," the first lady told 300 people gathered Tuesday at a YMCA in New York City's gritty Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood.

In a round table discussion, Mrs. Clinton heard from women struggling to balance their jobs with caring for children or elderly parents.

Angelina Charriez told Mrs. Clinton that her 67-year-old mother suffered from a mental ailment and could not take care for herself.

"We almost lost our home. We lost our car because we couldn't make the payments. I can't work full time and take care of my mother and my child," she said as she wiped tears from her eyes.

Mrs. Clinton put her hand on Mrs. Charriez's shoulder and promised to follow up with her and the other women who spoke during the panel discussion.

"We're going to have to really confront this issue because people are living longer and longer," Mrs. Clinton said.

The president's budget would invest \$6.2 billion over five years including \$5.5 billion to provide a \$1,000 tax credit for families caring for disabled relatives, Mrs. Clinton said. The budget also includes a \$250 tax credit for stay-at-home parents caring for a child under age 1.

Eileen Quinones, a 33-year-old single working mother, told Mrs. Clinton that she was unable to find child care for her 18-month-old toddler.

"Because of my income, I make too much money to qualify for subsidies and not enough money to pay for it myself," she said. The cheapest child care available cost \$800 a month, Quinones said. As a result, she said, her baby stays with her aunt.

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Mrs. Clinton said Ms. Quinones' problem was not unique.

'We have these very arbitrary rules about who can qualify for subsidies,' Mrs. Clinton said. 'One of the hopes I have is that with the president's budget... you would be able to increase the limit of income to qualify (for child care subsidies).'

Mrs. Clinton's comment was met with a standing ovation in the gymnasium full of cheering mothers, many of whom brought their children.

After spending about an 1 1/2 hours with the mothers, at one point taking a moment to play with a crying 9-month-old baby, she headed for a Democratic National Committee dinner with her husband at Manhattan's posh Le Cirque restaurant.

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HEADLINE: HILLARY'S TALK LEFT OUT A LOT

BYLINE: Jimmy Breslin

BODY:

"The president's budget," Hillary Clinton said, "significantly raises the stock in children."

She was in the Bedford Avenue YMCA in Brooklyn yesterday afternoon, seated beneath a red banner that hung like an insult: "Helping Parents Balance Work and Family."

This can be done if a husband's girlfriend stands up like Ms. Monica Lewinsky.

Here's why the president arrived at his budget. He sees it as a 21st Century budget.

The moderate turnout included many rows of women, quite a few whites, who were excited with their "first lady." The record shows that Hillary also is The Last to Know.

As Hillary Clinton kept sketching the greatness of the president, you almost hear Tammy Wynette admonishing her, "Now you're overdoing it."

She said, "Yesterday in Washington the president announced \$ 1.5 million dollars in day care and a \$ 350-million tax cut for middle-income families."

She said that as if nothing else went on Monday in Washington.

What did happen was that Ms. Monica Lewinsky went for her 23rd interrogation, and, once again, she did not sink Clinton and therefore kept his house and family together. Through all those appearances let there be just one short burst of meanness by Ms. Monica Lewinsky, and this guy is no more.

Neither would Hillary, who spoke on in her monotone yesterday. Not once was her husband's hallway act with Ms. Monica Lewinsky mentioned by anyone in the gymnasium.

She went on as if the disgrace visited on the country by her husband does not exist. Because she was talking, it was most certainly not going to be brought up. Fine. The woman is disinclined to recognize the dishonor by the husband and stay home. But here she was yesterday, with a large police escort - Lord forbid somebody should ask her a direct question - and she spoke of the president as

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the only figure in the country.

It is the same arrogance that had her go on television at the start of this scandal and claim it was a right-wing conspiracy.

Hillary Clinton spoke of how much day care the president was going to give the country, and they should be grateful because, as she makes it sound, he is giving his personal money out.

Never did she mention that Clinton ended Aid to Dependent Children and for that he lives in infamy. The idea only came from Franklin Roosevelt. Clinton is the worst Democratic president for social programs. I cannot fathom why Southerners hate him so much; he's closer to them than he is to New York.

As the meeting extolling "the president" wore on, I went out to the street, where Ms. Wynona Corley, 53, wanted to discuss nothing else. "She married him for better or worse. She got worse. I never said she should leave him. I never said Buttafuoco's wife should leave. The only one I said should leave is my husband. Threw him out a long time ago. Why? What do you want me to say, infidelity?"

Across the street, Victor Newell, 56, called out, "Everybody does it on this whole block." He waved his arm.

"Not everybody," Ms. Martha of 180 Monroe, a private house, said from her stoop.

"No, everybody," Newell said. "There is nothing wrong with it. The ones you think don't, never get caught yet."

"I don't believe that," Ms. Martha, who wore a black beret, said.

"What did Clinton do wrong? Nothing. If it isn't wrong, everybody does it."

He pointed across to the YMCA.

"Clinton's wife should love Clinton. Do you know why?"

"He never boasted that he had a woman in his office."

"How would you like to catch your wife?" Ms. Martha said.

This was a question that Mr. Newell, and possibly some other men, could handle not.

Out of her house and into the chill mist came Ms. Rene, in a green beret and rainjacket. Right away, a cop came up to her. "You can't come out." "I'm going to get my child at day care," she said.

"Nobody's allowed on the street," the cop said

They had blocked off Monroe and had people keep their windows down. They didn't want to let a woman go to pick up her child at day care because the president's wife was making a speech about day care.

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"I'm going to get my child," Ms. Rene said, firmly.

"I'll walk you," the cop said.

"It's my block. I'll walk by myself," she said.

She began walking and the cop went with her. She left him on the corner of Bedford Avenue and walked several blocks to the Bedford Avenue Day Care Center, which is in a brick building one door off Bedford. She brought her son out of the bright vestibule and doorway and into the chill darkness. The day-care bill is \$ 130 a week. Which puts a big dent right away in her salary as a correction officer at Rikers Island.

She started walking in the opposite direction from her house.

"If they won't let me on my own block, I'm not going home," she said. Inside, as always, the usual preposterous lies were being told to people. Hillary Clinton said that there would be millions and millions for children and adults and old people and cowboys and fishermen and truck drivers.

And out in the cold chill dark night is a kid and his mother who has to pay \$ 130 a week for somebody to watch him so she can work.

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HEADLINE: STRIKING A BALANCE / FIRST LADY SPEAKS TO CITY PARENTS

BYLINE: By Leonard Greene. STAFF WRITER

BODY:

Armed with a new popularity poll, Hillary Rodham Clinton yesterday used a town meeting with Brooklyn parents to renew her commitment to balancing work and family.

Though she ignored talk of a U.S. Senate run in New York, reaction to her appearance bolstered new numbers that show her ahead of such Republican heavyweights as Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and former U.S. Sen. Alfonse D'Amato in a presumptive senate race.

The poll results were released last week by Marist College's Institute for Public Opinion. Clinton's New York appearance came on the same day that her husband, President Bill Clinton, was in town for a Democratic National Committee fund raiser.

While politics dominated the landscape, Hillary Clinton turned her attention to one of her favorite issues: work and family.

She applauded the after-school centers that keep parents focused and praised mothers and fathers for the work they do with children at home.

"Working families deserve the support they require to do the best job raising their children," she told the gathering. "We're all very concerned about how we balance family and work responsibilities. There are no greater experts about that than parents."

In discussing child care, she said: "We've got these very arbitrary rules about who can qualify for subsidies. I want to help people who are trying to help themselves."

Clinton spoke in the crowded gymnasium of the Bedford-Stuyvesant YMCA, where parents and community leaders sat in a semicircle seven rows deep. Clinton took notes on a yellow legal pad as panelists discussed issues ranging from babysitting to caring for elderly parents.

After hearing from several parents who testified about their struggles balancing work and family, Clinton noted: "Many of us are just one event from finding ourselves in a position we never thought we would be in."

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One speaker, Angelina Charriez of Ozone Park, talked about taking care of her elderly retired mother, who she said had lost her pension because of a clerical error. "She didn't fill out the right papers so she has no pension," Charriez said. She said her mother is in poor health, and she is attempting to find a home attendant to care for her.

Before and after Clinton's arrival, the crowd buzzed about both her appearance and a rumored Senate run. "She would be a very good candidate," said Helen Gordon of East New York. Gordon said she would not mind voting for an outsider whose only ties to New York are political.

"Sometimes you need somebody from outside to bring in new ideas," she said.

Makiba Anthony, 16, was excited as well. By the time next year's election rolls around, she will be old enough to vote.

"She's trying to do a lot for the community," Anthony said of Clinton. "I think she is holding up pretty well for a person who has been through so much."

GRAPHIC: Newsday Photo / Ken Sawchuk - Hillary Rodham Clinton, right, hugs Angelina Charriez of Ozone Park yesterday in Brooklyn.

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HEADLINE: RESPECTING LIFE

BYLINE: Janet C. Salihar, RN, Corresponding secretary, National Association of Catholic Nurses, USA.

DATELINE: LISLE

BODY:

It is with great sorrow that I read "Soft voice of choice rises from bombing, Scarred nurse speaks out as hunt continues" (Page 1, Jan. 29), regarding the horrendous attack on Emily Lyons. My heart breaks for the sorrow and pain she is enduring as a result of the bombing of the abortion clinic in which she worked as a nurse. It is also noted that there have been seven killings since 1993 that are abortion-related. These heinous acts of violence are a great assault to all of us.

As a mother, nurse and pro-life activist I was saddened to see that the article may have left some readers with the impression that there are only two groups: one is "anti-abortion" with extremists who will go to any violent length to achieve their end, and "pro-abortion rights advocates" who are victimized by these horrendous acts. In reality the perpetrators of these horrible crimes are lone murderers whose very acts prove that they are not part of the pro-life movement.

The pro-life message of Pope John Paul II is that all human life without exception has worth. All life is a gift from God and not ours to take away. This includes the unborn, the terminally ill and the most loathed in our society.

Pro-life and pro-abortion rights advocates will never agree on the act of abortion itself. But there is common ground. Hillary Rodham Clinton recently addressed the National Abortion Rights Action League and spoke out boldly that the pro-life groups and those who work to maintain abortion rights have much in common. Both care deeply about their fellow man.

Pro-life advocates join in the outrage at the horrendous acts of violence committed against the abortion clinic workers. Please don't paint these treacherous murderers as either part of or the result of the non-violent pro-life activist movement.

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HEADLINE: CLINTON DEFENDS U.S. ROLE IN SETTING SCHOOL STANDARDS

BYLINE: From Tribune News Services.

DATELINE: BOSTON

BODY:

President Clinton proposed Tuesday that the government spend \$200 million to identify and fix poorly performing schools, inviting a debate with Congress over how far federal bureaucrats should be allowed to step into local classrooms.

Before an audience packed in the auditorium at Jackson Mann Elementary School, the president debunked suggestions from Republican lawmakers that tying \$15 billion in federal education aid to performance standards would usurp local and state authority.

He said that the federal government has a right to expect results for the money it invests.

"They say . . . we're trying to micromanage the schools. Nothing could be further from the truth," Clinton said. "You will not find someone more reluctant to micromanage the schools than me."

He characterized his proposal as a search-and-rescue effort for those schools that are in the deepest trouble, and said his critics' argument that it steps on local officials is as ridiculous as asking a corporation to invest \$15 billion in a cause without ever seeing results or accountability.

"Fifteen billion is not chump change. It's real money and it can make a real difference," Clinton said. "The problem is we are not as good at spreading what works to all the schools. If we fail to do it, how many kids are we going to lose to low expectations?"

Republican leaders said what Clinton is trying to do will be virtually impossible for the federal government to pull off without treading on local authority.

"Regrettably . . . under the president's proposals, Washington bureaucrats will call the shots on most of the major issues confronting states and local school districts," said Rep. Bill Goodling (R-Pa.), chairman of the House Education and Workforce Committee.

Clinton made his education announcement between fundraising events in Boston and New York that brought in \$1.7 million for the Democratic Party.

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As the president spoke in Boston, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, who has been touted as a possible candidate for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan in 2000, came to New York to discuss pet causes of family and work issues.

But she avoided mention of any political ambitions.

The first lady's spokeswoman has said "she has no plans to run for elected office," but Democratic analysts and pollsters continue to keep the buzz alive.

Mrs. Clinton did meet local politicians who attended the forum, including members of New York's City Council, fueling speculation that she could be courting local officials.

GRAPHIC: PHOTOPHOTO: President Clinton addresses a Democratic Party fundraiser in Boston on Tuesday. AP photo.

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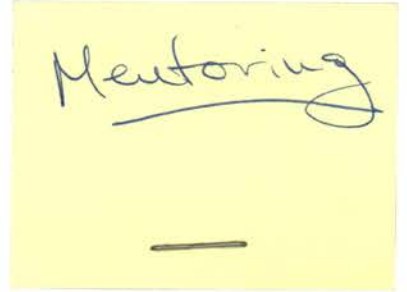
SECTION: NEWS; Pg. 7; ZONE: N; Across the nation.

BYLINE: From Tribune News Services.

GRAPHIC: PHOTOPHOTO: WASHINGTON, D.C.: Mentor program: Displaying an article on mentoring projects to assist young people, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton announces Wednesday \$14 million in grants to support the mentor program for youth in 37 states. She unveiled the aid at a White House ceremony. AP photo.

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HEADLINE: \$14M in Mentoring Grants Announced

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY:

Hillary Rodham Clinton announced \$14 million in federal grants Wednesday to support mentoring programs in 73 cities, including Los Angeles, New York, Chicago and Washington.

At a White House event, Mrs. Clinton also released a new Justice Department report that said children who have a guiding adult figure in their lives were 46 percent less likely to use drugs, 33 percent less likely to hit another person and 50 percent more likely to attend classes.

'This report confirms what we already have known,' Mrs. Clinton said, 'that one caring adult can make all the difference in a child's life.'

Mrs. Clinton acknowledged critics say that parents should play that role, but added, '...I've lived long enough ... to know that that's not always the way it works.'

Later, Mrs. Clinton said that she would dedicate all the proceeds from her forthcoming book, 'Dear Socks, Dear Buddy' a collection of photos of the Clintons' cat and dog and letters that children have written to them to the National Park Foundation.

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HEADLINE: PUBLIC LIVES

BYLINE: By JAMES BARRON

BODY:

N.Y.U.'s President Takes to the Stage

L. JAY OLIVA, the president of New York University, has been memorizing lines. He has been working with a dialect coach. He has been trying not to tumble off the stage. And all because of a remark he made at the cast party for a student production of a Gershwin revue last year. "Somebody said, 'We're going to do 'Brigadoon' next,' " Mr. Oliva recalled. "I said, 'Terrific, I play the bagpipes.' "

The students from the Musical Theater Program in the university's School of Education cast him in the Lerner and Loewe musical without so much as a formal audition. "They came around and said: 'There's a part here -- Mr. Lundie, a schoolteacher -- and that's what you are. Would you do it?' I thought, 'Why the hell not?' "

But never mind the bagpipes and the five-string banjo, which Mr. Oliva also plays. The role of Mr. Lundie is a speaking part.

"The kids wanted to know, 'Have you ever acted before?' " he said. His answer, basically, was no, but that did not stop him from talking about how he had formed a trio and played in Irish bars when he was in his 20's.

Preparing for the Feb. 12 opening and the seven-performance run, he has been attending nightly rehearsals. He is even trying to look the part. "I just came from the optometrist," he said yesterday. "It's supposed to be an 18th-century character translated into the 20th. Wearing aviator glasses didn't work. So now I look like my father."

Honorable Mentor

"Never in my life did I think I'd be going to the White House, especially not to introduce the First Lady," FANNIE CYRIAQUE, a 17-year-old high school senior from Manhattan, was saying yesterday. "Not long ago I didn't even think, 'I'm going to college.' "

But today she will introduce HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON at an East Room ceremony about mentoring. No wonder she has already been accepted by Northeastern University and the State University of New York at Stony Brook and is hoping

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for acceptances from Cornell, Yale and the University of Michigan: her mentor has been ROBIN GUSICK, the community outreach director at Kaplan Educational Centers, the test-preparation service.

Fannie said she was nervous about speaking at the White House, but the Clintons have no reason to be nervous about what she will say. Of Mrs. Clinton she said: "She represents the mother of democracy. I admire her 100 percent." The West Wing would like her, too. Of the President's Senate trial, Fannie said: "I think the whole impeachment process is irrelevant. It's crazy."

Leo Who?

"The anniversary was in December, but who'd have come in December?" said SONIA DEL CORRAL, the daughter of the Victor in Victor's Cafe 52, on 52d Street near Broadway. "There were too many parties in December."

So they scheduled the restaurant's 35th anniversary party for last night and celebrated VICTOR DEL CORRAL, who came to this country from Cuba in 1957 and six years later borrowed \$3,000 to open a restaurant at 71st Street and Columbus Avenue. (The family opened the 52d Street restaurant in 1980 and later closed the original one.)

"The recipes are still my mom's," Ms. del Corral said. "The food is our interpretation of what the food would be if Fidel weren't there and food in Cuba had evolved."

Something else that seems not to have evolved is Mr. del Corral's awareness of celebrity culture. "You say, 'Dad, there's MICHAEL DOUGLAS,' " she said, recalling the night in December when the star of "Basic Instinct" and "Fatal Attraction" walked in. "You explain the movies he's been in, you explain the character, and he goes over and goes, 'Mi amigo.' "

Another night LEONARDO DICAPRIO came in with a group of 19 people. Ms. del Corral tried to explain "Titanic," which Mr. del Corral had not seen.

On yet another night, JENNIFER LOPEZ arrived.

"You didn't have to say what movie she'd been in," Ms. del Corral said. "She's so beautiful, he goes over and sits down and has dinner with her. Fortunately, she speaks Spanish." JAMES BARRON

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HEADLINE: HIL HAILS MENTORS

BODY:

GRAPHIC: HARRY HAMBURG DAILY NEWS GOOD WORK! Brooklyn mentor Fannie Cyriaque (r.) gets thanks and congratulations from First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton at a White House ceremony yesterday honoring advisers in a program helping at-risk kids stay in school and away from crime and drugs.

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THE HAGUE — American First Lady Hillary Clinton paid a short visit to Dutch prime minister Wim Kok yesterday following an address to the UN conference on population control

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Hillary Clinton bepleit recht op abortus voor iedere vrouw

Van onze verslaggeefster

DEN HAAG

Als een vrouw een kind ter wereld wil brengen, is dat haar keuze en verantwoordelijkheid. Regeringen hebben daarvoor niets te zeggen. Het is wel de taak van de overheid om een klimaat te creëren waarin zwangerschappen worden gepland en kinderen gewild zijn.

'Iedere vrouw' heeft recht op informatie over familieplanning en op een veilige abortus.' Met deze subtiele boodschap hekelde Hilla-

ry Clinton gisteren regeringen die geen voorzieningen voor abortus treffen en die geboortebepervingen opdringen. Ten overstaan van ongeveer vijftienhonderd regeringsdelegaties uit honderdtachtig landen sprak de Amerikaanse presidentenvrouw op de bevolkingsconferentie van de Verenigde Naties (Unfpa) in het Haagse Congresgebouw.

De toespraak was gepland op maandag, maar toen bezocht zij de begrafenis van koning Hussein in Jordanië. Zondagmiddag sprak Hillary Clinton al op de slotconferentie voor hulporganisaties.

Het feit dat zij is teruggekomen, toont volgens Unifa-directeur Nafis Sadik aan dat Hillary Clinton 'een onvermoeibare pleibezorgster' is voor vrouwenrechten en bevolkingsbeleid. De conferentie evalueert de uitkomsten van het twintig-jarenplan dat werd opgesteld op de bevolkingsconferentie in de Egyptische hoofdstad Caïro in 1994 om de bevolkingsgroei tegen te gaan.

Hillary Clinton onderstreepte dat onderwijs de sociaal-economische ontwikkeling van vrouwen verbetert en dus kleinere gezinnen tot pevolg zal hebben.

'Geen enkele staat kan zich ontwikkelen als vrouwen en kinderen gevangen zitten in een eindeloze cirkel van armoede.'

Ze liet de kans niet onbenut om de Nederlandse regering uitvoerig te prijzen om haar inzet voor ontwikkelingssamenwerking. Nederland is een van de weinige donerlanden die de afspraken die in Caïro zijn gemaakt, zijn nagekomen. Nederland heeft haar contributie voor Unfpa wel betaald - in tegenstelling tot de Verenigde Staten.

De presidentsvrouw leek het Amerikaanse Congres een standie

te geven omdat het parlement ervoor zorgde dat de Verenigde Staten dit jaar haar contributie niet heeft betaald aan Unplfa. De Republikeinse meerderheid vreest dat het geld wordt gebruikt om abortus te promageren.

Volgens Hillary Clinton is het fout abortus te criminaliseren. Onderwijs en seksuele voorlichting verminderen het aantal ongewenste zwangerschappen verminderen. Zo is het aantal abortussen in de Verenigde Staten met 12 procent gedaald.

Hillary Clinton kondigde aan dat haar echtgenoot toch bijna

50 miljoen gulden contributie a. Untpa wil betalen voor volgen jaar. Maar alle goede bedoelingen spijt: 'De president is het plement niet, en het Congres niet het voorstel goedkeuren.'

Na haar toespraak bracht Hillary Clinton een bliksembezoek aan premier Kok waarvoor het Binnenhof enige tijd werd afgesloten. Dezelfde strenge veiligheidsmaatregelen werden getroffen bij TI American School in Wassenaar waar de *First Lady* ook op visite. Gistermorgen vloog ze ten slotte naar Washington.

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HILLARY CLINTON PLEADS THAT EVERY WOMAN SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO ABORTION

The Hague - If a woman wants to bring a child into this world, that is her choice and her responsibility. Governments should not have a say in this. However, it is the task of the government to create a climate in which pregnancies are planned and children are wanted.

"Every woman is entitled to information about family planning and to safe abortion." Through this subtle message, Hillary Clinton criticized the governments that have not yet made provisions for abortion and that impose birth control. The First Lady addressed approximately fifteen hundred government delegations from one hundred and eighty countries at the UNFPA in The Hague Congress Center.

The speech was scheduled for Monday, but she had to attend the funeral of King Hussein in Jordan. Hillary Clinton addressed the conference on Sunday afternoon. The fact that she returned, said UNFPA Director Nafis Sadik, shows that Hillary Clinton is a "staunch advocate" of women's rights. The Conference in The Hague reviews the interim result of the twenty-year plan that was drafted at the Cairo Conference in 1994.

Hillary Clinton emphasized that education will improve the social-economic development of women, saying that would result in smaller families. "Not one single country can develop if women and children are caught in endless poverty."

She used the opportunity to highly praise the Netherlands for its efforts in development cooperation. The Netherlands is one of the few donor countries that have met the agreements made in Cairo. The Netherlands has paid its contributions to the UNFPA - unlike the United States.

The First Lady seemed to have reprimanded the U.S. Congress because Congress is the reason why the United States has not paid its contributions to the UNFPA. The Republican majority fears that the money will be used to promote abortion.

According to Hillary Clinton it is wrong to criminalize abortion. Education and sex information decrease the number of unwanted pregnancies. For example, the number of abortions in the U.S. has decreased by 12 percent.

Hillary Clinton announced that her husband would like to make a 50 million-guilder contribution to the UNFPA for next year. But despite all good intentions: "the President is not parliament and it is U.S. Congress that has to approve the proposal."

After her speech, Hillary Clinton paid a lightning visit to PM Kok, reason why the Binnenhof had to be closed off for some time. The First Lady also visited the American School in

Wassenaar where the same strict security measures were taken. Last night, she flew back to Washington.

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Hillary Clinton laakt één-kind-politiek China

Van onze verslaggeefsters
DEN HAAG - „Overheden hebben zich niet te bemoeien met de beslissing van een vrouw om een kind ter wereld te brengen.”

Met deze uitspraak kreeg Hillary Rodham Clinton gisterochtend de handen op elkaar van de 180 regeringsdelegaties die in Den Haag zijn voor de bevolkingsconferentie van de Verenigde Naties (UNFPA). Expliciet verwees de Amerikaanse first lady naar de één-kind-politiek in China, toen ze haar afkeer uitte over regeringen die geboortebeperving willen afdwingen. „Vrouwen hebben geleden, zijn in hun waardigheid aangetast en zijn gestorven als gevolg van dat beleid.”

Regeringen hebben geen plaats in de individuele keuzes van mensen om een kind te krijgen. Dat moet de vrije en doordachte keuze van een vrouw zijn. De rol van de overheid is om via onderwijs de mogelijkheid te creëren dat vrouwen zelfstandig zijn en ervoor te zorgen dat seksuele gezondheidszorg toegankelijk is voor alle vrouwen, aldus Rodham Clinton.

Het was de tweede keer in drie dagen dat de Amerikaanse presidentsvrouw in Den Haag was. Zondag sprak ze op de slotzitting waarop onafhankelijke organisaties bekeken wat er terecht is gekomen van de beloften van de bevolkingsconferentie van 1994 in Cairo. Zondag vermeed Rodham Clinton zorgvuldig één heikel

thema aan te snijden: dat van de Amerikaanse bijdrage aan UNFPA. Hoewel de regering-Clinton het bevolkingsfonds goed gezind is, ligt het Congres dwars. Een meerderheid wil niet dat er geld naar China gaat vanwege de schending van mensenrechten. Bovendien zijn de Conservatieven bang dat UNFPA het geld gebruikt om abortus te bevorderen.

Gisteren sneed ze het thema 'geld' wel aan, nadat ze Nederland uitvoerig had bedankt voor zijn bijdrage aan het VN-bevolkingsfonds. „Nederland doet wat gedaan moet worden.”

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HILLARY CLINTON CRITICIZES CHINA'S ONE-CHILD POLICY

The Hague – “Governments should not interfere with a woman's decision to bring a child into this world.”

Hillary Rodham Clinton received applause from the 180 government delegations at the UNFPA in the Congress Center yesterday, for this remark. The First Lady of America, referred specifically to China's one-child policy when she expressed her aversion to governments that want to impose birth control. “Women have suffered, their dignity has been affected and they died because of this policy.”

Governments have no place in the individual choices that people make in whether or not they want a child. That should be a woman's free and well-considered choice. The role of the government is to provide education in order to create the opportunity for women to be independent and to make sure that reproductive healthcare is available to all women, said Rodham Clinton.

It was the second time in two days that the First Lady of America visited The Hague. On Sunday, she addressed the NGO conference in which speech, Rodham Clinton avoided one difficult issue: that of the U.S. contributions to the UNFPA. The Clinton administration is supportive of the UNFPA but Congress has not been cooperative. A majority in Congress does not want money to go to China because of the violation of human rights there. Moreover, conservatives are afraid that the UNFPA will use the money to promote abortion.

Yesterday, she did raise the “money issue” after she had highly praised the Netherlands for its contributions to the UNFPA. “The Netherlands is doing what needs to be done.”

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DEN HAAG — Het krijgen van een kind moet de vrije en overdachte keuze van een vrouw zijn. De overheid mag daarin alleen een rol spelen door onderwijs en gezondheidszorg toegankelijk te maken voor vrouwen, zodat ze zelfstandig kunnen zijn.

Met deze woorden toonde Hillary Clinton gisteren in Den Haag haar afkeer van regeringen die een geboortebelief opdringen aan mensen. „Het moet altijd gaan om vrijwillige geboortebepaling. En dat zal gebeuren als vrouwen meer controle krijgen over hun eigen leven. Als vrouwen onderwijs krijgen, beïnvloeden zij direct hun gezinnen en die veranderen uiteindelijk een gemeenschap.“ De Amerikaanse presidentvrouw sprak op de bevolkingsconferentie van de Verenigde Naties (UNFPA) in het Congresgebouw.

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De hele week evalueren regeringsdelegaties uit 180 landen, ongeveer 1500 mensen in totaal, met elkaar over de afspraken zoals die zijn gemaakt op de Wereldbevolkingsconferentie in 1994 in Caïro. Kern is dat in 2015 iedereen ter wereld toegang moet hebben tot gezondheidszorg die te maken heeft met de voortplanting.

Was er in Caïro veel onenigheid over kwesties als abortus en voorbehoedsmiddelen, in Den Haag is het stil. Het is niet de bedoeling de moezzaam bevochten consensus te doorbreken, maar de praktische uitvoering ervan te controleren en verbeteren. Als er al discussie is, dan is het over geld. Van de 179 landen hebben er maar vier landen, waaronder Nederland, zich eraan gehouden 4 procent extra geld per jaar naar de UNFPA over te maken. (ANP)

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Picture caption: The First Lady of the U.S. came, went and returned in order to address the UNFPA conference held in the Congresgebouw of The Hague. It demonstrated her sincere commitment to population policy issues and women's rights issues, according to UNFPA director Nafis Sadik.

Inset: If no measures are taken, the world will have more than ten billion people in 2050

Hillary Clinton "Birth control free choice of women"

The Hague – Having a baby ought to be a woman's free and well-considered choice. The government's only role in this can be to make education and health care available for women in order to enhance their independence.

Yesterday in The Hague, these words showed Hillary Clinton's aversion to governments that force birth control policy on people. "Birth control should always be voluntary. And that will happen if women get more control over their own lives. If women receive education, they will directly influence their families, which will eventually change a community." The American First Lady spoke at the population conference of the United Nations (UNFPA) in the Congresgebouw.

The speech had been planned for Monday, but then the First Lady attended the funeral of King Hussain in Jordan. Her return shows, according to UNFPA director Nafis Sadik, her sincere involvement in population policy and women's rights.

Since the agreements of the 1994 Cairo population conference, many countries have made progress, according to the First Lady. She referred to Indonesia, which meets its targets in spite of the economic crisis. "But there is still much to be done. Every year 600,000 women die worldwide, one per minute, as a result of infections and complications during pregnancy or unsafe abortions. A simple basic need such as clean materials costs little and can prevent much unnecessary suffering among women and children," said Hillary Clinton, who praised the Netherlands extensively for its strong commitment to development cooperation.

A continuously flashing sign in the Netherlands Congress Center indicates what this governmental conference of the UN fund for population (UNFPA) is all about. Every second five red lights simultaneously light up, showing that every second four or five babies are born; two blue lights indicate deaths. So, every second three more people inhabit the earth.

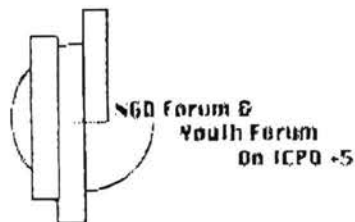
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Per year, this means roughly 78 million new people. In October, around the 12th probably, the earth will reach six billion human inhabitants. And this is not the end: in 2050 it is expected that the world population will have reached almost nine billion people. And that will be only if, on various levels, measures to reduce the number of births are taken seriously. If not, the population

figure can easily rise to 10.7 billion. "And that would have dramatic effects on economic development, the environment and the quality of life on earth," stresses the American Under Secretary for global affairs, F. Loy.

This whole week, government delegations from 180 countries, about 1500 people, will evaluate the agreements of the 1994 World population conference in Cairo. The central theme is that in 2015 everybody in the world should have access to health care related to reproduction.

While there was much disagreement in Cairo about matters such as abortion and contraceptives, there is silence on these subjects in The Hague. The idea is not to break the laboriously achieved consensus, but to monitor and improve its implementation. If there is any disagreement at all, it is about money. Of all 179 countries only four, among which the Netherlands, have lived up to their promise of sending four percent extra money to the UNFPA annually.



NGO Forum News

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Hillary Clinton Lauds "The Battle of the Everyday"

The Hague, Netherlands, Feb. 8—U.S. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton yesterday challenged participants at the Hague Forum on population and development to persevere in "the battle of the everyday" where world struggles are finally won or lost.

Speaking at a joint session of the pre-conference Youth, Parliamentarians and Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Forums, Clinton praised the global progress they have helped to make on meeting the goals set in 1994 at the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in Cairo. "Every one of us has a role to play," she said. She quoted a Surinamese poem that praised women who "rise so high in the battle of the everyday" and urged conference participants to do likewise.

Clinton was among several speakers who warned that the world's young people will be hurt the most if governments do not keep the funding and policy promises they made five years ago. She said policymakers needed to "talk with young people, not about youth."

NGOs, she said, have now taken their rightful place at the tables where decisions are made about delivering services and meeting human needs. She challenged the audience from 180 nations to forge stronger links with one another, keep sharing their experiences, and reach out to fathers, sons and husbands in seeking better lives for women.

Clinton left the conference Sunday night to attend the funeral of Jordan's late King Hussein but said she would return Tuesday to deliver her keynote speech.

Speaking earlier for the NGOs, Rachel Kyte of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature told a panel on partnerships that population and development activists seem "in danger of regressing into a kind of sectarianism...talking to ourselves in ever decreasing circles."

Lis Hirano, a Brazilian architect, reported from the Youth Forum that the gathering of 132 people under 30 from 111 nations had asked for specific youth-oriented commitments from the Hague Forum that opens Monday: life-skill training outside formal institutions of education; a parallel "United Nations for Youth" organization to foster sharing of resources; national budget allocations for youth projects, especially health concerns; and programs to foster tolerance and curb violence.

The ICPD Programme of Action reflected consensus among 180 nations to turn from quotas, coercion and demographic targets to a focus on providing services to improve individuals' choices. Forum participants have agreed that the current generation of more than 1 billion people under 30—the largest ever—will be key to the planet's future, and that adequate spending and resource commitments are imperative to meet their needs for contraceptive and reproductive health services, education and jobs.

To underscore these points, the Youth Forum presentation concluded not with the traditional weighty paper document but a five-minute video, "Room to Grow," produced by independent U.S. filmmaker Martin Lucas.

The NGO Forum held sessions on key issues: resources and putting commitments into action; reproductive health services; human and reproductive rights; the interrelationship of poverty, development, environment and reproductive health; and partnerships—among government, the private sector and civil society, and at local, national, regional and international levels. Each session discussed recent successes, current problems, and actions needed now.

Mahmoud Fathalla, immediate past chair of the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics and an NGO Forum Advisory Board member, cited three indicators of progress:

- Momentum is growing worldwide for the idea that women are "ends and not means, subjects, not objects," he said.
- World silence on sexual matters has been broken, so that discussion can be more open on sensitive matters such as unsafe abortion and female genital mutilation. Divergent views on unsafe abortion must be respected, he said, "but you cannot keep the issue under the carpet when 20 million women every year are victims of this violence."
- Partnerships among governments, NGOs and the private sector are working, so that each sees the "value added" of working with the others.

Fathalla said he remains concerned about "the widening gap" between developing nations' spending for population programs, now at 70 percent of their commitment, and donor nations' spending, at only 25 percent of their promised share. Donor nations must see that this is "an investment they cannot afford not to make," he said.

Nafis Sadik, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), sponsor of the gathering, said she was pleased overall with world progress toward ICPD goals. She cited policy changes "in almost every country," including South Africa's incorporation of reproductive rights into its constitution and recent decisions in Senegal and in several other sub-Saharan countries to outlaw female genital mutilation.

NGOs, she said, "continue to be strong advocates of difficult issues" to their governments, and their role is steadily increasing. Each nation will make its own decisions on what information and services go to young people, she said, but "the discussion should not hold up implementation of the basic agreement that young people must be enabled to protect their own reproductive health."

At the Parliamentarians' Forum, held in the historic Ridderzaal (Hall of Knights), built in the 13th century, 225 lawmakers organized into seven regional and global groups, identified seven priority areas for action:

- Reviewing laws on reproductive health and rights, revising them where necessary;
- Establishing laws, policies and resources to educate girls, empower women and remove barriers to their full participation in society;
- Urging increased spending for education and health care for adolescents, youth, the elderly and the disabled
- Ensuring that international trade agreements are "consistent with the long-term perspective of food security";
- Calling on donor governments to increase official development assistance to 0.7 percent of their gross national product, with 4.5 percent of that assistance devoted to population and reproductive health programs;
- Urging measures to prevent economic crises, "protect the poor from the consequences

- of an economic collapse," and reevaluate developing nations' debt repayments; and
- Calling for a global exchange of information and best practices, and for support for advocacy and resources to achieve ICPD goals.

U.S. Rep. Cynthia McKinney (D-GA) said the recent action by the U.S. Congress to cut off all funding for UNFPA in fiscal 1999 was part of an effort by the current Republican majority to turn back the gains of previous years. Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) said she would introduce legislation to restore \$25 million in fiscal 2000 and \$35 million in fiscal 2001.

"We must not only legislate—we need men and women to fight for human rights," said Zury Rios Montt, a deputy from Guatemala. "Reproductive and sexual health are part of these rights."

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Late Edition with Wolf Blitzer
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BLITZER: Governor Romer, there has been a lot of speculation about the first lady perhaps running for the Senate from New York State. Senator Mitch McConnell the Republican senator who is in charge of trying to get Republicans elected next time around. He was on FOX News Sunday today. Let's listen to what he said.

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MCCONNELL: The first lady doesn't live in New York. And if she chooses not to run in New York, she could run in New Jersey. If she doesn't run in New Jersey or New York, she could run in Nevada.

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BLITZER: The Republicans are going to have a lot of fun with the first lady while she's making up her mind. ROMER: Yes, well, the Republicans may be having fun, but the first lady is going to do a lot of good for this country, if she is a candidate. I don't know whether she will be or not.

BLITZER: Do you want her to be a candidate?

ROMER: You know, I would -- I'm a party chair. I can't choose in primaries. But let me tell you, if she runs, she will be a very good candidate. Secondly she will win, but third and most important, her issues are really where New York is. And so she won't be a carpet bagger. They will claim her, you know, like they've claimed the Kennedys. New York has this tradition. But the most important thing is where her mind and heart is. It's where America is. And that is what is so exciting about that race.

BLITZER: If Chuck Schumer could beat Al D'Amato the last time around in New York State, could the first lady beat Rudy Giuliani, the mayor of New York?

NICHOLSON: No. I was in New York this morning. I came down from there and I was talking to some people. And you know, they have 18 plus million people up there in that state. They have plenty of people they can find to run for the Senate. And, you know, Roy Romer is wrong. The issues for the people in New York are not to nationalize the federal health care system. It's not to make a Palestinian state in the Middle East.

They have far more -- you know, narrower interests about their lives, that they don't see Hillary Clinton relating to. They too want their taxes cut. And they want better schools in New York. And we have candidates -- the mayor of New York is acting like he's going to run. And we have others who know New York and they know their problems. And this lady in this

distant city in Washington, they don't know the issues. She doesn't know New York's issues like New Yorkers.

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SCHIEFFER: And joining us now from New York City, former Senator Al D'Amato, former mayor of New York, Ed Koch.

Well, Mr. Koch, is this just a way to change the subject for the Clinton White House, or do you think Hillary Clinton really is going to run?

KOCH: I don't have a clue. I'm told by someone who's close to her that she's leaning that way. But I urge her to run, and I believe that she would win. It'll be a tough fight, it won't be a win in a walk, but it will be for the benefit of the country and the state of New York.

SCHIEFFER: Senator D'Amato, Mark Russell, a comedian you may remember from here in Washington, said today that Hillary Clinton is so popular in New York City she could run just on her record at the Rose Law Firm. What would be your response to that?

(LAUGHTER)

D'AMATO: Well, I think that Mark has put his finger on one of the problems. And the problem is not going to be who does she run against, because it will be a formidable Republican, whether it's Mayor Giuliani or Rick Lazio, or Jack Quinn, it will be a strong Republican. But the media will go into the other -- whether it's the Whitewater affair (ph) or the commodities trading, etc.

And I think she'll be subject to what is taking place, as it relates to the proposals coming forth from the Administration, which are devastating to New York. And I think New Yorkers are going to say, ``We want someone who delivers for us, not another Democrat who is not in the majority and who cannot deliver.'' I took great pride in delivering. I think that's her battle.

BORGER: Senator D'Amato, I'm hearing this little temptation in your voice.

D'AMATO: Yes, Gloria.

BORGER: If Mrs. Clinton got in this, would you?

D'AMATO: It's interesting. I have to tell you that I told my great friend, and Ed Koch is my great friend and almost a mentor, and I told him it's something we're going to look at.

BORGER: Well, what question would you ask her?

D'AMATO: I'd ask her...

BORGER: Forget what the media would ask her. What would you ask her?

D'AMATO: Well, I'd say, how is it that you are quiet, while your husband, the president, was proposing taking \$16 billion of revenues that should rightfully go to New York in terms of the settlement of the tobacco suit, and taking this money away from our state, away from our people? Instead of letting local governments be able to keep that money and take care of the medical needs of the uninsured children and others.

SCHIEFFER: So, Senator, Mayor Koch, what would you advise Mrs. Clinton to say in response to that, if she does run?

KOCH: Well, firstly, it's the question that will never be asked because she was not the senator from the state of New York at that time. What I think everybody recognizes is, is this is a person with strong views and able to convince others to be supportive. I hope that she overcomes the original error on the expansion of medical coverage for the indigent, and those without policies, and takes that issue on again.

She's learned a lot since the first time.

BORGER: What about her statement about the inevitability of a Palestinian state, Mr. Koch?

KOCH: Well, you know, that's such a ridiculous issue. I'm for an independent Palestinian state. A majority of the Israeli Jews and American Jews are for a Palestinian state for -- they're entitled to one. For Giuliani to raise that shows you how low a blow he's willing to strike. It will have

no impact on the election.

SCHIEFFER: Mr. Koch, apparently Mayor Giuliani is saying if it does come down to a race between the two of them, that he thinks it'd be a very philosophical raise.

KOCH: Oh, baloney!

SCHIEFFER: Do you think that's...?

KOCH: He's not capable of a philosophical race. He's a guy who when taxi drivers want to meet with him, his police commissioner, with his consent, refers to them as ``taxi terrorists.'' When vendors on the street, food vendors, want to talk with government, they're called ``poisonous.'' When people want to come to city hall, he shuts it off and prevents the ordinary citizen from entering city hall without an invitation.

It is terrible what he's done to this city, and I supported him twice. Once, he couldn't have been elected without me. That was the first time. The second time is because I consider New York City to be something special. I didn't want a left-wing Democrat to come in, and so I supported him holding my nose.

But I am not a politician in the true sense anymore. I'm a columnist. And I'm a lover of the city of New York.

BORGER: Let me take this to Senator D'Amato. You've been in the United States Senate. You know what it's like over there. Wouldn't this be a step down for the First Lady?

D'AMATO: Well, I think to be a senator is great honor. I loved it, and I don't know if it'd be a step down. It would give her the ability to be number one. You know, after all, she has been First Lady to the president, but now she'd be a person in her own right. She's bright, she's capable, and I think is very attractive, and she would have the support of literally all of the Democrats.

There would be not a Democratic primary that she -- the process generally puts one through. So I think that's what she has going for her.

BORGER: Very quickly, would you raise the carpet bagger issue against her?

D'AMATO: No, it doesn't cut in New York. Bob Kennedy, certainly demonstrated that. And Jim Buckley from Connecticut, he demonstrated that. However, I think she really has a vulnerability and that's in what programs -- do we need another Democrat in the minority, or do we need someone who can deliver and who will be in the majority party? I think that's where Republicans have to go. And they will.

KOCH: We need someone who can move people. We're going to have a House of Representatives and a Senate that will be Democratic next time around and she'll be there.

SCHIEFFER: All right.

D'AMATO: That's where we disagree.

SCHIEFFER: I have to move both of you right now. Thanks very much for a fun discussion.

D'AMATO: Good being with you.

SCHIEFFER: Back with the final word in just a minute.

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MR. RUSSERT: And we're back. Senator Torricelli, let me start with you. Seven Sundays ago you started all this. You said that you believe Hillary Rodham Clinton would run for the Senate from New York. Is that still your view?

SEN. TORRICELLI: Well, I was just making small talk with you. You made it into a national story. It is my view. I think that she's weighing what this means in her life and for her family. But I think the chances of it are very good. And if she runs, I don't have any doubt she'll succeed.

MR. RUSSERT: Senator Mitch McConnell, you head up the Republican Senate Campaign Committee. Do you believe that Hillary Clinton is an easy winner, if she runs for the Senate?

SEN. McCONNELL: Well, what you have here, Tim, is a fellow from New Jersey, my friend, Bob Torricelli, trying to recruit a person who grew up in Illinois and is from Arkansas to run for the Senate in New York. He, obviously, thinks that she's better qualified than any of the 17 million other people who live in New York. This would be a fascinating campaign, and I hope that it comes off. There's been a lot of talk about how much money the first lady would raise. She'd raise it for both sides. I can't think of anything that would energize our base, not only in New York, but across the country as a campaign by the first lady, who unlike the president, actually seems to really believe in things. I mean, this is a traditional liberal. It'll be a contest of issues. And her beliefs, I think, would be very much in play and this is a campaign that I hope comes off.

MR. RUSSERT: You believe that her being a carpetbagger would become an issue?

SEN. McCONNELL: I think that, in addition to her positions, Tim. This is a person who's advocating giving children the right to sue their parents, who's been the principal architect of what many of us felt was a socialized medicine plan for America back in 1994, who's advocated the creation of a Palestinian state, who's supported the president's position that we ought to raise taxes on Social Security in 1993. This would be a race that would be about issues, and I think it would be exciting and energizing for the Republicans, not only in New York, but across the country.

MR. RUSSERT: Senator.

SEN. TORRICELLI: Tim, I think you can get an idea from that broadside, just how worried the Republicans are about this candidacy. First, in our country, you are a citizen of a state because you say you are. There are no qualifications for it. Apparently, the president and the first lady had decided some time ago to live in New York City when they left the White House, and Hillary Rodham Clinton would be part of a great tradition, where the state of New York owns its own Senate seat, but it has used it as a national platform from Pat Moynihan on international issues to Bobby Kennedy, who came to New York to address and, in fact, enlighten the whole nation on its social conscientious.

Hillary Rodham Clinton is in that tradition. This is a woman who would enter this race and help change the politics of the country. She would instantly become the leading voice in America for child care and quality education and the strength of American families, for affordable health care. Already, before a candidacy's even begun, the possibility of her being in the United States Senate has led to people from Montana to Michigan to Washington state, women, women who hold important offices in their state to think about Senate candidacies themselves. She's changing this race before she even gets into it.

MR. RUSSERT: Senator Torricelli, do you believe, however, her support of a Palestinian state would hurt her in New York politics?

SEN. TORRICELLI: I would approach it this way: First, I think that you would find that she would make very clear that she supports this peace process, and would do so from the perspective of an administration—in the words of Prime Minister Netanyahu, a Clinton administration that “has probably been more helpful to Israel and its security than any president in American history.” Her views about how this might evolve, what might be on the horizon, are very different than how she sees this day to day. And if she has to go toe to toe with Rudy Giuliani, I think you will find both her knowledge and her commitment to Israel compares very favorably.

MR. RUSSERT: Senator McConnell, you mentioned Hillary Clinton's position on health care and on Social Security and some other issues. Do you believe that Filegate and Whitewater and commodities trading would be legitimate issues to be used against her candidacy?

SEN. McCONNELL: Well, when the first lady becomes a candidate, she's like all the rest of us. She has to answer all the questions that the New York media would ask, as well as a tough, qualified opponent like Mayor Giuliani, who has quite a record himself, having done what none of us believed was ever possible, make New York really a place that's a wonderful place to live and to visit. So this would be a fascinating campaign. I think the thing that Bob and I agree on is that we'd like for this campaign to occur. We think it'd be great for New York, and as a matter of fact, it will be great for the whole country.

MR. RUSSERT: Senator Torricelli, there is an opening in New Jersey; Senator Lautenberg is retiring. Why shouldn't Hillary Clinton run for the Senate from New Jersey? What does New York have that New Jersey doesn't have?

SEN. TORRICELLI: Well, first, apparently it's her intention to live in New York, so that's an important distinction. You know, Tim, I hope what we're seeing here today is the beginning of the Republican strategy, because if their campaign against Hillary Rodham Clinton is to simply be an extension of the Starr investigation, they're going to take a sizable Hillary lead and make it into a route. She already leads Rudy Giuliani by double-digit figures, but more significantly, two-thirds of New Yorkers think she better represents their views on quality education and on day care and on health care and on the needs of the citizens of New York, and that's where this campaign is going to be fought. If

they're going to simply try to make this about extending the Starr investigation, they're in for real trouble.

MR. RUSSERT: Senator McConnell, you respond to that?

SEN. MCCONNELL: I think the issues will be the ones that I outlined. It'll be things like creation of a Palestinian state, advocating letting children sue their parents, advocating socialized medicine. All the positions that the first lady has taken over the years will be the issues in New York, I would suspect, and this is going to be a great contest, and we look forward to it. I do think you raise an interesting question, though. Why not New Jersey? Bob lost his colleague, Frank Lautenberg, who announced his retirement this week. Maybe if the first lady decides not to run in New York, she could run in New Jersey?

MR. RUSSERT: Why not New Jersey, Senator?

SEN. TORRICELLI: Well, Hillary and the president are free to move anywhere they would like to move. I'm sure we would love to have them as residents in New Jersey, but they've chosen to move to New York, apparently, and that opens the question of the Senate seat in New York.

I will say, too, to my friend, Senator McConnell, if you're to become engaged in the politics of our region here in the New York metropolitan area, we don't regard the right to health insurance because you are a full-time working American as socialized medicine. We think that's something that people should have as a matter of right. This campaign, Tim, I think you are seeing already there is a real Republican panic about this Senate. They are in considerable trouble. They have 19 incumbents facing re-election. Nineteen of them voted against school construction in the last Congress; 18 of them voted against hiring new teachers for our schools; 19 of them voted against 100,000 new police officers. This isn't just about their misdeeds on impeachment, a vulnerability that raises questions about their ability to properly exercise constitutional power. It's also about being placed on the wrong side of very powerful issues in this country. And Hillary Rodham Clinton becomes an important part of that campaign, because around this nation, she has the ability to light a fire about child care and education and refocusing the priorities of America.

MR. RUSSERT: But, Senator Torricelli, incumbents in New York, New Jersey and Nevada all announced their retirement. There are now 55 Republicans, 45 Democrats. The chances of the Democrats regaining the Senate in year 2000 are practically nil.

SEN. TORRICELLI: I don't agree with that at all, Tim. You have 19 Republicans running. You have 14 Democratic seats. Ten of those Republican incumbents, all of whom voted for the impeachment of President Clinton, his removal from office, are from states that Bill Clinton carried. They all have re-elect numbers of under 50 percent. We now have four Democratic seats to defend that are in some jeopardy; one of them is in New York. If Hillary Rodham Clinton runs for the Senate in New York, that will not be a close contest. Rudy Giuliani did not become a successful mayor by being a foolish

man. I don't believe he runs against Hillary Rodham Clinton.

MR. RUSSERT: So...

SEN. TORRICELLI: And in the state of Nevada, Governor Miller may succeed Senator Bryan. There again, too, he would be a considerable favorite for election.

MR. RUSSERT: And in New Jersey?

SEN. TORRICELLI: New Jersey, at the moment, is far too complicated a field, and I think you have to wait on Governor Whitman's decision. If she does not run, the Democratic bench is far, far deeper. And I want to return you as well to New York. If Hillary Rodham Clinton does not run, Congresswoman Nita Lowey is a very strong candidate of equal credentials and much more reflective of the views of New Yorkers on these basic social issues than Rudy Giuliani. After impeachment, we are at a time where people are going to seek reconciliation and unity in this country. Rudy Giuliani is a uniquely divisive character in American politics. I suspect he's going to have real trouble if he were to decide to be a candidate.

MR. RUSSERT: Senator McConnell, I'll give you the last word. The Republicans have the advantage, 55-45, in the Senate. Will Rudy Giuliani run for the Senate, will he win, and will the Republicans retain control in 2000?

SEN. McCONNELL: Well, my friend, Bob Torricelli, has learned to filibuster pretty quickly after having only been in the Senate a couple of years. He's had a very bad week. He's lost two incumbents that were very, very likely to be re-elected. Now, the Democrats are going to have to fight in New York, New Jersey and Nevada just to try to stay even. Their chances of regaining the Senate have faded dramatically, Tim, and our goal of continuing to control the Senate for four congresses in a row, for the first time since the '20s, have been dramatically enhanced by the events of the last week.

MR. RUSSERT: And Rudy runs?

SEN. McCONNELL: I hope so. I think he'll make a great candidate.

MR. RUSSERT: Senator Mitch McConnell, Robert Torricelli, thanks very much...

SEN. TORRICELLI: Thank you, Tim.

MR. RUSSERT: ...for joining us.

Next up, insights and analysis from David Broder of The Washington Post, presidential and first lady historian Doris Kearns Goodwin and columnist of The New York Times, William Safire. Fallout from the impeachment trial and the future of Hillary Clinton, coming up right here on MEET THE PRESS.

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MR. RUSSERT: David Broder, William Safire, Doris Kearns Goodwin right after this very brief station break.

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MR. RUSSERT: We're back. Welcome, all. Let me show you the covers of Time and Newsweek magazine tomorrow on the stands. "Senator Clinton, question mark. Her Turn"? David Broder, is this all just a public relations game by the White House to get everyone off of impeachment blues, or is this serious?

MR. BRODER: No, I think it may have started as public relations, but I think it's more serious, and I have no idea what she's going to decide. But I would not want to be managing the campaign against her, because she is formidable.

MR. RUSSERT: You think she can win?

MR. BRODER: Who knows? But she will be a strong candidate.

MR. RUSSERT: What did you think about some of the issues that Senator McConnell laid out against her?

MR. BRODER: She'll have to deal with all of that, particularly the Palestinian issue where she's way out of the mainstream on that one. But there's an aspect of this, Tim, that hasn't been talked about. If she runs, she might win, and if she wins, she has to serve in Washington, D.C. Doris, I don't think we've ever had a former president of the United States sort of hanging around Washington when his successor is in the job, have we?

MS. GOODWIN: I don't think so. And I think it would be really tough. You want to get away from that place where you've been the center of action. You walk by the White House, you see those columns, you're not in it anymore. That's tough. It's better to go somewhere else and remember the presidency. I don't know. The thing about the Hillary thing that strikes me as interesting is that I hope she's got a cadre of advisers that are trying to figure out what's good for her right now. Because the media, obviously, loves this. It's a sport. The Democrats want a candidate. Vice President Gore—who knows what he's going to think? Everybody's saying she can just be Robert Kennedy. People forget, that was a tough race, and the carpetbagging thing got attached to opportunism. He, in fact, was saying, when he went around the state, that he was going to have to end every one of his speeches saying, "Ich bin ein New Yorker," because people did get on him. And I don't think that's going to be even...

MR. RUSSERT: And Lyndon Johnson won by a million votes...

MS. GOODWIN: That's it.

MR. RUSSERT: ...and gave Bobby Kennedy coattails.

MS. GOODWIN: In fact, until October, Bobby wasn't doing too well. In fact, Lyndon's proudest moment was, "I beat that little whipper snapper."

MR. RUSSERT: But he turned out to be a tremendous senator from New York.

MS. GOODWIN: Absolutely, one he got it.

MR. RUSSERT: And very responsive to the state.

MS. GOODWIN: Absolutely.

MR. RUSSERT: But Bill Clinton would have to live in Washington or New York to be with his wife.

MS. GOODWIN: That's right. And that's going to be complicated. That, I think, is what people like, the idea that it is her turn. I think for women there's a sense in which finally—she stood as the good soldier for a long time and now it's her turn. I think the problem for her, though, is that it's a roller coaster ride. She's been through that as first lady. She came in with great highs, she fell low, she came up again. If she doesn't do this, she can control her own life. She can make millions for herself instead of raising money. She can be whatever she wants; on the lecture circuit, ambassador to the U.N. There's lot of the possibilities. This is a risky thing. We'll see if she takes it.

MR. RUSSERT: My favorite Safire columns are when you go inside the heads of President Clinton or Hillary Clinton or anybody. What's going on at the breakfast nook this morning at the White House?

MR. SAFIRE: Well, she must be thinking, "Where are the Bronx?" Now, I was on this program two or three years ago, and I made this astoundingly prescient prediction that Hillary Clinton would be indicted, acquitted and that she would run for the Senate and win. I may be a little wrong about parts of that.

MS. GOODWIN: You're batting OK.

MR. SAFIRE: But what we're seeing now is a delicious media frenzy. And if I were her putative campaign manager, I would be worried about peaking too soon. You don't get the covers of Time and Newsweek and you don't get discussions on MEET THE PRESS about your candidacy two years ahead of time.

MR. RUSSERT: What about the Palestinian state issue? How serious of an issue and difficulty is that for her?

MR. SAFIRE: She can do what her husband has done over the years, and that is reassess things. Between now and then, she can make a visit to Israel, be

embraced, get a lot of pictures over there, and move from the left of the center. That'll be the exciting thing, and that's why I, frankly, hope she runs. It would be a good issue campaign if she remains Hillary, and if she doesn't become Bill Clinton and try to work the center and talk about getting people off welfare and balancing budgets and stealing the Republicans' clothes.

MR. RUSSERT: Opposition research is in full tilt, David. They've already dug up an article that Rudy Giuliani wrote for his college paper praising Bobby Kennedy for coming to New York to run, that we are not provincial, we should broaden our horizons.

MR. BRODER: I don't think the carpetbagger issue would, in the end, be a decisive issue. My sense—you're a New Yorker, I'm not—but my sense is that New Yorkers think that their senators ought to be special, they ought to stand out from the crowd, and she would obviously be a special senator, as Mayor Giuliani would be. Nobody's going to lose either of them in the crowd of the 100 senators.

MR. SAFIRE: I think the most exciting thing this morning was the way Senator Torricelli almost dropped his teeth when you said, "What if she runs in New Jersey?"

MS. GOODWIN: You know, what we forget about Bobby Kennedy, though, is he actually lived in New York longer than any other place he had lived. He went there as a tiny little kid until his father went to the Court of Saint James, so it's not like he floated in from nowhere.

MR. RUSSERT: And Pat Moynihan, from Pindarus Corners, New York, in Delaware County. Let me ask you about post-impeachment and the president's ability to confront difficult problems. Kosovo—the president's now committed to sending American troops to deal with a very difficult situation that could lead to bloodshed, even loss of life. Does he have the moral authority to do that, and must he try to expend some political capital to make that case? Bill Safire?

MR. SAFIRE: He certainly should try. It's the job of the president, before sending American troops into what may be action, to sit down with the American people from the Oval Office, and in a quiet and calm way say, "This is what I'm doing, and this is why I'm doing it, here are the risks and here are the opportunities." And speaking politically, that can't hurt him. I mean, there would be an opposition coming on right after him saying, "This is a mistake. We shouldn't do what the Europeans should be doing," and we'd have a rational debate. He has the moral authority to do that because he is the president, and that's what we hire presidents to do. And the fact that he's kind of sidling into this, I think, is a big mistake on his part.

MR. RUSSERT: Doris?

MS. GOODWIN: You know, I think the real question for the next two years, not just Kosovo, but his post-impeachment presidency, is can he beat the addiction to popularity, which is even stronger sometimes, I think, than the

addiction to sex? Lyndon Johnson once said, "For every president who chases a skirt"—that old-fashioned word—"there are 10 politicians who prefer the applause of millions than to the need of one woman." And I think we've seen an understandable need for him this week to go back to New Hampshire and replenish his energies with the love of the crowd. But he's got to discipline himself. He's got to forget popularity. He's got to decide in these next years if he can do things that really will stand the test of time, that change lives for millions of people. That's what you take away from your presidency, not a 70-percent approval rating. Harry Truman went out at 28 percent, and look how he's lived on in time. I just hope he can beat that addiction. I think that's the key one.

MR. RUSSERT: David Broder, Kosovo, Social Security, Medicare—tough decisions, difficult and sometimes unpopular. And yet, the president seems to want his high popularity rating to help ensure his legacy that impeachment was a partisan exercise and he left as a popular man.

MR. BRODER: Well, I think Doris is dead right, that in the end people don't remember your popularity rating, they remember your accomplishments. But I think now he and this country are facing a "boy who cried wolf" kind of problem. We've had repeated instances of the United States setting a deadline, threatening military action. The deadline arrives, and guess what? There's another deadline. Some point in the next 22 months, unless we are very fortunate, this president is going to face a real crisis, and I think the American people now have become so skeptical about Bill Clinton saying, "Here's a crisis, here's a crisis, here's a crisis," and then the next day, they disappear, that when the real thing comes, I'm not sure that he will be believed.

MR. RUSSERT: Will Republicans in Congress and the president be able to sit down this year and achieve something real on Social Security and Medicare, or will House Democrats say, "Let's keep the issue. We can recapture the House. Let's not have a compromise"?

MR. BRODER: The House Democrats are already saying, privately, that they're not interested in this, but there's a very, very strong compulsion for the reasons that Governor Whitman was outlining to you earlier, for the Republicans to put something on the books other than a failed effort to remove the president. That gives Clinton a lot of leverage in these negotiations on domestic issues, and there could be a deal in which the House Democrats are cut out.

MR. RUSSERT: Bill Safire, will the Republicans try to achieve some legislative successes this year to cover up their difficulties with impeachment?

MR. SAFIRE: I don't think that would be the purpose, to cover it up. I think that the Republicans did the right thing on impeachment, and I think the country saw the process work beautifully. What I'd like to see, frankly, is the president do what presidents should do, and that is hold a monthly press conference. I...

MS. GOODWIN: Weekly in the old days, twice weekly in FDR's days. Isn't that amazing?

MR. SAFIRE: Right. I'll go for that. But presidential press conference, which Clinton is good at, is an important thing to run the country with. It also educates the president about all the little details he has to have answers for.

MS. GOODWIN: I couldn't agree with you more.

MR. SAFIRE: And this is something he's good at. He's got to start thinking about being president again.

MR. RUSSERT: Doris, we have just a few seconds. In the history of the presidencies, what is the value of regularly scheduled press conferences?

MS. GOODWIN: I think it's part what Bill was saying: It focuses the mind. You have to educate yourself before it. But, also, if you force yourself into regular press conferences, then you're not missing for months on end when things are unpleasant. You're forced to be there, and you become natural with the press. Roosevelt relaxed around the press after a while. Clinton should have developed this habit long ago. He would have been much better off, I think.

MR. RUSSERT: We have to take a quick break. We'll be right back with more of MEET THE PRESS right after this.

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MR. RUSSERT: David Broder, William Safire, Doris Kearns Goodwin, thank you all.

Start your day tomorrow on "Today" with Katie and Matt. Then, the "NBC Nightly News" with Tom Brokaw. That's all for today. We'll be back next week. If it's Sunday, it's MEET THE PRESS.

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ROBERTS: And the mayor says her candidacy might propel him into the race. Will he run? We'll ask New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani.

DONALDSON: And this week, future Democratic presidential candidates woo organized labor. Our George Will goes on the campaign trail with AFL-CIO President John Sweeney.

ROBERTS: And this week, George W. Bush comes to Washington. If he runs, what does it mean for the Republican Party. We'll ask Governor John Engler, a key Bush supporter and presidential contender Gary Bauer.

Politics after impeachment this Sunday morning.

DONALDSON: Welcome to our program. Well, the name Clinton continues to dominate the political talk in this town. But now, and you see where I'm going, it is not just Bill -- it's Hillary Rodham Clinton. On the cover of two of the magazines this week, will she run for the Senate from New York? We'll talk about that.

We'll also talk about where the Republicans are going for the year 2000. What are they going to do then to recapture public approval? And we'll talk about organized labor -- where is it going to put its money to try to defeat those Republicans.

But Cokie, let's begin with Mrs. Clinton.

ROBERTS: Will she run? That's the big question everybody is asking. And if she does run, does Mayor Rudy Giuliani of New York run against her?

Joining us now from New York is the mayor. Thank you very much for coming in this morning.

GIULIANI: Good morning.

ROBERTS: And joining in the questioning as always, George Will.

Mayor Giuliani, there have been a variety of polls out over the last couple of weeks showing as this one does here that you would lose to Hillary Clinton. This is a TIME/CNN poll -- 52 percent Clinton, 43 percent Giuliani. Does that scare you off?

GIULIANI: No, actually, it says to me that it would be a very, very close race. If you look at her name recognition, my name recognition and the different parts of the states where -- a different part of the state where we do well or don't do well, it says to me that you're looking at a 2 percent or 3 percent race if you know how to read that poll.

ROBERTS: Is that a race that you would enjoy?

GIULIANI: Yes, absolutely. I've been in three races for mayor of New York City. And the -- two of them before I got re-elected, I was behind by substantial margins and it kind of gives you the impetus to go on. If anything, it challenges you even more.

DONALDSON: Mr. Mayor, what kind of race is it going to be? New York races are often tough, mean, low blows are struck, meaning no offense to the Empire State or your own sweet self. But, I mean, if you ran against Mrs. Clinton, would it be down and dirty?

GIULIANI: No, in New York, absolutely not. That's only your perception of it, Sam. I mean, actually, it would be highly philosophical and very -- it would be all on the issues, completely.

DONALDSON: But, you've already brought up the Palestinian issue, reminding...

GIULIANI: I didn't bring it up. I was asked about it. Someone asked me the question and I made a statement about it a year ago when I said that I thought when Mrs. Clinton made that statement that it was a mistake. And then the White House joined with me and

I think immediately took the other position, same position that I have, that you should not predetermine the negotiations in favor of the Palestinians but instead allow the Israelis and the Palestinians to negotiate, so that whatever emerges, the Israelis get for their own security what they need. And that's precisely the position the White House took. So this is an interesting situation.

I'm in the same position as the White House and Mrs. Clinton is out there much more heavily favoring the Palestinians.

DONALDSON: But Mr. Mayor, I think one of the thing she's might bring up against you is this allegation that you are, while tough on crime, you're not very good about civil liberties. For instance, Reverend Jackson said the other day about the man who was killed in the Bronx, 41 times police shot, 19 struck him. Jackson said, ``Giuliani set a climate that seems to be glorifying police misbehavior and a callous disregard for the citizens."

GIULIANI: Now, there's a bipartisan source for you, Jesse Jackson, right? With no interest in this race. The reality is that in the last five years, six years, police restraint has gotten much, much better. Police officers use their weapons about 50 percent less now than they did five years ago. So that although that is a terribly tragic incident that's under investigation and there are people who would like to exploit it in either direction, the reality of conduct by the police measured by every objective observation is that the police have become substantially more restrained.

There was an article in the Washington Post about four months ago citing New York City as just about the most restrained large police department in the country. So I don't think you can attack an entire police force.

DONALDSON: Are you defending the conduct of those officers?

GIULIANI: No, I think the conduct of those officers is before a grand jury and nobody on the outside should be defending it or attacking it. We should be letting the grand jury determine, you know, what happened, what's fair to the victim, what's fair to the officers and ultimately, that's the system of justice that we have.

WILL: Mayor Giuliani, Senator Moynihan who is vacating the seat at issue gave Mrs. Clinton a kind of compliment last week when he said he thought if she ran, she would bring to New York some good Illinois and Arkansas energy.

Do you think that she is sufficiently New York to run in your state?

GIULIANI: You know, you don't know that until somebody actually runs.

I don't think anybody ever knows what kind of a candidate you'll be until you actually run. I remember when I was the United States attorney, before I ran the first time, I think I was ahead by 20 points on the outside and the minute I got into the race, it became a two-point race. So I don't think you know what's going to happen until you actually get out there, you start talking to people and then they get a sense of whether you sufficiently know the state, the areas of the state or you don't.

But New Yorkers are open people and I don't think that's a --like a dispositive thing that would be against her.

WILL: You said that if she does run and if you run against her, it would be a contrast of two very different political philosophies. That's a way, I gather of saying she's too liberal. Say some more about that.

GIULIANI: Well, maybe that's a little presumptuous. I know what my political philosophy is and I don't know what Mrs. Clinton's political philosophy is. You can glean it from things like the statement on Palestine. Her position on health care. But I don't think we know what her political philosophy is.

I know what mine is and it is basically to try to achieve more freedom for people; to try to give more emphasis to the private sector; to see if we can continue the process of gaining jobs and building a much more work-oriented society rather than a welfare dependent society.

Now, she may or may not agree on those issues or she may be in a different position.

ROBERTS: You talk about a work-oriented society and there's news today in New York that you are saying that homeless people must leave shelters if they don't get a job. And critics are saying that this will be -- have people all over the streets.

GIULIANI: No, it doesn't say that. That's what the advocates who are very excessively in favor of dependency say about it. This is a very, very sensible program. It emerges from the mandates of the welfare reform bill that signed by President Clinton. And what it says is that when you seek shelter -- when you seek help, we will engage you in a process of trying to find work for you as opposed to letting you become dependent. And it's really a reinforcement of the social contract.

For every right, there's an obligation. For every benefit, there should be a duty that goes along with that. So instead of letting a million people drop out of the work force as New York City ...

ROBERTS: Will they be out of shelters if they don't work?

GIULIANI: They would be given help in exchange for their agreement to work. If they can't work immediately, then they have to work in the future or they'd have to be involved in training. But they'd have to be involved in pursuits that would help them help themselves as opposed to what the political philosophy of the past in New York did was. For 35 years before I was mayor, there was between 800,000 and a million people on welfare in New York City. We just got down to 700,000. We got 450,000 fewer people on welfare and the city is in much better shape than it's has been in about 30-35 years because of it.

ROBERTS: Maybe because the city's in good shape, people are identifying in a recent poll the biggest problem in New York as police brutality. You say that they're restrained but it is certainly not perceived that way by the people in New York, and your own approval ratings have dropped precipitously as a result of it.

GIULIANI: That's because when you have an incident that gets a tremendous amount of attention, as it should have, it was a shocking incident. That affects perceptions for a period of time.

ROBERTS: But those cops are still at work.

GIULIANI: But what happens is -- but the cops are entitled to fairness too, Cokie. You know, they're entitled -- there is a system of justice that we have and a set of laws and at this point, a grand jury is investigating this. No charges have been brought against them. And under our system of laws, rather than some of the things that happened, you know, outside of it people are presumed innocent. It may turn out that they're charged. At that point, the police commissioner can take action.

He can't beforehand.

DONALDSON: Well, Mayor, many times in many jurisdictions when there is a police shooting, the police are taken away from duty until the investigation runs its course.

GIULIANI: They have been taken away from duty. They are doing administrative work. They have voluntarily turned in their guns. But they have not been arrested and they've not been charged with a crime. And there is no evidence that the police have of this independent of the grand jury. So under the law, it would be inappropriate for the police commissioner to take action and should he take action, it would be reversed in court in about a day.

This is one of those things that people can racially exploit to divide people or they can explain truthfully and honestly to people what our law is and therefore the limitations that a police department has. And there are people on both sides of this who have different motivations.

DONALDSON: How can you fire 41 bullets, I mean is it -- tell us about their guns? Is it the Glock pistol (OFF-MIKE) you press the trigger and it gets away from you and goes (unintelligible) and you don't know what you've done, or what?

GIULIANI: Don't we have to let a grand jury determine that?

GIULIANI: These are enormously complex issues. I've been in law enforcement for 20 years. I will not prejudge this. It is not fair to do that. This is a very complex issue. And I've watched too many of these cases that were assumed to be correct first turn out wrong, and then the opposite. And everybody here is entitled to fairness. They're not going to get it by this thing sort of playing itself out on television.

ROBERTS: Mr. Mayor, in answer to George's question about whether Mrs. Clinton is sufficiently New York, you gave sort of a calculation of how well she'll do. But do you think that the fact that she's not a New Yorker is a disqualification for running?

GIULIANI: No, absolutely not, it isn't. I mean, it's not a legal disqualification so no, it is not a disqualification from running. Some people can make a connection very easily. Some people can't. I sincerely mean that I don't know how that would work itself out. I've seen people who have come from outside of a place immediately attach themselves to it, and then people who see barriers. And New York is more complicated than just New York City. It's New York City and a lot of the rest of the state.

DONALDSON: Well, if the two of you run against each other, would you bring up her husband's impeachment problems and all of the scandal that surrounded them?

GIULIANI: I was, I was one who didn't believe that he should have been impeached, so no, I would not bring it up. I think there are lots of issues to discuss that are a lot more important to the voters at this point. And it will be a year and a half later, virtually, so it would make no sense to be spending time on that.

WILL: Mr. Mayor, let's get to the important stuff here. The government's all up in arms about Microsoft as an antitrust problem. Some of us are worried about the Yankees.

(LAUGHTER)

Is it reasonable to get Roger Clemens on a team that won 125 games last year, or should we break up the Yankees?

GIULIANI: Oh, no way. That you can be sure of. If I were to be elected to the Senate, I would fight hard to make sure that baseball is not considered a business, even though I have a hard time with that distinction. You've got to leave the Yankees alone. We may repeat what we did last year this year with Roger Clemens. That would be great.

DONALDSON: Thanks, Mayor Giuliani. It's always a pleasure having you on our program. I hope you'll come back.

GIULIANI: Thank you. Have a good day.

DONALDSON: Next, a look at the future of the Republican party with presidential contender Gary Bauer and Michigan Governor John Engler. And later, George Will goes on the campaign trail with AFL-CIO President John Sweeney.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

ROBERTS: Welcome, Governor Engler of Michigan, Gary Bauer, presidential candidate. Gentlemen, the Republican party seems to be having some trouble these days. In various polls, including one that we have from The Washington Post, shows that the Republicans -- here you go -- who's doing a better job, the Democrats 48 percent, Republicans 37 percent. There are the polls that are even worse. What do you do about this?

ENGLER: Well, I don't worry too much about it, and first of all, I don't spend a lot of time looking at those polls. If you ask that question about Republican governors in America, we would have a dramatic edge over Democrats. So it depends. Frankly, we just ought to worry about doing the right thing, and we ought to do that at the state level, and we ought to do it in Washington. And if we do that, in 2000 things will take care of themselves, and we'll have a Republican president.

ROBERTS: Do you think the Republicans are doing that in Washington?

ENGLER: I think that they're back on message. We hosted the first of what is going to be about 150 town hall meetings around America. The majority leader, Trent Lott, came in with Senator Spence Abraham and they talked about cutting taxes across the board, getting back on that message as part of an agenda. I think that education flexibility that the governors are asking for, that little bit of seven percent of the national education budget comes out of Washington, which costs us about two percent to get it back, we ought to just send that to the states and let them, you know, target the funds, that kind of stuff. And I think they can do that in Washington. They'll help. The presidential candidate will set the agenda, though.

ROBERTS: Mr. Bauer, the governor says getting back on message. Was getting off message the entire impeachment?

BAUER: Well, first of all, the governor is right, that we do need to get back to what I would call a Reagan vision -- smaller government, lower taxes, strong foreign policy and respect for the sanctity of human life. But I disagree very much that we were off message in the last couple of months when we dealt with a really profound question of whether or not the president, by perjury and obstruction of justice, had violated the Constitution, and in the process should have been impeached. I think my party did a very noble thing. And I think the leaders in the House of Representatives are heroes of the Republican party, and I certainly don't want to run away from what they did over the last six months.

ROBERTS: You're nodding there, Governor Engler?

ENGLER: Oh, I agree with that. I certainly respect, and I think the party acted in an honorable way in that we would be very proud of our federal officials. When I talk about get back on message, now that that issue which has dominated the entire national conversation is behind us, we're now back to what the other business of Congress is, and that is passing the right kind of budget, enacting reforms, taking power and authority out of Washington, sending it back to local communities and to states. And if we do that, government does get smaller, but it also gets a lot more effective, as we've shown in welfare reform, which was a fight. And that is actually the best example of how to be successful in Washington. With this president, you've got to stay at it. We passed it once, got it vetoed, passed it twice, got it vetoed. The third time, we didn't get all that we wanted, but like Ronald Reagan, we took that 70 percent of our, of the offering, and with that we've done remarkable things.

BAUER: I would like to point out that while I agree with all those items the governor just mentioned, I can't help but notice, Governor, that you keep leaving out all the values issues. I think one of the great strengths of the Republican party is the fact that, as the party of Lincoln and Reagan, we stood for the idea that all of our children ought to be welcomed into the world and protected by the law. I know the governor believes that too, but right now in the party there's a major effort to get away from that issue. We have a gentleman out in California that was supposed to be the next party chairman, and it looks like there's going to be an effort to purge him because he had the audacity to say that abortion was the great moral issue of our day, and ultimately even more important than taxes.

WILL: But Mr. Bauer, Republicans have had ample opportunities in Congress since 1980 to pass even a minimal constitutional amendment and have never come close. What makes you think that this issue is going to be salient as a legislative issue and the Republicans have been so impotent?

BAUER: Well, first of all, George, they did pass -- admittedly a starting point -- but a ban on partial birth abortions. And the president, who told us in two campaigns that he wanted abortion to be rare, vetoed it twice, a matter, I think, of great shame on his presidency. But look, I agree with you. We haven't done enough, but I still think that that issue, for the party of Lincoln and Reagan, it's going to stick in our throats, George, until we get it right. Our children, part of the American family, are not. There are one and a half million abortions this year. I'm still reeling from the fact that at our San Diego convention, Governor, the speakers were directed at the podium to not even bring up the issue. What a message we sent to the American people about how seriously we felt on that.

WILL: Governor, should the 2000 convention look at the, take a new look at a new language on abortion?

ENGLER: Oh, I don't know that we have to do that, and that platform, of course, is a grassroots document. None of us actually control that. That is the one thing that comes up right from the grassroots of the party. But let me say this about values. Some of us have an opportunity, because we hold office and have positions, to act on our values every day and we put those into practice. In Michigan, for example, the number of abortions are down 40 percent. If like Gary, you're running a political action committee, you use values as a motivating tool. But I want candidates who actually can implement the values, and the record, which is values-laden, is a lot more important than the rhetoric about values.

BAUER: I think the words are important, Governor. Obviously, performance is extremely important, but this is a matter of changing...

ENGLER: Many people will say deeds not words, though.

BAUER: Well, but this is a matter of changing the hearts and minds of the American people. If our party can't find its voice -- if we can't have the issue of defending babies as something we're proud of and willing to talk about, then there is a problem.

WILL: Governor, on the subject of value, you have said, as Vietnam was to Hubert Humphrey, values will be to Al Gore. Are you saying Al Gore's values, what, disqualify him?

ENGLER: I think values are the Clinton/Gore administration are a vulnerability. I believe that the sharp contrast with say, a George W. Bush who I think is likely to be our nominee, really give us an opportunity to talk about the 21st century.

And go back to the record, George. I think what people want in America today is common sense. They want to know that men and women in office are actually doing exactly what they said they would do.

WILL: But what is it about Al Gore that makes his values suspect?

ENGLER: Well, I recall very famous picture of Al in front of Buddha out on the west coast and he didn't even know he was at a fund-raiser, so he says. I mean, there is a little bit of an old-fashioned value of honesty that comes into play. Let's start with that one in that situation...

DONALDSON: Mr. Bauer -- sorry, Governor, I just wanted to move forward -- your friend Paul Wiric (ph) says he doesn't think there is a moral majority in this country any longer. He believes the people, for some reason, no longer adhere to the kind of values you've been talking about. And I'm (OFF-MIKE) talking about abortion -- let's move past that issue. Do you think that the people have lost their way in this country?

BAUER: Sam, I don't think the problem in America is the American people. And I'm not going to attack the American people. The last politician that did that was Jimmy Carter and he quickly became a private citizen.

No, I -- look, I'm a Reagan Republican. He taught me for eight years when I worked for him to be optimistic. I don't think Bill Clinton won because the American people are bad. I think he won two

presidential elections because we failed to give the American people a compelling reason...

DONALDSON: Why did such a large majority of the people say, we don't care what he's done. He should stay president.

BAUER: You know, right up until the time Richard Nixon resigned, a majority of the public said they didn't want him to. I don't think that meant Americans had suddenly grown squishy on burglary. Americans tend to react negatively to what looks like radical change. I think Americans were conflicted about all this. That's unfortunate.

But I believe that if we appeal to the better angels of their nature, as Lincoln put it, that we touch their hearts with our governing vision --family values, pro-life, lower taxes, the other issues -- they will make us the governing party of the United States.

DONALDSON: Governor, where's the problem? Is it the people, is it Washington?

ENGLER: What problem?

(LAUGHTER)

DONALDSON: The problem at the moment seems to be, again, if you look at polls, people don't have the kind of confidence and appreciation for the Republican party in total (ph) that you had a year ago.

ENGLER: You know, I just think that in this town in particular, we talk to each other, we read each other's writings and we sort of work ourselves into a great upset (ph).

DONALDSON: You're from Ann Arbor.

ENGLER: No, I'm not. I'm from near Mt. Pleasant, a little place called Beale City. But in the heartland, we frankly, don't spend a lot of time doing this self-analysis. We're not on the couch, you know, pouring out our problems. We're fixing the problems whether it's you know, fixing schools, welfare. And that's what people want and they understand if you are going to fix these problems, there has to be an underlying values core there. George W. has shown that in Texas. Tommy Thomson is showing that in Wisconsin. We've seen that all over the country.

ROBERTS: Governor, what you're saying -- there is a magazine this week that has this cover -- there are two GOPs, one in the states, pragmatic and one here in Washington, hard core and ideological. Do you agree with that?

ENGLER: Well, no, I don't because I -- in one sense, I think there is a lot of ideology out at the state level and I think there is pragmatism here. What Washington needs to work on, in my judgment, is how do they augment the strength of this nation which is at the family, at the community, at the state level? And we ought only be in Washington doing those things which we can't possibly do in our family or local community.

ROBERTS: You've said a couple of times that you think Governor Bush would be the nominee. Will you be running his campaign?

ENGLER: I doubt I'll be running his campaign but I'm urging that there first be a campaign. He has tremendous support. And I think the significance -- what I told the press in Michigan, key thing for me is that I want to get behind a candidate who's won one elective office, who's held an office. And then in that office has achieved a significant success that allow them to win in November.

DONALDSON: Mr. Bauer, the governor of course has set you up. You have not held elective office.

BAUER: Nor has Steve Forbes or Elizabeth Dole or quite a few other people. Look, in all due respect, the Republican party has put a Bush or a Dole on the ticket on every presidential election since 1976. I'm looking forward to going out there and arguing it's time for a change.

And I'm particularly anxious for George Bush to get out of Texas so that we can find out what he doesn't tend to do about issues like China, for example, where I believe the governor and some others in the party have been driven by money over our most deeply-held values.

I think that debate's going to be good and even though the governor appears to have anointed Governor Bush as the likely nominee we've got a few little things called primaries...

DONALDSON: The name McCain has not even come up here. I take it you've (OFF-MIKE) John McCain is what, an irrelevancy?

ENGLER: Well, Senator McCain is somebody who has been elected to office. Congressman Kasich has, even Elizabeth Dole, I suppose you could put an asterisk there, she's held two cabinet level posts while not being elected to those. That's pretty significant.

But the reality is this, I think that we want to win in 2000. I think we want to go with the kind of candidate who does represent the values that Gary is talking about, that I've stood for, that the Republican party believes in, and that I believe a majority of Americans (OFF-MIKE).

DONALDSON: A lot of people think you can't win -- you of course do not agree -- if you make abortion a litmus test.

ENGLER: It isn't a litmus test. It's a important principle. I mean, in the Democratic party, they have not dismissed pro-life Democrats. We have many of them in Michigan. They're not throwing them out of the party but as a pro-life governor, I'm proud we have 40 percent fewer abortions and 25 percent fewer teen pregnancies in my state.

ROBERTS: Thank you, Governor Engler. Thank you, Mr. Bauer. Thanks, both of you, for being here.

Next, George Will goes on the campaign trail with AFL-CIO President John Sweeney.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

DONALDSON: Today, we're inaugurating a new feature on THIS WEEK we're calling ``On the Campaign Trail." From time to time, we're going to get out of the studio, talk to the candidates, talk to the so-called kingmakers, and talk to the real kingmakers, the voters of this country, to find out what everyone is thinking about the year 2000.

ROBERTS: And what better way to begin than to have George Will go to the labor union convention?

(LAUGHTER)

Talk about into lion's den, George. How were you received?

WILL: Well, I crossed over their lines under a flag of truce and was treated very humanely. I've been allowed to leave.

DONALDSON: Did they feel they had someone in their midst that might try to steal all the secrets?

WILL: I don't think so. The secret is there, though. They are the big biceps of the Democratic party, and they're getting ready to do some very heavy lifting.

(voice-over): Democrats were out in full force in Miami Beach this week. For presidential candidates, a must stop. Former Senator Bill Bradley brought former Bulls coach Phil Jackson.

BILL BRADLEY: Working people have always been an important part of my constituency, and I will reach out to them as well as to the leadership of unions.

WILL: Meanwhile, in South Africa, Vice President Gore met with President Mandela, then flew 17 hours to meet with John Sweeney, president of the AFL-CIO.

VICE PRESIDENT GORE: I've always believed in the right to organize. I've always believed in justice in the workplace. And so, my advice to Miami's working families consists of two simple words --union, yes!

WILL: Labor's back on the campaign trail in full force, and I sat down this week with the very popular John Sweeney.

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WILL: Your meeting here produced a very splashy number, up to \$46 million in organized labor political spending in the coming presidential and congressional election cycle. Organized labor says every bipartisan Republicans are going to get some of that. Democrats will get what, 95 percent?

SWEENEY: No.

WILL: No?

SWEENEY: None of that money goes to the political candidates.

WILL: I understand.

SWEENEY: None of it goes to political parties.

WILL: I understand.

SWEENEY: It's to mobilize the rank-and-file workers.

WILL: To vote for, but it's going to indicate who ought to be supported.

SWEENEY: They're going to support candidates regardless of party who support them on their issues. And we're working with moderate Republicans. Some of them have been here at the meetings here. We invited the speaker of the House. He wasn't able to come. But our program, which we have been working on over the past several years, is really to reach out to rank-and-file activists who build the grassroots support.

WILL: If Bill Bradley said what can I say that Al Gore won't say or hasn't said to get labor's support, what would you tell him?

SWEENEY: Well, I think that Al Gore has said a lot of good things in relation to organizing and collective bargaining, as well as the issues that are important to working families. And we would have the same criteria for any candidate. We had Bill Bradley here with us today, and he talked in a very positive way about a number of issues that our members really have as priorities. I'm sure we're going to have some differences with both of them.

WILL: You talk about working people working sometimes two jobs to maintain the standard of living. Two Democratic senators have an idea, it's about Social Security. They say 74 percent of the American people pay more in Social Security taxes than income taxes. Your membership, it's probably 85 percent. They say let's cut the Social Security tax to a pay-as-you-go flow of revenue. It would be an \$800 million, \$800 billion, sorry, tax cut over 10 years. What's wrong with that? Moynihan supports it. Kerrey of Nebraska supports it.

SWEENEY: I think that the Social Security system has to be protected. It's been the most successful social program in the history of our country.

WILL: No one loves it more than Pat Moynihan. So you're not suggesting he's putting that at risk?

SWEENEY: No, I'm not suggesting that Pat Moynihan is putting it at risk, but I don't agree with everything that Pat Moynihan's proposing. I think that we have to be concerned about protecting Social Security as a program that is so valuable to not only retirees, but to the disabled and dependent children. I think that we have to make sure that Social Security is secure. And I think we also have to address the Medicare issue.

WILL: Let's talk about another tax. For a long time, steep, progressive taxation was an article of faith for American liberalism. Not very long ago, the top tax rate was 70 percent. Would you like to see the tax code, the income tax code made more progressive with 70 percent rates again?

SWEENEY: Oh, I think that it's time to be reviewing our tax policies, and I believe that there are inequities and that we...

WILL: Specifically, should the rich pay a higher rate than they're now paying?

SWEENEY: Oh, I think that the ability to pay is a significant consideration, and we have to make sure that we're protecting the income that's necessary for the programs that people want as priorities. And there's a broad range of programs.

WILL: If liberalism is alive and well, it must be alive and well here in organized labor. And liberalism's great moment, I suppose, of the 1990s was when the Clintons unveiled their health care plan. It never even came to a vote in Congress. Would you like to see them do that program again?

SWEENEY: I would like to see a form of health reform that would address the issues of access to health care, and cost effective as well as good quality health care for every American. I think it's a disgrace that in our country the number of people without health care continues to grow.

WILL: Well, the woman with the political will to address it, Mrs. Clinton, is said to be thinking of running for Senate. Is it organized labor's view that that would be a very good thing?

SWEENEY: We haven't discussed it as a group, but I hear every indication that our folks think that the first lady has been very good in advancing issues that are important to Americans -- health care, education -- and the list is long. I believe that if she decides to run for the Senate, she'd be a great candidate. And I think she'd be a great member of Congress.

WILL: Mr. Sweeney, thank you.

SWEENEY: Thank you.

``On the Campaign Trail." We'll go out again soon. Next, our weekly roundtable with ABC News analysts Bill Kristol and George Stephanopoulos in a moment.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

ROBERTS: Well, the governors are in town meeting and deciding whatever they decide at governor meetings and Republican governors have been having their separate meetings and George W. Bush is here and there's excitement around that, and whether he's going to throw his hat in the ring and win?

George Stephanopoulos, Bill Kristol, we've seen all of this angst (ph) in the Republican Party (OFF-MIKE), the Republican party. Bill, do you think that this is -- the solution to this is George W. Bush?

KRISTOL: I don't know. He thinks so. He is going to run. We have a piece in our magazine this week detailing the incredible organizational efforts they're already making. State legislators, county chairman, donors in every state. Carl Rove, (ph), George Bush's political operative, is organizing this from Austin. I think he'll go in April or May. As soon as the Texas legislature is (OFF-MIKE).

ROBERTS: Will it just be a happy coronation?

KRISTOL: No, I don't think it ever is in American politics, and there are real issues on the table and I think -- I think that exchange we had between Governor Engler Gary Bauer shows you can't --you're not going to be able to avoid them, and what is your position on abortion. What kinds of judges would you appoint to the Supreme Court? What is your position on foreign policy? On China? He'll have to defend, I suppose, his father's China policy which was strongly for engagement (OFF-MIKE) trade. A large chunk of the Republican primary electorate wants to focus on human rights in China, so I think it's going to be a contested race.

DONALDSON: Issues are important, but what you said earlier, I think is also very controlling. The ability to organize early, the ability to raise money early, the ability to put people in states early. Bush has it at the moment. Maybe John McCain. He thinks can he raise money. And Elizabeth Dole, for various reasons, I think is kind of in third place, but other than that, can you think of anyone at the moment who can raise the money and organize?

STEPHANOPOULOS: Steve Forbes.

DONALDSON: He doesn't have to raise the money. He uses his own money.

WILL: Gary Bauer raised \$7 million for his own PAC last year. That's an accomplishment.

STEPHANOPOULOS: But there's a bigger problem beyond issues and even organization and it's ideology. There's a lack of ideological confidence in the Republican party. Look at what Gary Bauer said today, we want to return to Reagan. Smaller government, less taxes, strong defense.

The government is smaller than it was under Reagan. The tax burden for middle class families is now smaller than it was since 1977 and President Clinton is with the Republicans on defense. Where do the Republicans go?

WILL: And in the last four years, we've really had a rolling referendum on big government and big government's won. The Republican party hasn't been able to kill the Legal Services Corporation, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

STEPHANOPOULOS: But, George, how can you say that? The government is smaller and we have a surplus.

WILL: The government is always smaller after Democrats get done (OFF-MIKE) the defense department.

(LAUGHTER)

DONALDSON: And the fascinating thing is the tax business. Talk about Reagan, cut the taxes in 1981. Cut them again when they they tried to (OFF-MIKE) the tax code. And now, the American public is saying, no wait a second, we want to pay down the national debt. We want to look at the plan to maybe devote money to Social Security rather than have a broad tax cut.

WILL: We're going overboard on the question of the Republicans' problems. Remember what Mr.

Engler said to you a moment ago. He said, ``What problems?'' The fact is governors, more than 70 percent of the American people choose to live under Republican governors and they're almost all of them popular.

ROBERTS: And isn't that the answer to this question about ideology that you raised which is that Governor Engler says we do it, we just do it. We do the job and show the people what our values are by doing the job instead of talking about it.

KRISTOL: Yes, and if that can be translated to the presidential campaign in 2000 and Republicans win, that will be great. If Republicans lose the presidency in 2000 and they lose the House and the Democratic president makes two or three Supreme Court appointments, all those Republican governors are not going to be doing a whole lot of good I don't think for the Republican Party. And the question is exactly what you say, Cokie, can Governor Bush translate his appeal in Texas, which has been very considerable, to the national stage?

ROBERTS: Let me show you something here that is good news for Republicans. Look at this poll. Here is George W. Bush 57 percent; Al Gore 39 percent; Elizabeth Dole 50 percent; Al Gore 42 percent.

George Stephanopoulos, this is not great news for the Democrats.

STEPHANOPOULOS: It's not terrific news, not at all. I mean, in fact, right now the Democrats seem to have a much better chance regaining the House and maybe even regaining the Senate although they did lose these three Democratic senators this week.

But the class of 1994, just like the class of 1980 in the Senate, is going to be vulnerable. What the vice president has to do is do what all vice presidents have to do. How does he separate himself from Clinton's liabilities and associate himself with (OFF-MIKE). He hasn't yet done that.

DONALDSON: Remember in '88, many people think that George Bush, the senior, became president because it was a third Reagan term in sense. Now, will people elect Al Gore because they want it to be a third Clinton term? Probably not. He'll have to make it on his own.

ROBERTS: The economy will determine a lot of that. But...

DONALDSON: They might save that Senate seat in New York, of course, George.

ROBERTS: It does make it hard for the Democrats, though, if you've got Dick Bryan quitting in Nevada and John Ensign (ph) who ran against Reid in the last election lost by only 400 votes, so he's likely to run again and win. In New York and New Jersey, expensive states to run in, very expensive states. Christie Whitman, a very good candidate in New Jersey for the Republicans, how do the Democrats -- they can't hold on to this. They can't regain the Senate.

STEPHANOPOULOS: It's tougher because of the resignations. On the other hand, you have Ron Grams, a Minnesota Republican who could be vulnerable, perhaps, Rick Santorum in Pennsylvania, and Spencer Abraham in Michigan, all places where Democrats are strong now and they could regain their seats.

DONALDSON: George, do you still think Hillary will not run? I mean, let's get to -- time is running out, here, let's get down to it.

STEPHANOPOULOS: I don't know what she'll do. I don't think she should run for her sake. I think that this is going to be a very tough race. I think she could win, but I'm not sure that being a senator, especially a junior senator from New York is the best use of her time...

DONALDSON: She wants to be president, George, and that's the stepping stone.

STEPHANOPOULOS: I say go straight to Manchester in 2008...

ROBERTS: I mean, the truth is that the main reason to run for public office is to do good. And she can do good without running for public office.

(CROSSTALK)

STEPHANOPOULOS: And apparently that's what she's thinking about, and how can she do better outside the Senate or in?

ROBERTS: Do you think she's going to run?

WILL: I do not think she'll run. I think if she runs, she's apt to lose. I think Mr. Giuliani is a hard

campaigner and I think, in fact, the American people are rational and they vote on issues and when they look at where she stands on the issues, she's way to the left of the country -- even to the left of New York.

(CROSSTALK)

DONALDSON: Wait a second.

ROBERTS: I did. I just said what I think. Where are you?

KRISTOL: Mrs. Clinton is to the left of the American people, but as someone who grew up in New York City, she may be just where, at least where New York City is and maybe where New York is. She'd be

a tough candidate.

WILL:(OFF-MIKE)

(CROSSTALK)

KRISTOL: She'd be a tough -- she's Chuck Schumer. I mean, she's identical with him on the issues. Look, I think, personally...

STEPHANOPOULOS: (OFF-MIKE) you don't know yet, though.

ROBERTS: Exactly.

KRISTOL: We know where she stands on the issues.

STEPHANOPOULOS: (OFF-MIKE) on the death penalty. I mean, this is going to be what a campaign is about.

KRISTOL: Yes, but I don't think that's a tough one for her to answer. Look, I think she would be a stronger candidate than people think in the sense that normal arguments against her -- (OFF-MIKE) the New York press is so tough, in New York she's a carpet bagger -- none of that's going to matter. She's 50/50 to win, I'd say against Giuliani.

And look, she shouldn't do it unless she wants to be president of the United States. I agree with the...

ROBERTS: You mean, she wants to be president of the United States.

KRISTOL: (OFF-MIKE) president of the United States. There's no point in becoming a junior senator from New York.

STEPHANOPOULOS: Who's the last senator that won and became president?

KRISTOL: John Kennedy.

STEPHANOPOULOS: A long time ago.

ROBERTS: Only two in all of history.

DONALDSON: She's a Clinton, and the other Clinton shouldn't have won in '92, a lot of people think. The other Clinton shouldn't have escaped conviction in the Senate -- he did. I think she brings to that race something that will be tough, that will be hard to beat regardless of what issues she takes as long as she's somewhere within the mainstream.

ROBERTS: Well, it's interesting to see what it means for Al Gore as well and that will be part of the calculation it would seem to me seem to me.

We'll talk more about what is happening with the Clinton's and with Kosovo when we come back.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

ROBERTS: Well, yesterday was the deadline for Slobodan Milosevic, the head of Yugoslavia, for coming to the table and agreeing to a peace agreement over Kosovo. It didn't happen.

Last Friday, the day before yesterday, the president was asked at a press conference about letting that deadline slip. Here's the president.

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QUESTION: Is there any possibility that NATO would extend Saturday noon deadline for reaching an agreement?

PRESIDENT CLINTON: First let me say, I think it would be a mistake to extend the deadline.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

ROBERTS: But the deadline's been extended.

DONALDSON: There's the problem. I mean when the president says things like that, foreign leaders particularly ought to say, well I better believe him. And when, in fact it now slipped till Tuesday --I understand there maybe a very good reason to continue to negotiate. I'm not arguing against that. But once you say that, George, the credibility of the United States is on the line and where did it go?

STEPHANOPOULOS: Well, there is a good reason and it is an important reason. He didn't do it for Milosevic. He did it because the Kosovars asked him to. They want to get Kosovars on an agreement on the political part of the agreement.

DONALDSON: I don't care who asked him to.

STEPHANOPOULOS: They're part of the agreement. If they do that, it increases the pressure on Milosevic and he faces a real decision on Tuesday. Does he want NATO bombing or NATO troops...

DONALDSON: Why it should be Tuesday now? Why shouldn't the deadline now slip to Friday?

STEPHANOPOULOS: Because the pressure will be stronger.

ROBERTS: Because Sam, if there's actual discussion going on, it's stupid to just hold to it for the reason of holding to it.

DONALDSON: You're exactly right, Cokie, but then you should not have said that as definitively as he said it. Do words mean nothing? Are words just (OFF-MIKE)? Use them as you will.

ROBERTS: It depends on the definition of is.

DONALDSON: Oh no, it depends whether your credibility stands for something. And in this case, the president said something I think he shouldn't have said.

ROBERTS: Doesn't the credibility mainly rest on what we do after Tuesday?

WILL: Absolutely. And it's the credibility of not just to the United States but of the most successful alliance in history of NATO. This little man, this war criminal, Milosevic, may do what Stalin couldn't do, Khrushchev couldn't do and Brezhnev couldn't do, which is really ruin NATO.

ROBERTS: It is remarkable, the damage that this man is doing.

KRISTOL: He has done damage for eight years and the Bush Administration did not do what it should have done in 1991 and '92. And we paid a price and I hope the president does either insist on bringing him to the table with a good deal, which promises autonomy for Kosovo or authorizes force Tuesday. And I think one or the other will happen and that will mean the U.S. will be engaged in Kosovo. Either we will have ground troops going in or airplanes bombing them.

And the interesting story, I think, will be the Republican response. Henry Kissinger has an op ed coming out, I think in the Washington Post tomorrow, in which he will argue against the use of U.S. ground troops in Kosovo. Which is a policy of Kissinger and Buchanan combining now to argue against this intervention -- a lot of the Reagan wing of the party will be for the intervention. There will be a big split in the Republican Party.

DONALDSON: There's no thought of sending ground troops in before an agreement?

ROBERTS: No.

KRISTOL: Right, but immediately after an argument.

WILL: These Marines will be the first in coming off the fleet on the Mediterranean and they will not be peacemakers, they'll be peace keepers, that is the theory. But when the first Marine boot hits the soil of Kosovo, the first Buchanan shoe may hit the streets of New Hampshire. This would really catalyze his people.

STEPHANOPOULOS: And this is one more political problem for the Republican party. They've become increasingly isolationist as the Democratic party become increasingly internationalist. Clearly

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ROBERTS: Except on trade.

STEPHANOPOULOS: President Clinton has moved on trade. I think to the consternation of the AFL-CIO, but if you look on the ground this has work. It did work in Dayton (ph) and we've lowered the killing there. It can work here, so it could be a success for NATO. We don't know yet.

ROBERTS: The real question is, what is taking them so long? And I think that this administration has been very hesitant to go in, in Europe and place this, I mean, this

is Europe we're talking about. This is a continent that we've fought two world wars over and they've been so hesitant to do what they should have done, which was go in early both to Bosnia and Kosovo.

DONALDSON: You know, that was a remarkable news conference on Friday and the president was also asked then what lessons he had drawn from the scandal of the past year or so and whether he thought he damaged the presidency? And the memorable phrase people remember is, he said, well, presidents are people too. We know that. But that's not the main lesson.

STEPHANOPOULOS: He also said that the constitution was re-ratified. We might learn other lessons later. I mean, listen, at this point he, like I think everyone else in the country, just wants this to move on and I think he's tapped in more time to the mood of the country.

ROBERTS: Bill, what do you see here? Do you think this is the -- we've now are (ph) moved on and does Kosovo move us on or does it pull us back into another fight?

KRISTOL: I think Kosovo itself will be an important fight both substantively and in terms of U.S. foreign policy, but also in terms of politics here. We will have Republicans criticizing the president for being too slow as you did and I agree with that, and others saying we shouldn't go in there at all.

And it could be a big issue just to circle back to the original discussion of the presidential race. I think foreign policy could be big issue in the Republican primaries in that respect. You will have Buchanan but also John Kasich saying, don't go into places we don't need to go. You'll have Reaganites, saying we need to go in. What does Governor Bush say? That's an interesting question.

(CROSSTALK)

KRISTOL: But I think he will have to say something. I think it will be more of an issue in 2000 than it was in '92 or '96.

ROBERTS: Do you agree with that?

WILL: I do, and events have a way of intruding without asking us and they could come across on the 38th parallel in Korea.

ROBERTS: Well we'll be covering these events and Sam and I will be back in a moment.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

DONALDSON: Tonight on ``World News Tonight Sunday" with Carol Simpson, a look at George W. Bush, will he or won't he run for president?

ROBERTS: And on ``Good Morning America" with Diane Sawyer and Charles Gibson, an interview with the daughter of David Letterman's stalker.

Well, that's all for us this Sunday, until next week, that's ``This Week."

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