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HEADLINE: HIL GOOD FOR ISRAEL - CHUCK

BYLINE: By TIMOTHY J. BURGER Daily News Washington Bureau

BODY:

WASHINGTON Defending Hillary Rodham Clinton over her call last year for a Palestinian state, Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) yesterday insisted the First Lady "would be a powerful and strong voice for Israel."

Schumer said President Clinton has run "the most pro-Israel administration since I've become an elected official." He said he was confident the First Lady "would persuade a large majority of Jewish voters that she would be a forceful and strong advocate for Israel."

The First Lady set off an uproar in May when she said, "I think it will be in the long-term interests of the Middle East for Palestine to be a state."

The White House disowned the remark, and Schumer was critical at the time, saying it did "not set the peace process forward." An aide said he still holds that view.

He said that if Clinton runs, she'll "have to explain fully her position on . . . the Middle East, including the Palestinian state."

A White House source said the First Lady has no "plans to say anything new on that."

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HEADLINE: SCHUMER: HILLARY'S GOT A LOT OF OPTIONS

BYLINE: VINCENT MORRIS Post Correspondent

BODY:

WASHINGTON - Once Hillary Rodham Clinton leaves the White House, the "world would be her oyster," says Sen. Charles Schumer, with many opportunities for the First Lady besides running for a Senate seat.

"She could write books. She could go speak. She could become president of a university," said Schumer, who met with the First Lady on Wednesday.

"She has lots of options."

Hoping to buy Clinton time to make up her mind about whether to run for senator in New York, Schumer recalled how he spent months pondering whether to leave his safe House seat.

"It would be bad for her, bad for New York and bad for America ... for her to make a decision ... in the next couple of weeks," Schumer told reporters in his Senate office yesterday.

Schumer used the occasion to spell out nine legislative goals for the next Congress, a package of expensive but popular ideas that are bound to encounter opposition from Republicans.

The single biggest proposal calls for allowing families to deduct the full cost of a college education from their income taxes.

Currently, joint filers can deduct up to \$1,500 in tax credits for the first two years of college. The new plan, co-sponsored by Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, would cost \$30 billion over five years and could be paid for out of the federal budget surplus, Schumer said.

Besides making college more affordable, Schumer introduced bills to encourage people to become teachers, to make pensions portable from job to job, to force credit-card companies to be more open about their interest charges and to offer a \$2,000 tax credit to first-time home buyers in parts of the South Bronx, Harlem and some upstate cities.

Schumer also said he's encouraging the Democratic leadership to pick more fights with the GOP this year, especially on issues like campaign-finance reform, which many Republicans oppose.

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"We can force a vote often, not just once but until the campaign-finance bill passes," Schumer said.

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Republicans say they're ready for a first lady Senate race

By JIM ABRAMS= Associated Press Writer=

WASHINGTON (AP) New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani says a decision by Hillary Rodham Clinton to run for the Senate from New York would only add to his desire to enter the race.

Other Republicans also gave notice that the first lady would face a rough-and-tumble battle for the seat. It's the kind of race that lovers of politics ``kind of salivate over,'' former Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., said Sunday.

A growing number of Democrats are urging Mrs. Clinton to run for the Senate seat that opens up next year when Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., retires. She has said she is giving serious thought to the idea, and President Clinton has said he would support her if she decides to run.

Recent polls put her ahead of Giuliani, who also has yet to formally enter the race, but both sides agree it would be a bruising affair in which Mrs. Clinton would have to sacrifice her privacy and face attacks over Whitewater, her support for liberal causes and her statement last year in favor of a Palestinian state.

``I can tell you it's no walk in the park,'' former Democratic Rep. Geraldine Ferraro, who twice lost bids for a New York Senate seat, said in an interview with Time magazine. ``The tabloids try to eat you alive every day. Much worse, they go after your family.''

Giuliani said he would be more inclined to run if Mrs. Clinton is his opponent. ``It would be the most focused-on race in the country,'' he said on CNN's ``Late Edition.''

``Starting off from the underdog position would probably be a good thing from my point of view.''

D'Amato, who lost his seat last November after a bitter battle with Democrat Charles Schumer, said on ``Fox News Sunday'' that trying again next year was ``certainly very tempting.''

He said there were at least two other attractive Republican moderates who could run successfully against Mrs. Clinton Reps. Jack Quinn and Rick Lazio.

Mrs. Clinton would be formidable but ``this is not a laydown,'' D'Amato said. He speculated that the longer she waits to make her decision, the more likely it was that she will run. Republicans ``are actually relishing the battle,'' he said.

One Democrat who thinks she shouldn't is former White House aide George Stephanopoulos, who, in an open memo to the first lady in this week's Newsweek, wrote that ``Whitewater, billing records, cattle futures, the travel office and Castle Grande (real estate development) will all be back. ... Do you really want to spend your last year in the White House reliving the most painful episodes of your tenure?''

But Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., who has expressed her interest in the Senate seat, said she would gladly give up her plans to run if Mrs. Clinton enters the race.

``If she decides to run I will support her enthusiastically,'' she said on Fox, adding that ``it's just a week after the impeachment is over and she deserves the time she needs'' to make that decision.

Time also quoted Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., who is urging the first lady to run, as saying he discussed the matter with Clinton when he joined him on an Air Force One flight to Mexico last week.

``He was more excited than I've ever seen him about anything,'' Rangel said.

No one on the Sunday news programs, including the Republicans, made much of the fact that Mrs. Clinton, raised in Illinois and a longtime resident of Arkansas and Washington, has not lived in New York. New York has a history, with Robert Kennedy of Massachusetts and James Buckley of Connecticut, of electing out-of-staters to the Senate.

Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., said on NBC: ``Apparently, the president and first lady had decided some time ago to live in New York City when they

left the White House.''

But House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said on Fox that even as a person familiar with tough Chicago politics, ``I'm not sure why anybody from Illinois wants to stick their nose in New York politics.''

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HEADLINE: Schumer: Hillary Clinton wants to cool things down

BYLINE: By MARC HUMBERT, AP Political Writer

DATELINE: ALBANY, N.Y.

BODY:

Having stoked the coals by saying she would give "careful consideration" to running for the Senate next year from New York, Hillary Rodham Clinton wants to dampen the flames, Sen. Charles Schumer said Monday.

"Mrs. Clinton and all the people around her would like this all to cool down a little bit ... She needs a little time to think about this," Schumer, who grew close to Mrs. Clinton when she helped him defeat Republican incumbent Alfonse D'Amato last year, said.

"There's become a huge whirlwind and I think we should give her a little space and a little time," the former congressman from Brooklyn said even as Time and Newsweek hit the newsstands with competing Hillary Clinton cover stories. Schumer refused to say if he had spoken directly to Mrs. Clinton about the situation.

Meanwhile, one well-connected New York political operative, speaking on condition of anonymity, said advisers to Mrs. Clinton have begun reaching out to polling firms and political consultants, asking if they would be available to work on a New York Senate race if she decides to run.

Also, the GOP leader the New York state Senate, Joseph Bruno, said "if she wants to run for the U.S. Senate, why doesn't she go home and run in Arkansas." Both Bruno and state GOP Chairman William Powers predicted the first lady wouldn't run for the New York Senate seat.

One potential GOP Senate candidate, Rick Lazio, said he was happy with all the attention focused on the race because of Mrs. Clinton's interest in it.

"I'm not sure you would be here otherwise," the congressman from Long Island told a crush of reporters outside a meeting about rural New York issues.

Lazio refused to say when he would make his own decision about running for the Senate seat being vacated next year by Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan, but said it would not hinge on whether New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani ran. The Republican mayor has said Mrs. Clinton's possible entry into the race has made him even more interested in running.

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The first lady's interest in the race has also gotten Giuliani even more attention than he usually can count on. He made the rounds of Sunday's morning news shows.

A Time/CNN poll of New York state's registered voters conducted last week found Mrs. Clinton leading Giuliani, 52 percent to 43 percent. In a theoretical Senate race against Republican Gov. George Pataki, she was at 49 percent to the governor's 47 percent. Pataki has said he is not interested in running for the Senate.

Lazio refused to say Monday if he would risk a primary against Giuliani, but did obliquely raise questions about the sometimes acerbic mayor's suitability for the Senate.

"I think he's been a very good mayor. I think his personality traits suit him very well as mayor of New York," Lazio said during an interview with Albany's WROW-AM radio.

"His style speaks for itself and I think that my style does too," Lazio added. "I think my style is one of building bridges and achieving consensus and getting legislative work done and that's what a senator does. They work with others."

"You can't just be a one-man show," the congressman said. "You've got to actually build coalitions and compromise in order to get these things done."

Lazio sought to defuse speculation that he is being promoted by aides to Pataki as a possible Giuliani alternative. The Republican governor and the mayor have had chilly relations since 1994 when Giuliani endorsed Democratic incumbent Mario Cuomo in the governor's race over eventual winner Pataki.

"I don't want to be the candidate that is supposed to stop somebody else," Lazio told reporters outside the rural affairs hearing.

Nonetheless, Lazio said he and the governor have discussed the Senate race and that Pataki has "given some really solid advice." The congressman refused to provide any details.

Mrs. Clinton's desire to cool down the frenzied speculation about her possible candidacy, fed in part by comments from her husband and close associates, comes in the wake of a week's worth of news stories that rivaled the initial interest sparked by word that her husband had been involved in a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

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HEADLINE: For Hillary Clinton the questions will be: Why New York? Why now?

BYLINE: By MARC HUMBERT, AP Political Writer

DATELINE: ALBANY, N.Y.

BODY:

Yes, her potential Republican opponent for the U.S. Senate seat from New York is strong, but she is riding high in the polls, has name recognition to die for and is a feminist icon.

Her supporters say there will be no trouble raising money and that her stature will make her an instant force in the Senate.

Hillary Rodham Clinton, 1999? No, Geraldine Ferraro, 1997.

As Mrs. Clinton contemplates a possible run for the Senate seat being vacated next year by fellow Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan, she can look to Ferraro's experience for guidance.

In late 1997, Ferraro was riding high. The statewide polls showed her leading all comers for the Democratic nomination to take on three-term Sen. Alfonse D'Amato and the only Democrat ahead of the GOP incumbent. As a former vice presidential candidate, she was known to most New Yorkers. Given that celebrity status, Ferraro said she would need less money than most, but would be able to quickly raise as much as she would need.

In September of last year, a cash-strapped Ferraro was beaten 2-1 by then-U.S. Rep. Charles Schumer in the Democratic Senate primary. Schumer went on to oust D'Amato.

The similarities between then and now are striking.

A poll out Thursday from Marist College's Institute for Public Opinion showed the first lady leading New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, a possible Republican opponent, 49 percent to 38 percent. Just 4 percent of those polled said they didn't know enough about her to form a favorable or unfavorable opinion.

Mrs. Clinton's supporters say money is not an issue. Also, she has relationships with some of the top campaign consultants in the business thanks to the national campaigns she has been part of.

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"She would be a leader right from the beginning," former New York City Mayor Edward Koch adds. "She wouldn't have to go through five years of carrying coffee for other people."

But there are key differences between then and now.

For one thing, there is almost no chance Hillary Rodham Clinton would face a primary if she sought the nomination. The only other Democrat seriously looking at the race, U.S. Rep. Nita Lowey of Westchester County, has already said she would support Mrs. Clinton.

Also, in the crucial matter of fund raising, no one has suggested Mrs. Clinton can't put together the \$ 10 million or bigger bankroll she might need for a New York Senate race. She long ago proved her ability to raise money.

But in one key area, Mrs. Clinton could find herself facing the same problem that plagued Ferraro throughout her campaign - the rationale for her candidacy.

The Schumer camp portrayed Ferraro as someone whose time had passed and a candidate without a concrete agenda. Schumer was presented as the experienced officeholder with up-to-the-minute ideas.

"Candidate Clinton has to answer the questions: Why New York and why now?" Marist pollster Lee Miringoff said.

"'Why New York?' is the so-called carpetbagger issue," he explained. His poll found that 46 percent of voters had concerns about her being a non-New Yorker. At the moment, according to Miringoff, "she's not from anywhere, she's from TV."

"'Why now?' is what is the issue? What is she running for?" Miringoff added.

Ferraro, for one, thinks Mrs. Clinton should consider passing up the New York Senate race in favor of taking time off to write a book after her White House years are over and then run for the Senate seat from her home state of Illinois in 2004.

"She's got two more years in the White House. She's got an incredible bully pulpit ... She would give that up" if she entered the New York Senate race, Ferraro said.

Mrs. Clinton has promised a decision later this year.

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HEADLINE: Friends Say Clinton Senate Bid Will Not Be Smooth Sailing.

BODY:

US News (3/1, Walsh) reported New York friends of Hillary Rodham Clinton say "she is ambivalent about doing the kind of high-profile good works -- for the United Nations, for private foundations -- that others often assume are in her future." But they "are telling her privately that the situation is a lot messier than it appeared a few weeks ago, when party activists began urging her to run for the seat being vacated by retiring Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan." She will have to answer questions about "her husband's affairs, her long-ago investments in Arkansas," as well as her role "in the failed health-care overhaul," and her support for "the eventual creation of a Palestinian state." New York City mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who is considering a run for the seat, is "already exploiting the issue" of her support for a Palestinian state, hitting her last week for "siding with the Palestinians against the Israelis." In addition, Clinton's friends "admit she isn't familiar with what one calls 'the issue landscape of New York' such as crime fighting in New York City," one of Giuliani's favorite themes. Moreover, Republicans "are already labeling her a carpetbagger." Said Erie County Republican Chairman Robert Davis, "She has no business thinking she can come here and represent the people of New York." US News also reported Clinton's announcement that she will decide by year's end "was designed to ease growing pressure to get her into the race. Confidants say she actually plans to announce her decision much sooner, probably by the end of April."

Early Signs Of A Run Emerging. Time (3/Ratnesar) reported, "According to a Time/CNN poll of New York voters last week, if the election were held now, Hillary would whip Giuliani (52% to 43%) and she would be in a dead heat with New York Governor George Pataki (49% to 47%)." But, there is "the chance that the Hillary boomlet is being stoked by the Administration as the perfect post-impeachment diversion: a party in honor of the scandal's only victor, a celebration that doesn't appear smug." White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said, "Whether it's serious or not?it's fun." Time reported, "Signs of a fledgling Hillary for Senate operation have started to emerge." Hillary met with Moynihan for lunch last week, "'a chitchat, a little s,ance,' as an aide put it -- at the White House. Moynihan came armed with county-by-county results from 20 years' worth of past New York races." The aim of this preliminary work "is chiefly to find out whether she can win. And that means figuring out how to beat Giuliani."

Ickes, Grunwald Advising Hillary On Senate Decision. Ti(3/1, Ratnesar) reported, "Harold Ickes, a seasoned New York operative who managed the Clinton-Gore reelection campaign, has reappeared as Hillary's chief political adviser." Said Ickes, "I'm trying to provide her with information about the New York political situation," adding, "I don't see my function as urging her to run or urging her not to run." In addition, Mandy Grunwald, Clinton's media adviser from 1992 and "veteran of three Moynihan campaigns, has also been invited into the Inner Circle." Time reported Hillary "instructed Ickes to set up meetings

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with New York power brokers." Ickes "set up a flurry of meetings and phone calls for next week with union leaders, local pols and minority leaders. The goal, says an adviser, is 'to get a local feel for the politics of the place and the issues that matter there." Time reported Ickes "has warned her to gird for the battle of her life."

Gore Needs Hillary's Help For Presidential Run. Time (3/1 Ratnesar) reported Vice President Al Gore "needs Hillary's fundraising and crowd-pleasing skills to win the presidency," because she "reminds swing voters of the things they like about the Clinton presidency, and she connects on the emotive issues -- children, families, that Gore has trouble with." Gore told Time last week he "has not discussed the prospect of her running with either the First Lady or the President." But Gore "would no doubt be happy if Hillary decided to wait until 2004 to run in her home state of Illinois. Or there's Arkansas" in 2002 when "Republican Tim Hutchinson comes up for reelection. Since Tim is the brother of Asa, one of the House impeachment managers, knocking him out would satisfy Hillary's taste for political vengeance."

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HEADLINE: BUZZING FOR HILLARY / FRIENDS, FOES SEE EXCITING, EXPENSIVE SENATE RACE

BYLINE: By James Toedtman. WASHINGTON BUREAU CHIEF. The Associated Press contributed to this story.

DATELINE: Washington

BODY:

Washington - Less than a week after first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton said she would seriously consider seeking New York's U.S. Senate seat and 21 months before Election Day, political leaders and potential challengers both agreed they would benefit if she ran.

Democrats predicted she would win. Republicans said it would help them raise campaign money. And Mayor Rudolph Giuliani was enthusiastic with the prospect of the Clintons establishing residence in New York. "They'll make a lot of money," Giuliani said. "It would be good for the tax base."

The speculation captured the cover of this week's Time and Newsweek, and it dominated weekend television news shows as commentators, correspondents and pundits, caught in a form of post-impeachment withdrawal, searched for news subjects in the wake of the intense coverage and commentary of the past 13 months.

"This is a campaign I hope comes off," Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), chairman of the Senate Republican Congressional Committee said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "There's been a lot of talk about how much money the first lady would raise. She'd raise it for both sides."

Republicans hold a 10-seat margin in the Senate, but polls critical of Republicans pursuit of President Bill Clinton have alarmed party leaders and prompted optimism from Democrats who lost control of Congress in 1994. Sen. Robert Torricelli (D-N.J.), who chairs the Democratic Senate re-election committee, praised Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.) in encouraging the first lady to run. "Hillary Rodham Clinton would be part of a great tradition where the state of New York owns its own Senate seat but has used it as a national platform - from Pat Moynihan and international issues to Bobby Kennedy, who came to New York to address and, in fact, enlighten the whole nation on its social consciousness."

Moynihan and Clinton shared lunch Friday as part of her deliberation. She has also talked to a number of long-time friends, including Susan Thomases and former deputy White House Chief of Staff Harold Ickes, who in turn met with

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organized labor leaders last week in Miami. Friends of the first lady have said her deliberate and systematic decision-making could take months. Rep. Nita Lowey (D-Westchester), a potential candidate if the first lady doesn't run, encouraged her to go slow. "She should take her time," Lowey said.

She is weighing national and local politics, personal and political finances and Democratic prospects, according to friends and advisers. Among the factors:

- Breaking away. A Senate candidacy presents Clinton with a chance to accomplish something in her own right. However, friends also say she had expected to have some time out of the spotlight after leaving the White House in two years.

Former Rep. Susan Molinari, a Republican from Staten Island, said her gut feeling was the first lady will not enter the race. "This is not the kind of rough and tumble she wants to put herself back into," she said on CNN's "Late Edition." Giuliani "is going to be an extremely formidable candidate and will beat her."

Geraldine Ferraro, in Time, said she hoped Clinton would run, but recalled the difficulty of her own two Senate campaigns: "I can tell you that it is no walk in the park. The tabloids try to eat you alive every day. Much worse, they go after your family."

Former White House aide George Stephanopoulos, writing in Newsweek, advised Clinton to stay out of the race. "Whitewater billing records, cattle futures, the travel office and Castle Grande will all be back," he wrote. "Do you really want to spend your last year in the White House reliving the most painful episodes of your tenure?"

- New York issues. New York political campaigns have a life of their own, based less on national issues and more on local issues and nuance arising from local characteristics and concerns.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, like Clinton a native of Illinois, said Friday at New York's City Hall that even as a person familiar with tough Chicago politics, "I'm not sure why anybody from Illinois wants to stick their nose in New York politics."

- Local or national campaign. Running a New York campaign would take an important Democratic advantage off of the national campaign trail. Clinton proved her ability to rally wavering Democrats and independent voters last fall in critical Senate races. Campaign planners for Vice President Al Gore and the Democratic Party have assumed she would play an active national role in the 2000 campaigns.

- Family finances. The first family faces enormous legal bills - currently around \$ 4 million - a burden her friends say weighs on her as she looks at her post-White House life. In New York publishing circles, her memoirs are currently expected to attract a multi-million dollar advance, as much as three times the advance projected for the president's memoirs.

However, operatives think she would have very little difficulty raising the \$ 10 to \$ 15 million she would need to wage a Senate campaign.

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GRAPHIC: AP File Photo - Hillary Rodham Clinton quietly weighs a U.S. Senate race.

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HEADLINE: RUDY: I WON'T HANG BILL ON HILL - VOWS NOT TO RAISE SEXGATE IN SENATE RUN

BYLINE: TOM TOPOUSIS

BODY:

Mayor Giuliani yesterday vowed not to make President Clinton's impeachment a campaign issue if he winds up running for Senate against First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

"I was one who didn't believe he should have been impeached so no, I would not bring it up," Giuliani said in a nationally broadcast TV interview.

"I think that there are lots of issues to discuss that are a lot more important to the voters at this point."

The tantalizing possibility of a campaign pitting Giuliani against the First Lady was the topic of the day on yesterday's TV news shows.

The mayor appeared in three separate interviews, two of which were broadcast live across the nation.

During an interview on ABC's "This Week," Giuliani said there would be nothing to be gained politically from using the president's impeachment woes against the First Lady.

"It will be a year-and-a-half later, virtually, so it would make no sense to be spending time on that," said Giuliani.

Just last week, Giuliani refused to answer the same question, saying he wasn't going to comment on a "hypothetical" race. But the floodgates opened as soon as the First Lady said she was considering a Senate run.

Along with the national media, Giuliani has been drawing increased attention from Republican Party leaders. Today, Arizona Sen. John McCain - considering a presidential run of his own - is expected to visit City Hall.

Some Republicans have likened Mrs. Clinton to a carpet-bagger - a criticism that Giuliani said he'd steer clear of, calling it "an issue that voters have to decide for themselves."

"That's not an issue that I would raise personally with regard to her or anybody else," Giuliani said during an interview with Wolf Blitzer on CNN's "Late Edition."

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Giuliani said he's not discouraged by polls showing Mrs. Clinton with a strong lead in a head-to-head battle for Senate.

"If I decide to run, I run as I've run before as an underdog. That's not a bad place to be as a New Yorker," he said.

"I think you can see plenty of examples of New Yorkers who began in that position and ended up winning, from Chuck Schumer on the Democratic side last time, way behind Al D'Amato, to George Pataki when he beat Mario Cuomo."

The mayor did say he'd be happy if the Clintons called New York their home after they leave the White House, saying "it would be good for our tax base."

"I assume they're going to make enormous incomes and it would help us in many, many ways if they come to New York," quipped the mayor.

GRAPHIC: MAYOR GIULIANI Other issues more important.

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HEADLINE: FIRST LADY'S N.Y. 'RUN' IS FRONT-PAGE NEWS NATIONWIDE

BYLINE: VINCENT MORRIS Post Correspondent

BODY:

WASHINGTON - Hillary Rodham Clinton's unofficial campaign to be New York's next senator continued to snowball yesterday, with the First Lady snagging the covers of Time and Newsweek.

And a host of political operatives proclaimed her the likely winner in any primary, and gave her the nod against GOP contender Mayor Rudy Giuliani.

"I'd told by someone who's close to her that she's leaning" toward running, said former New York Mayor Ed Koch on CBS's "Face the Nation."

"I urge her to run, and I believe that she would win."

Sen. Robert Torricelli - the New Jersey Democrat who seven weeks ago ignited speculation about the First Lady's candidacy to replace retiring Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan - yesterday repeated his argument that she will join the race and win it if she does.

"I think the chances of it are very good. And if she runs, I don't have any doubt that she'll succeed," said Torricelli, who also told NBC's "Meet the Press" that President Clinton and his wife "decided some time ago to live in New York City when they leave the White House."

That claim was immediately discounted by Marsha Berry, the First Lady's spokeswoman, who said: "Mrs. Clinton loves New York. What [Torricelli] was referring to, I have no idea."

Besides the logical arguments against jumping into the unpredictable political maelstrom of campaigning for an empty Senate seat, many political observers say candidate Hillary would face unrelenting scrutiny on any number of issues - ranging from health care to Whitewater.

Moreover, she could face carpetbagger charges, since her family ties are to Illinois and Arkansas - not New York.

Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ken.) said he thought Mrs. Clinton would face "carpetbagger charges," joking that her supporters assume she's more qualified than 17 million current residents of New York.

McConnell also said her positions on issues like health care might not sell in every part of the state.

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"This is a traditional liberal ... When the First Lady becomes a candidate, she's like the rest of us. She has to answer all the questions that the New York media would ask," McConnell said on "Meet the Press."

The Newsweek story, largely a rehash of last week's speculation, was titled "Hillary's Day in the Sun" and predicted that her campaign "would strengthen the Clintons' marriage."

Time notes that Mrs. Clinton is talking with former White House aide Harold Ickes and Mandy Grunwald, a media adviser to Bill Clinton during the 1992 campaign.

GRAPHIC: COVER GIRL: President and Mrs. Clinton leave church in Washington yesterday as Time and Newsweek (inset) hit the stands with stories about her possible run for the Senate. -AP

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HEADLINE: Candidate Hillary Under Fire

BYLINE: By Andrew Marshall in Washington

BODY:

THE POLITICS of the Middle East have surfaced as a potential obstacle to Hillary Clinton's ambitions.

Mrs Clinton's expressed support for a Palestinian state has been raised as a possible issue in the race for the New York Senate seat which she may contest.

Rudolph Giuliani, Mayor of New York City and the most likely Republican candidate, is using it as a weapon against her. It is one of a number of signs that Mrs Clinton's candidacy may be waning.

Mrs Clinton last year expressed support for a Palestinian state at a time when Israel was blocking progress on Middle East peace. The White House immediately said that this was a personal position taken by Mrs Clinton, and not US policy.

"I'm in the same position as the White House and Mrs Clinton is out there favouring the Palestinians," Mr Giuliani said yesterday in a TV interview.

The statement about Palestine came as the White House was trying to manoeuvre the Israelis back to the negotiating table. One of the levers it had was the threat that if Yasser Arafat declared a Palestinian state this year, the US would align itself with him against the Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu.

New York City has a large Jewish population, though it is by no means clear Mrs Clinton's statement would count against her. The American Jewish population disapproved of Mr Netanyahu's resistance to peace negotiations. But the appearance of the issue is a sign that Mrs Clinton will not get a free ride to the Senate.

She would have a strong chance if she chose to stand. She scored well in an opinion poll by Time magazine and CNN, which put her ahead of Mr Giuliani by 52 per cent to 43 per cent. Her lead was especially strong in New York City.

But Mr Giuliani is seen as a stronger voice on New York's interests: Mrs Clinton was born in Illinois, lives in Washington and spent many years in Arkansas.

Doubts expressed by people close to US Vice-President Al Gore put a further question-mark over her candidacy. "Mr Gore may have more to lose than gain if Mrs Clinton runs in New York," The New York Times reported yesterday.

The Independent (London), February 22, 1999

The campaign would draw support from Mr Gore, who is all but certain to be the Democratic candidate for president in 2000. It would focus the President's attention on New York, and draw money and celebrity attention away from him, the report said.

Sources close to Mr Gore also told reporters last week that on balance they thought it unlikely Mrs Clinton would run. She has not decided yet and may not do so for some weeks.

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HEADLINE: E. SIDE CONDO LIKELY FOR CLINTONS, SAY EXPERTS

BYLINE: By KERRY CAVANAUGH and CORKY SIEMASZKO Daily News Writers

BODY:

If the Clintons move on up to New York, it could be to the East Side and a deluxe condominium in the sky, real estate agents said.

Although the voters found President Clinton worthy to serve two terms in the White House, he probably would not pass muster with a Manhattan co-op board.

"Some of the finest buildings in New York are co-ops, and 90% wouldn't take such a high-profile person," said John Burger, vice president of Brown Harris Stevens, the oldest real estate firm in New York. "We saw that when President Nixon came to town and applied at 760 Park Ave. and was turned down" in 1984.

One swanky address the Clintons shouldn't even consider trying is 660 Park Ave.

"I don't know if they could get into this building," said doorman Jarvis McCarthy. "It's pretty tough. They're all Republicans."

Steve Barr, doorman at 53 E. 66th St., said, "The tenants wouldn't have it. It would turn the building upside down."

So what's a homeless ex-President to do?

"He'd be looking to buy a modern, high-rise condominium or perhaps a townhouse on the East Side, in the 60s or 70s between Fifth and Park Ave.," Burger said.

Townhouses on the East Side sell for \$ 1,500 to \$ 2,000 per square foot, and apartments go for \$ 2,000 to \$ 2,500 per square foot, real estate agents said.

That means the Clintons would have to shell out serious dough figure \$ 3 million at least to find a place with enough room for them, not to mention Chelsea, and visiting FOBs (Friends of Bill) and the Secret Service detail.

If the East Side proves too exclusive for the Clintons, there's the West Side, which is full of liberal Democrats.

"There's also a tremendous number of big, elegant apartments, and it's not staid like the East Side," said real estate agent Meris Blumstein of the Corcoran Group.

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But not everybody in that neighborhood is eager to see the Clintons move in.

"I live on the West Side," harrumphed Monica Lewinsky's stepdad, Peter Strauss, who lives on W. 58th St.

If the Clintons do decide to make New York their home, they won't have to worry about Chelsea's social life. She'd be the hot ticket at swanky events where the city's rich kids mingle.

"I think she would be welcome, very much so," said Mark Gilbertson, who's been called the "Pied Piper" of the junior East Side socialite circuit.

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HEADLINE: GOP Set for a 1st Lady Senate Race

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New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani says a decision by Hillary Rodham Clinton to run for the Senate from New York would only add to his desire to enter the race.

Other Republicans also gave notice that the first lady would face a rough-and-tumble battle for the seat. It's the kind of race that lovers of politics ''kind of salivate over,'' former Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., said Sunday.

A growing number of Democrats are urging Mrs. Clinton to run for the Senate seat that opens up next year when Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., retires. She has said she is giving serious thought to the idea, and President Clinton has said he would support her if she decides to run.

Recent polls put her ahead of Giuliani, who also has yet to formally enter the race, but both sides agree it would be a bruising affair where Mrs. Clinton would have to sacrifice her privacy and face attacks over Whitewater, her support for liberal causes and her statement last year in favor of a Palestinian state.

''I can tell you it's no walk in the park,'' former Democratic Rep. Geraldine Ferraro, who twice lost bids for a New York Senate seat, said in an interview with Time magazine. ''The tabloids try to eat you alive every day. Much worse, they go after your family.''

Giuliani said he would be more inclined to run if Mrs. Clinton is his opponent. ''It would be the most focused-on race in the country,'' he said on CNN's ''Late Edition.'' ''Starting off from the underdog position would probably be a good thing from my point of view.''

D'Amato, who lost his seat last November after a bitter battle with Democrat Charles Schumer, said on ''Fox News Sunday'' that trying again next year was ''certainly very tempting.'' He said there were at least two other attractive Republican moderates who could run successfully against Mrs. Clinton Reps. Jack Quinn and Rick Lazio.

Mrs. Clinton would be formidable but ''this is not a laydown,'' D'Amato said. He speculated that the longer she waits to make her decision, the more likely it was that she will run. Republicans ''are actually relishing the battle,'' he said.

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One Democrat who thinks she shouldn't is former White House aide George Stephanopoulos, who, in an open memo to the first lady in this week's Newsweek, wrote that "'Whitewater, billing records, cattle futures, the travel office and Castle Grande (real estate development) will all be back. ... Do you really want to spend your last year in the White House reliving the most painful episodes of your tenure?'"

But Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., who has expressed her interest in the Senate seat, said she would gladly give up her plans to run if Mrs. Clinton enters the race.

"If she decides to run I will support her enthusiastically," she said on Fox, adding that "it's just a week after the impeachment is over and she deserves the time she needs" to make that decision.

Time also quoted Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., who is urging the first lady to run, as saying he discussed the matter with Clinton when he joined him on an Air Force One flight to Mexico last week.

"He was more excited than I've ever seen him about anything," Rangel said.

No one on the Sunday news programs, including the Republicans, made much of the fact that Mrs. Clinton, raised in Illinois and a longtime resident of Arkansas and Washington, has not lived in New York. New York has a history, with Robert Kennedy of Massachusetts and James Buckley of Connecticut, of electing out-of-staters to the Senate.

But House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said on Fox that even as a person familiar with tough Chicago politics, "I'm not sure why anybody from Illinois wants to stick their nose in New York politics."

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Hill defending Palestine position

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (UPI) A spokeswoman for Hillary Rodham Clinton says the first lady isn't backing down from her position that Palestine deserves its own state even though her opinion could mean losing a seat in the U.S. Senate, the New York Post reports (Sunday). Meanwhile, a new Time/CNN poll shows Mrs. Clinton coasting to a Senate victory by a 9 percent margin over New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

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Hill defending Palestine position

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (UPI) Hillary Rodham Clinton isn't backing down from her position that Palestine deserves its own state even though her opinion could mean losing a seat in the U.S. Senate.

According to the New York Post today, the first lady's spokeswoman says she stands by what she said.

New York Mayor Giuliani is criticizing the first lady for what he calls siding with Palestine against the Israelis, an unpopular stand in New York that even President Clinton says he does not share.

Meanwhile, a new Time/CNN poll shows Mrs. Clinton coasting to a Senate victory over Giuliani. If the Senate election were held today, she would win 52 percent to 43 percent over Giuliani.

However, the survey also shows that those who disagree with the first lady's support of an independent Palestinian state 24 percent would vote against her for that reason alone.

One in four voters spiking to 36 percent among Jewish voters would vote against her for that reason.

The first lady says she has not decided whether she will move to New York and compete with Giuliani for the seat Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan is vacating.

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Potential foes welcome race against Hillary Clinton
(Recasts lead, adds Giuliani quotes, other comment)

By Roger Atwood

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Two of Hillary Rodham Clinton's most likely opponents for the U.S. Senate seat she is considering seeking said Sunday they would welcome a race against her, despite her formidable popularity.

New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said he would enjoy what he predicted would be a close contest with the first lady, while former New York Republican Sen. Alfonse D'Amato said he would ``salivate'' at the prospect of running against her.

Mrs. Clinton fueled speculation about whether she would run for the office when she promised last week to give ``careful thought'' to the possibility of a Senate bid in New York. Talk about a potential race by the first lady filled the television talk shows Sunday and hit the covers of this week's Time and Newsweek magazines.

D'Amato, defeated in his re-election bid last November by Democrat Charles Schumer, said he missed political life and was thinking seriously about running for the seat to be vacated by retiring Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

``It's certainly very tempting when one looks at it. You know, the challenge,'' he said on ``Fox News Sunday.''

``Certainly the opportunity to think about taking on that kind of race is something that those of us who enjoy political life kind of salivate over,'' he added.

Giuliani, the most often cited Republican candidate for the New York Senate seat in 2000, said he had not decided whether to enter the race, but said the prospect of Mrs. Clinton as a Democratic opponent could help him make up his mind.

``I think quite honestly there probably would be more of an inclination to do it if she were to decide to run,'' Giuliani said on CNN's ``Late Edition'' program. ``It would be the most focused-on race in the country.''

Several recent polls have given Mrs. Clinton a sizable lead over Giuliani, including a Time/CNN poll released Saturday that showed her winning by 52 percent to 43 percent.

``I'd be a big underdog,'' Giuliani said with a grin.

But the New York mayor, now in his second term, said a Giuliani-Clinton match-up would be much closer than recent polls indicate, decided by a two- or three-point margin.

Asked on ABC's ``This Week'' program if he would enjoy such a hotly contested race in a state known for its rough-and-tumble political campaigns, he said, ``Yeah, absolutely.''

Mrs. Clinton has given no firm date for announcing her decision on whether to run. Last week, President Clinton urged her to take her time with the decision, saying he would support what his wife decides.

The Senate term begins in 2001, at about the time the Clintons will be leaving the White House. Although the Clintons are from Arkansas and Mrs. Clinton grew up in Illinois, she could still establish New York residency in time for the race.

Sen. Robert Torricelli, Democrat of New Jersey, who has encouraged Mrs. Clinton to seek the New York Senate seat, said on NBC's ``Meet the Press'' that the Clintons have apparently decided to move to New York after the president leaves office.

Both Giuliani and D'Amato gave Mrs. Clinton high marks as a formidable potential opponent and said New Yorkers would not necessarily brand her as a carpetbagger, or a politician who comes from out of state to run for office.

``That doesn't cut it in New York; Bobby Kennedy demonstrated that,'' D'Amato said, referring to Massachusetts native Robert Kennedy who won a New York Senate race in 1964.

``She would be a person in her own right (as a Senate candidate),'' D'Amato said on CBS's ``Face the Nation.'' ``She's bright, she's capable, and I think very attractive, and I think she would have the support of literally all the Democrats.''

Former New York City Mayor Ed Koch said on ``Face the Nation'' that he believed Mrs. Clinton would win the seat if she ran and that ``I'm told by someone who's close to her that she's leaning that way.''

The possibility that Mrs. Clinton will seek the nomination has forced other leading New York Democrats to delay starting their own campaigns. The most prominent of them, Rep. Nita Lowey, said she was preparing her own campaign to run for the nomination -- if Clinton opts out.

``I respect her decision-making process ... Mrs. Clinton is going to have to take the time she needs, and meantime I'm doing what I need to prepare,'' she said on ``Fox News Sunday.''

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