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Senate Goes to the Videotapes; Media Moves From
Monica to First Daughter; Getting Personal in Campaign
2000

EXCERPT:

KURTZ: Welcome back to RELIABLE SOURCES.

Monica Lewinsky isn't the only one getting press attention these days.
Another familiar face on a magazine cover has exacerbated a media dilemma.

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KURTZ: Chelsea Clinton has grown up in the White House mostly in private, with the Washington press corps keeping its distance, but the president's impeachment ordeal may be changing that. This week, she turned up alongside her mother on the cover of "People," a generally complimentary story, the magazine calls "an intimate look at the deep bond of love that sustains the Clinton women through their painful family ordeal."

But the Clintons were not happy, trying to kill the story beforehand and saying afterward they were. quote, "profoundly saddened by the magazine's decision." Mr. Clinton's spokesman urged the media to continue to exercise restraint when it comes to the first daughter.

JOE LOCKHART, WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY: The president and the first lady want to thank everyone in this room for respecting that privacy, and it's their hope -- my hope -- that as we move forward, her privacy will be -- continue to receive the same respect.

KURTZ: "People" defended its actions, calling Chelsea. quote, "a poised young adult" and "a valid journalistic subject." The story made it to the cover of "The New York Post" and to the airwaves.

At times, Chelsea Clinton has stepped into the spotlight herself -- on trips with her mother and working a rope line after the president's confession. But, for the most part, she has kept a very low profile and the press has cooperated.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

KURTZ: Brian, is 18-year-old Chelsea Clinton now officially fair game for the jackals of media?

KELLY: Well, I'm afraid she is. You know, a line has been crossed, partly because she's 18 years old. I was at "The Washington Post" when we made a decision not to write about her, when she was 13 and 14 and a little kid. She is now of the age where I think you have to change the way you think about

things, and she's a part of the story. I mean, when you have Dale Bumpers and people like that evoking her on the floor of the Senate as part of -- in effect, part of the president's defense because of the toll it's taken on his family, I think it becomes fair game for reporters to look at.

KURTZ: But, Ann, even though this was a remarkably upbeat and favorable article, it still did talk about how she felt betrayed by her father because of Monica Lewinsky and the breakup with her boyfriend. And she's a college sophomore. Do we really need to know all this?

MCDANIEL: I think absolutely not. I think it's unnecessary. Chelsea Clinton didn't do any thing to -put herself in the middle of the story. Dale Bumpers may use her, her parents may use her as they put her walking out to the helicopter between them holding hands, but she hasn't done it.

She didn't choose to go into politics. She's made no statements about this. She certainly, according to reporting, you know, she's being very quiet about this. She's not even talking to her friends about it.

I think that it was unnecessary. There's no reason to put Chelsea Clinton out there like that.

KURTZ: John, the -- was the "People" cover, which followed by a few months some similar stories in "The National Enquirer," "The New York Post" and so forth, kind of a backdoor way into the Lewinsky story, dragging in the first daughter?

DICKERSON: Well, that's right. I mean, in the interest of full disclosure, "Time"s published by the same company that publishes "People," but that's right. I mean, everybody's looking for a new angle after a year here.

She has -- what's a little rich about the White House response is they've used Chelsea Clinton in the past. They put her on the cover of "People" in 1992, when the president was running for -- when he was then running for office as the governor.

KURTZ: It's different when you're in the White House bubble, isn't it?

DICKERSON: Well, I mean, one could argue that it's more important to talk about the first child when she turns 18,...

KURTZ: Right.

DICKERSON: ... I mean, that in fact there's more of a reason to do it. But for the White House to say: Well, don't use her in this instance. We'll only use her when we would like to use her. is a little rich, I think. And so for them, also for the White House, it's smart to attack this story which is a relatively favorable piece. The other stories about the boyfriend and things that have shown up in other places, if you attack those, you tend to legitimize them a little bit.

So this was the right one for them to go ballistic on.

KURTZ: I think the White House has actually been fairly restrained in using Chelsea as a public prop. For example, when she graduated from high school, the president was speaking. Everybody wanted to cover it. They didn't allow any cameras or any press coverage at all.

But what's striking, Brian, is the White House in a way put this in play. It was 10:00 on a Wednesday. They beeped all the White House reporters and said we're putting out a statement denouncing this. Then you couldn't not cover it because you had this conflict between the White House and "People" magazine.

KELLY: Right. That is inexplicable to me. If you wanted to keep the story quiet, why, you know, make the truck back up over you again? It was a classic sort of anti-spin kind of decision, and I don't know whether it was genuine heartfelt emotion on the part of the Clintons, where they just were furious and Lockhart felt he had to do something or there was some bizarre calculation there. You never know these days.

KURTZ: Was it appropriate, Ann, for the Clintons themselves, according to one report, to be making calls to "People" executives or "Time" executives to try to kill the story and to have Secret Service officials calling to say: Well, this could complicate our efforts to protect Chelsea Clinton?

MCDANIEL: I think it is appropriate. They're her parents. They were concerned about her. For them to -- if they called and argued that stories about them ought to be killed, I would say that was wrong. To call and say please don't put her on the cover -- and I think that was what the argument was, about putting her face on the cover, not about doing stories inside.

I know we at "Newsweek" have written about her when she's been on trips with her mother. We've heard no complaints from the White House.

KURTZ: She's sort of taking on a semi-public role in that context.

MCDANIEL: Right, but the -- I think if we had been going to put her on the cover, they would have argued against that. The Secret Service says this dramatically increases her risk out there in the real world, and I think they treat that very seriously.

KURTZ: Well, something tells me that we will have to revisit this topic again, probably in the not-too-distant future.

When we come back, campaign 200 heating up. Will the presidential candidates be forced by the press to reveal all?

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MR. RUSSERT: Our issues this Sunday:

(Videotape, February 12, 1999):

CHIEF JUSTICE WILLIAM REHNQUIST: The Senate, sitting as a court of impeachment, stands adjourned sine die.

(End videotape)

MR. RUSSERT: The president is acquitted and speaks to the nation:

(Videotape, February 12, 1999):

PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON: ...how profoundly sorry I am for what I said and did to trigger these events and the great burden they have imposed on the Congress and on the American people.

(End videotape)

MR. RUSSERT: What lessons did the nation learn from the ordeal? Can Congress and the president put it behind them and work together for the next two years? And what effect will all this have on future presidential campaigns

and candidates? We'll ask a man who has taken the first steps toward a run for the White House, Republican Senator John McCain, and the outspoken senior senator from New York, Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

The president's men promise political payback for the House impeachment. Will this man continue his war? With us, Democratic strategist James Carville, and his better half, Republican strategist Mary Matalin.

And in our Meet the Contenders series for election 2000, will the Republican chairman of the House Budget Committee, John Kasich, make a run for the White House? He'll be here with his announcement.

But first, the impeachment trial is over. What did we learn? Where do we go from here? With us, for the Republicans, Senator John McCain; for the Democrats, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, with whom I worked some 17 years ago.

Senator Moynihan, Senator McCain, welcome both.

SEN. McCAIN: Thank you.

MR. RUSSERT: Senator Moynihan, what did we, as a nation, learn these last 13 months?

SEN. MOYNIHAN: What we found out is that the constitutional arrangements for impeachment are still secure. They are not flying off, as they so easily could, into a political removal of the president on grounds that you don't like his budget. We—impeachment is a dangerous measure. I mean, it could lead to instability, because only the Congress is involved. None of the checks and balances that make up our Constitution and provide for our stability is there, and we could go off to, you know, impeaching a president because you don't care for his tax proposals. We didn't do that. We almost did it under the Jeffersonians in 1803, impeached a justice of the Supreme Court. Then, in 1868, we almost did it to Andrew Johnson. Both these things were just because Congress didn't like the president or the judge's opinions. That's not what—that doesn't rise to a high crime and misdemeanor.

MR. RUSSERT: Senator McCain, what did the nation learn?

SEN. McCAIN: I think the process worked, despite the polling data that may indicate that the American people didn't approve of the way that either the Senate or the House handled it. The process worked in 1974, it worked again in 1998 and 1999. In an orderly and bipartisan fashion, this issue was addressed. Now, the final votes were not "bipartisan" because of different views, but the process was well-orchestrated by both Senator Lott and Senator Daschle, who deserve great credit, in my view. I think the untold story, frankly, of this whole process, which will come out, is the participation of our freshman members of the Senate.

SEN. MOYNIHAN: They're great. Their maiden speeches were superb

and they were listened to.

SEN. McCAIN: They gave as good as speeches as I've ever heard on the floor of the Senate, and part of their speeches were praise of the institution, the individuals in it, and the process. So the process worked. I disagree with historian—Mr. Schlesinger that somehow the institution of the presidency is weakened. I think you could argue, because of the process we went through, that the institutions of government have been strengthened.

MR. RUSSERT: Senator Moynihan, was the president exonerated?

SEN. MOYNIHAN: No. We—there were 58 votes for a motion of censure, which begins saying his behavior was shameless, reckless and indefensible.

MR. RUSSERT: Senator Gramm says, however, that Elvis will return before a censure does, that that is over.

SEN. MOYNIHAN: Well, that's over. The whole thing is over and our institutions are intact. And I want to say something that won't be, perhaps, well-received in this company, but, Tim, we do so much better when television isn't watching.

SEN. McCAIN: I think you saw a degree of candor and exchanges. And there's one other point. I don't—look, I'm not some kind of starry-eyed optimist, but I also saw a sort of a coming together of Republicans and Democrats during this process. We spent these countless hours together.

SEN. MOYNIHAN: Listened to each other.

SEN. McCAIN: Yeah. And you know how hard it is for a senator to be quiet for more than five minutes. But the fact is that our—I believe that it laid the basis for us to be able to move forward, which is clearly the message of the American people: "Get on with it." And on Social Security—Pat Moynihan and Senator Kerry have some—I think, very good proposal on Social Security—on health care, on education, and the issues that are important to the American people. I think we will work more closely together in a more bipartisan fashion as a result of this process than if otherwise. Do you agree, Pat?

SEN. MOYNIHAN: I agree, and I'm looking forward to working with you on some tax matters. You have a proposal for a corporate tax commission, don't you?

SEN. McCAIN: Yes, sir, to examine...

SEN. MOYNIHAN: It's about time. Why don't you tell Tim about it? Nobody reports like that.

SEN. McCAIN: This is my campaign manager, I'll tell you.

MR. RUSSERT: Yeah, right.

SEN. MOYNIHAN: It's...

SEN. McCAIN: We really need to look at this issue of corporate welfare. There is enormous amounts of money, tens of billions of dollars, that corporations receive benefits through tax loopholes and through other programs that, frankly, I think are both unnecessary and, in many cases, an absolute disgrace.

MR. RUSSERT: Senator Moynihan, will the Democratic president, looking at his legacy, work with a Republican president, looking to recoup some political capital?

SEN. MOYNIHAN: Republican Congress.

MR. RUSSERT: Republican Congress—be able to come together and agree on Social Security, agree on Medicare, agree on taxes, or has the president become so indebted to more liberal members of the congressional Democratic Party that they will prevent him from reaching consensus and compromise?

SEN. MOYNIHAN: I wouldn't expect a great deal in terms of presidential-congressional working together. But the Congress can do a lot. Let me tell you something, a little secret. Last year, for the first time in a half-century, the national debt declined. It went down \$51.3 billion. We are in a surplus age. We have options we never have had before and the opportunity to deal with Social Security heads up, first of all, and to reduce the debt. John, you know this, not many people do. The debt service is 11 percent of our budget. National defense is only 15 percent. But we never held hearings on the debt service. It's automatic. But we got ourselves in such debt in the '80s that it's frozen government. Now, we're getting out of it.

SEN. McCAIN: Timothy, I think we have every opportunity to work together. I think it's in the president's interest, because of his legacy and the obvious reasons. It's also in Congress' interest, because we want to get off what the American people view has made us very unpopular and move on to their agenda. But let me just caveat that with I just hope that it is not true that the president is mounting some kind of vendetta and has an enemies' list and is going to be out to get people. That's not going to work.

SEN. MOYNIHAN: That will freeze the process immediately, won't it, then?

SEN. McCAIN: Now, I saw the president's statement. I was impressed with it. I was told that he is saying that that's not the case. I hope and pray it's not the case because we just can't work well together if you know that they've mounting some kind of specific vengeance-minded cut program which is different from the normal electoral cycle we go through.

MR. RUSSERT: Let me show our viewers and our two senators exactly what was in The New York Times. "He knows the districts, he knows the candidates. He doesn't like these people"—these are the presidential advisers talking about the president—"said one adviser who discussed the matter with Mr. Clinton. 'He's obviously real hot on the managers. He thinks winning back the House is part of his legacy.' He says, 'It's the unfairness of this whole process—these right-wingers who tried to undo the election.'"

Senator Moynihan, the president is scheduled this Thursday to go to New Hampshire, the seventh anniversary of his winning the primary as the Comeback Kid. What does he say to those people of New Hampshire in this triumphant state, having been acquitted?

SEN. MOYNIHAN: Well, he can say, "I come back," and he should talk about the legislative agenda before us in this last Congress that he will be president. He has opportunities, but he will squander them if there's any note of vengeance. John is absolutely right, just the first—and we'll pick it up. I mean, you know, it won't stay secret, and if it comes out, forget about a legacy.

MR. RUSSERT: Senator McCain, Ken Starr—should he consider indicting the president or should he just wrap it up and close it down once and for all?

SEN. McCAIN: Obviously, I don't know what evidence he has, but there is an overwhelming desire on the part of the American people and the Congress to move out of this situation that we've been in. I can't pretend to tell Mr. Starr what his legal options are, but from a pure political standpoint, it's time to move on. And I think that my colleagues on both sides of the aisle share that view. I didn't—my vote wasn't with the majority, but I'm pleased and proud of the vote I took, but now I'd like to move on. There are too many issues.

MR. RUSSERT: Senator Moynihan, move on and have no indictment of the president?

SEN. MOYNIHAN: Move on. I mean, I've had enough of everything, particularly Kenneth Starr. I mean—and let's hope we do not—one thing we can do in this Congress is not extend the life of the independent counsel statute. It was a post-Watergate liberal notion and it was a disaster.

MR. RUSSERT: The president announced yesterday that he is prepared to send 4,000 American troops to Kosovo, if, in fact, a truce can be reached there. In 1996, the president announced he was sending some 8,000 troops, that they'd be home in a year. It's now two years later. Senator McCain, will you support the president sending still more troops to that region?

SEN. McCAIN: With great reluctance, especially given the fact that we were not told the truth before about the length of the deployment in Bosnia.

Larry King Live, 2/10/99: Excerpts:

KING: Welcome back. We're discussing this week's make-or-break votes in the impeachment trial. With us here in Washington, Republican Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah; Democrat Barbara Boxer of California; Democrat Patty Murray of Washington; William Bennett of the conservative group Empower America; and Bill Plante, senior White House correspondent for CBS News. We'll be going to your calls momentarily. There's another story that broke today -- CNN broke it -- 50/50 that Hillary runs for the Senate in New York. She is a relative of yours, would you welcome that?

BOXER: I would love to see her run because I would like to see us keep that seat, a Democratic seat. It's Patrick Moynihan's seat.

KING: Wouldn't it be strange Secret Service men in the Senate with her, because she gets protection for life?

BOXER: I haven't gotten that far. First she has to decide to run. But I think she'd make a great candidate.

KING: Senator, would you welcome Senator Clinton? They won't go away -- that's the purpose is to drive Bill Bennett crazy.

(LAUGHTER)

BENNETT: Lots of Bennetts around.

HATCH: Frankly I would love to see her run.

KING: You would?

HATCH: Sure. I think it would be good for Senate. It would be good for the Senate races. I think if Giuliani ran it would be a heck of a race. And I have to say there are a few others, Republicans who could put up very good races. But I think it would be a lot of fun to see that. And you know...

KING: He's an honest guy -- Hatch -- Senator Murray.

BOXER: He wants more women in the Senate.

MURRAY: He does.

HATCH: Let me tell you, they all abuse me.

(LAUGHTER)

MURRAY: I think it would be great. It's her decision. It's obviously New York's decision. But she's a tremendous champion for children and families and health care, and I think she would add a great voice to the Senate.

KING: Bill.

BENNETT: It's a free country; everybody can run. Let's see her defend her views in public -- in public debate.

KING: You're not attacking her when...

BENNETT: Larry, you know, it's a big country. I can live with the Clintons here. I'm not the one defending them. I don't have the problem.

KING: What's the word that you hear at the White House?

PLANTE: I think there is some interest in this. At first we didn't think so. But I think now that she is intrigued by this possibility. It would be interesting to see how Mrs. Clinton would stand up to the rough and tumble of a campaign. She does not enjoy that aspect of what her husband has done and what she has helped him do.

Inside Politics

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EXCERPTS:

It has become something of a new political parlor game, especially in New York; the speculation whether Hillary Rodham Clinton will seek to join the group now trying the impeachment charges against her president, her husband.

CNN's Wolf Blitzer has an update on the prospect of a Senator Clinton.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

WOLF BLITZER, CNN SENIOR WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENT: CNN has learned that first lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton, is now giving very serious consideration to running for the New York Senate seat in 2000. Several sources close to Mrs. Clinton say she's made no final decision, and won't until after the Senate impeachment trial.

But the sources say she's been increasingly discussing it with friends, and is now described as "flattered and intrigued" by the possibility of succeeding senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, who's retiring. One source now assessed the chances of her running as 50- 50. Her press secretary, Marsha Berry, tells CNN: "She's made no decision. She hasn't ruled anything in. And she hasn't ruled anything out."

JUDITH HOPE, NEW YORK DEMOCRATIC CHAIRWOMAN: I spoke to her last week. Just very briefly in passing, in a social situation with a lot of her friends and supporters, a lot of people encouraging her to make this race. And by her responses, and the way she carried herself and what she had to say that evening, I was led to believe that she has no ruled this out.

BLITZER: Sources confirmed New Jersey senator, Robert Torricelli, the head of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, has been strongly urging Mrs. Clinton to run. "He's pummelling her," says one source. Mrs. Clinton has been assured she would have no trouble raising the millions of dollars necessary to compete.

CLINTON: It looks to me like that it is highly likely that I will increasingly be known as the "person who comes with Hillary to New York."

BLITZER: The president has already made some thinly veiled comments about the idea, as has the vice president.

ALBERT GORE, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES: You know, there is no doubt, Buffalo loves Hillary Rodham Clinton.

BLITZER: A Quinnipiac College poll last week gave Mrs. Clinton a 51 to 42 lead over New York mayor Rudolph Giuliani, an early Republican favorite.

STUART ROTHENBERG, CNN POLITICAL ANALYST: I'm sure it

would be a very tough and bitter campaign. Rudy Giuliani is an extremely tough campaigner -- take no prisoners. He's always been that way.

BLITZER: That's one reason why Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo decided against running, and it may eventually convince the first lady to abandon the idea. Says one source, "Her husband will still be president, making a campaign in 2000 very strange, and the New York media will not listen when she tries to say Chelsea should not be an issue."

(END VIDEOTAPE)

Mrs. Clinton has 30 to 60 days to make up her mind -- concerned that the longer she holds out the possibility the more difficult it will be for other Democrats to jump into the race and start raising money. Says one friend, "She doesn't want to hold other people down."

Bernie.

SHAW: Wolf, a question about if she does decide to run, given state residency requirements, would she have to move to New York state?

BLITZER: Well, New York state basically has no residency rules at all. She could move into apartment in New York state on election day, even move in with a friend, and that would suffice to meet the New York state residency requirements.

SHAW: Wolf Blitzer at the White House -- Judy.

WOODRUFF: Let's talk about Mrs. Clinton's political prospects with someone who knows the ins and outs of New York politics: the former Democratic mayor of New York city, Ed Koch.

Mr. Koch, thank you for being with us. Would it be a smart thing for Hillary Clinton to run?

ED KOCH, FORMER MAYOR, NEW YORK CITY: Well, I would encourage her. We don't happen to have at the moment any outstanding candidate. And I think that if she entered the race she would be the leading candidate in both parties.

WOODRUFF: Why do you say that? What would make her a strong candidate?

KOCH: She's phenomenally popular. You know that she was primarily responsible for senator Chuck Schumer's election here in New York. People flock to hear her, and they carried out her request of them, and I think they would support her if she were to run.

WOODRUFF: What about her weaknesses? What would be a problem for Hillary Clinton?

KOCH: Well, the campaign would be run on the basis of, Do you want someone who has taken liberal positions on a number of issues? And there will be a built-in opposition. But, just as the polls already show that she would beat the leading Republican candidate, Rudy Giuliani, I believe ultimately, even those who might disagree with her on some issues would come out and support her. I hope she runs.

WOODRUFF: Do you think she could beat Rudy Giuliani?

KOCH: Absolutely -- the poll shows a big margin of victory. I think it was, sort of, 51 to 42 in her favor. WOODRUFF: Do you think that she would get special treatment in New York by the press and anybody else because of who she is?

KOCH: No, I believe the race would attract an enormous amount of public attention, but I don't believe that she would be on the receiving end of unfair media attacks, or supportive media articles. She has a terrific record, she knows the issues, and -- widely popular, I think she should run.

WOODRUFF: She, as Wolf Blitzer pointed out in that report, Mayor Koch, the first lady, among other things, she really considers their daughter Chelsea Clinton to be off limits. Do you think the press in New York would respect that?

KOCH: Well, frankly, I think she and the president are too sensitive there. The recent article on her is a puff piece. This is a young woman who has been in the center of attention by virtue of being the president's daughter. I don't think the media has been unfair to her, and I don't think that saying, "Oh, you can't say anything nice about her," makes any sense. And that's all they're doing.

WOODRUFF: Would it be strange to have the president -- the wife of the president running for a Senate seat?

KOCH: Of course. Just as it was strange to have the brother of the president, Bobby Kennedy, running for a Senate seat. I have the honor and privilege of being one of only three Democratic reform leaders who supported Bobby Kennedy when in the reform movement opposed him, and now, of course, he is perceived as one of the greatest senators that we ever had.

WOODRUFF: You don't think it would bother New Yorkers from somebody from outside New York seeking to represent them in the Senate?

KOCH: Less than 50 percent of the people in New York City were born here. I'm one of the less than 50 percent, I was born in the Bronx. If you are someone who lived in New York for six-months and find at the end of that period you walk faster, talk faster, think faster, you're a New Yorker.

WOODRUFF: Do you think there's any chance she could lose the race?

KOCH: Of course. There is no certainty in politics. When I ran for governor against Mario Cuomo, when we announced I was 40 points ahead and when the election was held, I lost to him. It was the best thing that ever happened to me, because I would have been a fish out of water in Albany. But nevertheless, everybody thought I would win and I did not. It is the most uncertain, with respect to outcome, of all professions.

WOODRUFF: Well, former New York City mayor, Ed Koch, it's always a treat. Thank you very much.

KOCH: Thank you.

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Transcript from Fox News
last night...

Americans out there who feel as though what they think, what they do, how they vote doesn't matter, that it doesn't matter what actions they take. We have to disavow them of that.

And if we can do it, then I think we renew our spirit. And I think spirit is as important or more at times than the pocketbook.

I mean, the pocketbook's connected to the spirit. But in this case, the pocketbook's in good shape, but the spirit is something that is wanting right now in our country.

HUME: I hope you'll come back and talk about these issues with me again, and soon.

KASICH: I enjoyed this, thank you.

HUME: John Kasich, thank you.

We got to take a break to do the news. Stay tuned, lots more to come.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

Interview with Fortune Magazine's Jeff Birnbaum

HUME: The recent rumors that Hillary Rodham Clinton might run for the U.S. Senate seat from New York being given up by Daniel Patrick Moynihan caused a bit of a stir in the Empire State. Other Democrats who are considering a run started pulling back. But not much has happened during the impeachment trial, until maybe now. FOX NEWS's Rita Cosby reports.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

RITA COSBY, FOX NEWS CORRESPONDENT (VOICE-OVER): First Lady Hillary Clinton appears to be edging closer to jumping into the New York Senate race. According to Democratic sources, the campaign fund-raising and organization infrastructure are being put in place should she decide to run.

Sources say that Mrs. Clinton has left her official schedule lightly booked after May, and that Harold Ickes, a former deputy chief of staff for the president, is heavily encouraging her to run and taking the lead in making calls to New York donors on her behalf.

These details were first noted by FOX NEWS contributor Jeff Birnbaum.

JEFF BIRNBAUM, FORTUNE MAGAZINE: ... Harold Ickes, being an important long-time lawyer in the state of New York, has been making the inquiries, checking how much money needs to be raised for her if she decides to run.

COSBY: Pressure is mounting for the First Lady to run, since many Democratic consultants believe she can win a seat that Democrats feel they must hold onto. Sources say so far she has told even her closest friends she's not sure if she'll make the leap to campaigning, but they say her attitude has gone from indifference to seriously considering the prospect.

Recent polls show that Mrs. Clinton would be a formidable candidate. In one poll, she easily beats current New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who's likely to be the Republican contender. In another poll, Mrs. Clinton is shown trailing him by less than 10 points.

Democratic political strategists say although Mrs. Clinton has no direct ties to New York, she has strong appeal.

PETER FENN, DEMOCRATIC CONSULTANT: New Yorkers look to their senators to be national figures, international figures even. And I think that they'd be, as I say, pleased as punch to have the First Lady as their senator.

COSBY (ON-CAMERA): Sources close to the First Lady say she plans to make up her mind in the next few weeks, and that she has not wanted to discuss the issue while her husband is on trial in the Senate.

In Washington, Rita Cosby, FOX NEWS.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

HUME: We're going to take a quick break here, but we'll be right back with more on all this. Stay tuned.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

HUME: The Justice Department has approved a civil settlement that would clear the way for veteran diplomat Richard Holbrooke's nomination to be the United States ambassador to the UN. Holbrooke agreed to pay \$5,000 civil settlement of allegations that he violated federal lobbying laws.

Holbrooke's nomination had been on hold since FBI investigators raised questions about whether he contacted a government colleague sooner than federal law allowed after he left the government in February 1996 to work for a banking firm. Holbrooke has denied any wrongdoing.

Now, I'm pleased to be joined now by Jeff Birnbaum, the Washington bureau chief of "Fortune" magazine, who first gave us a lead today on the Hillary Rodham Clinton story.

Jeff, obviously Mrs. Clinton is an object of tremendous fascination, both by people who admire her, who seemed to be in considerable number, judging by current polls, and people who feel otherwise about her. What more can you tell us about this prospect that she will take the unorthodox step of running for the Senate from the White House, or perhaps not from the White House?

BIRNBAUM: Well, I just got off the phone with Charlie Rangel, congressman from New York, a senior congressman from New York, very prominent political figure in the Democratic Party there, who tells me that the Democrats in the state will make Mrs. Clinton an offer she can't refuse to run for the U.S. Senate from their state.

He says that meetings are going on and have been going on at the highest level of the Democratic Party, of labor, of business, all sorts of notables in the Democratic Party, trying to make sure that everything is in place for Mrs. Clinton to run should she decide to run.

And I've made other calls all day today, and I've discovered there's been a surprising switch in her view. Whereas she had been flattered before by the attention that the Democrats in New York were paying to her, she has in perhaps just the last week or so become quite serious about looking at this. And right after the impeachment trial was done...

HUME: In the early going, when we all thought there was something to it, there probably wasn't much to it.

BIRNBAUM: Right. Now it's quite different. And as some of her close friends, as I said earlier today, actually believe -- feel quite certain, in fact, that she'll run. I don't know whether we should -- we're in any position to declare that she will run, but clearly she is very, very seriously looking at this.

And people who are close to her, her friends in New York, are making all sorts of calls to make sure that if she decides to run, and she may now, that everything will be in place to make it easy for her to do so.

HUME: Now, all of this, obviously, has -- has to have a tremendous dampening effect on anybody else attempting to run, given this sort of star status that she enjoys within the Democratic Party, and especially within the Democratic Party in a state like New York, which is more liberal than Democrats are in other parts of the country.

I suppose that if she doesn't run, that this could end up leaving kind of a bad taste.

BIRNBAUM: I think so. She has certainly frozen out the field for the last several weeks, that Senator Moynihan out -- he declared that he was going to retire, would not run again, hoping to clear the way so someone could take an early position and try to replace him, make sure a Democrat retains that seat.

Some of the people, in fact, who were considering or are considering running if Mrs. Clinton doesn't run, like Nita Lowey, a congresswoman from the state, have put those ambitions on hold waiting for Mrs. Clinton. So if she does not run, from my reporting, anyway, the top Democrats in the state fear that almost nobody is in the state from the Democratic Party who can retain that seat for the Democrats.

HUME: Yes, and if you take her out of the picture, it would seem that Rudy Giuliani, who has been tremendously politically successful as the mayor in New York, becomes -- he's a larger figure than any of the other members of the field that you can think of, with the possible exception of Mrs. Clinton.

Now, the question arises, if she -- what about all the tricky fact that she does not live in New York and never has? That would seem to be an -- a bit of awkwardness there. What's -- what are the -- what's to be done about that?

BIRNBAUM: Well, advocates of Mrs. Clinton believe that she can handle that easily, I think, by setting up a kind of quasi-residence there, perhaps even a hotel room.

HUME: Is there a legal residency requirement that she would have to meet, that you'd...

BIRNBAUM: I -- I...

HUME: ... that's a time requirement?

BIRNBAUM: I -- you know, I -- I've gotten two different answers on that, and so I don't want to answer definitively. I believe that she at least needs a place to hang her hat in New York, but...

HUME: Post office box won't do it.

BIRNBAUM: I don't think so. But a hotel room certainly would be -- maybe a room in a friend's apartment or two rooms might suffice. But she does not have to move out of the White House, let's say.

But she does have to spend a good deal of time in the state, a state in which she really is very popular and really has, I think, a chance to retain that seat, which is considered a national seat by New Yorkers -- at least, not so much a seat that's just a place for a New Yorker to spend his or her time, but a place where a national statesman or stateswoman, in this case, would spend a lot of time.

HUME: Now, what -- now, there -- (INAUDIBLE) -- the upside is clear, she'd be -- she'd have a strong base of support in the liberal wing of the Democratic Party, which is definitely in control in that state.

BIRNBAUM: Yes.

HUME: What about the downside there for her?

BIRNBAUM: Well, New York is a very rough state politically, and she would certainly be face -- well, I don't know whether I would say she would face more press hazard in New York than she's faced in Washington, which has been considerable...

HUME: But at least as much.

BIRNBAUM: ... but at least it will be focused on her this time, and that's a rough place to run for anybody. Also, she'll need to raise...

HUME: (INAUDIBLE)...

BIRNBAUM: ... a tremendous amount of money...

HUME: There's also this question, finally, I suppose, that could be asked about her, and that is, she has become an enormously visible symbol, and she's very, very popular with a great many people, and even beloved to some extent. But there is this question about her, as what concrete achievements does she have in public life? What?

BIRNBAUM: Well, in New York, odd to say, her health care proposal, while it didn't fly here, was at least quite an achievement getting it done, I think, and there might be enough people who like the idea in that state to consider that achievement. She has been...

HUME: On the other hand...

BIRNBAUM: ... a -- she's been a champion of...

HUME: ... she writes...

BIRNBAUM: ... children, she's been a champion of education. She has traveled the world, we have to remember, as well, been a symbol for women as well. I think it will not be easy for her to run, but if there are any states that she could run -- Arkansas would be a good one, but certainly New York would be another one that would look on her kindly.

HUME: Well, it would certainly give us a race that we'd all be interested in covering, from the beginning of it until the end of it. So Jeffrey Birnbaum, thanks very much.

We've got to take a break, but our panel of journalists will be here to further reflect in a moment.
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***24 NEW YORK SENATE: HAROLD ICKES BEHIND HILLARY CAMPAIGN?**

FNC's Hume: "The recent rumors that Hillary Rodham Clinton might run for the US Senate seat from New York ... caused a bit of a stir in the Empire state. Other Democrats who were considering a run started pulling back, but not much has happened during the impeachment trial, until maybe now" ("Special Report," FNC, 2/9).

FNC's Cosby: "First Lady Hillary Clinton appears to be edging closer to jumping into the New York Senate race. According to Democratic sources, the campaign fundraising and organization infrastructure are being put in place should she decide to run. Sources say that Mrs. Clinton has left her official schedule lightly booked after May, and that Harold Ickes ... is heavily encouraging her to run, and taking the lead in making calls to New York donors on her behalf. Pressure is mounting for the first lady to run, since many Democratic consultants believe she can win a seat that Democrats feel they must hold onto. Sources say so far she has told even her closest friends she's not sure if she'll make the leap to campaigning, but sources say her attitude has gone from indifference to seriously considering the prospect ... Sources close to the first lady say she plans to make up her mind in the next few weeks and that she has not wanted to discuss the issue while her husband is on trial in the Senate" ("Special Report," FNC, 2/9).

Fortune's Jeff Birnbaum: "Harold Ickes, being an important, longtime lawyer in the state of New York, has been making the inquiries, checking how much money needs to be raised for her, if she decides to run." More Birnbaum: "I just got off the phone with [Rep.] Charlie Rangel [D-15] ... who tells me that the Democrats in the state will make Mrs. Clinton an offer she can't refuse to run. ... He says that meetings are going on and have been going on at the highest level of the Democratic party, of labor, of business, all sorts of notables in the Democratic party, trying to make sure that everything is in place for Mrs. Clinton to run should she decide to run ... and I've discovered that there's been a surprising switch in her view, whereas she had been flattered before by the attention that the Democrats in New York were paying to her, she has perhaps in the last week or so become quite serious about looking at this right after the impeachment trial is done ... Some of her close friends feel

quite certain, in fact, that she'll run."

More Birnbaum: "Some of the people in fact who are considering running, if Mrs. Clinton doesn't run ... like Nita Lowey [D-18] ... have put those ambitions on hold waiting for Mrs. Clinton, so if she does not run ... the top Democrats in the state fear that almost nobody is in the state from the Democratic party who can retain that seat for the Democrats." More Birnbaum, on NY residency requirements: "She does not have to move out of the White House, but she does have to spend a good deal of time in the state" ("Special Report," FNC, 2/9).

NPR's Mara Liasson: "There's no one that I have talked to in the White House who thinks that she will do it, maybe that's changing ... Don't forget she owes \$10 million to the lawyers, on top of the \$20 million she would probably have to raise to run a Senate race ... She does have a very full plate of activities as first lady. What does she do, just put those aside as she runs for awhile while she runs for Senate, it's hard to imagine. And ... does she really want to be back in Washington after she leaves so Trent Lott can tell her when to take a vacation?" More Liasson: "For the last year Mrs. Clinton has traveled really among her supporters only. I mean I have seen her get receptions that I don't think Joan of Arc would get ... If you are a Senate candidate you are just one of the guys, you're another pinata that the press can take aim at" ("Special Report," FNC, 2/9).

Time's Jay Carney: "As exciting as it may seem now, what if she were to lose in the year 2000? What a way to end the Clinton presidency, with a devastating political defeat. I don't think she'll run and I think the fear of losing is why" ("Hardball," CNBC, 2/9).

CNBC's Matthews: "She will never be president -- and I think she'd like to be -- unless she gets elected to something. She will never be her own person unless the voters choose her and not her as a spouse. And I think that is the greatest argument for her taking this chance, if she's got the guts to do it" ("Hardball," CNBC, 2/9).

New Yorker Magazine's Michael Tomasky: "She might not want to be a Senator. Washington hasn't been very good to her. I doubt that she has enjoyed her eight years there in certain ways very much" ("Hardball," CNBC, 2/9).

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ON POLITICS

Cuomo touts Mrs. Clinton as Gore running mate

By Scot Lehigh and Frank Phillips, Globe Staff, 02/22/99

Mario Cuomo thinks he has a better idea.

The New York Democratic establishment may be all aflutter at the prospect that Hillary Rodham Clinton could run for the US Senate from the state, but Cuomo isn't so sure that's the best course.

Always an iconoclastic voice, Cuomo has another notion for Mrs. Clinton: She should be the second half of a Gore-Clinton ticket in 2000.

"Hillary would also make a great candidate for vice president," Cuomo declared in an interview last week in anticipation of his appearance this evening at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

His promotion of a Gore-Clinton ticket also comes at a sensitive time. Massachusetts, after all, has one of its own - Senator John F. Kerry - mulling a run. But on the eve of his visit to Kerry's hometown, Cuomo was skeptical of the senator's chances.

And Kerry wasn't the only Massachusetts Democrat to get a tickle from Cuomo. "What's the mayor's name up there?" he joked, when told of Thomas M. Menino's ire at Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo - the former governor's son - over HUD's charges of racism in the city's public housing.

But as for Mrs. Clinton, Cuomo sees it this way: Former Cabinet secretary Elizabeth Dole will likely wind up as the vice presidential nominee on the Republican ticket with Texas Governor George W. Bush or perhaps New York Governor George Pataki.

"If you have a Bush-Dole ticket, or a Pataki-Dole ticket, why not Hillary for vice president?" Cuomo asked.

That would put Mrs. Clinton in an ideal position to help capitalize on what

Cuomo tonight will argue is a historic opportunity. His Kennedy School address promises to be classic Cuomo oratory, in which he will tell the crowd that he thinks the 2000 election could be a watershed one for liberals.

In a phone interview last week, Cuomo, who was forced into private life by New York voters in 1994, made it clear he will be unbowed and at his best.

Certainly a Cuomo address is always an occasion. Like John Elway dropping back in the pocket and turning a football game around with one dazzling throw, Cuomo in his prime could step behind a podium, deliver The Big Speech, and help change the way the nation thought.

His 1984 Notre Dame address justifying a Catholic's support for abortion rights, or his masterful framing of the 1992 election at that year's Democratic convention, are contemporary classics.

Now, out of office, his fame fading, with no force but the power of his ideas and the words he can marshal in their behalf, Cuomo hopes to do it again, making the case for an expanded, activist government to address the country's fundamental problems.

Cuomo said he loathes labels, but the man formerly known as governor thinks the group usually known as liberals is finally positioned to push an ambitious agenda. For two decades, any proposal for new spending had to be weighed against an increase in the budget deficit or the pain of new taxes to finance it, Cuomo said. No more.

"There has never been a moment like this," Cuomo proclaimed. "For the first time in public life, you have both sides agreeing that there is a \$4.4 trillion surplus available over the next 15 years. The question of how you spend that money raises a whole range of possibilities."

Long a defender of big government, Cuomo will propose his own priorities. Health care tops his list.

"The big one is 43 million people who are working, mostly, but who are not poor enough for Medicaid and not old enough for Medicare," said Cuomo.

Others include worker retraining and education. "Accountability, choice, standards are all good," Cuomo said. "But then you have to deal with smaller class size, a longer school year, more computers, deteriorating buildings, and transportation. That all costs money."

No one listening to that agenda can avoid the next question: But what about Bill Clinton's promise that the era of big government is over?

That could be a tough one for a man with a son in the Clinton cabinet. But the elder Cuomo doesn't shrink from it.

"That is simply one of the worst things I have ever heard from a Democratic president," said Cuomo. "It simply wasn't true and he didn't mean it. He said that after health care went down the tubes and he was getting pounded." What the president really meant, the old liberal lion said, is that he was willing to countenance an attack on welfare recipients.

According to Cuomo, Clinton's legacy has been less in concrete accomplishments than in his ability to restore the Democrats' image and put them in position to move forward.

"President Clinton deserves credit for removing a series of albatrosses from around the neck of the Democratic Party: Soft on crime? He had the assault weapons ban," Cuomo said. "Big taxers and spenders? We got rid of the deficit."

And that, he said, should set the stage for a Gore-Clinton administration to dare great things.

"Now that we have a surplus, Al Gore should be the consummation of the Clinton-Gore years," Cuomo said. Asked if the cautious, centrist Gore is really the man to push an activist Democratic agenda, Cuomo is blunt.

"I think it is going to be very difficult to say I am just going to do what Clinton did for eight years," he retorted. "I don't think that is enough, particularly now that they have \$4.4 trillion."

Told that he sounded like Kerry in calling for a more energetic agenda than the one Clinton has pursued, Cuomo takes issue.

"You would have to say Kerry talks like me," he said, noting that he was blowing that particular trumpet long before Kerry.

As for Kerry's prospects as a presidential contender, Cuomo, who flirted twice with running, is dubious. "I don't know why he thinks he is going to have room to run against Al Gore," he said.

Asked if that means he's backing Gore, Cuomo chuckled.

"I am endorsing whoever Andrew is for," he said. "My life has gotten easy. It was hard when I had to make my own decisions."

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ABC's This Week 2/7/99

Excerpt:

COKIE ROBERTS: One of the things they think of him is that he's a good father and there is some discussion about the first daughter, which we'll take up when we come back in a moment.

(Commercial Break)

COKIE ROBERTS: Well, ``People" magazine has this article about Chelsea Clinton, ``Grace Under Fire," it says, with a lovely picture of her and her mother on the cover. And lots of other pretty pictures inside. And yet the White House is up in arms about this article. Why?

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: I guess I understand it. They're afraid it is going to open up the floodgates and Chelsea will be fair game in the press, which she hasn't been over many years...

COKIE ROBERTS: And this, by the way is a very favorable article.

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: Well this is the thing though, if you read -- it's as nice an article as you could possibly ever have. I mean, two weeks ago or three weeks ago they had something to complain about when Rupert Murdoch's ``New York Post" splashed her across the headlines, but this was an awful nice article and I guess I think it is not much to complain about.

SAM DONALDSON: Well maybe presidents want their families shielded and that's understandable. But if you go back just in my time in Washington, the Kennedy children, they were very young, but Lyndon Johnson's two girls were not and Amy Carter, you know, and the Ford children and all of that. So, it's not as if suddenly a vicious press corps in the form of ``People" magazine took after the President's daughter. My theory is that the problem -- and I've read this article, very favorable to Chelsea, she comes across as a mature young woman with her feet on the ground...

COKIE ROBERTS: Down to earth.

SAM DONALDSON: Exactly. And a woman you would like to get to know. And Mrs. Clinton -- their relationship is terrific. The problem is, it points up once again her father's misdeeds for the past year and how it has impacted on the family.

(Crosstalk)

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: I don't think that's why they complained.

SAM DONALDSON: You don't think so?

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: No.

COKIE ROBERTS: So, is Chelsea Clinton fair game, almost 19 years old, the President and First Lady bring her out in public when they want to.

BILL KRISTOL: I think the Clintons, or the President at least is being a little disingenuous when he complains probably. But I think he is also right. You know sometimes disingenuous arguments are correct arguments nonetheless. And I guess I would say, leave the kid alone, but of course that's why I'm at a magazine that has circulation of less than 100,000 people and ``People" has more than three million. I guess Americans are interested in her.

SAM DONALDSON: What about leave the kid alone? You mean not go out to try to get an interview and things like that or do you mean never write about her? All they did is write about her.

BILL KRISTOL: Well, why write about her? She's not newsworthy in her own right.

SAM DONALDSON: She's not?

COKIE ROBERTS: She's probably selling magazines.

BILL KRISTOL: She hasn't done anything. I mean if you're 19 years old and you're, you know, marketing yourself in some way, you're a pop star...

COKIE ROBERTS: But what about the day when the President -- the day after the President's grand jury testimony, she walks out holding the hands of both parents, sort of physically holding them together...

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: But Cokie, don't you think she wanted to do that? There are human elements there. I mean I think that Clinton's -- there is always a little bit of duplicity...

SAM DONALDSON: George, what do you think?

GEORGE WILL: I think it would be nice if we could get through this whole thing without lapsing into rights talk -- about the public's right to know, which is how we tart up voyeurism. The fact is,

there is no need to know about Chelsea and I think the press actually has been remarkably good about this. We don't have lot of stuff coming out of Stanford University, where she is, after all, at school with Kenneth Starr's daughter. There's all kinds of melodrama possible there, but it -- when you read this, the mystery of human personality, how someone as graceful and brave and strong can emerge from a household that gothic is stunning.

COKIE ROBERTS: Well her parents cared, clearly and she cares about them and that's part of what comes through here. So it is a very favorable piece.

SAM DONALDSON: It is very interesting, and the mystery that you say -- you read this, right?

BILL KRISTOL?: It is interesting.

SAM DONALDSON: What is wrong with reading about it?

COKIE ROBERTS: Well, there you are and a lot of people probably will. Sam and I will be back with the top story -- the Death of Jordan's King Hussein in just a moment.

(Commercial Break)

SAM DONALDSON: Reviewing our top story -- the death of King Hussein of Jordan was announced today in Amman. The king succumbed to his cancer at the age of 63. His son, Abdullah, is now king. He's been sworn in. He will carry on in his father's footsteps in Jordan. The funeral of the king will be held tomorrow, 8:00 Eastern time in the United States. President Clinton is going, and you will see reports of that funeral and the President there on Good Morning America.

COKIE ROBERTS: That's all for us this Sunday. Until next week, that's This Week.

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Reliable Sources

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Senate Goes to the Videotapes; Media Moves From
Monica to First Daughter; Getting Personal in Campaign
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EXCERPT:

KURTZ: Welcome back to RELIABLE SOURCES.

Monica Lewinsky isn't the only one getting press attention these days.
Another familiar face on a magazine cover has exacerbated a media dilemma.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

KURTZ: Chelsea Clinton has grown up in the White House mostly in private, with the Washington press corps keeping its distance, but the president's impeachment ordeal may be changing that. This week, she turned up alongside her mother on the cover of "People," a generally complimentary story, the magazine calls "an intimate look at the deep bond of love that sustains the Clinton women through their painful family ordeal."

But the Clintons were not happy, trying to kill the story beforehand and saying afterward they were, quote, "profoundly saddened by the magazine's decision." Mr. Clinton's spokesman urged the media to continue to exercise restraint when it comes to the first daughter.

JOE LOCKHART, WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY: The president and the first lady want to thank everyone in this room for respecting that privacy, and it's their hope -- my hope -- that as we move forward, her privacy will be -- continue to receive the same respect.

KURTZ: "People" defended its actions, calling Chelsea, quote, "a poised young adult" and "a valid journalistic subject." The story made it to the cover of "The New York Post" and to the airwaves.

At times, Chelsea Clinton has stepped into the spotlight herself -- on trips with her mother and working a rope line after the president's confession. But, for the most part, she has kept a very low profile and the press has cooperated.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

KURTZ: Brian, is 18-year-old Chelsea Clinton now officially fair game for the jackals of media?

KELLY: Well, I'm afraid she is. You know, a line has been crossed, partly because she's 18 years old. I was at "The Washington Post" when we made a decision not to write about her, when she was 13 and 14 and a little kid. She is now of the age where I think you have to change the way you think about

things, and she's a part of the story. I mean, when you have Dale Bumpers and people like that evoking her on the floor of the Senate as part of -- in effect, part of the president's defense because of the toll it's taken on his family, I think it becomes fair game for reporters to look at.

KURTZ: But, Ann, even though this was a remarkably upbeat and favorable article, it still did talk about how she felt betrayed by her father because of Monica Lewinsky and the breakup with her boyfriend. And she's a college sophomore. Do we really need to know all this?

MCDANIEL: I think absolutely not. I think it's unnecessary. Chelsea Clinton didn't do any thing to -put herself in the middle of the story. Dale Bumpers may use her, her parents may use her as they put her walking out to the helicopter between them holding hands, but she hasn't done it.

She didn't choose to go into politics. She's made no statements about this. She certainly, according to reporting, you know, she's being very quiet about this. She's not even talking to her friends about it.

I think that it was unnecessary. There's no reason to put Chelsea Clinton out there like that.

KURTZ: John, the -- was the "People" cover, which followed by a few months some similar stories in "The National Enquirer," "The New York Post" and so forth, kind of a backdoor way into the Lewinsky story, dragging in the first daughter?

DICKERSON: Well, that's right. I mean, in the interest of full disclosure, "Time" is published by the same company that publishes "People," but that's right. I mean, everybody's looking for a new angle after a year here.

She has -- what's a little rich about the White House response is they've used Chelsea Clinton in the past. They put her on the cover of "People" in 1992, when the president was running for -- when he was then running for office as the governor.

KURTZ: It's different when you're in the White House bubble, isn't it?

DICKERSON: Well, I mean, one could argue that it's more important to talk about the first child when she turns 18,...

KURTZ: Right.

DICKERSON: ... I mean, that in fact there's more of a reason to do it. But for the White House to say: Well, don't use her in this instance. We'll only use her when we would like to use her, is a little rich, I think. And so for them, also for the White House, it's smart to attack this story which is a relatively favorable piece. The other stories about the boyfriend and things that have shown up in other places, if you attack those, you tend to legitimize them a little bit.

So this was the right one for them to go ballistic on.

KURTZ: I think the White House has actually been fairly restrained in using Chelsea as a public prop. For example, when she graduated from high school, the president was speaking. Everybody wanted to cover it. They didn't allow any cameras or any press coverage at all.

But what's striking, Brian, is the White House in a way put this in play. It was 10:00 on a Wednesday. They beeped all the White House reporters and said we're putting out a statement denouncing this. Then you couldn't not cover it because you had this conflict between the White House and "People" magazine.

KELLY: Right. That is inexplicable to me. If you wanted to keep the story quiet, why, you know, make the truck back up over you again? It was a classic sort of anti-spin kind of decision, and I don't know whether it was genuine heartfelt emotion on the part of the Clintons, where they just were furious and Lockhart felt he had to do something or there was some bizarre calculation there. You never know these days.

KURTZ: Was it appropriate, Ann, for the Clintons themselves, according to one report, to be making calls to "People" executives or "Time" executives to try to kill the story and to have Secret Service officials calling to say: Well, this could complicate our efforts to protect Chelsea Clinton?

MCDANIEL: I think it is appropriate. They're her parents. They were concerned about her. For them to -- if they called and argued that stories about them ought to be killed, I would say that was wrong. To call and say please don't put her on the cover -- and I think that was what the argument was, about putting her face on the cover, not about doing stories inside.

I know we at "Newsweek" have written about her when she's been on trips with her mother. We've heard no complaints from the White House.

KURTZ: She's sort of taking on a semi-public role in that context.

MCDANIEL: Right, but the -- I think if we had been going to put her on the cover, they would have argued against that. The Secret Service says this dramatically increases her risk out there in the real world, and I think they treat that very seriously.

KURTZ: Well, something tells me that we will have to revisit this topic again, probably in the not-too-distant future.

When we come back, campaign 200 heating up. Will the presidential candidates be forced by the press to reveal all?

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Exile on tap for Jordan's ex-crown prince

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BY IRV KUPCINET SUN-TIMES COLUMNIST

A reporter's report

Middle East sources report that Jordan's former Crown Prince **Hassan** intends to go into exile in London after the decision of his brother, the ailing **King Hussein**, to transfer the title to his son, **Abdullah**, because Hassan was allegedly moving too quickly to replace the king. According to the story, Hassan, after learning of his replacement, handed the king a pistol and exclaimed, "Shoot me if you think I have been unfaithful." That sounds right out of a movie script. Meanwhile, Israeli Prime Minister **Benjamin Netanyahu** plans to travel to Jordan today for a courtesy call on the new crown prince.

That toddlin' town

The theater community will honor **Mayor Daley** Monday at the Shubert Theatre for his efforts to expand the Loop's theater district and reduce theater taxes from 10 percent to 4 percent. The tribute will include performances by Second City, the Black Ensemble Theatre, "Forever Plaid" and **Frank Sinatra** impersonator Ron Hawkings.

Still in Chicago

And on the dispute over O'Hare Airport, the mayor is emphasizing that larger planes, not more, are now necessary to accommodate the increased traffic. ... Nationally syndicated radio host **Tom Joyner**, a former Chicagoan, flew up from his base in Dallas to interview Daley for Black History Month.

Now hear this

Many journalists, including this one, agree with the White House criticism of People mag for featuring the Clintons' daughter, **Chelsea**, on the front page of the current issue. For some six years now, there has been an understanding between the White House and the media not to infringe on the privacy of Chelsea, who soon turns 19. It's our one man's opinion, as a parent, that Chelsea's privacy should be protected until she gets involved in a major issue.

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Children of presidents rarely avoid limelight

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BY NEIL STEINBERG AND BOB KURSON STAFF REPORTERS

Julie Nixon Eisenhower, then a 20-year-old newlywed, spent the summer of 1969 as a volunteer tour guide at the White House. She escorted the public and, if her father was out, allowed children to sit in his chair in the Oval Office and make a wish. Reporters joined the tours and wrote stories.

Times have changed. Last week, a flattering cover story on Chelsea Clinton in People magazine drew an outraged reaction from her parents.

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

The irony is that Chelsea Clinton is perhaps the most protected, least publicized child who has ever lived in the White House, at least in the 20th century.

Profiles such as the People piece were once par for the course. When Newsweek magazine profiled the Nixon daughters in 1969, the new president not only allowed himself to be interviewed on the subject, but held up Julie and Tricia, then 23, as soldiers in the battle for family values.

"They care about the world, the country, their generation, and each in her own way tries her best to help," Richard Nixon told the magazine. "It's a trait they've always had, and one that we always tried to encourage."

Of course, they were significantly older than Chelsea, who is now 18 but was 12 when her father took office. Age has not dictated the attention given children of presidents, however.

Amy Carter was just 9 years old when her father took office in early 1977. But Amy Carter was the subject of relentless scrutiny by the media, which debated her choice of school, her choice of friends, and the propriety of her habit of reading books at state dinners. She was such a presence--even taken to an economic summit abroad--that some

columnists begged for her to be kept under wraps a little.

"Mr. President, it's not that we don't like Amy," wrote columnist Georgie Anne Geyer in 1980, noting how the presence of the Carter children undermined diplomacy on foreign trips. "She is well-mannered and she seems a very nice little girl ... [but] next time, leave the poor kid home."

Very young children were spared this. The Kennedy children were viewed in the same flattering light their father was, and Jacqueline Kennedy took great pains to help them have as normal a life as possible.

In adulthood, children of presidents rarely complain about the way the media treated them as youngsters. There were other things to worry about. Luci Baines Johnson, 15 when her father became president, said she was troubled to have to go to sleep with the sounds of protesters chanting "Hey, hey, LBJ, how many kids did you kill today?" Susan Ford had terrible nightmares after the two attempts on her father's life.

"I always feel an empathy with anyone who lives at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue," she said.

Ford--17 when her father took office in 1974--led the press on tours of her bedroom, issuing frequent comments on issues from premarital sex to why she had the telephone taken out of her room and including how her boyfriend coped with visiting her at the White House.

"He hates coming over here. He gets hassled, and he hates it," she said.

When Susan was 18 and doing a photojournalism internship in Topeka, she was the subject of numerous newspaper stories speculating on possible liaisons with photographer David Hume Kennerly and ski patrolman Brian McCartney.

Indeed, Ford's moment of greatest attention came after her mother, Betty Ford, told a TV interviewer she "wouldn't be surprised" if Susan, who had just turned 18, told her she was having an affair.

The Clintons have sought to spare Chelsea this sort of controversy, particularly after several notorious incidents of cruelty toward her early in her father's first term.

Right-wing commentator Rush Limbaugh, on his TV show in 1993, mocked the 13-year-old girl's appearance. "Everyone knows the Clintons have a cat. Socks is the White House cat," Limbaugh said. "But did you know there is also a White House dog?" he added, holding up Chelsea's photo.

The same year, on a "Saturday Night Live" "Wayne's World" skit, comedian Mike Myers pronounced: "Chelsea Clinton--not a babe." Hillary scolded producer Lorne Michaels and his writers for "having nothing better to do than be mean and cruel to a young girl." Both actors and producers apologized (though Michaels noted that the show had treated Amy Carter "a little rougher" than Chelsea, and nobody seemed to care).

Neither Chelsea nor Amy was the first presidential daughter to be mocked. Johnson's daughters, too, were ridiculed as ugly.

Perhaps the most famous press attack on the child of a president took place in December, 1950. Margaret Truman gave a vocal recital at Constitution Hall, and Washington Post music critic Paul Hume panned her ("She is flat a good deal of the time. She cannot sing with anything approaching professional finish"). Though Margaret was 26 years old, that didn't prevent her outraged father from penning a famous note to Hume, beginning, "I've just read your lousy review," and threatening to beat him up.

Margaret Truman, now 75, says that such contretemps were not particularly disturbing, because she had learned, as the daughter of a senator and vice president, how to behave. The White House was only more of the same.

"It didn't bother me very much," Truman said last week, from her home in Manhattan. "I realized I had to live up to it, mind my p's and q's and behave. But I'd always had to do that."

She said the aspect of her life most significantly affected by the stay at the White House was romance--the press had her "engaged to every guy who came along," and she vowed not to marry until her father left the White House.

"How would I know if he married me or married the White House?" she said.

Similarly, the various men whom Johnson's and Nixon's daughters were dating, or not dating, were constantly in the press. Luci Johnson noted that while living in the White House put certain curbs on romance, "the prospects also increase."

In keeping with the media fixation on White House romance, scrutiny of Chelsea intensified last year when it became known that she and a classmate were romantically involved.

But reporters kept a certain distance in following Chelsea's personal life, especially compared with the attention given previous first daughters. With past administrations, there had been a certain sense of access--almost entitlement--in the press coverage of the personal lives of presidents' children.

The New York Times in 1969 called Julie Nixon's private life "the best-kept secret in the state of Massachusetts." Yet, in the same article, the paper not only printed a photograph of the apartment house where she lived with new husband David Eisenhower, but--incredibly by today's standards--also printed the address: 36 Bedford Terrace, Northampton, Mass.

Anyone tempted to write off the present flap to modern standards need only glance at the press problems of Teddy Roosevelt.

When Roosevelt took office in 1901, there was intense interest in his six children, ranging from 4-year-old Quentin to 17-year-old Alice.

At first Roosevelt, a skilled manipulator of the press, tried to keep his family off-limits.

"I want to feel that there is a circle drawn about my family," he told the

White House reporters. "I ask you to respect their privacy."

It didn't work. After negative stories about the Roosevelt children tormenting turkeys on the White House grounds before Thanksgiving ended up in the newspapers, and with reporters trooping from class to class behind Ted at Harvard, Roosevelt tried cutting off the offending papers from access to the White House.

Such bans never lasted, and the flamboyance of Alice, who smoked in public, bet at racetracks, kept company with scandalous actresses, and at times carried around her pet snake, made managing the press impossible anyway.

Alice Roosevelt, who went on to become a flamboyant social matron in Washington, was perhaps an exception. Amy Carter was more typical of presidents' children, who tend to become very private after their fishbowl upbringing.

Of all the presidents' children contacted for this story, only Margaret Truman would answer questions. The reply to inquiries to the Carter Center in Atlanta was typical.

"Amy won't do any interviews; she's very private," said Nadara Wade, assistant director of public information at the center. "The other children almost never do interviews, either. I've been here three years, and Amy has never done an interview."

Luci Johnson, moving out of the White House in 1968, looked back and saw both good and bad, with an emphasis on the good. "The White House has been my home for five years," she said. "It has been difficult, tumultuous and traumatic at times. But it has been worth it."

Twenty-seven children of presidents are alive today. They are:

John Coolidge, 92: The oldest surviving presidential child, Coolidge still lives in his father's birthplace of Plymouth, Vt., where he operates the Plymouth Cheese Co.

Margaret Truman, 75: Lives in Manhattan and has written more than 30 books, including biographies of her parents and, most recently, a string of murder mysteries set in Washington, D.C. "She didn't like living there much, so now she's murdering them all," jokes her grandson, Clifton Truman Daniel, the public relations director at Harry S Truman College in Chicago.

John Eisenhower, 77: Army veteran and author of several books on military history, including 1982's *Allies: Pearl Harbor to D-Day*. Last known to be living in Valley Forge, Pa.

Caroline Kennedy, 41: Graduate of Radcliffe and Columbia University Law School; served for years as curator of film at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art; married designer Edwin Schlossberg in 1987. Wrote a book about privacy.

John F. Kennedy, Jr, 38: Graduate of Brown and New York University Law School; named by *People* magazine in 1988 as the "Sexiest Man

Alive"; founder and editor in chief of George, a hip political magazine.

Lynda Bird Robb, 54: Onetime contributing editor for Ladies Home Journal; married to U.S. senator Charles Robb.

Luci Johnson Turpin, 51: Converted from Episcopalian to Roman Catholicism and married Patrick Nugent in 1966. Divorced in 1979, then married Ian Turpin, a Scottish investment banker; last known to be living in Toronto.

Tricia Nixon, 52: Nearly invisible in public; last known to be living in New York with husband Edward Cox, whom she married in a White House Rose Garden ceremony in 1971.

Julie Nixon Eisenhower, 50: Author of Pat Nixon: The Untold Story, a 1986 biography of her mother. Married David Eisenhower, Dwight's grandson, in 1968; last known to be living in Chester County, Pa.

Michael Ford, 48: Ordained minister; associate dean, Wake Forest University.

Jack Ford, 46: President of Infoplace USA, a San Diego company that operates customer service centers for the shopping industry. Brought former Beatle George Harrison and other celebrities to the White House.

Steven Ford, 42: Actor, credits include big-budget Hollywood thrillers "Armageddon," "Eraser," "Heat" and "Starship Troopers."

Susan Ford Vance, 41: Served as official White House hostess while mother Betty underwent mastectomy in 1974; currently speaks on breast cancer issues for the American Cancer Society.

Jack Carter, 51: Attorney; graduated from Georgia Tech with a degree in nuclear physics; practiced law in Georgia, then took a job at the Chicago Board of Trade before moving back to Atlanta.

Chip Carter, 48: Political and business consultant; vice president for development at The Friendship Force, an international citizen exchange program based in Atlanta.

Jeff Carter, 46: Early user of computer mapmaking technology, founded Computer Mapping Consultants in 1978; lives in Atlanta.

Amy Carter, 31: Married computer consultant Jim Wentzel in 1996 and currently lives in Atlanta. Illustrated children's book written by father Jimmy. Recently received master's in art from Tulane University.

Maureen Reagan, 53: Born to Ronald Reagan's first wife, actress Jane Wyman; lost bid for GOP nomination for U.S. Senate in 1982; author of 1989 book First Father, First Daughter; claimed that she and husband Dennis Revell had seen Lincoln's ghost in the White House.

Michael Reagan, 53: Adopted by Reagan and Wyman; held various jobs, including actor, TV talk show host and professional speedboat racer; author of On the Outside Looking In, a 1989 memoir that recounted his troubled childhood.

Patti Davis, 46: Born to Reagan's second wife, Nancy Davis; dropped

out of Northwestern University after junior year; married yoga teacher Paul Grilley in 1984; wrote Home Front, a 1986 best-selling novel.

Ron Reagan, 40: Withdrew from Yale to study dance and eventually joined the Joffrey Ballet; joined "Good Morning America" in 1986 as entertainment correspondent and still appears in various roles on television.

George W. Bush, 52: Governor of Texas; potential 2000 presidential candidate.

Jeb Bush, 45: Governor of Florida.

Neil Bush, 43: Recently lobbied Kuwait with brother Marvin for post-Gulf War rebuilding projects; vilified in Denver but never charged for involvement in failed Silverado Savings and Loan.

Marvin Bush, 42: Co-founder and president of Winston Partners Group, a Washington, D.C., investment firm.

Dorothy Bush, 39: Alleged to be the first person publicly baptized in Communist China; has worked as a travel agent, caterer, bookkeeper and head of promotions for the Maine tourist office.

Chelsea Clinton, 18: Student at Stanford University.

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HEADLINE: Clinton's Best Lawyer

BYLINE: Richard Cohen

BODY:

A while ago, I heard Hillary Rodham Clinton speak at a charity event. With all eyes not merely on her but virtually X-raying her, Mrs. Clinton performed brilliantly. She mentioned the names of people she had just met, extolled the cause, never paused, never said um, never said hmm, never repeated herself and left her audience stunned. Not me, though. I had seen her do that sort of thing numerous times.

So you will forgive a modest proposal: Bring on Hillary. Bring her into the well of the Senate and let her, lawyer that she is, sum up the case for the president, her hubby. Let her do what none of Bill Clinton's lawyers has yet been able to do -- rivet the nation, end this most cinematic of scandals with a Darrowsque summation that we would expect of a good/bad movie. Let her do what no one has yet done: turn to the House managers and their odious gumshoe, Ken Starr, and demand, "How dare you?"

How dare you bring a case so weak, so slight, so personal, so dirty, so intrusive, so rotten, so ugly, so without constitutional merit and so removed from any question of abuse of power? How dare you tie up Congress, the nation, the presidency and the government in a matter that involved only a man's personal life? How dare you invade my home, my marriage -- expose matters that should be between husband and wife? Who are you people and what gave you the right to do this to us?

Hillary Rodham Clinton could ask such questions. She might want to concede that her husband has acted like a fool, that he indeed did lie and -- this is important -- he never acknowledged the moment when a private embarrassment became a public scandal about a president. He might not have owed us the truth, but he certainly owed it to the grand jury.

Mrs. Clinton might, however, want to make a point with something Rep. James Rogan (R-Calif.), one of the House managers, said to Sidney Blumenthal when questioning him under oath. The president had told Blumenthal that he felt like a character in Arthur Koestler's classic novel of the Stalinist show trials, "Darkness at Noon."

"I am unfamiliar with the novel," Rogan told Blumenthal.

Why? The Blumenthal account of what Clinton had told him was well known. Why didn't Rogan bone up, ask a staff person for a congressional Cliffs Note, an

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outline on an index card? How come he cared so little about how the president felt? After all, the president's reference was apt. His was a political show trial, a vendetta, not really an investigation of what he had done but of who he was: an avatar of the '60s.

But Rogan stayed studiously ignorant, avoiding empathy at all costs. He made no attempt to find out what the president was talking about -- and what, by extension, many Americans also felt. He and the other managers just pressed on, oblivious to how, despite their various regional accents and Wheaties good looks, they injected some gloomy 1930s Europe into sunny 1990s America: an investigation out of Victor Hugo, out of Franz Kafka, out of Arthur Koestler -- a relentless excavation of a person's erotic life.

This -- not Clinton's stupid affair and his offensive lying -- was the true crime: the attempted assassination of the president's character, a crushing of his person, an evisceration of his inner life so that the details were set out to be picked over on television, tsk-tsked by the Sunday sorts who mistakenly thought that the scandal was what Clinton had done and not what was being done to him.

Hillary Clinton could make these points. She could make us understand the true abuse of power here, not anything Clinton did but the relentlessness of Starr, this real-life Inspector Javert, and how he was given all the money and time in the world to get a single man. The charge . . . well, what was the charge? Oh, yes, it was being an unworthy: a dope smoker, a draft dodger, a philanderer, a pretender to the presidency, an antipope from the Woodstock nation.

The president has had good lawyers. But they have all lacked personal outrage, an empathy with the victim and wrath at the violations not of law but of common decency. They have all felt the need (as have I in my writings) to condemn the sinner for his sins before hastening to add that those sins are not, when you think about it, sufficient to raise Al Gore to the presidency. It would be great, then, to bring on a true champion of the president's. I am talking, of course, of Hillary Rodham Clinton.

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HEADLINE: This is not Chelsea's fight

BYLINE: Susanna Rodell, Correspondent

BODY:

Grace is boycotting People magazine, she says, forever.

"I just feel so sorry for Chelsea," she says.

I can't tell you how many times I've heard this from how many kids over the past year.

Most of them feel embarrassed by the whole mess and would rather not have to think about it. And that's just the point when it comes to the president's daughter.

If they don't want to think about it, how must she feel?

"Do we HAVE to listen to this?" they wail as we drive around doing weekend errands in the car, the senators droning on and the commentators pontificating.

Well, I tell them, yes we do. History is being made, for better or worse. It's not every day a president gets impeached or tried. You need to know what's going on. These guys have to be watched. When election time comes, won't you want to know who did what?

They grudgingly agree. Whoever is making them live through this should pay. Whoever stole their precious car time - one of the few times in our busy weeks when they have me to themselves, when we catch up with the silly little things, or sing along with our Dixie Chicks tapes, or practice times tables - whoever took this away from them, should be dead meat.

However, these people don't vote. They're powerless, and that's partly what makes them so angry. They're also clueless. Usually I can explain the world to them in a way they can understand. But this situation has us all befuddled.

"Can't they understand that we're all SICK of it?" Grace wails. "We KNOW he did something awful. OK? We KNOW it. So why don't they just vote on it and get it over with? Why do they have to keep telling us over and over?"

They also can't imagine why nobody's thinking about Chelsea. They've been brought up to believe that adults protect children. Bad enough that they, who aren't related to the president, have to be exposed to endless rehashing of his affair. But they also can't comprehend why these parental-looking guys they see in the newspapers are being so insensitive.

The News and Observer (Raleigh, NC) February 9, 1999 Tuesday,

Now there she is, on the cover of People and, in a new twist of journalistic brotherhood, The New York Times has editorialized that this is just fine, because the magazine's story was "opportunistic but soft," and anyway, the Clintons allowed Chelsea to appear in public on some occasions.

My kids will have none of this. All they can think about is how it would feel to have to suffer the mortification of finding out something so awful about your dad along with the whole world, and then to have reporters snooping around asking your friends questions about how you felt about it.

For them, the loss of faith is doubled. They've grown up, after all, in a household where expectations of politicians are not inflated. They've known a few personally and don't consider them any more saintlike than any of the other adults in their world. In their eyes, if the president has failed, it's not as a president but as a dad. It just looks to them as if all the powerful adults in their world have gone bonkers.

Of course my kids know how I feel about all this, and it influences them, but in our household their opinions are respected too. We often disagree on matters both weighty and trivial.

So when I ask them how they feel, I really want to know.

Ruby says what the president did is his family's business and not ours. Both of them say they think the people in Congress are not acting like grownups. They just want to get the president, Grace says. Now they have something on him and they're not about to give up. (I think it's a little more complicated than that, I tell her.)

What really shocks them is the fact that they now can't get away from the mess and that all these adults seem to be conspiring to rub their noses in it. And for Chelsea, they know, it must be infinitely worse.

What can you do? I ask them. Maybe, Grace thinks, she could write Chelsea a letter, just to let her know that she's thinking about her. Maybe she could get some friends at school to do the same.

"After all," she says, "she's just a kid. She didn't do anything wrong. Why can't they just leave her alone?"

Good question, if you ask me.

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HEADLINE: CHELSEA CLINTON FODDER YET FOR THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA?

BYLINE: Jennifer Bojorquez, Bee Staff Writer

BODY:

Is it OK to write about the president's daughter?

That's what some are wondering after the latest tiff between the White House and the press. For months, Chelsea Clinton has been a cover girl for the supermarket tabloids. "Chelsea rushed to the hospital," blared one Star headline. Her break-up with her boyfriend and her reaction to the Monica Lewinsky sex scandal became tabloid fodder.

Mainstream journalists stayed away from the stories (too sordid, too intrusive) and White House officials, although presumably upset with this coverage of the youngest Clinton, said nothing.

Until now. Last week the story moved beyond the tabloids. In its most recent issue, People magazine published a cover story about Chelsea after the Clintons reportedly made a personal plea to block it. In a statement, the first couple said they were "profoundly saddened" by the magazine's decision to publish the article.

At the center of the dispute is an eight-page spread that talks about the bond between Chelsea and her parents, particularly her mother. The story discusses how Chelsea Clinton is coping with the tumultuous events of the past year.

The article features eight photos of Chelsea with her parents and the overall tone is sympathetic and flattering. Chelsea is described as a remarkable young woman, "the living embodiment of her mother's ideas about child rearing and feminism."

So why the fuss?

The Clintons are concerned about their daughter's privacy, and for six years, the press has honored a not-so-subtle Chelsea ban. The Clintons acknowledged this in their statement: "We have been grateful for the media's restraint in allowing Chelsea the privacy that any young person needs and deserves."

Does the People magazine story mean the press is going to cover Chelsea differently?

Sacramento Bee, February 8, 1999

"I think children of presidents are of interest to the general public," says Bob Steele, director of the ethics program at the Poynter Institute, a journalism education center in St. Petersburg, Fla. "Responsible journalists can respectfully, thoughtfully and carefully report on the children of presidents."

Steele adds that there is understandable interest in how Chelsea is coping with this issue. "In every barbershop, cafe and bank lobby, people have been saying the same thing: 'Oh, this is terrible for Chelsea.' "

Many people say that is exactly why the press should stay away from Chelsea Clinton stories. They say Clinton, who will be 19 on Feb. 27, didn't ask to be in the limelight and her privacy should be respected.

"I thought it was tremendously appropriate for the press to leave Chelsea alone," says Jean Torcom, professor of government at California State University, Sacramento. She says Chelsea Clinton's personal life doesn't belong in the headlines. "What his daughter is doing. . . is irrelevant to how the president is doing his job."

Chelsea Clinton has appeared with her parents at several political events over the years. In the 1992 campaign, she campaigned with both her mother and father. In recent years, she has traveled abroad with her mother several times. Still, she does not give interviews and reporters who have been invited to dine with her know that her comments are off the record.

Are the Clinton's trying to have it both ways? That's what some critics are saying. David Maraniss is a Clinton biographer. "There is a certain hypocrisy here," Maraniss told People. "For the most part they try to protect her, but when a political situation requires using Chelsea, they will."

This is exactly the kind of analysis that bothers some. "The press attributes motives to behavior that is not necessarily accurate," says Torcom. "Maybe they just wanted their daughter with them. After all, she is able to travel with them. It's a . . . wonderful education."

Carol Wallace, managing editor for People, defended the magazine's decision. "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."

Although People magazine was one of the first mainstream publications to write about Chelsea, many don't believe it will open the floodgates to Chelsea stories. "The People story, like much of the magazine's fare, was opportunistic but soft. It will not cause responsible newspapers and broadcasters to start snooping into Chelsea Clinton's private life," wrote the New York Times in an editorial published Saturday.

Some also wonder why the Clintons said anything at all about the People story. After all, just last month Vanity Fair wrote about many of the same issues and White House officials didn't respond. "Would people have noticed this story that much if the White House hadn't reacted?" asks Steele.

The Clinton's relationship with journalists has always been complex. Perhaps the first family would like the press to be more like the Stanford Daily. The newspaper that covers the university that Chelsea Clinton attends (and where,

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by the way, Kenneth Starr's daughter is also a student) has probably the strictest "no Chelsea" story policy around. The newspaper once even fired a columnist for writing about the first daughter. Chelsea Clinton has been mentioned only once in the school paper and that was on a story about an a cappella group that visited the White House "on the request of Chelsea Clinton."

The editors say they have no plans for any Chelsea Clinton stories. "We cover Chelsea Clinton in the same way we cover any other Stanford student," says Jim Tankersley, editor in chief. "When she does something newsworthy, we'll cover it."

GRAPHIC: People's cover story was published despite pleas from the White House. Associated Press photograph
Chelsea Clinton watches a Stanford University basketball game last month.

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HEADLINE: SHOWING MUSLIMS RESPECT

BODY:

The White House event received minimal attention here, but it is likely to receive significant and favorable notice in large parts of the Islamic world.

First lady Hillary Clinton held a buffet reception for leading American Muslims to celebrate Eid al-Fitr, the feast that ends Ramadan, the month in which devout Muslims fast during daylight hours. It was the third year she has done so, and the gesture did not go unremarked, especially in the Arab countries.

Although there are well over a billion Muslims worldwide, their numbers, while growing rapidly, are still relatively small in the United States. Figures are scarce but one estimate is 5 million or so.

Arab Muslims in particular complain - with justice - that their religion has been unfairly demonized in U.S. popular culture, its members stereotyped as terrorists and fanatics.

The White House is a bully pulpit - or, more properly, bully minbar - to rectify that injustice and show respect to a religion with a growing number of American adherents.

The reception was an important gesture by Hillary Clinton.

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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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THE WHITE MALE POWER GRIP IS OVER, U.S. HISTORIANS SAY

BYLINE: By John Lang, Scripps Howard News Service

BODY:

The first female president of the United States is alive and well and among us now.

President Clinton concluded his State of the Union address saying, "A hundred years from tonight an American president will stand in this place . . . and he . . . or she . . ."

People laughed, and they applauded. And it may happen a lot sooner than they think.

The fact that nobody knows her name, where she is, or what her views are, doesn't matter. She is getting the opportunities and experience that make her rise to the White House virtually a certainty. She could become president in 2001. Or 20 years later. Or maybe 20 years after that.

Presidential scholars, of course, don't agree on which election or even which decade. But the time frame they do agree on - in the first half of the 21st century - means she is somewhere out there and getting ready.

"It's going to happen sooner than anyone expects," says Larry Sabato, director of the center for governmental studies at University of Virginia. "I will be shocked if in 2000 you have four men running for national office. It's still possible then, but it's not possible beyond that, and it's not likely in 2000.

"If we do have four men as the candidates, then I'm willing to bet one of them is a minority. The 20th century was the White male century - and it's over. People are going to be stunned at how quickly the White male power structure falls."

What makes this inevitable is how quickly women are taking over the jobs and getting the experiences that have propelled men to the presidency, historians say.

Women's grasp on reins of power is tightening. Data gathered by the Center for the American Woman and Politics at Rutgers University shows an extraordinary increase in the number of women holding office:

--> In Congress, 67 women hold seats, or 12 percent. Two decades ago, women held only 4 percent of the seats.

--> In the nation's 100 largest cities, 12 women are mayors. And of the 975 cities in the nation with populations over 30,000, 202 have female mayors, or about 21 percent.

--> In the 50 state legislatures, women held 1,652 seats, or 22 percent, as of January. In 1977, only 9 percent of the legislators were women.

--> Among the nation's 323 statewide elective offices - including governors, lieutenant governors, controllers, attorneys general and secretaries of state - women hold 89 spots, or 28 percent. In 1977, they were 10 percent. (In Arizona, women hold the top five elected offices.) Historians say this is happening because the social agenda of the past half century has been devoted above all to women's rights and minority rights. In turn, women's service in public jobs has transformed attitudes of the electorate.

Polls taken over the past 30 years show a quantum increase in willingness to consider a woman for president. In the 1960s, surveys indicated only about 4 percent of Americans would vote for a qualified woman for president.

In a poll two years ago by The White House Project, a bipartisan group seeking to raise public awareness for the notion "Why not a woman?" 76 percent said they were ready to elect a female president.

A project spokesman conceded that the downside of that survey is that a quarter of those surveyed were still adamantly opposed to the idea of a woman in the nation's top job. No candidate can win with a quarter of the electorate dead set against her. However, the bias appears to be fading.

"I think the nation is ready for a woman in a leadership position now," says James Thurber, director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies. "Events have shown the nation women are just as competent as men in positions of power.

"People see women as presidents of universities and running large complex government departments. There are lots of bright, articulate women with national visibility, (Elizabeth) Dole, for instance, and the first lady."

Dole and Hillary Rodham Clinton are the first names that presidential scholars list among women who could get to the White House soonest. Dole, the wife of Bob Dole, the Republican candidate whom Clinton defeated in the last presidential election, has left her job as head of the American Red Cross and appears poised to make her bid official.

"I don't think she will get the nomination," Thurber says. "She may be seriously considered for the vice president, running with (Texas Gov.) George W. Bush. I think that is, ultimately, probably the best way for a woman to get the nomination and the presidency - to run from a vice president's position." In 1984, Democrat Geraldine Ferraro became the first woman to be nominated for vice president on a national ticket.

Despite Hillary Clinton's popularity with the American public, Thurber doesn't think she would make a good presidential candidate. "She's too hot in the sense she gets hot positive ratings but also hot negative. People strongly dislike her, and that's not the kind of person who gets the nomination."

Thurber, 55, expects that in his lifetime a woman will be taken seriously in a presidential race and get the nomination. But many things must happen for a woman to be nominated, he adds.

"It takes timing as well as the right skills and background," he says. "Even if a man has the right skills, the timing may be wrong."

John Green of the Bliss Institute of Applied Politics at the University of Akron says that at any one time in history only a relatively small number of people have the experience to make it possible to run for the White House with any chance of winning.

To Dole and Hillary Clinton now, he says he could add the names of Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson, R-Texas, and California's two Democratic senators, Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer.

"That's a stretch," he says, "but those women are now in the kinds of positions where they could launch a presidential campaign. Normally, male senators from Texas and California would be considered as potential presidential prospects."

However, it will take an extraordinary woman to move the clock forward, Green says.

"It could happen in the next two decades, but I'd give it another 10 or 15 years after that. My guess would be that within the next 40 years we will reach the point of so many well-qualified women in office, we will have to elect a woman president. One of them is bound to win."

Laura Liswood, a co-founder of The White House Project, notes that 23 other nations around the world, including a number of undeveloped ones, are ahead of the United States in trusting their top leadership positions to women. She also says the United States ranks 39th internationally in representation by women in national legislatures.

Before America elects a female president, she contends, the nation has to reach a critical mass of females in high office, in Congress, as governors and in the military.

"That's where we get our presidents, and the only place we get our presidents - governors, Congress, the military," she says. "We've got to build up that pool of women there so it's large enough that several women are running at once."

Liswood contends that as long as it's one woman at a time bidding for the top office, her chances are weak.

"When it's one and only one, the press will over-scrutinize," she says. "She will either have to be Joan of Arc, or she somehow must represent all women. I expect we need to go through a stage of several women running for the White House at once."

Douglas Brinkley, director of the Eisenhower Center at the University of New Orleans, notes that there's still a long way to go before women occupy half the seats in Congress. So it could be well into the first half of the next century before there is a woman president, he says.

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"Yet any young girl growing up today, in elementary school or high school, can feel that she may be president of the United States," he says, "because it is a reality within vision."

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"This report confirms what we already have known, that one caring adult can make all the difference

in a child's life."

-- Hillary Rodham Clinton, commenting as she released a Justice Department report concluding that 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

"I believe I acted too hastily in accepting David's resignation."

-- Washington Mayor Anthony Williams, announcing that he is rehiring aide David Howard, who resigned after some people were offended when he used the word "niggardly" to describe how he managed his office's funds

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BODY:

By all accounts, Chelsea Clinton is a lovely 19-year-old young woman, the kind of daughter any couple would be proud to call their own. She "has her mother's strength," says family friend Nancy Snyderman. She was "poised and calm" at the height of the Lewinsky scandal, says diplomat-at-large Richard Holbrooke. She has an "inner glow," says the Reverend Don Jones, Hillary Clinton's childhood pastor from Illinois. She wants to grow up to be a pediatric cardiologist--literally, a healer of children's hearts. Gosh, when the first family went to Israel, she even knew more about the sights in the Holy Land than the tour guide did.

We know all of this thanks to People magazine, which published a cover story on the "grace under fire" of Chelsea and her mother in its February 15 issue. But the president and the first lady are not amused. Accusing People of rebuffing their "personal appeals" based on Chelsea's privacy and security, the White House has announced the first couple's deep "regret" that the magazine published its story anyway. (Guess all those friends who thought they were doing the first lady and, hence, themselves a favor by supplying heart-warming quotes about Chelsea should think again.) People managing editor Carol Wallace responded that Chelsea is a "young adult" now and that "because she is an eyewitness to the family drama and historical events unfolding around her, she is a valid journalistic subject."

It's possible that the White House's reaction to the People story is insincere, motivated more by the story's implication that Chelsea's "deep bond of love" with her mother might mean she harbors some sort of cooler feeling toward her father these days. And it could well be that the first lady saw the People story as an opportunity to further vilify--and, thus, cow--the obstreperous media at a time when the tide of public opinion seems to be running strongly in a pro-Clinton, anti-press direction.

But for now, at least, let's take the White House statement at face value. I think it was my illustrious predecessor at tnr, Michael Kinsley, who first noted (apropos Ted Kennedy) the double standard that politicians seek to enforce about coverage of their private lives. Our elected officials are only too happy to have the press cover their families, as long as the coverage focuses on their happy marriages, accomplished children, and personal relationships with God. Anything else is an invasion of privacy. One of the few politicians to try a different approach was Gary Hart in 1987, who began his presidential campaign by telling the press that his wife, Lee, was one of his closest friends and advisers, and then followed that up by challenging reporters to "put a tail on me" if they were interested in checking out the rumors that he had been

cheating on her. We all know what happened to him.

The shifting standards of what constitutes proper inquiry have not been kind to Bill Clinton, either. But one thing most people have given the Clintons credit for is that they have shielded Chelsea, who was only twelve when her dad took office, rebuffing even sympathetic requests for TV interviews. (As a test of how diligent they've been, ask yourself this question: What does Chelsea Clinton's voice sound like?) In this sense, you could argue that the Clintons' complaints against People represent a rare outburst of consistency by the first couple. They've steadfastly refused to exploit Chelsea, and so they have a right to gripe when some grocery-store magazine splashes her on the cover, even if it's a gushing puff piece.

Except that the Clintons haven't really refrained from exploiting Chelsea. Even if they haven't actually turned her into a spokeskid for her father's campaigns or policies, they have definitely exploited the fact of her existence. The political purpose has always been obvious: to defuse Bill Clinton's image as a philanderer (and, to some extent, to humanize the chilly persona of Hillary Rodham, Esq., too). The exploitation began at the 1992 convention, when Clinton used his acceptance speech to recall his joy at seeing cute little newborn Chelsea and "hold ing my child in my arms." Before the speech, that famous Linda BloodworthThomason-produced video about the Man from Hope featured gauzy footage of Bill, Hillary, and Chelsea, swinging in a hammock.

Chelsea, in short, has served to advertise a blissful family situation that, we now know, doesn't exist. During the recent unpleasantness, the first daughter has played a similar silent role. The Clintons first played the Chelsea card just after the Monica Lewinsky scandal broke, when Jesse Jackson was allowed to go on "Larry King Live" to tell the country about his private chats with the first daughter, in which, he averred, she made it clear that she was standing by Pop all the way. After the president's August 17, 1998, admission that he had been lying to the country (and to Hillary and Chelsea) about Monica, Chelsea once again surfaced. First we saw her striding between her parents to the presidential Marine helicopter, holding each of them by the hand-- figuratively demonstrating that the family was damaged but intact. Then she appeared on Martha's Vineyard, hugging Vernon Jordan, smiling and shaking hands with well-wishers, and whooshing about on Walter Cronkite's sailboat.

So the truth is that, with regard to their daughter, the Clintons have never fully abandoned the traditional double standard. They've just manipulated it better than others have. You can't blame them for trying. But you also can't blame People for recognizing what's going on and acting accordingly. Given that the White House had made Chelsea a part of the story, albeit only symbolically, the magazine had a right to try to find out what the substance behind the symbolism might be--even if it's pretty clear that People was more interested in joining in the public's sympathy for the president's wronged wife and daughter than in exploding it.

Does that mean the door should now be open for tougher coverage--say, a searching Washington Post examination of how the White House manages Chelsea coverage to its advantage? Probably. But if that seems harsh, consider that it really poses no danger to Chelsea or anyone else. Precisely because she is such a great kid, it seems unlikely that any serious news organization would take a cheap shot at her personally. There's no controlling the tabloids, of course, but Chelsea of all people should realize that. After all, she's a big girl

now.

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END OF WELFARE ISN'T THE END OF POOR PEOPLE;
SUCCESS OF REFORM HAS BEEN MEASURED BY REDUCING THE ROLLS RATHER THAN REDUCING
POVERTY.

BYLINE: ROBERT SCHEER, Robert Scheer is a Times contributing editor

BODY:

Isn't it great how we've solved the welfare problem? That's the one thing that President Clinton, Congress and even the media agree on. Gosh, those welfare rolls are declining so fast that we're just going to run out of poor people.

But where have they gone? Are they better or worse off? Since most of the welfare population was composed of single mothers and their children, it would seem to be morally relevant to at least inquire as to how those children are doing. The answer is, not very well.

Despite a decade of sustained economic growth and low unemployment, the percentage of children living in poverty--one in five--is the same as it was in 1989. Those census data are the best we have, but they're a year old.

We don't have more recent data because folks who are running welfare reform at the federal and state levels act as if they don't really care what happens to those women and children once they're pushed off the rolls. Out of sight, out of mind is the rule of welfare reform. Success has been measured by reducing the rolls rather than reducing poverty.

Consequently, we have only fragmented and largely anecdotal information on what happens to those thrown off what was once a federally monitored welfare system and who now experience the vicissitudes of a hodgepodge of state programs. Yet what we do know is alarming.

Clinton has pointed to the Wisconsin program as a stellar example of the success of welfare reform. Indeed, Wisconsin has been the nation's model, and welfare rolls in that state have experienced the most impressive decline: a staggering 75%, including mothers of 3-month-olds who have been forced off welfare.

But in a recent survey, the state conceded that for most who left welfare, getting low-paid jobs did not leave them better off. Despite costing taxpayers

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more to run the new program, the survey found that most of those families were not economically better off.

No matter, those most enthusiastic about welfare reform argue, the fact that the mother is working means she's a better role model for her children. But last Sunday's New York Times exposed the shocking condition that young children, many abandoned by their hard-pressed mothers, find themselves in as a consequence of the highly touted "Wisconsin Works" welfare reform: "Unwilling or unable to work for public aid, many of the state's most troubled mothers have lost their benefits, often en route to drug clinics, jail cells, shelters or the streets. And grandmothers . . . --angry, worried, or plain exhausted--are being left to care for the children abandoned along the way."

"Wisconsin Works seems to have worked magic." reported a correspondent for London's Observer newspaper. "But behind the slogans a more disturbing picture is emerging, of mothers denied benefits becoming so desperate that they are abandoning their children either to the government or to grandparents, of church hall basements overflowing with the mothers and youngsters sleeping on aerobics mats."

The problem is not with the goal of moving people off welfare into decent jobs, but rather the lack of jobs that lift a family out of poverty.

In a national survey, the Children's Defense Fund, with which Hillary Clinton has long been associated, revealed the majority of jobs found by former welfare recipients paid well below the poverty level. How can she or her husband continue to endorse a program that pushes millions of children deeper into poverty?

To be fair, there are several measures pending that the president supports that could move us further toward requiring jobs to pay a living wage. One is an increase in the minimum wage and another is an expansion of the earned income tax credit.

But the bottom line is that what now passes for "welfare reform" represents the abandonment of millions of children and we are, as the president is fond of pointing out, in the best of times. When the economy dips, as it surely will, the risks for those and many other children will dramatically increase.

Clinton is correct in stating that we now have the smallest welfare rolls in 30 years, close to what they were in the 1960s before Lyndon Johnson launched his "war on poverty." There are still 36 million Americans living in poverty, 40% of them children. That is unconscionable in a time of wild run-ups of the stock market wealth of the "other America." But instead of a war on poverty, Bill Clinton has settled for a war on welfare recipients, and that is hardly the same thing.

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Toll-free hotline available to enroll children in insurance plans

Eds: Also moved on national wire.

By ELIZABETH NEUS

Gannett News Service

WASHINGTON - To try to find as many uninsured children as possible, the federal government Tuesday set up a toll-free hotline for parents who want to know if their children are eligible for Medicaid or a year-old health insurance program offered by states.

The national number, (877)-543-7669, connects callers to information centers in their own states. Parents of uninsured children can then find out how to enroll in the medical insurance program that's right for their child.

``What you don't know about your children's health insurance options can hurt them,'' President Clinton said in announcing the toll-free number. ``It's up to you to find out if your child is eligible for this health insurance. So call the toll-free number.''

The ``Insure Kids Now'' campaign seeks to find some of the 11 million uninsured children in the United States. Of those, about 4 million are thought to be eligible for Medicaid but have not signed up; the Clinton administration thinks the Children's Health Insurance Program will cover another 2.5 million.

``To reach them all, everyone who can touch the life of a child or the child's parents needs to be involved in this effort,'' Clinton said.

The Clinton administration, working with the National Governors' Association, also will air radio and television commercials featuring first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton promoting the program and the hotline number.

In addition, major companies are helping to spread the word by providing information about the number on their products. General Motors, for example, will put labels on child safety seats. Some supermarket chains plan to put the number on their grocery bags, and doctors and dentists will hand out information to their patients.

``Everyone watches TV, everyone hears the radio, but we also know where parents go. They go to K-Mart, they go to McDonald's,'' said Chris Jennings, deputy assistant to the president for health policy. ``When you're trying to enroll children into these programs, it's a lot of hard work. You've got to go to where they are, you have to go to places that you otherwise might not have immediately thought.''

The Children's Health Insurance Program, which went into effect Oct. 1, 1997, covers children in 47 states, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. Programs in Tennessee, Guam and American Samoa await approval; Wyoming and Washington may apply later.

The more than \$24 billion program would cover children who are not eligible for Medicaid, who don't have another source of health insurance and whose family income is 200 percent of poverty or below (although in a few states, children from families that make more than that may be eligible). Children whose parents attempt to sign them up for the child health insurance program, but who turn out to be eligible for Medicaid, will automatically be signed up in that program instead.

States get yearly amounts ranging from Vermont's \$3.9 million to California's \$855 million. They design their own insurance programs, and match the federal funds allocated to them.

But some of these children have been difficult to find, and not all parents realize their children may be eligible for insurance coverage. Many uninsured children have working parents who either don't have insurance through their employers or who cannot afford family coverage.

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McCurry: Chelsea Clinton `has head screwed on' better than parents

WASHINGTON (AP) Former White House press secretary Mike McCurry says in some ways Chelsea Clinton has her act together better than either of her parents.

In an interview, McCurry also told George magazine editor, John F. Kennedy Jr., that White House staffers viewed Monica Lewinsky ``as someone who was infatuated with the president and who he liked to flirt with.'

McCurry stepped down as President Clinton's spokesman on Oct. 1 and has since hit the lecture circuit and taken a job with The Public Strategies Group, a Washington consulting firm.

McCurry credited reporters with leaving Chelsea Clinton alone throughout junior high and high school. She is now a sophomore at Stanford University.

``I'm sure this is something you can appreciate,' McCurry told Kennedy, son of the late president. ``I mean, Chelsea had an experience as a child in the White House that is totally different from what other presidential children have gone through. She grew up in the White House and turned out a pretty good kid.

``In my opinion, she has her head screwed on a little bit better than her mom and dad, in many ways.'

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Civil rights activist Virginia Foster Durr dies

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By AMY FRAZIER= Associated Press Writer=

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) Virginia Foster Durr, a Southern belle-turned-New Deal liberal who helped black seamstress Rosa Parks get out of jail after refusing to give up her bus seat to a white man, died Wednesday. She was 95.

Mrs. Durr, a longtime Montgomery resident who had been in failing health for several years, died in her sleep at a nursing home in Carlisle, Pa. The cause of death was not immediately determined.

Mrs. Durr and her late husband, civil rights attorney Clifford Durr, bailed Mrs. Parks out of jail in 1955 after she was arrested for refusing to give up her seat to a white man on Montgomery's segregated city buses. The arrest prompted a bus boycott that propelled Martin Luther King Jr. to leadership and helped start the civil rights movement.

A close friend of Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Durr was viewed by many as the white matron of a movement Mrs. Parks inspired. In a statement, Mrs. Parks said Mrs. Durr's ``upbringing of privilege did not prohibit her from wanting equality for all people.

``She was a lady and a scholar, and I will miss her,'' said Mrs. Parks, 86.

Born into a south Alabama world that included black servants, Mrs. Durr began rebelling against Old South ways while in college at Wellesley. She helped fight racist poll taxes, supported New Deal programs and backed the civil rights movement.

``She said the 'movement' was anything that made life better for people,'' said a daughter, Ann Durr Lyon.

Mrs. Durr never held public office, but she made a losing bid for the Senate as a Progressive Party candidate in Virginia. She was an engaging and inspirational figure for movement veterans as well as powerful figures in Washington spanning the years from Franklin Roosevelt to Lyndon Johnson.

``She wanted to know everybody regardless of their opinions,'' said Hollinger F. Barnard, who edited ``Outside the Magic Circle,'' Mrs. Durr's autobiography. ``She was just exposed to so many people that she provided a bridge between different views.''

The world of politics surrounded the family. Her husband served on the Federal Communications Commission during Franklin Roosevelt's administration, and Mrs. Durr's brother-in-law was U.S. Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black.

``I was so busy all the time that I never had much time to think about any role I played in anything that happened,'' Mrs. Durr said in her autobiography. ``All these civil rights cases that Cliff took didn't bring him much income, so we had a very small income ... I never thought about what role I was playing.

``I was just trying to get the next thing done, whether it meant getting a brief out or getting the next meal on, just trying to get through the next thing that had to be done.''

Mrs. Durr was accused of communist sympathies and in 1954 was brought before Mississippi Sen. James Eastland's International Security Subcommittee, which corresponded to the Un-American Activities Committee in the House. Mrs. Durr testified she was not

a member of the party, nor had she ever been to any party meetings.

Her house in Montgomery was a haven for white and black civil rights activists. Ms. Lyon said it was her mother's ability to gather diverse groups that will be remembered.

``They really flocked around her. I think it's because she responded on a very personal, individual level,'' Ms. Lyon said by phone from her Pennsylvania home.

Writer and friend Wayne Greenhaw remembered showing up nearly every Sunday at the Durr's house for dinner and being fascinated at their house guests. The

Durr's friends included Eleanor Roosevelt, John L. Lewis and Lady Bird Johnson, widow of President Lyndon Johnson.

In later decades, when she summered at son-in-law Sheldon Hackney's house at Martha's Vineyard, her friends included Washington Post publisher Katharine Graham, humorist Art Buchwald and novelist William Styron, who wrote an appreciation of her in Esquire.

Survivors include four daughters, Ms. Lyon of Camphill, Penn.; Lucy Durr Hackney of Philadelphia; Virginia Durr of Harrison, Maine; and Lulah Colon of Milwaukee. A memorial will be held Sunday at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Montgomery.

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Woe to people who talked to People

Clintons give 'holy heck' to those who spoke about Chelsea; plus, Beatles say no to soundtrack, Lewinsky comic coming

MSNBC

Feb. 10 — In Washington, people who talked to People are the unluckiest people in the world. The beltway is buzzing about how White House staffers are, as one puts it, "giving holy heck" to anyone who spoke to People magazine for its cover story on Chelsea.

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A number of the Clintons' friends were quoted on the record in the article.

THE CLINTONS were rabid about it," says one well-placed Washington insider. A number of the Clintons' friends were quoted on the record in the article — including Richard Holbrooke, Rose Stryon (the wife of author William Styron), and ABC's Dr. Nancy Snyderman — but no one reached would comment for the record.



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A People spokesman wouldn't comment, but one insider at the magazine says, "We've heard talk like that but people who we interviewed are too afraid to return our calls now." The Clintons' fury over the article, says one source who asked not to be identified, gives lie to the theory that the Clintons feigned anger to draw

attention to an overwhelmingly favorable article.

"Anyone who knows Hillary knows that she's a lioness on this topic," says a source whose daughter attended Sidwell with Chelsea. "And anyone foolish enough to talk to the press for the record had better consider themselves frozen out of the Clinton circle for a long, long time."

Hello, goodbye

The surviving Beatles have told Hugh Grant and Julia Roberts to get back.

Grant and Roberts are co-starring in a film called "Notting Hill," a follow-up to "Four Weddings and a Funeral," and the producers had planned to have a Beatles soundtrack for the movie, says a source.



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But the producers received a letter from a lawyer representing the surviving Beatles that forbade them from using their music in any way. "The explanation was that they didn't want their music commercialized," says a source. "Which is sort of odd because their music has been used in commercials." In the film, which is

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Hil Fuming at GOP — & Bill, Too

By THOMAS M. DeFRANK
Daily News Washington Bureau Chief

WASHINGTON

Hillary Rodham Clinton is relieved that her family's impeachment nightmare is over, but friends report she's still on the warpath — against Republican zealots *and* her wayward husband.

Confidants and political allies of the First Lady — who tended to business yesterday at the White House — say that while she's come to terms with what one calls "her personal mortification" over the Monica Lewinsky sex scandal, she remains peeved with the President about how the affair has jolted their 19-year-old daughter Chelsea.

"She's very angry at the President for what this did to Chelsea," says a long-time friend who speaks regularly with the First Lady. "I'd be surprised if she ever really forgives him for that."

"When she talks about what this has done to Chelsea," the source added, "that's the only time you hear her voice cracking. That's the thing that grieves her and hurts her the most."

Hillary, 51, also is reliably reported to be "extremely unhappy" with her husband because the Lewinsky scandal has paralyzed the momentum for their shared political and legislative agenda for more than a year, and played into the hands of the Republican right that she considers the personification of evil.

"She is really furious that his stupid, negligent, outrageous behavior gave the right-wing conspiracy a leg up on them," said a friend who often speaks with her.

"Ken Starr was on the ropes. Whitewater was bankrupt. And then he [the President] went and gave Starr and the



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Hillary Rodham Clinton

Republicans a totally new lease on life to come after them," the friend said. "She has made her views about that known to him."

This may explain the fact that while her husband privately preaches the politics of reconciliation, the First Lady is dusting off her war bonnet.

"She's always been the keeper of the book," laughed one source. "She'll wait for a while until all of this is really over. But then I suspect you'll see her start settling some scores."

Most of that payback probably won't be apparent until next year, when aides say the First Lady will hit the campaign hustings with gusto. She's expected to parachute into the states and districts of Democrats who stuck with her husband — as well as pay unfriendly visits to the turf of endangered Republicans where her presence could tip the balance.

Meanwhile, she'll pursue her own agenda — children's health care initiatives, such as combating asthma, and protecting a woman's right to an abortion have been at the center of her pet projects. She also will promote the Millennium Project — a series of highbrow lectures and performances reflecting American culture on the edge of the 21st century.

In addition, the First Lady will embark on an ambitious travel itinerary. She plans to join the President tomorrow on his two-day Mexico trip and will head to Central America with him next month.

There's also that little matter of a possible New York Senate race in 2000. One political confidant says that while Hillary Clinton is intrigued by the idea, she's still undecided.

"The fundamental question is not whether she could win," he said. "It's whether she wants to be a United States senator. And she hasn't answered that question."

With Kenneth R. Bazinet

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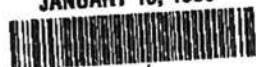
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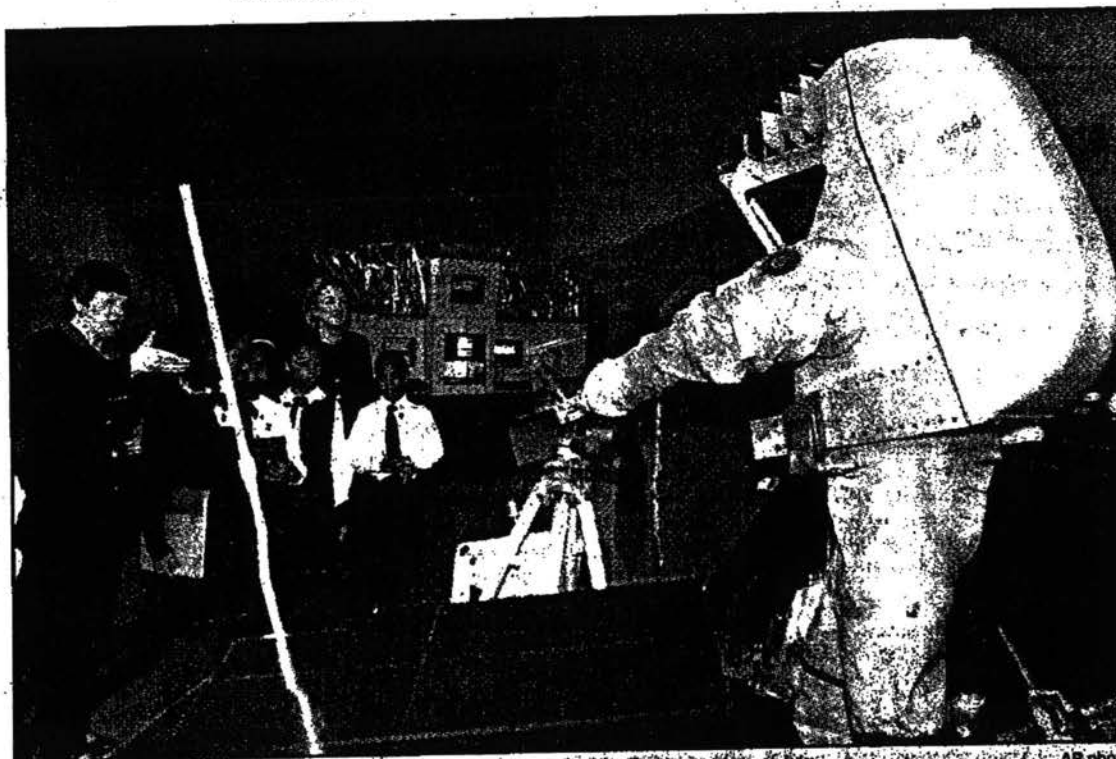
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LIFE ON MARS: First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Dr. Donna Shirley, left, former director of the 1997 Mars Pathfinder Project, view the Mars Millennium Project

exhibit with sixth-grade students from a Washington elementary school Wednesday at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum in Washington.

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Educational visit

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AIDS study suggests approach for vaccine

WASHINGTON — A vaccine that attacks HIV at a vulnerable moment of the deadly virus' infection cycle has been shown to be effective in laboratory tests, researchers say.

In studies at the University of Montana, researchers developed antibodies in mice that attacked HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, just as the virus was in the process of fusing with target cells.

A report on the study is being published Friday in the journal *Science*.

When tested in laboratory dishes against actual samples of HIV, the mouse antibodies were able to neutralize 23 of 24 strains of the virus.

Official detained for bridge collapse

BELJING — Police detained a Communist Party official in southwest China for allegedly taking a payoff from a friend and hiring him to build a bridge that collapsed and killed 40 people, the official Xinhua News Agency reported Thursday.

Lin Shiyuan, a deputy party secretary in Qi county, outside the industrial city of Chongqing, was charged with taking bribes, dereliction of duty and tampering with evidence, the report said.

Lin oversaw the construction of the steel pedestrian bridge and is suspected of receiving more than \$12,000 from the contractor, a former schoolmate, the report said.

Sierra Leone's rebels push for cease-fire

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — After a month of furious attacks against Sierra Leone's cities and towns, the country's feared rebel alliance is prepared for a cease-fire, rebel and U.N. officials said Thursday.

But it was unclear whether President Ahmed Tejan Kabbah's democratically elected government — or the Nigerian-led coalition force fighting in its defense — support the proposal, U.N. special envoy Francis Okelo said.

Okelo said the Nigerian-led force had apparently taken control of Freetown after several days of fierce fighting.

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Two people wounded in shooting at station

SALT LAKE CITY — A woman carrying a grocery bag filled with

bullets entered a television studio lobby Thursday afternoon and opened fire with a pistol.

Two people were injured, one seriously, during the woman's four-floor shooting spree at the downtown office building housing KSL television and radio stations, police said.

Authorities took De-Kieu Duy, 24, into custody in the fourth-floor offices of AT&T Wireless Services after company employees tackled and disarmed her. Police said Duy had targeted KSL but ended up in the AT&T offices, where her 9mm pistol jammed.

Cambodian orphans introduced to Internet

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — Loneliness has filled Heng Huot's childhood, scarred by losing a father to civil war and a mother to disease.

The future, however, is starting to look brighter to the 13-year-old, who is making friends half a world away now that his orphanage has gone online.

The Future Light Orphanage began in a refugee camp on the Thai-Cambodian border as orphans fled the brutalities of Pol Pot's infamous Khmer Rouge regime. It moved to the Cambodian capital after a 1991 peace agreement took the first major step toward ending the civil war.

The children's plight attracted the attention of Bernard Krisher, an American philanthropist who wanted to send 250 young Cambodians into the digital age and whose fund raising helped secure 30 personal computers.

Nuclear plant fire quickly contained

SCRIBA, N.Y. — A fire erupted Thursday near the electric turbine at the James FitzPatrick nuclear power plant near Oswego.

The fire was under control shortly after it started at about 1 p.m., but wasn't completely extinguished until Thursday evening, according to Woody Berzins, spokesman for the New York Power Authority, the plant's owner.

Officials believed the fire was out late in the afternoon. Because hydrogen burns so cleanly, they couldn't see the flames, Nuclear Regulatory Commission spokesman Neil Sheehan said. But they discovered the fire was still going as they advanced toward it. Firefighters kept hoses trained on the fire until the gas burned off.

Reno rejects counsel for campaign manager

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Janet Reno decided Thursday against any further investigation of President Clinton's campaign manager in connection with a controversial office building development in the nation's capital.

Such an investigation could have prompted an independent counsel to further probe the activities of Peter Knight, a former top aide to Vice President Al Gore who ran Clinton's re-election campaign in 1996.

Republicans on the House Commerce Committee last month asked Reno to look into whether a \$1 million payment that Knight received from Tennessee developer Franklin Haney was an illegal con-

tingency fee for helping get the Federal Communications Commission to move to the Portals development.

Police arrest suspect in boy's death

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — Police on Thursday arrested a man wanted for questioning in the slaying of an 8-year-old boy who was going to testify against him in a murder case.

Russell Peeler, 26, was taken into custody by police searching for his 22-year-old brother, Adrian, who had escaped from a halfway house.

Both brothers were being sought for questioning in the slayings of 8-year-old Leroy Brown Jr. and his mother, Karen Clarke, who were shot in their home last week as they returned from grocery shopping.

Snow sweeps across Northeast, Midwest

Snow and freezing rain made for a white-knuckle Thursday across the Northeast and Midwest, and in Detroit's snowbound neighborhoods, people were told if they wanted their mail, they'd have to come out into the streets and get it.

In the Maine hamlet of Allagash, people stayed indoors to avoid the lowest temperature ever recorded in the state: 55 below zero.

The snow extended from Ohio through Pennsylvania and into New York state, closing schools, canceling flights and forcing drivers to take it slow and steady.

South of the snow, freezing rain and sleet fell from the Ohio Valley east into the mid-Atlantic states.



Courtesy Reuters



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COVERING PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES' WIVES

Forty percent of voters in a Media Studies Center/Roper Center survey say they believe that Hillary Clinton has not gotten a fair shake in the press. Fourteen percent of voters believe Elizabeth Dole has been treated unfairly by the media. Journalists and authors offered their perspective at a Media Studies Center forum on journalism ethics. Excerpts, page 3.

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Clintons' beef with magazine article on daughter is out of line

(AT-RISK)

By Jill Porter

Knight Ridder Newspapers

(KRT)

It was inevitable. And People magazine's cover story on Chelsea Clinton is completely legitimate, not to mention harmless.

Still, Bill and Hillary Clinton said they were ``profoundly saddened'' that People, in running the story, disregarded the tacit understanding that Chelsea was off limits to journalists.

And they thereby turned People's beautiful paeon to mother-daughter love into a controversy, and subjected themselves to charges of hypocrisy.

Reporters barraged presidential press spokesman Joe Lockhart with accusations that the Clintons use Chelsea when it's to their political advantage, but are offended when she's scrutinized by the media.

The fact is, privacy is the primary sacrifice a politician makes, for himself and his family.

And despite a reputation for having the ethics of Serbian assassins, the media have largely honored the Clintons' request to leave Chelsea alone.

If Billy hadn't unzipped his trousers in a White House hallway, chances are Chelsea's protective bubble would be intact.

But the Lewinsky scandal is a family crisis, as well as a political catastrophe, and Chelsea's well-being is a part of that.

People Managing Editor Carol Wallace is right to say that Chelsea is a ``valid journalistic subject'' because she's ``an eyewitness to the family drama and historical events unfolding around her.''

And Chelsea is particularly central to the Clinton story because of the intensity of her relationship with her parents and the insight she sheds into their private life.

Not to mention that she's the one real innocent in all of this and provides a rare opportunity for unconditional sympathy.

We feel sorry for Hillary, of course, but our compassion is compromised by our consternation that she doesn't leave the cheatin' SOB.

Monica was as much predator as prey. And everyone else involved in the scandal or the impeachment is either a deceitful dirtbag or a partisan pimp.

Chelsea has no complicity whatsoever and we can just feel sorry for her.

The People article is nearly reverential in portraying the close relationship between Hillary and Chelsea that sustains them through this agony.

It lionizes Hillary as a selfless, adoring mother spending 45 minutes on the phone with Chelsea in the middle of the frenzied 1992 campaign, for instance, with her schedule hopelessly behind, discussing Chelsea's sore throat.

Hillary is depicted as the paragon of maternal devotion and Chelsea, the perfect child, a source of reassurance to a public saturated with tales of misdirected youth.

The turbulent Clinton marriage might, indeed, have sent Chelsea to drugs or alcohol for solace.

Instead, if what we read is true, she's a young woman who's strong, dignified and brave in the face of crippling public embarrassment.

Chelsea and Hillary add a note of irony to the Clinton legacy.

While the administration of Ronald Reagan supposedly embodied ``family values,' ' his family was alienated, and his children were kooks who ridiculed their parents and engaged in embarrassing antics.

Bill Clinton, the hopeless philanderer, has a wife and daughter who are models of family values: loyal, devoted, steadfast and strong.

There's virtually nothing in the People article the Clintons can object to: no dirt on Chelsea's life at Stanford, no tasteless insinuations, not one unflattering observation about their daughter.

It's a respectful, almost awestruck, portrait of an extraordinary mother and daughter that would make any parents proud.

The article is proof that the Clintons need not worry about subjecting Chelsea to publicity.

As she gets older and more independent, media scrutiny is inevitable.

And she surely can take care of herself.

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HOT-BUTTONS...talk show topics, from UPI:

CHELSEA=

The White House won't say why the Clintons are so upset with the People magazine cover article profiling first daughter Chelsea...except to repeat the first couple's written statement that they had wanted to protect her ``privacy and security.''

People editor Carol Wallace says the magazine gave a lot of thought to the objections...but went ahead anyway with the article, which hits newsstands today with both first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Chelsea pictured on the cover. Wallace says the piece involves a largely flattering profile of Chelsea as she copes with the effects of her father's behavior. Wallace also notes that at 19, Chelsea is no longer a child...and, as such, is fair game for a profile because she's an eyewitness to history.

NBC reports the magazine 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.

The children of recent past presidents have not been held strictly off limits...although there've been attempts to protect their privacy from time to time. However, when Clinton was first elected in 1992, the first family asked...and reporters and cameramen tacitly agreed...that Chelsea was off limits unless she appeared publicly with her parents.

For six years, there've been no real stories in the media about Chelsea except for snippets here and there. The People profile is the first to break that ban. It reportedly has won the magazine whose corporate ownership also includes Time magazine and CNN White House threats of retaliation on future news cooperation.

Is Chelsea a public figure? Why or why not? Do you agree with her parents' objections to the People article? If so, why should she be treated any differently than other presidential kids?

GUN LAWSUIT=

A federal jury in Brooklyn, New York, has begun deliberating a lawsuit that could decide whether gunmakers can be held liable for violence committed with the weapons.

The families of seven shooting victims only one of whom survived blame gunmakers for negligently supplying the guns that claimed the lives of their loved ones. They argue that weapons manufacturers sell huge numbers of guns in legal markets with lax gun laws...with the result being that those guns often wind up on the black market.

But lawyers for the gunmakers deny responsibility for shooting deaths. They say gunmakers can't control the illegal flow of firearms... nor can they stop criminals from pulling the trigger. And defense attorney Anne Kimball says the suit offered no evidence that the legal gun market is fueling the illegal market.

The unprecedented case is being watched closely as a test run for similar lawsuits already filed or planned by various cities.

To paraphrase a saying, do guns kill people or do people kill people? Should gunmakers be held responsible for what people do with their products? Why or why not?

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Bush sides with Clintons on coverage of Chelsea

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) Gov. George W. Bush joined President Clinton and his wife in voicing disappointment over a magazine cover story on Chelsea Clinton, saying concerns about his own teen-age daughters remain a factor as he considers running for president.

``If the president and Mrs. Clinton are disappointed that their daughter's on the cover of the magazine, I'm disappointed for them,'' Bush said Tuesday.

``I'm beginning to understand better how teen-agers feel. It's a sensitive age. I respect their desire for privacy. I'm sorry it happened,'' Bush said.

Last week, the Clintons said they were ``profoundly saddened'' by People magazine's decision to do a cover story on Chelsea.

Bush and his wife, Laura, have twin daughters, who are 17.

``My daughters matter a lot to me. I love them more than life,'' the Republican governor said. ``My most important job is father. So I'm concerned, as I say, about the meat-grinder of national politics.

``I don't think one magazine cover is going to be the deciding factor; I think the issue's much bigger than that. But that's a consideration.''

Bush repeated that remains undecided about a presidential bid next year.

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Attached is a sampling of clips
from Mrs. Clinton's launch of the
Millennium Communities Program.

Thanks for your help.



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USCM President Deedee Corradini (seated at left) listens as First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton discusses the Millennium Communities program. See story on page 3.

Guns, Census, Youth Issues Lead Mayors' Priorities

by John Pionke

Gun control, assuring an accurate census count, Y2K compliance, youth and environmental issues topped the priorities list for the more than 275 mayors in Washington D.C. for the 67th Annual Winter Meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM).

Salt Lake City Mayor and USCM President Deedee Corradini selected youth issues, among them the Mayors

OlympiKids for Fitness program, as a top priority for the Conference this year. Delegates also focused on issues such as job creation and welfare-to-work opportunities, international trade, drug control and treatment, and brownfields revitalization.

National League of Cities (NLC) President Clarence Anthony, mayor of South Bay, Fla., brought greetings to the

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NLC President Clarence Anthony brought greetings from the National League of Cities and stressed the value of working together.

Mayors from page 1

delegates at the Friday luncheon at the Capitol Hilton Hotel. Mayor Anthony congratulated USCM President Deedee Corradini for her leadership and her strong initiatives focused on youth safety and other youth programs.

"Whether you are from a small town, a mid-size city, or a huge metropolis, two of the most important issues for any municipal leader involve young people in our communities: one is trying to make sure they grow up with a good education and in a healthy and safe envi-

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—First Lady Hillary Clinton

ronment, and the other is trying to make sure they will want to stay and be a part of the community," said Anthony.

"No matter how hard each of us tries, however, we won't ever succeed on our own as

much as we will when we work together, together in our communities, together in our states and in our national organizations such as NLC and the U.S. Conference of Mayors."

Also bringing greetings to attendees was Betty Lou Ward, commissioner of Wake County N.C. and president of the National Association of Counties (NACo).

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, who also spoke at the luncheon, talked of the importance that issues like youth violence, clean drinking water, jobs and urban infrastructure are to Congress. Lott stated that Congress is "giving a high priority to the issues that concern the American people the most; youth, jobs, clean water and the infrastructure of American cities."

Millennium Project Unveiled

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton unveiled the White House Millennium Communities program at the closing luncheon. The program's theme, "Honor the Past—Imagine the Future," is designed to help celebrate the millennium by paying tribute to the ideals and creativity that have shaped the past and by preparing American citizens, especially children, for the 21st Century.

"This program gives us an opportunity to unite our communities through local projects that preserve our historical and cultural legacy and prepare our citizens and youth for the 21st century," Clinton said. The Millennium Communities program is a national non-competitive program designed to recognize communities that undertake projects and activities that are consistent with the national theme.

The program is a partnership of the White House Millennium Council, the National Association of Counties, the National Association of Towns and Townships, National League of Cities, US Confer-

ence of Mayors and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Aiming at Gun Violence

During a press conference, Mayor Joseph Ganim of Bridgeport Conn. and Mayor Alex Penelas of Miami, Fla. announced lawsuits against gun manufacturers, bringing the number of cities which have filed lawsuits to four. Chicago and New Orleans have also filed suits. The suits hold gun manufacturers accountable for the production and distribution of inherently unsafe products.

The suits seek hundreds of millions of dollars in damages to be used for fire and emergency personnel needed combat violence and to protect children from being victims.

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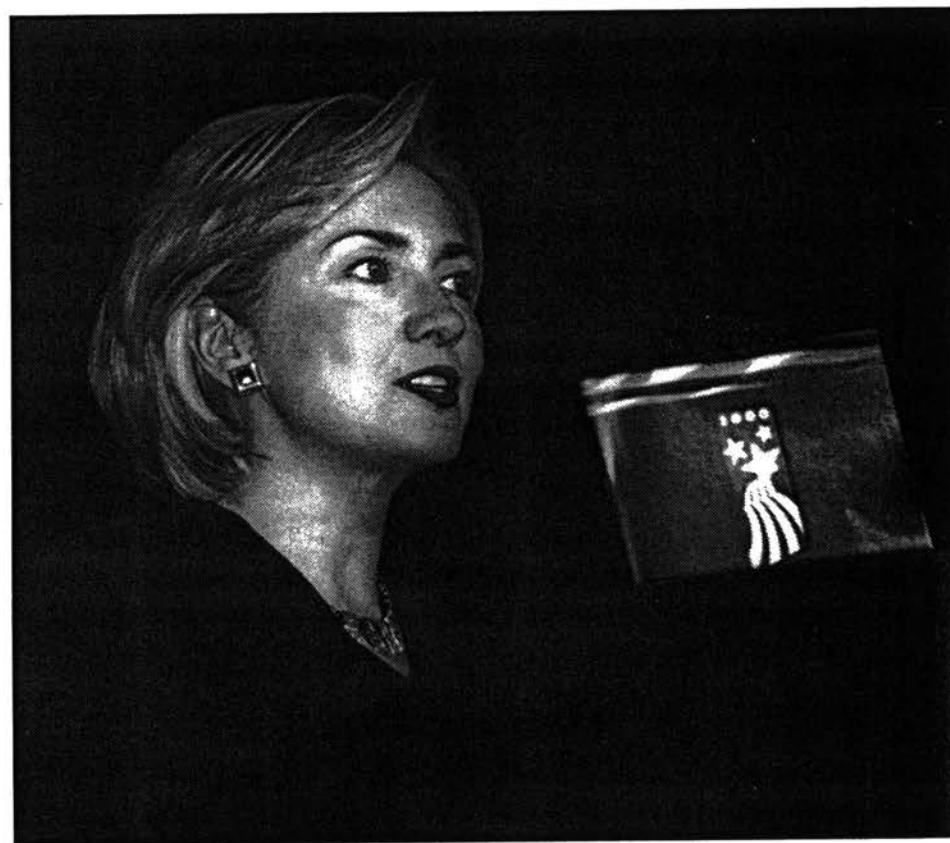
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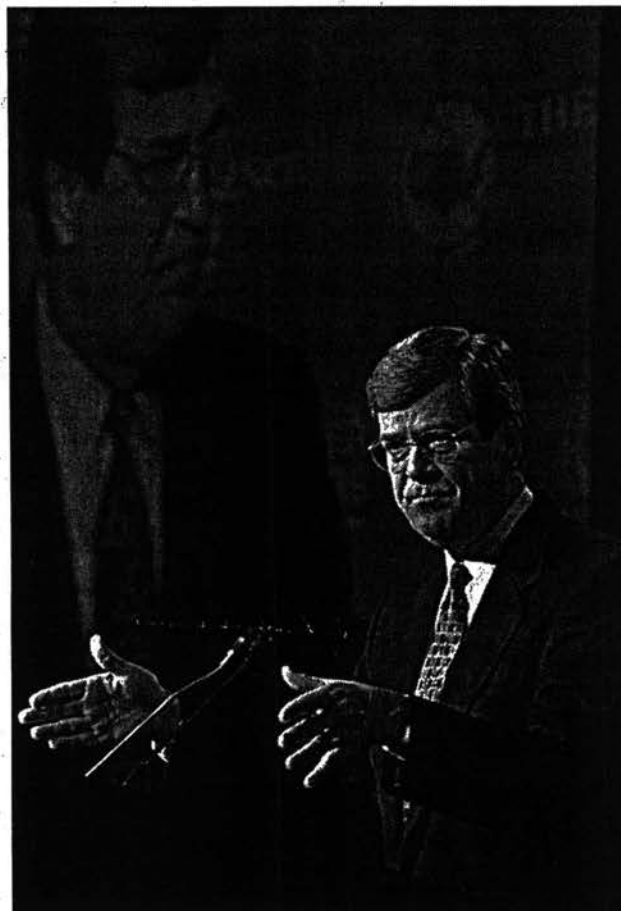
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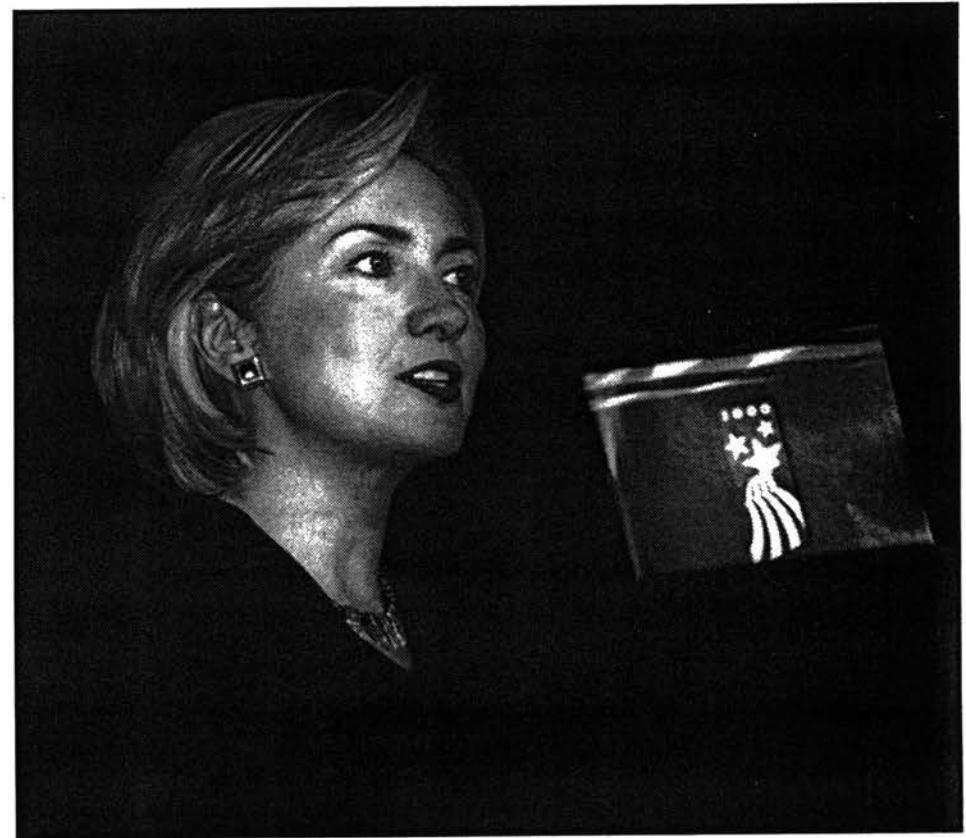
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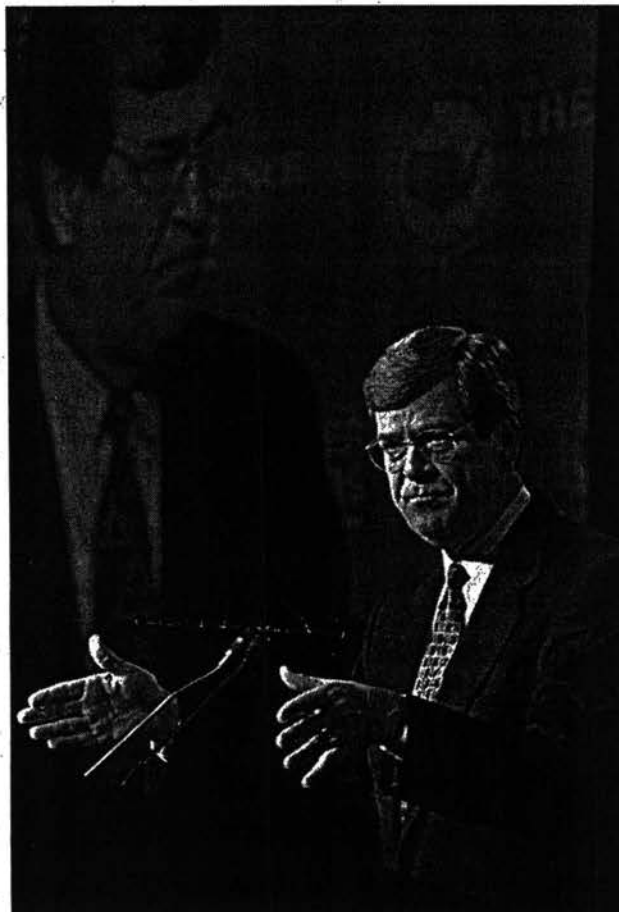
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Unknown to the public, Linda Tripp gives prosecutors from independent counsel Ken Starr's office 20 hours of telephone conversations she secretly taped with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky. Attorney General Janet Reno grants Starr authority to investigate. And President Clinton denies a sexual relationship with Lewinsky during his deposition in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case.



By Greg Gibson, AP

President Clinton

Allegations that Clinton had an affair with a White House intern appear Jan. 17 on the Internet. Major news media report the affair and name Lewinsky Jan. 21, and report that Ken Starr is investigating whether Clinton committed perjury, encouraged others to lie under oath or attempted to obstruct justice.

Clinton declares he never had sexual relations with 'that woman,' and never told anyone to lie. First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton blames a 'vast right-wing conspiracy.' Clinton secretary Betty Currie is first to testify before the grand jury.



Linda Tripp

By Khue Bui, AP

February

Clinton's approval ratings hit a then-record 69% in a USA TODAY/CNN/Gallup Poll. Lewinsky's mother, Marcia Lewis, testifies for two days.

March

Former White House volunteer Kathleen Willey claims Clinton groped her in the White House in 1993. Lewinsky's lawyer says Starr gave her, then retracted, immunity in exchange for testimony.

April

A federal judge dismisses Paula Jones' sexual harassment suit against Clinton.

May

Breaking historic precedent, a federal judge rules Secret Service agents must testify about a president's behavior.



By Mark Wilson, Reuters

Secret Service Agent Larry Cockell

June

Lewinsky fires her lawyer and hires veteran Washington lawyers Jacob Stein and Plato Cacheris.

July

Lewinsky and her mother get immunity. Clinton agrees to testify voluntarily after Starr issues a subpoena. He then withdraws the subpoena.

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THE TV COLUMN*Lisa de Moraes*

Gennifer Flowers Talks and Sings

Hillary Rodham Clinton was aware her husband was having an affair with Gennifer Flowers almost from the beginning, Flowers claimed on the daytime talk show "Roseanne" yesterday. Hillary Clinton's attitude was "I don't want it thrown in my face; I don't want to deal with it on a daily basis," Flowers said. She also claimed that the Clintons had a confrontation over her.

"Oh boy, was it like fur flying and stuff?" Roseanne asked. "Yes, according to him it was," Flowers responded. The cabaret singer ended the show with a performance of "When a Man Loves a Woman," which she sang while standing in front of a red king-size bed. The first lady's spokeswoman declined to comment.



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Gennifer Flowers chats with Roseanne about President Clinton.

Social critic tackles love and feminism

By Achy Obejas

TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

When bell hooks speaks out — live and in person, not in the precise, fierce tone of her writing — it is in a surprisingly whispery little girl voice. And because her vocality has just a hint of sultriness in its childlike timbre, it both disarms and disturbs.

But that's hooks in a nutshell.

Named last year by The Atlantic Monthly as one of the New Intellectuals "bringing moral imagination and critical intelligence to bear on the defining American matter of race," hooks was also included in the Utne Reader's "100 Visionaries Who Could Change Your Life."

A feminist theorist, academic and social critic, the 46-year-old hooks is the author of 17 books. Her latest is "Remembered Rapture," a collection of memoirs and essays about the process and power of writing.

But unlike other commentators of her ilk — who may pontificate or propagandize as much as illuminate — hooks is lucid and

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bell hooks: The feminist theorist and academic is the author of 17 books.

unpredictable.

Here is a smattering of hooklets, from an interview conducted during her recent visit to Chicago to promote and read from "Remembered Rapture."

On the impact of her own writing:

"I'm a really dissident writer — I'm on the left, I believe in God. I come out of being an academic, and I get to participate in our nation's cultural history. But 30 years from now, I don't think anyone's going to be concerned with my essay on Quentin Tarantino. On the other hand, 'Feminist Theory: From Margin to Center' [her seminal feminist theory book], that changed the whole discourse. Some writing is social criticism for the moment, some writing is about leaving a legacy. In any case, what I think about is whatever subject I'm writing about. Right now I'm obsessed with love."

On love:

"I started writing about love when I felt concerned because I

wanted to find love and have a partner and couldn't find one. I'd always hoped I'd meet someone to love and stay with them forever. My grandparents were together 75 years. They had separate rooms, separate styles, but they were very pleased to be together in this life. Now people are so cynical about love. And betrayal is so commonplace, we expect it."

On Bill and Hillary as a couple:

"I think more than any other couple who have occupied the White House, they exemplify some positive aspects of coupling — they process, they attempt communication. I never had a sense, for example, of Jackie and JFK sitting down and talking about adultery. Part of positive coupling is working stuff through. But she can't come out in public and say, 'I know he's a womanizer and he's got this tawdry way of doing this.' But she knows it in the same way she'd know if he had a drinking problem."

On the impeachment process and its impact on America:

"Well, I'm bored with it all because it's so deeply and profoundly hypocritical. Many of these

men who are themselves unfaithful and disloyal are acting like Clinton's the sole transgressor. I don't think it's interfered with the president's job at all — in fact, I think he's working harder now just to prove he can. The mass media would have us believe we're all outraged but, in fact, I think we're kind of proud of him, because he's really a regular guy and hasn't been beaten into the dust by the Republicans or the feminists."

On feminism and sexual harassment:

"A lot of mainstream feminists are knee-jerk about sexual harassment. And I think, from Anita Hill on, we need to reconsider things. I supported Anita Hill because she was harassed — I did not support her transformation into a feminist icon because she was harassed. Often, mainstream feminists take the position that if a woman makes a complaint, she's right. But sometimes there are extenuating circumstances that need to be considered. Anita Hill was harassed but she knew what was taking place and colluded because she had a certain agenda. Extenuating circumstances make the bigger pic-

ture more complex, but also more real and human."

On a backlash:

"I think we're going to go back to a notion of privacy, which is very separate from public behavior and performance. And it will be a slap in the face to mainstream feminists because it was the feminists who said, 'The personal is political.' They're the ones who said, 'If you want to understand domination and power, you have to look at how people behave in private.' The fact is, we can't have it both ways — we can't want equality, then feel harassed when the guy tells the dirty joke at the table. You know, we pretend to be a nation that likes openness and values free speech, but we are not a nation prepared to deal with the truth."

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Who can capture the essence of Hillary?

By Geneva Overholser

WASHINGTON — Did you read where Carl Bernstein, partner in unearthing Watergate, is going to write a biography of Hillary Rodham Clinton?

Good heavens.

Maybe I've read too much Nora Ephron. She was Bernstein's wife — and seven months pregnant when she discovered he was cheating on her. Bernstein would have been better off two-timing someone who couldn't write a stingingly hilarious account of it, as Ephron did in "Heartburn."

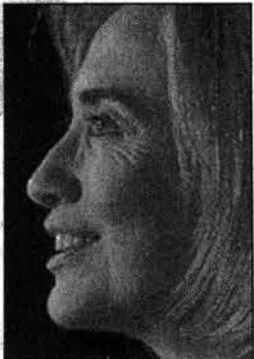
After that, it's hard to think of Bernstein as exactly the person to get to the heart and soul of this complex, confounding first lady. Of course, he won't be alone in trying. But it's hard to imagine who could present faithfully and whole the figure who has stirred so many of our hopes and fears — and been forced to drag them all around for the past six years.

Remember the beginning? It makes you feel sad. All those stories about mutual admiration and warmth between the Clintons. How much they touched. Photos of them smiling at each other. Then — as if for balance — the fear-stirring, attack stuff. At least 20 articles the first year compared her to Lady Macbeth. She was a killer lawyer, an emasculating, lamp-throwing dragon lady.

I have a file with two 6-year-old clippings. The first is a Wall Street Journal article headlined "We' the President." "She inspires respect — even fear," the story said of her. And, from Illinois' then Rep. Dan Rostenkowski: "From what I

hear, she's got both hands on the throttle."

Days later, the New York Times pictured her with her hair pinned up, surrounded by flowers, adjusting a table setting: "Hillary Clinton inspecting the final arrangements



on Sunday night for the Clintons' first official dinner."

Ambitious and controlling, charming and wifely: You could choose. But you couldn't find much in between, not the way the stories got told. Consider the cookie-baking stir.

During the first campaign, Jerry Brown charged that her practicing law where her husband was governor was a conflict of interest. Then came the reply that launched a thousand arrows: "I suppose I could have stayed home and baked cookies and had teas." Interestingly, what she said next was rarely reported. "The work that I have done ... has been aimed ... to assure that women can make the choices ... whether it's full-time career, full-time motherhood or some combination."

Like most folks, the first lady is too complex for black and white. But these are the colors we use for presidential wives. And rather than blend them, we alternate. Thus, early on, she was all about headbands — or she was the hidden hand behind Travelgate and failures to fill the attorney general's office.

The health care debacle was her defining moment. After that came alternating periods of her being characterized as in or out of the public eye, traveling and pursuing various issues, or holding back so as not to wake the sleeping dogs of criticism.

But really, what has she been through-out? Sometimes she seemed cold and aloof, judgmental and impatient. Yet she's clearly a wonderful mother, and her friends swear to her warmth and good humor. Sometimes she has seemed brave, pioneering — then inflexible and blind to wider implications of her choices.

Lurching and pronouncing, we've pretty much consistently missed the subtleties that would make the person real for us. Early on, Frank Rich of the New York Times wrote: "Few people seem to respond to Hillary Clinton as if she were remotely human. She is alternately deified and vilified as nun or Lady Macbeth, Florence Nightingale or Yuppie from Hell. If she is not going to play first wife, then she'll be forced to play another female role from stock, like it or not."

The stock roles currently vying for center stage are "Noble Victim" and "A Beauty After All" (witness the Vogue cover): two more black and white caricatures. The grays will emerge only over time. Indeed, they would probably come together in an accurate portrait only if she were to paint it herself, candidly. That seems uncharacteristic.

Hillary Rodham was a year ahead of me at Wellesley College, and an outstanding student leader. Addressing her graduating class, she spoke of "the courage to be whole, to try to mold an entire person."

Surely it's been harder than even she could have imagined.

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Hillary Clinton: A complicated role model for women

She sat there smiling sagely, nodding agreement, applauding on cue. At standing ovations, she lingered longer than others on her feet.

Despite the sharks encircling his boat, Bill Clinton gave no hint that he was scrambling for his political life. And Hillary Clinton gave no hint she was holding the rope ladder he balanced on.

When he tossed her a bone for her volunteer work, saying something about honoring her, she accepted it with grace.

Sure, the temptation to smirk was great. *Honoring* his wife, you might have quipped. Fine job he's done of it so far.

So how does she do it? And why?

Seven years ago, confronted by the Gennifer Flower revelations, Hillary Clinton told "60 Minutes" she was not some Tammy Wynette-stereotype standing by her man.

Today, she's the very sym-



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bol of a loyal wife, resolute in the face of his faltering, faithful in the face of his infidelities.

The president stands impeached, under trial and facing expulsion, over his relationship with Monica Lewinsky and his clumsy attempts to cover it up. If anyone had a legitimate reason to care about all that, Hillary Clinton would.

He'd betrayed her, cheated on her, publicly humiliated her. He'd let her go on televi-

sion alleging "a vast right-wing conspiracy," and then the sexual allegations against her husband turned out to be true.

Later, she had to endure the whole nation hearing graphic testimony linking him to oral sex with an intern and stained dresses and cigars, and confessing he'd lied to her — even as reports that Bill told Lewinsky he might not be with Hillary after he left the White House.

And yet, Hillary struck with him, a portrait of dignity and grace under pressure. She alone had the power to pull him through, and she did what she needed to.

For this, her strength and ability to mobilize when his prospects seemed hopeless, she nearly became Time's Man of the Year, but was edged out by her husband and Ken Starr.

But her life is loaded with ironies like that.

Hillary Clinton is a compli-

cated role model, a brilliant woman capable of greatness who could as easily have occupied the Oval Office if society weren't so far behind her. But as a nation, we have loved and hated her for all the wrong reasons. Hated her when she came off as strong-willed, independent and ambitious, loved her when she was put through the wringer, and emerged looking more like the conventional wife. That's when her poll ratings went up.

Maybe that's the territory in which so many wives reside, enduring more than they bargained for. Plus, society doesn't like uppity women. It prefers them humbled and martyred.

Whatever she feels inside, she's under no obligation to make it public for the rest of us. Still, there's the question of what kind of message she sends to young women in her endurance; the ones — includ-

ing her own daughter — we teach to be assertive and not to put up with mistreatment by a man. It's mixed.

There is a remarkable side to her bearing. For all the humiliation she suffered, she doesn't come out the fool. She never seems to have let anything her husband did undermine her self-worth. Quite the opposite. The attacks on his presidency have only energized her. She's at her best fighting back.

We should all be so blessed with such confidence.

And she makes her own choices. If she wanted to leave, she would.

But hand the Republicans that victory? Never.

Women everywhere have come to the political defense of a president they think served women pretty well (though one could argue with several of his actions in office). And so, in the end, has

Hillary Clinton. Maybe she cares more about the country's direction than her own marriage. Or maybe a marriage that's endured more than 20 years can withstand a lot.

So he stood in the House chamber this week acting like he wasn't fighting for his political life, and she stood up for him and accepted his honors as if she hadn't been terribly wronged.

They are well matched in at least one way, Bill and Hillary. Both have this remarkable ability to compartmentalize.

But it's anyone's guess what she has up her sleeve. There's speculation she'll move to New York and run for Pat Moynihan's Senate seat when he retires in 2000. Maybe, after all, it is she who plans not to be there when her husband's White House run is over.

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The White House big nights in

WHEN Bill Clinton requested a private screening of Paul Schrader's new movie *Affliction* recently, media speculation was rife. Was the story of a feckless alcoholic father resonant with Clinton's own troubled childhood? Could *Affliction* have been a kind of therapy? Pretty soon, the story just fizzled out. The truth, it seemed, was more prosaic: yet another PR company had exploited a quite common practice of screening movies in the private White House cinema, a presidential perk actually dating back to the Second World War.

On the other hand, it's odd to think that a White House institution set up in 1942 to cater for a crippled president in a wheelchair — President Roosevelt — has latterly become a subtle instrument of presidential power. Last year it was wielded more than ever. In 1998, the Clintons organised well-publicised lunch and screening parties for both Good Will Hunting and *The Apostle*. Taking their cue from Tony Blair, they took to hobnobbing with the hottest names of the big screen, including Gus Van Sant and Matt Damon. Perhaps Good Will Hunting's themes of redemption and education struck a chord with Hillary? The screening of *The Apostle*, too, had more than one ostensible role. It was a public affirmation of the status of veteran actor Robert Duvall, but it was also an attempt to show business as usual, even if it was only show business.

In fact, the Clintons have always been sparing with their endorsements of films, plays and books. As politicians, they cannot afford to endorse anything that isn't horribly worthy. It's certain the Clintons read and admired Allen Ginsberg, for example, but there was no way they could ever admit to owning any of the great libertarian's risqué tracts. Even if they didn't inhale. Genuine expressions of the Clintons' cultural tastes have to be carefully sifted from the stream of high-octane public endorsements. It's quite disarming to discover that when Bill and Hillary were young they used to have cosy chats about the political merits of the cerebral novels of Robert Musil. How much things have changed. Access the White House website now and you'll find that all the books the President lists as favourites are safe, soft classics like *Last of the Mohicans*, while *High Noon*, apparently, is his favourite movie.

Do we really buy their public expressions of taste? Although Bill has been extremely vocal about his liking for Walter Moseley's novels — noirish thrillers by a stylish black writer — we know he'd far rather eat peanut butter and jello sandwiches in front of a baseball game on TV. Another of his

well-known favourite books is Walt Whitman's *Leaves of Grass*, the book he gave to Hillary on their second date. Yet the Whitman is conspicuous by its absence on the White House website. Why? Well, it turns out that he repeated the gift-giving gesture more recently. During the Starr investigation, it came to light that among Monica's private possessions was a copy of *Leaves of Grass* given to her by the President. He probably hadn't read Whitman in years; it was the empty gesture of a lacklustre Casanova.

Hillary used to devour novels in five-hour sittings and she's far more naturally highbrow than Bill. But even her taste is massaged for public view. We know Hillary "likes" Shakespeare after her visit to the Globe Theatre in London, her request for a blue silk dress used in an RSC production, and her recent breach of White House etiquette by staying to the end of a public screening of Shakespeare in *Love* when she was only supposed to introduce it. Yet we also know that she sneaked out to see *The Vagina Monologues* last year when she thought no one was looking. It was a return to that stringy-haired, bespectacled feminist of yore.

The Clintons' public taste will always carefully reflect their populist instincts. After all, who wouldn't want their own private cinema? Who wouldn't want to be invited to the White House to watch a movie? Who wouldn't have wanted to be there as Bill watched *Primary Colors*? Or to see whether — as the rest of America is reported to have done — at the moment the spaceship vaporises the White House with a column of fire on Independence Day, he jumped up and cheered?

If Clinton really is considering a Hollywood career in preference to the exile of presidential lecture circuit, as a persistent rumour indicates, the old Roosevelt cinema will have played a curious role in that trajectory. And who knows, maybe he'll be back there in 10 years' time. Except Hillary will choose a few less cornball thrillers and black and white gun-slinger classics.

“Who wouldn't want to be invited to the White House to watch a movie? Who wouldn't have wanted to be there as Bill watched *Primary Colors*?”

*missy,
Is this the same
issue you were dealing
with in Birmingham?
JP*

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If he runs, will he reach out to others in the GOP?
CAMPAIGN 2000

No 'Lollipop' From Forbes

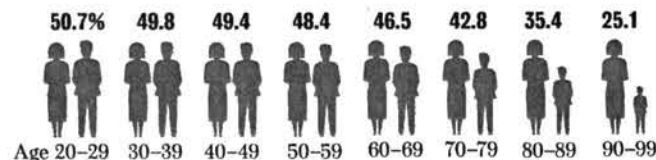
STEVE FORBES IS EXPECTED TO FILE FOR A PRESIDENTIAL run by the end of February. But first he has scheduled a family summit this weekend to discuss it. His wife, Sabina, has said she'll support whatever decision he makes. But aides are braced for static from Forbes's five daughters, ages 11 to 25, who identify with what Chelsea Clinton has gone through with the news media. The flap over People magazine's cover story on Chelsea crystallizes the issue, says a Forbes adviser. "They're at that age. I expect the younger ones, especially, will ask, 'Will this happen to us?'" Some GOP leaders have cautioned Forbes against repeating his '96 campaign, when an early blitz of negative ads aimed at front runner Bob Dole did lasting damage to the party. Forbes has passed the word that he'll run "an issue-based campaign." He's "smart enough to not go thermonuclear," says an adviser to Texas Gov. George W. Bush. That may be wishful thinking. Says a top Forbes adviser: "We're not going to run lollipop rolling-green-hills-and-barking-dog ads."

COUPLES

Another Biological Clock

MEN LOOKING FOR A VALENTINE NEED ONLY BE YOUNG AT heart: the odds of finding a date get better as males age. But as eligible bachelors die off, women's odds get longer.

MEN AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL POPULATION



SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS BUREAU, NOVEMBER 1998

KOSOVO

On the Ground

A PEACE DEAL ON KOSOVO could soon put U.S. troops in the rebellious province as part of an international force. But other NATO countries already have mainly active-duty soldiers there, as observers. Nearly all the 150 U.S. "peace verifiers" there are former military and civil servants provided by a Reston, Va., services firm, DynCorp. "I spent all my life training for this stuff," said one verifier who has been shot at three times since October. Another U.S. firm trains government troops in Croatia, Bosnia and Macedonia. "They're not mercenaries," says one U.S. official. "Nobody's carrying weapons." The \$1.3 billion firm (which did not return phone calls) also trains police in Haiti and works on coca eradication in Colombia, where three of its American pilots have died since 1997.



A casualty



ABORTION

Web Site Fight

A DAY AFTER WINNING A landmark \$107 million judgment against militant abortion opponents, pro-choice advocates petitioned a federal court to shut down an anti-abortion Web site. But MindSpring, the Atlanta-based Internet service provider, acted first. The ISP closed the site, which featured images of bloody fetuses and the names and addresses of "baby butchers," because the site violated the company's "appropriate use" policy. Web site creator Neal Horsley says he'll seek a more "tolerant" ISP, where he intends to post live Web-cam shots from abortion clinics. A federal jury in Oregon had found that the site's material poses a threat to abortion providers. Anti-abortion activists plan to appeal on First Amendment grounds.

CONVENTIONAL WISDOM WATCH

It Was Just a Dream Edition

The CW's phone rang at 2:30 a.m. It was Vernon Jordan wanting to talk about "Darkness at Noon." Under the bed, Henry Hyde hid with a hat pin. Our long national nightmare is almost over.

Players	Conventional Wisdom
Clinton	Democrats say he's shameless, reckless and indefensible. Let's keep him!
Monica	No Valley Girl her. Poised, prepped and on point. And great lipstick.
Jordan	Breakfast egg on his face but smoothly recovers by wiping up House managers.
Managers	Old: We need witnesses to prove the truth! New: These witnesses can't be believed!
DeLay	House impeach zealot reportedly lied under oath. Fortunately, not about sex.
Gates	Gives record \$3 billion more to charity. Bonus: No press conference.

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Rudy Weighs the 'Hillary Factor'

RUDY GIULIANI WAS once considered a shoo-in for the Senate in 2000. But Hillary Clinton's flirtation with the race has upset the New York mayor's plans. "Until she makes a decision, he won't make one," says a Republican political strategist. "If she runs, my guess is Rudy won't." The latest Marist poll shows Giuliani 11 points behind Mrs. Clinton in the race to succeed retiring Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan. "No one but Hillary can beat Giuliani," says a former Moynihan aide. "He doesn't run against people he can't beat."

Another potential hurdle: the mayor's strained relations with the minority community, a situation that intensified this month after cops fired 41 shots at an unarmed African street vendor, killing him as he entered his apartment. Though the incident outraged blacks and liberals, Democratic strategists say it's



Giuliani last week at the funeral of an immigrant killed by cops

unlikely to derail Giuliani's political future: "That's not a vote he could get. It's Hillary's all the way." And, says a Patrolman's Benevolent Association official, the anger is "the flavor of the

month. People will move on."

So what's next, if not the Senate? GOP sources say Giuliani is so unstrung by the "Hillary factor" that he's looking at a bid for governor in 2002.

CONCORDE

Too Much Noise

A NEW TRANSATLANTIC trade war is looming—and its first victim could be the Concorde. The European Commission is in the final stages of passing strict noise-control standards for all civil aircraft. The regs could keep one third of the U.S. fleet, the oldest in the West, out of Europe, and the U.S. aviation industry claims the rules could cost it \$1 billion. The Clinton administration is threatening to retaliate. Already two top Democrats have introduced a bill to ban the noisy Concorde, pride of British and French airlines, from U.S. airspace.



Coming: A battle of the jets?

TERRORISM

On the Run: Bin Laden

WHERE IS OSAMA BIN Laden? Just days after U.S. officials delivered the "bluntest message yet" that Washington believed attacks by bin Laden on U.S. citizens could be imminent and that the Clinton administration would hold Afghanistan "directly responsible" if they occurred, the Saudi terrorist apparently fled his sanctuary in the Taliban's spiritual capital, Kandahar. "Our guest has gone missing," said a Tal-



Held responsible for the U.S. Embassy bombings

iban spokesman. "We did not order him to leave; we do not know where he has gone." U.S. officials did not immediately confirm whether bin Laden had left the country, but said that at a Feb. 3 meeting, they received the most positive response so far to U.S. pressure. Washington has offered a \$5 million reward for his capture for masterminding last August's bombings in Kenya and Tanzania. U.S. and Arab intelligence sources said a likely destination was Somalia, where bin Laden has connections to radical fundamentalists.

CONVENTIONAL WISDOM

Post-Trial Makeover Edition

Like Linda Tripp, the CW is sporting a new look—but it promises never to tape a friend or file an affidavit. The arrows may seem different, but they'll spin just as fast.

PLAYERS		CONVENTIONAL WISDOM
Clinton	▲	Gets off just in time for Valentine's Day! Pizza anyone?
Lott	↔	Handles trial process nicely, then blows it with sour grapes postmortem.
Daschle	▲	Sen. minority leader does impossible: unifies Dems—and without meanness.
Tripp	▼	Blames Lucianne, doesn't even try to apologize to Monica. Time for a new makeover.
Hitchens	▼	Blumenthal "friend" is the Linda Tripp of the left. He could use a makeover, too.
Constitution	▲	Proves able to handle oral sex, Bob Barr. What a bodacious document!

MILESTONES

CONVICTED. THE REV. HENRY LYONS, 57, president of the National Baptist Convention USA, one of the country's largest black denominations; of racketeering and grand theft; in Largo, Fla. Lyons swindled millions of dollars by selling fake mailing lists to corporations trying to peddle their products to convention members.



DIED. JOSE QUINTERO, 74, Panamanian-born Tony Award-winning theater director and founder of Circle in the Square, a group credited with sparking the off-Broadway movement; of cancer; in New York City. Quintero was best known for his devotion to the dramas of Eugene O'Neill. Often working with Jason Robards, Quintero directed more than a dozen of O'Neill's works, including the original Broadway production of *Long Day's Journey into Night*.

DIED. GLENN SEABORG, 86, former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and Nobel prize-winner; in Lafayette, Calif. Seaborg began his career in the 1930s in Berkeley. He led the research team that discovered plutonium and was the

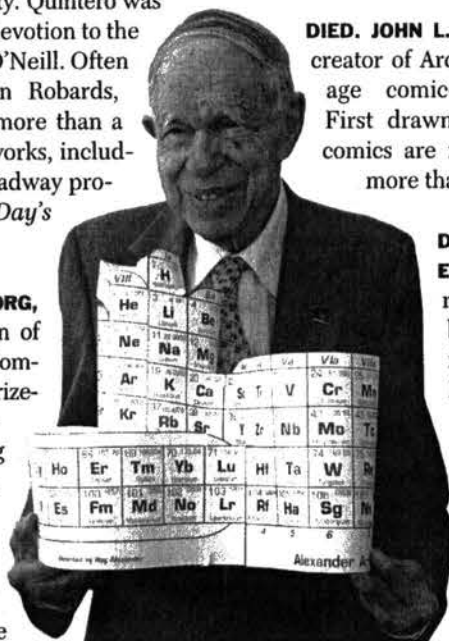
first living person to have an element, seaborgium, named for him. After helping build the Bomb on the Manhattan Project, Seaborg championed the peaceful use of atomic energy.



DIED. ANDRE DUBUS, 62, short-story craftsman; of a heart attack; in Haverhill, Mass. Dubus published his first novel in 1967. In 1986 he was struck by a car, leaving him wheelchair-bound. He subsequently produced some of his finest stories, notably in the 1996 book *Dancing After Hours*.

DIED. JOHN L. GOLDWATER, 83, creator of Archie, ageless teenage comic-book character. First drawn in 1941, *Archie* comics are now published in more than 35 countries.

DIED. GERTRUDE ELION, 81, pioneer researcher and Nobel prizewinner; in Chapel Hill, N.C. She helped develop the first drugs to combat leukemia and herpes effectively, and oversaw the development of AZT, used to treat AIDS.



NUMBERS



14.7 million Viewers who saw the interview with Clinton-accuser Juanita Broaddrick on NBC's *Dateline* last Thursday

22.3 million Viewers who watched the Grammys instead



\$4.5 million Total donated to Bill and Hillary Clinton's legal-defense fund, as of last week

\$9 million Estimated amount the Clintons owe their attorneys

33 Number of years it would take Hillary to pay back the difference on a Senator's salary, assuming she donated her entire pretax paycheck



\$3,000 Cost of one square foot of space in Manhattan's still to be finished 515 Park Avenue, a world-record high for an apartment building

400 Size in square feet of the maid's quarters within the apartments

31.6 Number of square feet the average Houston homeowner could afford in 515 Park Avenue if he sold his house at market value

Sources: Nielsen Media Research, the Clinton defense fund, Rubenstein Associates, Wall Street Journal

COMPETITION

PLAY BALL

Think the toe-to-toe home-run battle between Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire last baseball season was heated? You should have seen the off-season.

SAMMY SOSA

- ◆ Talks to Letterman producer Biff on the *Late Show* (Sept. 15)
- ◆ Appears on McDonald's commercial (Oct. 10)
- ◆ Wins National League MVP by a landslide (Nov. 19)
- ◆ Appears on cover of *Sports Illustrated* (Dec. 14)
- ◆ Hangs out with the President and First Lady (Nov.-Jan.)
- ◆ Visits the island of the Dominican Republic (Oct.-Nov.)
- ◆ Gets a national holiday in his honor (Oct. 20)
- ◆ Guest stars at the State of the Union address (Jan. 19)



LUKE PIAZZA—AP

MARK MCGWIRE

- ◆ Talks to Letterman on the *Late Show* (Oct. 19)
- ◆ Appears on McDonald's commercial (Oct. 15)
- ◆ Wins Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year by a landslide (Dec. 28)
- ◆ Appears on cover of *Sports Illustrated* (Dec. 14)
- ◆ Hangs out with the Pope (Jan. 26)
- ◆ Visits the island of Australia (Nov.)
- ◆ Gets a Wheaties box in his honor (Oct. 13)
- ◆ Guest stars on *Mad About You* (Feb. 22)



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Win the post-trial spin-off,
get Gore elected in 2000
and then start figuring out
the rest of their lives

What's Next? For Bill and Hillary?



By NANCY GIBBS

CLASSICAL DRAMA REQUIRES elegant balance. So, for that matter, does farce. One way or another, then, it makes sense that this story began and now ends with Monica. The cartoon ver-

sions of her that dominated the past year—child-victim, stalker-vamp—threatened to reappear on Saturday, when we got to meet her at last, on videotape. But for all the artful editing by both sides, there was no concealing that a flesh-and-blood Monica Lewinsky really does exist after all. She

talks, she hides, she teases, she thinks fast and explains, grounded and credible and well practiced after 23 depositions. The very reality of her was more of a relief and revelation than anything she had to say. And that her long-awaited, much feared, out-of-body performance on the Senate floor should have been more anticlimax than denouement was the greatest justice of all.

Even though the outcome was never in doubt, the White House bit its lip while watching her, as it has throughout these final weeks, because there is more to worry about than Clinton's removal from office. In the debris of this past year are scores to settle and debts to pay, which will help shape the last two years of the President's

term, which in turn affects what happens in 2000, which then helps shape the rest of his life. For both Bill and Hillary Clinton, what matters now isn't so much what they do as how they seem—how reconciling, how inventive, how invested in the well-being of every last citizen whose hand they will shake and vote they will claim on behalf of their anointed successor, Al Gore. Because in Gore's victory they see their redemption.

So the Clintons were careful to learn from their mistakes, especially the post-impeachment pep rally on the South Lawn, which had convinced many moderates that Clinton still thought of himself as a victim, deserving of cheap grace. If a full acquittal this week triggers an early Mardi Gras inside

the White House, Clinton could be a publican. Clinton's discretion is a 30-second over, and

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the White House, the bitterness among Republicans and disgust among Democrats could become a kind of poison in the system. Clinton's outside advisers are pushing for discretion. Says one: "I hope he just gives a 30-second statement saying, 'I'm glad it's over,' and goes upstairs for a cold drink."

And so it was that spokesman Joe Lockhart declared the briefing room "a gloat-free zone," and at the senior-staff meeting Thursday morning, chief of staff John Podesta put the word out: "I don't know if I need to say this again, but I'm going to say it anyway: everyone should focus on their business and keep their opinions to themselves."

Their business now is the boss's statutory: what will last once the presidency offi-

UP, UP AND AWAY

Once they lift off for the last time from the South Lawn, will he follow her to New York? Will she follow him to the Golden State?

cially ends. Clinton began his ostentatious search for a legacy soon after he became the first Democrat in 32 years to be re-elected, and that was before a year of sex scandal following a year of campaign-finance scandal raised the risk that the echo of his presidency might sound like a dirty joke. He was lucky and unlucky to have been elected at just 46; with his youth comes the reality that he will actually have to live with his legacy, which may be why an aide says she detects "a sense of urgency to him: 'What can we do? What can we do?'"

It is Clinton's good fortune that the trial should be ending when the days are getting longer and brighter and balmy—especially at the White House, where the wonks are hard at work. "This time of year—this is spring, this is renewal," says Lockhart. Clinton got to plant a thousand flower bulbs in his State of the Union, and last week he submitted his budget, watering the field of ideas with targeted tax cuts, school construction and child care. The offerings were so rich that they could be viewed less as an agenda than as a list of campaign slogans. Which, the White House all but admitted, it was. "There's a few we plan to fight for now," said an economic official of the President's ideas. "But the rest we'll carry over."

DIANA WALKER FOR TIME

Bill's Afterlife

HOLLYWOOD MOGUL

DreamWorks shoots down the rumor that Clinton wants to be in pictures

CORPORATE CITIZEN

He could earn a nice living at a law firm or on corporate boards, but there are limits to what an ex-President with personal baggage can do

LEGACY MANAGEMENT

Clinton wants his library to be more than a museum—part think tank, part Peace Corps

That does not bode well for Republicans, whose desire to change the subject may be even greater than Clinton's. There are many things Clinton can't do and compromises he can't make with the G.O.P. even if he wanted to. For once he owes too much to congressional Democrats to sell them out for his own glory. That leaves him unlikely to push any of the issues, such as trade, that have divided them in the past, which is why when House majority leader Dick Armey revived a proposal to allow for "fast track" trade deals a few months ago, hoping to split the Democrats, Clinton didn't lift a finger to support it.

This does not mean, however, that his party will now yank him further left. Dick Gephardt's dreams of the speakership, like Clinton's dreams of redemption, depend on getting Gore elected and winning back the Congress—all of which would absolve Clinton for casting his party into oblivion in 1994. That goal pretty much rules out bold foreign policy moves, such as an opening to Fidel Castro (which would cost Gore votes in Florida) or a toughening of U.S. policy toward Israel's Benjamin Netanyahu (which would alienate some Jewish voters).

As for domestic policy, unions, blacks and feminists,

who can read the polls as well as the White House, see there is no appetite for a Big Government agenda. They're getting with the President's mall-tested program: patients' rights, education standards, help for busy families—tiskets and taskets of tidy, munchable proposals that sound good, play well and don't cost much. Everyone's a New Democrat now.

And that, of course, may be the only legacy left for Clinton, less a legislative imprint than a political one, which allows him

to play his party's redeemer for putting the Democrats back in touch with mainstream concerns and appropriating the G.O.P.'s most popular ideas. Their hand will be even stronger if they can keep casting the G.O.P. as barren of ideas and obsessed with investigation—which is why Clinton needs to have ideas more than he needs to execute them.

The exception is Clinton's surprise proposal to rescue Social Security, which everyone around him believes he is determined to see through to a signing ceremony. The President's plan is both bolder and more detailed than anyone expected, even at the expense of alarming some of his liberal allies with a plan for partial privatization. But it is also designed to trap Republicans on the losing side of the political debate over how to spend the budget surplus. Clinton has framed the debate as a choice between saving Social Security and Medicare and cutting taxes for the rich. A New York Times/CBS News poll last week found that 64% of the public said they would prefer the surplus be spent on Social Security.

At a time when gas costs 93¢ per gal., unemployment is almost invisible and the stock market is making people feel as if they've got more money in



FOR THE GLORY OF GORE Clinton's redemption hangs on Al's success

Hillary's Afterlife

SENATOR FROM NEW YORK
Not likely: even if she longed to stay in Washington, does she really want Trent Lott telling her when she can take a vacation?

FOUNDATION POOH-BAH
Upside: a platform to showcase the issues she cares about. Downside: Would anyone be paying attention?

AUTHOR, AUTHOR
Publishing insiders say her story is probably worth more than the President's



their pockets, whether or not they actually do, tax cuts are the only punch the Republicans know how to throw. Clinton, as a White House official put it, is "boxing them into a smaller corner." *Congress Daily* reported that at the House G.O.P.'s aptly termed retreat in Colonial Williamsburg, Joe Scarborough of Florida called a 10% tax cut, like the one favored by the party's Budget Committee chairman, John Kasich, "a loser idea."

Like an automobile dealer trying to sell you the same car twice, Clinton will spend more time highlighting what he has already done than he will trying much that is new. His willingness to use some of the surplus to pay down the debt speaks to a kind of long-term focus that is the luxury of a lame-duck President. The plan for the next two years seems to be, Trumpet the past; give Gore the future.

When it comes to securing the succession, Hillary may be even more valuable to Gore than her husband. Consider what she can do on the campaign trail. Unlike Clinton, whose Technicolor campaign appearances beside Gore often make the Vice President seem drawn in black-and-white, Hillary energizes Gore without overpowering him. She represents what people like about Clinton's presidency without reminding them of what they don't like. She can raise buckets of money. And she can connect with people on the very issues—children, families—that people have trouble associating with Gore.

Her devotion to getting Gore elected doesn't leave her much time to run for office herself. As the speculation about a New York Senate bid continues, she has done nothing to stop it, and serious people have begun to take the idea seriously; her husband has been telling people in private that he thinks she just might do it. But while Hillary may like the attention, it still reflects as much wishful thinking as reality. After she endured the indignities that a race against someone like Rudolph Giuliani would surely bring, how much fun would it be to serve as the junior Senator from New York, stuck in the Senate Chamber at 11 on Wednesday nights, waiting for some other junior Senator to finish a filibuster on a second-degree amendment to an appropriations bill?

DESPITE ALL THE NOISE ABOUT her grand future, Hillary has predilections these days that are downright modest. In her public appearances, rather than spreading her wings, she seems to be nesting. Whereas she once wanted to colonize no less than one-seventh of the economy with her health-care plan, consider the role she played in this year's budget. Her fingerprints are all over dozens of small, shrewd programs. She was the driving force behind the tax credit for stay-at-home moms (per-person average: \$178), the \$50 million in grants to help children on Medicaid treat their asthma, and more money to train pediatricians in

children's hospitals. She recently attended an event designed to inform women about the benefits of folic acid. While she no longer sits in on West Wing meetings, she makes sure that top members of her staff do. Says one: "She has two or three people who are kind of constantly with us." And they rarely lose an argument.

IT WAS EARLY ONE EVENING IN 1996, A month after his re-election, and Clinton was sitting with some acquaintances in the Map Room of the White House, musing about the future. One of them asked if he'd given any thought to what he might do after he was out of office; he had given it plenty. As he sat there on the red sofa, Clinton warmed to the subject. He would be the youngest ex-President since Teddy Roosevelt, and that, he noted, was a cautionary tale. Roosevelt had plenty of time to harass his successor, because he thought William Taft had betrayed his legacy.

It struck Clinton that the most successful ex-Presidents were those who had been denied a second term and used their remaining days to restore their souls and reputations. He was impressed by how Herbert Hoover had devoted himself to service; John Quincy Adams had returned to Congress and fought against slavery and the Mexican War. But the greatest of all in retirement, Clinton argued, was the world-traveling, peacemaking, home-building Jimmy Carter, who had turned his library into a center of social action, not a museum.

Yes, Clinton said, that was it: he wanted to do something useful without getting in the hair of the President who followed him.

So it should be no surprise that Clinton is planning to build a presidential library in Arkansas and is already monitoring its fund-raising operation with his usual acuity. The \$100 million facility in Little Rock will be built on 14 acres along the Arkansas River, as a repository of Clinton papers and a research center for presidential scholars. But Clinton also seems to be imagining the library as a sort of government-in-exile—like Carter's but even more activist—part policy institute, part Peace Corps, focusing on Africa, showcasing his accomplishments.

Once they lift off from the South Lawn for the last time, the Clintons could fly in all sorts of directions. Both are young enough to start new careers; they need to earn the money to cover their legal bills; there are universities to run, foundations to chair, boards to sit on, books to write, speeches to give at \$100,000 a pop. But there are also limits unique to ex-Presidents. Law firms want partners who make rain, not hail, and certain roles may not be suited to a President who carries as much personal baggage as this one. As for the ubiquitous rumor that Clinton will end up in Hollywood, working at DreamWorks SKG with his friends Steven Spielberg, David Geffen and Jeffrey Katzenberg, the studio's executives have denied it so many times that now they can only sputter. "When you've been asked the question 8,000 times," says DreamWorks marketing chief Terry Press, "the humor begins to fade."

For Bill and Hillary that leaves the most obvious career move: the his-and-her memoirs and policy tomes that most people expect them to write. Provided they tell the "real story" of what went on in the White House, say publishing bookmakers, a Clinton book could fetch an advance of anywhere from Nixon's \$2.2 million to Reagan's \$7 million. Among the most invested in the speculation is Simon & Schuster, which currently publishes Hillary. "I think her book would be worth significantly more than his," says president Jack Romanos, a note of hope in his voice. "Remember that Barbara Bush's memoir was the book everyone wanted after the Bush Administration." Turns out that the most in-demand view may be the one from behind the throne.

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When Will Starr Pull the Plug?

IN 1997, WHILE TEACHING LAW PART TIME AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, KEN Starr wanted his students to understand that a good trial lawyer always argues passionately, even for positions he would reject if he were the judge. So Starr turned his classroom into a moot court and pleaded—of all things—Bill Clinton's most famous court failure: the President's argument that as long as he remained in office, the Constitution immunized him from Paula Jones' civil lawsuit.

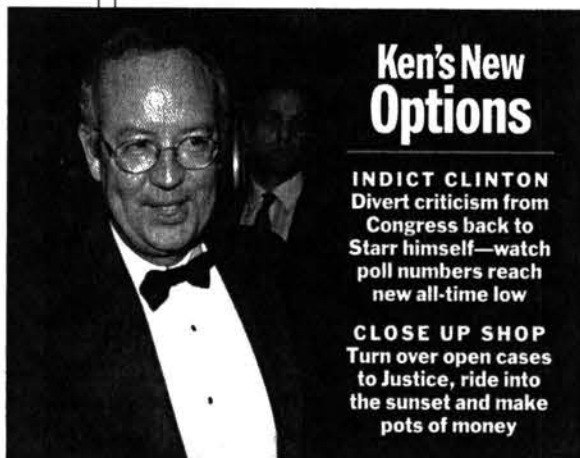
Now, with Clinton headed for acquittal in the Senate, Starr's take on presidential immunity is anything but academic. Last week the *New York Times* reported that the independent counsel believes he has the authority to bring criminal charges against Clinton before he leaves office. The *Times* piece, though it broke little new ground, jarred Clinton allies: just as they were cheering the trial's end, the newspaper offered a reminder that the last word on the scandals may belong to his nemesis. "Starr sees the President as a real lawbreaker who deserves to be put in jail," says a White House adviser. "There's no way the President can relax with him out there."

If impeachment ushered Starr offstage, it also freed up his prosecutors to work quietly on the office's next act. One murky plot line concerns Kathleen Willey's story of presidential groping, which Clinton denied to the grand jury, and what she calls intimidation to silence her. Last week Maryland private detective Jared Stern told *TIME* that he has appeared twice before Starr's grand jury to answer questions about Willey and Nathan Landow, a Clinton-Gore fund raiser. Landow claims that his lawyer, acting without his permission, hired Stern to investigate Willey. Stern won't comment on who hired him, but he does say that prosecutors asked him if he was the so-called mystery man who allegedly made menacing comments to Willey about her children. Stern says it wasn't he, but that he has reason to believe her claim.

Another coming chapter is the prosecution of Julie Hiatt Steele, Willey's former confidant who was indicted last month on charges of perjury and obstruction. Starr's team is also preparing for trials of two previously jailed Whitewater figures: Webster Hubbell (on the charge of making false statements) and Susan McDougal (on the charge of criminal contempt for stiff arming Starr's inquiries). The onetime Clinton confidants have long been suspected of withholding dirt, but if they haven't cracked yet, it's hard to imagine they ever will. The ultimate question for Starr is what to do legally with the case that fell short politically. A sign that an indictment isn't imminent is the departure for private practice of Starr's day-to-day manager of the Lewinsky probe, Bob Bittman, and his top appellate litigator, Brett Kavanaugh. Soon after the trial ends, Starr will come under pressure to shut it all down and return to private practice. He is famously immune to such pressure, but if he decides not to indict Clinton, there's little reason to keep going. He could hand his open cases to the Justice Department and move on.

Then what? Starr will be able to command hefty sums practicing law, writing a book, giving lectures or advising corporate boards. And he will probably indulge his passion for teaching, as he planned to do in 1997 when he accepted a dual deanship at Pepperdine University, only to bow out and lose the opportunity after he was accused of abandoning ship. Whatever job Starr ends up taking instead, will he ever be able to shake his sense of unfinished business left behind?

—By Michael Weisskopf



Ken's New Options

INDICT CLINTON
Divert criticism from Congress back to Starr himself—watch poll numbers reach new all-time low

CLOSE UP SHOP
Turn over open cases to Justice, ride into the sunset and make pots of money

ON THE DAY Bill Clinton was acquitted, the White House was like a college dorm after finals. Everyone was rushing out the door and into the rest of his life. The lawyers treated themselves to a fancy lunch. A top political aide took his sons to the rodeo. The press secretary drove home early. Al Gore was off on a trip to Albany. By sundown there was almost no one of importance left in the mansion—except, of course,

the man who lived there, his wife and his mother-in-law.

When the Rev. Jesse Jackson arrived, the president was alone at his desk in the Oval Office, making calls and penning thank-you notes to the senators in his party who had locked arms and saved him from conviction. Jackson, a Baptist minister, discussed political redemption. He urged the president to focus on the plight of the rural poor by traveling down to Appalachia, the Mississippi Delta and the Rio Grande Valley. He then asked Clinton to move out from behind his desk, and the two huddled on a couch to pray. The president had faced a fearsome storm, Jackson said, but had followed Jesus' advice to his disciples: remain calm, have faith. God had heard and answered his prayers. And now, as the Psalmist wrote, "joy cometh in the morning."

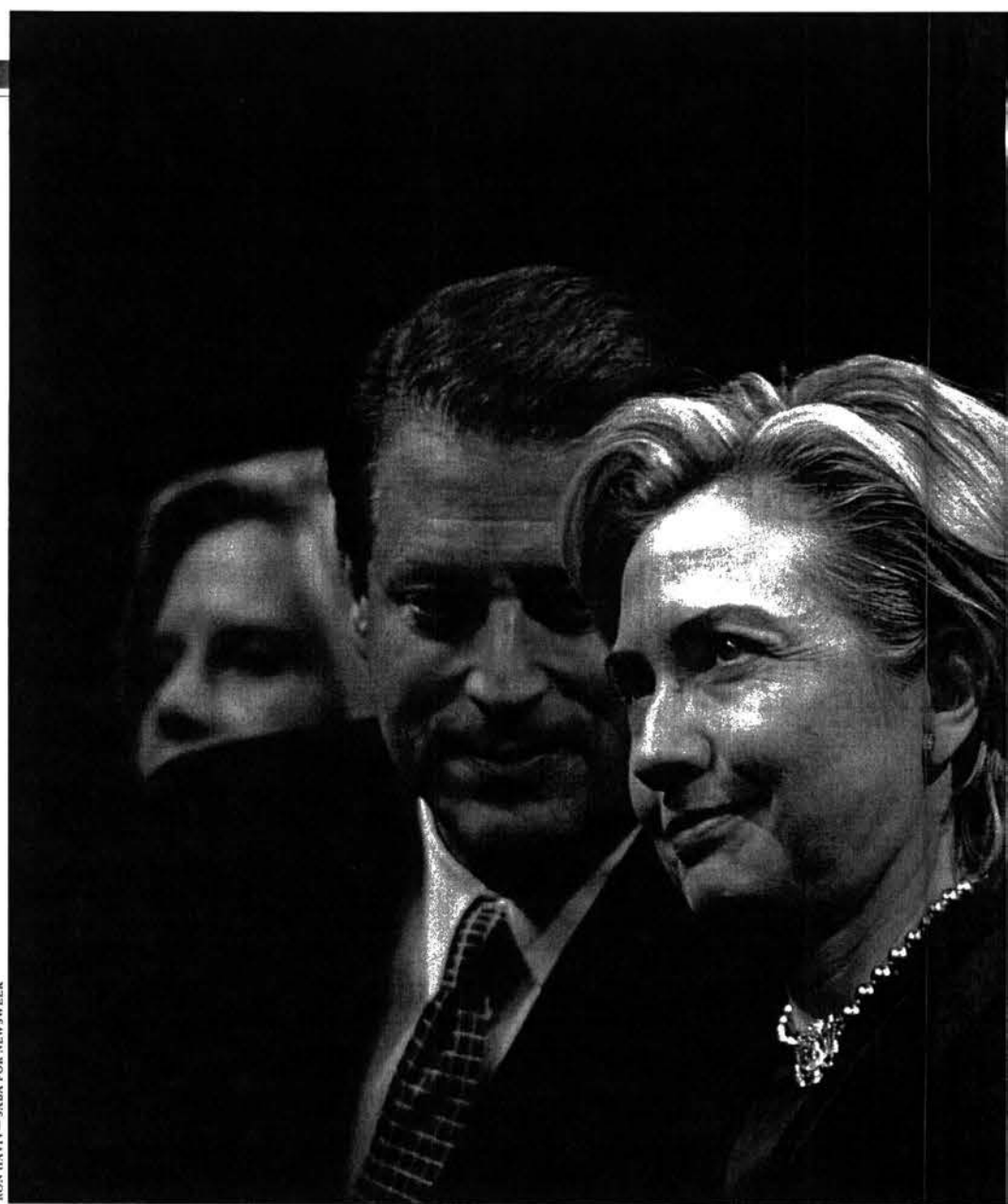
But this does not feel like morning. There is too much damage to assess, too many new tests to pass. Clinton left the Rose Garden podium last week a survivor, but his real reckoning is still to come—with the Republican-led Congress, with voters who will assess his legacy at the polls in 2000, with the judgment of history to be written. The president must balance a thirst for revenge with a need for legislative accomplishment—and with his promise to help Democrats win back the Congress at all costs. He must enable Vice President Al Gore to succeed him—and, perhaps, his wife to win a Senate seat in New York. He must do it all without bitterness, or regret,

or even any joy. Not long before the Senate's vote a friend, law professor Susan Estrich, soothingly told him that his long ordeal seemed almost over. "It will never be over," the president replied, and he is right.

The Senate vote itself was anticlimactic. Everyone in Washington knew the outcome in advance. All 45 Democrats would stick together; there was, therefore, no way the Senate could reach the two thirds necessary for his ouster. In the end, 10 Republicans abandoned the GOP and voted against convicting Clinton of perjury (making the vote 55-45 against); five Republicans voted "not guilty" on obstruction of justice (making the vote 50-50). As a result, presidential aides were able to point out—without gloating, of course—that neither count had earned a majority.

The staging that followed in the Rose Garden was simple, spare. The president had worried through many drafts of a statement, but hadn't told anyone exactly what he'd wanted to say or how he would say it. When he did come forward, there was no one by his side and no crowd but for the sullen media horde. He delivered a mere four sentences, expressing how "profoundly sorry" he was for "what I said and did to trigger these events," and vowing to lead the nation toward "reconciliation and renewal." Rather than thank the White House aides in person—a party might break out—Clinton sent them all an e-mail.

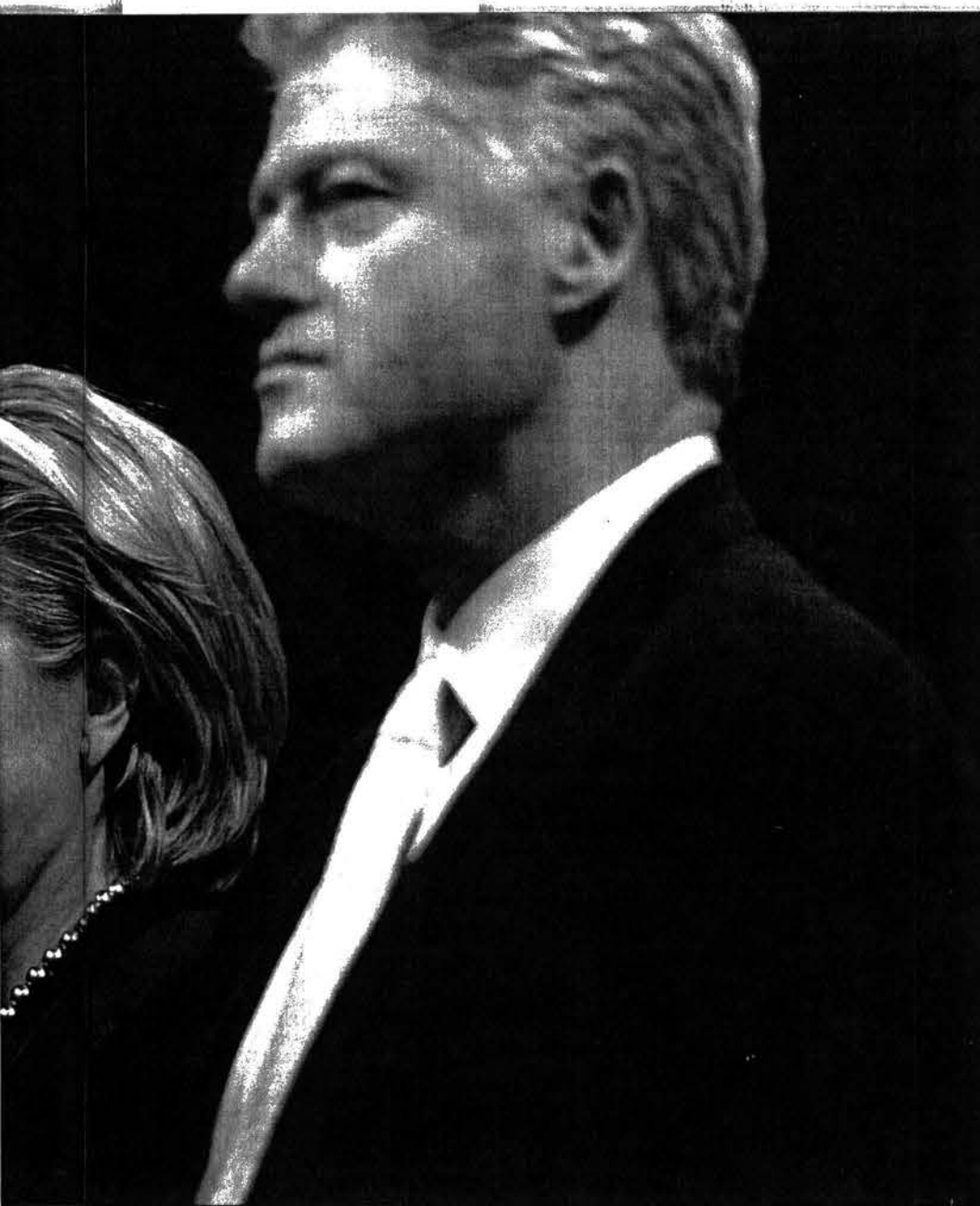
Born with brute stamina, and lacking the gene that produces embarrassment in the human soul, Clinton had once again outlasted his enemies. Politics, Clinton knows,



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In the new NEWSWEEK Poll, **71%** believe Clinton will always be remembered for the Lewinsky scandal, and only **20%** think he can repair his legacy

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The Clintons consider electing Gore a keystone of their legacy. But what happens if Hillary's busy running for the Senate?

The damage to Clinton's legacy is already apparent. In the NEWSWEEK Poll, 71 percent say he will be remembered primarily for the Lewinsky scandal and impeachment—no matter what he accomplishes now. During the last year voters have lost respect for the world of politics he embodies. Fifty percent say they have a "less favorable" view of the political process. (The media took an equally big hit: 56 percent have a dimmer opinion.) The only winner in the public's esteem: Hillary Rodham Clinton, whom 33 percent now view more favorably.

For now, the First Lady is the hottest commodity in post-impeachment politics. Influential Democrats, urged on by Clintonites such as Harold Ickes, want to see her run for the Senate in New York in 2000. Insiders who recently dismissed the idea no longer do so. She hasn't ruled it out, they say, and will now take what one called a "very serious look" at the matter. Residency is no problem (she need only establish it by Election Day), and neither is money. "Are you kidding?" said a top New York fund-raiser. "She'd raise a fortune in an instant."

A Hillary candidacy, though, could complicate her husband's—and her party's—larger aims. Clinton has vowed an all-out effort to win back the Congress. That would include knocking off as many conspicuous GOP enemies as possible—a few House managers, for example, or particularly nettlesome GOP senators. Hillary, with her star power and fund-raising ability, would be a crucial ally in such a nationwide effort. "Poughkeepsie's nice, but we need her everywhere," said one top Democratic strategist. So does Gore, whose success is the Clintons' prime political goal. "If she runs we'd wish her well," said a top Gore aide. "But we could sure use her help."

As for Clinton, his new campaign begins in—of all places—New Hampshire. He speaks there this week on the seventh anniversary of the primary in which, dogged by scandal, he finished a distant second—and yet convinced the world that he was the "Comeback Kid" because his campaign refused to die. The nickname stuck, and in many ways he deserves it more than ever. He is, after all, not only the first elected president ever to have been impeached. Now, after a harrowing year in the life of the nation, he's the first to have been acquitted.

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is a game of comparison; next to Ken Starr, Linda Tripp and the House managers, he was, by far, the lesser evil in the eyes of most Americans. As usual, he called on the better angels of the nature of his friends, asking for loyalty from allies he'd lied to—and they gave it to him. He was, as usual, good at his day job, with sound economic and diplomatic stewards who kept the economy humming and the world at peace. The bottom line: an approval rating in the new NEWSWEEK Poll of 66 percent, second highest of his tenure.

But Clinton is a damaged survivor in a field of rubble. He confronts Republican distrust and enmity. GOP leaders were furious at White House allies who spent millions ridiculing the impeachment trial and have noted that Democratic strategists are

eager to exact vengeance. "That doesn't sound like reconciliation," said GOP Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott. Meanwhile, Starr is still lurking. He has written a letter to Attorney General Janet Reno protesting the Justice Department's plan to investigate him. Starr's circle thinks the probe is a vendetta, and that leaks from Justice prove it. Starr proposes that a special, independent investigator handle the matter. He may have dodged another bullet, however: NEWSWEEK has learned that a "special master" investigating leaks from Starr's team has delivered a report to Judge Norma Holloway Johnson in which he details inappropriate disclosures to the press, but no criminal leaks of grand-jury material. Johnson must still decide whether to accept the conclusions.

59% believe the Republicans were hurt by their handling of impeachment; only **25%** think Clinton and Congress will be very productive in the next two years

Experts at odds on legal fallout

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Four years ago, the O.J. Simpson trial — the previous "trial of the century" — alternately was dismissed as an aberration and praised as a sign that the legal system works.

The legal impact of the Clinton impeachment trial, probably the final "trial of the century" that this century can produce, already is being assessed the same way.

"It has distorted Americans' perception of the law almost as much as the O.J. Simpson trial," says Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz, author of *Sexual McCarthyism* about the Clinton case.

Dershowitz fears the public will think that with good lawyering, anyone can stave off conviction, as Clinton and Simpson did. Former football great Simpson was found not guilty in 1995 of murdering his wife and her friend.

"A typical defendant doesn't get that kind of treatment," Dershowitz says.

But others argue that the impeachment process amounted to a grand civics lesson, a reminder that even as the next century nears, the titanic contest between Clinton and his accusers was tightly controlled by the words of the Constitution, written 212 years ago.

"The good news is that the Constitution works after all those years," says Drake University law professor Thomas Baker, author of *The Most Wonderful Work*, a book about the Constitution.

"We learned again that the Constitution is law, with binding influence. It's not just a slogan or a mission statement," Baker says.

Rarely have the framers of the Constitution or the authors of the Federalist Papers been invoked as often as during the past few months. The impeachment mechanism they designed — requiring a two-thirds vote by the Senate to convict and remove a president — was meant to make the removal of presidents difficult and political. That is how it turned out.

"Democracy is not pretty, and the framers knew it," says Charles Geyh, an Indiana University law professor. "Democracy worked here, even if we walk away feeling like we need to take a bath."

Impeachment is a unique constitutional process that has few direct parallels to most legal proceedings. But the legal impact of the Clinton impeachment episode is likely to be felt for years.

Some areas where the impact might be felt the most:

► **Prosecutors.** Thanks in part to Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr, prosecutors might have an image problem.

Starr's zeal in pursuing President Clinton, and the techniques he used — including grilling Monica Lewinsky's mother and subpoenaing Lewinsky's bookstore purchases — have left the public with a skeptical view of the evenhandedness of prosecutors, some legal experts say.

"When people saw Monica's mother breaking down, the response of a

lot of people was, 'I don't want this,'" Geyh says.

"People are thinking about the discretion we give prosecutors, their ability to indict anyone who crosses them."

Starr's tactics have come under scrutiny at a time when other prosecutors have come under fire. The *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* and the *Chicago Tribune* have published exposés of prosecutorial abuse in recent months; *Mean Justice*, a book about prosecutorial excesses in a California town, is due out next week. A bill passed last year by Congress to rein in federal prosecutors takes effect in April.

"Overall, I think that some of Mr. Starr's actions have been harmful to prosecutors," says Don Burkett, the prosecutor in DeSoto and Sabine parishes in Louisiana. "But locally, I don't know if it's been harmful to me, because this is a relatively small jurisdiction and people know me."

Burkett says Starr is an honorable man who lost perspective as the investigation proceeded. "At (some) point, you have to understand you don't have a hand to play."

Dershowitz says the negative light cast on Starr has been instructive. "What Ken Starr has been criticized for, prosecutors do every day."

But former attorney general Richard Thornburgh says Starr in particular and prosecutors in general will emerge unscathed.

"Did he make mistakes? Sure," says Thornburgh, who was attorney general in the Bush administration. "But if there is any negative reaction, it's the result of a very effective trashing by the White House spin team."

► **Privileges.** In the course of his defense, Clinton and his allies went to court with unprecedented frequency to invoke privileges or protections from being forced to testify. They did so for White House aides, government lawyers, Secret Service agents and even First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

All failed, except for a related claim by James Hamilton, lawyer for the late Vince Foster, that Hamilton's conversations with Foster were confidential even though Foster was dead.

Consequences might be severe for future presidents, who rely on White House lawyers and aides for confidential advice. Those aides now can be called to testify about their conversations.

"The president needs to know that his nominee to an important position has a brother who has shady business dealings, without having that information come out," says Yale law professor Akhil Amar. Clinton's unsuccessful litigating on privileges, Amar says, has "killed the imperial presidency."

The thousands of lawyers who work for the government also could find themselves subpoenaed to testi-

fy about conversations they have with other federal officials — conversations once thought to be confidential.

"I don't see any limit to it," says New York University law professor Stephen Gillers, who hopes Congress will study the problem. "Any state or local prosecutor could subpoena a lawyer who works for the chief justice, for the speaker of the House, anyone."

► **Perjury.** Clinton's hair-splitting defense against charges that he committed perjury in his grand jury and Paula Jones depositions has spawned jokes and criticism. But it is not clear that future prosecutions on perjury charges will be made harder as a result — or that the public will feel greater license to skirt the truth in testimony.

Perjury, which means intentionally lying about something important in a judicial proceeding, always has been a fairly difficult crime to prove — often requiring a third party who can corroborate the underlying facts. Clinton's vindication won't change that.

Nor will it discourage prosecutors from trying to make a perjury case when the facts warrant, Geyh says. "You could see prosecutors getting more aggressive on that to make the point that if you do what Clinton did, you'll get in trouble."

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At the end, Clinton's feelings remain his secret

By Bill Nichols
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WASHINGTON — If you compare the past year of scandal and turmoil in the nation's capital to a sprawling political novel — and many have — there's one major plotting problem as we reach the final page with today's vote in the Senate impeachment trial.

No one seems to know how the central character — the president of the United States, in this case — really feels about all that has befallen him.

Many people close to the Clintons have indicated that the first family has been devastated by the aftermath of the president's affair with Monica Lewinsky and his subsequent lies about the relationship.

"There's no way there isn't a hole in his heart," Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., said of Clinton on NBC's *Meet the Press* several weeks ago. Boxer's daughter, Nicole, is married to first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's brother, Tony Rodham.

"The relationship between husband and wife, father and child has been incredibly strained, if not destroyed," former Arkansas senator Dale Bumpers said in his closing speech for the White House presentation during the Senate trial. "There's been nothing but sleepless nights, mental agony for this family."

But Bumpers said later that he didn't really know if the first family had been in turmoil — he just assumed that any family would have been torn apart by such circumstances.

In interviews with other friends, advisers and aides, similar views emerge. People close to Clinton think they know how he must feel: sorrowful and repentant.

White House officials see a man who is still evolving after a year of crisis and rigorous personal examination.

"There's no way you can go through this experience and have this not affect you, whether you're a staff person or a reporter, not to mention if you're the principal person involved in all this," says Clinton senior adviser Doug Sosnik.

But few people close to Clinton seem to know for sure whether he has learned from his mistakes and tried to be-

come a different person. As the trial ends, a central question remains: Has Clinton really examined himself and his personal behavior?

"For once, if he did do it, he didn't do it in public. And Lord knows I'm thankful for that," says Max Brantley, an old friend and editor of the *Arkansas Times*. "It's not a national encounter session that we need here. He's got things he needs to work on, and I hope that he can do it."

But in a scandal in which virtually every detail has been made public, and most have been dissected and examined in the media's never-ending news cycle, there is irony in the fact that such mystery remains about Clinton's inner feelings.

Clinton has asked forgiveness for his actions in several public apologies. But he has given no interviews on the topic and hasn't had a press conference in nearly eight months.

His wife and daughter Chelsea may know his mood, but they also have made no public comments.

The three ministers who have been counseling Clinton also decline to shed much light on his state of mind.

"This has been hard, of course," says one of those pastors, Rev. J. Philip Wogaman of Washington's Foundry United Methodist Church, which the Clintons attend. "He has acknowledged wrongdoing, and that has not been easy. But I think he has sobered and is ready to move ahead and be the best president he can be."

Wogaman says Clinton is a different person "in the area of his life that has been marked by tragedy." But he's unwilling to say how Clinton is different. And friends and aides say the Clinton they see and talk to gives no hint of how he's really feeling about the shame he has brought himself and his family.

"I worry about him, because he holds all this stuff in," says David Leopoulos, an Arkansas friend who has known Clinton



By Win McNamee, Reuters

Private: The Clintons have not been commenting publicly about the effect of the scandal.

more than 40 years and speaks to him regularly. He spoke with Clinton the day before he was impeached by the House on Dec. 19, and the president "seemed resigned that things were in motion and you have to live with what happens."

In fact, it was Clinton who counseled Leopoulos not to be bitter toward those who tried to have him removed from office.

"He told me, 'I can't hate anybody, because if I do, then I destroy myself. I just have to deal with the hand that was dealt me and go on and do the best I can do.' He was very coherent and very much facing reality," Leopoulos says.

But while Clinton and his White House image specialists tried to project the portrait of a president focusing on his job as the impeachment process went on, leading Democrats also say privately that Clinton often called them late at night to gauge his support on Capitol Hill or to rage against what he saw as Republican unfairness.

The one thing those close to Clinton seem to agree on is that the Lewinsky scandal, like so many other personal crises he has faced over the years, did

prompt him to try to refocus himself and regain his balance by pouring himself into his work.

Early last year, White House aides began to notice Clinton going to the office hours earlier than he used to and staying late into the evening. On two Saturday mornings last spring, says one White House official, tours of the White House West Wing had to be canceled because Clinton was working in the Oval Office. Some aides jokingly wondered if he was sleeping there.

"I think he's working himself to death," Leopoulos says. "I think that to go through something like this and make it through it, you have to focus on something other than the worst. And I think he does that by working."

Still, after more than a year of Lewinsky mania, most of Clinton's closest friends, supporters and aides have no real clue how he's feeling. Some of them wonder, now that the impeachment trial is ending, whether the public will want to see a truly changed man in the White House.

"I've talked to a few people who've seen him in the last few months, and they say that, by and large, he's himself," Brantley says.

"I've heard from some that he has had those moments like he had in 1980 (when Clinton lost a gubernatorial re-election bid), those kind of 'woe is me' days. But mostly he just soldiers on. That's remarkable about him. Or crazy. Frankly, at some point there are going to be people that are going to say this is just not right to be unaffected by this."

Leopoulos, while not pretending to know his old friend's mind, dismisses those who think he's not contrite or that the damage he has caused his family and his nation hasn't taken its toll.

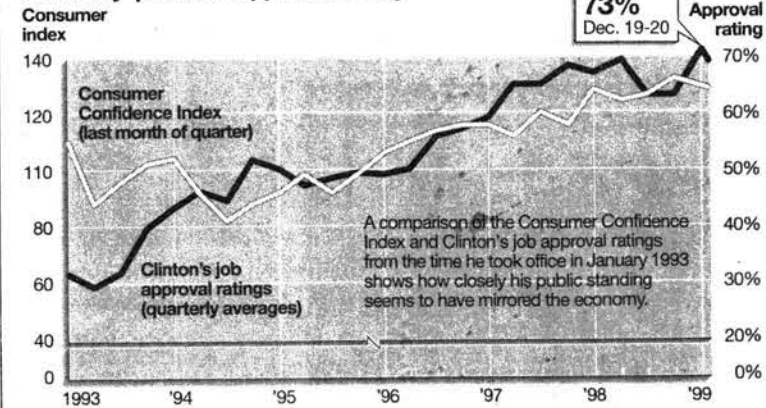
"He's a different person today than he was six years ago. He's much older," Leopoulos says. "And I hate that."

Factors that have kept Clinton alive

From the first days of the Monica Lewinsky scandal in January 1998, opinion polls have shown the public not eager to remove President Clinton from office. A variety of factors have driven an

overwhelming majority to conclude that Clinton should not be impeached and removed. One such factor could be the good economic times Americans have enjoyed in recent years and continue to enjoy.

Economy parallels approval rating



Privacy vs. public concern

Do you think the charges Congress is investigating represent private matters only or do they concern the public as well?



Source: USA TODAY/CNN/Gallup Poll, 9/23-24/1998

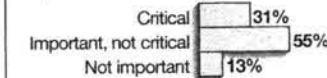
Which comes closer to your own view: 'Bill Clinton's personal life doesn't matter to you, as long as he does a good job of running the country'; or 'Bill Clinton's personal life does matter to you because the president's moral character is important'?



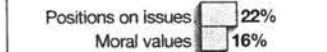
Source: USA TODAY/CNN/Gallup Poll, 8/21-23/1998

High moral values not critical

How important is it that a president have high moral values?



Which characteristic is most important in rating how a president is handling his job?



Source: USA TODAY/CNN/Gallup Poll, 1/30-2/1/1998

He's no worse than ...

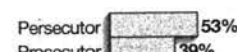
Would you describe Bill Clinton's faults as worse than most other presidents', or as no worse than most other presidents'?



Source: USA TODAY/CNN/Gallup Poll, 1/30-2/1/1998

Clinton as victim

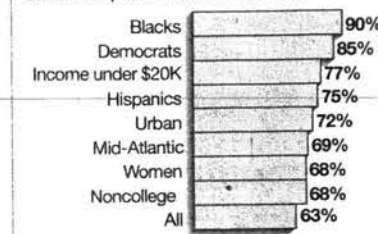
From what you know about the way Ken Starr conducted his investigation into the Clinton-Lewinsky matter, do you think Starr acted more like a prosecutor or a persecutor?



Source: USA TODAY/CNN/Gallup Poll, 11/20-22/1998

Clinton's strongest supporters

Percentage of each group that opposed Clinton's impeachment and removal:



Source: Seven USA TODAY/CNN/Gallup polls taken in September 1998

By J.L. Albert, USA TODAY

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A QUICK READ ON THE NEWS

WALL STREET: Dow Jones industrial average soars 186.15 to 9363.46; Nasdaq index jumps 96.05 to 2405.55; 30-year Treasury bond yield holds at 5.36%. 1,4B.

ASIA STOCKS: Japan's Nikkei index closes up 21 points, 0.15%, to 13,974 at 1 a.m. ET; yen is 114.30 per dollar. Hong Kong's Hang Seng rises 156 points, 1.7%, to 9303.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT: Illinois is wrestling with capital punishment amid an outcry for a one-year moratorium on executions. 12A.

Kosovo peace talks nearing crossroads



By Joel Robins, Agence France-Presse

Casualties: Forty coffins with bodies of ethnic Albanians reportedly massacred by Serbs are carried to burial. Top diplomats will confer Sunday about continuing stalled talks. 11A

LITTLE SAIGON: Protests continue in Orange County, Calif., over a store owner's display of a Ho Chi Minh poster and communist Vietnamese flag. 12A.

CANCER DRUG: Treatment that kills tumors in mice might be available for testing on patients by fall. 12A.

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STATES: USA TODAY's state-by-state news briefs won't run today to allow expanded impeachment coverage.

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► "Congressional censure of the president is unwise and unnecessary," Sen. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, says. 14A.

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Acquittal 'assured'

Gun jury: Some makers negligent

By Rick Hampson
USA TODAY

NEW YORK — Both sides claimed victory Thursday after a federal jury reached a mixed verdict in a pioneering gun liability trial, finding that some manufacturers negligently dumped handguns on city streets like "toxic waste."

But jurors also held that gunmakers' marketing practices contributed to only three of the seven shootings listed in the lawsuit, and awarded damages to one of seven plaintiffs, sole survivor Steven Fox, 19.

The jurors ruled that \$4 million in damages were caused by the manufacturers but gave only \$560,000 to Fox and his mother.

The jury found that 15 of 25 gunmakers sued — including Beretta USA, Colt's Manufacturing and Jennings Firearms — distribute their product negligently. Smith & Wesson and Sturm, Ruger were among those cleared.

The plaintiffs argued that the gun industry oversupplies



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Staying put: With the acquittal votes of senators such as Maine's Olympia

Censure of Clinton is unlikely

By Judy Keen
and Kathy Kley
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — The Senate is poised to acquit President Clinton today on charges of perjury and obstructing justice, leaving him in office and ending the impeachment crisis that has consumed the capital for 13 months.

Final votes on the articles of impeachment are expected about noon ET today. The Senate then may take a procedural vote on whether to consider censuring Clinton for his affair with Monica Lewinsky, but a formal censure is unlikely.

Clinton's acquittal has "been assured for three weeks," said Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del.

The president is expected to issue a statement or address the nation shortly after the vote and call for unity.

Senate debate has been secret, but the final votes in the nation's first impeachment trial since 1868 will be public.

"It has been a horrible, excruciating period in this nation's history, and Clinton is responsible for that," said Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., who will vote not to convict Clinton.

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Soon after President Clinton won the 1996 election, his dismissed strategist Dick Morris published "Behind the Oval Office: Getting Re-Elected Against All Odds." It explained how Mr. Clinton co-opted Republican themes such as welfare reform, balanced budget and tax cuts, and also evolved his strategy of bite-sized goodies for a variety of constituencies.

Mr. Morris gives a good nuts-and-bolts account of all this, and the book is full of good and often illuminating anecdotes about the Clintons. Mr. Clinton occupied Haiti, for example, not to establish "democracy" there, but to stop immigration to Florida, which has big electoral votes.

But Mr. Morris' book did not arouse much interest.

Of course, the Clinton strategy was pretty obvious to anyone who paid much attention. And, also, perhaps the public recollection of Mr. Morris' toe-chewing escapades with a prostitute - which cost him his job with Mr. Clinton - had a dampening effect on the public's desire to hear any more from him.

Now, however, Mr. Morris has put out a new edition of "Behind the Oval Office" with a substantial and fascinating introduction titled "How we Re-elected our 'Sunday morning president' but ended up with 'Saturday night Bill.'" Mr. Morris is a very bright fellow, has spent a lot of time with the Clintons (stretching back to their Arkansas days), and what he has to say about Mr. Clinton's behavior and his relationship to Hillary has considerable historical interest.

It has long been obvious that Mr. Clinton is intelligent and has considerable political talent, yet that he also has a dark side that makes him willing to put his achievements at risk for the most momentary kinds of gratification. In fact, whatever his polls now say, he has done enormous damage to his place in history. He seems drawn to a reckless life on the brink. The gulf between the successful man and the brinksman is what fascinates Mr. Morris. The "gulf between these two opposite sides of Clinton's character," writes Mr. Morris, "is enormous. In fact, it is a chasm."

Mr. Morris sets this forth in a compact and striking paragraph. "The Sunday-morning President Clinton is the one we have all seen on television. Pious, optimistic, brilliant, principled, sincere, good-willed, empathetic, intellectual, learned and caring, he is the president for whom America voted in 1992 and again in 1996. But the Saturday-night Bill who cohabits within him is

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pure id - willful, demanding, hedonistic, risk-taking, sybaritic, headstrong, unfeeling, callous, unprincipled and undisciplined. The Sunday man adores his family. The Saturday-night counterpart risks its destruction.

"The Sunday President Clinton reads history and yearns for an exalted place in its pages. But Saturday-night Bill courts destruction and infamy by craving danger and excitement. On Sunday morning, Clinton values the reassurance of safe, moral ground. But on Saturday night he covets stimulation and seeks the thrill of potential disaster without any concern for the consequences."

Jesse Jackson, when running, used to say he was going "from the outhouse to the White House." The pattern of behavior Mr. Morris describes here has taken Mr. Clinton from the White House to the grand jury and to an impeachment trial in the Senate. As Mr. Morris sees it, the two sides of Mr. Clinton are not in communication with one another. The Sunday-morning side seems to think the other side does not exist.

"The wall of denial he maintains permits no aeration of his private failings and, hence, no cure," Mr. Morris writes. (This wall of denial quite possibly is so complete that perhaps Mr. Clinton can lie about his behavior and not really believe it was "his" behavior.)

"Saturday-night Bill," writes Mr. Morris, "has the nervous system of a shark, dividing everyone he meets into two categories - edible and inedible - depending on whether the person meets one of his needs or does not. As a consequence of this unique dichotomy, Saturday-night Bill lives in one of only two alternate states of being: caught or not caught. He avoids the former at all costs and seeks the latter by any means necessary.

"Saturday-night Bill maintains an up-to-date mental inventory of who might have compromising information about him. He always works hard at staying on the good side of anyone who does, so that they won't turn on him and compromise him by telling what they know. Clinton's frantic efforts to get Monica Lewinsky a job and stay in her good graces as she was called to testify at the Paula Jones deposition seem to have been just a continuation of Clinton's normal pattern of behavior."

Many have wondered what Mr. Clinton's relationship to Hillary actually is. It has seemed incomprehensible to me. Mr. Morris has some interesting speculations here. A pattern has emerged in which Mr. Clinton creates a mess and Hillary comes forward to rescue him. This first occurred for a national audience in 1992 when the Gennifer Flowers scandal erupted, but it long anticipated that.

Hillary knows she is necessary to Saturday-night Bill, providing public forgiveness and public defenses. But she accepts this role because it gives her leverage over him and access to power.

After her Gennifer Flowers rescue operation, Hillary had enormous power in the first two years of the Clinton administration, both on personnel and policy. But her nominees often crashed, as did her medical plan. Still, their marriage holds together on this shaky basis.

In a weird seesaw, Hillary profits when Mr. Clinton crashes. So she is not altogether dismayed by his crashes. Today, he really owes her.

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But where did crazy Saturday-night Bill come from?

Mr. Morris believes that at bottom Mr. Clinton lacks all sense of self-sufficiency as a man. He requires continuous doses of external stimulation in order to feel alive. "When deprived of stimulation, Clinton turns dour, surly, sullen, mopey and aloof. . . . When alone in a dark room he is like a cold lump of metal with neither glow nor warmth. . . . On the phone at night, when he speaks to those who know him well . . . he never asks after your health or your family. He answers the phone, typically, with a laconic and peremptory, 'yes!' The only emotion he regularly shows is anger."

Mr. Morris believes Mr. Clinton's dark side was always there, but that the power and pressure of the presidency have brought it to the fore. "At times lately, his dark side seems to overshadow the goodness within him and take over more and more of his soul."

That this is an astonishing and alarming portrait is obvious. It also rings true. The president may be clinically nuts.

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