

# First Lady Confirms Talks on N.Y. Senate Bid

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CAIRO, March 22—First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton confirmed today that she is consulting friends and advisers about a possible run for the Senate in New York, saying that is just one option she is exploring to stay involved in public life when President Clinton's second term ends.

Talking to reporters on the second day of a trip to Egypt, Tunisia and Morocco, Hillary

Clinton said she intends to find some way to continue working on the issues she is most interested in after leaving the White House in January 2001.

Whether that means delving into electoral politics or something else remains to be seen. But the first lady indicated she is serious about exploring a run for the seat held by Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.), who is retiring.

"I do know that I want to continue speaking out on behalf

of the issues that I've spent more than 25 years working on," Clinton said. "The form that will take I really can't predict at this time."

"I've talked to a lot of people in the last month, and I will continue that when I return home," she said of her consultations with advisers and friends.

The comments marked the first time Clinton has responded directly to questions raised by her strong showing in polls pitting her in a hypothetical Senate race against New York Mayor

Rudolph W. Giuliani, a Republican.

She agreed to the rare question-and-answer session following her tour of a Cairo health center, apparently in an effort to dispense with the issue while she is traveling and turn the spotlight to the issues of religious tolerance and historic conservation that are the centerpieces of her North Africa trip.

"Right now I want to focus on the issues that are really at the base of this very important part-

nership and friendship between the United States and Egypt," she told the audience of reporters, doctors and hospital staff.

Touring here with her daughter Chelsea during Chelsea's spring break from Stanford University, the first lady has divided her time among Cairo's ample mix of Muslim, Christian and ancient historic sites, weaving together an effort to reach out to the Islamic world with her personal interest in historic preservation.

She is also trying to call attention to the money being invested here by the U.S. Agency for International Development in sewer and other

public works projects critical to maintaining some of Cairo's most important architecture.

On Sunday, for example, she visited the Sidi Talai Mosque in one of Cairo's oldest Islamic neighborhoods, an elegant, open-air building that until a few months ago was surrounded by pools of open water that threatened to erode the foundation.

That problem has been fixed, and, in conjunction with Egyptian authorities, a 700-year-old, intricately carved beechwood minbar has been restored.

The minbar is a pulpit-like platform at the top of a short staircase for the mosque's prayer leader,

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**Mrs. Clinton Touts Mission  
And Hints of Senate Plans**

Hillary Rodham Clinton deflected questions in Cairo yesterday about whether she planned to run for the Senate from New York, but said she was looking for a way to advance the issues involving children and women. "I've spent more than 25 years working on."

Mrs. Clinton paused during a 12-day tour of North Africa yesterday to answer — or, rather, deflect — questions about her plans. She repeatedly emphasized that she was in Egypt to promote good will and good works, not her political prospects.

But in response to a question about the best way to promote her "global mission" on behalf of women, Mrs. Clinton said: "I don't know the answer to that. But I do know that I want to continue speaking out on behalf of the issues that I've spent more than 25 years working on, having to do with improving the lives of children and giving more opportunities of all kinds to people, particularly women, and improving relations around the world."

Mrs. Clinton, who had previously issued only a written statement and made an oblique public joke about the Senate race, is considering a campaign for the seat to be vacated by Daniel Patrick Moynihan, who is retiring in 2000.

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**In his first full-scale White House news conference in almost a year,** Clinton answered questions about suspected Chinese nuclear espionage and the threat of airstrikes in Kosovo. He said NATO must be prepared to carry out airstrikes against Serbs because the latter have already crossed the threshold that warrants military action. Clinton also said he didn't know if first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton would run for a US Senate seat, but revealed that she'd suggested they move to New York when he leaves the White House. Clinton refused to discuss his impeachment. (Re-

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# GOP infighting over

**N**EW YORK'S Republican Party is on the verge of an explosive civil war over Mayor Giuliani's likely run for the U.S. Senate next year, worried insiders say.

The potential combatants include virtually every top Republican in the state — Giuliani, Gov. Pataki, Al D'Amato, state GOP boss Bill Powers, and Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno.

The goal of the anti-Giuliani camp is to damage the mayor in next year's primary, even if it hands



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the U.S. Senate seat to First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

"It's 1989 all over again," one of the state's most influential and respected Republican figures said with disgust, referring to Giuliani's first attempt to become mayor

and his loss to Democrat David Dinkins.

Ten years ago, D'Amato convinced cosmetics billionaire Ronald Lauder to run an unsuccessful, but incredibly expensive and bitterly negative, Republican primary campaign against Giuliani, which was widely seen as causing Giuliani's narrow defeat by Dinkins in the general election.

The ongoing GOP cold war between Pataki and Giuliani almost got hot last week, when the governor and his aides

## Giuliani could hand victory to Hillary

blamed the mayor for leaking a letter from Joe DiMaggio's lawyer accusing Pataki of exploiting the Yankee Clipper's death.

Only quick intervention by several top GOP leaders prevented the bitter episode — which ended the supposed Pataki-Giuliani peace pact negotiated two weeks earlier — from getting worse.

The battling intensified again yesterday, when Pataki, in a appearance on ABC's "This Week," appeared to side with the

largely Democratic forces critical of the mayor's handling of the Amadou Diallo tragedy.

The pro-Giuliani forces — the mayor, Powers and Bruno (R-Rensselaer) — control thousands of patronage jobs and, in the case of Powers and Bruno, the loyalty of hundreds of GOP operatives.

The anti-Giuliani forces — Pataki, D'Amato, Pataki aide Zenia Mucha, Conservative Party Chairman Michael Logg, Pataki/D'Amato campaign guru Arthur Ein-

kelstein, U.S. Rep. Rick Lazio and Westchester DA Jeanine Pirro and her influential, and recently indicted lobbyist-husband, Albert Pirro — also have an enormous number of loyalists throughout the state.

Insiders said D'Amato and Long have recently bragged of their determination to stop Giuliani, even at the expense of a Democratic victory.

Lazio and Jeanine Pirro are being eyed by the anti-Giuliani forces as possible opponents to the

mayor in next year's Senate primary.

The immediate causes of the hostility are Giuliani's 1994 support for the re-election of Gov. Mario Cuomo and the current rivalry between the two men for the national GOP spotlight.

Bruno, who denounced "Judas Giuliani" in 1994 after the mayor endorsed Cuomo, has made it clear that he believes Giuliani is the strongest potential GOP contender for Senate next year, and the one most likely to get out a strong Republican vote.

Powers, who has held several private meetings with Giuliani, predicted late last week at a meeting of Hearst newspaper editors in Texas that Giuliani would beat any challengers in the primary next year.

The tensions were played out on a small scale two weeks ago, when Pataki skipped the Albany County Republican Committee's Lincoln's Birthday Dinner, which just happened to feature Giuliani as the keynote.

The governor's absence

infuriated Albany Republicans, who attributed it to Giuliani's presence.

Pataki then found time last week to show up for the annual Schenectady County GOP Dinner — sans Giuliani — a move that further angered Albany Republicans.

Fredric U. Dicker's radio show, "Live from the State Capitol," can be heard weekdays from 10:05 a.m. to 11 a.m. and Sundays from 1:05 p.m. to 3 p.m. on the Web at [www.wreg.com](http://www.wreg.com).



## N.Y.: Just Her Stepping Stone?

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EGYPTIAN ODYSSEY: Hillary and Chelsea Clinton yesterday salute those on hand to greet them in Cairo. Reuter

## Hillary and Chelsea visit sacred Muslim sites during Cairo tour

CAIRO — First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton toured old Cairo with her daughter, Chelsea, yesterday on the first leg of a North African tour that has been billed as a bridge-building visit to the Islamic world.

"We are delighted to start our visit here in Egypt, and here in the heart of old Cairo," said Mrs. Clinton as she visited Islamic antiquities, including the Mohammed Ali Mosque at the Citadel, where she and Chelsea wore headscarves as a mark of respect.

The First Lady stopped at the 11th-century Bab Zuweila gate during a trip highlighting the cultural contributions of Islam and

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"I am here on behalf of my husband and of the American people to strengthen the bonds of friendship and partnership between our two countries," Mrs. Clinton said in an official statement issued immediately after her arrival.

She added that the visit was aimed at deepening dialogue and seeing "first-hand how Egyptians are moving towards the future while preserving their extraordinary culture and heritage."

"During my visit, I will have the opportunity to see Cairo and Luxor and experience both the diversity of ~~your~~ religious traditions and the breadth of

the civilizations past and present."

The head of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities Gaballah Ali Gaballah showed Mrs. Clinton inside al-Salih Tala'i Mosque, built in 1160, where she handed out certificates to craftsmen who helped restore the mosque's 700-year-old minbar, a pulpit from which an imam speaks.

Starting a 12-day tour of Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia, she said in the statement she was pleased to be in Cairo on the 20th anniversary of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, or Camp David accords of 1979, which laid the foundation for regional peace and prosperity. Reuter

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First lady and daughter embark on 12-day tour of North Africa



**Mother and child:** Above, Hillary Rodham Clinton tours old Cairo, Egypt, on Sunday with daughter Chelsea, who is on spring break from Stanford University. Right, the first lady covers her head according to Muslim tradition before visiting a citadel. Starting a 12-day trip to Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia, Clinton said she was pleased to be in Cairo on the 20th anniversary of the Egyptian-Israeli accords.



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Reuters

### North African itinerary

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and daughter Chelsea tour the Mohammed Ali Mosque in Cairo yesterday, with the minarets of another mosque visible in the distance. The Clintons are on the first leg of a 10-day visit that will also take them to Tunisia and Morocco.

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From Reuters

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She is to visit the Coptic Christian area of Cairo today to call attention to Egypt's tradition of religious diversity, ahead of a speech the following day urging religious tolerance.

As Mrs. Clinton arrived at the Citadel, which has towered over Islamic Cairo since 1176, she apologized for running late because her plane was delayed by engine trouble in Washington and by poor weather in Iceland, which forced her plane to be diverted to England to refuel.



Associated Press

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton puts on a scarf before touring the Citadel of Salah al Din on Sunday in Cairo.

Clinton spokeswoman Marsha Berry said Sunday's visits also underscored the importance of preserving cultural treasures, one of Mrs. Clinton's favorite causes.

Mrs. Clinton is also expected to use her North African tour to promote the rights of women and children, call for religious tolerance and encourage democratic

advances.

She is to meet Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak today and visit the New Horizons program for young women, which deals with issues such as reproductive health and female genital mutilation. Although such ritual mutilation is officially discouraged, it is widespread in Egypt.

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## Senate Steppingstone

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For concerned Democrats, such a rationale for a Senate campaign does not promise a favorable outcome. The shaky predicates of Mrs. Clinton's candidacy suggest that the seat held with distinction for a quarter-century by Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan may now go to Rudolph Giuliani, the Republican mayor of New York City.

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## THE RELIABLE SOURCE

By Ann Gerhart and Annie Groer



Clinton covers her head to enter the Citadel in Cairo.

BY KAT SU—AP/WIDEWORLD

### NOW YOU KNOW...

**A**fter landing in Cairo yesterday, first lady **Hillary Rodham Clinton** and daughter **Chelsea** toured the alabaster Mohammed Ali Mosque within the Citadel, the monumental fortress that has towered over Cairo since 1176. Tomorrow they'll view Old Testament scrolls at Ben Ezra Synagogue and visit the Coptic Museum and other sites important to the Egyptian capital's minority Christian community.

Their 12-day North African trip is intended to highlight Islamic contributions to the world. "For too long, our close ties with the Arab world have been compromised by negative stereotyping on both sides," the first lady said before she left Washington. The trip, she said, will "help strengthen the

bonds of friendship among our nations."

■ At a time when political operatives of all stripes are cranking out kiss-and-tell memoirs, gray eminence **Bob Strauss** is shelving his.

The former Democratic Party chief and **George Bush's** ambassador to Moscow started the project last year with writer **Peter Ross Range**. Strauss, a partner in the law firm Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, was going to shop the book to a publisher only when it was finished.

"I got bored," Strauss, 80, told *The Source*. "The things I wanted to write are not things people wanted to read. I didn't want to gossip."

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### ***First Lady's Plane Has Takeoff Troubles***

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The engine was checked by Air Force mechanics and cleared for takeoff.

"They couldn't find anything wrong with it. . . . It seemed to be an air flow problem over an engine compressor," said Marsha Berry, the first lady's spokeswoman.

The plane took off about two hours after its originally scheduled departure time.

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# White House muscle may bruise Giuliani

Analysts see high-level help for Hillary

By Donald Lambro  
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

It's no coincidence that the White House and its Democratic allies are suddenly roughing up New York City Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani over a police brutality case, according to several Democrats and independent analysts.

They believe that a series of strategically timed events — from a recent speech by President Clinton on excessive police force to a series of sit-in protests waged by Rep. Charles B. Rangel, former Mayor David Dinkins and others — is being orchestrated by the White House to help Hillary Rodham Clinton in a potential U.S. Senate race against Mr. Giuliani.

Amid growing speculation that Mrs. Clinton is warming to a campaign, her husband devoted his weekly radio address last Saturday to a condemnation "of recent allegations of serious police misconduct" — without specifically mentioning the slaying in New York of Amadou Diallo, an immigrant

from West Africa.

"If you believe Clinton's remarks were coincidental, you sure don't know Hillary. They were the beginning of a carefully orchestrated effort to use the White House to dirty the mayor so the first lady can defeat him for the Senate," said Dick Morris, Mr. Clinton's former political adviser.

Meanwhile, Mr. Giuliani's office made it clear yesterday that it suspects the White House is involved in stoking the controversy for political purposes.

Colleen Roche, a spokesman for the mayor, questioned the motives of a Justice Department decision to broaden its probe of the slaying after Mrs. Clinton talked to Democratic officials about the case.

"The timing of this is very curious. [Attorney General] Janet Reno makes this announcement on the same day that Hillary expresses an interest in Amadou Diallo," she said.

Democrats suspect that veteran

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## HILLARY

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New York political operative Harold Ickes, who was Mr. Clinton's former deputy chief of staff and is now a key political adviser to Mrs. Clinton, has been encouraging and coordinating the actions to undermine Mr. Giuliani's job approval ratings.

"It's not a stretch to tie it all together. Ickes was a chief strategist in both Dinkins' races for mayor, he's active in New York politics and he's advising the first lady," said Bill Cunningham, a New York Democratic strategist.

"You can see Ickes' hand in all of this. These things don't just happen by themselves," said another New York Democratic consultant who did not want to be identified.

New York pollster John Zogby said, "It's all carefully managed and orchestrated, with this caveat: that can't take away the fact that the slaying of Diallo was a horrific, tragic event."

"What they are trying to do is neutralize the whole Giuliani message, which is that he made the impossible happen — New York works and crime is down dramatically," Mr. Zogby said.

Mr. Giuliani has been under increasing criticism in the news media for the shooting death last month of the unarmed Mr. Diallo by four police officers who shot

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him 21 times. The case, which the mayor said "was a horrible thing," is now being investigated by a grand jury.

Emile Milne, Mr. Rangel's chief spokesman, heatedly denied that there was any sort of coordination with the White House in the protest sit-ins that the Harlem Democrat supported.

"I have never heard of anything so insulting," Mr. Milne said. "All of this stuff going on is about a poor black being murdered."

Local and national news media have been focusing relentlessly on the shooting, driving Mr. Giuliani's already sagging job approval ratings in the city down to 47 percent, from 60 percent last November.

However, it does not seem to have hurt Mr. Giuliani statewide. A recent poll by Mr. Zogby had the mayor leading Mrs. Clinton 49-38 percent, although other polls show her in the lead or in a dead heat.

This week the mayor blamed the continuing "media frenzy" and what he said were partisan attacks on the police's handling of crime during his term for his lower job approval scores. Mr. Giuliani said

"obsessive media concern" had created a public "misperception" about police conduct.

"In the last two years all civilian complaints are down totally by over 11 percent and force complaints are down by 23 percent," said a spokesman for the city's Police Department.

State polling experts say the mayor is right to blame the media for shaping public perceptions.

Pat Smith, chief pollster with the Quinnipiac College Poll, said he has been asking New Yorkers for years an open-ended question about what they consider "the most important problem facing New York."

"Police brutality never even registered, but our latest poll it is the top concern with 14 percent," Mr. Smith said. "So the mayor is right. The story has dominated the media and the media has shaped what people think."

But others said the White House and its allies were helping to fuel and exploit the controversy over the shooting through a series of protest sit-ins at police headquarters in the past two weeks.

But were these protests, which followed the president's speech, and other attacks on Mr. Giuliani merely coincidence?

"You could make the case that Morris is making and you could be right. All the players in this scenario Morris has come up with know each other. There is an overlay of politics here, there always is," Mr. Cunningham said.

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## Giuliani Senate bid punctured by 41 shots

By Robert Schlesinger

Even before Rudolph Giuliani (R) ascended to New York City's Gracie Mansion in 1993, crime-fighting was his political shield. He had hoped the shield would protect him in his yet-unannounced bid for the U.S. Senate.

Then in early February, four New York City police officers fired 41 shots at a black African immigrant, Amadou Diallo. They hit the unarmed man 19 times, killing him — and punching holes in Mayor Giuliani's shield.

Those holes have widened as eight weeks of carefully orchestrated protests — including arrests of notable figures from Rep. Charles Rangel (D-N.Y.) to actress Susan Sarandon — has kept the Diallo tragedy alive.

Now as Giuliani prepares for potentially his toughest political battle, the shooting and another case of alleged police mistreatment of minorities are threatening to rob him of his most potent weapon.

"To a lot of people, he's grown horns," said Peter Bynum, a New York Democratic consultant. "Crime-fighting made Giuliani a star. He was an Eliot Ness for the '90s. Now some people are wondering if they really want a Mussolini for the millennium. The issue that made him could break him."

David Garth, a political consultant who worked on Giuliani's 1993 campaign, disagreed.

"In the war on crime, the guy's got a

tremendous record," he said. "Is this going to hurt a little bit? Sure it's going to hurt. On the other hand people are not that stupid in this city, and when they realize what we had before ... [the crime issue] is going to be a plus, not a minus."

But every time Giuliani mentions crime, Diallo's specter will be invoked, according to Democrats.

"The Diallo scandal cuts into Giuliani's whole identity," Bynum said. "His calling card has always been as a crime-fighter. Now every piece of praise about crime reduction will be followed by a criticism."

One of Giuliani's main electoral appeals is his ability as a Republican to win votes in New York City, one of the country's liberal Democratic strongholds. He won easy reelection in 1997 with 57 percent of the vote.

That was in a record low-turnout year. "One assumes that turnout will be bigger in a presidential election," said Democratic consultant Jerry Skurnik.

"Most of those additional people will probably be minorities that are going to vote against him."

Giuliani does not have to win the city for a successful Senate bid because the rest of the state is fertile Republican ground.

"If he gets 40 percent of the city, then the rest is gravy," said independent pollster Jolan Zogby.

But Giuliani has failed to even crack 30 percent in recent polls matching him against first lady Hillary Clinton, who



New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani's tough on crime shield has been damaged.

has the Democratic nomination if she wants it.

"This is wearing on him in the city," Zogby said. "He can't take this steady barrage of negative, very negative press."

Still, the vast majority of Republican primary voters are not in the city.

"Upstate and in suburbs, they like the fact that Giuliani's been tough and he's made the city work," Zogby said. "So it's almost like the worse it gets in the city, the better it gets elsewhere."

More broadly, Giuliani's negatives with a general electorate may not be negatives for the primary voters.

"These are two different universes with

very different agendas," said Jay Severin, a New York-based GOP strategist. "In fact, the qualities that make someone a strong primary candidate, in either party, generally doom them or weaken them in appealing to the broader general electorate, and vice versa."

Giuliani's reaction to the shooting — defending the Police Department — has come under blistering criticism. That may have a negligible effect on the primary.

"It's like saying there's no such thing as being too thin or too rich," Severin said. "There's no such thing as being too supportive of police in a Republican primary. Period."



# Yearlong Millennium Party Planned for D.C.

By LINDA WHEELER  
Washington Post Staff Writer

Washington's business leaders plan to mark the end of the millennium in the capital with a yearlong celebration that will start July 4 and build to a huge New Year's Eve party on the Mall.

The Washington D.C. Millennium Alliance is working with the White House Millennium Council, an office set up by President

Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, to coordinate a series of millennium events before—and after—Dec. 31.

Alliance officials said yesterday that preliminary plans call for large, public celebrations on the Mall and on Pennsylvania Avenue NW but that neither they nor White House officials are ready to reveal how the city and the federal capital will ring in 2000.

Several alliance leaders said

yesterday that they are eager to announce the millennium events but have been asked by the White House to wait until the executive office has completed its plans. A Feb. 24 news conference, at which details of the yearlong activities and the New Year's Eve celebration were to be announced, was canceled at the request of the White House, according to Marie L. Tibor, vice president of the Washington DC

Convention and Visitors Association.

Tibor, whose group is a member of the alliance effort, said officials are waiting on word from the White House as to when they can make their joint announcement. She said they want the celebration to be seen as one big, coordinated event instead of separate local and federal activities.

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## Local, Federal Officials Team Up for Party Plans

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And since the federal government would oversee any activity on the Mall, having the White House plans in order is crucial.

Ellen McCulloch-Love, director of the White House Millennium Council, said yesterday that she expects such an announcement within 10 days.

"The White House Millennium Council and the Smithsonian Institution are working together in special ways to mark the millennium on a grand scale and a national level," she said, noting that the planned celebration would include more than a New Year's Eve celebration.

Tibor and Seamus Houston, spokesman for the Downtown DC Business Improvement District, said they are eager to publicize the various millennium-related events so the public can start making plans to attend and participate.

"It's like trying to sell someone a car that they haven't seen," Houston said. "They may be real interested, but they won't commit until they see it."

The yearlong millennium celebration is being coordinated by 13 art, cultural, government and historical Washington entities, plus the White House. When the alliance and White House plans are announced, hotels and other tourist-dependent ventures can begin to make their plans.

Hotels, for example, won't know how to price their rooms until they know how large a crowd to expect, Tibor said. And celebrities, the key to attracting those crowds, can't be booked until the sponsors know they have an event that will generate the income to pay for the entertainment, Houston said.

Such a unified approach, among local organizations or between the District and federal government, is unusual in Washington. Traditionally, they conduct their own programs without regard to what others are doing.

Houston said the city's tourism industry has long depended on four

annual events—the Cherry Blossom Festival, the Fourth of July, the Taste of Washington and the National Christmas Tree—to bring business to town, with little else happening in between. This new approach will publicize a yearlong calendar of events, beginning July 4, so tourists and residents will know what there is to do in any given week of the year.

"We had never before developed anything that would cover a year," he said. "We just went from one spike to the next. The idea is to see this as a year of activity instead of four events."

Members of the alliance, who

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— Seamus Houston, spokesman, Downtown DC Business Improvement District

will manage their own events but in coordination with the others, include the Corcoran Gallery, D.C. Arts Commission, D.C. Bicentennial District government, Washington Historical Society, Downtown DC Business Improvement District, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Kreeger Museum, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution, Washington 2000 and Washington Performing Arts Society.

The alliance directors are four nonprofit organizations that have joined forces to "enhance the image, economy and culture of the nation's capital from 1999 through 2000," according to alliance literature. The director organizations are the Visitors Association, Downtown DC Business Improvement District, D.C. Committee to Promote Washington and Hotel Association of Washington D.C.

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Clinton with an orphan in Marrakech, Morocco.

### The First Lady, Defending NATO

■ **Hillary Rodham Clinton** yesterday waded into the political and military morass that is Yugoslavia, blasting President **Slobodan Milosevic** for "fanning the flames of ethnic and religious division" for a decade and overseeing Serb soldiers who are "executing" ethnic Albanian men and boys "in cold blood."

Clinton defended the NATO bombing during a measured speech on tolerance to an Arab audience in the ruins of the 17th-century El Badi Palace in Marrakech—where she is nearing the end of a 12-day trip to Egypt, Tunisia and Morocco with daughter **Chelsea** to strengthen U.S.-Arab ties.

But Clinton skirted one tricky Mideast issue—which could haunt her if she runs for the Senate in New York—when a Moroccan official introduced her in a squatter community as an advocate of Palestinian statehood, the Associated Press reported. She ignored the tribute, which was based on a remark she made last year that long-term Mideast interests would be served if Palestine became a state.

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**WARM WELCOME** — Hillary Rodham Clinton hugged Ait Laguer Aicha after accepting a bracelet yesterday during a tour of a shantytown in Marrakesh, Morocco. The Koudia is being renovated with USAID money.

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## Hillary says Milosevic plotted crisis

MARRAKECH, Morocco (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton castigated Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic yesterday for what she cast as an ego-driven agenda to fuel war and execute Albanian boys "in cold blood."

Delivering in measured tones a carefully scripted lecture on tolerance, Mrs. Clinton forcefully defended NATO's bombing of Yugoslavia and said Mr. Milosevic has been plotting the crisis over the last decade in order to prop up his power.

The first lady charged that Mr. Milosevic was never interested in peace with the ethnic Albanians of Kosovo province, not even as Serb representatives sat down to negotiate a Kosovo peace this month in Rambouillet, France.

"While the Kosovar representatives were saying yes to peace, the Serbians were planning a campaign of massive and systematic destruction," Mrs. Clinton said.

She sketched a methodic ethnic-cleansing drive by Serb military and police forces, "burning homes

and destroying entire villages, separating men and boys from their families and executing them in cold blood."

Mrs. Clinton is nearing the end of a 12-day tour of Egypt, Tunisia and Morocco that she intended to strengthen U.S.-Arab friendship.

It has been apparent that some Arabs here view that friendship in especially personal terms with the first lady because of her offhanded remark last year that "it will be in the long-term interests of the Middle East for Palestine to be a state."

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### **Hillary No!**

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New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's fund-raising committee has established a new Internet Web site that makes fun of Hillary Rodham Clinton and her possible run for a U.S. Senate seat from New York.

Hillaryno.com includes an unflattering photo of the first lady, her mouth open and her thumb up, and the headline "Hillary No! U.S. Senate: For Proven Leaders, Not a Proving Ground."

"With no governmental experience, never elected to any public office, her failed health-care experiment under her belt, Mrs. Clinton now wants to be part of the Senate as we head into the next millennium," reads the site's main page.

"Born in Illinois and carried to power in Arkansas, with no connection of any kind to New York, Hillary has set her sights on the New York Senate seat and maybe ... probably ... set her sights even higher."

The site allows visitors to include their names on a petition to "send a clear message that you object to Hillary Clinton using U.S. Senate as a stepping stone to higher office."

The site, sponsored by Friends of Giuliani, also solicits contributions and volunteers for the Republican mayor, who is contemplating a bid for the Senate seat.

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## Hillaryno.com Not Mud.com On the Web, Giuliani Says

By DAVID M. HERSZENHORN

Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, the as-yet-undeclared Republican candidate for United States Senate, said yesterday that a Web site set up by his supporters was not intended as an attack on Hillary Rodham Clinton but rather as an effort to capitalize on the fund-raising opportunity presented by her potential Senate candidacy.

Mr. Giuliani said yesterday at a morning news conference that he would be politically remiss not to take advantage of the attention raised by Mrs. Clinton.

"The reality," he said, "is that we want to take advantage of those people who think that she shouldn't run for the Senate, of which there are many and who feel very fervently about it. I would be foolish if I didn't take advantage of that. It's an opportunity that she's presented us."

The First Lady has said she is considering running for the New York seat being vacated next year by Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan. The Web site set up by Mr. Giuliani's fund-raising committee asserts that Mrs. Clinton has no experience in elective office and no ties to New York.

New York Democrats said the Web site, called Hillaryno.com, was a sign of early mudslinging by the Mayor and an indication of the type of campaign he would wage. Mrs. Clinton, who is traveling in Morocco, has not commented on the Web site.

Mr. Giuliani said the new site merely reflected the sentiments expressed by New York voters that he has met in his recent travels around the state.

"Is it fair?" the Mayor asked, repeating a reporter's question yesterday. "Come on, it's politics. She presents us with an opportunity and we take advantage of it and then that's not fair? I mean is it fair that she comes to New York and raises lots of money?"

Mr. Giuliani said Mrs. Clinton's expression of interest in running had energized both Democrats and Republicans.

"Her consideration of candidacy has gotten her a great deal of attention," he said. "We're taking advantage of her consideration to raise money and to develop volunteers should I decide to run for the Senate. It's smart politics."

The Web site was paid for by one of the Mayor's campaign committees and invites visitors to make on-line contributions and to volunteer.

The Mayor, who was in Troy, N.Y., last night to deliver a speech, said the Web site received 200,000 hits yesterday from about 25,000 dedicated users. He said that more than 1,100 people had volunteered to help his campaign should he run and that 2,000 had signed a petition voicing opposition to Mrs. Clinton's candidacy.

Mr. Giuliani expressed amazement at the response. "Man, if I can continue to do that good, who knows," he said. "The sky's the limit."

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THE FIRST LADY

## Hillary Clinton, in Morocco, Says NATO Attack Aims at Stopping Bloodshed

By JAMES BENNET

MARRAKESH, Morocco, March 30 — Hillary Rodham Clinton said tonight that the NATO bombing in Yugoslavia was necessary because of the Serbs had planned a "campaign of massive and systematic destruction" against ethnic Albanians in Kosovo.

Mrs. Clinton used a speech here on tolerance to add her voice to the NATO position that President Slobodan Milosevic of Yugoslavia bears responsibility for the bombing. She accused him of having prepared to kill or expel ethnic Albanians from Kosovo even as peace talks were under way earlier this month.

"That is why my husband and our NATO allies could not stand and look the other way," she said. "They could not permit this to go on with impunity until most of the Albanian population was either dead or displaced."

"It is also why my husband and our NATO allies are determined to persevere until Milosevic has embraced peace or NATO has significantly limited his ability to make war."

Mrs. Clinton is 10 days into a 12-day trip through North Africa to promote education, health care and human rights. Today she attended a roundtable with Moroccan women,

**Milosevic wages war  
'in his own personal  
interest,' the First  
Traveler says.**

stopped at an orphanage and visited a housing development that gets help from the American Government.

She spoke before more than a thousand people — most of them Muslims — who gathered at sunset in the ruins of El Badi Palace, a 16th-century compound fragrant with orange trees and surrounded by towering adobe walls. Although she had previously expressed her support for American service personnel, her remarks this evening on the fighting were her most extensive.

Mrs. Clinton accused Mr. Milosevic of having tried for 10 years to fan ethnic and religious hatred in Yugoslavia. "He did it for his own personal political advantage," she said. "Tolerance, he thought, would not give him any advantage. But exploiting the consequences of division, waging war on his neighbors and his people, is what he thought was in his

own personal interest."

Now, Mrs. Clinton said, President Milosevic is pursuing the same sort of policy that he carried out in Bosnia, pointedly noting that most of the Albanians in Kosovo are Muslims.

Mr. Milosevic, she said, had found waging war easier than building a modern state. "It is difficult, very difficult in today's world to make some of the hard decisions that must be made in peace," she said.

Mrs. Clinton also attacked the treatment of women by the Taliban, the fundamentalist Muslim group that controls most of Afghanistan, and recalled the killings of hundreds of thousands of people in Rwanda in 1994. At the same time, she congratulated Morocco on a "tradition of tolerance" that included resisting Nazi persecution of the Jews.

On her stops in Egypt, Tunisia and Morocco, Mrs. Clinton, who is traveling with her daughter, Chelsea, has visited several mosques and repeatedly stressed American support for Islam, even as she has condemned its fundamentalist strain.

She has also stopped in several churches and synagogues, and she visited a 440-year-old Jewish cemetery here on Monday evening. "We are all children of God," she said this evening. "We are all children of Abraham."



Hillary Rodham Clinton, who is touring North Africa to promote education, chatted yesterday with Princess Lalla Fatima of Morocco.

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# White House Parties On For St. Patrick's Day



President Clinton works the tent.

**T**HEY say that the First Marriage is as chilly as temperatures in the North Pole these days, but you never would have known it last Wednesday night as the seemingly jovial Clintons kept their St. Patrick's Day tradition alive once again this year and opened the fabled doors of the White House to well over 1,000 Irish and Irish American guests for their annual holiday party. The guest list for the bash swelled to such an extent this year that a huge marquee was erected on the South Lawn to accommodate the overflow and stage the evening's stellar entertainment which centered around the awarding of the Presidential Medal of Freedom to former Senator George Mitchell.

The White House really puts on some show for their St. Patrick's gig — plenty of delicious Irish food dishes like corned beef and cabbage, colcannon, boxty and to-die-for desserts, and unfettered access for guests to all the historic rooms bar the family quarters — but there's no denying that a cloud hung over this year's festivities due to the brutal assassination of Catholic civil rights attorney Rosemary Nelson in the North only two days before, and the uncertainty that continues to hang over the "d" word — decommissioning. In fact, many of the Northern politicians who usually enjoy the party were instead huddled upstairs in the family quarters meeting with the President trying to devise some sort of compromise.

Between speeches and presentations the entertainment segment of the evening lasted for nearly two hours, but (mostly) every minute was a delight for the eyes and ears. Mrs. Clinton, who looked very well in a green velvet skirt suit, introduced Irish PM Bertie Ahern, accompanied as usual by his "partner" Celia Larkin, also decked out in a short green number for the occasion. Ahern thanked the Clintons for letting the Irish take over the White House for a night — "hopefully we'll leave it intact," he joked — and handed the mike to President Clinton, who received his customary standing ovation at any Irish event he attends.

The President kept his political remarks to a minimum and instead sang the praises of Senator Mitchell,

the chairman of the Irish peace talks and newest recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor that any civilian can receive. "I don't really know if this is going to mean anything to George anymore, he's gotten so many honors lately," the President said. "He can't walk two blocks down the street without someone throwing some sort of trophy at him — Irish American of the Year, Honorary Degree from Dublin's Trinity College... George Lucas offered to give him the force, but he said the force was already with him."

Mitchell appeared truly humbled by the honor, and garnered the biggest laugh (and applause) of the night when he kiddingly referred to the First Lady as "Senator Hillary." The former Senate Majority Leader was witty — "Just a few years ago I was about as Irish as a shish kabob," he joked about his adoptive Lebanese grandparents — and forthright, imploring all the political leaders to make good

though, and Claire showcased her musical talents in a piano duet with Phil Coulter. The audience couldn't help but be moved by her astounding courage and grace, and the Clintons were particularly taken by her performance.

Coulter and James Galway were on hand to perform a selection from their "Both Sides Now" concert; they were accompanied by Roma Downey, star of *Touched By An Angel*, and movie star Aidan Quinn, both of whom read selections of poetry. Drummers from Ireland and Northern Ireland added an especially lively feel to the festivities, but amazingly, a good number of the guests departed the marquee after the speeches and missed the music. It's not every day that an invitation from the White House arrives in the mail — perhaps these jaded souls should remember that the next time they prematurely head for the exits.

The guest list was, as usual, chock full



Irish PM Bertie Ahern and First Lady Hillary Clinton applaud Senator George Mitchell on receiving the Presidential Medal of Honor.

on the Good Friday Agreement, or else risk the wrath of history.

The real show-stopper of the night wasn't a politician or other famous face, but rather a lovely 15-year-old teenager from Northern Ireland named Claire Gallagher who was in the wrong place at the wrong time one unforgettable summer day last August in Omagh, and as a result she lost her sight. The bomb didn't take away her indefatigable spirit,

of politicians, mostly of the Democratic persuasion, except of course for the ubiquitous Congressman Peter King. President Clinton even joked that his pal King — one of the few GOP House legislators who voted against impeachment — insisted on bringing 15 family members to the hot-ticket party, but all "Page 2" could see was his wife Rosemary and daughter Erin. Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy was there, as was freshman rep Joe Crowley, Congressman Richard Neal and Senator Chris Dodd.

The celebrity contingent was headed this year by Downey, Quinn and Dylan McDermott, star of the hit show *The Practice*. We caught up with Downey after her performance, and a sweeter, more unaffected celebrity would be hard to find. "I'm coming out of a very rough year, but I'm feeling good now," she told us, referring to the breakup of her marriage to David Anspaugh. "It was worse because it was so public, but I said as little as possible for my daughter's sake." Reilly Marie will celebrate her third birthday in June.

Roma says Phil Coulter asked her to come to the White House to perform, an invite she happily accepted. "It's the Derry connection," said the pencil-skinny Roma, who looked fetching in a long green gown designed by Randolph Duke. "I go back to Derry once a year because all my family are still there, and I have property in Donegal."

Aidan Quinn was equally pleasant to talk to, and he's excited about the May U.S. opening of his family-made movie, *This Is My Father*. "It's doing amazingly well in Ireland and has grossed over \$1 million there," he said.

So all in all, another great St. Patrick's night to remember in Washington, and guests are already looking forward to next year's bash, President Clinton's last in office. No doubt he'll go out with a bang and make that one the biggest and best yet.



Irish hotelier John Fitzpatrick catches up with Roma Downey at the White House.



# Latest SF/Unionist Meeting Goes Badly<sup>3</sup>

## — Trimble Still Adamant on Arms Handover

By EAMONN MALLIE IN BELFAST

THE seventh cavalry is again preparing to come over the hills at Stormont. Yet again, with another deadline in sight of Good Friday, a deadlock obtains. As one wit in politics remarked on Tuesday, "Some parties are simply addicted to Prime Ministers. Some appear more addicted than others."

Tuesday was a bad day in Parliament Buildings. Before leaving Washington, D.C., last week for home, Sinn Féin president Gerry Adams spoke of his readiness "to stretch Republicanism again." He said, however, he wanted Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble to be "in the loop with me, to jump at the same time."

Much comfort was derived from Adams's remarks in British government circles and indeed within Unionism. Further amplification of the term "stretching Republicanism" has been emerging in the past two days. Adams drew attention to his remarks in the wake of the Omagh bombing when he unequivocally condemned the killers. Further references were made to the steps taken by Sinn Féin last September to appoint their most senior negotiator, Martin McGuinness, to act as a link with the International Decommissioning Body. Adams spoke of the difficulties which both decisions caused, and which were absorbed within Republicanism, but he alleged, without reciprocation or acknowledgment from the Ulster Unionist leader.

Following almost an hour-long meeting on Tuesday between Sinn Féin and the Ulster Unionists, Adams revealed he had signaled to John Taylor and Trimble his willingness again "to stretch Republicanism." He told the media later he proposed a new

set of round-table talks involving his own party, the Ulster Unionists and other parties, the SDLP, the two Prime Ministers and, importantly, General John de Chastelain. Adams argued, "This would be preferable to hitting ourselves over the heads with our own problems."

Trimble flatly rejected the Adams initiative. During a later press conference he said, "It is not a case that Republicans can't decommission, but it is the case that they won't."

And that is where the difficulty lies currently. During the negotiating of the Good Friday Agreement, the language deployed by the two governments was carefully crafted to resolve the contradictory positions of Republicanism and Unionism. Unionism demanded that decommissioning be delivered as part of the implementation of the Agreement. Sinn Féin argued guns could not be taken out of politics before the removal of the causes of the conflict. The language used was not an accident.

Those words, however, have come back to haunt the authors. A Sinn Féin spokesperson said of the negotiations, "We made it very clear that we would not enter into negotiations which would involve compromises and commitments which were not within our power to deliver. We made it clear we had no mandate, power or authority to make commitments on behalf of the IRA. Everything in the Good Friday Agreement was predicated upon that. We would have walked rather than be bullied into making commitments which we could not deliver."

If we take those remarks, uttered this week, for real, then logically one has to take seriously both Adams and McGuinness when they say, "This leadership cannot deliver guns in time for Good Fri-

day."

Trimble leader is not having an easy time internally in his party. He was heckled by a small number of people nearing the end of his Ulster Unionist council meeting on Saturday. There are those in the party who take the view that his hardline stance on decommissioning is not hard enough. They vented their anger on Saturday.

Trimble told Adams and McGuinness on Tuesday he has only one demand — "An event." For the first time, Trimble spelled out in detail to Adams what exactly he wants during a meeting in the White House on St. Patrick's Night. He said he wants an event bigger than the one undertaken by the LVF when they decommissioned, an event "which would include explosives, weaponry and detonators."

Republicans are becoming more stentorian in their stridency in opposition to decommissioning. One senior figure said on Tuesday, "If the IRA were to decommission twenty rifles tomorrow, the IRA would split and Trimble would still say, 'T— off', and you'd have another IRA."

On Wednesday, March 24, Irish Deputy Foreign Minister Liz O'Donnell will arrive at Castle Buildings for intensive discussions with Secretary of State Mo Mowlam. Mowlam has already embarked on a fresh round of inter-party discussions with all the parties. She is also meeting them bi-laterally.

The Taoiseach (Prime Minister) Bertie Ahern, who is cur-



rently in Berlin, is talking to British Prime Minister Tony Blair in the margins of the European Summit about the obtaining deadlock. There is now an anticipation that come the weekend, the Prime Ministers will be back at Stormont in a final push to secure the transfer of powers.

There is all-round pessimism in the corridors of Parliament Buildings. Much of this is being promoted by Republicans, who see a resolution of this difficulty strictly within the terms of the Good Friday Agreement. Recently, SDLP leader John Hume put a proposal to Trimble and in consultation with Adams to break the deadlock. Hume committed himself to a guarantee to Trimble that he would not allow his party to continue in cabinet, or executive, with Sinn Féin in the eventuality of any IRA act of violence.

He urged the Sinn Féin president to persuade the IRA to make a declaration of support and

commitment to the Agreement in all its manifestations. In other words, he wants Republicans to

acknowledge that democratic governance involving members of Sinn Féin cannot mix with any shape or form of violence. Trimble's response was, "Hume is clutching at straws." There is a sense, however, that the governments will return to this formula which will probably ultimately embrace a combination of "understanding and undertaking." One seasoned Republican, who keeps his head down, spoke of "verifiable politics ultimately delivering verifiable evidence of weaponry being taken out of commission."

John Taylor, the deputy leader of the UUP, made it clear recently that a declaration from Independent Decommissioning Body chairperson General de Chastelain that he is "satisfied" on the question of decommissioning would be good enough for Taylor.

Decommissioning comes down to a question of the definition. Taylor, in other words, appeared to be saying he didn't have to see the evidence of decommissioning for himself, leaving that to General de Chastelain. The General told the *Irish Voice* last week, "I will tell it as I see it." This implied he will be doing neither government any favors.

He did not give the impression, however, that he thinks he will be busy on the decommissioning front in the short term. Sources close to the General are suggesting the killing last week of Lurgan solicitor Rosemary Nelson lessened the likelihood of imminent decommissioning.



## Clintons Tour Morocco



Photos by Associated Press

Hillary Rodham Clinton, left, receives a kiss from a Berber girl in the Moroccan village of Tasselmante on Monday. The first lady, visiting North Africa with her daughter, Chelsea, announced a \$2 million U.S. program to establish a provincial small business lending center in Morocco, and a grant of \$100,000 to fight the blindness-causing disease trachoma. At right, Chelsea leaves the grave site of a former leader of the Jewish community in Marrakesh.

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## Giuliani Web Site Assails Idea of 'Senator Clinton'

By DAN BARRY

For several weeks, Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani and the First Lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton, have waged a kind of shadow campaign for the United States Senate. He is raising money and she is peppering people with questions, but both have refused to announce their intentions. It has all been so maddeningly... polite.

Until yesterday, that is, when the Mayor's Friends of Giuliani fund-raising committee posted a new Web site on the Internet. It is called Hillaryno.com and seeks to raise money and enlist volunteers for Mr. Giuliani by capitalizing on what the Mayor's advisers sense is an untapped world of inveterate Hillary haters.

The Web site — including an unflattering photograph of the First Lady with her mouth agape — portrays Mrs. Clinton as a would-be carpetbagger with aspirations for running for President. "Born in Illinois and carried to power in Arkansas, with no connection of any kind to New York," it reads, "Hillary has set her sights on the New York Senate seat and maybe... probably... set her sights even higher."

It also suggests that Mrs. Clinton is unqualified to serve in the Senate, recalling her "failed health care experiment" and saying that she has no governmental experience and has never been elected to public office. A subtitle to the Web site reads, "U.S. Senate: For Proven Leaders, Not a Proving Ground."

Those sufficiently outraged by the prospect of a Senator Clinton from New York are provided with a few ways to vent their anger — all to the benefit of Mr. Giuliani. In fact, the Web



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A new Web site created by the Mayor's Friends of Giuliani fund-raising committee.

site strongly implies that the Republican Mayor will be running for the Senate seat being vacated by Daniel Patrick Moynihan next year.

For example, people are informed that they can donate to Friends of Giuliani, a Federal fund-raising committee, through the mail or on line. "Either way, your dollars will send your message loud and clear — Hillary No!"

People are also encouraged to sign a petition intended to "send a clear message that you

object to Hillary Clinton using the U.S. Senate as a stepping stone to higher office."

Bruce Teitelbaum, the executive director of Solutions America, Mayor Giuliani's political action committee, said that the Web site is intended to "alert people who are users of the Internet about Mrs. Clinton's potential run for the Senate."

Mr. Teitelbaum declined to elaborate further on why the campaign had decided to bolster Mr. Giuliani's support by attacking Mrs. Clinton; why, for example, the campaign does not have a Web site called Rudyyes.com.

Mr. Giuliani has said that Mrs. Clinton's entry into the New York Senate race would strengthen his resolve to run, and before this new Web site appeared, he said that he would refrain from criticizing her for not being from New York. Several Republican strategists have said that her candidacy would considerably bolster the state party's fund-raising efforts.

The Internet broadside did not exactly intimidate Mrs. Clinton's supporters; in fact, they described it as the kind of nasty stunt they would expect from Mr. Giuliani.

Judith Hope, the Democratic state chairwoman, said: "The tone of the Web site matches the direction of his approval numbers: negative, negative, negative." Her comment referred to the recent drastic dip in the Mayor's poll ratings, after the police killed an unarmed West African immigrant last month.

Norman Adler, a political consultant who works with candidates in both parties, said Hillaryno.com is "kind of amateurish." He added, "And I think it's jumping the gun."

### Clinton as Giuliani Fund-Raiser



The Friends of Giuliani fund-raising committee has created a Web site, Hillaryno.com, that portrays Mrs. Clinton as a would-be carpetbagger — an issue that the Mayor himself has said he will not raise if they face each other in a Senate race.

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## Giuliani vs. Giuliani

NEW YORK—Hillary Rodham Clinton had a good month here. For one thing, she went to Cairo. For another, she said almost nothing about whether she will run for a New York Senate seat. All she had to do, it turns out, is let Rudolph Giuliani, her prospective opponent, be Rudolph Giuliani. It cost him more than 20 points in his approval rating.

Being Giuliani means being petulant. It means being overly moralistic, dividing the world into good guys and bad guys and not ever meeting with the bad guys. It means being so severe, so stern, so implacable in your positions that the difference between principle and obsession is too blurred for anyone to discern the difference. The mayor says he never sleeps. Well, maybe it's time for a nap.

The issue at the moment is the killing Feb. 4 of Amadou Diallo, a West African immigrant. He was shot 19 times. His killers were four white policemen assigned to the vaunted Street Crime Unit. They were looking for a rapist and came upon Diallo. They must have thought he was the suspect. They must have thought he was armed. The cops fired 41 times. Diallo was unarmed.

These sorts of things happen. Cops get scared. They do dirty, dangerous work. The Street Crime Unit is both famous and notorious for its aggressive attitude and tactics. Something happened—we know not what. We do know this: The Diallo shooting triggered explosive anger in the minority community, where, it is now becoming clear, Giuliani is seen as the mayor of white New York only.

Giuliani insists he did all the right things. He said he was sorry. He went to see the bereaved mother. He went to the funeral parlor.

But he could not criticize his beloved cops. Instead, he saved his criticism for those who did. He dismissed them as political opportunists, which of course some of them are. New York has seen this pattern before. After a Haitian immigrant, Abner Louima, accused the cops of torturing him, the mayor initially said the right things—and then dismissed all criticism of the police department.

Enter next the Rev. Al Sharpton, pastor of no particular church and, in the indelible phrase of my colleague Howard Kurtz, the city's foremost racial ambulance chaser. Before long, Diallo's mother would deal only with him. He organized daily protests at police headquarters, blocking the door until arrests were made. The protesters were never manhandled or even jailed. The direct threat was to their lunch plans.

And yet, the protesters—David Dinkins, Rep. Charles Rangel, Susan Sarandon and rabbis and ministers galore—have made their point. Much of the city sensed that the incredible reduction in crime was happening at a cost—at least to someone's dignity. When blacks and Hispanics complained of being hassled, of being stopped on the street armed with nothing but youth and a dark complexion, no one could reasonably express surprise. It had to be happening.

At the same time, Giuliani was shunning the black leadership. Until just recently, he would not meet with the Manhattan borough presi-

dent, Virginia Fields. Nor, until recently, would he meet with the state's comptroller, Carl McCall. Both are African American. Both are respected, mainline politicians. For some reason, though, Giuliani took one look at them and barred the door.

In the end, Giuliani may have endangered his own accomplishments. Crime is down by a stunning amount—there were 2,200 murders in 1992, 600 last year. Some of that is due to aggressive police work. The Street Crime Unit alone accounted for 40 percent of the illegal guns seized by the police. It is now demoralized and, by decree of the commissioner, no longer allowed to work in plainclothes. Uniformed, it is bound to be less effective.

The morning line on the New York Senate race went like this: Hillary Clinton's high standing in the polls was meaningless. She was a novelty, admired for her marital travails more than her political positions. She had never run for office and was astoundingly ignorant of anything north of, say, the Barney's store on Madison Avenue. If Giuliani can, he would punch her up good. She would crumble to the canvas by October at the latest.

But it is Giuliani who's down—with a self-administered uppercut. His rigidity has cost him across the board. Whites and Hispanics are now significantly less supportive. Blacks never liked him much to begin with and now, if possible, they like him even less. If Hillary Clinton, seeing all this, reassesses her plans, who can blame her? Maybe she should run for mayor.

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**WARM WELCOME** — First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton received a kiss yesterday from a young girl in the Tasselmante Village in Morocco, where aid workers are trying to improve the standard of living. Clinton announced a \$2 million US program to establish a small business lending center in the region, and a \$100,000 grant to fight the blindness-causing disease trachoma.

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**POLITICS**

Dan Balz

## Giuliani Sets His Site on the First Lady

**N**obody ever accused New York Mayor **Rudolph W. Giuliani** of being subtle. Check out the mayor's new Web site at [www.HillaryNo.com](http://www.HillaryNo.com). There's a not-so-flattering photo of a smiling **Hillary Rodham Clinton** flashing a thumbs-up and the message that New York's Senate seat isn't for rookies or outsiders. In big letters it reads: "U.S. Senate: For Proven Leaders, Not a Proving Ground."

"Born in Illinois and carried to power in Arkansas, with no connection of any kind to New York, Hillary has set her sights on the New York Senate seat and maybe . . . probably . . . set her sights even higher," the Web site says.

**Bruce Teitelbaum**, director of Giuliani's political action committee, Solutions America, said the Web site is designed to raise money and enlist volunteers for a Giuliani Senate campaign in 2000, if the mayor decides to run.

"Clearly Mrs. Clinton has said she is seriously considering running for the U.S. Senate," Teitelbaum said. "She's refused to put that speculation to rest. In fact, she's fueling it by saying she's not going to make a decision until later in the summer. It's fair to raise the specter of her potential candidacy to help raise interest in our campaign."

The use of the first lady's possible candidacy as a fund-raising tool comes as the mayor's approval ratings continue to slide in the face of public criticism over the police shooting of **Amadou Diallo**, an unarmed West African immigrant who was hit 19 times in a fusillade of 41 shots in February.



Rudolph Giuliani's PAC has put up a Web site targeting Hillary Clinton's potential bid for Senate.

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**HILL, NO!** A page from Mayor Giuliani's Web site.

## RUDY'S SITE GIVES HILL SHORT END OF THE CLICK

By ROBERT HARDT Jr.

Mayor Giuliani has launched an anti-Hillary Clinton Web site — his first major attack on his possible opponent in the Senate race.

The "www.HillaryNo.com" site was placed on the Internet on Friday by Friends of Giuliani, one of the mayor's three political fund-raising arms.

"With no governmental experience, never elected to any public office, her failed health-care experiment under her belt, Mrs. Clinton now wants to be part of the Senate as we head into the next millennium," reads the site's main page.

"Born in Illinois and carried to power in Arkansas, with no connection of any kind to New York, Hillary has set her sights on the New York Senate seat and maybe ... probably ... set her sights even higher."

The site allows people to make credit-card donations to Giuliani, volunteer for the mayor, and sign a petition to "send a clear message that you object to Hillary Clinton using the U.S. Senate as a stepping stone to higher office."

Both Giuliani and Clinton are strongly considering running next year to fill the Senate seat being vacated by Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

Harold Ickes, a close adviser to Clinton, said that he thought Giuliani has flip-flopped on the carpe diem issue.

"His own Web site now flies in the face of what he assured the country would not be an issue from his point of view," Ickes said. "Now he has made it an issue, so I guess this is what one can expect."

Bruce Teitelbaum, who oversees the mayor's political-action committee, said it took several weeks to craft the "HillaryNo" Web site.

"We don't know if she's running or not, but we thought it would be clever to raise a few points about her possible plans," Teitelbaum said.

Mrs. Clinton's spokeswoman, Marsha Berry, was in Africa with the First Lady yesterday and could not be reached for comment.

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# A Cause Unveiled

Hollywood Women Have Made the Plight of Afghan Women Their Own—Sight Unseen

By SHARON WAXMAN  
Washington Post Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES, March 29 — Last August the compassionate, concerned, dedicated women of the Feminist Majority—a small group of activists based in Hollywood and Washington—were utterly miserable.

It had been eight months since Mavis Leno, wife of Jay and member of the board, had declared her intention to take on the cause of Afghan women. Eight months of letter-writing, of networking, of power-lunching, and she'd gotten plenty of sympathy but no real action.

The average American remained blissfully unaware that women half a world away were being repressed by the Taliban, the ultra-conservative Islamic group that had swept to power in 1996 and dragged the country back several centuries. The Taliban decreed that women were to be hidden beneath full-length shrouds in public and denied them education, freedom of movement and the opportunity to work. Women who resisted were beaten. Women suspected of offenses like adultery were stoned. To death.

"It was clear to me," says Mavis Leno, sitting in her West Hollywood headquarters, "that if women in the West didn't do something pretty spectacular, these women were lost." She is dark-haired and articulate,



Four women wearing burqas make their way through the Afghan capital in a horse-drawn taxi.

with a vague resemblance, strangely, to her famous husband. She goes on, "It would be like the German and Polish Jews, like the peasants under Stalin. They'd be swallowed by history. And I didn't want that to happen while I was alive."

So Mavis and Jay Leno dug deep and handed over

\$100,000 to get the movement rolling.

And roll it has. In six months the Taliban's "war on women" has become the latest *cause célèbre* in Hollywood. Tibet is out. Afghanistan is in. The Lenos

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# The Stars Take On Afghanistan

WOMEN, From C1

hosted a briefing for insiders at their home. The media showed up in force at their news conference last October. Even President Clinton got on board. Ten days ago, he spent an hour talking with a Feminist Majority delegation about the plight of Afghan women. The latest twist is that Clinton pal and veteran TV producer Linda Bloodworth-Thomason produced a media event tonight at the Directors Guild that was the official coming-out of the Afghan women's cause.

It was a must-attend happening, gathering perhaps the largest number of celebrities for a single cause since the "We Are the World" campaign 14 years ago. Some 70 household names—everyone from Vince Gill to Marki Thomas to Lionel Richie to Paula Abdul to Christine Lahti—were on the guest list. Richie sang an anthem he donated, "Love, Oh Love," and Naomi Judd and Gill also performed. Alfre Woodward, Gillian Anderson and Lily Tomlin were among the speakers.

At the Feminist Majority offices, the adrenaline rush from this rising momentum is unmistakable. Leno is charged, if somewhat weary. "For a human rights situation this is unusually simple," she says. "The Taliban are spectacularly villainous. They are so uneducated, they don't have the wit to disguise their villainy. That's a rarity. You can't write it off to culture or religion. It's so inhumane. So unacceptable. This is not a decent way to treat human beings."

Her colleague, national coordinator Kathy Spillar, nods in agreement. She repeats what other Feminist Majority board members have already noted: "There is no 'other side' to this issue."

But it turns out that there is another side to this issue.

There is no question that there has been severe persecution of women under the Taliban, the Sunni Muslim militia that controls 90 percent of the nation and is an offshoot of the rebels funded largely by the United States after the Soviet Union invaded in 1979. But the question of women's oppression in Afghanistan—like most problems in that troubled part of the world—is intensely complicated.

Several specialists on Afghanistan disputed some aspects of the picture painted by the Feminist Majority, notably about access to health care and education. They expressed concern that the Hollywood activists are distorting the reality of the current conditions, exaggerating abuses, and taking them out of a critical historical context.

Worse, some international relief officials fear that if the Feminist Majority's campaign is successful, it may end up harming those who most need help by encouraging donor nations to reduce their aid or cut it off completely.

"Those who are speaking out now are well-intentioned but they don't have the full story," says Andrew Wilder, director of the Afghan relief operation of Save the Children, in a phone interview from Pakistan. "It's misleading to the point where there's more and more of a movement from human rights groups and the Feminist Majority to say cut off all aid, which is a real misunderstanding of the situation and will only hurt the very groups these women want to help."

"This is a terrible snow job," says Judy Benjamin, head of the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children, who returned a couple of weeks ago from visiting Afghan refugee camps on the border with Pakistan. "It's amusing almost, but sad. With the Jay Leno connection they have struck it rich and gained Hollywood, but trust me, they're terribly misinformed."

In testimony before Congress earlier this month, Leno noted that the Taliban has "banned women from being treated by male doctors," and that "the few female doctors who are permitted to work are often harassed." During two days of interviews at the Feminist Majority offices, the impression left on a reporter is that health care is virtually unavailable to women in Afghanistan.

But Benjamin and Wilder and a U.N. official, who spoke on the condition that his name not be used, all confirm that there are segregated women's wards in many Afghan hospitals, and that the Taliban has rescinded restrictions on women's health care. A much larger problem, they note, is the lack of medicine throughout the country and medical personnel, particularly in rural areas.

Education for girls is formally banned by the Taliban. But nearly a dozen nongovernmental groups are conducting schooling for boys and girls, and home schooling is widespread in the capital of Kabul.

Where the abuses strike most viciously, it seems, is in cities like Kabul, which was increasingly Westernized, particularly under the Soviet occupation in the 1980s. Under the Soviets, women were free to work and pursue an educa-

tion, and many gained prominent roles during the civil war in the '80s and '90s as men were shipped off to fight. For these women, the ban on employment and the deprivations of the burqa, the full-length shroud women are required to wear by the Taliban, are particularly demeaning.

But sweeping statements like those in the Feminist Majority's media advisory for tonight's event—"In Afghanistan today eleven and a half million women and girls are prisoners in their own homes"—are largely inaccurate, according to those familiar with the country.

Says Zalmay Khalilzad, a Reagan administration expert on Afghanistan now at the Rand Corp., "In the rural areas, what the Taliban is seeking to impose is not very different than what the north has been."

Leila Helma, a Westernized, Afghan-born woman who is pro-Taliban, has just returned from a two-week tour of Afghanistan where she says she filled six hours of interviews with women in five provinces. The burqa, she said, is not widespread in the countryside, and she met many women moving freely about, without male relatives as chaperons.

Says Helma: "I met 150 women. I asked every one if they were beaten or knew someone who had been. ... There was one woman who'd been beaten once on her shoulders two years ago because her face was showing and she was talking to a man she didn't know. Every single

other one hadn't been beaten, and did not know someone who had been beaten."

These prickly issues aside, the reason why Helma—a secular, pro-abortion American—loves the Taliban is because for six years she witnessed the country's devastation when she and her husband worked in Afghan refugee camps at the Pakistani border from 1988 to 1994. For Helma, the admittedly repressive Taliban at least brought peace to the country, and Woodward's sudden concern for Afghan women angers her.

She explodes: "Where were they when all these women were being raped, when women were being killed because they were not following the Muslim Brotherhood?" the faction that ruled Afghanistan after the expulsion of Soviet troops. "Where were they before the war when women didn't have rights? Where were they throughout the war when women were rotting in the refugee camps?"

She continues: "For nearly 20 years in Afghanistan there has been no law, no order. We lost almost 2 million people to the Russians. The women don't want to be saved by the Feminist Majority. Finally they have peace, and people in America find religion on the issue of women in Afghanistan?"

Lastly, there is Abdel Hakim Mujahed, the Taliban's representative in the United States, who calls the entire campaign "negative propaganda made against us intentionally," which is true enough. He says

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"There is no doubt that we cannot make our society like American society, but I can tell you that the situation existing there is far more better than what it was."

Back at the Feminist Majority, there is some softening of the line when confronted with these points of view. President Eleanor Smeal agrees that the Taliban's repression is unevenly enforced but denies that her group has exaggerated the abuses.

"One of the biggest frustrations is you cannot get the exact same fact from any one person. It's very complicated—you have to listen very closely," she says. "We don't have to exaggerate this. If only one-tenth of this is happening—we're not trying to exaggerate, we're trying to say what people have told us, and to go with eyewitness accounts."

Smeal also emphasizes that the campaign is not designed to squeeze humanitarian aid to the country, which goes directly to relief agencies and does not pass through the Taliban. Rather, she wants pressure on the government to lift quotas for refugees and to restrict support for economic and agricultural programs in Afghanistan.

She urges, "The big picture is what we've got to keep in mind. We're trying to call attention to horrific conditions."

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BY DUBRAVKA SIMIC FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

With her son propped in her arms, a woman navigates the streets of Kabul wearing the full veil, or burqa, as required by the Taliban militia.

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# Hollywood's Newest Cause

WOMEN, From G8

So how did this come to be Hollywood's new cause of the day? Why not "ethnic cleansing" in Kosovo? Or mutilation in Sierra Leone? Or slavery in Mauritania?

Mavis Leno got involved with Afghanistan the way things usually happen in Hollywood—through a tight network of acquaintances. The longtime feminist heard about the Feminist Majority from group co-founder Peg Yorkin, who sat next to her at a lunch for the New Yorker's "Women's Issue" in 1997. Then she found out that she lived across the street from another board member, Lorraine Sheinberg, wife of producer Sidney Sheinberg.

"I realized—Oh, this is everything I want, a small group, a short line from recognizing an issue to taking action," recalls Leno, who had been looking for a charitable outlet.

The group was already involved in protesting conditions in Afghanistan when, at the January board meeting last year, Leno—who up to now has not been a public personality—offered to lend her name and abilities.

Recalls Smeal, "I said, 'Are you willing to do this? This will change things.' She said, 'We can't abandon those women. We've got to try everything.'"

But for the first eight months or so of her involvement, Leno "came close to popping a blood vessel," she says. "I couldn't get anything

rolling." Unocal, part of a huge oil consortium that was considering investing in Afghanistan, pulled out of its pipeline project; that was good. But apart from that, she recalls, "Nothing. Zip. No interest. No nothing." She testified in Congress before a foreign appropriations subcommittee; one media outlet, Afghan radio, showed up. Stories would air on shows like "20/20," and there would be no bounce. "No one could get anyone to raise the visibility of this one-eighth of an inch," she says.

Finally Leno decided that the economics of the movement had to change. She and her husband decided to use the proceeds from Jay's pay-per-view wrestling match with Hulk Hogan to fund the campaign.

Says the late-night host: "At some point you have to do something good with your life. God didn't seem particularly impressed with my collection of cars and motorcycles, he's not an enthusiast when it comes to material possessions. So I figured that at some point you have to do something good, especially in terms of what you make."

Armed with the seed money, the Feminist Majority completely revamped its strategy. It adopted a symbol, put together political action matters. It set up a toll-free number. It held a press conference that was scheduled—serendipitously—a day after the United States had attacked Islamic militant Osama bin Laden's alleged terrorist

bases in Afghanistan; the media showed up this time.

Bloodworth-Thomason and Leno have focused the campaign with a vengeance. They now have a symbol—a piece of blue mesh that is the peephole for the Afghan shroud—a logo and a name, "gender apartheid."

Bloodworth-Thomason brought a burqa with her to the White House when she visited the Clintons at Thanksgiving. The president, Mrs. Clinton and Chelsea all were "astounded by the oppressiveness of the garment," she reports.

Then the activists decided to "go bigger," as they put it, deciding to put together a major media event, to gather as many celebrities as possible to raise the profile of their campaign.

For three months Leno, Bloodworth-Thomason and others have been working the phones, and the huge response is in itself a lesson in the no-degree-of-separation world of Hollywood. Lorraine Sheinberg called Gillian Anderson, Candice Bergen, Lily Tomlin and Marlo Thomas, among others. Yorkin called Janet Leigh, Mary Tyler Moore, Julie Andrews. Yorkin's daughter writes for "Chicago Hope"—hence Christine Lahti.

Mavis Leno ran into music producer David Foster who got hold of Vince Gill. Another friend knew Lionel Richie and got him to donate a song to tonight's event. Cybill Shepherd heard from a friend, Bloodworth-Thomason's assistant

called Naomi, Wynonna and Ashley Judd's assistant and arranged for them to attend.

"At the beginning we thought, 'If we get two or three celebrities on board'—and I don't even know what happened. All of a sudden it just blew up," Leno says.

Another unexpected windfall: Leno called Abigail Van Buren to participate. Dear Abby couldn't make it but suggested Leno write a letter to her column. It has yielded some 30,000 phone calls so far. Leno went on "Larry King Live," and recently was a guest on her husband's "Tonight" show.

For the Feminist Majority, this must be the beginning of the road to success. Says Yorkin: "When Hollywood got interested in apartheid in South Africa, that was the beginning of the end. We want the same thing here."

Is the lack of women's rights in Afghanistan the most pressing human rights abuse in the world? "It is an urgent situation," affirms Sheila Daseer, director of the women's human rights program for Amnesty International. "The event they're holding is very important. I would congratulate all the celebrities taking part in this Afghan action."

But others say the dismal situation in Afghanistan is tied just as closely to the economic devastation brought on by 20 years of savagery. Says Benjamin, "Definitely women in Afghanistan are suffering tremendous abuses, their human rights are not being respected. But you need to put this in the context of what's happened to the country in the past two decades. Much of the grief and poverty is a result of

being committed because they want to continue to work, pay their mortgage, send their children to school. These people are beginning to minimize in order to please the Taliban, so they are able to work."

But Jay Leno has the final say on this matter: "They're shining a light on the problem. If this all turns out to be wrong, if it's a huge mistake—and there seems to be an awful lot of proof in the other direction—nobody did anything for the wrong reasons."

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# Biography

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# The 25 Most Powerful Women in America

**T**hey're the women who help shape our lives, our leisure, our beliefs, and our businesses. They bring us the news and make the news, inspire us and enrich us, create laws and policy, and educate us about everything from French cuisine to the ravages of AIDS. *Biography Magazine* presents its choices for the 25 most powerful women in America. **BY JANET CAWLEY**

### POLITICAL POWERHOUSES



### HILLARY CLINTON

#### *First Lady*

**S**he's been the embodiment of grace under pressure: dignified, strong, and resilient. Whatever her private anguish about President Clinton's infidelity and impeachment hearings, Hillary Clinton has not only coped but maintained a composure that seems incapable of cracking. And as First Lady, she has kept up a grueling public schedule despite all the scrutiny, focusing on issues important to her, such as children's welfare.

Not that she's abdicated the seat of power. For months it was Hillary Clinton who framed the national debate on her husband's predicament after announcing on the *Today* show that he was the victim of a "vast right-wing conspiracy" determined to end his presidency. Even after learning the truth about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky, she remained, in the words of her office, "committed to her marriage" and also to the Democratic Party. She campaigned hard last fall for Democratic candidates, hitting nine states in the last week, and won credit for the party's unexpectedly strong electoral showing.

That kind of single-minded focus was forged early back in Park Ridge, Illinois, where Clinton was raised (she was voted "most likely to succeed" in her senior year of high school). After attending Wellesley College and Yale Law School, she wed fellow student William Jefferson Clinton in 1975 and gave birth to daughter Chelsea in 1980.

As wife of the Arkansas governor, Clinton became the most activist First Lady the state had ever seen—a pattern she carried straight into the White House, redefining the role. Whatever happens to her husband, Hillary Clinton, at 51, remains a new model First Lady—and perhaps one with a future political career of her own.



## MADELEINE ALBRIGHT

*Secretary of State*

**T**here's power and then there's POWER. Madeleine Albright, the first female secretary of state and the highest-ranking woman in the U.S. government, wields the second kind as she charts foreign policy and travels the globe on behalf of her adopted country. A tough, unflappable negotiator who never shrinks from playing hardball in world affairs, Albright is one of the most powerful women on the planet.

At the same time, she's never attempted to hide her fun-loving, feminine side. A divorced mother of three adult daughters, she favors well-cut designer clothes, high heels, and jewelry, especially her trademark brooches (when the Iraqis called her a serpent, she showed up at a meeting with that country's deputy prime minister wearing a snake pin). Albright also is known to have taught the ambassador from Botswana to dance the macarena in the U.N. Security Council chambers and to have taken a tango lesson herself in the aisle of *Air Force One* en route to Buenos Aires. "I have never felt being a woman was a disadvantage," she's said.

Born in Prague in 1937, she and her family fled Czechoslovakia for England when the Nazis invaded. They returned home after the war, only to leave again—this time for the U.S.—when the Communists took power. Raised in Denver, Albright attended Wellesley College on a scholarship and earned a Ph.D. in political science from Columbia University. She taught at Georgetown University, became a Democratic adviser on foreign policy, and then the U.S. representative to the United Nations. She speaks English, French, Czech, Russian, and Polish. Effective, efficient, and energetic, Albright has spent a lifetime forging ahead. "I do not believe things happen accidentally," she's explained. "I believe you earn them."



## JANET RENO

*Attorney General*

**J**anet Reno is impressive, and not just because she's 6' 2". The nation's first female attorney general (and its top law official) is a former Miami prosecutor with a reputation for unshakable integrity, candor, and—unlike many in Washington—a willingness to shoulder the blame when things go wrong. (When federal agents attempting to end the Branch Davidian siege in Waco, Texas, touched off an inferno that left 82 dead, Reno went on *Nightline* and announced to a startled Ted Koppel, "This was a judgement I made. I think the responsibility lies with me.")

So maybe it's not surprising that Reno came from solid stock: Her mother, Jane, who used to wrestle alligators and kept snakes as pets, built their Florida home herself. Reno lived there with her (and 35 peacocks, all named Horace) until Jane's death in 1992. And she took Jane's mantra to heart: "Don't ever rest until good is better, and better best."

A graduate of Cornell (in chemistry) and Harvard Law School, 60-year-old Reno likes to walk to work at the Justice Department and insists on wearing her I.D. badge like all other employees. Of her no-frills persona, she's explained, "I'm not fancy. I am what I appear to be." She was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in 1995, but has kept it under control with medication.

Most recently, Reno has been caught up in the investigation of Democratic campaign finances. When pressed 18 months ago to request an independent counsel in the matter, her response was succinct and Reno-esque: "I'm going to ignore pressure. I'm going to do it based on the evidence and the law."

**FAST FACT:** Median weekly income of women compared with men (25 years and older, 1997 stats): **WOMEN: \$462, MEN: \$615**



## Hillary and Chelsea feted sumptuously in Moroccan desert

THE DUNES OF MERZOUGA, Morocco -- In the dark chill, Hillary and Chelsea Clinton mounted camels and plodded a snaking trail toward the Saharan sunrise -- a hushed finale to a clanging Berber jamboree of song, dance, fire and beasts.

The First Lady and her daughter retreated to the desert Saturday and Sunday as the Muslim hosts of this week's Moroccan leg of a North African odyssey slaughtered lambs for one of the religion's most holy events, Eid el-Adha, "Feast of the Sacrifice."

King Hassan lavished extravagances on the Clinton women and their entourage of 50, erecting specially for them a modern "Arabian Nights" set in the crook of the shifting red dunes.

Claps, chants and drumbeats of Berber tribal troupes from the Middle Atlas Mountains and Ouarzazate province in the south greeted the party and kept up a clamor for more than four hours, from sunset to bonfire.

In a giddy, predinner rite reminiscent of a gaggle of bridesmaids before the wedding, tribal women wrapped the Americans in traditional Berber costume.

Mrs. Clinton wore that of an honored lady: the ahrouy, a silvered white, elaborately wrapped robe, and tahrout, a black silk head scarf and shawl decorated with bangles.

Chelsea, 19, opted for a shepherd's azure robe and head wrap.

In green-and-white striped tents, staffed by white-robed servants wearing the traditional maroon fez, course after course came on gold-edged Bavarian dinner china and French silver.

Whole quartered lambs, curried chickens, prune-stewed beef, rice, fresh fruit, hot green tea, sweet wine and, finally, champagne.

Throughout Saturday night's dinner, Mrs. Clinton held court at a center table. Under her laughing watch, almost everyone in the party took a turn on the sand with the Ahidous and Ahouach troupes, whose flailing arms and hopping feet followed neither rules nor rhythm.

Women sat cross-legged on the red Berber carpets to have their palms, wrists and ankles elaborately dyed with henna. By midnight, the fortunetellers arrived.

Eight White House reporters covering the First Lady's 12-day tour of North Africa were among the party, on condition that the details of Mrs. Clinton's and Chelsea's recreation be kept "off the record."

Spokeswoman Marsha Berry said they just wanted to relax and enjoy the night.

Aides who worked with the Moroccan government to plan the extravaganza said they had to restrain the king's largess or else ruin the rustic "camp-out" feel that Mrs. Clinton wanted.

They failed.

King Hassan, who remained at his palace 260 miles away to observe Eid, ordered electricity and cell phone service installed for the encampment.

Refrigerated Coke machines supplied the sleeping tents and a half-dozen heated RVs -- each with a television broadcasting CNN -- offered toilets and showers.

Past midnight, quiet fell on the camp, as the party awaited a 5 a.m. wake-up shout for Sunday's sunrise camel rides.

Read a memo to the First Lady's staff:

"Try to keep the noise down to a minimum so that people and camel can get their rest. Camels are known to be ornery, and we would like them to get all the rest they need."

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# Civil rights leaders press for action by Clinton on police brutality

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) - Civil rights leaders are calling for a White House summit on police brutality and other aspects of the criminal justice system.

Jesse Jackson and other leaders also asked Attorney General Janet Reno on Monday to visit New York City, where officers shot at unarmed immigrant Amadou Diallo 41 times on Feb. 4.

"We long for the presence and the face of this department," Jackson told reporters after the group met privately for 75 minutes with Reno and aides at the Justice Department. "We also seek a major White House summit on criminal justice."

The Diallo case and others in New York City are under investigation by the Justice Department's civil rights division and the state attorney general.

Kweisi Mfume, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said action is required to head off possible civil unrest.

"We tried to explain in the clearest of terms to the attorney general why we are one step away from major problems in our country with respect to possible civil unrest around this issue of police brutality and excessive use of force and why it's very, very important that the Justice Department find a way to step up its involvement in this issue," Mfume said. "The president has to do more than make a radio address on this subject."

Mfume, Jackson and leaders of groups representing Latinos, Asian-Americans, Jews, gays and lesbians and native Americans cited controversial police killings or beatings of minorities in New York City, California and the Pittsburgh area in recent years and growing use nationwide of practices that they said unfairly target minorities.

Reno and White House Domestic Policy Council chief Bruce Reed promised to relay their concerns to President Clinton, Justice spokesman Myron Marlin said afterward.

National Urban League President Hugh Price said in the last two years in New York City, 45,000 people have been stopped and frisked but 37,000 of them were released without charges. Courts later threw out the charges against half of the 8,000 who were charged, Price said.

Federal and state authorities recently expanded their investigation of the New York City Police Department to include the Street Crime Unit, four of whose members shot and killed Diallo.

New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani "has set a very explosive climate in New York," Jackson said.

At a city council hearing Monday, Giuliani's police commissioner, Howard Safir, testified that despite criticisms of its tactics, the Street Crime Unit has an excellent record for removing guns from violent neighborhoods. He said the entire 380-member unit has taken refresher courses in cultural diversity, courtesy and respect training,

and tactics.

In Chicago, there were 41,000 arrests in one recent year under anti-loitering statute that uses personal appearance as a basis for arrest, said Yvonne Scruggs Leftwich of the National Black Leadership Forum.

In New York, meanwhile, Ron Daniels, head of the Center for Constitutional Rights, said Monday his group plans a march on Washington to highlight police brutality.

Daniels said the National Emergency March for Justice is set for April 3, marking the 31st anniversary of the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

"For far too long the federal government has been silent in the face of the growing outcry against the harassment, intimidation, brutalization and senseless killing of people in communities of color," Daniels said. "While we appreciate the fact that President Clinton was finally persuaded to speak out on this issue, his recommendations are woefully inadequate."  
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## Tipper Gore sees a quiet role as First Lady

SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- (AP) -- Tipper Gore is a big admirer of Hillary Rodham Clinton, but says she would be a different kind of First Lady should Vice President Al Gore capture the White House. Mrs. Clinton is a key advisor to her husband; Mrs. Gore dispenses her advice when asked, most often at home or during a walk. Would she be a fixture in the Oval Office, offering policy advice?

"I've never done it that way," she said.

While Mrs. Clinton has one daughter who is away at college, Mrs. Gore notes that she has four children (one still at home), a grandchild due in June and two elderly parents in the Washington, D.C., area.

"There's a difference when you have four children to keep up with and all of their activities," she said. "With four children and aging parents, I find that I only spend so much time on issues that I care about, and I spend a lot of time on keeping the family together."

Mrs. Gore is most active in mental health care and fighting homelessness and poverty.

She is reluctant to compare or contrast her style with that of Mrs. Clinton, noting that her husband has only opened a presidential exploratory committee and is not officially a candidate.

Mrs. Gore, 50, said she is a friend and admirer of Mrs. Clinton, a fellow baby boomer who is one year older. But she has her own style: "Anyone who finds herself in the role of First Lady reflects her individuality and who she is as a person."

Their differences and similarities are certain to be scrutinized as the second lady becomes more visible during the 2000 presidential campaign.

She has appeared recently in New Hampshire and Iowa and she substituted for Clinton this weekend when he canceled his scheduled appearance at the California Democratic Party convention due to the U.S.-led airstrikes in Kosovo.

Both women are crowd-pleasers on the stump. Mrs. Gore has neither the polish nor the edge of Mrs. Clinton, but her disarming, just-folks demeanor charmed delegates Saturday.

When her TelePrompter didn't immediately flash her speech, she cracked a joke, and by the time the laughter died down, the speech was ready to go.

She then whipped up Democratic activists with a speech in which she took credit on behalf of the Clinton administration for the economic boom of the 1990s. She warned that Republicans are bent on using the budget surplus for a tax cut that would require cutting federal education and nutrition programs.

"The other party's agenda is based on ideas from 1822," she said.  
END



## Clinton likens bombings to stopping Nazi massacres

WASHINGTON -- President Clinton invoked the specter of Adolf Hitler's massacres across Europe Wednesday night to dramatize his plea for public support for the U.S.-led air campaign against Yugoslav forces to stem attacks on civilians in Kosovo.

Clinton delivered his 13-minute appeal from the Oval Office just six hours after ordering the U.S. military strike.

Clinton said the United States and 18 allies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization had to halt the rampage of Yugoslav forces across the Maryland-size province of Kosovo before the conflict and its refugees spilled into neighboring nations.

"All the ingredients for a major war are there -- ancient grievances, struggling democracies and in the center of it all, a dictator in Serbia who has done nothing since the Cold War ended but start new wars and pour gasoline on the flames of ethnic and religious division," Clinton declared.

A Yugoslav crackdown on ethnic Albanians' quest for autonomy in Kosovo has spawned 60,000 refugees in the past five weeks to join 200,000 others. Kosovo is a province of Serbia, one of two states that make up the Balkan nation of Yugoslavia.

Some 40,000 Yugoslav troops and police officers have "started moving from village to village, shelling civilians and torching their houses," Clinton explained. "We've seen innocent people taken from their homes, forced to kneel in the dirt and sprayed with bullets."

After making elliptical references to Nazi atrocities in World War II, Clinton declared: "Just imagine if leaders back then had acted wisely and early enough, how many lives could have been saved. How many Americans would not have had to die."

Clinton used two maps and likened distances in the region to the mileage between Washington and New York in a bid to drive home the scale of the struggle.

"Ending this tragedy is a moral imperative," Clinton declared, adding: "Inaction invites more brutality -- but firmness can save lives."

Clinton said he was taking military action now "in the interest of avoiding an even crueler and costlier war" later "so that future generations of Americans do not have to cross the Atlantic to fight another war."

Clinton was less specific on when and how the airstrikes -- and U.S. military involvement in that Balkan region -- might end.

If Milosevic "will not make peace, we will limit his ability to make war," Clinton said.

Despite pressure from congressional members and others to specify an exit strategy in the Kosovo conflict, the President kept his options open. The goal, he said, is to halt or deeply damage Milosevic's ability to attack Kosovar Albanian guerrillas and civilians. Beyond that, however, Clinton and his aides refused to be pinned down on how long the airstrikes might continue and what they might do if Milosevic's forces show a surprising ability to absorb the blows and keep fighting.

Ever since U.S. troops became ensnared in politically ambiguous wars in Korea and Vietnam, skeptics of military intervention have pressed the nation's leaders to outline strategies for ending offensive missions. Presidents, meanwhile, have learned that optimistic forecasts sometimes come back to haunt them, as Clinton discovered in 1996 when he prematurely predicted U.S. troops would end their peace-keeping mission in Bosnia within a year.

In addressing the nation twice -- in the prime-time televised speech and a brief afternoon statement -- Clinton said Serb atrocities against

Kosovar Albanian civilians had justified the U.S.-led NATO airstrikes against Milosevic's forces.

"Kosovo's crisis now is full-blown," Clinton said in his afternoon statement, which he dramatically delivered with barely 15 minutes' notice to White House reporters and camera crews. "And if we do not act, clearly it will get even worse. Only firmness now can prevent greater catastrophe later."

Clinton refused to take reporters' questions Wednesday afternoon, and his aides fended off queries about how long the airstrikes might last. Press secretary Joe Lockhart, asked if Clinton was prepared to deal with the new stage of action for months, weeks or days, replied: "I think it's impossible to answer that, to put any particular time frame on it."

END





**WHAT'S DUNE?** Two camels take Chelsea (left) and Hillary Clinton for a ride on the Moroccan dunes yesterday. *Reuters*

## Arabian night for Hillary & Chelsea

**THE DUNES OF MER-ZOUGA, Morocco** — In the dark chill, Hillary and Chelsea Clinton mounted camels and plodded a snaking trail toward the Saharan sunrise.

It was a hushed finale to a clanging Berber jamboree of song, dance, fire and beasts.

The First Lady and her daughter retreated to the desert Saturday and yesterday, as the Muslim hosts of this week's Moroccan leg of a North African odyssey slaughtered lambs for one of the religion's most holy events, Eid el-Adha, "Feast of the Sacrifice."

King Hassan lavished extravagances on the Clinton women and their entourage of 50, erecting especially for them a modern "Arabian Nights" set in the crook of the shifting red dunes.

Claps, chants and drumbeats of Berber tribal troupes greeted the party and kept up a clamor for more than four hours, from sunset to bonfire.

In a giddy, predinner rite reminiscent of a gaggle of bridesmaids before a wedding, tribal

women wrapped the Americans in traditional Berber costume.

Mrs. Clinton wore that of an honored lady: the "ahrouy," a silver-white, elaborately wrapped robe, and "tahrouyt," a black silk scarf and shawl decorated with bangles.

Chelsea, 19, opted for a shepherd's azure robe and head wrap.

In green- and white-striped tents, staffed by white-robed servants wearing the traditional maroon fez, course after course came on gold-edged Bavarian dinner china and French silver.

Whole quartered lambs, curried chickens, prune-stewed beef, rice, fresh fruit, hot green tea, sweet wine and, finally, champagne.

Throughout Saturday night's dinner, Mrs. Clinton held court at a center table. Under her laughing watch, almost everyone in the party took a turn on the sand with the Ahideous and Abouch troupes, whose flailing arms and hopping feet followed neither rules nor rhythm. *AP*

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## Frisk Mrs. Clinton

By Mark R. Levin

Hillary Clinton is eyeballing a Senate candidacy in New York. But before she packs her bags for the Big Apple, she has some unpacking to do here in Washington.

Now, I hate to bring this up, because we're all supposed to move on and put the myriad Clinton scandals behind us, but there are nagging little questions about Mrs. Clinton's role in two real estate scams—Whitewater and Castle Grande—that just seem to go unanswered.

According to published accounts, in 1978 the Clintons deducted \$10,131 as an interest expense on their Whitewater property despite paying much less in total interest that year. In 1979, the Clintons paid \$12,490 toward Whitewater, deducting most of the expense as interest when, in fact, \$2,900 was not. In 1980, the Clintons made a principal payment of \$9,000 toward Whitewater, yet they deducted the principal payment as an interest expense.

Between 1984 and 1985, the Clintons seemed to have improperly claimed a total of \$5,133 in deductions for interest payments supposedly made themselves but actually made by Whitewater, resulting in an understatement of their tax obligation for these years by about \$2,400. And in 1993, the Clintons apparently failed to disclose a taxable \$58,000 economic benefit they received as a result of a 1992 agreement that released them from a Whitewater-related debt they owed to their business partner, Jim McDougal.

Who signed the Clintons' tax returns for these years? The Clintons did. They're legally responsible for what they reported to the Internal Revenue Service, whether they read their income-tax returns or not. Here we have multiple years of

either inaccurate or fraudulent reporting of their tax liability.

Moreover, a \$27,600 loan was made in 1982 in Bill Clinton's name and issued by a savings and loan controlled by the late Jim McDougal. Mrs. Clinton testified that she has no knowledge about the loan. A \$5,081 check written in 1983 by Susan McDougal has a notation on it—"Pay off Clinton." The Clintons are apparently at a loss to explain this as well.

And, of course, in 1986, a \$300,000 Small Business Administration loan



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was secured fraudulently by Ms. McDougal. These tax monies were used to help the McDougals' cash-strapped enterprises, including the McDougal-Clinton Whitewater venture. Mr. Clinton has testified that he had no knowledge of the loan, contradicting the testimony of two other witnesses—David Hale and the late Jim McDougal.

Yes, as we're told, this is oh so confusing. And for scandals to resonate, they apparently must be simple to explain and understand. Well, then, let me make it simple: Thousands of tax dollars were used illegally in a complicated money-laundering scheme to support, and later pay off, the Clintons' Whitewater real-estate debts,

and everyone involved in these crimes was punished except the direct beneficiaries—the Clintons. They, we're to believe, knew nothing about any of it. In fact, the Clintons' defenders even go further: They were unwitting victims.

Then there was Castle Grande, a 1,000-acre development near Little Rock. The House Banking Committee best summarized this scam: "Following the purchase of the property for \$1.75 million, financed entirely by Madison (Guaranty Savings & Loan Association), individual parcels were sold in a series of transactions involving insiders that the federal bank examiners deemed 'fictitious' and designed purely to inflate values." Of course, Jim McDougal ran Madison. This fraud cost taxpayers over \$4 million.

The long lost Rose Law Firm billing records (you remember those—the records with Mrs. Clinton's fingerprints on them) show that despite her earlier denial, Mrs. Clinton had, in fact, performed legal work on this deal in 1985 and 1986, for which she billed her client and for which her law firm was paid. In fact, Mrs. Clinton's client was Webb Hubbell's father-in-law, Seth Ward. Congressional investigators concluded that Mr. Ward was one of Mr. McDougal's straw purchasers, i.e., he helped inflate the value of Castle Grande.

The Arkansas Democrat Gazette reported that Mrs. Clinton denied doing any work on the real-estate project known as Castle Grande. She acknowledged working on the overall land purchase that included what eventually became known as Castle Grande. Why, then, did she charge Mr. Ward for those fourteen telephone conferences? Alas, try as she might, Mrs. Clinton can't remember. It all happened so long ago. And, of course, she has no idea how those darn billing records wound up on her conference table in the White House residence.

I'm one of those rare conservatives who hopes that Mrs. Clinton will run for the Senate in New York. Maybe then we'll finally get some straight answers. I understand that the New York media are a lot more inquisitive than their White House counterparts.

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**Lowey works, waits**

Rep. Nita M. Lowey, New York Democrat, is a candidate in limbo, waiting for Hillary Rodham Clinton to make up her mind about running for the U.S. Senate from her state.

But the 61-year-old Mrs. Lowey is not sitting still, the Associated Press reports.

While Mrs. Clinton ponders whether she should enter the glare of a New York Senate race for the seat Daniel Patrick Moynihan is leaving in 2000, Mrs. Lowey crisscrosses the state, laying the groundwork in case the first lady says no.

"I think Hillary is seriously considering running for the Senate, and I've made it clear that if she does I would support her," Mrs. Lowey said. "In the meantime, I'm doing what I have to do to prepare."

That means raising money.

At last count, Mrs. Lowey had more than \$800,000 in her congressional campaign account, an impressive figure given that many Democrats are keeping their pocketbooks sealed as they wait for Mrs. Clinton's decision.

But Mrs. Lowey's ever-present smile tightens a bit as she answers questions about Mrs. Clinton.

"I would hope in the next couple of months she makes a decision," she said. "I think it's necessary that she makes a decision."

# Hillary's image rides high in jaunt across North Africa

Her act plays well in Morocco, but what will be next?

By Jennifer Harper  
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Hillary Rodham Clinton has spent the past week in North Africa doing what she does best: polishing her multifaceted public persona.

And they loved her as diplomat, humanitarian and feminist in Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia, just as they did in India, which she visited a year ago with daughter Chelsea.

But will her global appeal play where it counts the most, at home?

Immersed in a 12-day goodwill tour of North Africa, Mrs. Clinton has been far from the narrow, often frenetic world of insider politics. She has toured health clinics, lunched with high-profile feminists, dined with other first ladies and toured the sites with Chelsea.

When an Egyptian tour guide suggested she might like to be an archaeologist, Mrs. Clinton responded with aplomb. "Well, I am looking for a new career," she said.

The first lady has been kissed on the cheek by a female admirer, pestered by reporters and applauded by crowds of veiled women. She has spoken about waste water, women's rights, education and Kosovo.

Mrs. Clinton complimented a Tunisian women's clinic for its policy of encouraging men to have vasectomies rather than counting on female birth control.

"I agree with that," Mrs. Clinton said. "You are the first health clinic I've visited anywhere in the world that has recognized that. I'm very impressed."

Mrs. Clinton is in her element on the broader international stage. She is at ease here — impeccably turned out, telegenic and even-tempered under relentless media scrutiny.

She began the North Africa trip with a bang, reaffirming both her interest in a run for the Senate and keeping a public presence after her husband leaves office.

In Cairo, she told reporters that she had made "lots of calls" and would "continue speaking out" on issues that have fascinated her for decades.

When bombs fell over Kosovo, Mrs. Clinton switched immediately to classic first lady mode, supporting American will — and her husband.

"As my husband the president explained last night to the American people, the United States and its NATO allies have acted to stop the brutal killings of people in Kosovo and avert a broader humanitarian crisis," she said Thursday and added she was praying for the American military.

On Friday, Mrs. Clinton spoke up for women's rights, condemning violence against women in some Islamic countries.

"It is time for the violence to end, so that Algerians can once again be free to work in peace and in safety," she said. "We also must speak up for the women of Afghan-



AP  
Hillary Rodham Clinton prepares to dismount yesterday after an early morning ride in Morocco on which she watched sunrise on the Sahara.

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istan... once again in the misused name of religion."

In Morocco, Mrs. Clinton and Chelsea retreated to the desert Saturday as their Muslim hosts slaughtered lambs in celebration of their religion's most holy event, Eid el-Adha, or "Feast of the Sacrifice."

After an evening of feasting and entertainment, the Clintons arose early, mounted their camels and rode a few hundred yards over dunes of red sand to a point from which they watched the sun rise over the Sahara.

Mrs. Clinton returns home Thursday, and according to her spokeswoman, does not have public activities planned until the White House Easter Egg roll on April 5.

Her more distant future still fascinates many. Inquiring minds ask: Will she be appointed U.N. ambassador, leave her husband, move to Manhattan, take a lucrative spot in a corporation — or even run for Senate?

Her international credentials notwithstanding, the Senate doesn't look like a sure thing.

A Marist College poll released Friday found 45 percent of registered New York voters surveyed who said Mrs. Clinton should run for office, down from 56 percent a few weeks ago. Another 49 percent said she should not run at all — up from 37 percent in February.

Indeed, life in this hemisphere has not always been kind to Mrs. Clinton.

A few weeks ago, gleeful reports of a snarling first lady made the media rounds. The Fox News Channel broke a story March 10 detailing a hair-raising row between Bill and Hillary Clinton during a family vacation.

"I don't want to be in the same room with him, let alone the same bed," Fox quoted her as saying. She also refused to accompany her husband on his Central American trip because she could not get her own bedroom.

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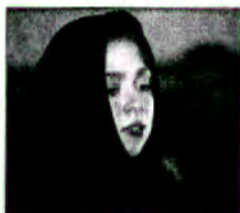
► Tipper Gore says she's a big admirer of Hillary Rodham Clinton but would be a different kind of first lady. The vice president's wife said she dispenses advice when asked, most often at home or other quiet times such as hikes with her husband, and she would not be a fixture in the Oval Office offering policy advice. "I've never done it that way," she told The Associated Press Saturday.



Gore: Advises during quiet times

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## The Clintons in North Africa



By Abdullah Genna, Agence France-Press

**Last stops:** Above, Chelsea Clinton wears a head cover during a visit to the mausoleum of Moulay Ali Sherif on Saturday in Rissani, Morocco. Below, also Saturday, Hillary Rodham Clinton kneels at the grave of U.S. Private Celia Goldberg at the North Africa American Cemetery outside Tunis, Tunisia. Goldberg was killed in Tunisia during WWII. Right, the first lady rides a camel Sunday to watch the sun rise in the Western Sahara deserts of Morocco.



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## NAMES & FACES

### TG's If

If **Tipper Gore** found herself living at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. in a couple of years, would she change anything besides the monograms on the towels? Well, yes: She wouldn't be as outspoken as the current first lady.

Should **Vice President Gore** capture the White House in 2000, she says, she'd probably keep a lower profile than **Hillary Rodham Clinton**, who has been a fixture in the Oval Office for the past six years.

"I've never done it that way," Gore said in Sacramento, where she dubbed for **President Clinton** over the weekend after he canceled an appearance at the California Democratic Party convention due to the crisis in Yugoslavia.

With four children (one still at home), a grandchild due in June and two elderly parents in the Washington area, Gore notes she has a busy schedule. "I find that I only spend so much time on issues that I care about, and I spend a lot of time on keeping the family together."

### Sands Souci

The reason **Hillary Clinton** couldn't stand in for her husband was because she was—what else?—camelback riding through the Sahara yesterday with daughter **Chelsea**. After a long and festive evening as guests of the Moroccan



Camel diplomacy: Chelsea Clinton gets a ride at dawn on the Moroccan dunes; she's with her mother touring North Africa.

the dunes to watch the sun rise.

Eight White House journalists covering the first lady's 12-day tour of North Africa participated in the revelries with the understanding that the first lady's nonworking activities would not be reported in detail. This much, however, was made known: A memo to the her staff read, "Try to keep the noise down to a minimum so that people and camels can get their rest. Camels are known to be ornery, and we would like them to get all the rest they need."

government at a desert encampment, mother and daughter rose early and rode their dromedaries a short distance through

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## PERSPECTIVES

"If we and our allies don't have the will to act, there will be more massacres."

President Clinton, explaining the justification for potential U.S.-led military action in the Balkans at his first full-fledged press conference in nearly a year



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"Drive in no traffic and leave the turn signal on, it doesn't make any difference." Former senator **John Glenn**, who at 77 years old became the oldest man to travel in space last year, joking about why space would make a good old-folks home

"It gives the whole profession a black eye, but then nothing Simpson does surprises me anymore." **John Kelly**, an attorney for Nicole Brown Simpson's family, upon learning that O. J. Simpson recently made radio and television commercials for law firms



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"I have ways of persuading other than being diplomatic." Minnesota Gov. **Jesse Ventura**, on the tactics he planned to employ on a trade mission to Hollywood, his first such trip

"I heard about all these perks of Congress. I'm still waiting for them to show up." Rep. **James Rogan**, Republican of California, arguing that a representative's \$136,700 annual salary is insufficient

"The minister's life is not in danger from any medical condition. You can applaud if you want." Dr. **Abdul Alim Muhammad**, personal physician of Minister Louis Farrakhan, at a press conference called to answer rumors that the Nation of Islam leader is gravely ill



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"Him? Eh. Her? I'd walk across hot coals for her." Former presidential spokesman **Niko McGurry**, on his opinions of Bill and Hillary Clinton, respectively

"He wasn't in a good mood." Restaurateur **Paul Vulaj**, on boxer Evander Holyfield, who ate at Vulaj's restaurant after fighting Lennox Lewis to a draw in a bout everyone except the judges thought Holyfield lost

"He made a good decision." Businessman **Lodwick Cook**, on former president Bush's decision last year to accept stock in Cook's firm in lieu of an \$80,000 speaking fee. The stock is now worth \$14.4 million.

"It's too bad the guns found on your premises were not used on you and your family." From an anonymous 1968 letter to the late Supreme Court Justice William Brennan, who held liberal views on race and abortion, that was among documents from his FBI files released last week



BY GLORIA BORGER

# Of loyalty and legacy

**S**ometimes it's hard to know the best way to say thank you. Especially when you're Bill Clinton, and you owe so many so much: how to show your gratitude to the stalwart House liberals who rallied with you on the White House lawn in post-impeachment solidarity? How to thank those Senate moderates who, after wavering initially, decided to stick by you? The Democrats graciously joined together to save you, and you're eternally grateful.

So how does one repay such loyalty? Sen. John Breaux, an old Clinton buddy and fellow charter member of the centrist Democratic Leadership Council, had a good idea: How about giving serious consideration to his plan to rescue and reform Medicare by making it more competitive? "It's classic Clinton," Breaux told me. "It's right out of the centrist playbook, with a balance he would be personally comfortable with." Breaux told that to the president, too—when he could catch a few minutes to make his case. "I never felt rebuffed by him," the Louisiana senator recalls. "I just never spent a lot of time with him."

How excruciating it must have been for the president to decide to reject Breaux's plan, which had the support of a bipartisan group of members of a special Medicare commission last week. After all, it was a commission that had pursued a course he himself had recommended—remodeling Medicare on the successful federal employee health-insurance system. And the solution was rooted in the idea of "managed competition." Sound familiar? That's because the notion of introducing market efficiencies into health care was first proposed by Hillary Rodham Clinton in 1994. Even so, the president said sadly, the commission's "valuable work" lacked important safeguards for the nation's retirees. In other words, nothing personal.

**Once more, with feeling?** This is not to say that the president was completely ungracious or ungrateful. His decision to punt now and propose his own Medicare plan later undoubtedly made House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt happy. Gephardt, you'll recall, spent much of the last year corralling panicky Democrats as they fretted about Clinton's problems and their own futures. Gephardt needs to win six seats to become the next House speaker, and some Democrats fear he can't do it without the tried-and-true Medicare issue to use against Republicans. Naturally, a grateful president wants to help his House leader. "Clinton owes Gephardt more than he owes Breaux," sniffs a moderate Senate Democrat. And, as it happens, by helping Gephardt Clinton helps himself.

Presidential aides swear there's no politics going on here. "No one should put a political interpretation on what were sincere policy disputes," says National Economic Council chief Gene Sperling. His evidence: If the president were just interested in a rhetorical issue, why would he have promised to put his own plan on the table? Democratic Sen. Bob Kerrey, a Medicare commission member who supported the Breaux approach, answers the question: If the president were really serious, Kerrey told me, "he would have developed a plan a long time ago"—or worked with the commission to gin one up. Now, Kerrey says, "the only thing I can do is try to legislate without the president and build a coalition to get it done."

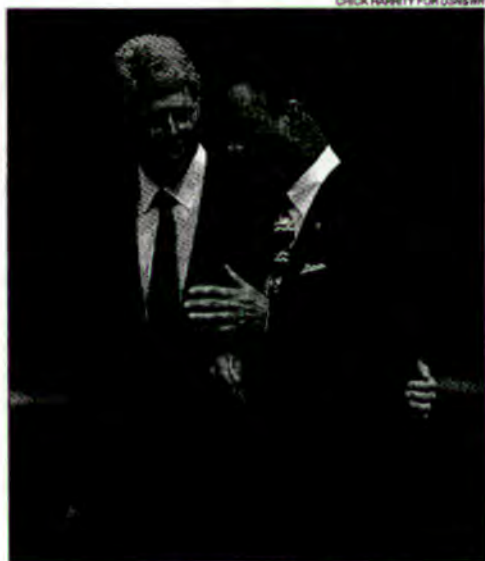
So the centrists will try to end-run the president this time. The irony of their new route escapes no one: They fought alongside Clinton when he needed more conservative credentials in the aftermath of the 1994 Republican Revolution. They were with him on welfare reform as liberals balked. And now, as the Medicare debate becomes a replay of a classic struggle over the size and responsibilities of the federal government, they're on different sides. The president wants to set aside 15 percent of the projected budget surplus to extend the life of the Medicare trust fund; his new Democrat friends say that sounds great, but it doesn't solve the real problem. "This was an opportunity for him to reinforce his [moderate] credentials," Breaux says. Instead, he adds, the White House "is looking for a wedge issue."

Maybe they'll find it. Maybe, if nothing happens on Medicare reform, candidate Al Gore will take it to the hustings once more, with feeling. You've heard it all before: Republicans want to raid Social Security and Medicare to pay for tax cuts for the rich. "People are sick of that argument," says Breaux. Besides, he adds, "there are

people who believe that a serious policy achievement is the right thing for Gore to do." Without it, he becomes the candidate of the status quo. Remember Walter Mondale?

Enough about Gore. This is about Clinton, and his presidential legacy beyond impeachment. "I like the guy, and I'm not going to say anything negative about him," says Breaux. "But it's very important for him to be able to point to something he was able to stand for in big terms. Otherwise, people will look back and say that impeachment crippled his ability to do anything important." Unless, of course, you're Speaker Gephardt. ■

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Once in step with Breaux, an ideological soulmate

Having fought alongside Clinton, centrist Democrats are now doing an end run.

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### Clintons view Sahara sunrise

**T**HE DUNES OF MERZOUGA, Morocco — In the dark chill, Hillary and Chelsea Clinton mounted camels and plodded a snaking trail toward the Saharan sunrise, a hushed finale to a clanging Berber jamboree of song, dance and fire. The first lady and her daughter are touring North Africa. (AP)

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There is no time to waste in preparing youngsters for the future, the head of the Children's Defense Fund said Friday.

The advocacy group is bringing together more than 300 authors, historians and policymakers this weekend to discuss how the arts and scholarship can improve children's lives today and tomorrow.

The guest list includes first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, a former CDF board chairman; authors Joyce Carol Oates and Toni Morrison; U.S. poet laureate Rita Dove and poet Maya Angelou.

Also invited were Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala; Labor Secretary Alexis Herman; National Urban League president Hugh Price and home and garden personality Martha Stewart.

"We are really trying to take children to the next level and make the whole country and every network understand that we've got to invest as much in our children's school readiness as we do in military readiness," said Marian Wright Edelman, CDF head.

Social security for the elderly is important, "but we've got to provide the same kind of security for children in the early years of their lives," she said.

"We all know that any child that can't read and write and compute these days is going to die socially and economically," Edelman said. "So this weekend is about urgency.

"It's about saying, 'Let's get our priorities straight,' because if we don't invest in our children, America really is not going to be a first-rate power in the new century."

The CDF has organized the event at the retreat it has established at the former farm of the late "Roots" author Alex Haley, about 20 miles north of Knoxville.

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The Associated Press State & Local Wire

A new library designed by Vietnam Memorial architect Maya Lin was christened at the site Friday. Created from an old cantilevered-barn, it is the last unfinished building on the Haley property.

The defense fund uses the 127-acre Haley farm, bought after the author's death in 1994, as a training institute for a variety of programs, including a Freedom School tutoring and nurturing project for poor children.

"Our policy papers and our long reports are wonderful," Edelman said. "But we need poets and artists and other folks to carry the message to the popular culture ... to put children at the top of the nation's agenda."

Edelman said the mission goes beyond thinking up new programs. "We've got the models," she said. "The question is how do we spread those everywhere."

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BODY:

Along with its Happy Meals, McDonald's will serve up information on why parents should read to their children.

About 13 million booklets that "explain to parents the importance of nourishing their children's minds as well as their bodies" will be attached to the meals starting in October, Hillary Rodham Clinton said as she announced the campaign Thursday.

"This is a great way to reach out to families who run in for a fast-food meal and, like all the rest of us, are trying to get from one place to the next," the first lady told members of the Association of American Publishers at the group's annual meeting.

McDonald's will work with the AAP and the Education Department on the effort.

The AAP also will sponsor a "Get Caught Reading" campaign to help spark interest among people ages 18 to 34, whom the first lady called a "critical age group because it includes, obviously, the parents of very many young children."

The campaign will feature posters in major bookstores and various print advertisements.

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**BAD SPELL:** When Hillary Clinton did an on-line chat on Tuesday night, she didn't type in her own answers. Good thing, because the replies under the name of TheFirstLdy were riddled with typos. In the first 15 minutes, there were at least 10. When Mrs. Clinton made a reference to Arkansas and it

came up "Arkansaw" the chat host immediately clarified to the audience that TheFirstLdy was not responsible for the keyboard strokes. That was a barnesandnoble.com staffer.

**SIGHTING:** Michael Jackson at a Rexall Drugs in Los Angeles, 11 p.m. Sunday, in sunglasses and a surgical mask. With him: his son Prince, 2, and two bodyguards. Jackson was checking out the makeup.

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## Starr aide: Indictment of first lady was readied

By Tom Squitieri  
USA TODAY

One of Ken Starr's top deputies confirmed publicly Thursday that he drafted a proposed indictment of Hillary Rodham Clinton in 1996 and that it was reviewed by other prosecutors in the independent counsel's office.

Starr deputy Hickman Ewing, called as a defense witness in Susan McDougal's contempt trial in Little Rock, said he "had problems" with some statements President Clinton and the first lady made to investigators in 1996.

"She was in conflict with interviews we had already done with several people in the Rose Law Firm," Ewing testified Thursday. "I don't know if she was telling the truth or not."

Ewing said he drafted the proposed indictment sometime after September 1996. Starr never sought a grand-jury indictment, primarily because he did not have an overwhelming case against her, people with knowledge of his probe have said.

Although USA TODAY and other news organizations have reported that Starr's office drafted prosecution memos, Ewing's testimony was the first public acknowledgment that it took concrete steps toward what would have been the first indictment of a first lady.

Ewing's testimony came as Clinton is weighing a possible race for the U.S. Senate from New York.

"(Starr's office) illegally leaked this information a long time ago," David Kendall, Hillary Clinton's lawyer, said Thursday. "The mere fact that this prosecutor's office drafted a frivolous indictment three years ago has no significance whatsoever, except as a possible violation of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995."

Clinton is referred to numerous times in an indictment of Webster Hubbell, the former No. 3 Justice Department official. She is listed as a possible prosecution witness in that trial, scheduled to begin in June in Washington.

On Thursday, federal District Judge James Robertson dismissed the charge that Hubbell made false statements to conceal his and Clinton's work on Castle Grande, a fraudulent Arkansas land development. Nine counts remain.



Ewing, Deputy independent counsel says he "had problems" with the truthfulness of some of Hillary Rodham Clinton's answers to his questions.

Starr's office investigated Clinton for alleged obstruction of justice in connection with law firm records related to Castle Grande, making false statements before the Whitewater grand jury, conspiring to cover up sham land sales and her role in the firing of White House travel office employees.

She has denied any wrongdoing.

Whitewater prosecutors originally questioned Clinton under oath in April 1995 about the work her law firm had done for James and Susan McDougal's savings and loan, Madison Guaranty.

Susan McDougal is on trial for refusing to answer questions about the Clintons before the Whitewater grand jury last April. She was convicted of Whitewater-related felonies in May 1996 in connection with a \$300,000 federal loan she obtained illegally.

McDougal's lawyer, Mark Gergos, called Ewing to the stand as part of his effort to show that Starr's office is out to get the Clintons.

Asked Thursday whether he had ever referred to the Clintons as "B-ers," Ewing told Gergos, "I don't know if I used the L-word or not. But I certainly expressed internally that I had problems with some of their answers."

Ewing said that at dinner one evening with other Starr staffers, he graded the president and first lady on their responses to questioning by Whitewater investigators.

"I said, the president about a 'C' and Mrs. Clinton about an 'F,'" Ewing testified.

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**First Lady To Appear  
At Rothman Fundraiser**

■ **FIRST LADY** Hillary Rodham Clinton has agreed to speak next month at a fundraiser for Democratic Rep. **Steven Rothman**, who was one of President Clinton's most ardent defenders during the House Judiciary Committee's impeachment hearings, the *Bergen Record* reported.

Republicans quickly derided the event as an example of the Clintons' fundraising activities for supporters during the impeachment process.

Rothman denied the charge, claiming he had been asking the White House for a visit for several years.

The event gives Rothman the opportunity to cash in on the first lady's popularity — and it also gives Clinton an opportunity to attract attention in the New York media market at a time when she is mulling a run for the seat of retiring Sen. **Daniel Patrick Moynihan**, D-N.Y.

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PRESERVATION

## Charge against Mrs. Clinton was proposed

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. -- Kenneth Starr's main deputy testified Thursday that at one point in the Whitewater investigation he drafted a proposed indictment of Hillary Rodham Clinton and showed it to others in the independent counsel's office.

Called as the lead-off defense witness in Susan McDougal's trial, W. Hickman Ewing Jr. also testified that he "had problems" with some of President Clinton's and Mrs. Clinton's statements to investigators in April 1995.

Ewing said he drafted the indictment against the First Lady sometime after September 1996; he was not more specific. He said it was not unusual for a federal prosecutor to draft an indictment whether or not a charge is ever brought.

As a prosecutor, he said, "You're always thinking about . . . what possible crime could it be."

Ewing said he showed the draft to "a couple of people in the office."

Asked by McDougal's attorney, Mark Geragos, whether he had ever referred to the Clintons as "liars," Ewing said, "I don't know if I used the L-word or not. But I certainly expressed internally that I had problems with some of their answers."

Ewing questioned some of Mrs. Clinton's testimony in the Starr investigation: "I don't know if she was telling the truth or not."

In the April 1995 interviews, Mrs. Clinton was questioned under oath about the work that her law firm had done for James and Susan McDougal's savings and loan, Madison Guaranty.

"She was in conflict with interviews we had already done with several people in the Rose Law Firm," Ewing said.

Ewing also referred to a statement by President Clinton that he did not remember whether he had asked James McDougal to engage Mrs. Clinton to do legal work for Madison Guaranty. During his presidential campaign, Clinton had said no, he never made that request to McDougal.

Mrs. Clinton became a focal point for Starr's investigation in January 1996 because of the still-unexplained reappearance of her law firm billing records on a table inside the White House. The records, which had vanished after the 1992 presidential campaign, outlined her work in Little Rock for the McDougals' failing savings and loan in 1985 and '86.

Attacking the tactics of Starr's office is key to the defense strategy.

Geragos contends that Susan McDougal refused to answer grand jury questions because she felt prosecutors were pressuring her to give false testimony against the Clintons.

Geragos also says prosecutors withheld information from the grand jurors who indicted McDougal that would have decreased the credibility of other witnesses, including McDougal's former husband, James.

She is charged with criminal contempt and obstruction of justice.

The prosecution rested its case after seven days, ending Thursday morning with testimony from an Arkansas banker, Ron Proctor, who dealt with the original loan for the Whitewater land development.

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## White House steps up attacks on GOP budget

WASHINGTON -- Vice President Al Gore accused Republicans on Thursday of writing a budget putting "risky tax schemes first and Social Security last" as a Senate committee approved a \$1.74 trillion spending plan for fiscal 2000.

A day after the GOP-led House Budget Committee passed a similar measure, Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., drove his own package through his panel by a party-line 11-9 vote.

Both chambers' plans promise to cut taxes by \$778 billion over 10 years and provide more money for schools and defense while heeding required spending limits and using Social Security surpluses to trim the national debt.

Six weeks after President Clinton proposed his 2000 budget, the House and Senate plans were the GOP's first chance to display its fiscal priorities in writing. Democrats said Republicans would do nothing to reinforce Social Security and Medicare for the baby boomers' retirements, bestow overly large tax cuts and force deep spending cuts -- all the while imperiling the economy.

"The Republican plan puts risky tax schemes first and Social Security last," Gore told black newspaper publishers visiting the White House. He added, "I appeal to the Republican leadership to abandon this nostalgia for the recession of the past, and this nostalgia for risky tax schemes and roulette-style economics."

Republicans countered that it was Clinton -- who would give Treasury bonds to the Social Security trust funds -- who was not helping that program or Medicare. By proposing to reserve 77 percent of surpluses over the next 15 years for those two programs, the President was merely trying to prevent Republicans from cutting taxes, they said.

"They claim that's a reason to not give the American people tax cuts because they're saving Medicare, when it just doesn't do anything" to save Medicare, Domenici said.

Congress' budget provides lawmakers with overall tax and spending limits for fiscal 2000, which begins Oct. 1, but leaves decisions on specifics for future bills. It does not require the President's signature.

The full House and Senate are expected to approve the separate budgets next week and pass a compromise plan next month. In the months to come, though, the GOP and Clinton seem certain to battle over spending and tax legislation.

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HEADLINE: HILLARY POLISHES VIEW ON PALESTINE

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Albany - She played a controversial role in the health care debate of 1994, and the extent of her knowledge about the Whitewater land deal still draws attention.

For Jewish leaders, however, Hillary Rodham Clinton's statements about a Palestinian state - and recent attempts to clarify them - have become a primary concern in light of her possible bid to represent New York in the U.S. Senate.

Last May the first lady created a diplomatic furor when she told a group of Israeli and Arab teenagers, "I think that it will be in the longterm interest of the Middle East for Palestine to be a state." The White House immediately distanced itself from what President Bill Clinton's press secretary called "her views." The remarks were criticized by Jewish leaders for appearing to favor the Palestinian position at a delicate moment in peace negotiations. The comments were welcomed by Arab-American groups.

Since Hillary Clinton said on Feb. 17 that she is giving "careful thought" to the Senate race, the remarks have attracted renewed attention. In two meetings at the White House in the past month, prominent Jews, including a group of rabbis and state Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver (D-Manhattan), have quizzed her on the subject.

In both cases Hillary Clinton said her comments reflected conversations with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin before his assassination in 1995, according to people present. The Clintons are presiding over a ceremony honoring Rabin's memory at the White House today.

"I asked her would she clarify her position on a Palestinian state. She made it clear that it's up to the two parties to negotiate a settlement," said Rabbi Marc Schneier, president of the New York Board of Rabbis, which met with Hillary Clinton on Feb. 22 - a day after Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, a potential Republican opponent, said there was "no question" her views would be an issue in any race.

Silver, an Orthodox Jew, consulted with Hillary Clinton about a possible Senate bid Friday and said, "We talked about the need to have a clarification of her remarks about a Palestinian entity . . . She said he Rabin said it's very difficult to make peace with an unknown."

Silver said he urged Hillary Clinton to run for the Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan. And Schneier pronounced himself satisfied with her response on the Palestinian issue. "Based on her clarification, it would be a nonissue," Schneier said.

Other Jewish leaders disagree. "It's an issue that she'll be asked to address, to repeatedly address," said Malcolm Hoenlein, who heads the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. Referring to the clarification described by Silver, Hoenlein added, "Mrs. Clinton's a very smart person and a lawyer, and her words do not say 'entity.' "

Marsha Berry, Hillary Clinton's spokeswoman, did not respond to requests for comment, but Berry was recently quoted in The Forward, a Jewish weekly, as saying, "She hasn't changed her personal position."

Whether her comments and views would help or hurt if she ran is hard to determine, according to some. A negative reaction from Jewish voters might be somewhat offset by a positive response from Arab-Americans. More significantly, political observers said Jewish voters views on the subject vary. "The Jews are very much divided as to whether a Palestinian state . . . is a good alternative," said Nitzia Druyan, director of the Long Island Center for Jewish Studies.

GRAPHIC: Photo - Hillary Rodham Clinton

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## Mrs. Clinton's visit with teachers to coincide with abortion protest

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. - Hillary Rodham Clinton, eyeing a possible run for the U.S. Senate, plans to cozy up to New York's politically powerful teachers during a visit next month to the "Honeymoon Capital of the World," according to officials.

The April 22 appearance before about 3,000 delegates to the New York State United Teachers union annual convention in Niagara Falls would come in the middle of a major anti-abortion protest planned for nearby Buffalo. Mrs. Clinton and the president are strong supporters of abortion rights. One organizer of the anti-abortion protest said the first lady should expect demonstrators to greet her.

"Her office has confirmed that she is coming," NYSUT spokeswoman Linda Rosenblatt said Wednesday.

There was no immediate comment from the first lady's office.

Rosenblatt said that while at NYSUT's annual convention, Mrs. Clinton will be presented with the union's "Albert Shanker Distinguished Service Award."

The 420,000-member NYSUT is the state's largest teachers' union and has heavy political clout in New York.

Rosenblatt said that while "NYSUT has a great deal of respect for her," it was too soon for the union to be discussing whether it would back a Senate candidacy by Mrs. Clinton.

It would mark Mrs. Clinton's first visit to upstate New York since she announced last month that she was considering the Senate race. She did make a two-day foray into New York City earlier this month to much media hoopla.

Party officials said Mrs. Clinton may also return to New York City on April 19 to attend a fund raiser for U.S. Rep. Jerrold Nadler, one of her husband's biggest defenders during his impeachment trial.

Previous NYSUT conventions have attracted such political luminaries as Elizabeth Dole, Vice President Al Gore and Sen. Edward Kennedy. Then-Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton spoke to the convention in 1990.

Mrs. Clinton is eyeing the New York Senate seat being vacated next year by Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan. On the Republican side, New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani is considering the race.

Should the first lady's visit to the NYSUT convention come off as scheduled, it would fall on the fifth day of an eight-day "Operation Save America" protest in Buffalo.

Organizers hope the event will reunite participants from the "Spring of Life" protests staged in Buffalo in 1992. During that event, about 1,000 abortion protesters targeted clinics and doctors offices during a two-week period. More than 600 people were arrested.

The Rev. Bob Behn, executive director of Last Call Ministries in Buffalo and one of the organizers of this year's protest, said Wednesday that he wasn't aware of Mrs. Clinton's planned visit.

"I'm sure she knows about our plans and she's coming to shore up the pro-choice movement," Behn said.

Behn said some of the hundreds of demonstrators expected in Buffalo would probably protest the first lady's visit.

"I expect some people would be there, but whether we all go, I don't know," he said.

In addition to discussing her possible Senate candidacy with top New York Democrats invited to the White House, Mrs. Clinton has in recent days been reaching out to Democratic county chairmen from across New York.

"We talked a lot about Erie County and the things that need to be jump-started," Erie County Chairman Steven Pigeon told The Buffalo News about his two recent conversations with the first lady.

"I did come away from the conversation thinking she wants to run, based on her sincerity, depth of knowledge, the fact that I got the call at all," Onondaga County Chairman Steven Paquette told the Syracuse Post-Standard.

Advisers to Mrs. Clinton have said she probably won't make a decision about the Senate race until June or July, at the earliest.  
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## Irish eyes turn to Washington for St. Patrick's Day

By Anne E. Kornblut, Globe Staff

WASHINGTON - Once, it was just the ambassador of Ireland in a small White House ceremony. Then, in the years that followed, the Irish prime minister joined in. And some time around 1994, March 17 began exploding into a weeklong party across Washington, with dozens of officials from the Emerald Isle flying in to celebrate their national holiday in another nation's capital.

Has President Bill Clinton coopted St. Patrick's Day?

Yes, according to some congressional members and officials from several embassies.

"Each year, the celebration in Washington keeps getting bigger, and the circle of dignitaries keeps getting wider, particularly from Northern Ireland," said Adrian O'Neill, Irish Embassy spokesman. "President Clinton has - given the fact that Ireland is such a cornerstone of his foreign policy - built up the event. The White House started this tradition on his watch. People back in Ireland now feel this is the place to be on St. Patrick's Day."

To be sure, the Irish generally honor St. Patrick's Day with less hoopla and green beer than Irish-Americans. There, it is a religious holiday.

But in recent years, even as a younger generation of Irish has begun to revel in the holiday a little more, the celebration in Washington has evolved into a mandatory event for anyone seeking political advantage back home, both US and Irish officials said. A photo op with Clinton can earn far more political capital than any visit to a local pub.

And after last year - when the annual St. Patrick's Day event in Washington preceded the Good Friday peace accords - the significance of the trip became even greater. Officials are hoping that the festivities will offer neutral ground to sparring Irish factions, which have deadlocked over how to proceed toward an independent government in Northern Ireland, and which were shaken by a deadly car bomb Monday outside Belfast.

"It provides a good focus for people," said Peter Reid, an official at the British Embassy. "They're all brought together in a different environment ... and it can lead to a big change in their willingness to mix with people."

This year, the top brass are all here: Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahearn, Northern Ireland Secretary of State Mo Mowlam, First Minister David Trimble of the Ulster Unionist Party, John Hume of the Social Democratic Labor Party and Gerry Adams of Sinn Fein.

And they are joined here not only by a corps of deputies and assistants, but also by dozens of competing political factions and nongovernmental organizations.

"The list is endless," Reid said.

So are the parties. More than seven separate official St. Patrick's Day events are occurring within a 12-hour stretch today, following a huge gala last night by the American Ireland Fund honoring Senator Edward M. Kennedy. The central event takes place at the White House this evening, where Ahearn will be honored in front of some 950 guests - at least 200 more than at last year's party. About one-third of them are straight from Ireland, according to O'Neill.

The White House, frustrated by so many guests, asked Irish officials to reduce the list a few years ago.

"But it keeps on kind of growing," O'Neill said.

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# \$237 mil in African debt relief 'too little'

Reps. Davis, Jackson criticize  
Clinton budget request of \$237 mil



Reps. Danny K. Davis (D-7th) (above) and Jesse L. Jackson Jr. (D-2nd) said Tuesday that President Clinton's budget request of \$237 million for African debt relief is a "drop in the bucket" and an amount that should be increased.

by Chinta Strausberg

President Clinton's budget request of \$237 million for African debt relief is a "drop in the bucket" and an amount that should be increased, Reps. Danny K. Davis (D-7th) and Jesse L. Jackson Jr. (D-2nd) said Tuesday.

Jackson, who introduced the Human Rights, Opportunity, Partnership and Empowerment (H.O.P.E.) for Africa Act (H.R. 772), congratulated Clinton for "recognizing the need for significant debt relief for the underdeveloped and poorer nations in the world."

But Jackson said Clinton's proposed solution "would only make matters worse."

Reached in Washington, D.C., Davis said: "He asked for the \$237 million to relieve African debt for next year's budget to go with the \$245 million already covered in this

year's appropriation."

But like Jackson, Davis said the proposed \$237 million by Clinton is insufficient.

"There is so much poverty and deprivation in Sub-Saharan Africa," Davis said. "The \$237 million is a drop in the bucket to the relationship of what they need, but who's to say we can provide for all of Africa's needs?"

He said the budget request is an effort but that he hopes congress will provide more debt relief and humanitarian aid to Africa.

"We're a country of big shoulders. I'm not sure we provide all that we should or if it's equitably distributed, but we're moving," Davis said.

"We must keep applying the heat and have our own ideas and programs to help Africa. We can never forget from whence we've come. We must



continue to find ways to assist Africa just as we do other places throughout the diaspora and the world."



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## NAACP Begins Year-Long 90th Birthday Party

The NAACP—America's oldest and largest civil rights organization—is celebrating 90 years of activism in 1999. It officially kicked off its year-long birthday party at its Annual Board Meeting in Washington, DC, on February 20. The evening before, President Clinton honored the NAACP at a reception held in the magnificent National Museum of Women in the Arts. Surrounded by President/CEO Kweisi Mfume (left) and Board Chairman Julian



Photo: White House Photo Office

Bond, the president told the star-studded audience that the nation owes a debt of gratitude for what the NAACP has done for America. But he also warned against resting

on laurels, sounding a note of caution: "You know that this is not a time to take a break, it is a time to thank God for our prosperity and our opportunities and make the best use of them. The sun is shining and we need to make hay. We need to work while the sun is shining. And to do what I would like to do in these last two years of my presidency, just like the last six, we need the help of every one of your 2,200 branches. We need to forge new coalitions across the lines of race and class and religion. We need to close America's opportunity gaps."

... I know that as long as there are Native American reservations, where young American citizens live in communities where the diabetes rate is two and three and four times the national average; as long as there are neighborhoods where kids really don't have a chance to get a world-class education; as long as there are places where nobody's taking care of the pollution, so the health rates are not what they ought to be; as long as there is anyplace where anybody can't live out their dreams, the NAACP will have work to do. And America will have new ground to break. And together, there is no better cause for our energies and our lives."

## VISITORS FROM 18 AFRICAN COUNTRIES MEET WITH FIRST LADY

African participants in a U.S. Information Agency (USIA) International Visitor program, *Women and the Law*, met earlier this month with First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton at the White House. The Project is designed to familiarize participants with the American system of justice and the evolution of women's rights in the United States.

Participating were female magistrates, judges, lawyers, and law professors from 18 sub-Saharan African countries. During the course of their three-week program, participants will examine such issues as preventing domestic violence, alternative dispute resolution, combating sexual harassment, protecting children's rights, legal education for women, and the impact of the women's vote. These issues will be

examined from national, state, and local perspectives, providing exposure to a range of political and cultural viewpoints.

Each year USIA's International Visitor (IV) Program brings approximately 5,000 people to the United States for three- to four-week visits to meet and confer with professional counterparts and to experience firsthand the United States and its institutions. The visitors—both established and promising figures in government, politics, the media, education, labor, science, and the arts—are selected by American embassies. The *Women and the Law* program began in early March in Washington, DC, and will continue in Jacksonville, FL; Houston and El Paso, TX; Cleveland, OH; and Boston, MA.



## N.Y. poll sees win for Clinton

NEW YORK — Hillary Rodham Clinton would beat Mayor Rudolph Giuliani by nine percentage points if the two were candidates for the Senate seat from New York and the election were held today, The New York Times reported yesterday. A New York Times/CBS News poll found that more voters view Clinton favorably than they do the New York City mayor. When asked which candidate they would vote for if the Senate election were held today, 48 percent said they would support Clinton and 39 percent said Giuliani. The Times/CBS News poll of 1,469 registered voters was conducted March 8-14. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus three percentage points. (Reuters)

# Case would haunt 'Sen. Rudy' at city polls

By DAVID SEIFMAN  
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Suddenly, Mayor Giuliani has to worry about his numbers in New York City.

Before the explosive Amadou Diallo case, Giuliani could justifiably view himself as the candidate to beat in the race for U.S. Senate.

Giuliani's strategy was simple: As a Republican, he could count on winning upstate and the suburbs — even against First Lady Hillary Clinton. And, with a

solid record of accomplishment, he hoped to roll up enough votes in New York City to offset the enormous edge that Democrats usually enjoy here.

"If a Republican candidate gets 35 to 40 percent [in the city], he's probably a winner statewide," political consultant Jerry Skurnik explained.

That figure seemed well within reach — until the Diallo controversy sent the mayor's popularity ratings tumbling.

The latest New York Times poll shows Mrs. Clinton leading

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48 to 39 percent, with Giuliani winning the suburbs and upstate but getting clobbered in the city, 66 to 25 percent.

If the First Lady runs, Giuliani can probably forget about capturing a significant segment of the minority vote.

That means the mayor has to demonstrate to liberal white voters — the same ones who deserted David Dinkins in 1993 — that he's capable of dealing with

legitimate minority concerns in a measured way.

Giuliani didn't do himself any favors last year when he derisively dismissed the findings of his own panel on police-community relations. The panel was appointed in the wake of the Abner Louima case.

In fact, Police Commissioner Howard Safir claims the NYPD has now adopted 84 percent of the recommendations. If that's so, why did Giuliani have to denigrate the panel?

One insider said Giuliani is well aware of the tensions that

exist between minorities and cops.

"The mayor is not insensitive to this problem," the insider said.

On his WABC-radio show yesterday, Giuliani tried to demonstrate his evenhandedness, even asking one critic: "Tell me what you would do if you were me that's different from what I'm doing."

But with the Diallo case entering its seventh week in the headlines, it appears many voters still need convincing that the mayor can't do more.



## The Giuliani Pile-On

**C**ity Comptroller Alan Hevesi showed class — and considerable courage — the other day: He refused to jump on the Al Sharpton-led bandwagon that's trying to cripple Mayor Giuliani's political career.

On Thursday, Hevesi made what is becoming an obligatory trip by New York Democrats to Washington for a private audience with Hillary Rodham Clinton on the U.S. Senate race. Mrs. Clinton, obviously eager for ammunition to use against Giuliani, the likely Republican candidate, asked Hevesi about the Amadou Diallo case.

To his credit, Hevesi refused to take the bait. He pointedly declined to criticize the mayor's handling of the situation, noting that Giuliani had offered to meet with the Diallo family and pay their funeral expenses, and had attended the slain man's memorial service.

Indeed, Hevesi said, "I think substantially in this case the mayor has acted appropriately." This, he said, despite the fact that Giuliani has become "a lightning rod" for protests.

That defines the situation exactly. As we've noted before, the ongoing protest marches and celebrity "civil disobedience" have less to do with the shooting of Amadou Diallo and more to do with Rudy Giuliani.

That, of course, is why Sharpton & Co. are marching against the mayor and don't even mention Bronx DA Robert Johnson, who is in charge of the investigation and whose

grand jury is hearing the evidence. That's why the signs carried by those same demonstrators don't refer to Diallo but instead outrageously compare the mayor to Adolf Hitler and call for his arrest.

But Sharpton and his cohorts are not alone in the use of over-the-top and disingenuous rhetoric in this case. Public Advocate Mark Green's call for Police Commissioner Howard Safir's resignation is among the more ridiculous suggestions.

Indeed, talk of "the proven failure of this Police Department under Commissioner Safir" makes us wonder what city Mark Green lives in. It certainly isn't today's New York.

In a similar vein is Thursday's statement by American Jewish Committee leaders at City Hall that they "stand with those people who are afraid to walk the city's streets."

Huh? Few, if any, New Yorkers are afraid to walk the streets these days. And that fact is the achievement of this mayor and his police commissioners, including Howard Safir. The unprecedented drop in crime is felt in all neighborhoods — including the one in which Amadou Diallo was killed.

Giuliani's opponents — save for Alan Hevesi — see a golden opportunity to make political capital, at the expense of the city's greater good.

But few will answer the mayor's pointed request to a caller on his radio show: "Tell me what you would do if you were me that's different from what I'm doing."

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Hillary Rodham Clinton said Friday that the riches of reading helped open her eyes to the world of poverty.

The first lady told about 300 people at a symposium on children, poverty and literacy sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund that when she was growing up, she thought she was receiving a "full-life experience living my very comfortable suburban life outside Chicago."

Then a youth minister at her Methodist church introduced the teen-ager to the poetry of e.e. cummings and T.S. Eliot, modern art and the inner-city of Chicago where she and her classmates worked with black and Hispanic youths.

The youth minister believed "strongly that if you were to have a faith that would withstand the test of challenges in the outside world, then you needed to be exposed to that outside world," Mrs. Clinton said.

Now, when people in public life are asked what is the most meaningful book in their life "the safe answer always is the Bible," the first lady noted to her audience of scholars, writers and policymakers.

"For me it really is the answer that I would give because it is a constant source of challenge," she said. "There is so much to be learned and unlearned."

But the book that influenced her the most at that critical time was "The Other America" by the late political theorist and social activist Michael Harrington. The book examined the problems of massive poverty in the midst of affluence and technological advance in the 1960s.

"All of a sudden the other American that Michael Harrington talks about began to seem not just something that existed in the pages of a book, but something that was actually real. And slowly but steadily it became a part of my life experience, not just my reading experience."

Mrs. Clinton first came to the Children's Defense Fund as an intern. She later was staff attorney and finally board chairman of the advocacy organization.

On Friday, she helped dedicate a library at the fund's retreat at the former farm of the late "Roots" author Alex Haley, which the CDF bought after his death in 1994.

The library is a cantilevered barn revamped by Vietnam Memorial architect Maya Lin with donations from Barnes & Noble Chairman Leonard Riggio, a fund board member.

Others attending the weekend conference included authors Joyce Carol Oates and Toni Morrison, poets Rita Dove and Maya Angelou, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, Labor Secretary Alexis Herman and home and garden personality Martha Stewart.

"I hope that out of this weekend comes a renewed commitment to the whole idea of reading and books," Mrs. Clinton said. "But more than that, to the kind of emphasis on using reading to expand our horizons and sensitize us and encourage us to band together to solve some of these (social) problems."

"Because after all, I can eat an elephant - and that is not a partisan remark - if I can take small bites. We can do more on the issues of poverty and race and illiteracy, if we take small bites. And that could be something as small as reading to a child."

CDF President Marian Wright Edelman agreed, saying the focus of the symposium is keyed to helping young people.

"We are really trying to take children to the next level and make the whole country and every network understand that we've got to invest as much in our children's school readiness as we do in military readiness," she said.



## GUEST COLUMN

# Women, children need Hillary Clinton in Senate now

By LONNA SAUNDERS

Special to the Rockford Register Star

Why should our native daughter, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, run for the U.S. Senate in New York rather than here in Illinois?

Because she is needed in the U.S. Senate now. Not a long six years from now when the newly elected Republican Sen. Peter Fitzgerald is up for re-election. Not even four years from now when the Republican senator from Arkansas, Tim Hutchinson, stands before voters.

The membership of the U.S. Senate is less than 10 percent women in a nation where women comprise more than 50 percent of the population. There is work to be done on behalf of women and children now. Closing the wage gender gap, providing affordable, quality child care and after school programs, stopping the feminization of poverty and rebuilding our schools.

New York's jail budget is larger than its school budget, even though it costs more to



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send someone to prison than to send him to Harvard. One in three of America's children is a grade or more behind in school. One in seven is poor, despite having a parent or guardian who works.

There is also work to be done for women and children overseas, for the U.S. Senate deals not only with domestic issues, but foreign relations as well. Just pick up the paper and you'll read about women whose faces and dreams have been ruined with splashed acid as their spurned suitors punish them with impunity in Bangladesh. Or the routine practice of female circumcision in many African and Asian nations, more accurately called "female genital mutilation" by human rights groups. The wholesale raping of women and children in Bosnia. Why haven't we tied our foreign aid to the erad-

ication of these practices? How can we have peace when countries treat over half their own populations so shamefully?

Clinton knows the world's leaders personally. She can make a difference. As someone who has served in leadership positions with the American Bar Association and the Children's Defense Fund, promoting and fighting for the rights of women and children, she is needed to make a difference now.

New York's Mayor Rudolph Giuliani is a smart guy. He not only opposed the Senate convicting President Clinton, he opposed the House impeachment from the start. He supports a woman's right to choose and, like Hillary Clinton, he's a Yankee fan. She's also a Cubs fan. All of which is a way of saying if she decides to run for Senate in New York, Republican Mayor Giuliani will not oppose her. Because, despite the talk that the debate would be between different philosophies of governing, in many ways, Giuliani is a plainclothes Democrat. He has to be to survive

in New York City.

Besides, the state would be better served if he were to run for governor, anyway. And he knows it. He would be better served, too. Governors have a better shot at the presidency, historically.

No, her opponent, if she should run, will be recently defeated Sen. Al D'Amato. It will be Whitewater, Travelgate, Filagate and cattle futures — or is that pork bellies? — all over again. But not to worry, Mrs. Clinton. Those questions have been asked and answered.

What is the worst that will happen to Clinton if she does run? Well, she could strike out. But then again, she could win. It's time for her to step up to the plate. She proved her ability to campaign and raise money. Now, it's time to deliver. You can't win the lottery if you don't buy a ticket. You can't hit a home run if you don't swing the bat. You can't make a difference if you're on the outside looking in.

You have been chosen, Mrs. Clinton,

during this time in history to lend your voice to the debate, to speak out for those who can not speak and to whom no one will listen. Not just for women and children in this country and in New York, but for women and children around the world.

New York has always seen itself as a beacon of liberty from its majestic statue of a woman in its harbor to its huddled masses of immigrants yearning to breathe free. After all, if New York is not the melting pot of America, what is? Well, northern Illinois comes close. So we'll lend her to you.

Who else can take the mean-spiritedness that is now Washington and turn it around? President Andrew Johnson, after surviving impeachment, is the only president to become a senator after he left the presidency. So, let's give this precedent a millennium twist. Hillary Rodham Clinton, it's your turn. It's time for you to sign in, please, before it's too late.

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# Media take liberties calling Hillary liberal

**Hype:** Coverage of the first lady's interest in a Senate bid overlooks her ties to centrist policies.

By Jeff Cohen

LET ME acknowledge my bias up front: I subscribe to the old-fashioned notion that party activists and voters—not the mass media—should be the main players in nominating political candidates.

As for Hillary Rodham Clinton, her New York Senate candidacy—launched by political reporters left dangerously idle by the closing of Monica-gate—rocketed through the studios of "Crossfire" and "Nightline" to the covers of *Newsweek* and *Time*. A real grassroots mobilization of the media

elite. Not until the candidacy was in orbit did the candidate have time to consider her candidacy.

"Let's admit right from the outset," declared Chris Wallace in opening a Feb. 17 "Nightline" show on Clinton and the Senate race, "that what we're indulging in tonight may be one of the better examples of hype."

Indulge, they did. What's happened is that many in the media have grown too bored or self-important to cover politicians. Nowadays, they prefer covering celebrities.

No sooner had Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan announced his retirement than political reporters began bandying names of "viable" Democratic candidates that sounded more like a celebrity A-list. There was a Cuomo and a Kennedy. And a Clinton.

Lest the public become suspicious that the media pundits see themselves as too important to cover a run-of-the-mill politician, the conventional wisdom is served

up that only a super-candidate can win—only a star like Hillary Clinton could defeat the likely GOP candidate, New York Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani.

Yet it wasn't too long ago that conventional wisdom in New York held that only a celebrity with national stature—namely, Geraldine A. Ferraro—could knock off powerful incumbent Sen. Alfonse M. D'Amato. Along came noncelebrity politician Charles E. Schumer, who beat Ferraro 2-to-1 in the primary and then handily retired D'Amato, who became a TV pundit.

What's also frustrating about Hillary hype is how sloppy some of the reporting is. Repeatedly, the first lady has been identified as a "liberal" who will galvanize left-leaning constituencies among New York Democrats.

It's possible that Hillary Clinton might develop into a progressive Democrat. But her history suggests a different story.

Return to the March 1992 illi-

nois presidential primary, when Bill Clinton's campaign was rocked by charges (from the *Washington Post* and candidate Jerry Brown) of unethically close relations between Bill's Arkansas administrations and Hillary's law firm, which represented corporations regulated by the state, including the failed Madison Savings & Loan.

Many will remember—because it dominated campaign news for days—how Hillary used a feminist appeal to fend off attacks on her husband: "I suppose I could have stayed home and baked cookies and had teas, but what I decided to do was pursue my profession."

Hardly noticed was her revealing response that day about her representation of Madison: "For goodness sakes," she answered, "you can't be a lawyer if you don't represent banks."

The fact is that most lawyers—from Arkansas to New York and beyond—don't represent banks, while many do represent the activist constituencies that Hillary, we are told, will be galvanizing during next year's campaign: such as unions, consumer and civil rights groups, and environmentalists.

These other lawyers are the kind who battle corporations such as Wal-Mart (with its anti-labor record) or Lafarge Corp. (with its poor environmental record), companies on whose boards Hillary Clinton has sat.

It's probably unfair to hold Hillary Clinton responsible for poli-

cies of her husband that anger progressive activists. But, while it's rare for a first spouse to object to a White House policy, it's not unheard of. Barbara Bush, for example, let it be known that she opposed her husband's anti-choice stance on abortion. Yet when President Clinton pushed through the NAFTA trade deal over the opposition of unions and consumer and environmental groups, his wife didn't speak out. When President Clinton signed the Republican welfare-reform bill over the protests of liberal groups, Hillary did speak out—in support of the signing.

The one Clinton initiative for which Hillary can be held directly responsible is health care reform—a fiasco that many activists attribute not to the first lady's being a "true liberal" but a compromised pro-corporate politician. Her "managed competition" proposal was a convoluted, bureaucratic measure whose main goal seemed to be the survival of a handful of giant insurance companies.

While Hillary Clinton's proposal was savaged by Republicans as "socialism" and by smaller insurance firms in the "Harry and Louise" ads, the Big Five insurers—Aetna, Cigna, Metropolitan Life, Prudential and Travelers—did not oppose the plan. In fact, they helped draft it.

In the meantime, supporters of "single payer" national health insurance (a streamlined proposal to provide universal coverage by cut-

ting bureaucracy) were organizing one of the biggest national grassroots movements of the decade. Single payer was endorsed by labor unions, Consumers Union, Public Citizen and 100 members of Congress, including 80 percent of the House Democrats from New York state. It was an army in need of a general, but Hillary Clinton was off fighting a different war.

One aspect of Hillary media hype is indisputably true: She will be a "formidable fund-raiser"—in part because of her celebrity, but also because of her corporate-friendly background.

As for the idea that hordes of left-liberal activists breathlessly await candidate Hillary so they can storm the voting booths on behalf of her and their mutual causes, that's largely a fantasy on the part of an out-of-touch pundit elite. Many activists harbor doubts about her.

A major theme of the media hype has been speculation that in running for the Senate, Hillary Clinton will gain independence from her husband and shore up her feminist credentials. Only if she also declares independence from her husband's corporate-centrist policies will she begin to resemble the "true liberal" portrait that some in the media have painted.

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# President Of Ghana Honored With Lavish Dinner

The President and Mrs Clinton hosted a grand White House State Dinner honoring His Excellency Jerry John Rawlings, President of the Republic of Ghana and Nana Konadu Agyeman-Rawlings recently.

The President and Mrs Agyeman-Rawlings arrived at the North Portico of the White House and a wide cross-section of guests including a number of prominent Blacks in government, business and entertainment. Guest were received by the President and Mrs Clinton, and President and Mrs Agyeman-Rawlings in the Cross Hall of the White House. Following the receiving line, the President and Mrs Clinton escorted President and Mrs Agyeman-Rawlings into the East Room for dinner.

The tables in the East Room was set with Eisenhower gold base plates; the Franklin Delano Roosevelt china was used for service. Kennedy Morgantown crystal and gold flatware from the Vermeil Collection was set on deep green-colored damask tablecloths. Bamboo containers from the Vermeil Collection was filled with flowering quince branches. Pink ice protean, cream and red roses, white lilacs, rose colored tulips and dendrobium orchids were surrounded by gold taper candel in gold candlesticks.

Guest dined on a lavish four course spread. The official State dinner menu consisted of Five Spice Roasted Duck over Marinated Pears and Papaya, Scallion and Vegetable Salad, Gingered Red Pepper Dressing. This was followed by Grilled Yellowtail Snapper, Butternut, Celeriac, Gold Potato Hash, Truffled Lobster Fricassee, Roasted Pumpkin Sauce. Then came the Mache, Spinach and Winter Green Salad, Tomatoes and Herbed Goats Cheese Baked in Brioche Basil Vinaigrette. Dessert was Sweet Kente Wrapped Mango and Golden Pineapple Ice Cream, Exotic Roses, Raspberry

Sauce and Gold Bars and Ghana Coco Beans.

The President's official gift to President Rawlings on the occasion of his State Visit to Washington was a hand-crafted sterling silver cachepot from Tiffany & Co. The piece features an etched border design inspired by a cornice found in the East Room of the White House and a floral design taken from the Green and Red Rooms of the White House. The flower in the center is a dogwood blossom, a tree frequently found in the President's home state of Arkansas. The cachepot was designed exclusively as a gift for President Clinton to present for the State visit. The Presidential Seal is engraved on the bottom of the silver piece.

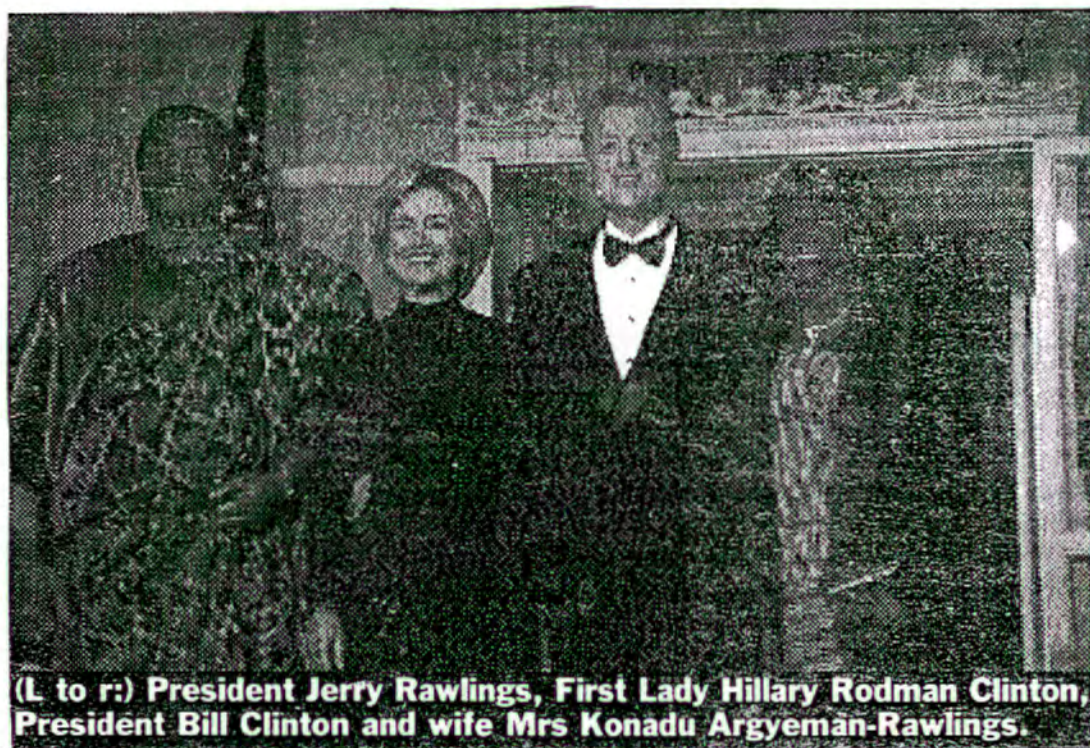
The official gift for Nanna Agyeman-

Rawlings from Mrs Clinton was a Cheryl Williams sculptured bowl with 24 karat gold textured interior accompanied by an autographed copy of the White House Craft Collection. The official gift for members of the Ghanaian delegation was a Tiffany & Co. silver-plated round tray with an inscription commemorating President Rawlings State Visit to Washington. The official gift to President Clinton from President Rawlings was a traditional Ashanti Stool. Meanwhile, Mrs Agyeman-Rawlings official gift to Mrs Clinton were three traditional framed Ghanaian cloths and a traditional necklace.

The State Dining Room was aglow with the flicker of candles amidst some 200 guests that included Vice President and Mrs Gore

and the 14 member Ghanaian delegation. Other notables present were, Actress Angela Bassett and actor husband Courtney B. Vance, Clarence Avant, Chairman of Motown Records and his wife Jacqueline, Secretary General of the United Nations Kofi Annan and Mrs Annan, Writer, poet, professor Dr Maya Angelou, Chairman of The Board of Directors, National Council of Ghanaian Associations Dr. Benjamin D. Dodoo and his wife Janie, Singer/Songwriter/Producer Kenneth 'Babyface' Edmonds and wife Tracey, Hon. Harold E. Ford, Hon. John J. Conyers, Opera singer Denyce Graves, President CEO, *Black Enterprise* Magazine Earl Graves and wife Roberta, Secretary of Labor, Hon. Alexis Herman, Rev Jesse L. Jackson, BET's Executive Vice President Sheila Johnson, *Vibe* Magazine's Gary R. Lewis.

The View TV co-host Star Jones, Olympic Gold Medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey and husband Robert Kersey, Olympic champion Carl Lewis, Musician Najee Rasheed, Hon. Charles Rangel, President & CEO, Johnson Publications Company Linda Johnson Rice, U.S. Ambassador to Ghana Hon. Kathryn D. Robinson, Associated Press, White House Reporter Sonya Ross, BET Tonight host Tavis Smiley, Chairman, Special Olympics Hon. Sargent Shriver and wife Mrs Eunice Kennedy-Shriver, Special Assistant to President and Senior Director for African Affairs, National Security Council Hon. Gayle Smith, Editor-In-Chief Essence Magazine Susan L. Taylor and Husband writer/editor Kephra Burns, Actress Cicely Tyson, President Africa Group, and Senior Vice President, The Coca-Cola Company Carl Ware and wife Mary, Hon. Maxine Waters and husband Hon Sidney Williams, former U.S. Ambassador to the Bahamas and Recording artist BeBe Winans.



(L to r:) President Jerry Rawlings, First Lady Hillary Rodman Clinton, President Bill Clinton and wife Mrs Konadu Agyeman-Rawlings.



Thursday, March 18, 1999

## Presidential Greeting



**PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON** greeted Yolanda Townsend Wheat, NCUA Board Member, at the recent state dinner given at the White House in honor of President Jerry John Rawlings of Ghana. She thanked the President on behalf of all credit unions and their members for his support of the Credit Union Membership Access Act. Ms. Wheat is the daughter of the late founding publisher of the Precinct Reporter Group and Mrs. Mary Townsend of Rialto.



## U.S. gives Kosovo peace final try

GEORGE JAHN

LIKOVAC, Yugoslavia -- Thousands of Kosovo Albanians, some clutching no more than a blanket, fled a Yugoslav army offensive Sunday that has spurred a last-ditch U.S. mission to convince President Slobodan Milosevic that NATO attack threats are serious.

On the second straight day of army attacks on Kosovo rebel strongholds, Washington dispatched senior envoy Richard Holbrooke to meet with the Yugoslav leader.

With NATO moving closer to long-threatened airstrikes, U.S. national security adviser Sandy Berger said the Holbrooke mission would be a "final effort for peace."

Milosevic "has a clear choice. He can move to the path of peace ... or he can face punishment from NATO," Berger said on CBS' *Face the Nation*.

"I think we owe it to the American people, we owe it to our military people, our allies, to make that final attempt," Berger said.

If there is an attack, Berger said, it would be "a serious undertaking" rather than a short-lived operation.

Holbrooke will be accompanied to the Yugoslav capital by U.S., European and Russian mediators who participated in last week's failed Paris peace talks. Before arriving in Belgrade, Holbrooke was to stop in Brussels, Belgium, to confer with NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana.

Holbrooke hopes to meet tonight with Milosevic. Airstrikes are likely to follow if the talks end with Milosevic defiant on two counts: still refusing a Kosovo peace plan and persisting in pressing an offensive against outgunned Kosovo rebels.

Solana consulted with allies on airstrike plans Sunday, and an alliance official said military action could be set off "in the very near future."

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the warning time for NATO military forces to attack has been reduced from 48 hours to just a few hours.

In Washington, President Clinton conferred by phone Sunday with French President Jacques Chirac, British Prime Minister Tony Blair and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder.

European leaders united Sunday in their call for Milosevic to stop the violence and accept the Kosovo peace agreement or face a NATO air attack.

"We are ready to do it and President Milosevic should not misunderstand that," British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook told the British Broadcasting Corp. on Sunday.

"We have to use every opportunity we can get ... to achieve a peaceful solution and avoid a confrontation," said German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer. But he added, "At the moment, it seems Belgrade is determined to risk that confrontation."

Holbrooke's trip to Belgrade comes with Kosovo's violence spreading. In the provincial capital, Pristina, which has remained relatively peaceful during the war, four Serb police officers were killed and one was wounded in a drive-by shooting Sunday in a residential area.

It was the worst violence involving Serbian police in the capital and was likely to raise tensions dangerously. Danica Marinkovic, a Serb official investigating the shooting, said the gunmen used automatic weapons with Chinese-made bullets typically used by the rebels.

Recent attacks against the insurgents have again sent refugee totals spiraling into the hundreds of thousands.

In northern and central Kosovo, smoke rose Sunday from burning villages and in the background the thump of artillery was heard. Hundreds of refugees were seen in a period of several hours near Glogovac, 10 miles west of Pristina, heading from northern villages besieged by the Serb-run Yugoslav army and police.

One group of men, gripping only blankets for protection against the bitter cold, said they left their wives and children behind in nearby Cirez, fearing approaching army troops would arrest them as suspected members of the Kosovo Liberation Army.

The women and children had nothing to eat and "we haven't eaten since yesterday," said Gani Krasniqi, who left behind his wife and 19-month-old boy.

In Glogovac, outside a drafty schoolhouse sheltering more than 400 refugees, men chopped firewood next to the tethered horses and tractors they used for their escape. Heten Sinani, who works for a

ethnic Albanian charity, said about 20,000 refugees had gathered emergency shelters in Glogovac, including about 4,000 who arrived since Friday.

In Srbica, 18 miles northwest of Pristina, cannon fire boomed in the distance and the streets were nearly deserted after black-masked Yugoslav soldiers entered the town Saturday.

Residents spoke of looting and summary executions of several people who refused soldiers' demands for money. These reports could not be confirmed.

The distant sound of fighting was also heard in Likovac, the windswept headquarters of the Kosovo Liberation Army. Carts filled with women and children were seen departing the shell-smashed village. Fighters confirmed they were evacuating family members in the face of a push by the army, which has forced them to abandon a half-dozen villages over the past week.

Kosovo Liberation Army information officer Gani Koci denied the rebels were losing ground, calling the pullbacks tactical.

"We will fight until the last soldier" before giving up Likovac, he said.

Since the departure Saturday of international monitors meant to contain the violence, the Yugoslav army and Serbian police have increased efforts to split guerrilla-occupied territory in central and northern Kosovo. The campaign could be an attempt to control the resource-rich northern part of the majority-Albanian province ahead of any new negotiations on its future.

In a statement Sunday, the Yugoslav army blamed the rebels for the fighting, saying the Kosovo Liberation Army initiated attacks in hopes of provoking NATO airstrikes.

Even before Secretary of State Madeleine Albright announced the planned Holbrooke-Milosevic meeting, members of Congress expressed opposition to the mission and plans to send NATO aircraft into action.

"It's too late to send another emissary to Milosevic," said Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn. "Look, we have been threatening him since Christmas of 1992 ... warning him that if he attacked Kosovo, we would respond with force."

"Great alliances and great countries don't remain great if they issue threats and don't keep them," Lieberman, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said on Fox News Sunday.

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## Hillary Clinton says she didn't examine Whitewater records

By Pete Yost  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LITTLE ROCK -- In a grand jury videotape made public for the first time yesterday, Hillary Rodham Clinton testified that she "never spent any significant time at all" monitoring records of the Whitewater land deal she and President Clinton shared with James and Susan McDougal.

Hillary Clinton also said on the tape, played at Susan McDougal's trial, that she was unaware of a \$27,600 loan for Whitewater taken out in Bill Clinton's name a decade before he became President.

Forty minutes of her testimony, recorded at the White House last April, were played for the jury in the trial of McDougal, who is charged with criminal contempt for refusing to answer independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr's questions about the loan and other aspects of the couples' Whitewater business dealings.

The new attention comes at a sensitive time for Hillary Clinton, as she is considering a run for the U.S. Senate from New York.

She told the prosecutors repeatedly that she had little information to give.

"I have never seen these documents before and have no information about them," she said when asked about a 1982 Clinton loan that prosecutors allege is linked through a series of transactions to a fraudulent \$300,000 loan to Susan McDougal 3 years later.

President Clinton testified at the McDougals' trial in the spring of 1996 that he had never borrowed money from the savings and loan the McDougals owned in the 1980s. Three months later, James McDougal told Starr's office that Clinton had signed documents for the transaction. James McDougal has since died.

Hillary Clinton, wearing a yellow suit and serious expression, appeared on two television monitors in the federal court yesterday. Her deposition was taped at the White House on April 25, 1998, with her lawyers present and played for the Whitewater grand jury four days later.

Starr himself was present for the deposition. The Clintons' dogged pursuer opened the proceeding with a somewhat strained note of appreciation, telling Clinton that "it is a beautiful spring day on the outside and so we are all the more grateful to you" for agreeing to testify. After a few introductions, he turned the questioning over to Ewing, who advised Clinton that her statements could be used against her in any criminal proceeding.

During the questioning, she often put on reading glasses to review documents shown to her by Starr deputy Hickman Ewing Jr., at one point complaining, "I can't see anything anymore."

Her clipped, businesslike but polite answers contrasted with the low-key, friendly approach of Ewing, a career federal prosecutor from Memphis, Tenn.

Ewing underscored the seriousness of the occasion by reminding Clinton of her constitutional rights: "You . . . have the right to refuse any question if the truthful answer would tend to incriminate you. Do you understand that?"

"Yes I do," she replied.

When shown a Nov. 15, 1982, cashier's check for \$27,600 made payable to "Bill Clinton," Clinton answered: "I'm sorry, Mr. Ewing, I don't know anything about this."

After another question about the loan, she explained: "I never spent any significant time at all looking at the books and records of Whitewater."

Starr's office is using the videotape in an attempt to convict McDougal of criminal contempt and obstruction for refusal to cooperate with prosecutors. Given Clinton's assertions that she knows little or nothing about the matters in question, prosecutors told U.S. District Judge George Howard that they have nowhere to turn for answers but to McDougal, who watched the videotape intently.

After seeing the videotape, McDougal's lawyer, Mark Geragos, said that if he had known what was on it, he would have introduced it himself as evidence.

Prosecutors "weren't doing anything here but stalking the President and first lady, and they were using Mrs. McDougal to get to that," Geragos said.

"I don't see that there's anybody that can follow" the complex financial transactions that Ewing walked Clinton through, he said. Prosecutors "spent and wasted taxpayers' money of \$40 million on absolutely nothing," he added.

Ewing questioned Clinton on several subjects:

A \$5,081.82 check signed by Susan McDougal and bearing the notation "payoff Clinton." The check was used to make a payment on the Clinton loan. Hillary Clinton said "I do not know" anything about the check.

Hillary Clinton's law firm billing records that indicate she spoke with Susan McDougal on July 18, 1985, at a time when the McDougals were desperately trying to save their floundering S&L. Hillary Clinton said "I do not" know anything about the conversation revealed in the billing records, which turned up inside the White House in 1996 two years after prosecutors subpoenaed them.

The President has never been questioned about the \$27,600 loan, which was not discovered until early December 1996 when FBI agent Mike Patkus, who works for Starr, found a microfilmed copy of the cashier's check. The original of the check turned up in 1997 in the trunk of a tornado-damaged car abandoned at a repair shop a decade earlier by an employee of the McDougals' S&L.

In 1996, Susan McDougal was given limited immunity from prosecution by Starr's office to compel her testify. She still refused and was jailed for civil contempt. Then she was charged with criminal contempt because Starr deemed her a crucial witness to the Whitewater prosecution.

Outside the courthouse after the videotape was played, Ewing declined to comment on the substance of Hillary Clinton's testimony or to say whether prosecutors had any reason to doubt the credibility of her account.

"We want everyone's version," Ewing said.

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## Testimony: Indictment of first lady drafted in '96

ERICA WERNER

Independent counsel Kenneth Starr's prosecutors had an indictment of first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton drafted by September 1996, Starr's top Little Rock deputy testified in federal court Thursday.

Called by Susan McDougal's lawyers as a witness in her criminal contempt and obstruction of justice trial, W. Hickman Ewing Jr. also said he told colleagues he thought President Clinton and his wife weren't telling the truth about aspects of their Arkansas business dealings.

"I don't know if I used the 'L' word or not," Ewing said. "But I certainly expressed internally that I had a problem with some of the answers we got from the president and the first lady."

At various points throughout the wide-ranging Whitewater investigation, Mrs. Clinton's indictment was said to be imminent. But Ewing's testimony was the first proof, and the news sent rows of reporters scurrying out into the hallway to flip open their cellular telephones and call their editors.

The revelation, which emerged during aggressive questioning by McDougal's lawyer Mark Geragos, scored a point for the defense. It fit McDougal's claim that she refused to answer questions before a Whitewater grand jury because Starr's prosecutors were only interested in dirt on the Clintons and would charge her with perjury if she didn't give them some.

Those refusals, in September 1996 and April 1998, landed McDougal in U.S. District Judge George Howard Jr.'s courtroom, where Geragos began Thursday to present her defense. Ewing was her first witness.

The position of Starr's team is that McDougal had no legal choice but to testify, since she had immunity and a federal judge had ordered her to answer questions.

Since the trial began March 8, Ewing, who is not directly involved in presenting the prosecution's case, has been the one to oblige reporters with statements during court recesses.

But because he spent all Thursday afternoon on the witness stand and did not want to field questions about his own testimony, associate independent counsel Mark Barrett smiled for the cameras after court.

Questioned about the draft indictment, Barrett said, "We're concerned about that because it is coming out in the context of a criminal trial. Mrs. Clinton, of course, is not the defendant in this case, and we have a problem seeing the relevance as to Susan McDougal."

The Clintons' personal lawyer, David E. Kendall, faxed reporters a two-sentence statement: "The [Office of the Independent Counsel] leaked this information a long time ago. The mere fact that this prosecutor's office drafted a frivolous indictment three years ago has no significance whatsoever, except as a possible violation of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995."

Ewing also testified Thursday that over dinner with Starr staff members one evening he graded the Clintons for their performances in July 1995 depositions. The president got about a C and the first lady about an F, Ewing said, as jurors listened more attentively than they have to any previous witness.

Ewing said Mrs. Clinton's dismal showing came after she said "I don't recall" about 50 times during her deposition. The questions she responded to were "not on Arkansas topics," he said.

It wasn't unusual for his office to draft indictments never shown to a grand jury, Ewing said. Mrs. Clinton's was prepared by September 1996, the same year the long-sought billing records from her years as an attorney at the Rose Law Firm in Little Rock mysteriously appeared atop a file cabinet in the White House, stirring heated speculation about where they came from and what they said.

The records showed that Mrs. Clinton worked on the failed land development McDougal's late ex-husband, James, was trying to use to prop up his failed savings and loan, Madison Guaranty. The first lady had never revealed that fact.

Ewing's revelations put Mrs. Clinton center stage for the second time during Susan McDougal's trial even as the first lady publicly considers a run for the U.S. Senate from New York. On Tuesday, portions of a previously secret taped deposition she gave in the White House last April were shown in court.

Geragos also tried to use Ewing's testimony to show Starr's

prosecutors weren't interested in whether cooperating witnesses told the truth, as long as their testimony implicated the Clintons.

Geragos grilled the deputy independent counsel at length about James McDougal and about former Pulaski County Municipal Judge David Hale, both of whom provided information to Starr's investigators that Starr's team has admitted to taking with a grain of salt.

Outside court, Geragos said all this proved his point about Starr's deputies: "They had a culprit; they were looking for a crime."

But cross-examining his boss, Barrett emphasized that if Starr's investigators welcomed testimony from questionable sources, it was because they wanted to collect all the input they could to reach an informed conclusion.

His final question to Ewing: If McDougal provided exculpatory information about the president, would you be glad to hear it?

"Yes," Ewing replied.

Court resumes again Monday. Geragos wouldn't say Thursday when he plans to put McDougal on the stand -- only that she's "on the horizon."

The Camden native has already served 18 months in prison for civil contempt after her first refusal to testify, plus 3 1/2 months for four 1996 fraud convictions.

Testimony was scheduled Thursday from Little Rock attorney Richard Holiman, who represents Walter Kaye, the Whitewater grand jury witness and Clinton contributor who recommended Monica Lewinsky for her job as a White House intern. Kaye also contributed money to a legal defense fund for Susan McDougal.

Holiman's clients also include Sarah Hawkins, a Little Rock woman who rose to a top administrative position at Madison Guaranty.

Hawkins was going to testify on the McDougals' behalf in their 1996 trial, but Holiman advised her not to after learning Starr's office wouldn't grant her immunity. Holiman said then that Hawkins feared the power of Starr's office.

Holiman was at the federal courts building Thursday, but there was not time for him to take the stand.

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## Jurors hear taped replies by first lady

ERICA WERNER

In videotaped testimony played in public Tuesday for the first time, Hillary Rodham Clinton responded to some of the same questions that Susan McDougal is on trial for ducking.

But most of the time the first lady's answer was some variation of "I don't know."

Jurors in McDougal's Little Rock trial on federal charges of criminal contempt and obstruction of justice watched Hillary Clinton say 10 times in 35 minutes that she couldn't answer questions put to her.

She was asked if she knew anything about a 1983 check McDougal signed and marked "Payoff Clinton" in a question put by independent counsel Kenneth Starr's chief Little Rock deputy, W. Hickman Ewing Jr., who led the questioning last April 25.

"No, I do not, Mr. Ewing," responded the first lady, shown testifying in the same White House room where President Clinton gave grand jury testimony about Monica Lewinsky, which was broadcast nationwide in September. "I've never seen these documents before and I have no information about them."

Did she know why McDougal wrote "Payoff Clinton"?

"I have no information whatsoever," said Hillary Clinton, who wore a yellow suit and a twist of pearls and appeared calm, if on occasion slightly exasperated.

But though she hardly enlightened Starr's prosecutors, the first lady replied politely to every question during the segments of the deposition shown Tuesday. She therefore provided a telling counterexample to McDougal's willful obstinacy, Ewing said during the lunch break.

"I don't know what Mrs. McDougal would say. She might say she doesn't know. But the fact is the grand jury has the right to ask," Ewing said.

Later, asked if he would have been satisfied to get the same kinds of answers from McDougal that Hillary Clinton gave, Ewing emphasized the point.

"The grand jury was entitled to her testimony," he said. "Some people have knowledge about certain things and some people don't."

McDougal is midway through the second week of her trial before U.S. District Judge George Howard Jr. over refusing in September 1996 and April 1998 to answer questions about the Clintons before a Whitewater grand jury in Little Rock.

The Camden native and one-time Clinton business partner contends she wouldn't answer because Starr's prosecutors were out to get Clinton and wanted her to play along -- even if it meant perjury. The prosecution's position is that McDougal was granted immunity, was ordered by a federal judge to cooperate and therefore had to testify.

Associate independent counsels Mark Barrett and Julie Myers hope to rest their case as early as today. They've called six witnesses and plan to question four or five more today.

McDougal's lawyer, Mark Geragos, has not said whom he plans to put on the stand other than McDougal. He said Tuesday that he anticipates about five "substantial" witnesses, and said McDougal probably won't take the stand until next week. Court will not be in session Friday.

McDougal's refusal to answer questions last April 23, two days before Hillary Clinton gave the five-hour deposition and six days before the grand jury watched it. The grand jury indicted McDougal just days later.

Geragos said during the lunch break that the tape "enhances" his client's case because it demonstrates that Starr's prosecutors are "stalking" the Clintons.

"You can see from this desperate attempt to ask incomprehensible questions of the first lady, that there's nothing there at all," Geragos said. "This whole investigation is for naught."

He noted that Hillary Clinton wasn't asked to address all of the issues that FBI special agent Michael T. Patkus, who spent years detailed to the Office of the Independent Counsel, had testified he'd like to discuss with McDougal.

During testimony last week, Patkus said the illegal loan that led to McDougal's 1996 fraud convictions and the "Payoff Clinton" check for \$5,081.82 ultimately helped retire a \$27,600 loan in Bill Clinton's name.

Cross-examining Patkus last Thursday, Geragos wanted to know why he was singling out McDougal to answer questions never put to Hillary Clinton.

The prosecution said they played the tape Tuesday to clear up the misimpression Patkus' testimony left.

The tape shows Hillary Clinton getting questions on issues McDougal dodged and failing to shed much light on them. Besides the "Payoff Clinton" check, both McDougal and the first lady were quizzed about notes a 1992 campaign staff member took about Hillary Clinton's work as an attorney representing Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan.

The first lady did provide some description of her and the president's business partnership with McDougal and her late ex-husband, James McDougal, during the 1980s in the failed land venture called Whitewater. The McDougals had owned Madison.

Asked whether she and the president were social friends with the McDougals, Hillary Clinton said, "No, we were not."

Cross-examining Patkus after the tape was played, Geragos brought out that the session with Hillary Clinton did not address every issue Patkus would've liked to explore with her.

The questioning at the White House was the sixth time since June 1994 that Hillary Clinton was questioned by prosecutors in the wide-ranging Whitewater investigation.

Tuesday afternoon, jurors heard from Henry O. Floyd, the former Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan employee who was transporting old company records in the trunk of his '79 Mercury Marquis when he abandoned it at a transmission shop after a fee dispute.

The records -- including a \$27,600 cashier's check made out to Bill Clinton -- came to light after tornadoes ripped the car's trunk open in 1997. Clinton has denied knowledge of the check.

Floyd testified about his courier work for Madison and how he came to abandon his car. His testimony led indirectly to a courtroom spat. When he was asked why he sought an assurance of immunity before his appearance Tuesday, McDougal was heard to murmur "scared."

"She is communicating with this jury without being under oath and subject to cross-examination," Barrett complained to Howard later, without the jury present. Pointing at McDougal, he added, "And I would ask that she would stop making faces showing disrespect, not just to me but to the court."

Barrett sat down, and Geragos stood up.

Barrett, he said, was "in my face as if..."

Barrett interrupted, "I object. I was not in his face."

Geragos went on to observe that emotions were running high and that he can tell when Barrett's angry because "he turns red and gets that look on his face."

Howard settled the matter by telling everyone involved to behave.

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## Senate tells feds to butt out over tobacco funds

By BENNETT ROTH  
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WASHINGTON -- Setting up a confrontation with the Clinton administration, the Senate Thursday rebuffed an effort to force states to spend at least half of the money from tobacco settlements on smoking and health programs.

By a 71-29 vote, the Senate rejected the amendment which two lawmakers had sought to attach to a \$1.9 billion emergency spending bill.

Opponents argued the federal government should not be mandating to states, which initiated the lawsuits against the tobacco companies, how to spend billions of dollars in settlement money.

Proponents responded that since the tobacco settlements involved Medicaid, a federally funded program, Congress had a right to dictate how some of the money should be distributed.

The latest skirmish over how to spend the tobacco funds may well be academic in Texas, where a \$17 billion settlement with the tobacco companies already stipulates that most of the money be spent on health and smoking programs.

Nevertheless, Texas' two Republican senators strenuously argued for the principle of state's rights.

"If you want to tell Texas how to spend its money, quit the Senate, move to Texas ... and run for the state Legislature," said Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas. "The federal government needs to butt out."

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, said "this is state money, it is not federal money."

The defeat of the amendment ensured that a provision crafted by Hutchison that would bar the federal government from recouping any of the tobacco settlement money, will remain in the Senate's emergency spending measure.

But Clinton administration officials have argued that the federal government does have the right to some of the money or at least to dictate how it is spent because the basis of the state lawsuits was that tobacco-related illnesses had pushed up Medicaid costs.

The federal government funds, on average, about 57 percent of the costs of Medicaid, the health insurance program for the poor. In Texas, the federal government pays for 62.4 percent.

Thursday's vote was the latest battle in the ongoing struggle over how the government should be compensated for treating those who suffered from tobacco related illness.

In 1997 tobacco companies, besieged by state lawsuits, offered to pay out \$368 billion to settle those suits. That triggered a yearlong debate in Congress which culminated in Senate Republicans killing an administration backed plan that would have extracted \$516 billion from tobacco companies in the form of higher cigarette taxes.

In the wake of the Congressional failure to reach a national settlement, a majority of states negotiated on their own with tobacco companies. Forty-six states have agreed to accept \$206 billion from tobacco companies over 25 years.

But governors and federal officials have continued to tangle over whether the federal government should have a share of the settlement funds.

The failed amendment offered by Sens. Arlen Specter, R-Pa, and Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, was intended as a compromise between the White House and the governors.

It would have allowed the states to keep the tobacco money but would have mandated that half of it be spent on health related programs. Under the proposal, 20 percent of the tobacco funds would have to be spent for smoker cessation programs and 30 percent for public health.

Specter said some states have been proposing to use the tobacco money for such purposes as highways, mental health programs, debt reduction and to increase teacher pay.

The Pennsylvania Republican said that while he believed that "the federal government should not micromanage the use of the funds, I am not prepared to turn all of this money over to the states carte blanche to use on matters unrelated to tobacco."

The rejection of the compromise is likely to set up a fight with the White House. In a letter to Specter, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala stated the administration's "strong opposition" to the Hutchison provision prohibiting any federal control over the tobacco money.

She said that under the Texas Republicans' plan, "states would not have to spend a single penny of tobacco settlement funds to reduce youth smoking."

Shalala, however, said the White House would be willing to work with Congress on an alternative approach that would ensure that funds are used to reduce smoking and "for other shared and national priorities."

An HHS spokeswoman said that the president's advisers have recommended that Clinton veto the emergency spending bill if it contains the Hutchison provision barring any federal role in the tobacco money. However, the spokeswoman said the administration was willing to accept the compromise crafted by Specter and Harkin.

The emergency spending bill would primarily fund a relief effort for Central American victims of Hurricane Mitch.

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## On tape, Mrs. Clinton denies role in Whitewater

The Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. - In a grand jury videotape made public for the first time Tuesday, Hillary Rodham Clinton testified that she "never spent any significant time at all" monitoring records of the Whitewater land deal that she and President Bill Clinton shared with James and Susan McDougal.

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The tape was played at a sensitive time for Mrs. Clinton, as she is considering a run for the U.S. Senate from New York.

She told the prosecutors repeatedly that she had little information to give.

"I have never seen these documents before and have no information about them," she said when asked about a Clinton loan in 1982 that prosecutors allege is linked through a series of transactions to a fraudulent \$300,000 loan to McDougal 3 1/2 years later.

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Starr's office is using Mrs. Clinton's videotape to try to convict Susan McDougal of criminal contempt and obstruction for refusing to cooperate with prosecutors. Given Mrs. Clinton's assertions that she knows little or nothing about the matters in question, prosecutors told U.S. District Judge George Howard that they have nowhere to turn for answers but to McDougal, who watched the videotape intently.

After seeing the videotape, McDougal's attorney, Mark Geragos, said that if he had known what was on it, he would have introduced it himself as evidence.

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## Medicare Plan Collapses Over Drug Coverage

Clinton criticizes panel, says he'll try on his own

Sabin Russell, Chronicle Staff Writer

Prospects for a dramatic overhaul of Medicare all but vanished yesterday as a bipartisan panel failed to agree on a restructuring plan and President Clinton announced he would come up with a proposal of his own.

Supporters of a plan to privatize Medicare had hoped to win an endorsement from a special panel created by the White House and Congress to chart a new course for the 34-year-old health insurance system. The proposal by commission chairman John Breaux, a Democratic senator from Louisiana, would have eventually corralled most senior citizens into HMOs, and would have saved \$61 billion over 10 years.

But the Breaux plan fell one vote short of the 11 it needed for a bipartisan seal of approval. With it died any chance that wavering Democrats would move toward the idea, which is rooted in Republican faith in the power of the marketplace to control costs.

As expected, the vote turned on the issue of adding prescription drugs for Medicare beneficiaries. Under pressure from fellow Democrats, Breaux added a limited drug benefit for low-income senior citizens. But it was not enough for the two swing votes on the panel, Haas School of Business Dean Laura D'Andrea Tyson and Brandeis University professor Stuart Altman -- both appointed to the commission by Clinton.

"We need to provide a meaningful drug benefit," said Altman during the final session of the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare.

Hours before the panel vote fell short of an endorsement, Clinton criticized the plan during a brief meeti with reporters on the South Lawn of the White House.

### NEW REVENUES NEEDED

Clinton's biggest complaint: The plan did not include his idea to devote 15 percent of the budget surplus to Medicare. "Every independent expert agrees that Medicare cannot provide for the Baby Boom generation without substantial new revenues," he said.

The president said the proposal did not provide an "affordable" drug benefit, and he criticized a provision that would have gradually raised the eligibility age for Medicare to 67 from 65.

Instead, the president said he is directing his own advisers to come up with an alternative plan to be presented to Congress.

All sides in the debate agree that Medicare is headed for dangerous financial straits. The Medicare trust fund that pays for hospital bills is projected to run out of money in 2008.

### CONSENSUS NOW UNLIKELY

Barring a major shift in the now-hardening positions, an agreement now seems unlikely. The bipartisan commission represented the best chance for consensus prior to commencement of election year politicking. Today's vote was simply an illustration of how far apart the two parties always have been on this topic. In the end, only two Democrats, Breaux and Senator Bob Kerrey of Nebraska, supported the plan.

"It's another example of fact that our political system seldom produces dramatic change, particularly in a sacred program like Medicare," said Drew Altman, president of the Menlo Park-based Kaiser Family Foundation, which tracks the Medicare debate.

Breaux, who is considered a political ally of Clinton, praised his

committee's efforts but was clearly downcast that the committee had failed to approve his plan. He pledged, nevertheless, to carry it to Congress, where the debate over the future of Medicare may become a key issue in the 2000 congressional and presidential races.

With an indirect swipe at the president, Breaux ridiculed the notion of solving Medicare's financial problems with a chunk of the budget surplus.

Backers of the current Medicare system were elated by the impasse. "This was a major victory for consumer groups because the commission was coming up with some very bad ideas," said Bruce Livingston, executive director of Health Access, a California coalition of health care advocacy groups.

Livingston said consumer groups will now push harder for an expansion of the Medicare system, to add a drug benefit and broaden eligibility for the program to Americans under 65.

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## Hillary Clinton Denies Knowing Details of Whitewater Venture

First lady's testimony shown on videotape at McDougal trial  
Los Angeles Times

Jurors in Susan McDougal's contempt trial heard from a surprise witness yesterday, as Hillary Rodham Clinton testified in a videotaped deposition that she and the president had virtually no active role in the infamous Whitewater land venture.

"We had no involvement in the running of the business and didn't know anything about what went on on a day-to-day basis," Clinton testified in a deposition taped last April at the White House. The tape was played a few days later for a grand jury collecting evidence in independent counsel Kenneth Starr's Whitewater investigation.

Starr's prosecutors used the deposition to make the case that if Hillary Clinton could answer questions under oath about Whitewater, McDougal should also be expected to do so.

McDougal, a onetime business partner of the Clintons, is on trial in federal court for contempt and obstruction of justice for refusing to answer questions about Whitewater dealings at two grand jury appearances. She maintains that Starr's prosecutors wanted her to lie.

Starr's deputies fought successfully yesterday to introduce the deposition into evidence, despite the objections of McDougal's defense attorney, Mark Geragos, who said the tape had been sprung on his client at the last minute.

Prosecutors played 35 minutes worth of excerpts from the deposition, as Hillary Clinton answered more than two dozen questions from deputy independent counsel W. Hickman Ewing Jr. regarding Whitewater transactions.

Starr himself was present for the deposition. The Clintons' dogged pursuer opened the proceeding with a somewhat strained note of appreciation, telling Clinton that "it is a beautiful spring day on the outside and so we are all the more grateful to you" for agreeing to testify. After a few introductions, he turned the questioning over to Ewing, who advised Clinton that her statements could be used against her in any criminal proceeding.

Beginning in the 1970s, the Clintons were business partners with Susan McDougal and her then-husband, James, in the failed residential development project known as Whitewater. Prosecutors believe that some improper funds, including a fraudulent, government-backed \$300,000 loan that Susan McDougal received, may have been funneled into the project, and they have sought to find out what the Clintons knew of several key transactions.

James McDougal died last year in prison.

Hillary Clinton's tone was polite, but she maintained that her knowledge of the project was minimal. She acknowledged that the Clintons and the McDougals were 50-50 partners in the project but said that James McDougal "ran the corporation."

She herself "never spent any significant time at all looking at the books and records of Whitewater," Clinton said.

At one point, the first lady was questioned about a 1983 check for \$5,081 from Susan McDougal to the savings and loan company that the McDougals operated. Asked whether she knew why McDougal would have written "Payoff Clinton" in the note section at the bottom of the check, Hillary Clinton said: "I have no information whatsoever."

Nor, she said, did she know anything about a \$27,600 cashier's check made payable to Bill Clinton in 1982, which was apparently used to pay off part of the Whitewater debt.



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## **Starr airs testimony by Mrs. Clinton**

By Pete Yost  
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HILLARY, JESSE NO SHOWS

## *Gridiron speakers lose some luster*

Organizers of the annual Gridiron Dinner thought they had snagged two of the brightest stars in the political firmament as featured speakers for their prestigious white-tie journalistic roast on Saturday.

But that was before **Sen. John Kerry** (Mass.) pulled out of the race for the Democratic presidential nomination, and **Sen. John McCain** (Ariz.) started sounding more tentative about running for the Republican nomination.

They'll still give their speeches, of course, since it would be unthinkable to uninvite them, but Gridiron insiders say Kerry's decision not to run and McCain's equivocating about his intentions on last weekend's TV

talk circuit has taken some of the bloom off the rose.

If that wasn't bad enough, first lady **Hillary Clinton**'s decision to forego accompanying her husband to the dinner in favor of a trip to Africa is likely to give readers of the presidential tea leaves and chicken entrails reason to speculate that the first marriage is on less than solid footing.

Finally, even though Gridiron **President Finlay Lewis** of the Copley Newspapers is a native Minnesotan, the Gopher State's new governor, **Jesse Ventura**, who is beyond hot in media terms, will also be a no show. He'll be in California instead, maybe visiting Ventura.



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First lady celebrates legacy of first ladies before her

By KALPANA SRINIVASAN- Associated Press Writer-

WASHINGTON (AP) Hillary Rodham Clinton saluted the women who preceded her in the White House and accepted an award for her own contributions in shaping the role of the first lady.

Receiving a crystal statue etched with her image from the National First Ladies' Library, Mrs. Clinton noted Tuesday night that history has sometimes forgotten the causes championed by the first ladies before her.

"Before the explosion of information, we were pretty much dependent on what people wrote about themselves or what other people wrote about them," she said at an awards dinner.

In the case of the first ladies, Mrs. Clinton said, "Their contributions have often been overlooked."

Mrs. Clinton described the many ways in which first ladies have left their own mark on history, from Eleanor Roosevelt's efforts on behalf of civil rights to Betty Ford's work to raise awareness of breast cancer and drug addiction.

"Many of them have used the platform that history gave them to great advantage," Mrs. Clinton said.

She watched as actresses Mary Steenburgen and Jane Alexander performed a reading written by first lady historian Carl Sferrazza Anthony that captured some words of past first ladies in their letters, diaries and interviews.

Afterward, Mrs. Clinton acknowledged that becoming a first lady comes with its own share of pressures and tensions. But these will "create not only some issues and problems that one has to address, but also some opportunities."

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, who presented Mrs. Clinton with the award, slyly suggested that this first lady might capitalize on more opportunities to come.

"Speaking of your leadership, I join with others in hoping that we ain't seen nothing yet," Albright said. Mrs. Clinton is pondering a run for the New York Senate.

Albright herself was saluted at the event, as the first female secretary of state and for her accomplishments in that post. She emphasized women's commitment to improving their position.

"We dedicate ourselves to a future of many, many first women and even more importantly to a future where no woman is left behind," Albright said.

Other honorees included Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor; Pulitzer Prize winning poet, Gwendolyn Brooks; the first African-American woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, Shirley Chisholm; and Elizabeth Campbell, the founder of Washington's WETA Public Television.

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First Lady chats about pets' book, better literacy for children

By ANJETTA McQUEEN- AP Education Writer-

WASHINGTON (AP) Writing to Socks and Buddy, the nation's first pets, is helping thousands of children read better, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton says.

In an America Online Internet session devoid of political talk Tuesday evening, Mrs. Clinton pitched her new book, ``Dear Socks, Dear Buddy: Kids' Letters to the First Pets.' ' She also encouraged parents to help children send more letters.

``We should realize that literacy is not just reading, but also writing,' ' Mrs. Clinton wrote in her chat session. ``Writing helps a child 's language development, helps them formulate ideas and improves vocabulary.' '

The book, showing the lighter side of life in the White House, was inspired by the 300,000 annual letters sent to Socks, a black-and-white domestic shorthair cat, and newcomer Buddy, a chocolate Labrador retriever.

``I decided those letters were so wonderful that I wanted to share them with other children and adults,' ' she wrote.

Mrs. Clinton also explained how the pets' letters are answered by local military retirees, and how Socks and Buddy do their White House ``jobs,' ' such as greeting guests and visiting children's hospitals and nursing homes.

Mrs. Clinton's first time ``chatting' ' online drew dozens of browsers, though it started past most children's bedtimes at 10 p.m. EST.

A few children stayed up for the chat.

``I LOVE MRS. CLINTON AND I AM 7 YEARS OLD,' ' read one message.

The questions, selected in advance, were mostly from people identifying themselves as teachers and parents and focused on education.

Many chatters speculated among themselves about Mrs. Clinton's prospects for the New York senate seat that she has been courted to seek. ``She could be good for the state's children,' ' wrote one viewer.

Mrs. Clinton won praise from child advocates for her first book, ``It Takes a Village.' '

``Dear Socks, Dear Buddy' ' includes a pet history of the White House, from Dolley Madison's parrot, who escaped a British attack on the White House, and to the Bushes' English springer spaniel Millie, who also has a book.

The Socks and Buddy book, the royalties from which are donated to the National Park Service Foundation, reprints 50 letters from children nationwide and includes more than 80 candid photographs of the pets in the Oval Office, on the lawn and even in the pool.

``I don't think Socks and Buddy know that anyone in the White House is a VIP other than them,' ' she wrote.

She recounted the family's semi-successful efforts to get cat used to dog: ``Bill has worked hard to bring peace to many parts of the world and was determined that Buddy and Socks would get along... I guess you could say they are living in a state of peaceful but uneasy coexistence.' '

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(UPI News Analysis)

By HELEN THOMAS= UPI White House Reporter=

WASHINGTON There is always a lot of curiosity about people who live in the White House and know little about the Clintons in the aftermath of the searing impeachment process.

The persistent question from the man and woman on the street is whether the president and his wife stay together after they leave the White House.

The other question usually put to reporters concerns Clinton's future plans and what will he be doing for the rest of his life.

No one can answer the first question except the president and Hillary Rodham Clinton. And there is no doubt the rumors and what the White House dismisses as "gossip" are out there to be contended with when news outlets broadcast the conjecture or put it into print.

The second question is easier. The highly talented and highly motivated president will land on his feet. He does not want to be counted out. Undoubtedly he will hit the campaign trail in a last hurrah for Vice President Al Gore when Gore receives the Democratic presidential nomination as expected.

He also will oversee the fund raising and the building of the presidential library in his native Little Rock, Ark. Then there are his memoirs, which should rake in a lot of money to help pay for his humongous legal bills.

Inevitably for a man who likes to talk as much as he does and to stay high profile, Clinton is bound to hit the lecture circuit.

The one abiding goal of his years in office is to promote educational opportunities for all Americans. In that respect he has staked a claim to the title of "Education President" and that may lead in future years to heading a university or a think tank. If he becomes a university president all of his skills as a fund-raiser will be used and he has them in spades.

The American people also provide more than adequately for past presidents with huge outlays for their offices in federal buildings, pensions and round the clock Secret Service protection.

As for legacy, past presidents do not dwell on how they might have acted differently but rather on their achievements in office, and the successful decisions they made. Soul searching is not big in presidential memoirs.

There is also the question of where Clinton will live after his White House years. Speculation centers on California and the movie industry where Clinton appears to be at home and has many steadfast friends. In that respect, he will be following some predecessors. President Dwight D. Eisenhower settled in Palm Springs, Calif., and did not go home to Abilene, Kans., and President Gerald Ford did not go back to Grand Rapids, Mich. He spends most of his time at his Rancho Mirage spread in California and Vail, Colo.

There is no word that the Clintons want to go back to Little Rock, Ark., although Clinton has a lot of nostalgia for a place called Hope, Ark., where his boyhood home is now a landmark.

Before he leaves office, Clinton undoubtedly will go all out to help Gore win the presidency, since his nomination as the Democratic standard bearer is almost assured.

Clinton has generously shared his White House platform with the vice president in both terms. He has given him a major role, more than any president in the past has been willing to share the limelight with a vice president.

Gore apparently also has been counting on the first lady with her proved political skills to help him on the hustings during the campaign in 2000.

Clinton also is looking forward to winding up his presidency during the millennium celebration. He fixed his second term on preparing the nation to cross that bridge to the 21st century. It would have been devastating for him to be deprived of his office at the turn of the 20th century and his best laid plans.

Meantime, the president is going to try to savor his remaining time in the White House where the living is good. He hopes to stave off lame duckism as long as possible and he is expected to hit the road early and often, taking advantage of Air Force One and travel to far off places.

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## Why Hillary shouldn't run

HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON is pondering if not life after Bill, at least life after the White House.

She has teased the press and public with hints about running for the Senate from New York state, resulting in Hillary covers in Time and Newsweek and a frenzy of will-she-won't-she publicity. Some of her advisers are saying she should. Some are saying she shouldn't.

She shouldn't.

The Hillary-for-Senate boomlet has been fueled more by her celebrity status, and sympathy for her as a "wronged woman," than by sober appraisal of her potential legislative effectiveness. That effectiveness is not striking, judged on past performance. For example, her attempt to define and ram through a controversial health-care program in her husband's first term was a disaster. Mrs. Clinton has an agenda, but has not so far demonstrated the political astuteness and art of compromise to successfully implement it.

Nor is it clear how she would fare with the rough handling she would get from the irreverent New York press.

Were it not for the Clinton connection that has made her a national figure, few would see her as a stand-alone political figure with the experience of Christine Todd Whitman, or Dianne Feinstein, who have fought hard elections to gain office, or Elizabeth Dole, who has survived the vicissitudes of life in the Cabinet.

New York Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, her likely opponent for the New York Senate seat, far from being apprehensive, is slavering over the prospect of a contest with Clinton. It would bring him national exposure and unlimited financing. And in the tough political climate of New York, he thinks he can exploit her political weaknesses and win. He believes he can get the upstate vote, and despite Manhattan's traditional liberal image, can make significant inroads there. The mayor, although sometimes controversial, is given widespread credit by New Yorkers for improving their quality of life. The garbage gets collected now, the streets get cleaned,

and with a remarkable reduction in crime, the streets are safer. Without Manhattan, Clinton could not win.

Despite a lot of early Democratic gushing over the prospect of Clinton's candidacy, her strong initial standing in the polls has slipped. Some of her political missteps, as for instance on the future of a Palestinian state, have cost her support with some of New York's Jewish community.

Some pundits have speculated that if Clinton ran, and won the New York Senate seat, that would position her for a try for the presidency in later years. She is certainly young enough to build a power base, and a political career, of her own.

But if she ran with all the current advantages of celebrity and lost, that would probably be the end of it.

Whatever the decision she makes about New York, the ongoing publicity has only enhanced her marketability in other potential careers. Clinton has discussed with friends the merits of running a think tank or foundation, from which she might project her liberal political views. There has also been speculation that she might serve in an ambassadorial post or even as a Cabinet member in the administration of Al Gore, should he become the next Democratic president. The ambassadorial post might offer ceremonial glitz, but hardly a political platform. The Cabinet post, subservient to her husband's former vice president, would seem pointless.

From a purely financial point of view, the most lucrative venture Clinton could undertake would be book-writing. If the self-serving books of Monica Lewinsky and George Stephanopoulos can fetch the millions of dollars they have, a revelatory book by Hillary Clinton would be a monetary blockbuster. It could not, of course, be a dusty tome on public policy. In today's prurient book-publishing climate it would need to be a tell-all story about her life with Bill. It's just that chapter of her life that she seems intent on putting behind her.

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