

Soul-searching time for Hillary

By BRIAN BLOMQUIST
Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON — First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton plans to enter a month of "introspection" before announcing whether she'll make a run for the U.S. Senate in New York, Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) said yesterday.

Schumer, who said he talked to Clinton on Saturday, reported that the First Lady won't be hosting New York political types or flying up to the Big Apple during this "period of introspection."

"I think the parade of people coming in and out and talking to her is going to greatly diminish," Schumer said. "She's going to take a good month, at least, to do that and look into herself."

"She has to look deeply into her soul and determine whether she really wants to be senator," Schumer said on ABC's "This Week."

Clinton is eyeing a run for the seat being vacated in 2000 by retiring Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

She could face Mayor Giuliani, who also is looking at the race.

Among those advising her not to run are Liz Moynihan, the senator's wife, and James Carville, an adviser to President Clinton, *Newsweek* reports.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Clinton's staff has denied reports that her anger at her husband played a role in the abrupt ending of their family ski vacation and her decision to skip trips to Central America and Arkansas with the president.

President Clinton said Hillary wanted to travel with him but couldn't. "She's gotta make sure she's in really good health," he told reporters on Air Force One on the trip from Arkansas to Washington late Saturday.

Mrs. Clinton's aides claim she reinjured her back when she was hit by a skier in Utah.

This week, Mrs. Clinton is scheduled to attend four public events with her husband.



'WEATHER' OR NOT: Hillary Rodham Clinton, leaving a church in snowy D.C. with the president yesterday, needs a month of introspection before deciding on a Senate run, Sen. Chuck Schumer says. *Randall*

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Snow, Sleet, Rain Thrash Eastern U.S.

■ **Weather:** Harsh conditions are blamed for traffic accidents with deaths and injuries. More storms are expected in Northeast and the West.

From Associated Press

Snow, sleet and rain spread across sections of the East on Sunday as a storm raced to the Atlantic from the middle of the nation, where Missouri got nearly 2 feet of snow.

By afternoon, a band of snow, sleet and freezing rain arced from Arkansas and Missouri across the Ohio Valley into the mountains of West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

About 23 inches of snow fell from Saturday afternoon into Sunday morning in southwestern Missouri's Barry County. Road crews and law enforcement officers were busy late Saturday rescuing stranded motorists, said Gretchen Gray, a Barry County dispatcher.

Up to 18 inches of snow in Oklahoma late Saturday caused dozens of traffic accidents in the northern part of the state, and 250 people were housed at a National Guard armory in Perry, authorities said. At least 13 people were killed in weekend traffic accidents, Oklahoma officials said. Ten inches fell on northwestern Arkansas.

Five people were injured when about 20 vehicles were involved in an accident on Interstate 70 near Clear Spring, Md. None of the injuries was life-threatening.

Snow was expected to spread into New York and New England during the night, with 6 to 12 inches forecast in some areas.

A band of severe thunderstorms moved across Alabama on Sunday, flooding streets and leaving thousands without power.

Showers were scattered over the Tennessee Valley, and showers and thunderstorms were scattered along the East Coast. The National Weather Service issued



Associated Press
President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton leave Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C., Sunday during a snowstorm.

a tornado watch for eastern sections of Georgia and South Carolina. On Saturday, a small tornado wrecked a mobile home in Alliance, La., and heavy rain caused flooding in West Feliciana Parish and neighboring Wilkinson County, Miss.

In the Northwest, a cold front produced rain and snow in western Oregon and Washington. A few showers also moved into parts of Idaho and Northern California.

Rain also was possible as far south as Los Angeles, with snow likely in the Sierra Nevada.

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Hillary's in a N.Y. state of mind

His close Hollywood friends tell me that Bill Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton will definitely move to New York at the end of his presidency. Clinton tells intimates that "Hillary loves New York" and "whether she runs for the Senate or not, she wants to live there."

Clinton added that Hillary has spent a good part of her adult life being where he wanted to be, that it's about time he went where she wanted to be.

It's still fifty-fifty whether she'll run, but New Yorkers can add two new residents as of January 2001....

Oscar picks: I think Shakespeare in Love will win best picture in a tough year to call winners in all key categories. *Life Is Beautiful's* Roberto Benigni will win for best actor (the man is absolutely amazing). I attended a party Marvin Davis gave in Benigni's honor before he received the Screen Actors Guild award in Los Angeles, and the man was totally captivating. There were 60 guests, and he charmed every one with his love of life. The movie, by the way, is a gem.

I see best actress going to

Gwyneth Paltrow for *Shakespeare in Love* in what might be the night's closest vote (I wish they announced the vote tally). Best supporting actor will be Billy Bob Thornton for *A Simple Plan*. He absolutely owned that role.



Larry King's People
News & Views

This column appears every Monday.

The best supporting actress will go to Lynn Redgrave in *Gods and Monsters*. The movie was a downer, but her performance was stellar. The best song will be *The Prayer* from *Quest for Camelot*, and the highlight of Oscar evening will be when Celine Dion

and Andrea Bocelli sing it together.

Best director will be Steven Spielberg for *Saving Private Ryan*. Guaranteed to happen: The show will run long, and there will be 4,632 thank-yous. By the end of the night, these in the auditorium will be thanking their urologists for being able to sit through it all. (That's an actual line once used by the late Danny Kaye, who was honored by the Washington Touchdown Club and who was not called upon to speak till 1 a.m. because of all the awards and thank-yous that ran on before

him. So he said, "I would like to thank my urologist for making it possible for me to sit here through this.")...

I have a new pet annoyance: hospital answering machines. You call a hospital, and you don't get a human being. You get a machine with 11 options. While you're waiting to hear all the options, you could pass away. Whatever happened to the human being?...

Last week I had the joy of a lifetime, experiencing the birth of Chance Armstrong King. I never thought I would be able to hold up, but it's the best thing I've ever done. I even got to cut the umbilical cord.

You'll see pictures in *People* this Friday. I also attended the circumcision the following day. This was difficult; any male would relate to the occurrence. I don't need to say more.

Mother and child are doing well, and this Medicare father is holding up as well as possible. The first call we got was from Nancy Reagan, and the youngster will have his picture taken with former President Reagan in the next couple of weeks.

Chance, no doubt, will have a lot of interesting things to learn about growing up. Shawn and I thank you for your kind wishes.

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Introspective Hillary

You'll have to wait at least a month to learn if first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will run for the U.S. Senate from New York, says Sen. Charles E. Schumer, New York Democrat.

Interviewed yesterday on ABC's "This Week," Mr. Schumer said he spoke with Mrs. Clinton Saturday and learned she's embarking on a "period of introspection," in which she will "look deeply into her soul and determine whether she really wants to be senator."

She is "going to take a good month at least to do that," he said, adding: "I think she's very enthused about the possibility of being senator and helping New Yorkers and Americans, but [she also has to consider] whether she's willing to undergo the ardor of a campaign. You know how New York campaigns are, and this one will be a hot one."

Mr. Schumer, who will become New York's senior senator when fellow Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan retires next year, said the first lady will not be traveling to New York during her period of reflection.

Oh, what a relief

Sen. Robert G. Torricelli, New Jersey Democrat, was quizzed about a possible Senate bid by first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton on "Fox News Sunday."

He said November is "more than sufficient time" for her to decide if she wants to run, given that another "strong candidate, Congresswoman Nita Lowey, is available if she decided not to."

"I think that this campaign would be so intense, such a national spectacle and an ideological debate, that, indeed, it would

be a relief to the people of New York if we could limit it to 12 months," said Mr. Torricelli, who said he believes both Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Lowey could beat New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani in a race for the seat being vacated by Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

While Mrs. Clinton ponders her political future, Patricia Schroeder, former Democratic congresswoman from Colorado and one-time presidential wannabe, says she sees the first lady as a possible presidential or vice presidential candidate in the years ahead. Speaking on CNN's "Late Edition" yesterday, Mrs. Schroeder said a Senate run by Mrs. Clinton would serve as a springboard for a possible bid for national office.

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THE TRUTH ABOUT CATS AND DOGS: Hillary Rodham Clinton will go on line Tuesday to answer questions about White House pets and her recent book, *Dear Socks, Dear Buddy: Kids' Letters to the First Pets*. White House pets are a favorite topic when children meet the first lady, Clinton spokeswoman Marshi Berry said. The session will be at 10 p.m. ET on America Online.

The book, published last year by Simon and Schuster, features photographs of Buddy the dog and Socks the cat, copies of children's letters to the pets and text by Clinton. Sales have lagged. Internet bookseller Amazon.com ranks the Socks and Buddy book 9,374 on its list of current best-sellers. Newly released memoir *All Too Human* by former White House aide George Stephanopoulos heads the list, and Andrew Morton's book on Clinton paramour Monica Lewinsky, *Monica's Story*, ranks seventh.

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Flying north?

As first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton considers her own political future, it's important to give her career record independent scrutiny.

And we're not just talking about two terms as perhaps the most powerful first lady in American history. Some might have forgotten, for instance, that from 1978 through 1980 Mrs. Clinton was chairman of the Legal Services Corp.

You'll recall Mrs. Clinton and her friends telling us in recent months that it would be wrong to impeach President Clinton and overturn his election by the voters. Yet Mrs. Clinton didn't always hold to this dictum.

In 1980, we're told, at the end of her two-year reign as head of the board of the LSC, Mrs. Clinton transferred control of the corporation's television studio, valued at about \$1 million, to a legal activist group known as the Project Advisory Group (PAG). This allowed the latter to produce in-house media instruction and training tapes.

"The studio was deemed no longer useful," a source tells inside the Beltway, "and was simply given away."

PAG and legal-service advocates closely associated with Mrs. Clinton not only made good use of the studio, but all sorts of class-action lawsuits were filed to undermine and overturn the popular election of the then newly elected president, Ronald Reagan.

Which goes to show the goose doesn't always like what it thought at one time was good for the gander.

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Give the lady a hand: Clinton reaches for his wife as they arrive at church.

A Talking-To About Love

President Clinton and stalwart spouse Hillary went to church together yesterday, after a week in which she stayed home to nurse a sore back, her aides said, while he went off to South America and the dedication of his boyhood home in Arkansas.

The sermon the couple heard was about "disciplines of love."

Philip Wogaman, the pastor of Foundry United Methodist Church,

and a spiritual adviser to the president, focused on the admonition from Corinthians that "love is patient; love is kind. Love is not envious. . . . It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

The minister helpfully clarified for his flock the part about "believes all things."

"That doesn't mean love is a sucker for anyone's version of the truth," he said, but instead allows for the possibility of hope.

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Hillary edges closer

Hillary Rodham Clinton, seemingly ever more likely to run for the Senate in New York, is considering forming an exploratory committee that would cover any costs of her decision-making, the Associated Press reports.

The idea of such a preliminary step has been discussed as a way to avoid questions of impropriety in the raising and spending of money, a senior adviser said yesterday. The discussions are still preliminary, and it is possible that she will not form a committee, even if she does seek the seat held by retiring Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the adviser said.

Still, the talks reflect how seriously Mrs. Clinton is considering a campaign, reporter Ron Fournier writes.

In several interviews this week, friends and associates said the first lady appears more likely than ever to run for the Senate. One confidant said she is "very inclined" to make the race. The associates caution, however, that she does not plan to decide until late summer or early fall.

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Clinton 'shouting match' reported

Things heat up
on ski trip, Fox says

By Jennifer Harper
The Washington Times

It was the screech heard around the world. Connubial bliss may be in short supply at the White House if one hair-raising report is true.

Wednesday night, the Fox News Channel went public with the details of a slightly row between Bill and Hillary Clinton during their family ski trip to Utah last week.

"The two had a shouting match that ended with Hillary Clinton storming out of the room and saying she wanted her bags," the Fox report said.

The story broke even as Mrs. Clinton ponders a brave new life as a U.S. senator. She meets today with New York Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, who has encouraged the first lady to run for office.

The Utah trip was indeed cut short by a day, but not due to a domestic melee, her press office said. Mrs. Clinton had hurt her back which also kept her from accompanying her husband on his Central American trip this week.

Not so, say unnamed insiders, who are the sources of the Fox report.

"I don't want to be in the same room with him, let alone the same bed," Fox reported. Mrs. Clinton had said, adding that she refused to go on the trip because she couldn't get her own bedroom.

"If Mrs. Clinton hadn't injured her back, she'd be in Guatemala right now," said spokeswoman Marcia Berry yesterday. "She will be meeting with New York Democrats tomorrow, but there will be lots more meetings and conversations with people before she makes any hard decisions."

Fox, however, stands by its story. "We had good sources, and more than one source on this story," said Fox bureau chief Brit Hume yesterday. "The sources are friends of both the Clintons, and they were not spinning the story."

The information, Mr. Hume said, made a viable news story. It was "plausible" in light of the travails of both Clintons in the past year. "The implausible side of this is the White House attempting to show the Clintons as the happy couple."

White House spokesman Joe



Hillary Rodham Clinton, on the slopes in Utah on Feb. 28, reportedly threatened to pack her bags during the ski trip.

Lockhart tersely dismissed the story as tabloid fare.

"I would suggest that those who deal in this sort of rumor and gossip and innuendo should go back to journalism school and do a little more work," he said yesterday from Guatemala.

Charting the Clinton marriage has been a national pastime since the days of Jennifer Flowers' very public revelations of her 12-year affair with the president. A hard-edged Mrs. Clinton went on "60 Minutes" to boast: "I'm not sitting here as some little woman standing by my man like Tammy Wynette."

The 14-month impeachment scandal actually gave Mrs. Clinton a forum for her most polished media personas, including diplomat, steadfast wife and humanitarian.

Despite a half-dozen photo opportunities of the Clintons holding hands, dancing and strolling contentedly during scandal prime time, the pleasant patina faded toward year's end.

Mrs. Clinton went on a four-day mission to Eastern Europe on the couple's 23rd wedding anniversary in October and was in San Francisco during the president's final apology over the Monica Lewinsky matter from the Rose Garden.

In mid-December, Mrs. Clinton gave her husband "the cold shoulder felt round the world." TV cameras accidentally caught her shrinking from her husband's touch.

She was, as NBC noted, "no longer the president's defender in chief." It was the "icy graveyard brushoff" according to the New York Post, which incidentally called Mrs. Clinton "Chillary" yesterday. Vanity Fair also features a story this month on the health of the Clinton marriage.

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IS IT DIVIDE



Hill boosts Senate odds by ditching Bill: experts

A First Marriage on the rocks could spur Hillary Rodham Clinton to run for Senate, experts said yesterday.

Political pundits said an estrangement makes it easier for Mrs. Clinton to run for retiring New York Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan's seat because it stirs up sympathy for her — and allows her to fend off embarrassing questions about her hubby's sexcapades.

"If they are a team, she has to deny and defend or fudge. If they aren't a team, she can say, 'He's disappointed me, and that's a question you really need to ask him,'" said one Democratic strategist.

New York Democratic consul-

By Marilyn Rauler and Deborah
Orin in Washington and Robert
Hardt Jr. in New York

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The First Lady is mulling forming an exploratory committee — the first step toward launching a full-fledged campaign. Pals say

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SPLIT DECISION: Hillary could win sympathy votes if she breaks up with Bill, experts say.

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AND CONQUER?

Experts say split with prez boosts Hill's Senate hopes

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she's leaning toward running.

In New York, Mayor Giuliani, who might find himself in a race against Hillary — and whose own marriage has been dogged by rumors of trouble — said the Clintons' relationship is nobody's business.

"I don't think it's anybody's concern but theirs — if it is a concern," the mayor said.

Marist College Poll Director Lee Miringoff said a highly publicized split between the Clintons could hurt Giuliani.

"If [the Clintons'] marital problems were to somehow become a long-running show, of course, it would then be tough for Rudy to even get a quote into the paper," he said.

New York state Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, who has openly urged the First Lady to run, plans to meet with her at the White House today.

New York Democratic consultant Hank Sheinkopf predicted "voters won't blame [Hillary] and they might even support her more."

Meanwhile, President Clinton, on a four-day goodwill trip to Central America, came up with a new explanation for his wife's last-minute decision not to go with him.

Clinton, repeating White House claims that she hurt her back during their ski trip to Utah, insisted she would have come along but didn't want to risk "seriously ruining her back for Africa." The First Lady is slated to tour Tunisia, Egypt and Morocco with daughter Chelsea starting March 20.

The White House dismissed as "rumor and gossip and innuendo" reports that a furious Mrs. Clinton cut short the couple's ski trip after a huge row, and couldn't bear the idea of sharing a hotel room with her husband in Central America.

But Democratic insiders said there's little doubt the First Lady

is "very angry" with her husband.

"What a lot of people on the inside say is that there won't be a formal separation. It's just like an ebbing away," said a Democratic source.

Although Mrs. Clinton issued a statement standing by her man after his fling with ex-intern Monica Lewinsky, she's been silent on Juanita Broaddrick's recent allegation that Clinton raped her in 1978.

Today, Clinton makes a sentimental journey back to Arkansas for the dedication of his childhood home in Hope. His wife isn't going.

Later this month, while Mrs. Clinton is in Africa, the president will go stag to the Gridiron dinner — an annual roast of the First Couple — and the White House radio and TV correspondents' dinner, both traditionally attended by the president and his wife.

Mrs. Clinton kept out of the public eye yesterday. Spokeswoman Marsha Berry said the First Lady "wanted to rest up."

Despite the back-injury claim, Mrs. Clinton has shown no sign of being in pain.

She sat on a hard wooden pew for two hours at Tuesday's funeral service for Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun, said one guest.

And just two days after she cut short the ski trip, Mrs. Clinton was stumping in New York, effortlessly bending over to chat with young kids at a Flushing school.

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Prez, First Lady face trial by Jerry

I INTERRUPT my maternity leave to tune in to a special news report of historic political, cultural — make that biblical — proportions.

Announcer: On the next "Jerry Springer" "Women who help their men cheat — revolt!"

Jerry: What you are about to see isn't easy to watch. So, as a responsible entertainment newscaster and experienced trawler of trailer parks, I encourage you immediately to take any small children, impressionable pets and aspiring government groupies into the next room. Lock the door. Shut the lights.

You are about to meet a woman who for 20 years of marriage was regularly stomped on emotionally — and publicly humiliated. By her own husband.

Audience: Ooooooh.
Jerry: He was a man who could not, or would not, ever say one simple word: "No." Girl — blond, brunette, redhead, old and thin, young and fat.



ANDREA PEYSER

And guess what? This woman, this smart, attractive — well, smart — wife of his looked the other way!

Audience: Aaaaah.

Jerry: Not only did her man cheat on her with friends, business associates and several cocktail waitresses, I've long admired...

Audience: Grrrrrrrr.

Jerry: ... he had the nerve to do it ON HIS OWN DESK with a girl who wears SIZE 26 THONG UNDERWEAR!!

Man in audience: Ouch!

Jerry: And guess what? This woman who's so smart she could turn a rotten land deal into dollar not only looked the other way — she defended him!

Woman in audience: Kill him!

Jerry: But then, finally, she fought back.

(Cheers)

Jerry: America, I want you to meet someone very special. To protect her identity, I will refer to her as Her Royal Highness Hillary C.

She is someone I like to think of as... a Revolting Woman. Welcome, Your Highness!

(Applause)

Jerry: I think everyone in the audience admires your courage for showing your face on a national television program.

All these years, Highness, you stood by your man. We'll call him Slick. All the while, you were crying inside.

Woman in audience: Cut him, girlfriend!

Jerry: Hillary, I've got to ask you a question. Do you still love him?

(Slick walks onstage)

Slick: Hello! I just want

to say, to my wife, my daughter, the American people and to a little girl I'll just call Monica — hiya, pumpkin! Watch that cheesecake, darlin' — I am truly, deeply sorry

Hillary: Bill, will you shut the hell up already?

(Audience howls)

Slick: (Winks) Hey, at least I can still get a charge out of you. Honey, didn't we have a fine time in Utah with Chels... I mean, our little Human Camouflage.

Hillary: Right. Until I caught you in the closet with that ski instructor.

Jerry: Whoa, whoa, whoa! Now, Highness, Slick. What will it take to get you two back together?

Hillary: How about making me day-care czar?

Slick: Anything!

Hillary: Right. All I asked for was one crummy national health-care plan. But nooooo! I'll lose my job, you whine. Well, you wouldn't have your

crummy job if it wasn't for me!

Slick: C'mon, baby doll, come with me to Central America. Please?

Hillary: I'd rather put Chelsea in PUBLIC school than share a bed with you, blubber thighs...

Slick: You're no model at the beach, Sen. Fat Ass

(Hillary leaps out of her chair and cracks Slick on the head with a 52-pound draft of her new welfare-expansion plan.)

Slick covers his face with a damp, dog-eared copy of Monica's biography he'd hidden in his back pocket, before stagehands break them up.)

Hillary: (Face red and contorted) Impeach this... That's the last time I save your butt! Next time they'll ship you back to Arkansas in 100 Ziploc bags!

Jerry: Sorry, we're out of time. Make sure to tune in to the next "Jerry Springer": "Washington's Wildest: Wackiest Divorces."

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JUDY MANN

The Time's Not Ripe for a 'Sen. Clinton'

Leave it to the Clintons to keep the national pot boiling. We'd barely come out of the theater of the absurd after watching the impeachment trial bomb, and there to greet us in the bleak light of a February afternoon was the prospect of Hillary Rodham Clinton running for the U.S. Senate from New York.

As first lady, Clinton has been one of the state's most frequent and visible visitors. But, like Robert F. Kennedy did decades ago, she's got her eye on that Senate seat before having a legal residence in the state. Another negative being raised by New Yorkers is that she is relatively unfamiliar with the state.

Those are not particularly compelling reasons for her to pass on the opportunity. Residency is as easy as buying a condo, and Hillary Clinton is one of the quickest studies I've ever seen. In her travels around the world, she knocks people out with her knowledge of various regions. She is a legitimate expert on issues that transcend New York: health care, child welfare and development, to name a few. She would be a compelling and forceful advocate for the interests of women, young people and families, and for job development and worker retraining—two of upstate New York's most critical needs.

In her, we'd see the difference between lip service to family values and genuine service to families.

The "but clause" comes now.

The nation needs a break. The Clintons have done more than their share of nontraditional things, and we don't really need one more stormy round of political and emotional divisiveness swirling around Hillary Clinton as she runs for the Senate while still first lady. It's a lousy idea, fraught with potential conflicts of interest, ranging from who is paying for her transportation and Secret Service costs while she's campaigning to what she's doing in New York when she ought to be in the White House. Hillary Clinton's popularity is at its peak right now because she stood by her man and kept her family together in a time of grave peril. But you can bet the mortgage that a Hillary Clinton run for the Senate while she is in the White House would provoke a firestorm from the right wing, which is flapping around for an issue like a beached whale dying for lack of water.

We don't need it, and she doesn't need it. Besides, what's the rush? As Geraldine Ferraro pointed out in last week's *Time*, Sen. Peter Fitzgerald (R) will be up for reelection in 2004 from Illinois, Hillary Clinton's home state. Sen. Tim Hutchinson (R-Ark.) will be up in 2002, and he is the brother of Rep. Asa Hutchinson (R-Ark.), one of the House impeachment managers.

Rep. Nita M. Lowey (D-N.Y.), who is considering a Senate run, has told Clinton that she will step aside if the first lady chooses to run. In turn, Lowey said, Clinton has said she will make up her mind in a timely fashion so that Lowey won't be left hanging. She and Clinton are close,

and they met last week.

"It's a major change in her life," Lowey said in an interview. "The impeachment process has just been over. It's draining. She has to sort out many aspects of her life. I respect her decision-making process."

Lowey secured a national reputation last fall when she went to the mat in the midnight hours of the budget fight to force health insurers of federal employees to cover the full range of contraceptives. The measure will have huge impact, since private health insurers generally follow the lead of federal insurers. A six-term representative, Lowey serves on the Appropriations Committee, where she has championed increased funding for breast cancer research (from \$88 million in 1989 to more than \$300 million this year). She also has backed biomedical research, helped save the Public Broadcasting System and turned federal support for after-school programs from a \$1 million drop in the bucket three years ago to a \$200 million commitment this year. It's an understatement when she describes herself as an "effective, aggressive legislator."

"I look at Hillary as being in a special category," Lowey said. "If I stay in the House, I will continue to gain seniority and make a difference in the lives of people. . . . Serving in the Senate is an expanded opportunity to do good things. . . . But if Hillary makes that decision, she would be an extraordinary senator, and she would win. And then Nita Lowey would continue to be effective in the House, and you would have both of us serving the people of New York."

In the meantime, Lowey is raising money and meeting people across the state so that she will be in a position to run if she decides to. She won 80 percent of the vote in her last campaign.

"I'm well positioned to raise the money, but I frankly think it's really obscene that \$15 million has to be spent on a Senate race," she said. She has a clear and forward-looking agenda: money for school construction and renovation, deductibility of college tuition, lifetime training and retraining of workers, health care reforms, preserving Social Security and Medicare, and getting guns off the street. Lowey is chair of the abortion-rights task force in the House.

"I know how to work in a bipartisan legislature," she said. "You have to know when to hold your ground and be tough to accomplish your goals."

New York would be well served by having Nita Lowey in the Senate, and so would the country. Meanwhile, Hillary Clinton could write her memoirs, help shore up the family's dodgy finances and give herself a well-deserved breather from the purgatory of modern politics. Then, in a couple of years, we might see a Sen. Clinton from Arkansas or Illinois taking her seat with Sen. Lowey.

Clinton is at a critical juncture in constructing her life. The hope here is that she decides wisely and doesn't get seduced by the media hype.

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First Lady Speaks on Women's Issues at U.N.

By ELISABETH BUMILLER

On the second day of her visit as a potential candidate for a New York Senate seat, Hillary Rodham Clinton spoke out yesterday at the United Nations against "the egregious and systematic trampling" of women's rights under the Taliban in Afghanistan, and called the trafficking in women and children in Asia an international human rights violation.

Mrs. Clinton, who has made the human rights of women a focus of her work as First Lady, has spoken out repeatedly on both issues, and her remarks were consistent with Clinton Administration policy. But they come as she is under increased scrutiny as a potential Senate candidate, and underscore her strong stand on women's issues.

In a 30-minute speech to 1,000 United Nations staff and delegates on the United Nations Trusteeship Council, Mrs. Clinton said she had spoken with young girls in Thailand whose parents had sold them as prostitutes.

"You could often tell the home of where girls had been sold because they might even have a satellite dish, or an addition built onto the house," Mrs. Clinton said. "But I met the girls who had come home after they had been used up, after they had contracted H.I.V. and AIDS. If you've

ever held the hand of a 13-year-old girl dying of AIDS, you can understand how critical it is that we take every step possible to prevent this happening to any other girl, anywhere, in the world."

Mrs. Clinton also cited the "iron rule" of the Taliban, an armed religious movement in Afghanistan that has kept women from working or going to school. Echoing remarks often made by Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright, Mrs. Clinton said: "It is no longer acceptable to say that the abuse and mistreatment of women is cultural. It should be called what it is — criminal."

In the afternoon, Mrs. Clinton spoke about women's sports at the Lab School at the O. Henry Learning Center in Chelsea, where a student basketball player, Sofia Totti, introduced Mrs. Clinton as "hopefully, a runner."

Mrs. Clinton grinned — the only sign she gave yesterday to New York Democrats who are in a frenzy hoping that she will run next year for the Senate seat being vacated by Daniel Patrick Moynihan. All day, Mrs. Clinton avoided the crowd of reporters trailing her. Three times at the United Nations, Mrs. Clinton walked silently by reporters, who were shouting questions about the Senate race from behind a barricade.

Marsha Berry, Mrs. Clinton's press secretary, said the First Lady "doesn't have anything to add right now" to her earlier comments about the race. Last month, Mrs. Clinton said she was giving "careful thought" to a Senate run and that she would make a decision "later this year." Her advisers have not given a more specific timetable, although the view of New York Democrats is that the longer Mrs. Clinton waits to announce a decision — perhaps as late as the fall — the more likely she is to run. Many Democrats want her to make up her mind more quickly so that she does not hamper other candidates from raising money.

Mrs. Clinton appeared at the Lab School to promote an HBO film on women's sports with Billie Jean King, the former tennis champion; Nikki McCray, the women's basketball star, and Dominique Dawes, an Olympic gold-medal winning gymnast. In her remarks to teachers and junior high school students, Mrs. Clinton said she wanted Congress to make lowering classroom size its "top priority." She also recalled playing "half-court" basketball in high school, when girls had to stay on one side of the court. Mrs. Clinton said the girls asked why they could not play like the boys and were told, "We're sorry, but we just don't think



James Easton/The New York Times
Hillary Rodham Clinton at a school in Manhattan yesterday.

girls' hearts can take that much exertion."

Mrs. Clinton seemed to have a lot of support among the students, a number of whom volunteered to reporters that they had seen the "20/20" interview with Monica S. Lewinsky the night before. "Hillary is very strong," said Christopher Williams, 13, an eighth grader. "If she can live through that and get along, she's like Superwoman. That's a lot of stress."

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DECISIONS, DECISIONS, DECISIONS

Hillary rolls home on wave of cheers

By ROBERT HARDT Jr.

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton yesterday ended her two-day blitz of New York City, where she got plenty of publicity for her possible Senate candidacy while dodging all questions about her political future.

Basking in the glow of her supporters, Mrs. Clinton received a thunderous ovation when she addressed the United Nations Trusteeship Council. She was later warmly welcomed at the NYC Lab School in Chelsea, where female athletes were honored.

Unlike her talk to Democratic women at a Wednesday fundraiser, the First Lady never even alluded to the fact that she is seriously eyeing a run for the Senate seat being vacated next year by Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

Only Sofia Totti, a Lab School

student who introduced Mrs. Clinton to 400 students, acknowledged the buzz the First Lady has created.

Looking at the dais that included tennis legend Billie Jean King, WNBA star Nikki McCray and gymnast Dominique Dawes, Totti quipped, "Today, we have a tennis star, an Olympic gymnast, a basketball hero and, hopefully, a runner."

After Mrs. Clinton's raucous welcome by more than 1,000 people at the U.N., Secretary-General Kofi Annan joked: "I think the revolution is on the move."

Mrs. Clinton's near-silence on her future has forced political junkies to check every sentence she utters for double meanings. The irony that the Lab School event was also promoting a documentary titled "Dare to Compete" was lost on few observers.

A source close to the First

Lady said it may be summer before she makes a decision.

"There's not going to be a lot coming out for a while," said the source, who asked not to be named.

"There's a real press to read the tea leaves when there's not a lot of tea leaves to read," said the source, adding that Mrs. Clinton may not make her intentions known until as late as July. Continuing her series of private meetings with top state Democrats, Mrs. Clinton tonight is scheduled to have a dinner meeting with State Comptroller Carl McCall in Washington at which hospital union leader Dennis Rivera has also been invited.

While allowed to watch the Hillary show from afar, reporters were prevented from asking her a single question about her weighty decision-making process.



YOU GLOW, GIRL: First Lady Hillary revels in the smiles of students at the NYC Lab school in Chelsea yesterday. Dave Allicca/DAM

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U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan greets first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, who spoke on women's rights at the United Nations yesterday.

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Hillary leaves N.Y., leaves them guessing

Pol, pundits seek clues on Senate bid

By Liz Trotta
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

NEW YORK — Some are calling it the Big Tease, others the prelude to a run for national office.

In any case, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton left this city yesterday after a two-day visit that produced more fevered speculation — but no hard evidence of what political plans she may harbor.

In a speech at a U.N. commemoration of International Women's Day yesterday, Mrs. Clinton hammered away at the theme she has repeated at virtually all of her appearances here: women's rights. But she offered no hints that she would seek the seat to be vacated by Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan next year, and would not answer questions shouted at her by the media horde that turned out at her every stop.

Mrs. Clinton told the U.N. audience that it is "no longer acceptable to say that the abuse and mistreatment of women is cultural. It should be called what it is — criminal." Later, she joined former tennis star Billie Jean King in a visit to a Manhattan school to screen a movie on women in sports.

High school basketball player Sofia Ibtti elicited a grin and a handshake from Mrs. Clinton at the event when she introduced the first lady as an athlete, too — "hopefully a runner."

Mrs. Clinton's second day of public appearances and private huddles with party supporters was anticlimactic, since she made it clear at a luncheon Wednesday that she had nothing to say on her possible political future.

Should she decide to run, Mrs. Clinton may well face New York Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, who, although reserving his decision to run, has said repeatedly that he would welcome a chance to go head-to-head, with the Illinois-born first lady.

In the wake of her trip, Democratic and Republican party officials and advocates were reading the political tea leaves to fathom Mrs. Clinton's remarks.

"It seems to be she was setting

the table to run," said Democratic City Council President Peter Vallone. "I don't know how much closer she can come."

At least one poll indicates that Mrs. Clinton's lead over the Republican mayor is shrinking. Former Democratic Rep. Geraldine Ferraro said that since both are known nationally, a Clinton-Giuliani match would be a test of voter support, not name recognition.

"I think she should base her views on what she believes is in her best interests, and not what the politicians are urging or the polls telling her," Mrs. Ferraro said.

Arguing the merits of Mrs. Clinton versus Mr. Giuliani in the Senate, former Democratic Mayor Edward I. Koch, a fierce critic of the mayor, weighed in on the speculation. "I think (the U.S. Senate) respects her and she'd get a great response from Democrats and Republicans. Whereas with Giuliani, they'd be waiting for him to attack them."

Amid the adulation heaped on the first lady by Democratic loyalists, notes of discord arose from other quarters.

Some feel that "the sympathy factor" for the first lady from the Monica Lewinsky scandal will wear off. Others, like conservative Paul Weyrich, head of the Free Congress Foundation, say Mrs. Clinton's haughtiness will turn off voters.

Mr. Weyrich told New York's WABC-TV: "She isn't just content to put her point of view across, to which she is entitled, but there is this know-it-all superior type of attitude that she projects. This is one figure who could actually make conservatives support Rudy Giuliani."

Many, like Carmen Pate of Concerned Women for America, are put off by the family values Mrs. Clinton talks about. "We certainly don't believe she has the right ideals for the American family, so in turn, we don't think she has the right ideals for our country."

Television and radio commentators here were calling Mrs. Clinton's flirtation "the Hillary Factor," but the media gave her visit less prominence.

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Editorial Observer/GAIL COLLINS

Hillary in New York: Return of the Neo-Native?

Memo to future Presidential spouses: If you're feeling overlooked, float a rumor that you might run for the Senate. So many people were dying to pay \$150 or more to hear Hillary Rodham Clinton's luncheon address at the Plaza yesterday that hundreds were exiled from the main dining room, eating lunch with a public address system. The place was abuzz with incipient feminist triumphalism and plain old Democratic opportunism.

The press corps trailing Mrs. Clinton was perhaps not as large as the contingent that turned up when the former Vice-Presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro announced she was running for the Senate in 1982. But it was big considering that Mrs. Clinton was not announcing anything more earth-shaking than her belief that "this is a great time to be a woman in America." It is not every day you see men from the British tabloids virtually weeping in frustration at their inability to get a good position to cover an address about the importance of public commitment.

Within all her pleasant generalities, of course, Mrs. Clinton had enough positive things to say about

The Democrats say
please, please,
please, please.

running for office to encourage the local Democrats who are yearning for someone to save them from His Fearsome Rudyness. She managed to lace her remarks with a notable number of references to places she has been in New York State — that marvelous bus trip from Newburgh to Seneca Falls, the inspiring gathering at the Y.W.C.A. in Brooklyn. And if she shied away from political specifics, the same could not be said of her less-than-subtle string of warm-up speakers.

"If California can send two women to the Senate, can't New York do one?" demanded Judith Hope, the head of the state Democratic Party. Ms. Hope told the crowd that it was the least one could expect from a state "that gave the world" a list of political women that began with Eleanor Roosevelt and dwindled down rather quickly.

The crowd at the Plaza consisted of

about 1,000 women and a handful of men, virtually all of whom were elected officials hoping to be asked to give the First Lady more advice about her Senate prospects. "She's very thorough, but don't quote me," said one. Mrs. Clinton is famous for her dislike of the media, and local politicians have figured out that if they want to be confidants, they had better be confidential. As much as it kills them.

"I'm usually more interesting than this," protested New York City's Public Advocate, Mark Green, after he had most uncharacteristically declined to say anything about anything.

Meanwhile, the ubiquitous junior Senator, Charles Schumer, who lost his wife, Iris, in the press of the crowd, promised to "be there" for the First Lady if she runs. He also urged Mrs. Clinton to wait and make her decision "in a non-frenzied atmosphere," a term that most definitely did not apply to the Plaza ballroom. "I say to the First Lady, take a little time and think this through," said Mr. Schumer, as Mrs. Clinton stood next to him, her hands folded demurely in front of her.

That may have been the only controversial statement of the day, since

virtually all the state's Democratic politicians have been urging Mrs. Clinton to make up her mind quickly. The First Lady could easily wait until the fall and still raise plenty of money for the race, but if she chooses not to run, another candidate could have a tougher time. "She'll kill the Democratic chances if she waits and then doesn't run," said one of her many off-the-record advisers.

Mr. Schumer said later that his own experience made him feel strongly about the virtue of taking some time. Not only did he devote months to mulling the pros and cons of a Senate run, he said. "I brushed my teeth with it. I went to the park with it."

If Mr. Schumer has his way, Mrs. Clinton will go back and brush her teeth with the Senate option for some time, leaving the rest of New York to wonder whether her contention that "politics is really the lifeblood of democracy" was a secret signal of something big, and whether she should be worried about the fact that her poll ratings have dropped since she was first mentioned as a candidate. Perhaps the public is beginning to feel that instead of a village, it takes a resident.

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COY ON CANDIDACY



First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton disappointed some New York Democrats by declining at a fund-raiser there yesterday to say whether she would run for an open Senate seat. Story, A4.

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Hillary remains mum on Senate bid

Offers no hints
at fund-raiser

by Liz Trotta
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

NEW YORK — First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton swept into town yesterday, but disappointed anger Democratic Party officials by refusing to say whether she could be a candidate for the U.S. Senate from New York.

"I was told there are some who thought I might have an announcement to make," she said, pausing. But I don't."

Mrs. Clinton's coy demurral came at a fund-raising luncheon at the Plaza Hotel sponsored by a leading Democratic Party women's group. The overflow crowd — mainly women — had waited with anticipation for word that the first lady would seek the seat to be vacated by Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan next year.

New York City Public Advocate Mark Green, a luncheon guest, said that he had discussed privately with Mrs. Clinton a Senate bid, but that she had not yet reached a decision.

"Clearly, she's in this to stay until the process unfolds," he said, quoting Eleanor Roosevelt to the effect that a politician must have the skin of a rhinoceros, he added. Hillary Clinton has that, as well as the brains and vision to be a great candidate."

Mrs. Clinton's two-day visit, her first since speculation first arose that she may seek the Moynihan seat, began with a visit to a Queens intermediate school to talk about arts education. She dined yesterday evening with investment banker Roger Altman, a former Treasury Department official who resigned in 1994 in the fallout from the Whitewater investigation.

Since the idea of Mrs. Clinton as a candidate surfaced three weeks ago, the media hype and political prognostications have gone unabated. Only a nod from the first lady would send Democrats to the ramparts in what would be all accounts be billed as the New York political battle of the century: the first lady against hard-nosed New York City Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, the GOP front-runner.

By a twist of fate, Mr. Giuliani



First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, in her first visit to New York since talk of a Senate bid there began some weeks ago, visits a Queens school, where she greets students Vikash Khandal and Suzanne Grilling.

was in Washington on the day Mrs. Clinton came here, testifying at a hearing on Capitol Hill.

A Marist College poll released yesterday found that Mrs. Clinton's 11-point lead over Mr. Giuliani in a survey conducted two weeks ago has narrowed to 3.5 points — a statistical dead heat.

Introducing the first lady, New York Democratic Sen. Charles E. Schumer, who has strongly urged her to run, said he had offered her this advice: "Take a little time and think this one through. Then if you decide you will be a candidate, we will support you."

Mrs. Clinton drew a standing ovation from the more than 500 people in the grand ballroom and about 300 listening in another room. Some 300 people were reportedly turned away. Ticket holders paid the Women's Leadership Forum, the luncheon sponsor and an arm of the Democratic National Committee, between \$150 and \$10,000 to attend.

Mrs. Clinton's remarks were taken by many as a signal she was leaning toward a race.

She spoke of "humanizing" politics and pointedly noted, "We cannot drop out of the political process and leave the arena to those with very specific agendas. We cannot say, 'I won't be involved in politics because I don't like the negativity.'"

The first lady's emphasis on familiar themes, such as child and family care, women's rights and health care, struck a chord with many, but it was her remarks on abortion that sparked the loudest cheers. Teen-pregnancy rates and abortion are down, she said, "and that was under a pro-choice president who refused to back down."

But when it was over, some expressed a sense of deflation.

Jennifer Carey, a Manhattan resident who voted for President Clinton in the last election, but said she would not do so now, described

the speech as "rote," adding, "I wanted to know if she is going to run."

"It was a very intelligent speech," said Vivian Degani. "I wanted to hear her views of Palestinian state, especially since they seem to be changing every day." Mrs. Clinton's comments also sprung that the Palestinians served a homeland of their own could come back to haunt her in a state where the Jewish vote is considered key to a Democratic victory.

During Mrs. Clinton's visit, signs of the Monica Lewinsky scandal were abundant. A front-page New York Post headline read "Monica Phone Sex Shocker." Local papers carried heavy print view coverage of the Miss Lewinsky's television interview last night, as well as revelations from the forthcoming as-told-to book "Monica's Story," by Andrew Morton.

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Al & Hill, sans Bill . . .

President Clinton has returned to Washington, but First Lady Hillary remains in Manhattan today and Vice President Al Gore is coming to town. Avoid La Guardia Airport between 10 a.m. and 10:30 p.m.

HILLARY CLINTON: She'll freeze traffic from the Waldorf to the United Nations between 9 a.m. and 9:40 a.m., when she speaks to an International Women's Day gathering. Then she'll spend the early afternoon at the O'Henry Learning Center on 18th Street in Chelsea before returning to Washington.

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Rudy erases most of her lead: poll

By FREDRIC U. DICKER, State Editor

ALBANY — First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton arrived in New York yesterday to ominous new polling data showing her in a virtual dead heat with Mayor Giuliani.

The Marist College poll found Mrs. Clinton barely ahead of Giuliani in a possible race for the U.S. Senate next year, 50 to 46 percent, or just within the poll's 4-point margin of error.

The results were a sharp improvement for Giuliani, who trailed Mrs.

Clinton 49-38 percent in a Marist poll two weeks ago.

"We're seeing the transition from Celebrity Clinton to Candidate Clinton," said Marist pollster Dr. Lee Miringoff.

The telephone poll, which surveyed 702 self-described registered voters Sunday and Monday, is the first conducted after public disclosure of Arkansas nursing home operator Juanita Broaddrick's allegations of being raped by Bill Clinton in 1978, when he was Arkansas attorney general.

The poll found New Yorkers believe Mrs. Clinton was more likely than Giuliani to work with others in the U.S. Senate and to "care about people like me."

But it also found voters believe Giuliani would fight harder than Mrs. Clinton for New York.

Giuliani led Mrs. Clinton 52 to 43 percent upstate and 51 to 44 percent in the suburbs in the new poll.

Mrs. Clinton was ahead among heavily Democratic New York City voters, 64 to 33 percent.

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Hillary's mum on Senate, but sounds like candidate

By ROBERT HARDT Jr.
and TOM TOPOUSIS

First Lady Hillary Clinton yesterday tantalized 900 supporters at The Plaza, saying she hasn't decided on running for the Senate — before giving a talk that sounded every bit like a stump speech.

"I am told there were some who thought that I might have an announcement to make," she said, pausing for effect. "But I don't."

The First Lady also made the audience wonder whether she was referring to herself when she said it's important for women to remain politically active.

"We cannot drop out of the political process and leave the arena to those with very specific agendas. We cannot say, 'I won't be involved in politics because I don't like the negativity,'" she said.

Earlier in the day, Mrs. Clinton visited a Queens middle school to promote arts education, the subject of a new report by a presidential panel.

Former Schools Commissioner Ramon Cortines, forced out by Mayor Giuliani,



FRIENDLY FACE: Sen. Charles Schumer gives the First Lady a warm welcome yesterday at The Plaza hotel luncheon.

N.Y. Post David Renshaw

ani, wrote the report's introduction.

Accompanied to IS 25 in Flushing by Queens Rep. Gary Ackerman and Borough President Claire

Shulman, Mrs. Clinton made a pair of thinly veiled digs at Giuliani when she spoke of overcrowding and construction problems in city schools.

"As we were walking in, Claire said to me, 'You know, this is a beautiful school, but I'm worried because we have so many young people, so many children in this borough now. I'm not sure we'll have enough seats and places for all of them in the years to come,'" recalled Mrs. Clinton.

The First Lady and the mayor are potential opponents in a race for the Senate seat being vacated by Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

Giuliani, in Washington yesterday, was asked by MSNBC, "In the deepest part of your soul, wouldn't you love to run against Hillary Clinton?"

"Yes," he said, adding in a later interview, "I'd rather do it if she's in the race. It makes it more intriguing. More interesting."

Mrs. Clinton's arrival from Washington with Ackerman was marred when their limo broke down and they were forced to arrive in a car with a police sharpshooter.

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Hillary Clinton Plays Coy, Wows New York

First Lady's First Visit Since Senate Speculation Began Draws Lots of Interest

By MICHAEL GRUNWALD
Washington Post Staff Writer

NEW YORK, March 3—Who knew the national news media took such a passionate interest in arts education? And since when do reporters care so deeply about women's participation in politics?

Since today, it seems. Then again, Hillary Rodham Clinton's presence at an arts education awareness-raiser in Queens and a Democratic women's leadership fund-raiser in Manhattan might have had something to do with the massive media turnouts at both events. Journalists certainly care deeply about that particular woman's participation in politics.

"One might ask: Why is this such an important event?" the first lady said with a mock-innocent grin during the fund-raiser. "Why are we all gathered here today?"

As if she didn't know. The question of the day, of course, was whether the first lady plans to run for Senate in New York. The answer, for the record, remains: maybe. So on her first visit to the state since the speculation began about her political future here, the media gaggle was reduced mostly to parsing her speeches and pestering her allies. When she said she "thinks about the future in political terms," was that a hint? When she urged women to "get involved in the political process," was she talking about herself? Her long riff on how "politics is a noble calling," was that a sly way of saying it's calling her?

"I don't want to play psychiatrist, but she did sound a little bit like she was convincing herself to run," suggested Elliot Spitzer, the state's newly elected attorney general.

Clinton has said she is giving "careful thought" to the race to replace Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.), and today her only public announcement on the topic was that she had no announcement to make. But she did engage in that time-honored political activity usually described as "sounding very much like a candidate," although most candidates don't have so many dark-suited men around them with earpieces and bomb-sniffing dogs.

The other obvious difference between the first lady and most other politicians is the intense reactions she inspires. She is a confident and polished speaker, scanning the room from side to side, deftly alternating between hard-nosed policy and rousing emotion. But that alone cannot explain her rock-star appeal to fans like Rosaria Bonomo, 20, who nearly hyperventilated with excitement after snatching a photo of Clinton in her limo.

"She is absolutely my role model," shrieked Bonomo, a community college student who works two part-time jobs and hopes to go into broadcasting or psychology someday. "She's so strong. She's so beautiful. And she stands by her man. I love everything about her."

New York was President Clinton's second-best state in 1992 and third-best in 1996, but not everyone around here feels warmly toward him and his wife. As speculation about a Hillary Clinton candidacy has increased, her lead in a hypothetical Senate race against New York Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani (R) has dwindled. According to a new poll by Marist College's Institute for Public Opinion, Hillary Clinton leads the mayor 50 percent to 46 percent, down from 49 percent to 38 percent two weeks ago.

Kathy Ray, a librarian who stood outside a Queens junior high school to protest the first lady's visit, says the Clintons have driven her out of the Democratic Party. "I know she has a lot of support, but I'd hate to see her get a Senate seat as a payoff for keeping her mouth shut about her husband," she said. "That man just lies and lies. And she just sits there aiding and abetting him."

But that was a minority view at her two events today.

First, Clinton came to Community District No. 25 to release a study heralding the benefits of arts education, one of her pet issues. In the early 1990s, the district had almost no arts programs to speak of, and no music program whatsoever. Now it has a \$4.7 million arts budget, with impressive student ceramics projects and pencil drawings posted all over the hallways, and has produced the second-highest math and reading scores in the city as well.

A miffed Giuliani said today that federal dollars had nothing to do with District 25's arts program. But nobody else talked about that, or about the chronic school overcrowding here, or about the data in the first lady's own report revealing that the Illinois district where she attended school spends three times as much per pupil as District 25. This was the first lady's day. She quoted Winston Churchill. She said "Mr. Holland's Opus" was "a wonderful movie." She recalled lip-synching in high school chorus because she was tone-deaf. The crowd loved it.

"New York is a town that thrives on excitement, and she's exciting," said Jeff Dobbs, a dance teacher in Queens whose fourth-graders performed their "Love and Kindness Dance" for the first lady. "It really validates what we're doing to see her here."

Then it was off to the opulent Grand Ballroom in the Plaza, to address the party's Women's Leadership Forum. The group expected 500 donors at \$150 to \$10,000 a pop, but after the Hillary-for-Senate frenzy started, the guest list grew to 900, with another 300 on a wait list. Introducing the first lady, Sen. Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) said he

hoped she could make her decision in a "nonfrenzied atmosphere." But that was not what ensued when he asked the crowd: "Don't you think it's time for a woman to represent New York in the U.S. Senate?"

Then Clinton spoke about the importance of public service, and women's responsibility to get involved in politics. She shared her ideas about Social Security, Medicare, class sizes and a patients' bill of rights. "The issue is not what we have done, but what we will do," she said, sounding very much like a candidate.

She will be in Manhattan again tomorrow, first at a United Nations event for International Women's Day, then to view an HBO documentary about women in sports. Rumor has it the national media are about to take a new interest in International Women's Day and women in sports.

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Eyeing 2000, Democrats Meld Agendas

Party to Make a Stand on Social Security, Health Care and Education

By JULIET EILPERIN
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Their appetites whetted by the prospect of taking over the House in 2000, congressional Democrats joined President Clinton in unveiling a legislative agenda yesterday aimed at wooing moderate Republicans and shoring up the party's image as protector of Medicare and Social Security.

Democratic leaders said they wanted to work with Republicans to pass legislation, but indicated they would happily settle for taking their platform on education, health care and Social Security to the voters during the next campaign.

"We figure if something is accomplished we'll get our share of the credit... because these are basically Democratic issues," said Senate Minority Leader Thomas A. Daschle (D-S.D.).

Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee chair Patrick Kennedy (R.I.) said that Republicans would be "running in the face of what the American people want" if they blocked Democratic proposals on Social Security, Medicare and education.

During a one-hour rally with Clinton at the Library of Congress, Democrats embraced the same priorities the president cited in his State of the Union speech in January. Those plans include devoting 62 percent of the budget surplus to strengthening the Social Security system, allocating another 15 percent to Medicare, and spending the rest of the surplus on targeted tax cuts, child care and long-term care and other initiatives. Democrats also vowed to push again for their "Patients' Bill of Rights," a managed-care reform bill that would allow patients to sue health maintenance organizations when they believe they are being unfairly denied treatment.

Democrats were ebullient during the session, cheering Daschle when he called House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt (D-Mo.) "the next speaker of the House."

"We want to make progress this session; we can't afford to waste another year mired in partisan wrangling and gridlock," Gephardt said. "We can work together. It's what the American people want."

But Republicans are suspicious of the Democrats, with some predicting the minority party will pursue a scorched-earth strategy aimed at legislative deadlock that can be used to undermine the Republican majority in the next election. Rep. Mark Foley (R-Fla.) warned that moderates like himself were fo-



Vice President Gore is applauded at Democrats' rally. Also appearing are House leader Richard Gephardt (Mo.), left, Senate leader Thomas Daschle (S.D.) and President Clinton.

cused on convincing conservative Democrats to vote with the GOP, rather than defecting to support Democratic measures.

"We have enough to offer as a Republican majority, we don't have to be lured into their trap," Foley said of the Democrats. "Good luck, Dick Gephardt. I don't think anyone's coming to your dance."

House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert (R-Ill.) called the Democratic agenda unbalanced. "It favors Washington bureaucracy over local control, government budget expansion over the family budget expansion, tax increases over tax relief," he said. Some outside observers said the Democrats have crafted their agenda with the 2000 elections very much in mind.

"The House minority generally never can expect to have a big impact on the legislative agenda of the chamber. What they can do is set themselves up for the next campaign," said University of Minnesota political science professor Steven Smith. "They want to position themselves with a realistic agenda, one which has some popular appeal, so moderate Republicans are not scared off of a cross-party coalition."

The Democrats' legislative strategy went on display yesterday, when the Senate began debating a bipartisan bill sponsored by Sens. Bill Frist (R-Tenn.) and Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) giving states more flexibility in use of federal school aid.

Democrats are trying to use this relatively modest bill as a staging area for votes on most of their education

agenda, including a full authorization for Clinton's plan to help local school districts hire 100,000 more teachers over the next six years. While they will wait until later to push for Clinton's plan to help with school construction and rehabilitation costs, they plan to try to put Republicans on the spot by pushing for a vote on a nonbinding resolution endorsing the plan.

Republicans viewed the "ed-flex" bill, along with an earlier bill to increase military pay and pensions, as a way of demonstrating they were doing the nation's business in a bipartisan way after the angst of Clinton's impeachment trial.

But Democrats were also delighted, figuring it gave them a chance to come out of the trial on the legislative high ground by trumping the Republicans on an issue that people usually identify with Democrats. "We could not have an a more exciting way to depart from the experience of the last two months," said Daschle. "It's like we ate our vegetables and now we're getting dessert."

Republicans accuse Democrats of risking defeat of the ed-flex bill by trying to load it down with more contentious education proposals, saying these initiatives should be deferred until Congress takes up reauthorization of the broader Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) later this year. But Democrats have signaled that they will fight for what they can get short of jeopardizing passage of the measure, and then simply lobby again for all the proposals in connection with the ESEA reauthorization.

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Clintons End Ski Weekend A Day Early

PARK CITY, Utah, March 1 (AP) — With Chelsea Clinton returning to college, her parents decided to return home today, a day early, from a long weekend at a ski resort.

"We're going back a couple hours early so we can get a better night's sleep," President Clinton said.

Barry Toiv, a White House spokesman, said Chelsea was leaving today on schedule, to return to Stanford University.

The Clintons arrived on Saturday at the gated estate of the Hollywood executive Jeffrey Katzenberg in the exclusive Deer Valley Resort.

Doug Sosnik, the President's senior adviser, said, "He's just ready to go back, go back to work." The President is scheduled to fly to New Jersey for a fund-raiser in Newark on Wednesday.

In his only public outing here, the President strolled downtown and visited the Main Street Deli for coffee and peach yogurt.

His visit caused a commotion, stopping cars and causing crowds to gather on the street.

"Say hello to Hillary; we love her," a well-wisher shouted to Mr. Clinton.

"Thank you; we had a wonderful day," the President said.

He stopped at Dolly's, a book and record store, where he tried to pay for three books, including John



Chelsea Clinton took a chairlift yesterday with two Secret Service agents in Park City, Utah. She later returned as scheduled to Stanford University, and her parents also left, a day earlier than they had planned.

Grisham's "The Testament," with his American Express card — only to learn it had expired the day before.

"He was happy to pay cash," said Courtney Gannon, who waited on the President.

Mr. Clinton, who does not ski, had

spent Sunday reading by the fire while his wife, Hillary, and Chelsea were out on the slopes.

Saturday was Chelsea's 19th birthday, and she and her parents celebrated at home with a private dinner and cake.

With the unexpected decision to

leave Park City, there was a scramble to notify members of the President's entourage, who were spread out in dozens of condominiums and houses throughout the region. White House aides hurriedly tried to bring in a plane for the traveling press corps.

First family cuts short vacation with Chelsea

President Clinton had to pay \$82.66 in cash at a bookstore in Park City, Utah, on Monday after his American Express card was rejected because it had expired Sunday. He reportedly borrowed the cash from an aide to buy four works at Dolly's bookstore: *The Testament* by John Grisham, *In Light of India* by Octavio Paz, *India* by Stanley Wolpert and *Playback* by Raymond Chandler. Earlier, Main Street Deli owner Mike Lindbloom rejected Clinton's offer to pay for a decaf coffee and peach yogurt. "I'll buy," Lindbloom said he told the president. "The economy's done great for me." The president and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton cut short their three-day ski trip with daughter Chelsea and returned to Washington. The president said he wanted to go home early "so we can get a better night's sleep." The family was together for Chelsea's 19th birthday Saturday. She returned Monday to Stanford University.

— Mimi Hall

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By Ann Gerhart and Annie Groer

Who Says You Gotta Give Him Credit?

Rank doesn't always have its privileges.

Just ask **President Clinton**, who whipped out his American Express card at Dolly's Books in Park City, Utah, yesterday. But since the plastic in question had expired Sunday, the card was rejected and he had to pony up \$62.66 in cash to cover the four books he'd chosen.

Two were thrillers—**John Grisham's** "The Testament" and **Raymond Chandler's** "Playback"—**Courtney Gannon**, a Dolly's sales-clerk, told The Source. The other two were about the subcontinent—"India" by scholar **Stanley Wolpert** and "In Light of India" by **Octavio Paz**, the poet, author and former Mexican envoy to New Delhi.

Clinton was set to visit the world's largest democracy last year but canceled after India and Pakistan—longtime enemies—both detonated nuclear devices. The

White House has not yet

rescheduled the trip.

The president got a fifth book as a gift from Dolly's: "Park City Witness," an essay collection by local authors advocating the preservation of open spaces, reports

The Post's Chuck Babington. Consider it all airplane reading, since the president and **Hillary Rodham Clinton** left yesterday for Washington, while daughter **Chelsea** returned to Stanford

University.

As Clinton, sporting a leather jacket and jeans, worked the Main Street crowd before leaving, a reporter asked why they were leaving a day ahead of schedule. "I'm not," he replied. "We're going back a couple of hours early just so we can get a better night's sleep."

Perhaps the beds are lumpy at movie mogul **Jeffrey Katzenberg's** posh mountain getaway.



Work work work: Secret Service agents tough it out on the slopes with Chelsea Clinton.

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Political Roundup

Former State Official Seeks Nod Against Santorum

■ FORMER PENNSYLVANIA Secretary of Labor Tom Foley will seek to oppose GOP Sen. Rick Santorum next year — joining three other Democrats already in the race for the party's Senate nomination.

"Rick Santorum took a hard right turn when he went to Washington," Foley told the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. "He has alienated a lot of voters. They need representation."

With his resignation Monday as a regional administrator for the Labor Department, Foley joined former Democratic Reps. Peter Kostmayer and Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky and state Rep. Allyson Schwartz — all of whom also are planning to run for the Senate.

Foley, who ran unsuccessfully for auditor general in 1996 and for lieutenant governor in 1994, said he believed it would take \$8 million to unseat Santorum — who has \$1.6 million in his campaign treasury.

Santorum narrowly won his seat four years ago with 49 percent of the vote against then-Democratic Sen. Harris Wofford. Schwartz, who has been a state legislator for eight years, said Democratic interest in the race shows Santorum's vulnerability.

"The crowded field shows the degree to which Santorum is perceived as out of step with the majority of Pennsylvanians," Schwartz said.

Former Lt. Gov. Mark Singel and Rep. Ron Klink, both Democrats, also have expressed interest in challenging Santorum, but neither has formally declared his candidacy.

Rep. Jones Forms PAC, But Downplays Senate Aspirations

■ REP. WALTER JONES JR., R-N.C., is forming a PAC to help GOP state candidates get elected next year — but the third-term Republican is downplaying speculation about a

possible Senate run in 2002, *The News & Observer* in Raleigh reported Monday.

Jones, who has raised his visibility statewide with fundraising efforts and public appearances, has formed The Committee for a Conservative Majority.

Some Republicans have urged Jones to run for the Senate in 2002 if GOP Sen. Jesse Helms decides to retire, but Jones said he is not looking that far ahead.

"This opportunity to serve in Congress is given to me by God and the people of the 3rd District," Jones said. "I am not looking beyond the next election."

Jones switched to the GOP in 1994 after an unsuccessful bid in 1992 for the Democratic nomination in a neighboring House district.

'Student' Contributions Up, But Many Cry Foul

■ YOUNG CHILDREN, as well as high school and college students, contributed \$7.5 million in political donations to federal candidates between 1991-98, according to a study commissioned by the *Los Angeles Times*.

The *Times*, which hired the independent Campaign Study Group to conduct the study, reported Sunday that since 1991 donors identified as "student" on FEC records made 8,876 federal contributions of \$200 or more — and in 163 instances gave \$5,000 or more.

Student donors gave nearly \$2.6 million during the 1996 presidential elections, a 45 percent increase over 1992. Since 1991, Democrats received \$4.3 million, while Republicans received \$2.7 million from student donors.

Federal law does not place any age restrictions on contributions but requires that donated funds be "owned or controlled exclusively"

by donors and that they give "knowingly and voluntarily."

The study found that, in many cases, a child's parents already had given the maximum contribution allowed under federal law — leading reform advocates to cry foul.

"This is an area of great abuse where you have the absurd situation of small children supposedly contributing their own money to a candidate of their own choice," said Common Cause Executive Vice President Donald Simon.

He added, "Obviously in many cases, what's going on is simply a way for the parents to beat the contribution limits."

For Hillary Fundraiser, A Waiting List

■ FIRST LADY HILLARY Rodham Clinton's much-ballyhooed — but still undecided — consideration of a New York Senate candidacy has led to a first: a Democratic National Committee fundraiser with a waiting list.

With the first lady scheduled to appear at Wednesday's \$150-per-plate luncheon at New York City's Plaza Hotel, the DNC — for the first time in its fundraising history — is taking names, 300 of them, for a waiting list, a party spokeswoman told the *Associated Press*.

"Because of absolutely unbelievable interest in this event, we've already expanded the room to fit 900 and still, we're turning people away," the spokeswoman said. "They're calling and asking to be put on a waiting list. We never do waiting lists."

But the queue of donors may well seem small beside the news media lining up to cover the first lady's two-day trip.

"A mob scene" is how a White House press aide forecast it after fielding inquiries from everybody from New York's tabloids to German television to a Greek newspaper.

American scene

Hubbell may get look at Starr probe memos

A federal judge yesterday said he might order independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr to give convicted Whitewater felon Webster L. Hubbell investigative documents and grand jury testimony for trial in a new fraud indictment.

U.S. District Judge James Robertson suggested he could schedule pretrial hearings into how Mr. Starr came to indict Mr. Hubbell on charges of concealing his and Hillary Rodham Clinton's work on a fraudulent Arkansas land development called Castle Grande.

Mr. Hubbell has argued that the case is tainted by business records and testimony which he gave the prosecutor in 1996 under a limited grant of immunity from prosecution in a separate case. Mr. Starr's office has argued that prosecutors involved in the Castle Grande case never saw the records and testimony.

No decision has yet been made by the judge on a hearing.

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Dick Morris Opines on the Affairs of State



Irene Lacher
OUT AND ABOUT

We are chatting with Dick Morris over coffee at the Peninsula Hotel in Beverly Hills, where the politician's resurrection and his old boss' insurrection have made him a hot ticket on the book circuit. Let's take a look at the menu. Shall it be soup or scandal du jour? We'll opt for putting Jane Doe No. 5 on Morris' plate.

"I find myself believing two things at the same time," says Clinton's former chief political strategist. "One, that Bill Clinton couldn't possibly have violently raped somebody and two, that this woman is highly credible. I think his scandal will be the grassy knoll of his presidency. Like everyone wonders who's behind the grassy knoll, who shot Kennedy, people are going to wonder, did he rape Juanita Broadrick, and this is going to go on for decades."

"I also think that if there's a Jane Doe No. 5, here's going to be a 6 and a 7 and an 8. Many of them, I think, are going to come out after he leaves office. If you rape somebody, the one thing I know is you don't do it just once."

Whew! Remind us not to hire Morris the next time we run for president of a foreign country. Foreign consulting—he won't say where—provides the "vast, vast" majority of Morris' income now that he's risen from the ashes of his own sexual scandal to his new life as an "objective commentator" for Rupert Murdoch's Fox News Channel and New York Post.

These days, he's hawking the paperback version of his doorstop memoir, "Behind the Oval Office: Getting Re-elected Against All Odds" (Renaissance), and the same publisher is coming out with a new Morris tome in May—



Dick Morris has much to say about Clintons.

"The New Prince: Machiavelli Updated for the Twenty-First Century."

For the paperback, Morris has come up with a juicy new introduction that deconstructs Clinton's frosty marriage. Let's take a peek, shall we?

"I have very rarely, if ever, seen [Clinton] express emotion or love toward Hillary," he writes. "Hillary is not cold, remote or, as some have suggested, gay."

Hmmmm, now who would suggest something like that? Might that person be the former Clintonite who dropped that bombshell on talk radio the last time he was in L.A., pushing the hardcover version of his book?

"It's what some people have accused me of suggesting," Morris says. "but I didn't do it then. I don't do it now and I never believed she was gay. I said . . . if it is true that she is not into regular sex with men, that casts [Clinton's] relationship with Monica Lewinsky in a different light. But I preceded it by saying, 'I have no evidence of it, and I do not believe it to be true.'"

Then why say it at all? "Because we were talking about a hypothetical, and it was stupid and I shouldn't have said it."

Whatever.

Oh, yes. Did we forget to mention that Morris alleges yet another Clinton dalliance with Susan McDougal? He brings it up to blue former White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta's charge that Morris encouraged the president to lie.

"In 1996, the president called me in and said I have to testify in the Jim Guy Tucker, Jim a Susan McDougal trial, and I'm worried about what they might ask me. . . . What if they ask me about my relationship with Susan McDougal? I did not ask, because you don't ask your client, why, what did you do with Susan McDougal? I, instead, assumed there was a reason he asked the question and I assumed the worst, and my answer to him was look, if you had an affair with her, just admit it. There's nothing you can say about sex we can't get you out of. Just don't lie, because then nobody can help you."

Shades of what Morris calls "Saturday-night Bill," the guy who threatens "Sunday-morning Bill's" brilliant presidency, "Saturday-night Bill," writes Morris, "has the nervous system of a shark, dividing everyone he meets into two categories—edible and inedible—depending on whether the person meets one of his needs or does not. As a consequence of this unique dichotomy, Saturday-night Bill lives in one of only two alternate states of being: caught or not caught. He avoids the former at all costs and seeks the latter by any means necessary."

Morris has, of course, been through the mill of sexual scandal himself. He made amends with his wife, Eileen McGann, and apologizes to her as well as the White House in the new edition. We wondered whether Morris' experience made him harder on Clinton or more sympathetic.

"Both. More sympathetic, because, as I said in a phone call with him, 'I know what you're going through.' Harder because it's very important that he be stern enough with himself, cope with it, and I'm not sure he's done that."

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During the past few years as First Lady, she has shown a true interest in the welfare of all the people in the United States, especially those of women and children. She is a great public speaker and has strong views on Health Reform, and has approached Congress about this. She is considered America's most important advocate for women and children.

Her love and loyalty to her husband and daughter Chelsea is obvious, especially during all these months of harmful gossip surrounding President Clinton.

Through it all, Hillary Rodham Clinton remains a strong, spiritual and devoted woman who is loved, respected, admired not only by her family but also by millions of people here in the States and all over the world.

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PEOPLE

A crowning achievement for 'People' at 25 years

People comes of age this week as the star-studded weekly marks its 25th birthday.

The initial circulation of 1 million in 1974 has grown to 3.6 million as the magazine has become a staple for devotees of celebrity journalism and a haven for the rich and famous who want to set the record straight about their lives and loves.

Last year, Barbra Streisand chose People to unveil photos and details about her marriage to James Brolin; Michael J. Fox recently revealed his battle with Parkinson's disease on its glossy pages; and Calista Flockhart vehemently denied media reports that she suffers from anorexia nervosa.

Editor Carol Wallace says those kinds of stories are exactly what fans crave. "Readers like to know they're not alone in the world, that even Princess Di had marriage troubles, that beautiful celebrities get sick," she says. "The soul of the magazine is the human-interest story, whether it's about celebrities or real people."

Who's the People cover champ? Diana, whose image appeared on more than 50. The magazine is not without its detractors, many of whom made their feelings known when People recently ran a Chelsea Clinton cover story. "We got 1,700 letters — most of them critical — but I was very comfortable (with the story) on every level," Wallace says. "We're not here to make everybody happy. Our job is to write fair



Remembering Diana: The Sept. 15, 1997, issue, two weeks after her death, was the magazine's best-selling 'Special' issue.

and evenhanded stories."

Wallace sees the magazine going in a newsy direction. "The days are long gone where you could do a story on Tom Selleck buying a ranch," she says. "There have to be mile-

stones in a celebrity's life, and as long as we're delivering pictures and stories that people can't get anywhere else, we're going to be fine."

By Arlene Vukota

THE NATION

N.Y. race hasn't begun, but Clinton already slipping

By Rick Hampson
USA TODAY

NEW YORK — New Yorkers, who for weeks puffed hot air into Hillary Rodham Clinton's senatorial trial balloon, may be cooling to the idea.

When the first lady visits today for the first time since her future became a national obsession, she'll find that some of the euphoria that surrounded her potential candidacy is evaporating.

"I think she's peaked," Rich Eisenberg, a computer technician from Poughkeepsie, said Tuesday. "I don't think she's going to run. If she does, she won't win."

Two polls support his assessment of Clinton's political momentum:

► A Marist Institute Poll set for release today will show that her lead over a possible Republican opponent, New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, has narrowed.

► A Fox News/Opinion Dynamics Poll taken Friday found that Clinton's national favorable rating has dropped from 63% to 53% since late January, when she was touted as a successor to Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, a Democrat who has announced that he won't seek reelection next year.

"The closer she gets to an actual candidacy, the more her popularity fades," Dick Morris, President Clinton's former political adviser, wrote in Tuesday's edition of the *New York Post*.

He added, "When you get your face on the cover of *Time* and *News-*

week and your ratings drop, something is wrong."

But Clinton remains popular here, judging from her continued lead over Giuliani in the polls and from New Yorkers' comments this week.

"She's a canny woman. You'd have to be canny, or stupid, to put up with him," Manhattan accountant Kent Taylor said, referring to the president.

Polls show Clinton is still very popular with registered voters. Last month, she increased her lead over Giuliani in the Quinnipiac College poll from 9 percentage points to 18 percentage points.

Clinton has never held elective office and never lived in New York State. Giuliani is a two-term mayor who has cracked down on everything from murder to drunken driving to unleashed dogs.

Is her candidacy merely what *Daily News* columnist Lars-Erik Nelson calls "one of the weirder runaway fantasies of our time?"

Is the first lady taking New Yorkers for a little bit of a ride?

That was the suggestion of Doris Egersham, an elementary school teacher in Brooklyn. "I don't think she really plans to run. But she's stretching it out. The attention from the Democratic Party must be flattering."

And, now that people are beginning to press for a decision, "I think she's getting a little cold feet," said Israel Acosta, a hotel worker who lives in Ozone Park.

Others were confident that the first



By Stephen Jaffe, Agency France-Press

'Careful consideration': Hillary Rodham Clinton visits New York today for the first time since she said she'd think about running for Senate.

lady is serious. "I don't think she's playing games," said Bill Blackwell, a workers' steamfitter. "I think she wants to run because she's interested in helping the country. I think she actually needs more time if she asks for more time."

But Barry Posner of Great Neck, a lawyer, said that his friends and colleagues are beginning to separate Hillary Rodham Clinton the first lady — the celebrity, the stalwart wife, the victim — from Hillary Rodham Clin-



By David Mills, AP

Looking like a candidate: Hillary Rodham Clinton holds a baby while visiting Auburn, N.Y., in July, before speculation began about her running for Senate.

ton the senatorial candidate.

And the candidate, he said, is not as politically attractive.

"The fact is, she'd be a carpetbagger who wants a Palestinian state," he said.

Clinton's statement — "I think it will be in the long-term interests of

the Middle East for Palestine to be a state" — already has been mentioned by Giuliani as a political liability in a state that contains many Jewish voters.

But several Jewish voters said they would not hold that against her. "The Palestinians are not going to decide

the election," Eisenberg said. He has other concerns. "People are interested in education, transportation. What does she know about the Thruway, the subway?"

In her two-day visit to New York City, Clinton is to visit two schools, meet potential financial supporters and address the Democratic Women's Leadership Forum.

She'll make a speech in the grand ballroom of the Plaza Hotel, which has been expanded to accommodate 900 people at \$150 a head. The Democratic National Committee says it has filled every seat and has a waiting list of 300.

Since announcing two weeks ago that she would give "careful consideration" to running, Clinton has talked with many New Yorkers about such a race, but has not actually visited her could-be constituents.

They're eager for a look; even in the latest *Week of Monica*, many New Yorkers couldn't stop talking about Hillary. They're gossiping about where she'd live — East Side or West Side — how she'd deal with upstate issues, what she'd say about Israel and the Palestinians.

"I think she's trying to find out what the public opinion is before she commits," said Jeanne Paulus, who works for an international fruit shipping company in Manhattan.

She added: "I think she's going to run. ... I think she's doing it on her own. As soon as she unloads some dead weight, she'll be fine."

Contributing: Christine Sparta

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PunditSpeak

By JoAnn Kelly

'Should Hillary Clinton run for the Senate?'



Carolyn Lochhead
Washington correspondent
San Francisco Chronicle

"That's obviously entirely up to her, but it would be interesting to see her as her own politician accountable to the voters, rather than as a power behind the throne. She would have to face voters, political opponents and the press, including the New York press. Certainly a race between Hillary Clinton and [New York Mayor] Rudolph Giuliani would be a thing to behold, not only for the clash of personalities but as a true ideological contest offering voters very different options. Why she would want to do this is another question. She's been first lady for six years with celebrity status, which is very different from being an in-the-trenches politician."



Katrina vanden Heuvel
Editor
The Nation

"It's her decision to make, but wouldn't Hillary Clinton be a happier and more politically satisfied person heading a foundation or writing a column championing the issues she's passionate about? New York is not a village. She's likely to face a brutal race against Emperor Giuliani (who makes [Independent Counsel] Kenneth Starr look like Mr. Chips), and the New York media will pummel her with tough scandal-related questions. New York and New Jersey's Democratic Party leaders may lust after Hillary Clinton's ability to raise pots of money, but they should advise the first lady that celebrity politicians haven't fared too well in New York state."



Bonnie Erbe
Columnist, *Scripps Howard Newswire*
Host, CBS series "To the Contrary"

"Yes, because the Democrats need her to hold that seat. But while she's their best hope, she'll have to answer a lot of questions, starting with what allegiance New York voters owe to a woman who was born in Illinois and spent most of her life in Arkansas and Washington, D.C. Her popularity right now is sky-high because America likes to see her standing by her man. But, when she was out front on progressive issues, such as universal health care and abortion rights, her numbers were closer to those of former Speaker Newt Gingrich [R-Ga.] when he was pushing for the Contract With America. All this means, even for New York, a hard-line feminist pushing a progressive platform will have a very hard time trying to win office."



Eleanor Clift
Contributing editor
Newsweek

"Unless Hillary really wants to be a senator, she shouldn't run. These last two years in the White House will not be easy, and if she's a candidate, she'll have to answer lots of questions she could otherwise avoid. Does she really want to spend the next 20 months explaining her positions on statehood for Palestine and children suing their parents? James Carville, the most loyal of the Clinton loyalists, has advised her to take a few years off, write a book, make speeches and make money. And this isn't Mrs. Clinton's last chance. She could credibly challenge Republican Sen. Peter Fitzgerald in 2004 in Illinois, her home state."

Honor the Past, IMAGINE THE FUTURE

BY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON

In a very special exclusive for Woman's Day, Mrs. Clinton shares some personal thoughts about the beginning of the new millennium—how far we've come and where we're going

As we approach the new millennium, our thoughts are riveted on the future. What will life be like in the 21st century? What new thresholds will we cross? What challenges will we face? I believe that the past holds at least some of the answers.

Take a moment to travel back in time with me. Imagine that it's July 1848. You are a 19-year-old glovemaker named Charlotte Woodward, and you live in a small town called Waterloo, New York. Every day you sit for hours sewing gloves together, working for small wages, with no hope of ever going to school or owning a home.

Then, one day you hear about a women's rights convention to be held in nearby Seneca Falls—a convention to discuss the social, civil and religious rights of women. How can this be? You run from one friend's house to another, finding other women who have heard the same news. Some are excited, others amused. Many are shocked by the idea that women may have rights separate from their husbands and fathers. A few agree to travel to Seneca Falls with you—at least for the first day—to see what all the fuss is about.

Early on the morning of July 19, you set off aboard a horse-drawn wagon. At first, the road is empty and you're worried that no one else will come. Then, as you reach a crossroads, you see other wagons and carriages. Among the travelers that day is the great abolitionist Frederick Douglass, who would later write of the event: "We were few in numbers, moderate in resources and very little known in the world. The most that we had to commend us was a firm faith that the right must ultimately prevail."

I often think about the incredible courage it must have

taken to join that procession. Yet these were ordinary men and women just like us. And just like those who have embarked on similar journeys throughout American history, seeking freedom or escaping religious and political persecution, speaking out against slavery or striving for workers' rights. Above all, they were motivated by dreams of a better life and a more just society.

At the end of the two-day convention, one hundred people—68 women and 32 men—signed the Declaration of Sentiments. Borrowing from the Declaration of Independence, the document boldly asserted: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men and women are created equal." It was a shout heard around the world and, if we listen, we can still hear its echoes today.

I've heard it in the voices of women from Belfast to Beijing, from Rwanda to Russia—the voices of women struggling to improve their lives and the lives of their families. I've even heard those voices here in our own country. Sometimes when I'm traveling around the world speaking to other women, I wish I could take groups of American teenage girls along with me, so they could hear the power and determination in those voices, too.

Keep the Stories Alive

To usher in the millennium, the President and I have chosen the theme "Honor the past and imagine the future." To honor the past, we must honor the men and women who lived it—those who fought so courageously for the rights we enjoy today. We must tell and retell, learn and relearn their stories. It's important to me to pass their stories on to my daughter, and I hope you do the same with your children, too.

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MRS. CLINTON AT THE WHITE HOUSE, PHOTOGRAPHED BY HARRY BENSON.

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IMAGINE THE FUTURE

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We must never forget that the rights and opportunities we enjoy as women today were not simply bestowed upon us. They were fought for, agonized over, marched for, jailed for and even died for.

Every time we buy, sell or inherit property in our own name, we honor their struggle. Every time we enter a profession of our choosing, we honor those who signed the Declaration of Sentiments.

Every time we vote, we honor the women and men of Seneca Falls, as well as the Suffragists who tirelessly fought to win passage of the 19th Amendment. Every time we elect a woman to office, we honor groundbreaking political leaders—everyone from Margaret Chase Smith to Bella Abzug—who proved that a

American women should count our blessings every day. I know how much change I have seen in my own lifetime. When I was growing up in the '50s and '60s, there were scholarships I couldn't apply for, schools I couldn't go to, jobs I couldn't have—just because of my sex. Thanks to federal laws such as the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX and the Equal Pay Act, my daughter and yours won't face the same legal barriers to equality.

But if we believe the fight in Seneca Falls is done, we miss the central point of the Declaration of Sentiments, which was, above all, a document about the future. As long as gaps remain between our ideals and our reality, our work will not be finished. This is part of the great

not just a symbol of equality, but a guarantee. It is the voice we use to express our political views, the means by which we hold our leaders and governments accountable, and the ticket to bridging the gap between what our nation is and what we want it to be.

So many women of the last century were silenced by someone else. Today we silence ourselves. But we have a voice, and we must make that voice heard.

What Will Our Daughters Say?

Fifty years from now, when our daughters celebrate the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Sentiments, what will they say about our stewardship? Will they say that we honored the struggle of our predecessors—that we saw their struggle as our struggle? Will they say that we created systems for education, employment, child care and health care that support and strengthen families? Will they say that we transcended distinctions of race and class and ultimately found strength in each other's differences?

Will our daughters say that women today supported each other's choices? Did we admit once and for all that there is no single cookie-cutter model for being a successful and fulfilled woman? Did we leave our children a world where all men and women are not only created equal but are *in fact* equal?

As we enter the new millennium, we know our daughters and granddaughters will face new challenges that we today cannot even imagine. But each of us can help prepare for that future by speaking out for justice and equality, knowing that eventually the causes we advocate will succeed. Why? Because they are rooted in the conviction that all people are entitled by their Creator and by the promise of America to the freedom, rights, responsibilities and opportunities of full citizenship.

This is what I imagine for our future. As we celebrate the millennium, I invite each of you to honor the past and imagine the future with me. Then we, too, can work together for a more perfect union. **WD**

For more information, see SourceLine, page 144.



Mrs. Clinton gives a speech at Seneca Falls last July.

woman's place is truly in the House, the Senate, and one day, even in the White House.

Every time we take another step forward for justice, we honor extraordinary women such as Harriet Tubman, who escaped from slavery, then risked her life time and again to bring other slaves to freedom. Harriet Tubman's rule on the Underground Railroad was "keep going." With those words, she galvanized her followers, no matter how dangerous the course.

Don't Stop Here

We, too, must keep going. We travel the same road that the pioneers of Seneca Falls started down 150 years ago. They knew they probably would not live to see the changes they advocated. In fact, only Charlotte Woodward, the glovemaker, lived long enough to see American women finally win the right to vote. Those who signed that Declaration did so for their daughters and granddaughters—and for us.

I certainly believe that we as

beauty of the American experiment—we are always striving to build a better nation, to keep faith with our founding ideals and translate them into reality.

Imagine the Possibilities

So what kind of future can we imagine? I imagine a future where no American will ever again face discrimination on the basis of gender, race or sexual orientation. Women and children will be protected against domestic abuse and violence. All families will have access to safe, affordable, quality child care. And the education our children receive in America's schools will be the best in the world.

I imagine a future where every woman will receive equal pay for equal work. A full-time wage will lift people out of poverty, and all workers who retire will have financial security in their later years through guaranteed Social Security and pensions.

And I imagine a future where all Americans use the power of the vote to make their voices heard. The vote is

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NOTHING falls in your lap. Things don't happen by accident. It was hard work, and I'm just glad it's over," said **Barbara Walters** discussing America's newest obsession, the toy that replaced the Furby — the **Lewinsky**.

Having helped to soften Lewinsky's image, is Barbara telling me she truly thinks this creature's a genuinely nifty lady? A really basically nice person?

"I make no judgments," she said, adding: "But you've been quite harsh about her."

I said I felt sorry for that. But, somehow, a female who deliberately willfully flashed her near-naked behind in public to a president with sexual addictions in order to nail him, who willfully deliberately stalked him, got in his face so he had to notice her, who had already — in her youth — totted up a history of tawdry affairs, who'd be getting it on and getting pregnant and getting an abortion, thanks to another guy at the same time she's seducing and servicing the prez is, somehow, no candidate for the Mother Teresa Award.

Anyhow, the hell with Monica. On to Barbara. The Interview of the Century got hot ratings, especially in her apartment. She told me: "The

night it was on TV I got home late. After eight. And fire engines were in front of my building. Seems the alarm had come from my apartment. I'd suggested my people light the fire-

place so it would be cory for us all to watch. Well, something went wrong with the flue and it backed up and we nearly had a major fire.

"Most unbelievable of all was that the fire trucks had one other close call that same night. The home where **Hillary Clinton** was having dinner."

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Dream lover

NEXT thing you know she'll be dating **Leonardo DiCaprio**. Star magazine reports **Chelsea Clinton's** latest flame is young actor **Jake Gyllenhaal**, star of the indie hit "October Sky." Star claims Chelsea and the Columbia freshman have been close for several months but grew closer after her break-up with **Matthew Pierce** last fall. Given Jake's busy shooting schedule and Chelsea's active life in Palo Alto, how the young paramours — who have never even been photographed together — find time for such a budding romance is anyone's guess.

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Hurt Hill will skip Hurricane Mitch trip

By VINCENT MORRIS
Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton isn't accompanying her husband on a goodwill tour of Central America.

An errant skier slammed into the First Lady during her recent holiday in Utah, giving her a wrenched back and convincing her to skip the tour.

Although the First Lady is staying behind, President Clinton is going forward with a four-day tour of Central America to see the ravages wrought by Hurricane Mitch, which killed at least 9,000 people, left millions homeless and devastated crops across the region.

Mrs. Clinton aggravated a previously injured back muscle when another skier crashed into her while they were on the slopes, spokeswoman Marsha Berry said yesterday.

Berry said she was unsure who exactly it was that crashed into the First Lady, but that her back was sore enough to prevent her from accompanying the president on his trip to Central America.

"She's going to stay off her feet for a few days," Berry said. "She wants to rest it."

The First Lady hurt her back last year around Christmastime. While that injury had gotten slightly better, it started to hurt again after the ski mishap, Berry said she was unsure how the original injury occurred.

Worse, said Berry, was that the First Lady maintained a busy schedule last week, zipping around New York as part of her ongoing flirtation with a Senate race in the year 2000.

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Editor's Note: Our "Grace Under Fire" cover story received 1,706 letters—the highest number in PEOPLE history—from readers, with the overwhelming majority criticizing our decision to run the article.

Hillary and Chelsea Clinton

Shame on you! The media has shown such restraint, respect and professionalism where Miss Clinton is concerned. It is regrettable that you have decided to buck what has been a very admirable trend. Your reputation and image can only be tarnished by this poor and shortsighted decision.

Angela Harrington

Karen E. Kun, Springfield, N.J.

As much as I believe in a free press, as a mother of a teenage daughter I was profoundly saddened by your decision to run a cover story on Chelsea Clinton. This young woman's right to privacy while living through such a difficult time in her life supersedes your right to tell her nonstory.

Wendie Goode-Dox, Los Angeles

How interesting that PEOPLE has chosen to strip the final shred of decency left in U.S. mass media. It must be a source of great pride that you are now the undisputed leader in the journalistic race to the bottom.

Robert Patenaude, Benicia, Calif.

Calling Chelsea Clinton a witness to a historical event in no way validates your decision to further expose her to public scrutiny. Labeling her a valid journalistic subject insults both your profession and the American intelligence.

Kenn MacKenzie, via e-mail

So where is the equal time on Ken Starr's daughter? Isn't she just as much a witness to history as Chelsea? Four years of watching her father relentlessly badger Bill Clinton should have exposed her to something.

Susan Jones, Annapolis, Md.



There is simply no excuse for your having breached the boundaries of civility by printing a story on Chelsea Clinton.

Margaret Shannon, Arlington, Va.

How ironic that President and Mrs. Clinton are so protective of their daughter in their outrage at PEOPLE's benign story on Chelsea. Need they be reminded that Monica is someone's daughter too? It's safe to say that your fluff piece on the First Daughter will have nowhere near the effect on Chelsea's future as will her father's perverse relationship with Ms. Lewinsky!

Paige McManus, Arlington, Va.

Your ill-advised decision to run a feature on Chelsea Clinton has just cost you one longtime subscriber.

Michael J. Kiraly, via e-mail

Where did this story idea come from? Linda Tripp?

Tiffany Young, New York City

Throughout the Clinton-Lewinsky sex scandal, I have been waiting for someone—anyone—to put Chelsea Clinton's well-being first. Obviously her father let her down by getting involved with Ms. Lewinsky. The next person to let her down was Kenneth Starr, by releasing pornographic details

about the President and Monica to the world. If he ever gave any thought to how such information might affect Chelsea, he would have spared her (and us) the sleazy specifics. No child on earth, at any age, wants to know about their parents' sex lives. And, finally, PEOPLE sells Chelsea down the river in the name of "journalistic" interest. Journalism, my butt! She's on the cover for one reason and one reason only—to sell magazines. You should be ashamed.

Margie Riordan, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

Chelsea has carried herself with class and dignity through this mess her father created. I feel she is entitled to her privacy. Papers and magazines like yours have no right to invade it.

Marilyn Tackaberry, Allendale, N.J.

The Clintons are to be congratulated for objecting to your article. They serve as models for parents in this nation by taking the necessary steps to intervene when they feel their child is being exploited.

Anna Leifer, East Williston, N.Y.

What a cheap, grubby way to make a buck. Do you people have no sense of responsibility? What public good does an embarrassing story about an already traumatized young woman serve? I think she deserves a break from the glare and nastiness of inappropriate prying. Leave her alone.

Julie Maxwell, Ridgefield, Wash.

I was quite upset to see news of your story on Chelsea Clinton. She is an innocent bystander to all the impeachment mess, and your exploitation of her familial relationships is completely out of line.

Betsy Dake, Baltimore

Regarding a quote from David Maraniss: "When a political situation requires using Chelsea, they will." Evidently foreign to Mr. Maraniss is the fact that Chelsea's public appearance with

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Mailbag

her parents in a crisis situation—whether political or not—is because of the close bond she shares with them, the same as in any close family. Her being with them in support is not called “using”; it is called “loving.”

Theoma Floyd, Crimora, Va.

This is the story the First Family tried to squelch? I don't know what the ruckus was all about. Chelsea comes across as a bright, levelheaded and personable young woman any family would be proud to have raised.

(Chelsea, have I got a boy for you!)

Jan Hunt, Salt Spring Island, B.C.

Bravo! Your piece on Chelsea was in extremely good taste. Don't apologize to anyone for printing it or for putting Chelsea on the cover. Bill and Hillary are not only hypocrites but great opportunists when it comes to using their daughter when it benefits them. I'm glad someone has the guts to stand up to them.

Meg Marston, Atlanta

Let's see, at 19 you're still a child who needs protection, but at 21 you're fair game even for the President. PEOPLE did nothing wrong by running this article about Chelsea. If the President had been anywhere nearly as sensitive about Monica, there wouldn't have been a need for this story.

Ken and Suzette Hook, Woodland, Calif.

Sensitized by the White House firestorm preceding your Chelsea cover story, I was prepared to be outraged by an intrusive hatchet job. Instead I found a poignant portrait that made me even more sympathetic to her. True, I wouldn't want a cover story on one of our three daughters, but I would consider that before I ran for the most prominent position on this planet.

Isaac Steven Herschkopf, M.D., New York City

What a subversive concept! Freedom of the press. Positively un-American! **Mary Ellen Tonsing**, Littleton, Colo.

I anxiously awaited my PEOPLE to find out what all the fuss was about

concerning the Clintons. There was nothing for them to object to! I found a well-written article that told of a special bond between Chelsea and Hillary. I enjoyed it.

Mary E. Fernandes, Springfield, Ill.

From all the media hype, I thought you had ruined Chelsea's life. Your article was more than fair.

Christine Vecchione, Anaheim, Calif.

Your article on Hillary and Chelsea Clinton portrayed a mother and daughter with a real bond. Whatever your opinion of Hillary and Bill Clinton is, they have worked very hard to give their daughter a solid base; Chelsea is a poised, impressive young woman. She and her mother have handled what must be an extremely difficult situation with grace and class!

Adrienne Murphy, Cape Elizabeth, Maine

Isn't it nice to know that our children have the character that we as parents are sometimes lacking? Hang in there, Chelsea!

Yvonne R. Maples, Flower Mound, Texas

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Billy Crystal dissects his latest role, as a psychiatrist who treats a mobster, in the comedy Analyze This.

No Talk, All Action
Mark Wahlberg and Chow Yun Fat tell PEOPLE Online about their latest action film, The Corruptors.

Hillary Rodham Carpetbag? It's up to you, New York

If Hillary Rodham Clinton runs for the U.S. Senate from New York, the carpetbag she'd be toting around next year could be a lot heavier than many now believe.

New Yorkers don't mind carpetbaggers, political pundits say. After all, they elected Robert Kennedy of Massachusetts to the Senate in 1964 and James Buckley of Connecticut in 1970, didn't they?

Yes. But both had stronger ties to New York than Hillary Clinton has. Kennedy lived in New York City from a few months after his birth in 1926 until 1942. Buckley lived in Connecticut but was a corporate lawyer in New York City for 14 years before run-

ning for the Senate.

But each still had to fight the carpetbag label, Kennedy more than Buckley because his association with New York was less recent.



Politics

By Richard Benedetto

The New York Times, a newspaper inclined to back Democrats, endorsed Kennedy's Republican opponent, incumbent Kenneth Keating. In a series of editorials, the *Times* denounced "the Kennedy Butzkrieg" on New York and charged that he was using the state as a steppingstone to the presidency. Kennedy did indeed run for president four years later, only to be assassinated minutes after winning the California Democratic primary.

Hillary Clinton also will likely be accused of having presidential ambitions if she runs in New York. But unlike Kennedy, she can make no tenuous claims to the state. She was born and raised in Illinois, went to school in Massachusetts and Connecticut and has spent the majority of her adult life in Arkansas and Washington, D.C.

New York Republican Gov. George Pataki has made clear that the GOP will make her lack of New York roots an issue if she makes a run next year for the seat of retiring Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

"She's thinking about moving to New York to straighten things out. Well, let me say with all due respect, we don't need liberal Democrats moving from Washington to the states to straighten out the states. I think we can find a New Yorker who

can do the job for us," he said.

Up to now, most of Hillary Clinton's visits to New York have likely been to attend Democratic political events such as the one last week at which she flirtatiously toyed with her admiring audience about her chances of running.

"There was talk I might have an announcement to make," the first lady told the Democratic National Committee's Women's Leadership Forum. "I do not."

Groans of disappointment all around.

But there were groans of anger among many New York Democrats in August 1964 when Robert Kennedy decided to enter the Senate race there. Charges of opportunism flared because Kennedy made the decision only after Lyndon Johnson rejected him as his vice presidential

candidate. Democrats, who were considering running that year, only to be shoved aside by Kennedy, became embittered. One was Adlai Stevenson, ambassador to the United Nations in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations.

"The avarice of the K's makes me sick," he wrote a friend angrily after Kennedy entered the race.

Johnson wrote in his memoir *The Vantage Point* that he felt obliged to support Kennedy's run, mostly out of loyalty to his slain brother. But it came at a price.

"I had to disappoint a friend — Adlai Stevenson, who at that point had decided to seek the New York senatorial nomination himself. He abandoned the idea when I told him that I felt I must support Bobby. Stevenson was hurt, and my inability to encourage him constituted one of

my deepest regrets about the New York campaign," Johnson wrote.

In the end, Kennedy won the election. But not without a tough fight and a strong ride on Johnson's coattails. Johnson, running for president that year, carried New York by 2.7 million votes. Kennedy won by 720,000 votes.

If Hillary Clinton runs in New York, her race won't be a breeze either. She could face New York City's popular mayor, Rudy Giuliani. Latest polls already show that hypothetical race nearly tied. In a close contest, and burdened by a carpetbag, could she count on Al Gore's coattails to help pull her to victory?

Richard Benedetto's column appears Mondays. Past columns on USA TODAY Online at www.usatoday.com

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Senor Presidente

President Clinton is scheduled to be in El Salvador today, and its capital, San Salvador, is festooned with "Welcome, Senor Presidente" banners.

Mr. Clinton and his modest entourage are showing how much they care for El Salvador's poor by staying at the Hotel Princess, San Salvador's newest and fanciest luxury hotel.

Inside the Beltway has a correspondent in Latin America, who asked a Princess employee if first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton was accompanying the president, and if so, were they sharing the same suite?

"We don't know — he's rented the entire hotel!" the El Salvadoran responded. The Princess has 210 rooms.

Recent news surrounding Monica Lewinsky's love affair with the president "has made for a bit of merriment down here," says our man in San Salvador.

The Princess, by the way, is only two blocks away from where Bernard Lewinsky, Monica's dad, went to school as a boy. He was born in El Salvador.

The Salvadorans, meanwhile, aren't forgetting that President Clinton planned to visit the victims of their ravaged country after Hurricane Mitch blew through, but then canceled because of his impeachment trial.

"Now, with Monica's new book out, some commentators here think he's doing another 'road trip,'" says our correspondent.

"Funny he should pick El Salvador as his first place of refuge after 'Monica's Story.' Since her dad was born here, she's entitled to Salvadoran citizenship."

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■ Hillary Rodham Clinton, who had planned to accompany her husband on a four-day tour of Central America, is staying home to nurse a bad back. Skiing last week in Utah with her daughter, Chelsea, the first lady re-injured a back muscle she first hurt a year ago, said her press secretary, Marsha Berry. The first lady did not have time to properly recover before today's trip, Berry said. All that faux-skiing in New York last week probably didn't help.

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Friday, March 5, 1999

The Big Apple took a shine to Hillary Rodham Clinton on her trip this week - but cynicism may dull the glitter.

The first lady talks up the town

By Alexandra Marks
Staff writer of The Christian Science Monitor



NEW YORK

As Hillary Rodham Clinton's motorcade sped across midtown toward New York's Plaza Hotel this week, the city's mayor was

sitting in Washington touting New York's greatness before a House committee.

It was a perfect swap, a clear coincidence, just the kind that savvy New Yorkers like to think was anything but accidental. Particularly when it deals with two potential rivals: Washington's most powerful woman and the Big Apple's duly elected potentate - the two who could give New York the Senate race of the century, the political battle of the millennium. Just perfect for a city that considers itself the true "Hub of the Universe."

And with polls showing a matchup between the two tightening to a statistical dead heat, it would be a cliff hanger, the kind of nailbiter this still-edgy city could really get into.

But even as Mrs. Clinton inspired and fired up her faithful with this week's visit, many have growing doubts that the nation's first lady of families and children will want to take on New York's tough, crime-fighting king. Particularly in a city where even some of her admirers can be brutally frank.

"I'd like to hear what she has to say," said Barbara Klaus of Manhattan, who plunked down \$1,000 to see the first lady. "I have a lot of doubts about her. If she can't manage her own marriage, how's she gonna handle the State of New York?"

But when Clinton stepped onto the stage of the Plaza's grand ballroom, you couldn't tell there was a doubt in the room. The

packed hall roared with applause and rose almost in unison to give her a sustained standing ovation.

The first lady, grinning and glowing in the spotlight, reached her arms forward and applauded back at the crowd.

This, clearly, was Hillary's crowd.

But the air of mutual admiration at this luncheon sponsored by the Democrats' Women's Leadership Forum was also charged with expectation and uncertainty. Planned months ago, it suddenly sold out when rumors began circulating that Clinton might actually take to the stump here in New York.

That brought out many of the 500 women (and a few scattered men) crowded around lunch tables in the ballroom, and the 400 more who watched the event via a monitor in an overflow room, and the 300 more left disappointed on the waiting list.

But as much as these upscale, liberal women might be "Hillary's crowd," they're also sophisticated and complex, with a host of questions and expectations of their own.

While they roared in approval as Sen. Charles Schumer

(D) of New York announced it was time for a woman to represent the great state in the US Senate, a surprising number are quietly withholding judgment on the wisdom of a Clinton candidacy.

And that, too, could end up as an important factor in the first lady's final calculations.

"Some might think I have an announcement to make," she told the hushed crowd early on in her speech. "But I don't."

Scattered groans erupted - the loudest seeming to come from the press corp, which turned out en masse for the event.

"It looks like the Democratic convention," said one aide, shaking her head at the dozens of cameras crammed together at the back of the hall.

But the media weren't alone in their frustration. New Yorkers are not known for their patience.

"Well, I think it would be best if she would make her decision soon so other possible candidates can begin their fund-raising and active campaigns," said Linda Keim of Scarsdale, N.Y.

But the sense of disappointment was momentary.

As Clinton began recounting the progress women have made and reminding them of the responsibilities they still have to continue the work for other women and families, the crowd sat in rapt attention.

As she recounted the gains made during the six years of her husband's presidency, gains she translated into the everyday lives of individuals she met, the crowd roared and was ready when she called on them to take up the political cudgel.

"We cannot drop out of the political process and leave the arena to those with very specific agendas," Clinton said. "We cannot say, 'I won't be involved in politics because I don't like the negativity. I don't like all of the ads on television.'"

Indeed, the first lady said, women have a responsibility to "humanize politics."

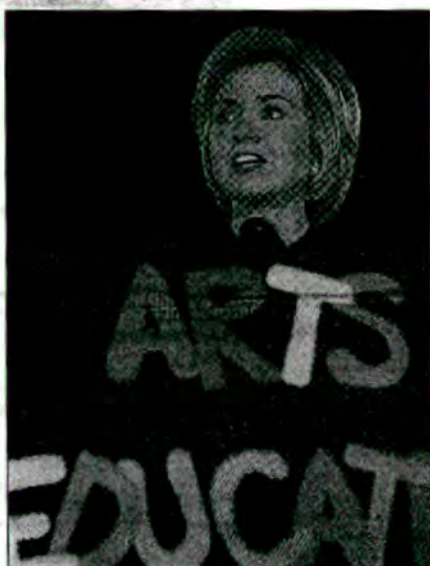
For a city known for its liberal leanings, the speech hit the perfect note.

"People admire her tremendously now, she's got such great strength and courage - and she's very, very smart - a brilliant woman," said Barbara Peck, a child-welfare worker from Manhattan.

The sentiment echoed around the hall. "She understands what goes on with average people, has deep concerns about people who aren't necessarily middle class," said Dorothy Hibbert of Coptague, N.Y. "And regardless of how difficult the situation is, she feels she has to do her part in a leadership role in this country, and that's exactly what she's doing."

But even some of Clinton's staunchest supporters here think she may be better off somewhere else.

"I think she's terrific, her ideas are just right, they're for all of us," said Carolyn Gottlieb, who retired from the fashion industry. "She should run for president and leave New York out of it."



NEW YORKER? Hillary Rodham Clinton said nothing during her New York trip to clarify whether she'll run for senator. Above, she visited Intermediate School 25 in Queens.

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President Seeks Aid for Hurricane Victims

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP) — The Clinton Administration asked Congress today for an emergency package of \$956 million to help rebuild areas of Central America devastated by Hurricane Mitch, which killed more than 9,000 people last year and caused about \$8.5 billion in damage.

The request was announced at the White House by Hillary Rodham Clinton and Tipper Gore, the wife of Vice President Al Gore. The two women, who toured Central America after the hurricane as President Clinton's official emissaries, emphasized that the aid package was assembled in close consultation with Republicans on Capitol Hill.

"We'd like to pass it as quickly as possible," said Elizabeth Morra, a spokeswoman for the House Appropriations Committee. "Mid-March is about the earliest we could get it to the House floor."

Mr. Clinton is scheduled to tour Central America on March 8-11.

Supplementing the \$300 million already provided for immediate disaster relief in the region, the proposed package would primarily help Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Guatemala rebuild schools, homes, roads and sanitation systems.

The package also includes \$50 million to Haiti, the Dominican Republic and other Caribbean nations rebuilding from Hurricane Georges.

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Women's political gains in past 3 decades level off

By Richard Wolf
USA TODAY

The steady gains made by women in politics over the past three decades are leveling off, prompting new efforts to draft female candidates for office.

Despite the attention paid to Elizabeth Dole's potential run for the White House and significant advances in some states, the number of women in elected offices remains below 25%.

In the United States, three of 50 governors are women, nine of 100 senators are women and 56 of 435 House members are women.

The United States ranks 39th among nations in terms of women in national office. Unlike 22 other nations, the United States never has had a female president.

The situation gets better at lower levels of government. In state legislatures, city councils and county commissions, women represent between 20% to 25% of elected officials.

Most of those figures represent new highs. But in recent years, women have had trouble adding to the gains they've

been making for generations.

"You would think that this would really be our time," says Marie Wilson, president of The White House Project, which aims to put a woman in the Oval Office. "But it seems to be moving really slowly."

Surveys consistently show nearly all Americans are willing to vote for qualified women. Cultural and attitudinal barriers faced by female torchbearers, such as 1984 vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro, rarely are encountered today.

But women still find it tough to beat incumbents, at least 75% of whom are men. As challenges, they have more trouble raising money, so many women opt not to run. The number of women running for state legislatures has dipped 4% since 1992.

"Women are running now to win, and if it's not a winnable race, they won't make it," Ferraro says.

Much could change in the next two years. Dole could be a formidable White House candidate; a January poll showed her beating Vice President

Gore 49% to 47%.

Dole downplays the role her gender would play in a campaign. "It won't be on gender," she says. "It'll be the person who's best qualified."

The so-called "Year of the Woman," 1992, produced a 70% increase in the number of women in Congress, from 32 to 54. Since then, however, the number of women receiving major party nominations for the House and Senate has risen only 12%, from 117 to 131. In Washington state, more than 40% of the legislators are women. That's the highest percentage in any state. But Alabama's Legislature is only 7.9% female, and eight other states are below 15%.

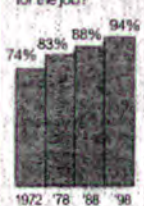
For many women seeking to enter politics, obstacles loom. Many mothers with young children lack time; other women are rebuffed by party leaders; still others are turned off by the intense scrutiny that threatens their privacy.

"Politics is unfortunately not as attractive as it used to be," says Madeleine Kunin, former Vermont governor and now ambassador to Switzerland.

Confidence in female politicians on the rise

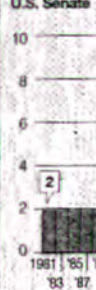
Poll:

If your party nominated a woman for president, would you vote for her if she were qualified for the job?



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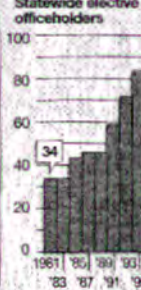
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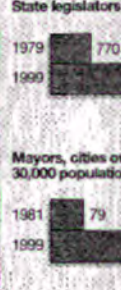
U.S. House



Statewide elective officeholders



State legislators



Mayors, cities over 30,000 population



Source: General Social Survey, National Opinion Research Center, University of Chicago; Center for the American Woman and Politics, Rutgers.

By Dave Maize, USA TODAY

So women's political groups are uniting this year in search of candidates. Fourteen groups have formed the Women's Information and Resource Candidate Clearinghouse to get more women into politics.

"There has to be some real energy put into this (recruitment)," says Debbie Walsh of the Center for the American Woman and Politics at Rutgers University.

Besides the Dole candidacy, several other factors will help. Term limits on state legislators and new congressional district lines after the 2000 Census will

force turnover. In the wake of recent scandals, polls also show that voters trust female candidates more than male candidates.

The White House Project got more than 100,000 responses to pick a female presidential candidate. Among the top draws:

Hillary Rodham Clinton, Dole, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and New Jersey Gov. Christie Whitman.

Whitman says she would be "very surprised not to see a woman on one, if not both, national tickets. . . . It really does matter to have role models."

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Face it: Your features reveal inner truths

By Cathy Hainer
USA TODAY

Looking for love in all the wrong places? The path to true love may be as plain as the nose on your face. And the lips on your face. And the eyebrows on your face.

The ancient art of face reading can help gauge your compatibility with a prospective mate and give insights into improving existing relationships. At least that's the belief of Rose Rosetree, a leading U.S. face reader and author of *The Power of Face Reading* (Wiley, \$18.95). "The face is a spiritual alphabet," Rosetree says. Reading it "can teach you practical things, such as how a person makes decisions, spends money, works."

Akin to palm reading or phrenology (examining bumps on the skull for personality clues), face reading, which also is called physiognomy, is based on the 3,000-year-old Chinese art *siang men*, which is enjoying a renaissance along with other ancient Chinese arts such as acupuncture and feng shui.

In fact, face reading's higher profile may be an outgrowth of the popularity of feng shui, since the two systems are related, says feng shui master Carole Meltzer. "We take things at face value," Meltzer jokes. "Face reading is about learning about yourself in the world."

There is no touching involved in a face reading. In fact, many readers can work from a photograph.

Forget Cupid's arrow. Reading faces is a more reliable way of finding love. But don't rely on looks alone when choosing a mate, Rosetree says. "Face reading can supplement other information," she says. It can tip you off to whether that eligible bachelor will be a dependable husband, or whether Ms. Blonde Ambition will empty your bank account.

If you're the unconventional type, look for a partner whose ears stick out, a sign of non-conformity. Think Ross Perot. If, on the other hand, you're looking for Mr. Conservative, look for a mate with ears pressed close to the head.

Dumbo ears. Chipmunk cheeks. Pug noses. We all have features we'd like to change. But beware of the scalpel, Meltzer says. "As your face changes, learn to love it. Wrinkles and lines show your wisdom."

What does my

big nose say about the inner me, you ask? Didn't I just inherit it from my father?

There's more to your face than just genes, Rosetree says. Human faces aren't comic Mr. Potato Heads where you can pick and choose the pieces. That big nose may be a sign of a certain personality trait.

"I believe each soul chooses from the gene pool those traits that most match the inner self," Rosetree says.

Like dogs and their owners, faces can morph over the years to resemble one's partner. An example, Rosetree says, is Hillary Rodham Clinton's chin, which used to be curved but has become straight, more like her husband's.

The eyes may be the windows of the soul, but the face is the door, opening the way to learning about your partner's personality and habits.

A quick look at some face facts:

► Ears can tell much about a person. "Whether your ears sit high, low or in the middle of your head is significant because it reveals the speed with which you make decisions," Rosetree says. High ears signal an ability to make rapid judgment calls.

► Forget those baby blues. Rosetree advises checking out your date's eyelids, not eye color. "Look at the curve of the lower eyelid. Straight lower lids means wariness, suspicion and shyness. Curved lower lids show a person more emotionally open."

► To paraphrase Gertrude Stein, a nose is a nose is a nose. Not so, Rosetree says. "Short noses signify an ability for hard work. A long nose dictates talent for strategy."

► Fashion dictates that full lips are sexier. But hold off on those collagen shots, Rosetree says. "Lips show the degree of comfort in talking about personal issues. People with full lips are more comfortable talking openly about private issues. Mr. Thin Lips doesn't like to share the personal details."



Rose Rosetree. Prominent facial features signal personality traits, says author of *The Power of Face Reading*.



Not just an expression: Rose Rosetree, left, says Bill and Hillary Clinton have faces of endurance — and the lines in his forehead show wrinkles.

What's in a face? Plenty

Apparently there's more to a person's features than meets the eye. Face reader Rose Rosetree says the face is a window to the spirit and a guide to a person's character. A look at what some famous faces indicate about the people behind them. Page 9D.

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By Ann Gerhart and Annie Groer

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Lucianne Live!

■ New York literary agent Lucianne Goldberg, who urged Linda Tripp to tape Monica Lewinsky's oft-weepee chats about her Oval Office assignations, is angling for her own radio talk show. "I want to call it 'The Vast Right Wing Conspiracy,'" Goldberg told The Source yesterday, though she mused, "Maybe Hillary has it trademarked." "I'm coming to Washington tomorrow to a talk radio convention to iron out details," added the gleeful Clinton basher. "The show would just be me getting even.... Talk radio is basically a right-wing conspiracy, and listen, I'm their goddess, their den mother."

Tripp, meanwhile, said Monday night on CNN's "Larry King Live" that she may revive her idea of doing a book on the first years of the Clinton White House. A Bush-era White House holdover, Tripp considered Clinton & Co. arrogant and demeaning to the presidency. In 1996, she moved to a job at the Pentagon, where she met Lewinsky.

"From what I'm seeing, the truth is just never going to get out there, so to the extent that I may decide to let the truth come out I may show what really happened," Tripp said.

Putting on her agent's hat, Goldberg said she would consider representing Tripp, but wants to see a manuscript first. "Book, schmook, where's the book? A book has to be on a piece of paper. You have to have a publisher who's interested."

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HEADLINE: Administration Seeks More for Mitch's Victims; \$1 Billion Targeted for Storm Recovery

BYLINE: William Branigin, Washington Post Staff Writer

BODY:

The administration yesterday asked Congress to approve nearly \$ 1 billion in emergency aid for hurricane-ravaged countries in Central America and the Caribbean, citing the difficulties of recovering from what it called the worst natural disaster ever to strike the Western Hemisphere.

The proposal, announced by first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, seeks an additional \$ 956 million in disaster relief directed primarily at helping Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Guatemala to rebuild after the devastation of Hurricane Mitch last fall. About \$ 50 million would go to Haiti and the Dominican Republic, which earlier were hit by Hurricane Georges, and \$ 10 million would help Colombian victims of an earthquake.

The emergency funding would bring total U.S. assistance for the affected countries to more than \$ 1.2 billion.

In a letter to Congress, President Clinton said both parties recognize that the afflicted states have "pressing" reconstruction needs and urged lawmakers to "act quickly to restore hope to this region and help our neighbors return to the path of democracy and economic growth."

"We want to be friends and partners in rebuilding those dreams and hopes," Hillary Clinton said. Appearing with Tipper Gore, the vice president's wife, Hillary Clinton said it was "clear that these nations . . . need not just short-term humanitarian relief. They need long-term reconstruction."

She recalled that during a visit to Central America after the disaster, one victim told her the hurricane was worse than war and earthquake combined because it left no area unaffected. Behind her as she spoke were poster-sized photographs of children from the region. The auditorium was packed beyond capacity with relief workers, advocacy groups and a larger-than-normal throng of reporters interested in Hillary Clinton's flirtation with a U.S. Senate race in New York.

Hurricane Mitch killed more than 9,000 people, forced about 3 million to flee their homes and caused damage estimated at \$ 8.5 billion, administration officials said. Given the population of the four Central American countries, a disaster on the same scale in the United States would have killed 90,000 people and displaced 30 million, the officials said in describing the extent of the

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devastation.

The affected countries need the new aid urgently because a new planting season is beginning and children are starting their school year, officials said. Crops were wiped out by floods and mudslides triggered by Mitch's torrential rains, and many schools have yet to be rebuilt.

Among the factors spurring greater U.S. assistance are reports that growing numbers of Central Americans are heading north to cross illegally into the United States. In recent interviews some of these refugees said they had to seek whatever jobs they could find here so they could send money back to rebuild their homes.

The government still lacks "hard data" on those movements, said Wendy Sherman, the State Department's coordinator for Central American relief. But such a migration "certainly is a concern, and the longer it takes these countries to get back on their feet and provide jobs and housing, the greater that risk grows."

The proposed package includes \$ 613 million in "reconstruction assistance" for the Central American countries, most of it for Honduras, the worst affected. This aid is aimed at restoring clean water and sanitation systems, rebuilding homes, schools and roads, and restoring agricultural production and businesses.

The proposal also contains \$ 80 million to allow the Immigration and Naturalization Service to continue detaining Central Americans, including "criminal aliens," who have been temporarily spared from deportation because of the burden this would place on their homelands. Another \$ 133 million goes to the Defense Department to replace money it has already spent on hurricane relief.

Of the \$ 300 million in U.S. assistance so far, about half has gone toward deploying and maintaining 5,000 U.S. military personnel dispatched to Central America as part of the relief efforts.

Staff writer Peter Baker contributed to this report.

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THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

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With the impeachment trial over, Hillary Rodham Clinton is eyeing a run for a New York Senate seat next year, senior White House officials said. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D) of New York, who will be giving up his seat in 2000, said on NBC TV that Mrs. Clinton "would be welcome, and she'd win." But some close aides said they doubted she would take the plunge.

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Pooh Bear, who came with me from Cornwall, England, and is now enjoying his sunset years in Massachusetts. Both Pooh and I take great issue with Mr. Blackwell's quote, "[Linda Tripp] looks like a sheep dog in drag." We think this is an insult to sheep dogs.

MARIA HOLT
SHEFFIELD, MASS.

An Olympic-Size Problem

I AM SURE YOUR ARTICLE ABOUT THE Olympics scandal ("Go for the Greed," NATIONAL AFFAIRS, Jan. 25) will prompt responses from other citizens of Salt Lake City, too. We are the ones who polish the storefronts, clean the sidewalks and have created a place we are proud to call home. Maybe a small group of individuals sought to bend the rules and push the envelope to obtain the 2002 Winter Games. You need look no further than their personal greed to find the motivation. The Olympics are merely a potentially profitable business venture for them. In reality, that has little to do with the nearly 840,000 people who call this valley home. Salt Lake City and its residents are embarrassed by the acts of these individuals; however, I for one will not participate in their shame. NEWSWEEK's statement on Salt Lake City's need "to be a player on the world stage" doesn't

reflect our lives. We are too preoccupied with raising our families, earning a living and hoping the Jazz win the NBA title to worry about that. Frankly, we do not need the Olympics to tell us that we have it good here.

DAVID MARSHALL
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

IT DOESN'T SURPRISE ME THAT SCANDAL surrounds the Olympics as it does now. I am just surprised it is surfacing now, and not much sooner. The image of the Olympics has been tarnished since 1928—the year it elected to accept corporate sponsorship. The integrity was blemished further when officials decided to allow professional athletes to participate in the Games. As we've seen, these events are mere moneymaking schemes for a few select people. Any self-respecting amateur athlete should boycott the Games on principle.

ANTHONY MELITA
NEWTOWN, CONN.

More Cometh Soon ...

SOMETHING IS ROTTEN IN THE STATE OF NEWSWEEK ("Shakespeare in the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion," PERISCOPE, Feb. 8). Contrary to your "Buzz-O-Meter" report, "Shakespeare in Love" (still in limited release) is already quite successful. It had

a gross of \$31.5 million as of Feb. 1. Like its predecessor "The English Patient," it will receive a tremendous box-office boost from Oscar nominations and by doubling the number of theaters in which it's playing—all of which has it on track to be a hit. With results like these, all the buzz about "Shakespeare in Love" is hardly much ado about nothing.

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Corrections

IN OUR JAN. 25 NEWSMAKERS ITEM ON Mark McGwire's 70th-home-run ball's fetching \$3 million at auction ("Horsehide Hysteria"), we reported that the highest price ever paid previously for a baseball was \$126,500. In fact, the most paid had been \$500,000.

OUR TIMELINE ON MICHAEL JORDAN'S life ("The Best Ever. Period," SOCIETY, Jan. 25) stated that Jordan's father, James, was murdered in South Carolina. While his body was found in South Carolina, the murder took place in North Carolina.

NEWSWEEK regrets the errors.

BY LINES

How to Help: A Guide to Mentoring

COMMITMENT MEANS STAYING WITH SOMETHING for the long haul. Last week Hillary Clinton brandished a copy of our special issue, "How to Be a Great Mentor," at a White House event promoting mentoring. The issue, produced by NEWSWEEK, Kaplan Educational Centers and the National Mentoring Partnership, represents nearly two years of planning. All three organizations donated their resources to put the issue together—and continue, through volunteer programs in the workplace, to support young people through mentoring.

"How to Be a Great Mentor" was conceived following the 1997 Presidents' Summit for America's Future chaired by Gen. Colin Powell. In the run-up to the summit, corporations were invited to pledge their help. NEWSWEEK chronicled those pledges in a recurring feature in our PERISCOPE section, and spotlighted the summit on our cover (April 28, 1997). But we weren't content to observe from the sidelines: Editor-in-Chief Richard M. Smith and Kaplan president Jonathan Grayer saw a chance to combine the magazine's and Kaplan's areas of expertise to show others how to get involved. The result is a practical guide

to making mentoring work, with stories about successful mentoring relationships, inspiration from concerned celebrities like basketball player Grant Hill and writer John Updike, and specific tips on the how, where and why of getting started.

The last—why mentor?—is the simplest to answer. There are an estimated 13.6 million young Americans (under 18) who seem headed for trouble, roughly half of whom are termed "very high risk" for delinquency, substance abuse and underachievement at school. One recent study showed that kids with mentors were nearly half as likely to use drugs and twice as likely to attend class than those without. As NEWSWEEK columnist Jonathan Alter writes in the issue's introduction, "Mentors not only touch someone's life, they have the potential to touch and change the life of the nation." Many NEWSWEEK and Kaplan employees have discovered the power of mentoring firsthand. We hope "How to Be a Great Mentor" reflects the satisfactions that helping these young people can bring.

The issue can be ordered by calling 1-800-272-8306 or 703-803-8171. You can also find information at the National Mentoring Partnership's Web site at www.mentoring.org.



Hillary Clinton showcases the issue at the White House last week



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Sweet Things From Bill & Hil

WASHINGTON

The President and First Lady handed out Valentine's Day candy aboard Air Force One yesterday. Hillary Rodham Clinton sported a heart-shaped pin that was a gift from her husband.

The First Couple — still nursing scars from the Monica Lewinsky scandal — were headed to Mexico, the site of their honeymoon 23 years ago.

The whirlwind trip will hardly be a second honeymoon. Instead of candlelight dinners and sweet nothings, the President planned to push for a stronger war on drugs by the Mexican government during two days of talks.

But as they headed off for Mexico, Clinton twice threw his arm around his wife, first as as they walked toward their Marine One helicopter and a short time later as they climbed aboard Air Force One.

And once they were airborne, the President and First Lady strolled through the press cabin handing out candy from a huge heart-shaped box.

"Happy Valentine's Day," the President said. "Isn't this the biggest heart you ever saw in your life? This is a better kind of heart of darkness."

The First Lady was wearing a gold-colored, heart-shaped pin on her dark suit. Asked whether it was new, she replied, "Brand-new." She then pointed to her husband and smiled.

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**The Clintons walk
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USA

Why a Senate bid entices the first lady

■ It would give her a more professional profile, but it could also reopen scandals.

By Linda Feldmann
Staff writer of The Christian Science Monitor

WASHINGTON — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D) of New York?

At first, the speculation began as idle chatter. The New York Democratic Party began blue-skying about having the first lady run for Senate. Then Sen. Robert Torricelli (D) of New Jersey, chairman of the Senate's campaign committee, began talking it up. He's told Mrs. Clinton (read: begged) that he wants her on the ballot.

Then pollsters discovered that Clinton would have a good shot at winning the seat that's being vacated by Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan. Early this month, Quinnipiac College Polling Institute in Hamden, Conn., showed Clinton beating New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani (R), who's thinking of running, 51 percent to 42 percent.

Now Clinton has addressed the matter: She's giving it "careful thought," she said in a statement Tuesday, and will make her final decision "later this year."

The timing of her decision could be a bit troublesome to New York Democrats, and to other possible Democratic candidates, who want to get going now raising money and preparing for a bruising battle.

But for Clinton, it's the decision of a lifetime. And it entails

very large pros and cons. On the plus side, a run for the Senate allows her to break loose and become a serious political figure in her own right, not just as the spouse of the president. It also allows her to move beyond the humiliation of the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

"She's very, very popular right now, but it's not the image she wants," says political analyst Bill Schneider. "She has the image of a victim ... but she wants to be seen as an independent professional woman who has her own career."

As a Senate candidate, she would already have what most political wannabes can only dream of: universal name recognition and awesome fund-raising ability. If she won, she would have a platform from which to push her favorite policy issues, such as helping children.

And as a member of the Senate, she would also be well positioned to run for president. The current president opted early this week that she'd be a "great" senator.

Six more years

On the minus side, Clinton would have to think long and hard about signing up for six more years in Washington after her husband's term expires. She's had a rather hectic ride



ANDY NELSON - STAFF

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE: First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton said this week she is giving "careful thought" to the idea of running for an open Senate seat in New York. She said she'll decide later this year.

here and is leery of the press. If anything, the New York press corps is tougher than Washington's. All the old scandals would come back — her role in Whitewater, the White House travel office fiasco, the missing legal files — as well as her husband's various misadventures.

A big negative of life in the Senate is that it would limit her ability to make money, an important consideration in light of her and her husband's enormous legal bills (reportedly at more than \$3 million and rising). Senators make \$136,700 a year and are

limited in their outside income. As a footloose former first lady not tied down to a day job, Clinton would have the world at her feet. She could give highly lucrative speeches, serve on corporate and charitable boards, travel the world, and earn millions on her memoirs.

She would also be largely unavailable to help the Democrats campaign around the country as the party tries to retake control of the House and Senate and keep the White House. If she were to run, she'd have to spend most of her time in New York until the

election in November 2000.

New York has lax residency rules for officeholders, but New Yorkers wouldn't tolerate a run for the Senate in absentia, analysts say.

If Clinton were to win, she'd be following in the footsteps of two other illustrious last-minute New Yorkers: Sen. Robert Kennedy (D) in 1964 and Sen. James Buckley (R) in 1970.

Timing isn't everything

Some New York political observers pooch-pooch the idea that Clinton has to announce soon if she's going to run at all.

"It makes no sense for her to declare now," says Maureen Connelly, a New York political consultant who works for both parties. "The usual reason you declare early is to raise money. Should she declare, she'd be able to raise the funds in a snap. All this does is give your opponents and detractors time to take potshots at you."

Of course, any delay in a decision not to run puts any other Democratic candidates at a disadvantage. So far, of New York Democrats, Rep. Nita Lowey has made the most serious noises about running.

But Ms. Connelly has little sympathy for the New York state Democratic Party. "She didn't seek them out," she says. "They sought her out."

■ Alexandra Marks in New York contributed to this story.

Lawmaker Presents Republican Plan for Social Security

By RICHARD W. STEVENSON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 — The Republican chairman of the House subcommittee that oversees Social Security provided the first details today of his approach to shoring up the retirement system, saying that he intended to introduce legislation that would create private investment accounts but insulate retirees from the risks of the stock market.

Representative E. Clay Shaw Jr. of Florida, who is chairman of the Ways and Means Committee's Social Security Subcommittee, said the plan would use a large portion of the federal budget surplus to finance private investment accounts.

Although members of both parties have made specific proposals on Social Security, the Republican leadership has so far been reluctant to endorse a particular approach, calling on President Clinton instead to present a detailed package as the basis for negotiations.

Mr. Shaw said his plan, which will be the starting point for the bill most likely to reach the House floor later this year, would still have to be reviewed by his party's leaders. But he said his approach had the general support of most House Republicans, and his willingness to outline legislation could mark the beginning of a more intense debate over how the nation should deal with pressures facing the social welfare system as the population ages.

Republican leaders have agreed with Mr. Clinton that 62 percent of projected federal budget surpluses, or \$2.7 trillion over the next 15 years, should be set aside to help pay Social Security on a firmer financial footing as the baby boom generation approaches retirement. While there is no assurance that the surpluses will actually materialize, both parties are counting on them to minimize or eliminate the need for benefit cuts or tax increases.

But the two parties are far apart over how to use the money for Social Security. Mr. Clinton, backed by nearly all Democrats in the House and most in the Senate, wants to use the money to pay down the national debt and earmark the savings for Social Security.

Members of both parties are skeptical that they can reach agreement on an issue that is so politically sensitive and brings out the deep ideological differences between them, especially in the aftermath of the impeachment trial and with the 2000 elections looming.

Mr. Shaw's approach, while still in tentative form and lacking many of the details that would determine its



Social Security was the issue being discussed yesterday at the White House when President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton reacted to an allusion about her running for the Senate from New York.

fate, would use the surplus to help individuals buy stocks and bonds for private accounts that would be part of the Social Security system.

Mr. Shaw said he believed most people would do better under his plan than under the current system. But he said his plan would set a guaranteed benefit level that all retirees could count on even if their investments performed poorly. Mr. Shaw did not provide details on how the guarantee would be financed, and it was not clear whether the plan would allow a benefit equal to what current retirees receive, or if the level would have to be reduced.

He said the plan would also make private investment voluntary, at least at first, permitting people intimidated by the stock market to opt for the guaranteed benefit.

Mr. Shaw described his approach even as Mr. Clinton was holding an event at the White House to develop

support for his approach.

In addition to using the bulk of the surplus for debt reduction, the President's plan calls for the Federal Government to invest a portion of Social Security's reserves in the stock market in an effort to generate higher returns. These reserves are currently invested in a low-yielding but safe form of Treasury bond.

Mr. Clinton's plan rejects the creation of individual investment accounts within the Social Security system, but calls for the use of tax breaks to help finance new savings accounts for low- and middle-income people as a supplement to Social Security.

"The Republican leadership has said that generally it supports setting aside 62 percent of the surplus until we save Social Security," Mr. Clinton said today. "That's good and I appreciate that."

But, Mr. Clinton added, "That's

where the agreement ends."

Gene Sperling, Mr. Clinton's economic adviser, said the Administration had "real skepticism" about individual investment accounts, but said Mr. Shaw's proposal could be constructive.

"To the degree that he's putting his own specific ideas into the debate rather than simply launching clichés, that's a positive step," Mr. Sperling said.

Both the White House and the Republican leadership have pledged to work together to see if a bipartisan deal on Social Security is possible this year. Speaker Dennis Hastert will meet with Mr. Clinton next week to discuss the issue. But so far there have been no efforts by either side to negotiate.

Without any changes, the system will run short of money to pay promised benefits starting in 2032.

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HEADLINE: Clintons Plan Weekend Ski Trip

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The Clintons are heading back to the ski slopes for daughter Chelsea's 19th birthday, the White House announced Monday.

After two days of pushing his fix for Social Security and raising money for Democrats, President Clinton has three days of family time in Park City, Utah, blocked off on his schedule.

It is the second year in a row that the first family has chosen Park City for family time. Last year the president, who has skied only once in his life, was just getting over a knee injury and opted to read by the fire while Mrs. Clinton and Chelsea dashed down the slopes.

Clinton leaves Washington on Thursday for Phoenix, where he plans an address on his budget proposals for Social Security and education.

Later that night, he heads to San Francisco for a fund-raiser on behalf of House and Senate Democrats. Another fund-raiser is slated for Friday night in Los Angeles.

On Saturday, Chelsea's birthday, he heads to Park City, where he will remain until Tuesday, March 2.

Last year, the Clintons stayed in the gated multimillion-dollar mountaintop home of Hollywood executive Jeffrey Katzenberg, who has several intermediate ski runs just off his back yard at the Deer Valley Resort, about 25 miles east of Salt Lake City.

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The Shirt List

■ The relentless will she? won't she? buzz over **Hillary Rodham Clinton** and the New York Senate race has clearly gotten to Sen. **Mitch McConnell** (R-Ky.), who heads the National Republican Senatorial Committee.

So he brought a little sartorial prop to the "Fox News Sunday" set yesterday with which to gig Sen. **Bob Torricelli** (D-N.J.), chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee and father of the first lady-for-Senate boomlet.

"I've come up with a T-shirt for Bob that I think says it well," declared McConnell, holding up the "I ♥ NY" model. "Of course, the first lady doesn't live in New York. And if she chooses not to run in New York, she could run in New Jersey [def use of flash-card produces Exhibit B, a T-shirt with the slogan "I ♥ NJ"]. And the Democrats, of course, have an open seat in Nevada [morph to Exhibit C, "I ♥ NV"]. She's sort of the Senate candidate for all states this year."



BY CHAD ALPHEUS FOR THE WASHINGTON POST. PHOTOGRAPH BY CHAD ALPHEUS FOR THE WASHINGTON POST. McConnell, making a case for Clinton?

THE RELIABLE SOURCE

By Ann Gerhart and Annie Groer

In Utah, a Little Downhill Time

■ The weather was splendid—sunny and near 60—yesterday in Park City, Utah.

But that didn't tempt **President Clinton** into schussing down the slopes. Instead, he remained inside and read books at the lavish mountain retreat of movie producer **Jeffrey Katzenberg**. But **Hillary Rodham Clinton** and daughter **Chelsea** did the whole snow bunny number in the resort that is readying for the 2002 Winter Olympics.

The two women caused a brief stir among photographers, who were thrilled to capture them strapping on skis and getting on a lift near Bald Eagle Mountain, reports The Post's Chuck Babington.

White House spokesman **Barry Ito** said he did not know what Clinton was reading, but allowed as how "work was low on the totem pole to him as far as his priorities." Clinton has stayed away from the sport since injuring his left knee in a 1984 skiing mishap in Idaho.

This is the second year Katzenberg has turned over to the Clintons his home 25 miles east of Salt Lake City. He was not there.

On Saturday night, the family celebrated Chelsea's 19th birthday with a cake and dinner. No word on gifts.



BY RICK ELLIS FOR THE WASHINGTON POST. PHOTOGRAPH BY RICK ELLIS FOR THE WASHINGTON POST. First daughter Chelsea Clinton carves up the slopes yesterday near Park City, Utah, where she and her family gathered to celebrate her 19th birthday on Saturday.

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A Shift in Style for a New Senator

Schumer Broadens His Approach From His House Days

By JAMES DAO

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 — Charles E. Schumer says his personal life has not changed that much since he became New York's junior Senator. He still buys suits at a discount clothier, stays at budget hotels and urges people to call him Chuck.

But Mr. Schumer, a Democrat, is sweating the details of a change in his political life. No longer just the Representative for parts of Brooklyn and Queens, he now must understand the problems, weather the complaints and be the voice of 17 million constituents, including many who think he is a city-centric liberal who could not care less about them.

With his straight-A-student relentlessness, Mr. Schumer, 48, has immersed himself in issues important to upstate communities, from rising air fares in Syracuse to falling milk prices in Watertown, from low pay at Fort Drum to high electric rates in Jamestown.

"There is no reason why Rochester, with its great companies and its great institutions, shouldn't be a high-tech mecca in the entire Northeast," he told reporters at the opening of his Rochester office earlier this month. "That's one of the things I intend to do."

But he is also worrying about how he will play to another audience: his 99 fellow senators. There is a more intimate and courtly club than the House; individual members have far more power to shape legislation, personal relations are paramount to

success, and brass-knuckle politics are usually frowned upon.

In the House, Mr. Schumer was widely considered an effective and tireless legislator who made himself an expert on a range of issues, including gun control and banking. But his critics, and many allies, also viewed him as an incorrigible self-promoter who could be abrasive and partisan at times. To succeed in the Senate, they say, he will have to rein in some of those tendencies.

No one seems to understand that better than Mr. Schumer. Accused in the past of grabbing credit for legislation that others wrote, he says he plans to allow more senior senators to take the lead on legislation he once sponsored in the House. He has also been turning down invitations to appear on television talk programs, he says, partly to avoid causing resentment among his colleagues.

And after years of attacking House Republican leaders, he says he is learning about bipartisanship in the Senate, vowing to style himself after the late Senator Jacob K. Javits, a liberal New York Republican known for working well with Democrats.

The talk of renewed bipartisanship that emerged during impeachment is real, he said in a recent interview. "I go into a room with Senators, I start thinking, 'I get 50 of these guys to support me on something, I can pass it,'" he said. "You don't begin to think that way when there are 435."

Reflecting on what he described as

his attempts to defer to more senior colleagues, he said: "As a freshman member, you do things differently. Whenever there is a group of people talking, I'll defer to my senior colleagues first, then say my piece." He paused, then added slyly, "But it's a small group, so it's less of a wait."

Still, old habits can die hard. Some of Mr. Schumer's colleagues expressed amazement at how often he appeared before the microphones outside the Senate chamber or on television interviews during the Senate impeachment trial in January.

And when he delivered a stand-up routine at the Washington Press Club Foundation's Congressional dinner earlier this month, Mr. Schumer was widely panned when he took several barbed shots at House Republicans.

The act, which was written by his staff with the assistance of the writer-comedian Al Franken, a fellow Harvard graduate, opened with Mr. Schumer poking fun at himself for being a publicity hound. But the ballroom fell silent when Mr. Schumer quipped that Representative Bob Barr, a conservative Republican from Georgia, was preparing legislation titled the Defense of White Marriage Act.

And the silence broke into hisses when Mr. Schumer turned to House Speaker Dennis Hastert and said, "I'd like to congratulate Denny on his appointment by Tom DeLay." Mr. DeLay, the House whip, has been singled out by some Democrats as being the most powerful Republican in the House.

"Debate," one Washington weekly, Roll Call, called the performance. "Over the top," several Republicans said. Even Josh Isay, Mr. Schumer's chief of staff, said, "I wanted to crawl under the table."

No one seriously thinks that the performance will damage Mr. Schumer's standing in the Senate. But it confirmed some people's impressions of him as hard-edged and partisan, Congressional officials said.

His friends say the misstep has already been forgotten. Mr. Schumer, they say, is destined for Senate stardom because he is a natural-born legislator, a pragmatist who can sidestep ideology to get things done.

"The Senate is a very wide open place," said Senator Richard J. Durbin, an Illinois Democrat who shares a town house on Capitol Hill with Mr. Schumer. "That plays to his strength. He's a bright fellow — I guess you'll have to write that, won't you? — and will be a major player."

Mr. Schumer has devoted much of his time since the election to traveling around the state, particularly to the regions north of the New York City suburbs, traditionally Republican territory that he is determined to win in 2004. He has pledged to put three upstate issues at the top of his legislative agenda: reducing air fares, cutting utility costs and creating jobs. He has said he will travel

anywhere in the country to lobby executives to locate offices upstate.

"God has blessed me with a lot of energy," Mr. Schumer said in Rochester. "And I want to put a lot of that energy into helping companies understand what a great place upstate New York is for relocating."

During his upstate tours, he plays the eager student, not shy about asking questions, or showing off a bit.

At a meeting with Kodak executives in Rochester, he noted that he majored in chemistry for two years at Harvard, and offered some educated guesses as to why silver is light sensitive. And in a private meeting with officials at Monroe Community College, he apparently let slip about his perfect scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

"He's got more people skills than you'd expect for someone who got 1600 on his SAT's," Dr. Peter Spina, the college president, said.

In his fashion, Mr. Schumer has also tried to demonstrate that he is not just another downstate politician who has no interest in upstate's problems until election time. One technique: tell jokes about the city.

At a dinner of business leaders in Jamestown, Representative Amo Houghton, a Republican from Corning, gave Mr. Schumer a red corduroy hat with the letters, A-M-O. Mr. Schumer put the hat on his head, and said with a wide grin, "In my dis-

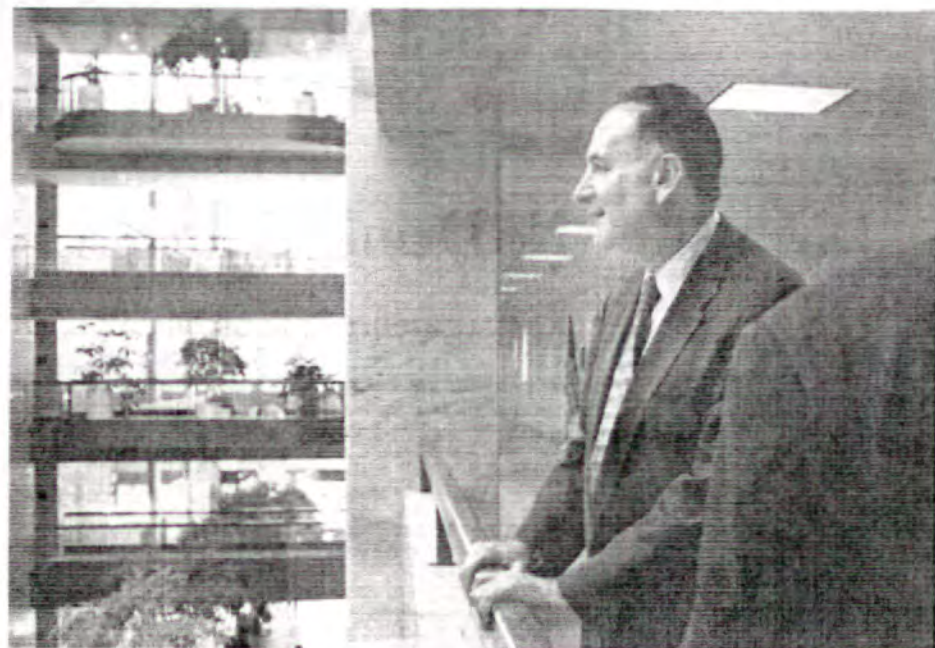
trict, they would pronounce this ammo." The room broke up.

His trips, Mr. Schumer says, have already affected his votes. On a November visit to Fort Drum, he rode in a tank and received a tour from a two-star general who complained about the Army's problems in recruiting and keeping soldiers. The visit convinced Mr. Schumer of the need for raising military pay, and he voted for such legislation last week.

In the House, Mr. Schumer said, he might have dismissed the bill by saying, "Maybe we should be spending this on other things."

Mr. Schumer, whose family lives in Park Slope in Brooklyn, said his frequent travels have not prevented him from devoting Saturdays to his wife and two daughters, Allison, 9, and Jessica, 14. He has made every one of Alison's Sunday basketball games with the 78th Precinct Youth Council, and he still faxes home solutions to his daughters' math homework problems almost nightly, his wife, Iris Weinshall, said.

Ms. Weinshall, a deputy commissioner in the New York City Department of Citywide Administrative Services, said being a senator has also not changed Mr. Schumer's taste for modestly priced blue and gray suits. "A salesman said to him, 'Now that you're a senator, you should buy a more expensive suit,'" she recalled. "Chuck said forget it."



Senator Charles E. Schumer looking out over the Hart Senate Office Building during an office selection tour.

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Despite 'staggering' debt, Clintons aren't so bad off

■ The president's supporters step up their giving, easing millions in legal bills.

By James N. Thurman
Staff writer of The Christian Science Monitor

WASHINGTON — With \$10 million in legal bills, Bill Clinton for a time had little more than a failed legal defense fund and a comparatively small income to assure his many lawyers that he could pay off his legal debts.

His income amounted to the \$200,000 paycheck from the American people, and \$76 dollars in royalties he still gets for playing the saxophone on the Arsenio Hall show during the 1992 presidential campaign.

Yet the gap between what Mr. Clinton makes and what he owes — he is the most indebted presi-

dent in history — is persuading thousands of sympathetic Americans to grab their checkbooks to support him one more time.

In fact, the picture of a destitute president hobbled forever by legal bills incurred while doing the "people's business" may not be fully accurate. Most experts say the president and first lady will have more potential earning power once they leave office than perhaps any of their predecessors — reducing the personal toll the scandal has taken on their finances.

"It won't take them long to dig their way out. They'll be making big bucks fast," says Ryan Bar-

leaux, a political scientist at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. "They'll pay it off in a few years either through contributions or with their own earning power."

Indeed, a recent direct mailing from a second legal defense fund, citing the first family's "staggering personal debt," garnered more than \$4.5 million, helping to erase more than half of the president's legal bills.

Even with the crisis of the impeachment trial, past, an event that catalyzed target donors, Clinton supporters forecast a robust flow of donations. They think a payoff of the legal debt once believed to be his personal ruin may now be in sight. "I think it's reachable," says Anthony Essaye, di-



HELPING HAND: A recent fund-raising drive to help pay off the debts of Hillary Rodham and Bill Clinton has netted \$4.5 million, roughly half the amount of their bills.

rector of the Clinton Legal Expense Trust. "We are pleased with our success so far."

The current legal trust has paid the debt down to \$5.2 million, according to recently released documents. That includes \$800,000 raised from a previous legal defense fund and the recent money taken in by the second

group. The president owes the money to attorneys at three law firms who have defended him in the Whitewater investigation, the Paula Jones sexual-harassment suit, and most recently, in the Senate impeachment process.

Still, a number of factors are at work that may not only help the Clintons pay off their debts shortly after leaving office, but may help them retire in the millionaire club.

The Clintons are still a powerful draw in the art of soliciting donations for either themselves or the party. In Los Angeles Friday, Clinton pulled in \$200,000 for the Democratic National Committee. The first lady will raise big money for the party this week in New York.

Both are expected to be better positioned than others who retired from politics with debts, including astronaut hero John Glenn, who still owes money from a 1984 presidential bid.

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Political Roundup

Duke Predicts Victory In Louisiana

■ **GOP HOUSE ASPIRANT** David Duke, a former Ku Klux Klan leader, predicted late last week that he would win the seat vacated by former **House Appropriations Chairman Livingston**, the *Baton Rouge Advocate* reported.

"In this race we don't have to worry about that black bloc vote. We have a great chance for victory," Duke told the Jeffersonians, a Baton Rouge political club.

Duke, the St. Tammany Parish GOP chairman and former state representative, said his statewide runs for Senate and governor failed because of opposition from a 30 percent black voting bloc in the state. But he said the 1st District, which wraps around New Orleans, has only about 9 percent black voters.

"I carried the 1st District before in statewide races, and the district since that time has been made more amenable to our principles and ideals," Duke said.

A May 1 special election to replace Livingston, who left Congress at the end of last week, will likely include at least four other declared Republican candidates: former Gov. Dave Treen, state Rep. David Vitter, attorney/New Orleans Zephyrs owner Rob Couhig, and ophthalmologist Monica Monica. Qualifying occurs March 17-19.

Fourteen Years Later, A Rematch In New Mexico

■ **FORMER LT. GOV.** MIKE RUNNELS, a Democrat, next year plans to challenge Rep. **Joe Skeen**, R-N.M., for the seat once held by his father — the late Rep. **Harold Runnels**, D-N.M., according to the *Associated Press*.

A Skeen-Runnels race would be a rematch of the 1986 contest — in which Skeen handily beat Mike Run-

nels by 63-37 percent. Said Runnels: "Things change over the years, and people change over the years. I've learned to work effectively with people of diverse interests. ... And I think the Democratic Party deserves a candidate who can reach across those diverse interests."

Skeen first won the seat in 1980 following Harold Runnels' death — as a write-in candidate in a three-way race. He was re-elected with 58 percent of the vote last November, following a 56-44 percent victory two years earlier.

Signs Point To Late Decision By Hillary In N.Y. Race

■ **SEN. CHARLES SCHUMER**, D-N.Y., late last week said that First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton could take until June to make up her mind about running for the Senate from New York. And former **Sen. Alfonse D'Amato**, R-N.Y., whom Schumer defeated last fall, suggested that if Clinton is set to run, she could announce as late as September, *Newsday* reported.

All of which points to a decision later, rather than sooner, for the first lady — who has been at the center of a speculative political swirl over the 2000 race for the New York seat being vacated by Democratic **Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan**.

Schumer's newfound advice that Clinton weigh her decision carefully contrasts with his earlier call that she make a quick decision. Schumer — who was among several New York politicians whom the first lady invited last week to the White House for consultation — said afterward that Clinton did not appear close to a decision.

While Schumer acknowledged that he had initially called on Clinton to decide by spring, he said last Thursday: "Spring could mean

[waiting] till June 20. It's not productive to put a time frame on it."

And D'Amato said the longer Clinton delays her decision, the more likely it is that she will run.

"If she's going to run, she can wait until September," D'Amato said. "Money is not a problem for her, bringing the entire party apparatus behind her is no problem. And she doesn't encounter the withering kind of inspection and questions that would take place as soon as she announces by the media."

Top Lobbyists Host Gingrich PAC Fundraiser

■ **SOME OF WASHINGTON'S** top lobbyists are co-chairing an April 14 fundraiser here for former **House Speaker Gingrich's** new Friends of Newt Gingrich PAC, the *Associated Press* reported.

The event will be not only a salute to Gingrich, but also a fundraiser for the PAC — designed to aid GOP candidates — as well as a benefit for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, one of Gingrich's favorite charities.

Among those organizing the event are former White House aide Nicholas Calio, whose firm's clients include Anheuser-Busch and Sears, Roebuck and Co.; former Rep. **Vin Weber**, R-Minn., who represents AT&T Corp. and Microsoft Corp.; former Rep. **Robert Walker**, R-Pa., whose firm represents American Airlines and Visa; and former Republican National Chairman Haley Barbour, who counts CBS Inc. and Philip Morris Cos. Inc. among his clients.

While Gingrich has not ruled out eventually running for president or another office, he has said he would not do it in 2000. In the meantime, he plans to give speeches and set up a consulting firm.



Reginald "Family Matters" Veljohnson and Norwood.

today. All we know is that he now gives terribly expensive and lavish parties in Hollywood society. He lives in chic, expensive Hancock Park in L.A. That's where **Nat King Cole** lived.

Well, the neighbors are thoroughly through with **Norwood** because he has 17 statues of the famous **Michaelangelo's David** adorning his circular driveway to his mansion. They've even burned crosses on his lawn.

Norwood pays them no mind. In fact he gives the most interesting parties. For instance, on his last birthday he gave a bash for 130 people for cocktails and a sit-down dinner. He transformed his front lawn into an African jungle with a real life tiger, lion, elephant, giraffe, camel, zebra and a chimpanzee who dined with the guests. But at 11 p.m., the

dinner guests were joined by another 400 folks and they partied 'til the police put it down at 5 a.m.

And real folks came out to celebrate with the mysterious **Norwood**. Check it out: **Natalie Cole**, Elektra Records head **Sylvia Rhone**, **Loretta Devine**, **Dawnn Lewis**, **Reginald Veljohnson** and **KiKi Shepard** of the Apollo were all there.

Norwood's publicist, **Ken Reynolds**, planned the party. Hopefully this year I can pop out to L.A. for his next. This one sounded very Swahili, didn't it?

Clinton's messed up holiday party

President Clinton and his First Lady always host several holiday parties at the White House. Some parties are grander than others, but generally, the press, Democratic committee supporters, businessmen, dignitaries, etc., all enjoy a scrumptious evening of winterland fantasy and tons of first-class goodies like huge shrimp, sushi, chicken, roast beef, wine, champagne, liquor and desserts.

Well, last Christmas, I guess **Clinton** said to hell with the press on press party night. The press hasn't been kind to him, what with the **Monica Lewinsky/Paula Jones/White Water/Filegate/Travelgate**, and other nightgate investigations and scandals. The press has had a field day with him. So, when they got to his home this holiday season, they were made to wait an

hour in the cold before being admitted into the White House. Then they were hurried through the White House. They weren't allowed to go tinkle in the First Lady's bathroom and parlor. They couldn't stop and sit in the Green or Blue or Red room—no room. In fact, **Clinton** put a



Jamie with the Prez at his holiday party last Christmas.



The Manhattans performed at the holiday party the President had at the White House for the press.

tent up in the backyard of the White House for them. He had ice sculptures outside the tent for us to see. (Big deal). He told the press they could bring their children (nice touch) and even had clowns paint colorful images on their tiny cheeks and foreheads. **Buuut Clinton** only served cookies, fruit cake, hot chocolate, wine and beer.

They were pissed. They expected to get a meal in the White House. The party takes place at dinnertime and we were hungry. Worse yet, **Clinton** did not allow them to shake hands and take pictures with him in the annual receiving line. No receiving line??? That's why you go—for the eats, for the frosted Christmas trees, for a handshake and picture with the Prez! **Mrs. Clinton** didn't even come down. She had strained her back.

But I enjoyed the heck out of the evening. I ran smack dab into **Clinton** when I was coming out of the tent while he was on his way in to say hello to the press and tell them this was his favorite time of year or something. So, I got to talk to the boy, again.

It was a strange encounter because I had taken a nap that afternoon, which accounted for my showing up at the party two hours late which is why I didn't have to wait in line when I got there. My husband and I got to enjoy the

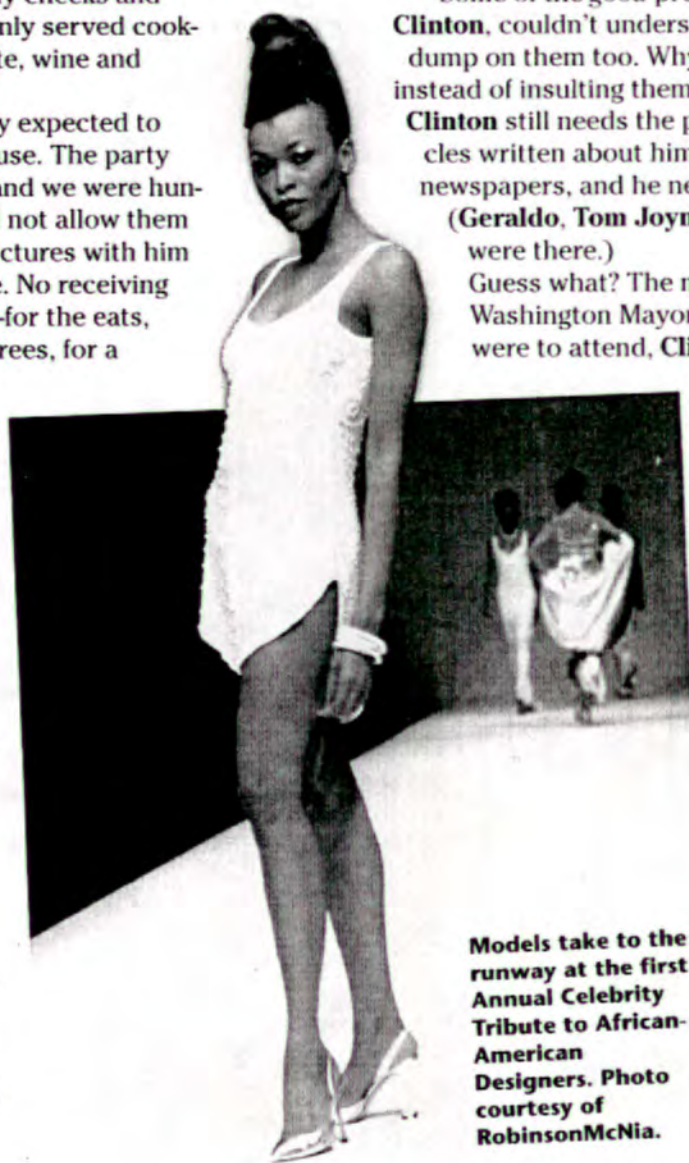
Manhattans sing all by our lonesome and then listen to the all male Black chorus sing. The security guys were free, and they love S2S, so I got a private tour of the trees and decorations by Secret Serviceman **Mr. Eddie**.

Some of the *good* press folks who are not mean to **Clinton**, couldn't understand why the **Prez** would dump on them too. Why not just *not* invite the press instead of insulting them, they brooded. They felt that **Clinton** still needs the polls reported, the good articles written about him in the Op Ed. sections of newspapers, and he needs friendly talk shows.

(**Geraldo**, **Tom Joyner** and other top media folks were there.)

Guess what? The next night, when folks like Washington Mayor **Marion Barry** and his wife were to attend, **Clinton** broke out the White

House china and put on the Ritz and received his guests in presidential style right there in his home.



Models take to the runway at the first Annual Celebrity Tribute to African-American Designers. Photo courtesy of RobinsonMcNia.

Magic Johnson teams with 100 Black Men and Dark & Lovely to celebrate Black Designers

The 100 Black Men of America are extremely active with raising money for scholarships. They, the Council of Fashion Designers of America, Inc., and the Magic Johnson Foundation teamed up to hold a tribute to African-American Designers in New York. It was a fundraiser. It gave African American designers an

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First Family Leaving On Freebie Vacation

By KENNETH R. BAZINET
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WASHINGTON

President Clinton headed West yesterday, mixing business with baseball ahead of an extended ski vacation celebrating daughter Chelsea's 19th birthday.

The First Family will hole up in media mogul Jeffrey Katzenberg's palatial Utah ski chalet — the latest instance in a Clinton family tradition of accepting free vacation lodging from the rich and famous.

Katzenberg's home — like the many other vacation digs the First Family has borrowed during the last six years — constitutes a tax-free handout. "Hospitality is not something that's considered a gift for tax purposes," said Clinton spokesman Jim Kennedy.



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Newsman Walter Cronkite
hosted a First Family
outing in August last year.

Former Bush White House legal counsel C. Boyden Gray agreed that the Clintons aren't legally banned from taking such freebies but said their predecessors chose not to.

"I think they're free to do just about anything," said Gray, "although other Presidents have not done this."

President Gerald Ford, for example, paid for the use of a posh home during his twice-yearly vacations in Colorado. And President Jimmy Carter forked over the Interior Department's going rate at a government guest lodge in Grand Tetons National Park in Wyoming.

In Tucson yesterday, Clinton made another pitch for his plan to save Social Security. He later dropped by the Arizona Diamondbacks' spring training camp before heading to San Francisco for a \$1 million fund-raiser.

The President will make a foreign-policy speech today, then

fly to Los Angeles, where he's expected to raise an additional \$175,000 from young Hollywood politicians.



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The President played a few golf rounds with Stephen Spielberg (l.) in June 1998.

He's slated to rendezvous tomorrow with his wife and daughter in Park City, Utah, huddling for the second straight year at Katzenberg's mountainside chateau. Details of Chelsea's birthday celebration are hush-hush.

The First Family plans to remain in Utah through Tuesday, but the President probably won't tackle the slopes himself because of a 15-year-old skiing injury.

Bill & Hill's Adventures

The First Family's ski outing this weekend at the Park City, Utah, chalet of media mogul Jeffrey Katzenberg is the latest in a string of vacations where the Clintons — unlike their recent predecessors — have accepted free lodging from the rich and famous. Here's a list of the Clintons' favorite getaway digs and their benefactors:

Martha's Vineyard, Mass.

- Former Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara (1993)
- Boston real estate developer Richard Friedman (1994, 1997, 1998)

Jackson Hole, Wyo.

- Sen. Jay Rockefeller (1995)
- Wall Street financier Max Chapman Jr. (1996)

Coronado, Calif.

- Former Ambassador to Switzerland Larry Lawrence — whose body was disinterred from Arlington National Cemetery in 1997 because he lied about his military record. (1994)

Hamptons, L.I.

- Movie director Steven Spielberg (1998)

St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

- Local residents Jay and Dollie Grebelick (1998)

Park City

- Katzenberg (1998, 1999)

With Thomas M. DeFrank



Political Roundup

McIntosh Says He Is Mulling Run For Governor

■ SPECULATION AMONG Indiana Republicans about a possible gubernatorial bid by Rep. **David McIntosh** picked up steam Wednesday as McIntosh conceded he was considering a run, the *Indianapolis Star News* reported.

"The desire [to run] is there in my heart. In my mind, I've got to make sure this is the right time to do it," McIntosh said.

He said he would probably make up his mind this summer. State Republicans are pushing him to make up his mind sooner.

"He's close," said state Rep. Bob Behning. "Some of us have talked about flying to Washington to convince him."

Two Republicans have already taken steps to launch a bid to unseat Democratic Gov. Frank O'Bannon. Both conservative activist John Price and newspaper publisher George Witwer filed their exploratory committees Wednesday.

New Poll Shows Abraham's Ratings Down

■ A NEW POLL SHOWS the job approval rating of Sen. **Spencer Abraham**, R-Mich., has dropped following his vote to convict President Clinton on impeachment charges.

A survey by EPIC/MRA shows only 37 percent of Michigan voters approving of the way Abraham is handling his job, down from 44 percent in January. In the poll of 600 active voters, conducted last Wednesday through Monday, 29 percent disapproved of his job performance and 34 percent were undecided; the survey has a 4 point error margin.

Abraham is near the top of national Democratic target lists for next year.

Former Democratic Gov. James Blanchard said this past weekend that he will decide by mid-March

whether to seek the Senate seat. If Blanchard does not run, pressure is building on Democratic Rep. **Debbie Stabenow** to enter the race.

Stabenow, who ran statewide for lieutenant governor in 1994, had earlier ruled out a Senate race — but now says "I am listening" to those urging her to run, the *Lansing State Journal* reported.

Already seeking the Democratic Senate nod are state Sen. Diane Byrum and 1998 gubernatorial nominee Geoffrey Fieger.

But polls show the outspoken Fieger to be highly unpopular following his landslide loss last year. And if Stabenow runs for Senate, Byrum is widely expected to opt instead to seek Stabenow's House seat.

Carper To Decide This Summer On Del. Senate Race

■ UNDER PRESSURE from both President Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton to take on Senate Finance Chairman **Roth** next year, Delaware Gov. Thomas Carper now says he will make a decision this summer about a Senate bid.

"I was not asked once, but twice by the Clintons to run," Carper told the *Delaware State News*. "I have not decided what will happen as my terms as governor come to a close."

Carper, who served a decade in the U.S. House prior to being elected governor in 1992, is barred by law from seeking a third term next year.

He added: "We will make a decision on what to do this summer. ... There are a lot of things to consider."

Roth has been indicating privately that he plans to seek a sixth term in 2000, when he will be 79. "Bill Roth said in the 1960s that he would retire at 70," declared Delaware Democratic Chairman Richard Bayard, adding, "Sen. Roth will have to engage in a real race this time."

State Senator Eyeing Run For Klink Seat

■ STATE SEN. **MELISSA HART**, a suburban Pittsburgh Republican, said this week she is considering a race next year for the seat now held by Rep. **Ron Klink**, D-Pa., who has said he will decide soon on whether to run for Senate.

Hart is highly popular in her state Senate district, and she has long been mentioned as a possible candidate for statewide office. Hart did not rest her decision on a House race on whether Klink runs for Senate — but an open seat would obviously make a bid more attractive.

Hart would have to move a few miles to reside in Klink's 4th District — a political rather than a legal requirement.

Hart's current residence is actually located in the adjacent 14th District seat of Rep. **William Coyne**, D-Pa. But much of her state Senate constituency overlaps Klink's district, so she already represents many of those voters.

Klink won re-election with 64 percent last year despite an aggressive challenge.

Restaurant Assn.'s Cain To Explore Presidential Bid

■ NATIONAL RESTAURANT Association President Herman Cain plans to step down to explore a potential candidacy for the 2000 GOP presidential nomination, according to the *Omaha World-Herald*.

Cain, 53, has led the association for nearly five years and is chairman and part owner of Omaha-based Godfather's Pizza Inc.

Cain, who is African-American, said he would make a final decision on whether to run for president by November.

He previously had been mentioned as a possible GOP challenger to Sen. **Bob Kerrey**, D-Neb., next year.



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At the White House, Time to Relax

Ghana's President Warms Up a Chilly Night

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Maybe it was the regal guest of honor. Maybe it was the star-studded guest list. Or maybe it was that the impeachment was finally, blessedly, over. But the atmosphere at last night's state dinner honoring the president of Ghana, Jerry Rawlings, was warm, ebullient and so celebratory that the receiving line took more than an hour due to all the hugs and kisses.

"Darling, I would have walked from North Carolina to be here

tonight," enthused poet Maya Angelou.

Angelou usually dominates any room she walks into, but last night she had plenty of competition: baseball legend Hank Aaron, actresses Angela Bassett and Cicely Tyson, U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan, Mayor Anthony Williams, Clinton confidants Betty Currie and Jesse Jackson, Olympic gold medalist Carl Lewis, singers Denyce Graves, Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds and BeBe Winans, and Minnesota Vikings Coach Dennis Green.

See DINNER, C9, Col. 1



President Jerry John Rawlings of Ghana and his wife, Nana Konadu Agyeman-Rawlings, flank their hosts at last night's state dinner.

DINNER, From C1

But perhaps the most imposing figure was the guest of honor. Wearing a brilliant green satin shirt draped with yards of kente cloth, President Rawlings stood regally next to a visibly relaxed President Clinton. This state dinner was the first for a leader of an African nation since South Africa's Nelson Mandela was honored in 1994.

Ghana is a favorite destination for African Americans exploring history, genealogy and investments. Rawlings wants to further the ties between the two countries by extending dual citizenship to American descendants of African slaves, a proposal that was met with mixed interest among last night's guests.

"It's a great idea for people to connect to Africa, to maintain their African ties," said Rep. William J. Jefferson (D-La.). Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.) was equally enthusiastic: "It's a marvelous idea. There's a growing interest in Africa."

But Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.) wasn't so sure. "We have many more problems to focus on" here in the United States, he said.

The 52-year-old Rawlings was an impressive representative for his country. He was labeled a Marxist when he first seized control of the government in 1981, but his attempts at a state-managed economy failed. He then adopted free-market measures, rejuvenating the Ghanaian economy and creating one of the highest growth rates in Africa. Rawlings allowed popular elections in 1992 and has been returned to office twice. His move to a democratic republic has earned him plenty of fans—including Clinton, who made Ghana the first stop on his six-nation tour of sub-Saharan Africa a year ago.

In his toast before dinner, the president praised Ghana's progress in the past decade and called it "a proud, strong country." He then pledged his "commitment to making the bonds of our two nations stronger than ever."

Rawlings responded by saying that "Ghana can be secure and prosperous only when all of Africa is secure and prosperous," and he challenged developed nations to help leaders like him to get rid of the

"scavengers of diamonds and mercenaries of war."

There was much mutual affection in their remarks, and the Ghanaian leader continued his loyal support of his "brother and friend." When he came to the United States last fall, Rawlings dismissed the sex scandal rocking the White House: "You are oversaturating our ears with morality," the former fighter pilot told American executives at New York's River Club. "When it comes to national interest, morality does not count." He called the Lewinsky affair "the so-called sin of one individual. Who of us has not sinned? This should not distract you from doing the right thing."

The right thing, according to Rawlings, is to focus on global issues instead of sex scandals.

"He's done good things with his country," said Thomas Livingston, who went to Ghana in September 1961 to teach English as the very first Peace Corps volunteer. "He's the darling of the IMF and the World Bank because he pays his loans."

"I'm a big fan of his and what he's trying to do with his country," said Mayor Williams.

And Angelou had praise for both presidents and the women beside them. "They are two young men who have great hope for their countries—and great wives to help them," she said.

Nana Konadu Agyeman-Rawlings wore a traditional dress to match her husband's attire. Mrs. Clinton wore a hand-dyed beaded black gown.

Despite the freezing temperatures outside, the decor and menu were designed to reflect the tropical climate of Ghana. Flowering quince and "Pink Ice" protein bouds graced 21 tables in the East Room. Rawlings had requested food on the light side, and the White House kitchen complied with roast duck and papaya, followed by grilled yellowtail snapper. "When I was in Florida, the appearance of the yellowtail snapper signaled the arrival of warm weather," executive chef Walter Scheib explained.

The evening's entertainment was provided by jazz scophonist Najee, a last-minute replacement for singer Patti LaBelle, who canceled on Tuesday. The White House had to scramble to find a suitable performer who



The first lady greets presidential secretary Betty Currie at the state dinner last night

- Donald Ruck, director, United Nations Capital Partners, and Ambassador Chuck Rock, partner, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flann
- Ken Brown Campbell, general secretary, National Council of Churches, and Albert M. Pennington, executive general secretary, National Council of Churches
- Myron M. Cherry, partner, Cherry & Ryan, Chicago, and Frances Cherry
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- Rep. Ralph E. Caetano, (D-Md.) and Linda Thompson, Maryland Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families
- Betty Currie, personal secretary to the president, and Robert Currie, non-remunerated consultant
- William M. Daley, secretary of commerce
- Gen. T. Davies, executive secretary, National Security Council, and Jacques Davies, attorney, Williams & Connolly
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- Kenneth B. Doole, chairman of the board of directors, National Council of Ghanaian Associations, and wife Doole
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Political Roundup

Pallone Announces Senate Exploratory Committee

■ LESS THAN A WEEK after Democratic Sen. Frank Lautenberg's surprise retirement announcement, Rep. Frank Pallone, D-N.J., Tuesday said he is forming a committee to explore a Senate bid.

"I have run extremely tough races before — in traditionally non-Democratic areas," said Pallone, first elected to Congress in 1988, "and I believe that my records on taxes, education and welfare are reflective of New Jersey voters. Now, I am deciding whether this agenda can be better served in the Senate."

Pallone is not the only New Jersey Democratic House member interested in Lautenberg's seat: House Democratic Caucus Vice Chairman Robert Menendez is also reported to be lining up support.

DNC Seeks Appeal Of Ruling On 'Hard Dollar' Spending Limits

■ THE DEMOCRATIC National Committee is calling on the FEC to appeal last Thursday's decision by a district judge in Colorado who ruled that certain limits on the amount of "hard dollars" that a party committee may spend on behalf of a candidate are unconstitutional.

"We are disappointed that the court struck down the limits, and we hope and expect that the FEC will appeal the decision," said a DNC spokesman.

The case dates back to 1986, when the Colorado GOP spent money on radio ads aimed at then-Rep. Timothy Wirth, D-Colo. — who eventually won an open Senate seat that year.

In June 1996, the Supreme Court ruled that the Colorado GOP had not violated election laws — but remanded the case back to the district court for further argument on whether there should be any limits

on the coordinating spending by party committees.

"It is a great victory for the First Amendment and common sense," said Republican attorney Jan Baran. "This decision encourages parties to raise more hard money and reduces the political value of soft money."

Baran declined to predict that the ruling would cause the major GOP campaign committees to reduce the amount of soft money they will raise for the 2000 elections.

New Poll Shows Hillary Widening Lead Over Giuliani

■ A NEW POLL shows First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton widening her lead over New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, a Republican, in a potential 2000 New York Senate race matchup.

The survey, from Quinnipiac College's Polling Institute, had the first lady favored by 54 percent of 1,270 registered voters polled — with Giuliani the choice of 36 percent, an 18 point lead. The poll was conducted last Tuesday — the day Clinton said she would give the race "careful consideration" — and has a 3 point error margin.

An earlier Quinnipiac poll, conducted Jan. 26-Feb. 1, had Clinton leading Giuliani by 9 points, 51-42 percent.

Senate Minority Leader

Daschle said Tuesday he has spoken with Clinton about a Senate bid, but said he "would be very surprised if she made a decision in the next six months."

Gambling Foe Enters Race To Succeed Talent

■ A FOURTH REPUBLICAN has entered the race to succeed Rep. James Talent, R-Mo., who will run for governor in 2000.

State Rep. Todd Akin, a conservative who has gone to court to chal-

lenge the legality of Missouri's gambling boats and a 1993 education tax increase, announced Monday he will enter the race in the suburban St. Louis district, the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* reported.

Akin vowed to make his priority in Congress the adoption of a national version of Missouri's tax limitation law — even if it requires a constitutional amendment.

Besides the three other Republicans who have already announced — state Sens. Steve Ehlmann and Franc Flotron, and former St. Louis County Executive Gene McNary — at least two others are looking into it. They are state Sens. Betty Sims and David Klarich.

Two Democrats, state Sen. Ted House and Webster University Business School Dean David Harpool also have announced they will run in the predominantly GOP district.

California GOP Officials To Kasich: Stay Home

■ A TIFF INVOLVING the California GOP dating back to 1997 continues to dog House Budget Chairman Kasich's presidential campaign.

The flap occurred during the last election cycle, when Kasich initially planned to attend an event for his friend, Rep. Gary Condit, D-Calif.

After state party members complained, Kasich backed off.

Now, although most other GOP presidential contenders have been invited to speak at the party's spring convention this year, Kasich did not make the cut.

"We are sorry that they are still upset about a two-year old incident which never took place," said a spokesman for Kasich's presidential exploratory committee, adding, "We look forward to working with the new incoming chairman to raise money for the party and stump for California Republican candidates."

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By Ann Gerhart and Annie Groer

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"A black man voting for the Republicans makes about as much sense as a chicken voting for Colonel Sanders."

J.C. Watts Sr., daddy of Rep. J.C. Watts Jr. (R-Okla.), in the Los Angeles Times

NOW YOU KNOW . . .

■ After a year of traversing their own personal slippery slopes, **President and Hillary Rodham Clinton** will celebrate daughter **Chelsea's** 19th birthday Saturday with a three-day Utah ski holiday, the White House announced yesterday.

Last year, the first family hung out in the gated splendor of Hollywood mogul **Jeffrey Katzenberg's** mountaintop getaway, which boasts several intermediate ski runs just off his back yard at the Deer Valley Resort in Park City. The president is set to return next Tuesday.

■ What better event to rip off when you're promoting flossing than the Academy Awards, ground zero for toothy grins?

A few weeks after we get this year's Oscar nominees, along come the Floscar nominees, for best reference to dental floss in a major motion picture, regardless of release date.

Just who is behind this cinematic silliness? District toxicologist **Armand Lione**, founder of the wholly bogus National Flossing Council and president of the very real Associated Pharmacologists & Toxicologists.

Lione, 51, who says he flosses after every meal because he has large spaces between his teeth, has been fascinated



John Podesta, taking his sweet time.

by this form of oral hygiene for decades. At 17, he urged Johnson & Johnson to make small packets of waxed string for restaurant use. A company official replied that "this is not a new idea" and the cost would be "excessive."

The Floscar nominees "are the only five we could find," Lione told The Post's Janelle Erlichman: "Austin Powers," 1997; "Kingpin," 1996; "L.A. Story," 1991; "Pretty Woman," 1990; and "The Eiger Sanction," 1975.

Lione will announce the winner March 21, at what he says will be a very flossy event.

■ After a long day being grilled by AFL-CIO leaders, **Vice President Gore** and top White House aides were about to depart Friday afternoon from the fabulous Fontainebleau Hilton in gloriously sunny, balmy Miami Beach.

But where was Chief of Staff **John Podesta**?

Not to be found. Alas, the White House signal operator can sniff you out, even by the surf and sand in your hair. Podesta bounded to the holding area just in time, cheeks flush from the sun. Hey, grab your R&R where you can, we say.



Waxing hygienic: The elusive Floscar.

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TIME CQ

Clinton's returning to Park City for family time on the slopes

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WASHINGTON (AP) -- The first family is heading back to the ski slopes for daughter Chelsea's 19th birthday.

The White House announced Monday that after two days in Arizona and California pushing his fix for Social Security and raising money for Democrats, President Clinton will have three days of family time in Park City, Utah.

It is the second year in a row that the first family has chosen Park City for family time. Last year the president, who has skied only once in his life, was just getting over a knee injury and opted to read by the fire while Mrs. Clinton and Chelsea took to the slopes.

Clinton leaves Washington on Thursday for Tucson, Ariz., where he plans an address on his budget proposals for Social Security and education.

Later that night, he heads to San Francisco for a fund-raiser on behalf of House and Senate Democrats. Another fund-raiser is slated for Friday night in Los Angeles.

On Saturday, Chelsea's birthday, he heads to Park City, where he will remain until Tuesday, March 2.

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Political Roundup

Disillusioned Blanchard Unsure Of Bid To Unseat Abraham

■ FORMER DEMOCRATIC Gov. Jim Blanchard of Michigan, recognizing the importance of an early start on fundraising, expects to decide by mid-March whether to challenge GOP Sen. **Spencer Abraham**, the *Detroit News* reported Sunday.

If Blanchard declines to run, he intends to join other party leaders in helping assure a strong nominee against Abraham — viewed by national Democrats as vulnerable.

Although Democratic Rep. **Debbie Stabenow** earlier ruled herself out of the Senate race, she is under party pressure to reconsider if Blanchard declines.

Blanchard told the *News* he has "the distinct impression that she might well run."

Those close to Blanchard say it is less likely than likely that he will run — but the door has not been closed.

Blanchard, in a Friday interview, said, "I'm really torn between a strong desire to serve and a strong distaste for excessive negativism" and the money chase of politics today.

Polls indicate Blanchard — also a former U.S. House member and ambassador to Canada — would be Abraham's strongest challenger.

Miller Courted By Clintons To Make Bid In Nevada

■ FIRST LADY Hillary Rodham Clinton and Vice President Gore have joined Senate Minority Leader **Daschle** and Minority Whip **Reid** in urging former Nevada Gov. **Bob Miller** to run in 2000 for the seat held by Democratic Sen. **Richard Bryan**, the *Associated Press* reported.

Bryan announced Thursday he would not seek a third term in 2000, and Clinton called Miller Friday urging him to run.

"I joked that it would be nice to be in the same freshman class," Miller said. "[The first lady] laughed but didn't indicate any intention herself to run. She said it's a big decision to make herself."

The first lady is considering whether to run in 2000 for the seat of retiring Sen. **Daniel Patrick Moynihan**, D-N.Y. Miller, who just ended 10 years as Nevada's popular governor, said he is giving his own Senate candidacy "serious consideration."

Upon returning from South Africa, Gore called Miller last Thursday night from Air Force Two, also urging him to run. "He said he hoped I'd run and that I'd do a good job as a senator," Miller said.

If Miller got into the race, he would likely face former Rep. **John Ensign**, the declared GOP frontrunner who fell just 428 votes short of defeating Reid last year.

Ohio Poll: Bush Leads GOP, Kasich 4th In Home State

■ A NEWLY RELEASED independent poll shows Texas Gov. **George W. Bush** ahead of the pack in a hypothetical GOP presidential primary in Ohio next year — leading former Cabinet member **Elizabeth Dole**, former Vice President **Quayle** and the state's favorite son, Rep. **John Kasich**.

In a subsample of 305 GOP and independent voters, conducted by the University of Cincinnati, 36 percent chose Bush, 25 percent favored Dole, 15 percent supported Quayle, and just 9 percent backed Kasich — who represents a Columbus-based district. None of six other GOP candidates included won more than 3 percent; the subsample has a 5.6 point error margin.

Among 336 Democratic and independent voters, a sample with a 5.3 point error margin, Vice President Gore took 59 percent. He was far

ahead of former New Jersey Sen. **Bill Bradley** with 13 percent; Rev. **Jesse Jackson**, 11 percent; and Massachusetts Sen. **John Kerry**, 4 percent.

In a general election matchup, Bush leads Gore by 54-38 percent.

The overall survey of 609 registered voters was conducted Feb. 4-16. Independent voters were included in both subsamples because Ohio voters are allowed to vote in whichever party primary they choose.

For Gore, A Past Snub Comes Back To Return The Favor

■ VICE PRESIDENT GORE may have burned a bridge in South Carolina when that state's top Democrat, Gov. **Jim Hodges**, felt he was snubbed during his 1998 gubernatorial campaign.

Accordingly, Hodges may not be endorsing Gore in his presidential campaign any time soon.

Hodges had been trailing badly in the polls and — according to state Democratic Party Chairman **Dick Harpootlian** — received no offer of help from Gore. "He snubbed him," said Harpootlian.

Hodges went on to upset GOP Governor **David Beasley**, and has since not been "prepared to endorse anyone" for the Democratic ticket.

According to Hodges' chief of staff, **Kevin Geddings**, "The governor is just interested in sending a message that ... he will not walk in lockstep with Clinton-Gore."

Hodges declined an invitation to a reception for all Democratic governors that Gore held at his home this past Saturday.

In fact, Hodges and the South Carolina Democratic Party have invited a Gore rival, former New Jersey Sen. **Bill Bradley**, to address their annual Jefferson-Jackson dinner.

Off to the RACES

Suddenly, GOP Opportunities Arise In The Senate

By Charlie Cook

■ WHAT A DIFFERENCE a week makes! Early last week, while some overzealous Democrats were boldly talking about winning control of the Senate in 2000, almost all neutral analysts — and most realistic Democratic and GOP veterans — were privately suggesting there would likely be little net change in the Senate.

Before last week, each side had one incumbent in extreme jeopardy: Democrat **Charles Robb** in Virginia and Republican **John Ashcroft** in Missouri. Robb trails former GOP Gov. George Allen while Ashcroft runs behind current Democratic Gov. Mel Carnahan. The next risky spot for Democrats was in New York, where **Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan** is retiring.

The early picture in the Empire State is muddled, depending upon go/no go decisions by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and **Rep. Nita Lowey** on the Democratic side and New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, **Rep. Rick Lazio** and former **Sen. Alfonse D'Amato** on the GOP side.

Although most have all but given Giuliani the nomination, it is important to note that the Republican primary vote is not in New York City — and that the Pataki-D'Amato wing of the party has no use for Hizzoner. Lazio, from Long Island, does not carry the baggage of hailing from the city and yet is moderate enough to be plausible in a general election. The first lady would be a slight favorite over Giuliani, while she would start off a strong favorite over D'Amato or Lazio. Giuliani would be a big favorite over Lowey, who would only get into the race if Mrs. Clinton does not run. In the unlikely event that both Clinton and Giuliani did not run, a Lowey-Lazio matchup at this point would look to be fairly even.

Beyond these three races, everything else in the Senate looked to be *status quo*. However, the outlook changed dramatically last week when Democrats got hit with both barrels of the retirement gun. The first blast came Wednesday when **Sen. Frank Lautenberg** of New Jersey announced he was not going to run, rescinding a decision last fall that he would seek a fourth term.

The other barrel was fired Thursday when Nevada **Sen. Richard Bryan** announced he would retire. Like Moynihan, both Lautenberg and Bryan were heavy favorites for re-election — not just because Senate incumbent re-election rates have risen over the last decade to over 70 percent, but also because their potential top-tier opponents seemed highly unlikely to run. GOP Gov. Christine Todd Whitman

seemed unlikely to take on Lautenberg while former GOP **Rep. John Ensign**, the 1998 Senate nominee, seemed unwilling to take on his close friend, Bryan.

■ NOW, ALL THAT HAS CHANGED. Whitman, who came within three percentage points in 1994 of upsetting then-**Sen. Bill Bradley**, now looks all but certain to run, and is a strong favorite over what could be a divided but decidedly second-tier field of Democrats. Whitman is very likely to carry the Republican torch — while Democrats potentially choose among former Gov. Jim Florio, ousted by Whitman in 1993; **Reps. Bob Menendez, Frank Pallone** and **Robert Andrews**; and Cherry Hill Mayor Susan Bass Levin, a prominent Democratic fundraiser.

Some Democrats worry that based on name recognition alone, Florio would have a big edge in a primary — but that he remains badly damaged goods from his ill-fated tenure as governor. The GOP begins the race favored to pick up the seat.

In Nevada, the GOP nomination is most likely to go to Ensign, who has already said he is running. GOP **Rep. Jim Gibbons**, who has also expressed interest in the race, could challenge Ensign if he decides to jump in. Ensign came within a few hundred votes of upsetting Bryan's colleague, **Sen. Harry Reid**, last November. Gibbons' district contains the half of the state's population with the highest turnout level overall — and the overwhelming majority of voters in a GOP primary.

On the Democratic side, the nomination seems most likely to go to former Gov. Bob Miller or Las Vegas Mayor Jan Laverty Jones, the party's 1998 gubernatorial candidate. Miller, who served as lieutenant governor under then-Gov. Bryan, assumed the top job in January 1989, finishing out the last two years of Bryan's term and easily winning election in his own right in 1990 and beating Gibbons by 12 points in 1994. The race starts off roughly a 50-50 contest with Bryan not running for re-election.

In sum, these three open seats where Democrats had

70-95 percent chances of winning have fallen into the 40-55 percent range. Democrats have more seats in immediate jeopardy, while Republicans have more that are potentially at risk — with tough challenges dependent upon strong Democratic recruiting, a continued favorable political climate and some lucky breaks. After the tumultuous past week, Democrats could sure use them.

■ **Charlie Cook's "Off to the Races"** appears every Tuesday in **CongressDailyAM**. During weeks when **CongressDailyAM** does not publish, "Off to the Races" can be accessed on National Journal's website: www.cloakroom.com. "The Cook Report" appears Fridays in **National Journal**.

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New warnings issued on reproductive health

BY C. GERALD FRASER

New challenges to reproductive health include "morning after," or emergency, contraception and the proliferation of sexually transmitted diseases, said Dr. Mahmoud Fathalla in his opening remarks which set the stage for the third set of discussions in the Main Committee.

The committee concluded consideration Tuesday of gender equality, equity and the empowerment of women and at 4:29 PM turned to the theme of reproductive health, including family planning and sexual health, and reproductive rights. Main Committee discussions began Monday by examining the theme, "creating an enabling environment." Dr. Fathalla is a senior adviser for biomedical and reproductive health research and training at the Rockefeller Foundation. For him, he said, there are several new challenges required by new needs and new customers.

First of all, he said, reproductive health is "a mindset, a concept, an approach—the way the service is approached."

People are to be seen as ends, not means; as subjects, not objects.

This attitude means that reproductive health is tied to human rights, Dr. Fathalla explained. It was a violation by governments, he said, when they fail to protect a right, when they fail to protect women and children from sexual abuse and allow female genital mutilation.

The failure of governments to provide reproductive health services constituted another challenge. It was, the doctor said,



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Dr. Mahmoud Fathalla greeting Hillary Clinton Sunday.

Contraception crisis is cited during panel.

more than simply a health problem or a development issue. People, politicians, and providers of services all need to act both inside of and outside of the health sector, Dr. Fathalla said.

On the matter of integration, another challenge, Dr. Fathalla said combination of all the components of reproductive health and all the components of the services should not result in a dilution of the services.

He recognized that juggling resources meant some nations to set priorities. But setting priorities successfully, he said, required participation by representatives of the providers as well as those for whom the services exist. Pragmatism was also a consideration.

A major challenge was meeting the new needs of two

sets of new customers. Those with sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS, and the victims of gender based violence and sexual abuse. In addition, he said new "customers" under the reproductive health umbrella included men, adolescents and displaced persons, especially refugees.

"And knowledge is limited on all of these," Dr. Fathalla said.

He then made a pitch for more research, saying it was necessary for women to have protection from sexually transmitted diseases without having to rely on their male partner. They needed microbicides which would prevent infections.

What is now called emergency contraception is to be used by a woman within 48 to 72 hours after unprotected sexual intercourse, before pregnancy has been established. It cannot terminate an existing pregnancy, he said. And he considered it especially useful for adolescents and refugees.



By PAUL HOFFMAN, AP/WIDE WORLD

Queen Noor, King Hussein's widow, at a reception Monday for wives of dignitaries attending the funeral. The former Lisa Halaby had met the king in 1978, when she was working for Jordan's national airline.

American-born queen's son named new crown prince

By Christopher P. Winner
USA TODAY

AMMAN, Jordan — The woman known to some as the Lady Diana of the Middle East, American-born Queen Noor of Jordan, won a major family victory just hours before she gathered her children to attend the burial of her husband, King Hussein.

Her eldest son, Hamza, 18, was installed by King Abdullah as his heir, or crown prince.

Jordanian law allows the widowed Queen Noor to keep her title, even if Abdullah's 27-year-old wife, Princess Rania, is formally proclaimed queen after the nation's 40-day mourning period.

But Hamza's appointment means Noor, 47, also would become queen mother to Hamza, when and if he succeeds Abdullah.

Privately, Noor has made clear she intends to pursue a role as a "goodwill ambassador" for Jordan, as well as assist Princess Rania as she prepares to ascend the Hashemite dynasty's ancient throne.

Hussein's queens — despite their divorces — have adhered to Jordan's unwritten code: remaining close to their children and the extended royal family. It's a tradition Noor is expected to follow.

Hussein has fathered 11 children.

The thrice-married Hussein

met blue-eyed, blonde-haired Lisa Halaby in 1978. The Princeton graduate, who had started a career in architecture, married the king after becoming director of planning and design projects for Jordan's national airline, Royal Jordanian.

She is the Lebanese-American daughter of Pan Am's then-chairman Najeeb Halaby. When the couple married in 1978, Halaby took the name Noor, or Light, and converted to Islam.

Noor's parents accompanied President Clinton to Jordan for Hussein's funeral. Hillary Rodham Clinton also met privately with the queen at the palace Monday.

"You are the daughter of America and a queen of Jordan," the president said in a personal passage to Noor as part of his comments on Hussein. "You have made two nations very proud."

She has four children by the late monarch, sons Hamza and Hashem, 17, and daughters Iman, 15, and Raiya, 3.

Long scorned by the generally traditional Jordanian public — some critics called her Imelda, after free-spending Imelda Marcos of the Philippines — Noor gradually endeared herself to Jordanians by dropping the jet-set traits with which she was long associated.

Hussein was acting in part to defend her reputation last

month when he abruptly named Abdullah as his successor, replacing the king's brother, Hassan, who had held the position for more than three decades.

In rejecting his brother, Hussein denounced Hassan and his aides for spreading "lies and gossip" about Noor. The accusations, according to palace sources, included false rumors that she had an illegitimate son before marrying Hussein and suggestions that Noor was trying to push Hamza as Hussein's successor.

Noor also has been the target of recent criticism from opponents of Hussein's pro-Western policies.

The queen, however, remained publicly aloof from most squabbles. In recent years, she made regular speeches about the importance of civic duty and joined the global crusade against land mines.

Her closeness to her husband during his cancer ordeal further convinced the conservative public that she was a devoted queen and wife.

Hussein's surviving ex-wives are Dina, a Jordanian, and Princess Munt, the British mother of Abdullah. His third wife, Queen Alla, a Palestinian, died in a helicopter crash in 1977.

Contributing: Matthew Kalman in Amman and wire reports

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FUNERAL FOR A KING

AN APPRECIATION

For Those Who Knew Hussein, His Graciousness Lives Forever

By ROBIN WRIGHT
TIMES STAFF WRITER

WASHINGTON—For almost half a century, he was known as the PLK—Plucky Little King.

It was not a sign of irreverence or ridicule directed at his diminutive size. The familiarity instead reflected the great admiration of virtually everyone who came into contact with Jordan's King Hussein.

In an era when monarchies are otherwise in demise, he was the Everyman King, as accessible to his people and the press as he was to prime ministers and presidents. We all really meant, even hoped, "Long live the King," because behind that deep, authoritative voice speaking in that clipped, blue-blood British accent was an impish smile, a zest for adventure, even a little mischief, and a profound humility.

He was certainly among the least pretensions of the world's royals, despite protocol officials at his Amman palace cautioning visitors about turning their backs on the king or crossing their legs so that the soles of their feet faced him. "Don't worry about them," the king told me the first time I interviewed him. "They're well intentioned." And he chuckled.

The king's warmth was genuine. After the 1994 peace accord with Israel, Bill and Hillary Rodham Clinton hosted a formal

reception for the signatories at the State Department. The receiving line was telling. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, the no-nonsense former general, clearly wasn't much interested in the fanfare and shook hands perfunctorily. President Clinton was basking in the limelight of a major foreign policy success, chatting with everyone in line. Hillary Clinton was coolly hurrying up the procession her husband had

stowed down, barely acknowledging those like myself she didn't know.

King Hussein was next. It was his moment of honor, an event capping decades of determined and secret di-

plomacy.

"Ah, Robin, how are you?" he began, before I could offer congratulations on the peace accord. "We haven't seen you in Amman lately. When are you coming to visit? And how's your family?"

Hillary Clinton leaned over momentarily to see if perhaps I might be someone interesting or important. I wasn't, of course. But the king had a way of making those around him feel they were of value and worth knowing.

His sense of humanity was central to his greatest achievements.

In the world's most volatile region, the Jordanian monarch was perhaps the only man not overwhelmed by the politics of hate. He dared to meet secretly, and



Crowds of Jordanians run alongside King Hussein's funeral cortege in Amman on Monday. The coffin was borne through the streets of the capital as thousands of Jordanians paid their final respects.

often more than once, with every Israeli leader save Menachem Begin—and only because Begin backed out.

"What a wonderful discovery it is to find out that people across that barrier feel the same way, have the same fears, have the same hopes, have the same suffering," he told me in a 1996 interview.

In a region of intransigent politicians and radical politics that al-

most cost him his life in repeated assassination attempts, the Jordanian monarch was an enduring optimist. His grand vision extended beyond both his own legacy and his own time.

"There is no alternative to peace for any of us," he told me. "We would be failing not only ourselves, but we would be failing all future generations if we do not seize this opportunity."

And in a region holding out

against democracy, King Hussein began gradually transforming a poor desert kingdom with a predominantly tribal and nomadic society into a modern pluralist political state. Since the late 1980s, Jordan has undergone three multiparty elections for its new parliament.

"The clock can't be turned back. Popular participation is the best way to achieve our political objectives," he said.

His parting words to me were prescient. "Jordan was once a country that people said could not survive. But now we are an example for others. I hope others will come and build on our democratic experiment. We have every reason to believe that we can eventually achieve what happened in Europe—and more," he said.

"But it's also not something that will happen in a single lifetime."

Despite his passion for peace, King Hussein was no political angel. He was prepared to shed blood. He went to war with Israel in 1967, a deadly mistake that cost his kingdom the strategic West Bank and historic Jerusalem in a mere six days of fighting.

He fought with Arabs, both neighboring Syria and Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization, which he ended up booting out of Jordan. He also was prepared to use a firm hand—very firm, if need be—at home. Despite the new parliament, he usually had the last word.

And he made serious political mistakes, most recently by siding with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein during the 1990-91 Persian Gulf crisis. He later reversed course and called for the Iraqi despot's ouster. His enduring relationship with the United States also often cost him stature in the Arab world.

Yet the Hashemite king was still more warily embraced than any other contemporary Mideast leader. And even in his mistakes, his detractors often conceded that the king was probably well-intentioned.

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Mayors Applaud President and His Urban Proposals

By MICHAEL JANOFSKY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 — President Clinton took advantage of a meeting with mayors from more than 200 cities today to announce that he is seeking a hefty raise for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Mr. Clinton's proposed increase of \$2.5 billion would give the agency a record \$25 billion at a time the Administration was using every bit of good news to draw attention from the impeachment trial in the Senate.

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

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

Mr. Clinton's address was the first of several the mayors heard here on the third and last day of the winter meeting of the United States Conference of Mayors. Over lunch in a hotel ballroom, they listened to speeches on different urban issues by Senator Trent Lott, the Mississippi Republican who is the majority leader; Attorney General Janet Reno, and the President's wife, Hillary.

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

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

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

A spokesman for Representative Rick A. Latta, the Suffolk County Republican who heads the House subcommittee on housing, said the Administration was certain only to get an increase of \$2 billion and faced a fight for the remaining \$300 million.

After his remarks, Mr. Clinton took questions. Mayor Linda Lawrence of Wausau, Wis., a Democrat, rose and took aim at the impeachment trial, saying, "I want you to



With more than 200 mayors gathered in Washington for their winter conference, events yesterday included a meeting with President Clinton at the White House and, below, hearing Trent Lott at a hotel ballroom.

A proposed increase would give the Housing Department a record budget.

know what on behalf of everybody I know, especially my parents who are so damn conservative that I had an 11 P.M. curfew all my life, that they want Congress to stop this to allow you to get on with the business of the country."

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

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

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

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

Mrs. Clinton spent the first half of her speech reviewing Administration programs that she portrayed as



"tools this President has provided" to help cities and urging the mayors to build support for the President's next budget. She closed by promoting the Millennium Communities Program, an effort by the White House to encourage communities to plan celebrations that "honor the past and imagine the future."

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she is intimately concerned about the status and conditions of women in developing countries.

Addressing the issue of assistance, Clinton maintained that the US had spent \$13 billion so far in population assistance and said that an additional \$2.5 billion was allotted for economic and social development in the year 2000 budget. The President had also requested US\$25 million to restore funding to UNFPA, and said, "I hope our Congress will support that request." She added, "The restoration of funding to UNFPA would send a strong signal that the US supports population programs."

"I realized that there will never be full agreement on some issues," she said, noting that there are people of good faith on both sides of the issues. "But I am sure of one thing," she continued, "government has no place in the personal decision of a woman to bring a child into the world."

Government does have a critical role, she said, in helping women lead full and meaningful lives. She emphasized that government especially has a duty to

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provide the poor with access to family planning services. "Wealthy and well connected women always have access to the services we need. What we need is access for all women." She also said, "We must create an environment in which all children are wanted and all pregnancies are planned."

In attacking coercive measures that have been associated with population programs in the past, Clinton recalled how under the former dictatorship in Romania, at a time when the government wanted to increase the population, women were subjected to intrusive medical check-ups to determine whether they were pregnant.

But she then applauded the new program UNFPA has developed for China since it would bring China's population policies

into conformity with the Cairo agenda.

On a tour of the developing world, Clinton reported on a number of successes, from Indonesia where thousands of trained midwives have helped women make informed decisions on reproductive matters, to Nepal, where a 13-cent kit has helped make the delivery of babies safer. The project shows, she said, "that women do not have to die in childbirth."

And in Kazakhstan, the establishment of clinics, she said, has contributed to between a one-third to one-half increase in the use of contraceptives, while at the same time, abortion rates have declined dramatically.

Clinton repeated her husband's often repeated position on abortion in the US, which is to make abortion safe, legal, and rare.

She said the abortion rate in the US had fallen by 12 percent under the Clinton administra-

tion, and that levels of teen-age sexual activity had also declined.

"We have made progress," she said, but added that there were areas, such as education, where there is still work ahead. "This is no time to question our investment in education. No nation can hope to succeed if its people are trapped in an endless cycle of poverty."

Reaction to the Clinton's speech was favorable, and several NGOs said the first lady stressed some themes forcefully for the first time.

Amy Coen of Population Action International said, "the US Congress should heed the first lady's call for refunding UNFPA in the year 2000. It is unconscionable that, less than a year away from the start of a new millennium, the US is not supporting an agency that is in the forefront of efforts to make quality reproductive health care accessible and available to all who need them."

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PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE

By Morton M. Kondracke

A Woman Could Be President — In 2004, Not 2000

With Elizabeth Dole on one presidential ticket, Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) on another and Hillary Rodham Clinton running for Senate, 2000 could be another "Year of the Woman" — big time.

Having seen men make total fools of themselves this year, Americans probably are more willing than ever to see women at the top of the political system.

And why not? Women have proved they can run state and city governments, corporations and major federal agencies. Now that the Cold War is over — and with memories of the Monica Lewinsky scandal still fresh — the traditional demand for testosterone in the Oval Office is reduced.

Moreover, the issues now at the top of the nation's agenda — education, health care, retirement security — are stereotypically more "feminine" than in the past.

According to a recent poll by Celinda Lake, 76 percent of Americans say they could vote for a woman for President and Dole has quickly leapt into the first tier of Republican candidates.

Still, Dole is probably the frontrunner for the GOP vice presidential nomination rather than a serious contender for the top spot, partly because she's never held elective office before and partly because Republicans usually don't break new cultural ground.

But the GOP does hold its nominating con-

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vention first next year, so if Dole gets the No. 2 spot, Democrats would be under considerable pressure to match the GOP to avoid losing their traditional advantage among women.

Feinstein also would improve Vice President Al Gore's chances of carrying California, so her selection would be a natural choice despite their apparent difference of opinion about the character strength of Gore's hero, President Clinton.

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If Gore loses, Hillary Clinton could be a candidate for President whether or not she runs in New York next year.

My hunch is, she won't want to run for the Senate. She'll prefer to make millions per year between 2001 and 2003 writing, speaking and serving on corporate boards instead of being a junior Senator at \$136,700 and hounded by New York tabloids.

If Gore is elected, she could even spend more time making money, raising money and trumping Eleanor Roosevelt as a political force and then run in the 2008 primaries against Feinstein.



Photo by Laura Patterson

Elizabeth Dole won't win the GOP nomination but she could grab the No. 2 spot on the ticket.

This time, the two frontrunners aren't that old, but they have pedigrees — the lead candidate, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, is a son-of, Dole is a wife-of. My guess is, son-of takes precedence. Besides, he's a governor.

If Bush were to falter, my guess is the GOP still wouldn't go for Dole this time simply because she's a woman.

I'd love to be proved wrong, but Dole herself would have to help the process along by really fighting Bush and other males for the nomination while bringing new female voters to the polls in primaries. Usually, GOP primary voters are 52 to 54 percent male, according to GOP pollster Linda DiVall.

Dole also has to confront an identity problem. Is she a moderate who'll attract pro-abortion rights women in the primaries and the general, or an anti-abortion religious conservative?

Her initial speeches leave this in doubt, but aides who worked for her husband in 1996 say she's about as anti-abortion as he was — "near-beer, not 100 proof."

On religion, she's devout, but the Doles until 1995 were members of Foundry Methodist Church, where the Clintons worship. They quit after Pastor Philip Wogaman blasted the GOP "Contract with America," but Christian conservatives ask, "What were they doing there in the first place?"

In the Reagan White House, Dole argued for preserving affirmative action. One of her key campaign advisers, Kieran Mahoney, is associated with the anti-right Republican Leadership Council.

In her early campaign speeches, Dole repeatedly refers to herself as a Reagan conservative and she advanced a few-specifics agenda of lower taxes, local control of schools and a hard line against drugs.

Yet she also said, "Most Americans prefer solutions to soundbites. This makes us naturally suspicious of what I call either/or politics. Liberal versus conservative. Public school versus private school. Us versus them."

She says she believes in the free market, but not at the expense of the environment or cultural values. She wants the GOP to be "in-



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In Running for Senate, Mayor Giuliani May Find His Job Is a Drag

The frenzy over the much anticipated Rudy Giuliani-Hillary Rodham Clinton Senate contest, pitting the Republican mayor of New York City against the Democratic first lady, is obviously unprecedented and probably says more about the post-Monica Lewinsky news environment than anything else.



I really don't know whether Clinton will run, but we'll all find out soon enough. My word to the wise on the race is this: It could happen, but don't bet the farm on it.

On the GOP side, Giuliani, of course, would be the frontrunner for his party's Senate nomination, assuming he wants it. But he couldn't count on a coronation. Even if former Sen. **Alfonse D'Amato** (R) decides against the race, Giuliani might have a tougher time than you think with Rep. **Rick Lazio**, who is an all-but-announced candidate for the GOP Senate nomination.

For in spite of all the hype about Giuliani, the popular mayor could face the old "New York City problem." You see, his job has become one of the deadest of dead ends in American politics. Put another way, more Hempstead town supervisors than mayors of the Big Apple have been elected to the Senate since the Great Depression.

Ed Koch couldn't win a 1982 Democratic primary for governor against **Mario Cuomo**, even though the mayor began with a huge lead. **John Lindsay**, who served as a Repub-



Photo by Maureen Keating

Long Island Rep. Rick Lazio (above) could be a tough primary opponent for Giuliani.

lican mayor, sought the Democratic Senate nomination but never won another election after he won the mayor's office. Then-Mayor **Robert Wagner** was the Democrats' Senate nominee in 1956 but lost to Republican **Jacob Javits**. And others — including **Abe Beame** (D), **David Dinkins** (D) and even **Jimmy Walker** (D) and **Fiorello LaGuardia** (R) — also dead-ended at City Hall.

The situation facing any Republican mayor is particularly staggering. Just look at the numbers. Any idea what percentage of New York Republicans live inside New York City's five boroughs? How does 17.6 percent sound? (That percentage is based on numbers reported by the New York State Board of Elections as of Nov. 1, 1998.)

Just 548,000 Republicans reside in Manhattan, the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island, while a little more than two million Republicans reside elsewhere in the state. The largest concentrations of New York Republicans are in Nassau County (about 379,000) and Suffolk County (333,000), part of which is represented by Lazio.

In other words, there are many more Republicans on Long Island than in Giuliani's city. Another 160,000 Republicans live in Westchester County, to the north of the city.

And that doesn't even include upstate. The total number of registered Republicans in just five upstate counties — Erie (which is centered in Buffalo), Monroe (Rochester), Onondaga (Syracuse), Saratoga (Saratoga Springs) and Oneida (Rome and Utica) — exceeds the number of registered Republicans in all of New York City.

Upstate New Yorkers traditionally have held an unflattering view of New York City, and many of the people who live in Long Island and Westchester moved out of one of the five boroughs because of concerns about education, safety and other quality of life issues. Giuliani would have to overcome the resistance of some of those Republicans to voting for a New York City candidate.

Lazio, the Suffolk County Congressman, has about \$2 million in the bank for his Senate bid, and he has begun spending plenty of time upstate. It's hard to believe he would actually enter the race if D'Amato (who also comes from Long Island) runs, but, in any case, it appears very likely that if Giuliani runs, he will face a Long Island candidate for the nomination.

Giuliani, of course, is much better positioned to move to higher office than other mayors have been. That's because he has revamped New York City's reputation, cleaning up Times Square and taking steps to lower crime. So, unlike previous politically ambitious mayors, Giuliani has earned a reputation as someone who succeeded in taming the New York City beast and making the city work. That should make him much more acceptable to Republicans outside the five boroughs.

Giuliani shouldn't have any trouble raising money, and there is a star quality to him that many other mayors haven't had. Moreover, he looks like the closest thing the GOP has to a winner, a not insignificant consideration

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In New York, first lady extols joys of politics

By Mimi Hall
USA TODAY

NEW YORK — Hillary Rodham Clinton, whose flirtation with a Senate candidacy has captivated Democrats here, offered them on Wednesday a romantic view of politics and said she sees political life as a responsibility. She didn't tell the 900 supporters gathered to hear her speak at Manhattan's glitzy Plaza Hotel exactly what they wanted to hear.

"There was talk I might have an announcement to make," the first lady told the Democratic National Committee's Women's Leadership Forum at a sold-out luncheon fundraiser that was expected to raise \$500,000. "I do not."

But if she's not yet a candidate for the seat being vacated by retiring Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan in 2000, she surely sounded like one.

In a speech that had her audience spellbound for more than a half-hour, the first lady made a case for public service. She laid out what she sees as the achievements of her husband's administration: a good economy, lower crime and poverty rates and declines in teen pregnancy and abortion. She said they are proof that politics can improve people's lives.

"I know that some people, when you talk about politics or public service, you know you can see that they're put off," the first lady said. "I'm often asked ... 'How can you stand politics?'"

She didn't acknowledge the year-long scandal that culminated in the impeachment trial of her husband. But she said, "Politics, in the good times and the bad times, is really the lifeblood of a democracy."

Her two-day trip to New York City is the first since she said last month that she was considering a run for the Senate. It began on the same day Monica Lewinsky was making headlines with a TV interview and release of a book about her affair with the president.

But if that was weighing on the first lady's mind during a trip to a school in Queens or at the lunch, she didn't show it. She spoke only in upbeat terms about the past and the future.

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., told the crowd the first lady should "take a little time and think this one through" before entering what could be a nasty race against New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, a Republican who is expected to run. At the same time, Schumer said, "I haven't felt this much excitement and electricity in one room in a long time."

Aides say it will be a couple of months before the first lady decides. She was scheduled to have dinner



Team spirit: Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., gives a St. John's University basketball team jacket to Hillary Clinton.

at the home of Wall Street financier Roger Altman. Today, she plans a speech at the United Nations for International Women's Day and a trip to another classroom to see documentary on women and sports.

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First Lady Seems to Inch Closer to a New York Bid for Senate

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considered a Senate run. Peter F.alone, the City Council Speaker, d one of the few men attending the ch, went so far as to call Mrs. nton's speech "very close to an en declaration" of candidacy.

But some women at the lunch for l, who paid \$150 to \$10,000 per ket, described the speech as nothing more than "classic Hillary" in its vocacy for women and children d its view of politics as a higher ling. Some of it, in fact, was recy- d material from a speech Mrs. nton made at the 150th anniversa- of the first women's convention in neca Falls, N.Y., last summer. At e Plaza, Mrs. Clinton spoke about at she considered the obligations women today.

"Just like those women in Seneca lls, we are standing in for count- is other women who cannot be re, who couldn't afford the ticket, uldn't think they had anything to ar, or anything to contribute, who uldn't see themselves as a politi- d person at all," Mrs. Clinton said. ne of our great challenges in the xt years is to make sure that our ctiety doesn't split apart along in- me lines."

Mrs. Clinton made no reference to r potential opponent, Mayor Ru- ph W. Giuliani, who in a reversal geography spent yesterday in ashington testifying about reduc-

ing crime and cutting welfare rolls before a Congressional committee. In a news conference after his testi- mony, Mr. Giuliani, who has not an- nounced whether he is running for the Senate seat being vacated by Daniel Patrick Moynihan, said Mrs. Clinton is "acting like a Senatorial candidate, I'm acting like a Mayor."

Mr. Giuliani added, "That's not a bad comparison."

He also pointed to a poll released yesterday by the Marist Institute for Public Opinion that showed Mrs. Clinton in a virtual tie in a hypotheti- cal race with the Mayor, with 50 percent for Mrs. Clinton and 46 per- cent for Mr. Giuliani. The poll was taken among registered voters in New York and showed a drop in her support compared with a Marist poll of two weeks ago, when she led 49 percent to 38 percent.

"Take a look at today's Marist and see if she's crowned the winner," Mr. Giuliani said.

Mr. Giuliani added that "celebrity status is helping her a great deal," but that "when she becomes a candi- date" and "maybe even faster, it's coming down to more and more questions in the race."

"That doesn't mean she wouldn't be a strong candidate," he added. "But so will the Republican."

Mr. Giuliani predicted a very close "two- to three-point election" and "either the Republican or Democrat will win."



At Intermediate School 25 in Flushing, Queens, Hillary Rodham Clinton looked at artwork by Benjamin Harson and Jennifer Chong yesterday.

Mrs. Clinton's visit to New York, which coincided with a highly publi- cized "20/20" television interview with Monica S. Lewinsky, drew press attention worthy of a Presidential visit. There were 25 television cam- eras from the networks, and foreign, local and cable channels positioned in the auditorium of the Adrien Block Intermediate School 25 in Flushing, Queens, where Mrs. Clinton did nothing more political than release a

national report about the benefits arts education.

The First Lady, who was to spend the night at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, spent yesterday afternoon having her picture taken at the Plaza with each of 150 supporters who paid \$1,000 for the fund-raising lunch. She stopped in the early evening at the Upper East Side home of Lynn Foster, a longtime Democratic su- porter and an owner of a wire- communications company.

Later she went to dinner at the Upper East Side home of Jurate K. zickus and Roger C. Altman, an i- vestment banker who was Presi- dent Clinton's Deputy Treasury Secre- tary and whose company bought The National Enquirer and Star magazine two weeks ago.

Friends and supporters who had talked to Mrs. Clinton in recent days said she had not decided whether she would run, but that she was contin- uing her research.

After her remarks at the school, Mrs. Clinton was surrounded by wo- wishers and a mob of reporters, who were kept at a distance by the Secret Service.

The Plaza was even more crowd- ed. Guests at the lunch, which raised \$500,000 for the Democratic National Committee and sold out two weeks ago, were split into two groups: one in the ballroom where Mrs. Clinton spoke, and another in a separate room to watch her on a television screen.

Among the many citizens of New York who had opinions about the First Lady's visit yesterday was Cathy Arevalo, 14, a ninth grader at I.S. 25.

"I think it's a campaign appearance," she said.

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Hillary Rodham Clinton in Manhattan yesterday. Many Democrats want her to say she will seek a Senate seat.

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New Yorkers Hear First Lady and See a Candidate

By ELISABETH BUMILLER

In a speech that many Democrats viewed as a strong indication that Hillary Rodham Clinton would run for the Senate from New York, the First Lady proclaimed her commitment to government and politics yesterday before some of her most passionate supporters, New York Democratic women, in a packed and enthusiastic ballroom of the Plaza Hotel.

"We cannot drop out of the political process and leave the arena to those with very specific agendas," Mrs. Clinton said in remarks so rich with double meaning that some women wondered if the First Lady was referring to them, to herself or

to both. She added that "you can say all you want about the flaws of our political system, but when it comes right down to it, somebody is going to make the decisions."

Although Mrs. Clinton started her day in New York as a traditional First Lady with a visit to a Queens school and a speech about the importance of arts education, by the time she arrived at the Plaza she seemed transformed into a potential Senate candidate at an exuberant rally.

"Don't you think it's time for a woman to represent New York in the United States Senate?" said Senator Charles E. Schumer to cheers as he introduced Mrs. Clinton to the crowd.

It was Mrs. Clinton's first visit to New York since announcing two

weeks ago that she was giving "careful thought" to a Senate run next year, on a day when President Clinton was attending a fund-raiser in New Jersey. Mrs. Clinton addressed the issue of her candidacy almost as soon as she came to the podium. "I was told that there were some who thought that I might have an announcement to make," Mrs. Clinton said. "But I don't."

But Mrs. Clinton seemed to tease the crowd, a Democratic Party fund-raising group called the Women's Leadership Forum, as she spoke about a woman's responsibility to participate in politics. "We cannot say, 'I won't be involved in politics because I don't like all of the negativity, I don't like all of the ads on television,'" Mrs. Clinton said. She added to laughter, "I can certainly understand why someone might feel that way, but it is not a feeling that you should act on."

Afterward, Judith Hope, the chairwoman of the New York State Democratic Party and one of the most ardent supporters of a Hillary Clinton candidacy, said in an interview that Mrs. Clinton was "publicly sharing her thought process with us" as

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Her story: Monica Lewinsky describes the dangers of a White House affair in an interview on ABC.

There are some days that I regret that the relationship ever started and there are some days that I just regret that I ever confided in Linda Tripp," she said. "Sometimes I hate his guts, and, um, he makes me sick."

She contradicted reports that Mr. Clinton never satisfied her sexually — but confirmed he expected her to "service him" sexually.

She said he sometimes gave her "completion" in return but without ever having sexual intercourse. Early in the relationship, she said, he avoided orgasm himself.

"He said he needed to be able to trust me more and, then over time it was him not wanting to get addicted to me. His words," she said.

"Most normal people would think, 'Well, sure, you're going to have an affair, you're going to make love and it's going to be great or you hope it's great,'" Miss Lewinsky said.

She said she asked, "What do you mean you can't do that?"

Miss Lewinsky said he responded, "When you get to be my age, you'll understand. There are consequences for those kinds of things."

In the extraordinary interview broadcast on ABC News' "20/20" last night, Miss Lewinsky, 25, said she pursued her secret romance with Mr. Clinton, who is 27 years older, out of a need to love a man and found herself paired instead

with an itch he couldn't scratch often enough.

"I felt like a piece of trash. I felt dirty and I felt used and I was disappointed," Miss Lewinsky said of his Aug. 17, 1998, admission of the affair that began when she was an unpaid White House intern delivering pizza at the Oval Office during the November 1995 government shutdown.

Miss Walters tells viewers that the biography published today, "Monica's Story," discloses she became pregnant by a lover identified only as a single man named "Thomas" at the Pentagon and had an abortion during a 10½-month intermission from sexual contacts with the president between April 7, 1996, and Feb. 28, 1997. Miss Lewinsky said she never told the president. Miss Walters cut short further questioning when Miss Lewinsky grew visibly uncomfortable.

"It's a very sensitive subject for a lot of people and a hot button for people," Miss Lewinsky said in the interview that was interspersed with her family home movies and a number of videotaped appearances by the president.

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"I might be alone in three years," Miss Lewinsky quoted the president as telling her after wishing aloud they could spend more time together.

"I was very stunned to hear him say that, and so I said, 'Well, I think we'd be a good team,'" Miss Lewinsky told ABC's Barbara Walters in an interview that revealed she set her sights on the president and began flirting with him long before their first assignation.

"The first time I saw him... my breath was taken away," she said, claiming he noticed her immediately and returned the flirtations on future sightings. "There was intense eye contact."

She told of relishing the danger and excitement of a White House affair rife with flattery and sex play she called "messing around" but not intercourse, to her regret.

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independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr?

"Gutted and violated and betrayed. And scared," she replied.

Until last night, the only public view of Monica Lewinsky speaking was in excerpts of her deposition broadcast Feb. 5 from the president's Senate trial. He was acquitted Feb. 12 on both articles of impeachment.

While some major advertisers shunned the show — Coca-Cola and Procter & Gamble among them — others, including Victoria's Secret with an ad showing thong underwear, paid a record \$1.6 million a minute to help launch an unprecedented personal publicity tour that includes publication today of "Monica's Story" by Andrew Morton, and broadcast in Britain of a similar interview with Jon Snow, who paid her \$600,000 to appear.

ABC News said Miss Lewinsky was not paid to appear last night and even brought her own hairdresser and makeup artist.

At one point Miss Walters asked if the president believed he was simply "being serviced" sexually.

"That was the impression he gave," Miss Lewinsky replied, displaying a range of emotions that could produce just enough remorse to generate sympathy for herself despite an adulterous relationship that drew her as much if not more condemnation than the president.

Her makeover, with full hair swept back and plastered flat, was just part of the stagecraft that featured big facial gestures, at times biting her upper lip or simply pressing her lips together pensively, nodding and tilting her head to show thoughtfulness, and rolling her eyes or smiling at many of the questions.

Asked flatly if she believed Mr. Clinton really cared about her during their 11 Oval Office trysts, she said, "Some days I think yes and some days I think no."

Among other issues discussed during the two-hour broadcast:

• The president's view of their future together: "What are we going to do when I'm 75 and have to pee 25 times a day?"

• Her mother, Marla Lewis, kept her under a virtual suicide watch on Jan. 16, 1998, even making her shower with the door open. "She didn't want me to hurt myself."

• Sexual jokes about her: "Some of the jokes I've laughed at... and I've even been rumored to tell a joke or two." Asked to tell one, she claimed they were too dirty. "Not on this time slot."

• Her feelings on the "that woman" denial: "The 'that woman' part of the quote was so very harsh, and it was hurtful," she said.

Mr. Clinton's gift to her of Walt Whitman's "Leaves of Grass" meant more than anything, until she learned that the same book was Mr. Clinton's first gift to a young Hillary Rodham.

"Clearly I guess it's something he gave to people that meant something to him, but at the same time it takes away the genuineness of the gesture," she said.

She said that flashing her thong underwear on Nov. 15, 1995, was the culmination of "flirtation" and led to immediate kissing and oral sex later in the day.

"It's a dance," she said of what she called flirting.

Miss Lewinsky said she never gave a thought to whether the relationship would harm the country, but wishes now she had done so.

"I was enamored with him and I was excited, and I was enjoying it," she said.

Miss Walters asked her goals now.

"I know it's corny, but I'd really like to find the right person and have a meaningful relationship and get married and have kids [but] no Prince Charming yet," she said.

What will she tell those children about mother's notoriety?

"Mommy made a big mistake," she said.

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In N.Y. Visit, First Lady's Pace Stops Short of Run

By JAMES GERSTENZANG
TIMES STAFF WRITER

NEW YORK—This being a story about an out-of-towner in New York, let's start with the bottom line: Hillary Rodham Clinton is not running for the U.S. Senate. Not officially. Not yet.

But beginning a two-day flirtation with the city Wednesday, she played her time here—from the far reaches of Queens to the heart of Manhattan (the Plaza Hotel, no less)—just like a candidate.

What she offered, gushed an important fan, City Council Speaker Peter Vallone, came "very close to an open declaration" of candidacy.

Mrs. Clinton has talked voting statistics with Sen. Daniel

Patrick Moynihan. From Sen. Robert G. Torricelli, the chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, she has gotten the hard sell as he seeks to line up potentially winning candidates. And she has listened to the pleas of union leaders—and party fundraisers.

But it was not until Wednesday that the boomlet based on the proposition that the first lady might someday be known as Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-N.Y.) got real on the streets of New York—with all the celebrity-sighting glamour that New York can turn out.

From the steps of the Plaza, one could barely see the Fifth Avenue. Please see **FIRST LADY, A9**

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Avenue display windows of F.A.O. Schwartz, all but hidden behind television satellite trucks parked bumper to bumper.

"I haven't seen so many photographers since the last Victoria's Secret show in the fall," muttered one woman working her way into the Plaza's Grand Ballroom.

The cause of all the ruckus was a seemingly offhand comment that Torricelli made on "Meet the Press" early in January, suggesting that, with Moynihan's suddenly announced retirement, Mrs. Clinton might consider running for the seat in 2000.

Ever since, she and President Clinton have masterfully teased the matter as she gives it, by all accounts, serious thought.

Marveling at the crowd that had gathered to hear her luncheon speech to the Women's Leadership Forum, an arm of the Democratic National Committee, she said at the outset: "I'm told some had thought I might have an announcement to make."

She paused, and then added: "I don't."

But she proceeded to address every reason why politics is a noble profession, how much political action had accomplished during the last six years of the Clinton administration and how much more it could accomplish in the future.

"Politics," she said, "is how we get along with one another. Politics . . . in good times and bad times is really the lifeblood of a democracy." And, she said, "women have taken their rightful place in the political landscape."

Consider, she said, the problems that have been addressed in recent years: gun control, raising the minimum wage, health care, child care and education. In each, she said, politics made a difference.

not shying from the topic of the day as he introduced her to the 500 people in the audience.

Today, it will be more of the same. She is speaking to a United Nations International Women's Day forum and visiting a school in the Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan to talk about women in sports.

While the first lady spent the day in New York, the Republican seen as the most likely candidate for the Senate seat, New York Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, spent the day in Washington, testifying before a House committee on gov-

ernment reform and taping an interview for a television talk show.

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son River in Newark, N.J., the
first lady's agenda called for a pri-
vate dinner Wednesday night at
the Upper East Side home of
Roger Altman, the former deputy
Treasury secretary who is a part-
ner in Evercore Partners, a bou-
tique investment bank.

A gathering of potential fund-
raisers from Wall Street's Demo-
cratic quarters?

Not at all, said an aide to Mrs.
Clinton.

"Just friends of Roger's—more
like corporate types," she said.



Associated Press
Hillary Clinton with art students at school in Queens on Wednesday.

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Not all of those groups were big fans of the Clintons during the early years of the Administration. But through politics and policies, the Clintons have won them over. Many Irish-Americans, a major New York voting bloc that is no longer reliably Democratic, like Mr. Clinton for his role in helping to broker peace in Northern Ireland. Jewish-Americans have come to view the Administration as a stalwart defender of Israel.

And a preponderance of blacks view Mr. Clinton as not only sympathetic to their concerns about racism, but also extraordinarily in tune with their culture, black politicians and intellectuals say.

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Wall Street barons who like the Administration's economic policies may be uncomfortable with Mrs. Clinton's more expansive view of government. Centrist Democrats and Republicans may view her as too liberal on crime or social issues.

"She is identified ideologically with the left," said Mitchell Moss, the director of the Taub Urban Research Center at New York University. "That helps her in New York City, and it mobilizes her core constituency. But New York State has not been electing liberals for a long time."

Republicans and some pollsters also say that the moment Mrs. Clinton becomes a candidate, her poll numbers will drop as she is pressured to explain her positions in de-

tails and demonstrate her understanding of New York, a place where she has never lived. State law requires only that she be a resident as of Election Day next year to seek the Senate seat.

Politics aside, the Clintons clearly have a social affinity for the city, one that many New Yorkers relish. There was the whirlwind birthday party for their daughter, Chelsea, a couple of years ago, complete with stops at performances on Broadway.

And the visits to the Hamptons, featuring the omnipresent shoulder-rubbing with society and Hollywood types. After all, even places as chic as the Hamptons and as sophisticated as Manhattan like the validation conferred by a visit from the

leaders of nonprofit groups.

On Thursday morning, Mrs. Clinton is to give an address at the United Nations to commemorate International Women's Day, and on Thursday afternoon will speak about Women's History Month and female athletes at the Lab School at the O. Henry Learning Center in Manhattan.

"It's very much like all the trips she does where she tries to highlight issues that are important to families and the general public," Ms. Berry said.

At 1 P.M., Mrs. Clinton is scheduled to release a study by the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities describing how school districts can improve arts education. District 25 in New York, which includes I.S. 25 and 30 other schools in Flushing, Bayside, College Point and Whitestone, is one of eight districts nationwide that the report singled out as exemplary in the arts.

Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, who is also considering running for Senate from New York, said this week that Mrs. Clinton was highlighting a school program, Project Arts, that he had announced financing for in his State of the City speech two years ago. He joked that he hoped she would bring a check for the program from Washington.

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100 Clinton's enemies may have helped them on another issue: impeachment, which appears to have solidified Mr. Clinton's support in New York and raised Mrs. Clinton's favorable ratings, analysts say. The First Lady has long been popular among professional women. But her stoic, steadfast defense of her husband last year won her additional support among more traditional, conservative women, pollsters say.

"I think the year softened her image," said Lee M. Miringoff, director of the Marist College Institute for Public Opinion in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. "People can, in different ways, identify with the trauma she's gone through."

Judith Hope, chairwoman of the New York State Democratic Party, said Mrs. Clinton should therefore benefit in a Senate race against Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, a Republican who is considering running. "I think New Yorkers see her as the personification of the new woman in transition," Ms. Hope said. "That she has juggled a child, a job and a loss of personal privacy with such style and grace really inspires women."

But there may be vulnerabilities hiding inside Mrs. Clinton's apparent strengths on the impeachment issue. While many people like Mrs. Clinton for standing by the President, a smaller but still substantial number of people seem to dislike her for exactly the same reason.

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By JAMES DAO

They cause traffic jams of epic proportions. They hold so many Manhattan fund-raisers that even their Democratic allies complain. They have endorsed policies that have infuriated labor unions, hospital officials, advocates for the poor, immigrants and, oh yes, Republicans.

So why is it that Bill and Hillary Rodham Clinton seem so popular in New York?

That is a question many New Yorkers may be asking themselves these days as they watch Mrs. Clinton's very public exploration of whether to run for the United States Senate from New York next year.

They may also be pondering the question as they sit in midtown traffic awaiting Mrs. Clinton's motorcade to pass today and tomorrow. The First Lady is in town to deliver speeches before the Women's Leadership Forum and the United Nations, meet with local Democratic supporters and tour public schools in Queens and Manhattan.

In many ways, the idea that New Yorkers would embrace a former governor of Arkansas and his Illinois-born wife still seems a bit improbable. Neither has lived or worked in New York, and except for occasional excursions to Manhattan or the Hamptons, they have not even vacationed here much. Most of their visits have been to campaign or to raise money. And they have feuded with a host of local officials, including the Democratic senior Senator, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, who is retiring next year.

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For First Lady's Visit, 'Intense' Expect

By ELISABETH BUMILLER

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Hope, Thy Name Is Hillary, in One Hurt

By MICHAEL GRUNWALD
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SENECA FALLS, N.Y., March 2—Here in the birthplace of the women's rights movement, in a Republican stronghold that seemed to fall in love with Hillary Rodham Clinton during her visit last July, the first lady's possible run for the Senate is not the big news. No, even in the homespun small town that was supposedly the model for Bedford Falls in the money-isn't-everything fable "It's a Wonderful Life," it's still the economy, stupid.

In fact, throughout upstate New York, it's the horrible economy, and whoever ends up running for Democratic Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan's seat will ignore that at their peril. And it is the economy that could create an opportunity for Hillary Clinton, or any Democratic candidate, and turn this traditional bastion of the GOP into a crucial battleground in 2000. Early polls and interviews around Seneca Falls suggest that upstate voters are so desperate to join the nation's economic boom that they would consider anyone who cares about their problems.

Clinton will surely stir up a national media frenzy Wednesday when she visits thriving New York City. But fittingly, 300 miles away in Seneca Falls—where a wry sign in the town supervisor's office reads: "Due to the present economic uncertainties, the light at the end of the tunnel will be turned off indefinitely"—there is a more pressing matter at hand. The owners of the Seneca Knitting Mills, the town's second-largest manufacturer and most visible downtown landmark, have decided to shut down the 155-year-old factory. The workers—about three fourths of them women—have until Friday to rescue the plant.

"I'm just so tired of starting over," said Sandra O'Connor, 52, who has worked at the mill for 13 years. Before that, she had worked 12 years at a local television factory, until it shut down. Before that, she had worked four years for a local auto parts factory, until it moved to Kentucky. "Maybe Hillary can save

our jobs," she sighed.

O'Connor's plea could be applied throughout upstate New York, where the hard times have made George Bailey's cinematic jump off the bridge look like a walk in the park. Its manufacturing base has hemorrhaged well-paying jobs, and few communities have figured out how to replace them. General Motors and Miller Brewing shuttered plants in Syracuse. Republic Steel and Bell Aerospace abandoned Niagara Falls. Rochester absorbed massive layoffs at Kodak, Xerox and Bausch & Lomb. Last year, after the Buffalo News ran a seven-part series titled "Upstate: Downbound," the region added only 14,200 jobs, versus 113,400 downstate.

In the past, that might not have affected a Senate race. Traditionally, Democrats have dominated New York City. Republicans have owned the rural communities upstate, and the downstate suburbs have been up for grabs. For example, in 1992 and 1996, President Clinton coasted to comfortable victories statewide simply by running reasonably close to his GOP opponents upstate. In 1994 and 1998, Gov. George E. Pataki (R) won on the strength of huge upstate routs.

But if the race to replace Moynihan becomes a celebrity battle—pitting the first lady, voted the most admired woman in America in some polls, against New York Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani (R), hailed as the tough guy who tamed the Big Apple—the usual geographical calculus may be useless. Giuliani is more popular than most Republicans in the city and its suburbs, but less popular upstate, where a New York City address can be more harmful than Arkansas and Washington ones. Even GOP-dominated towns like Seneca Falls could be in play.

"I didn't like what Hillary did with the health care, but I'd probably vote for her," said Dick Marshall, a Republican who owns a used-car business here. "She's a smart lady. Hey, at least she came to visit. I don't see anyone else paying attention to this place."

After a Quinnipiac College poll taken during last month's run-Hillary-run media blitz, the main storyline was the first lady leading Giuliani 54 to 36 percent. But the breakdown of the numbers showed how unpredictable that dream race could be: Giuliani won narrowly in the suburbs, while Clinton won big on Giuliani's city turf and even came out ahead upstate. Still, potential voters said Giuliani had a much better understanding of New York issues than the first lady, who has never lived in the state.

In interviews with about 30 voters in Seneca Falls, the refrain was almost always the same: They said they don't care about the first lady's role in the Travelgate fiasco, her Whitewater billing records or her cattle futures bonanza. They don't care about her husband's sex life or his testimony under oath. They said they just want a senator to feel their pain and do something to ease it. And despite her liberal reputation in Wash-



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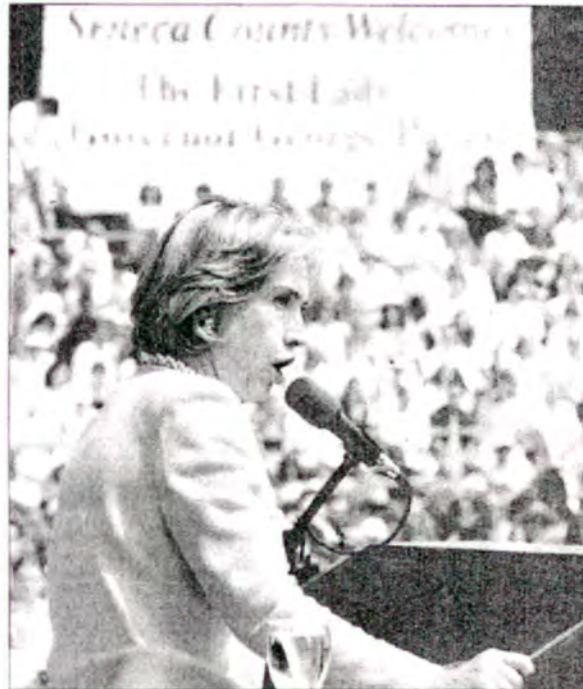
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since January. In the last year, a cafe, a newsstand, a deli, an art gallery, a furniture shop, an appliance store, a bakery and a historic hotel and restaurant have all gone out of business on Falls Street, the main drag. Unless the mill is saved, its Falls Street socks store will close soon. Meanwhile, the demise of a local Army depot has moved 3,000 military and 800 civilian jobs out of town. One resident recently posted a large sign on her house asking the last person to leave Seneca Falls to please turn out the lights.

There is some economic growth here, but most of it reflects the area's problems more than its promise. A 1,500-bed maximum-security prison is coming to the old Army base, along with a residential school for troubled youths. A new drug treatment center has opened. The county's landfill is about to expand, and its eight hog farms have all opened since 1994.

In this climate, to put it mildly, the 2000 Senate race is not exactly Topic A.

"Everyone just wants to know about the mill. That's people's lives, you know? That's

important," said Sharon Mannix, a manager of the Seneca Knit Mills sock store who was laid off last year from her job as a secretary at the Army depot.

When pressed, though, most Seneca Falls residents concede that politics can affect their lives. It was the federal government, after all, that shut down the depot. And it was Moynihan—after a chat two decades ago with George Souhan, the former owner of the knitting mill—who laid the groundwork for the 1848 convention site to become a national park. Some people here believe the first lady could work similar magic.

"I wish she knew more about our problems, but I'm sure she'd learn," said Republican Mary Lee Miller, a secretary in her husband's law office. "She's a real leader."

Hillary Clinton addressed 18,000 people here during the 150th anniversary celebration last July, and most of them cheered as she called for women to exercise their hard-won right to vote. That day, the women's rights park received more than four times as many visitors as it ever had before, and sold 16 times as much merchandise. But that doesn't necessarily mean the people here would vote for Clinton. Even Souhan, a former Democratic leader in the county, thinks she's wrong for the job. "I don't think she knows a damn thing about upstate New York," said Republican Bill Snyder, a local truck driver. "This place is dying. We need someone who understands that."

The employees of the Seneca Knitting Mills certainly do. There were once 240 of them, earning \$6 to \$15 an hour. It was hard work—winding, twisting, knitting, drying—but union leader Carole Thompson said they were always treated well when Souhan owned the plant.

In 1995, though, Souhan got sick, and had to sell his family's mill to a North Carolina firm. The new owners (who have not hired one female supervisor even though the workforce is mostly women) posted cardboard signs with blue lettering on the shop floor: "Production Comes First." Employee grievances shot up to about 10 a week. Finally, after signing a new contract with the Seneca Falls workers, the firm announced it was eliminating their jobs.

"I have no idea what we're going to do," said Phyllis Beatty, a dryer who makes \$8.25 an hour after 37 years. Her husband is a supervisor; her son works on the line. "God knows there aren't any other jobs left in this town, except Burger King."

The workers need to come up with about \$5 million in financing by Friday to buy the mill themselves; federal loans and grants could help save the day. It's a long shot, but they say they know just the person in the White House who could help.

"Right now, Hillary is our best hope," said Thompson, an inspector whose daughter works at the plant as a knitter. "We know she cares about people like us."

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Talk of the Town

N.Y. Democrats Urge First Lady To Make Decision Soon

By Rachel Van Dongen
and Alexander Bolton

Democratic Members of the New York House delegation are eager to see Hillary Rodham Clinton be their standard bearer in the 2000 Senate race, and they think she would easily prevail over New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani (R) in a general election.

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Said Rep. Anthony Weiner, a former New York City councilman, who often butted heads with the mayor, "I think Rudy doesn't run if Hillary Rodham Clinton runs. He's a smart politician and wouldn't be interested in running a losing campaign."

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First lady Hillary Clinton said she was "gratified" by speculation about a Senate bid.

"Let me put it this way: Because of her popularity in New York state, [Democratic Sen.] Chuck Schumer got elected," agreed Rep. Nydia Velázquez, referring to the first lady's efforts on behalf of then-Rep. Schumer in the 1998 campaign. "Knowing how much people admire and respect her in New York, and knowing how knowledgeable she is on the many issues important to us, she will be a perfect candidate."

Despite their heady talk, however, interviews with several New York House Members revealed that while they think the first lady is the best possible candidate to replace retiring Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D), many are skeptical about whether she will ultimately enter the race.

"I think that she would be a great candidate for Democrats. She would bring a lot of instant credibility to the table for New York state, even as a junior Senator," Meeks said. But as to whether the first lady will actually enter the contest, Meeks admitted, "My real gut is no."

"She would just be a great candidate and she would revitalize, if anything, the party in New York. She would just give us a boost that would be incredible," said Rep. Jose Serrano. But asked whether he thought she would run, Serrano replied, "My guess is as good as yours."

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speculation about a possible Senate bid this week by confirming, for the first time, in a short statement that she was indeed weighing whether a run for elected office was plausible.

"I am deeply gratified by the large number of people who have encouraged me to consider running for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan," read the statement.

"Until now, I have not been able to do so, but I will give careful thought to a potential candidacy in order to reach a decision later this year."

"I'm more hopeful now than I was a month ago. We thought that it was a long shot at best. Now it's certainly something that she's considering. She's never said, 'Oh no, don't be silly,'" Engel said.

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other candidates to raise the necessary money and garner support for a tough race. Rep. Nita Lowey is the only other prominent Democrat expressing interest in the contest, but has made it clear she will withdraw if Clinton runs.

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"She certainly has grace under pressure," said Rep. Jerrold Nadler, who pointed out there have been unconfirmed reports the first lady is looking for an apartment in his district. "It would be lovely," he said.

Nadler, a member of the House Judiciary Committee that wrangled over impeachment, said the first lady could only benefit from the

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"I think the way she comported herself during the whole impeachment issue and beforehand speaks very well of her character and her fortitude, and people are very impressed."

But the first lady has been involved in her own share of scandals, including investigations into both Whitewater and Travelgate. She could also be vulnerable to attacks that

might be seen as a distraction. "You might have some people who would like very much to run against her the same way they've been running against the President for the last six years. But on the other hand, there are positives," Serrano said.

"I think that both of them have been under quite a bit of attack because people just didn't want the issues that they are discussing to be discussed," he added. "Those folks would be on her case, but the majority" would support her.

"New York numbers were almost ridiculous in support of the President [and] against impeachment. I think people would sort of want to vindicate all of us by electing her."

Engel contended that attacks on the first lady would only backfire.

"I think people are fed up with scandals and the attacks against the Clintons," he said. "I think Hillary would be welcomed with open arms."

The House Members surveyed all thought that Giuliani, who has clearly been eyeing a Senate bid when his second term as mayor expires in 2000, will think twice before challenging the first lady.

"Yeah, he'll run. He'll run out of the race," Meeks quipped. "He may very well back out, because he knows that he can't beat Hillary."

"I think he will think twice and she will defeat him," predicted Velázquez.

But the notoriously combative Giuliani has issued a number of strongly worded statements in recent days, indicating a race with the first lady might be too enticing to pass up.

"It would be tough to say no" to a race with the first lady, said Giuliani communications director Cristy Lategano in a statement. "Mrs. Clinton would be the number-one unifier of Republicans statewide and nationally."

Samantha Lago, the mayor's deputy press secretary, said it would be "premature" to respond to comments about a non-existent campaign.

"It's a hypothetical race at this point, so it wouldn't be fair to qual-

ify these things at this point. It would be advantageous for both sides to wait until something more concrete comes up."

But even Democrats acknowledge that the mayor would be a formidable candidate.

"I think that Hillary is the one person who would probably start off as the favorite against him," Engel said. "I think anybody else would probably start off as the underdog."

He added, "We don't know if [Giuliani] gets a challenge that he would necessarily win a primary. A compelling case [against Giuliani] can be made even for people in New York City. If they like the job he did as mayor, in Washington, he would be a Republican Senator who would vote for [Majority Leader] Trent Lott's [R-Miss.] right-wing, anti-New York [policies]."

"Nothing is guaranteed in life. But I think the overwhelming likelihood is that she would win," Nadler observed.

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Census sampling debate dies hard

By Kevin Wilcox
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

With billions of dollars at stake, it's going to take more than a U.S. Supreme Court ruling to kill the contentious issue of sampling in the 2000 census.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5-4 on Jan. 25 that the Census Bureau cannot use sampling in the 2000 census for the purposes of reapportioning seats in the House of Representatives.

Writing for the majority, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said, "The conclusion that the Census Act prohibits the use of sampling for apportionment

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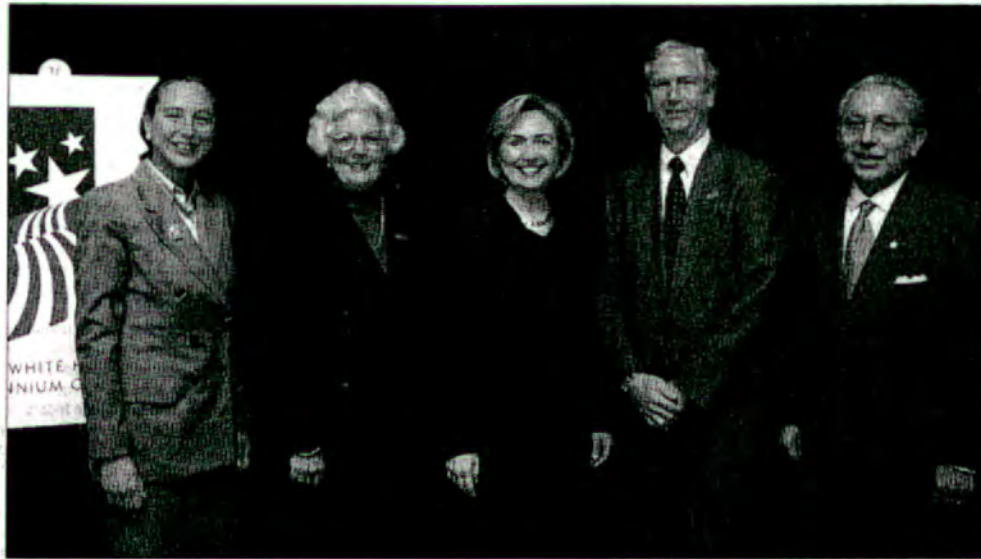


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NACo President Betty Lou Ward (second from left) and Executive Director Larry Naeke (second from right) were among the dignitaries who helped launch the White House's Millennium Communities Program (see *Millennium Communities Program launched*, page 3). They are pictured here with (l-r) Ellen McCulloch-Lovell, advisor to the First Lady on millennium projects; Ward; First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton; Naeke; and Mickey Ibarra, White House Intergovernmental Affairs director.

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The decision, however, doesn't mention the constitutionality of sampling or its use for other purposes, such as distributing federal funding. These questions are likely to be revisited in Congress this spring when lawmakers take up the issue of funding the census, according to Jackie Byers, NACo's research director.

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The county is undertaking a comprehensive campaign to get a more accurate count in 2000, according to Peter Ross, acting director of the Department of Strategic Planning and Growth Management.

The Complete Count Committee has representatives from 100 different

groups including neighborhoods, the media, cities, unincorporated areas, the government, cultural institutions and family service agencies.

"We've done some review work from the 1990 census, and the two areas where the undercount was highest were in unincorporated and inner

city areas and among children," Ross said. "We estimate that almost 50 percent of our undercount was children."

Ross said the county conducted a campaign to increase the census count in 1990, but the effort was much smaller and had a later start.

"I think this year we're much better organized," Ross said. "In part there's a general concern that people lead such busy lives and there's a disillusionment with government. We hope we're going to have a good count, but we're concerned."

Ross said Broward is following the issue of sampling, but hasn't taken an official stance.

Broward County certainly isn't alone in concerns about the 2000 census. In Hudson County, N.J., officials estimate the county has lost \$426 million in federal and state aid this decade because of an undercount of about 40,000.

Hudson County has also created a Complete Count Committee that will coordinate with local, state and federal agencies to get a more accurate count.

"Especially in urban counties such as Hudson, a county with a large population of immigrants and others who may be left behind by those trying to help them get a firm foothold here in America, it's vital to make sure every resident of the county is accounted for," said Robert Janiszewski, county executive.

"An accurate count means that Hudson gets its fair share of federal government money to provide educational, medical, employment and other assistance for all of our residents," he added.

If you would like more information on starting a Complete Count Committee in your county, contact the partnership specialist in your regional census office.

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Congress passed the Decennial Census Improvement Act in 1991, which charged the Census Bureau to work with the National Academy of Sciences to come up with a way to get "the most accurate population count possible."

The academy determined that the only affordable way to eliminate the undercount was through statistical sampling.

"The problem is the Census Bureau left with a mandate from a Democratic Congress and came back with the solution to a Republican Congress," Byers said.

Byers said sampling opponents in Congress have the votes to stop sampling for all purposes in its tracks this spring when they consider a funding bill. President Clinton vetoed a bill in 1997 that sought to prevent sampling, however.

Counties aren't waiting for the end of the legal wrangling. Sampling or no, the results of an undercount cost counties money. Officials in Broward County, Fla., estimate the county lost as much as \$1 billion in state and federal funds this decade because of an undercount of about 70,000 residents.

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THE WASHINGTON TIMES

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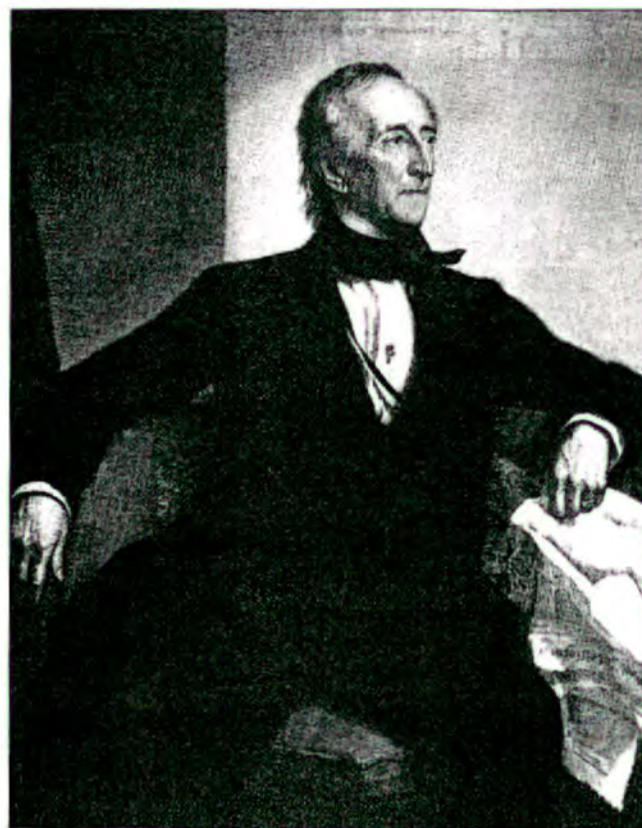
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Group salutes wives of presidents

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And it no doubt was intended to be that way. During the post-dinner program at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, two of Mrs. Clinton's friends, actresses **Mary Steenburgen** and **Jane Alexander**, took turns giving dramatic readings from letters written by previous first ladies that caused murmurs of recognition from many of the claud-in guests.

Among the more memorable selections:

■ "I had an ambition to be 'Mrs. President.' That ambition has been satisfied. . . . Trouble comes soon enough. Power and position do not ensure a bed of roses." — **Mary Todd Lincoln**

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A few minutes later, when Mrs. Clinton joined the actresses, narrator *Barbara Walters* and First Ladies Library founder *Mary Regula* onstage to accept her own award, she seemed pleased enough.

"I don't know about you," she told the crowd, "but I certainly enjoyed that reading. I identified with just a few of the things they said."

For historian *Carl Stearns*, there was nothing unusual about the similarity between past and present first ladies' White House experiences.

"Everything horrific seems new," he said, "but they've been going through the same things for 200 years."

Mrs. Clinton continued the adulatory aspects of the evening by singling out a few favorite first ladies who "used the platform history gave them to great advantage": Eleanor Roosevelt, for her civil rights legacy, and Lady Bird Johnson (represented at the event by daughter *Lynda Robb*), who championed beautification of the American landscape.

Mrs. Clinton saluted the other awardees for helping to break through "glass ceilings" throughout their careers: Secretary of State *Madeline Albright*, Supreme Court Justice *Sandra Day O'Connor*, former Rep. *Shirley Chisholm* (who was not



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Except for Miss Brooks, who read a laudatory ode to Mrs. Clinton, the recipients made acceptance speeches that were notably brief and self-effacing, at least in Academy Award night terms.

The lack of bubble may have prompted Miss Walters to tout what may prove to be her next ratings coup. Tune in tomorrow night on ABC for her chat with *Elizabeth Taylor*, who is "in remarkable shape, up, around and funny . . . with platinum blond hair." It's a real scoop, she reported, because *La Liz* has spent most of the past two years in bed following treatment for a brain tumor.

The 300 guests were separated into two distinct dining areas by a red velvet rope. Corporate and other donors to the library sat on one side, Washington VIPs with connections to various honorees or organizers were on the other.

The VIPs included WETA Chairman *Sharon Percy Rockefeller* (who came especially to honor Mrs. Campbell), National Museum of Women in the Arts founder *Wilhelmina Holladay* (introducing Justice O'Connor) and Sen. *John Warner* (escorting Miss Walters). Also sighted were Smithsonian director *L. Michael Heymann*, porcelain queen *Helen Boehm*,



Lottia Baldrige, Frances Humphrey Howard, Janet Howard, Frankie Hewitt, Rep. John and Debbie Dingell, and Lloyd and Ann Hand.

The National First Ladies Library opened in June in Canton, Ohio, in the childhood home of President William McKinley's wife, *Ida*. The library boasts a large collection of books, letters, journalism articles, photographs and audio and videotapes on first ladies throughout the country's history. It also operates a Web site (www.firstladies.org) that contains a database of more than 40,000 items.

"The Web site has been getting a lot of hits lately," said Mrs. Regula's husband, Rep. *Ralph Regula*, who just happens to represent the library's hometown in Congress and, as a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, got

Congress to support the project with \$1.4 million in federal funds.

"It's a bargain," he said, noting that the federal government spent huge sums on other presidential sites — President James Garfield's home, for example, which "cost millions more" than one devoted to all of the first ladies.

"And he was only in office for six months," Mr. Regula said.

One of the corporate sponsors, *Roy N. Ivey* of Consolidated Natural Gas, summed up the prevailing attitude rather well when he addressed the crowd earlier that evening.

"For years, women have heard about the founding fathers," he said. "Why shouldn't men be taught about the founding mothers?"

— *Kevin Chaffee*



Mrs. Regula, Jane Alexander and Elizabeth Campbell share the stage at a pre-dinner news conference (above left). Lynda Robb chats with Maryland first lady Frances Glendening (above). Secretary of State Madeleine Albright came to accept her award after a long day of foreign policy.

HAUNTED BY WHITEWATER

HILLARY'S CLOSE ESCAPE

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MONICA UNZIPPED

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The former White House intern and presidential mistress said she agreed with controversial comments the First Lady made immediately after the scandal broke that a secret cabal of conservatives was trying to bring down Clinton.

In a separate interview airing a day after her highly-rated talk with Barbara Walters on ABC, Lewinsky steadfastly refused to say what she thinks of Independent Counsel Ken Starr, citing her immunity agreement.

But she couldn't help taking an indirect swing at Starr's hardball tactics against her mother Marcia.

"One of the biggest tragedies that has come to light [is] that a parent can be forced to testify against their child," Lewinsky said in the interview, taped two weeks ago in her mother's Manhattan apartment.

"It's not right. It's not something that should happen."

Channel Four paid her a reported \$600,000 for the interview, which was timed to coincide with the release of Andrew Morton's "Monica's Story."

Even though the entire world seemed obsessed with the scandal for much of the past year, the ex-intern said some of the grand jury members who got to hear her first-hand details of sexual with the president could barely keep their eyes open.

The first day of grilling before the 23-person secret panel was nerve-racking and incredibly discouraging, she said.

"It was a little disheartening to me that [there were] people who clearly felt hostile, people who were bored, sleeping," she said.

The private audience warmed up to her on the second day when they were allowed to ask her questions directly, Lewinsky added.

In the hour long interview last night, Lewinsky admitted "sometimes I hate him," but also reminisced fondly of her time with Clinton.

"The person who I thought he was then was a brilliant man who had a very big heart. Very kind, not necessarily nice, but

TOP-RATED CELEBRITY INTERVIEWS

1. **Oprah Winfrey's** interview with **Michael Jackson** (ABC, February 1993)
39.3 rating/56 share
62.3 million viewers
2. **Barbara Walters'** "20/20" interview with **Monica Lewinsky** (ABC, March 1999)
33.4 rating/43 share
48 million viewers
3. **Diane Sawyer's** "PrimeTime Live" interview with **Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley** (ABC, June 1995)
25.9 rating/42 share
37.5 million viewers
4. **"60 Minutes"** interview with **Bill and Hillary Clinton** (CBS, January 1992)
20.9 rating/34 share
34 million viewers

Source: Nielsen

kind ... a person who had a large appetite for love," she said.

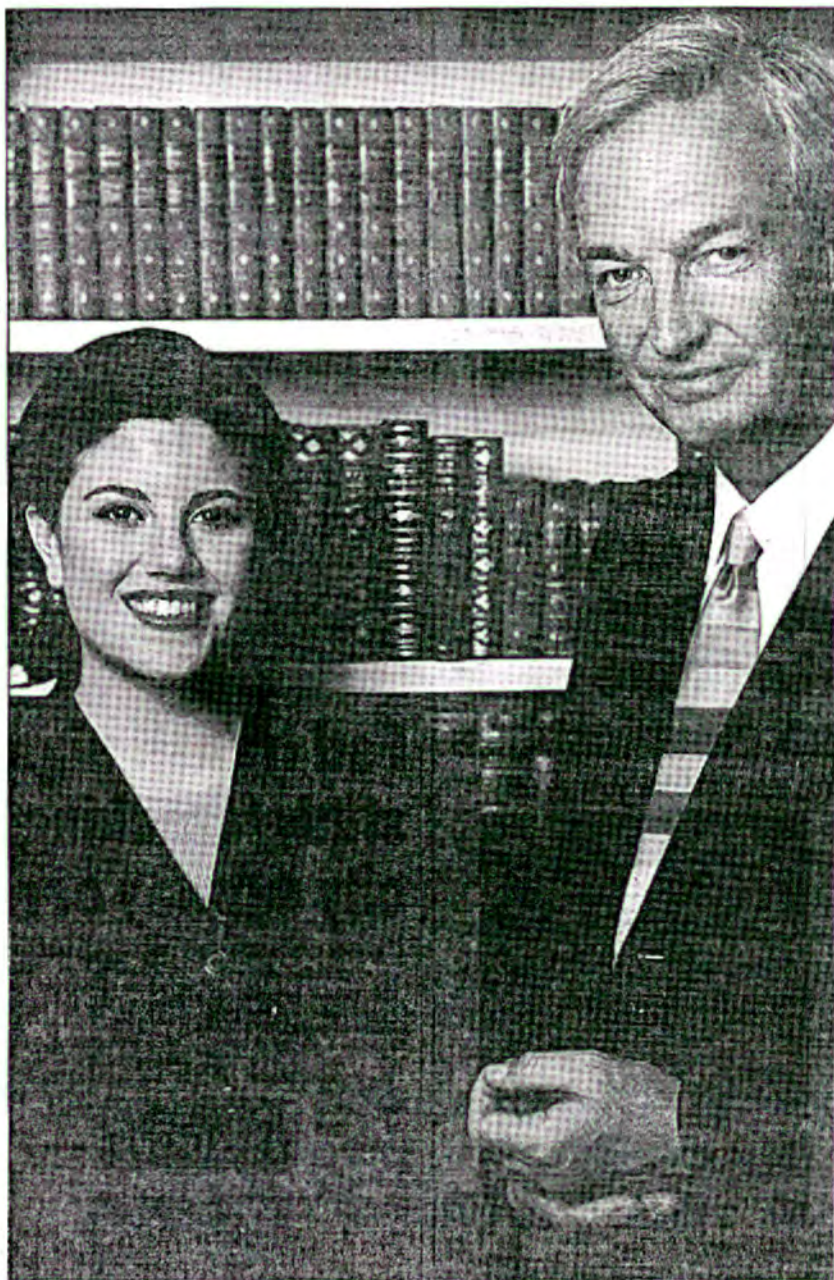
"I think me being an emotionally needy person, I can relate to that."

The 25-year-old daughter of a California doctor said the first spark of her attraction to Clinton was simple lust, which grew into love over time as the two spent time together alone in the Oval Office.

"I think people of my generation are much more comfortable with our sexuality," she said. "I think that needs to be honored and cherished."

Asked if Clinton "made her tingle," Monica lowered her head laughing before answering, "Well, yes."

She said she had often daydreamed about a more serious romantic life with the president after he was out of office, but "it wasn't picking out invitations and china patterns."



SNOW JOB: Monica Lewinsky tells British interviewer John Snow how she became a tool of Clinton's foes.

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Women Key in Rights Fight, First Lady Says

■ **Diplomacy:** Hillary Clinton singles out Afghanistan for criticism in address to U.N. conference.

By JOHN J. GOLDMAN
TIMES STAFF WRITER

UNITED NATIONS—First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton told a U.N. conference on equality Thursday that women stand on the front lines of the battle for human rights and that their voices must be heard.

The day after former White House intern Monica S. Lewinsky painted a highly intimate portrait of her relationship with President Clinton for more than 48 million television viewers, the first lady received a standing ovation when she entered the large conference room at U.N. headquarters.

"It is no longer acceptable to say that the abuse and mistreatment of women is cultural," she told more than 1,000 people who packed the room. "It should be called what it is—criminal."

Mrs. Clinton sharply criticized the militant Islamic Taliban rulers of Afghanistan, labeling their regime one of the world's worst abusers of women.

"There probably is no more egregious and systematic trampling of fundamental rights of women today than what is happening in Afghanistan under the iron rule of the Taliban," she said, pointing out that women are barred from careers in medicine and teaching, and that schools for girls have been closed in that country.

'It is no longer acceptable to say that the abuse and mistreatment of women is cultural.'

HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
At U.N. conference

"We have heard, all of us, the stories about women being flogged with metal cables because a bit of ankle would be showing," she said. "We have heard of women being taken from hospital to hospital and finally dying . . . because there were no women doctors and no male doctor could be permitted to treat the women."

Mrs. Clinton called for tougher laws against trafficking in women and girls, estimating that as many as 2 million are forced into prostitution, domestic servitude or enforced labor each year throughout the world.

The first lady's New York visit, com-

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Hillary Clinton, with U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan, greets audience.

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RIGHTS: First Lady Speaks on Equality

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ing as she considered a run for the Senate here and as Lewinsky graphically described her relationship with the president, engendered enormous interest.

She took political soundings and teased during a speech Wednesday about seeking the Senate seat but revealed nothing of her intentions. On the subject of the former intern, she was silent.

Some political consultants took a look at the other side of the coin: her bruited opponent for the Senate seat, New York Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani.

"It's a real plus for Rudy," said David Garth, who ran Giuliani's first successful campaign for office. "It makes his campaign more important, which should bring a lot more money. Visibility means money. Who you are running against means money."

"Running against Hillary, the mayor would be the financial underdog," Garth predicted. "The other part of it is, if she doesn't

run, it appears Rudy has frightened her out of the race—which is another plus for him."

In addition, "by saying she is not going to declare until the summer," Garth said, "she deprives other Democratic candidates of the chance to leave the starting gate."

Mrs. Clinton ended her journey to New York on an inspirational note, appearing at a school in Manhattan with a group of famous female athletes, including Olympic gold medal winners gymnast Dominique Dawes and basketball player Nikki McCray, and Billie Jean King, the celebrated tennis player. "Not everyone will be a star athlete," she told the students. "But everyone, young women and men alike, can benefit from athletics and can be part of the great process of pushing yourself, and learning how much it takes to excel, to stay healthy, to do the best that we can at all points in our lives."

Lisa Meyer in The Times' New York Bureau contributed to this report.



Women listen to speech by Hillary Clinton at the U.N. She also visited a Manhattan school, accompanied by famous female athletes.

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Poll Indicates Fierce Struggle In a Clinton-Giuliani Face-off

By JAMES DAO with MARJORIE CONNELLY

As Hillary Rodham Clinton and Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani test the waters for Senate campaigns next year, a New York Times/CBS News poll shows that New York State voters hold strongly partisan opinions, but also nagging reservations, about both politicians, indicating that a contest between them would be highly competitive.

The survey shows Mrs. Clinton leading Mr. Giuliani in several categories at this early juncture. More voters view her favorably, saying they think she is more caring and would probably be more effective than the Mayor, a Republican. When asked which candidate they would vote for if the election were held today, 48 percent said Mrs. Clinton and 39 percent said Mr. Giuliani.

Still 20 months away from the election, most voters' opinions about the race are fluid and are likely to have

been influenced by factors that may have no bearing on the final outcome, from name recognition of the potential candidates to recent events like the shooting of Amadou Diallo by the New York City police and the impeachment trial of President Clinton.

The poll also suggested in several ways that Mr. Giuliani might not be quite as vulnerable as the figures indicate, and that Mrs. Clinton might not be quite as strong.

For instance, the survey showed that a significant number of voters, 4 out of 10, think that the First Lady would not be an effective representative for New York in the Senate because she has never lived in the state.

Republicans have already said they would make Mrs. Clinton's residency a campaign issue, and the poll indicates that a vigorous effort to portray the First Lady as a carpet-bagger could work with some voters.

"It doesn't seem right that just

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Poll Shows Fierce Fight if First Lady Faces Giuliani

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because she's the President's wife that she can suddenly decide that she can run for Senate from this state," Sherry Groff, 24, a Democrat from the town of Copenhagen, north of Syracuse, said in a follow-up interview. "It's as if she's got her pick of all 50 and decided New York will be the one."

The poll also showed that 6 out of 10 voters north of the New York City suburbs were unable to give an opinion of Mr. Giuliani, more than double the number for Mrs. Clinton. The upstate region has historically been a Republican stronghold, and Mr. Giuliani would be widely expected to win a higher percentage of that bloc of voters.

But the poll also underscored a potential vulnerability for Mr. Giuliani: voters were evenly split over whether he had the right disposition to be a senator. Democrats have said they believe voters will reject Mr. Giuliani out of concerns that his iron-fisted style, while perhaps appropriate for a big city executive, will alienate colleagues in the collegial halls of Congress.

"He's too autocratic," said Ellen Smith, 38, a social worker from Westchester County who is not registered in either major party. "When you're Mayor of New York City and you want to make sure people cross the street at the right time, that's one thing. But when you're a senator dealing with a whole state and lots of issues, you have to be more flexible."

The poll comes at a low point in the

Mayor's job-approval rating, which has been hurt in the city by concerns about police brutality and race relations. Conversely, Mrs. Clinton is basking in high ratings that stem in part from voter sympathy for her stoic handling of the Monica Lewinsky affair and the President's impeachment trial.

Mrs. Clinton has also probably benefited from her husband's 78 percent job-approval rating in the state, which is down just slightly from his all-time high of 78 percent last October. And because she has never run for office before, Mrs. Clinton has yet to endure the level of campaign stress and scrutiny from the news media that can cause a candidate's approval ratings to drop.

The Times/CBS News poll was conducted by telephone March 8 through Sunday and surveyed 1,469 registered voters across the state. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus three percentage points.

Though Mrs. Clinton's aides say she is far from a decision, she has been studying the race with extraordinary care, having met with or telephoned scores of state Democratic leaders and county chairmen.

Representative Nita M. Lowey, a Democrat from Westchester, has said she would probably enter the race if Mrs. Clinton decided not to run. Representative Rick A. Lazio, a Suffolk County Republican, has said he may run whether or not Mr. Giuliani becomes a candidate.

Other recent public opinion polls have produced a wide range of results for a Clinton-Giuliani contest, indicating that voters have not thought much yet about the race or its potential candidates. On one end of the scale, a poll by Zogby International released this week showed Mr.

Giuliani leading by 11 points; at the other end, a Quinnipiac College poll conducted last month had Mrs. Clinton ahead by 18 points.

According to the Times/CBS News poll, 52 percent of all state voters had a favorable opinion of Mrs. Clinton, while 22 percent had an unfavorable opinion and 26 percent were undecided or did not know enough about her to offer a viewpoint.

New Yorkers were more evenly divided in their views of Mr. Giuliani: 34 percent had a favorable opinion of the Mayor — down from 43 percent last October — 28 percent had an unfavorable opinion, and 38 percent were undecided or did not know enough about him to formulate an opinion.

In follow-up interviews, people with favorable opinions of Mrs. Clinton often praised the way she coped with her husband's ordeals last year, while those with favorable opinions of Mr. Giuliani almost invariably credited him with reducing crime in the city.

"What she's endured with her husband, the philanderer, has endeared her to a lot of people," said Thomas Phelan, 56, a Suffolk County Republican who likes Mrs. Clinton. "She has toughness."

The poll showed Mrs. Clinton drawing the vast majority of her support from core Democratic groups: black and Hispanic voters, liberals and New York City voters. Mr. Giuliani is strongest in the suburbs and among white Catholic voters, according to the poll.

The difference between the two was starkest among voters who are members of minorities: 89 percent of black New Yorkers and 78 percent of Hispanic voters said they would support Mrs. Clinton over Mr. Giuliani.

Early Preferences for Senate

If the 2000 election for United States Senate were being held today, would you vote for:



Based on interviews with 1,270 registered voters who voted in 1996 or 1998 conducted throughout New York State by telephone March 8 to 14. Numbers may not add up to 100 percent because those who said they would not vote or would vote for another candidate are not shown.

*Not enough in survey to break out separately. †May be of any race.

ani. White Catholics favored the Mayor by 52 percent to 37 percent.

In New York City, where Democratic statewide candidates have historically needed about 70 percent of the vote to win, voters favored Mrs. Clinton by 66 percent to 25 percent. In the suburbs, 49 percent of all voters said they would vote for Mr. Giuliani, against 38 percent for Mrs. Clinton. The two almost evenly split the upstate region.

The poll showed that Mrs. Clinton has stronger support among women, with 56 percent saying they would vote for the First Lady, compared with 36 percent for the Mayor. Men were almost evenly split between the two: 46 percent favored Mrs. Clinton to 43 percent for the Mayor.

The poll suggested that a Giuliani-Clinton race would be a fiercely partisan affair. Roughly 8 to 16 percent

Giuliani. Republicans divided in almost identical ratios in supporting Mr. Giuliani.

In a clear indication of how close the race might be, independent voters — often a barometer of which candidate is ahead — were evenly split between the two politicians, with 41 percent saying they would vote for each.

Slightly more people said they thought Mrs. Clinton would be an effective senator, with 61 percent saying she would be good at getting things done for the state, and 54 percent saying the same of Mr. Giuliani. Half of all voters said Mrs. Clinton had the right experience to be a senator, while 56 percent said they thought Mr. Giuliani did.

Asked if Mrs. Clinton cares about the needs and problems of "people like me," 68 percent said "yes,"

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FIRST-RATE LADIES

Group salutes wives of presidents

It could have been hard to avoid the inevitable comparisons between **Hillary Rodham Clinton** and several of her illustrious predecessors at the National First Ladies Library's salute to outstanding first women Tuesday night.

And it no doubt was intended to be that way. During the post-dinner program at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, two of Mrs. Clinton's friends, actresses **Mary Steenburgen** and **Jane Alexander**, took turns giving dramatic readings from letters written by previous first ladies that caused murmurs of recognition from many of the clued-in guests.

Among the more memorable selections:

■ "I had an ambition to be 'Mrs. President.' That ambition has been satisfied. ... Trouble comes soon enough. Power and position do not ensure a bed of roses." — **Mary Todd Lincoln**

■ "I know what's best for the president. I put him there! He does well when he listens to me and poorly when he does not." — **Florence Harding**

■ "I am sick, sick, sick of public life. ... I expect to be vilified and abused with my whole family." — **Abigail Adams**

■ "I've been asked just about everything except how often I sleep with my husband, and if they ask me that, I'll tell them, 'as often as possible.'" — **Betty Ford**

A few minutes later, when Mrs. Clinton joined the actresses, narrator **Barbara Walters** and First Ladies Library founder **Mary Regula** onstage to accept her own award, she seemed pleased enough.

"I don't know about you," she told the crowd, "but I certainly enjoyed that reading. I identified with just a few of the things they said."

For historian **Carl Sifert**, there was nothing unusual about the similarity between past and present first ladies' White House experiences.

"Everything horrific seems new," he said, "but they've been going through the same things for 200 years."

Mrs. Clinton continued the adulatory aspects of the evening by singling out a few favorite first ladies who "used the platform history gave them to great advantage": **Eleanor Roosevelt**, for her civil rights legacy, and **Lady Bird Johnson** (represented at the event by daughter **Lynda Robb**), who championed beautification of the American landscape.

Mrs. Clinton saluted the other awardees for helping to break through "glass ceilings" throughout their careers: Secretary of State **Madeline Albright**; Supreme Court Justice **Sandra Day O'Connor**, former Rep. **Shirley Chisholm** (who was not



Mary Regula of the National First Ladies Library presents an award to poet Gwendolyn Brooks at the "First Ladies Salute First Women" dinner. First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and program narrator Barbara Walters look on during the Tuesday night event.

present); poet **Gwendolyn Brooks**; and **Elizabeth Campbell**, 96, founder of public TV station WETA (Channel 26).

Except for Miss Brooks, who read a laudatory ode to Mrs. Clinton, the recipients made acceptance speeches that were notably brief and self-effacing, at least in Academy Award night terms.

The lack of babble may have prompted Miss Walters to tout what may prove to be her next ratings coup. Tune in tomorrow night on ABC for her chat with **Elizabeth Taylor**, who is "in remarkable shape, up, around and funny ... with platinum blond hair." It's a real scoop, she reported, because **La Liz** has spent most of the past two years in bed following treatment for a brain tumor.

The 300 guests were separated into two distinct dining areas by a red velvet rope. Corporate and other donors to the library sat on one side, Washington VIPs with connections to various honorees or organizers were on the other.

The VIPs included WETA Chairman **Sharon Percy Rockefeller** (who came especially to honor Mrs. Campbell), National Museum of Women in the Arts founder **Wilhelmina Holladay** (introducing Justice O'Connor) and Sen. **John Warner** (escorting Miss Walters). Also sighted were Smithsonian director **I. Michael Heymann**, porcelain queen **Helen Boehm**,



Letitia Baldrige, Frances Humphrey Howard, Janet Howard, Frankie Hewitt, Rep. John and Debbie Dingell, and Lloyd and Ann Hand.

The National First Ladies Library opened in June in Canton, Ohio, in the childhood home of President William McKinley's wife, **Ida**. The library boasts a large collection of books, letters, journalism articles, photographs and audio and videotapes on first ladies throughout the country's history. It also operates a Web site (www.firstladies.org) that contains a database of more than 40,000 items.

"The Web site has been getting a lot of hits lately," said Mrs. Regula's husband, Rep. **Ralph Regula**, who just happens to represent the library's hometown in Congress and, as a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, got

Congress to support the project with \$1.4 million in federal funds.

"It's a bargain," he said, noting that the federal government spent huge sums on other presidential sites — President James Garfield's home, for example, which "cost millions more" than one devoted to all of the first ladies.

"And he was only in office for six months," Mr. Regula said.

One of the corporate sponsors, **Ray N. Ivey** of Consolidated Natural Gas, summed up the prevailing attitude rather well when he addressed the crowd earlier that evening.

"For years, women have heard about the founding fathers," he said. "Why shouldn't men be taught about the founding mothers?"

— **Kevin Chaffee**



Mrs. Regula, Jane Alexander and Elizabeth Campbell share the stage at a pre-dinner news conference (above left). Lynda Robb chats with Maryland first lady Frances Glendening (above). Secretary of State Madeline Albright came to accept her award after a long day of foreign policy.

HAUNTED BY WHITEWATER

HILLARY'S CLOSE ESCAPE



NOTHING TO TELL: President Clinton and First Lady Hillary both swore that they knew next to nothing about the Whitewater land scam. AP

By BRIAN BLUMQUIST *Post Correspondent*

WASHINGTON — One of Kenneth Starr's prosecutors testified yesterday that he drafted — but never sought — a Whitewater indictment of First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Prosecutor Hickman Ewing's revelation in the Susan McDougal trial in Little Rock could haunt the First Lady if she decides to run for the Senate in New York.

Ewing said he "had problems" with some of her statements to investigators in April 1995 and drafted an indictment shortly after September 1996. He said he showed it to other prosecutors in Starr's office but went no further.

"You're always thinking about ... what possible crime could it be," Ewing said, explaining that it's routine for prosecutors to draw up draft indictments.

Ewing was called to testify by McDougal's lawyer, Mark Geragos, in the obstruction-of-justice trial to try to demonstrate that Starr is obsessed with nailing the Clintons.

McDougal has refused to answer Starr's questions, saying she doesn't trust him.

Sources said the draft indictment dealt with Mrs. Clinton's statements denying — or claiming she couldn't remember — legal work that she performed for Madison Guar-

Indictment was drafted



MAN WITH A PLAN: Prosecutor Hickman Ewing considered bringing charges against the First Lady. *Router*

anty, a thrift owned by Jim McDougal.

Mrs. Clinton has said she doesn't remember doing work for Madison on a shady land deal known as Castle Grande.

But a 1996 report by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. shows that calendar notes, billing records and a witness — a Madison loan officer — confirm that she worked on the project.

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

Mrs. Clinton's billing records disappeared shortly after the 1992 election. More than a year after Starr subpoenaed them, the records mysteriously showed up in the White House near Mrs. Clinton's office.

Mrs. Clinton could face more Whitewater trouble in June, around the period she's tentatively planning to announce her decision on the Senate race, according to sources.

She has a "good chance" of being called as a witness in Webster Hubbell's Whitewater trial, according to a lawyer close to the case.

David Kendall, the Clintons' defense lawyer on Whitewater, is preparing for the First Lady to testify in the trial, which is scheduled to start on June 14, sources said. Both sides must trade witness lists by April 14.

Kendall downplayed the news of the draft indictment, saying: "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."

Earlier this week, Starr's prosecutors called Mrs. Clinton to the stand as a video witness in the McDougal trial. In a taped Q&A recorded last April, Mrs. Clinton claimed she didn't review Whitewater documents.

But testifying as a live witness in the upcoming Hubbell trial "could be a moment of real peril for her," said Bob Giuffra, who was counsel on the Senate Whitewater Committee.

"In the first Whitewater trial, it was Bill Clinton's conduct that was at issue. In this trial, it's the extent of Hillary Clinton's work for Madison."

Starr has charged Hubbell, a former partner of Mrs. Clinton's at the Rose Law Firm in Little Rock, with lying to Congress and to federal regulators when he denied the firm did any work for Madison.

Prosecutors charge that Mrs. Clinton performed legal work for Madison, arranging cover papers for sham payments of \$300,000 to Hubbell's father-in-law, Seth Ward, in the Castle Grande deal.

Experts split on how it hits Senate bid

By DEBORAH ORIN
Bureau Chief

WASHINGTON — News that Hillary Clinton had a close call with a criminal indictment probably won't hurt her much if she runs for Senate, many analysts say.

But others warned it tarnishes her post-Sex-gate halo and should make New York Democrats think twice — and maybe a lot more than twice — about whether they should be so wild about Hillary.

"I don't think it will hurt her because she's already very polarizing ... it will probably just hype her supporters," said Republican strategist Eddie Mahe.

"It would hurt anyone else — but those two people [the Clintons] are out there in another class,

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They truly have this insulation that no other candidate I know has."

Democratic strategist Bob Shrum said: "I don't think that more nonsense from Ken Starr will have any influence. People assume it's political. He's not a star — he's a black hole. Stuff goes in but nothing comes out."

But Post pollster John Zogby, whose latest poll shows Mayor Giuliani leading Mrs. Clinton in a Senate matchup, said the news is a warning for Democrats.

And so is the risk that she may be called as a witness for the prosecution in the upcoming trial of her pal Webster Hubbell.

"It would be significant if not fatal because she would be dogged, even in places like Watertown and Binghamton, about everything from the Castle Grande real estate deal to her billing records, and she would find it difficult to deliver a campaign message above that clutter," Zogby said.

"If I'm a Democratic leader, I have to wonder if I want the risk of that or a safer candidate like Nita Lowey [D-Westchester]. It changes the debate over the next month or so and should give pause to all those New Yorkers making the pilgrimage to convince her to run."

Zogby said he doesn't think Mrs. Clinton has any real intention of running for Senate — "I think this is a great diversion, and a great way of ener-

gizing New York Democrats."

GOP pollster Ed Goetas said it's impossible to test how all this could affect Mrs. Clinton's potential candidacy because Sex-gate-weary voters don't want to hear about scandal now — but that could change next year.

"She lives under a protective shield right now, but if she becomes the candidate that shield disappears, and I'd like to think she's no different from everyone else," Goetas said.

Kellyanne Fitzpatrick, also a GOP pollster, added: "Hillary Clinton is in the same place as Al Gore. You may not want to return something you bought, and are unhappy with, but do you go back and buy more stuff at that same store?"

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■ First Lady Hillary Clinton asked city Comptroller Alan Hevesi about the case in an hourlong, one-on-one meeting at the White House.

Hevesi, one of the city's top Dems, refused to criticize the mayor's handling of the matter — noting Giuliani offered to meet with the family and pay funeral expenses, and attended Diallo's memorial service.

"I think substantially in this case the mayor has acted appropriately — except he's a lightning rod," the comptroller said.

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Prosecutor Says He Drafted an Indictment of First Lady

■ Courts: Top Starr attorney, testifying in McDougal trial, discloses tack made during Whitewater inquiry.

By ERIC LICHTBLAU
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WASHINGTON—The top prosecutor in independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr's Arkansas operation revealed on the witness stand Thursday that he came to doubt the truthfulness of First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's Whitewater statements several years ago and even drafted an indictment against her.

The disclosure, made grudgingly by prosecutor W. Hickman Fering Jr., as he testified at the contempt trial of Whitewater figure Susan McDougal in Little Rock, Ark., shed new light on the Starr team's aggressive but thus

far fruitless attempt to press criminal charges against the Clintons in Arkansas.

And it threatened to complicate the first lady's possible run for the

■ **NO BAR TO STARR PROBE**
Judges don't have power to halt Justice Dept. probe of independent counsel. **A3**

U.S. Senate in New York by reviving interest in a scandal that has dogged the Clintons for five years.

"There's nothing good that can come of this," Fering said. "Please see CLINTON, A12"

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come of this for her," said Lee Miringoff, director of New York's Marist College Poll, which shows Mrs. Clinton leading the prospective race. "The more it sounds like 'here we go again with the Clintons,' the less welcome her candidacy becomes."

The indictment apparently was drafted sometime in 1996. At the time, there was widespread speculation in Washington that Mrs. Clinton might be indicted because of her statements about investments that she held with McDougal and McDougal's late husband, as well as legal work she did on the Castle Grande land development, which siphoned money from the McDougals' savings and loan.

The mysterious discovery at the White House in 1996 of billing records belonging to the first lady, which had been subpoenaed by Starr but had vanished, only fueled rumors of a possible indictment. Starr's team, however, had never acknowledged the possibility—before Thursday.

David E. Kendall, the Clintons' personal attorney, was quick to ridicule Ewing's testimony. "The mere fact that this prosecutor drafted a frivolous indictment himself has no significance whatsoever except as a possible violation of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995."

The day's events marked another unexpected twist in the trial of McDougal, a onetime business partner of the Clintons who is charged with contempt and obstruction of justice for refusing to cooperate with a grand jury looking into the Clintons' role in the failed Whitewater real estate development in Arkansas before his election as president. She maintains that Starr's office wanted her to lie to the grand jury.

On Thursday, Los Angeles defense attorney Mark Geragos adopted the unusual tactic of subpoenaing Ewing, Starr's chief prosecutor in Arkansas, and calling him as his lead witness.

Geragos said in an interview that McDougal had learned from "a reliable source" that Starr's office had drafted an indictment of Mrs. Clinton several years ago but never pursued it. Geragos said he wanted to question Ewing on the stand about the issue to show that "they went into this thing with the idea that they had a culprit and they were looking for a crime."

Ewing sought to downplay the significance of the draft indictment, testifying that it is not unusual for a prosecutor to draft such a document to explore whether a case might be brought. "You're always thinking about... what possible crime might it be," he testified.

Indeed, Joseph E. diGenova, a



Deputy Independent Counsel W. Hickman Ewing Jr., subpoenaed by Susan McDougal's defense attorney, walks to the Little Rock, Ark., federal building Thursday.

former independent counsel, said in an interview that prosecutors often use draft indictments as a tool to explore legal theories or even to show to a criminal target to get a suspect to cooperate. But he stressed that such drafts are usually reserved for someone who is being "seriously considered" for prosecution.

Ewing testified that, after he drafted the indictment against Mrs. Clinton, he showed it to several people in his office. Ewing did not say what charges were included or why prosecutors did not seek a formal indictment. He said simply that "no charges were ever presented to the grand jury."

Ewing said he was bothered by doubts about the Clintons' credibility after several sworn statements they gave in connection with the Whitewater investigation in 1995.

On the question of Mrs. Clinton's legal work, for instance, Ewing said: "I had a concern that the president and the first lady were perhaps not telling it like it was."

Ewing was asked whether he had ever referred to the Clintons as liars.

"I don't know if I ever used the L-word or not. But I certainly ex-

pressed internally that I had problems with some of their answers," he said, according to an Associated Press account.

During one conversation with fellow Starr staff members, Ewing said, he graded the Clintons on their responses to questions, giving the president a "C" and Mrs. Clinton an "F."

That statement came after the first lady had said, "I don't recall," about 50 times during a deposition in July 1995, Ewing testified.

Officials in Starr's office said Thursday that they would just as soon have kept silent about the existence of the draft indictment.

Prosecutors in the McDougal trial objected repeatedly to Geragos' questions about the issue, and Ewing said initially that he could not be certain if an indictment was drafted. Under questioning, he went into further detail.

"Obviously Mr. Ewing felt the answer was called for, but it was only given after the judge had twice overruled the objections of the government," said Edward Page, a spokesman for Starr's office. "We're just saying that it's irrelevant to the case."

Dems wonder if Sen. Hillary wants to stay in White House — as prez

SUDDENLY, a lot of Democratic insiders are starting to ask each other if Hillary Rodham Clinton wants to run for New York senator as a stepping stone to the presidency.

Otherwise, they ask, why on earth would Mrs. Clinton want to risk a tough New York campaign to become senator — a job that's a big step down from First Lady in perks, prestige and raw power?

The First Lady's closest allies don't say no when asked if she has Oval Office dreams — instead they play it cute.

"I don't rule anything out in politics," said the First Lady's pal Harold Ickes, the ex-White House deputy chief who's the prime driving force behind her Senate explorations.

Ickes said Mrs. Clinton has never raised the idea of running for president with him — but he left the door wide open, re-



DEBORAH ORRIN
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marking: "In this business, it's one step at a time."

Asked about a Hillary-for-president scenario, Mrs. Clinton's press secretary, Marsha Berry, said: "She's never indicated that to me."

In any case, Oval Office ambitions don't seem anything new for Hillary Clinton, who once mulled running to replace her husband as Arkansas governor when he got bored with the job.

Betsy Wright, Bill Clinton's Arkansas chief of staff, touched off a flap in 1994 when The New Yorker magazine reported she'd said: "There are a great many people talking very seriously about [Hillary] succeeding him" as president and called it "a very viable plan of action."

Wright howled she'd been misquoted — but The New Yorker stood by its story, written more than a year before Monica Lewinsky was a gleam in Bill Clinton's eye and Sexgate boosted Mrs. Clinton's popularity.

The Hillary scenario now making the rounds says her White House ambitions are why Mrs. Clinton can't wait for 2004 when she could run for Senate in her home state of Illinois where her Chicago Cub loyalties would be an asset, not a worry.

"The only way she can run for president in 2004 is to run for the Senate now," says a Democratic activist. "Otherwise, if Al Gore loses in 2000, she's just an ex-First Lady in 2004."

After all, polls now show Gore trailing GOP front-runner George W. Bush by nearly 20 points.

Sure, polls change, but it's obviously a distinct possibility that Gore could be a loser, leaving the Democratic field wide open in 2004.

And, so the scenario goes, Mrs. Clinton can't risk letting another Dem run in 2004 and win — because then the next opening wouldn't be until 2112 when she'd be 65 and there'd be a lot more competition from rising star women in the Democratic party.

Sound nutty? Well, consider all the weird twists and turns that Sexgate has taken over the past year. Would this be any weirder?

There's another scenario making Democratic rounds: That Mrs. Clinton is floating her name for senator because she really wants to be Al Gore's running mate next year.

Not exactly what Gore needs as he tries to cut himself away from Bill Clinton's apron strings, perhaps. But could he say no if Mrs. Clinton and her allies — and his boss, her husband — pushed for it? What if the liberals who'll dominate the 2000 convention try to draft her?

"Obviously we think she is a tremendous First Lady but it would be very presumptuous and premature for us to engage in such hypothetical speculation," said Gore spokesman Chris Lehane.

One reason Mrs. Clinton's name comes up: The Dems are short of qualified women for veep. What will they do if Bush is the GOP nominee and taps Elizabeth Dole as his running mate?

Or suppose Bush manages to persuade his dad's old pal, Colin Powell, to be his running mate? Could Gore, if he's the Dem nominee, tap another white male as his veep?



HILLARY CLINTON
Pals don't rule it out.

The list of Dem women who could be veep is minuscule. New Hampshire's popular Gov. Jeanne Shaheen, arguably Mrs. Clinton, and then?

Forget the talk about Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.). Her husband's real-estate dealings kept Walter Mondale from tapping her in 1984, she has been a defender/apologist for China and she's known as the exact opposite of a team player.

Indeed, the list of high-profile Dem women is so short that some talk about Maryland Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend for veep. As it happens, she's a close Gore friend.

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Call by Call, Hillary Clinton Queries New York Leaders

By ELISABETH BUMILLER

In the month since announcing her interest in a United States Senate seat from New York, Hillary Rodham Clinton has discussed her potential candidacy with more than 50 influential Democrats in the state, most often in lengthy telephone calls she placed from the private quarters of the White House.

Mrs. Clinton, over the last few weeks, talked about her possible political future with labor leaders, elected officials and Democratic party chairmen from suburban and upstate counties crucial to winning a race. She also recently entertained powerful New York Democrats and public figures at the White House.

Several of those who spoke with Mrs. Clinton said she did not hint at her ultimate decision, but was systematically studying the politics and issues of a state where she has never lived. A number of them said she told them that she planned to do polling and was looking for ways to raise money even before she made a decision on the race.

Many of the county officials, who seem stunned and pleased by the First Lady's attention, described their conversations about local issues with Mrs. Clinton as lengthy and very detailed.

"She's obviously been doing her homework," said Steve Pigeon, the Democratic chairman of Erie County, the state's largest Democratic stronghold outside of New York City. Mr. Pigeon said he spoke by phone to Mrs. Clinton for an hour on Monday night. "I have to explain to a lot of candidates who come to me that you can't view upstate monolithically," he said. "She already knew the vast differences."

Mr. Pigeon said that Mrs. Clinton told him that she did not want

her delay in making a decision to hurt the ability of other potential Democratic candidates — like Representative Nita M. Lowey of Westchester — to raise money.

Largely because of the possible impact on other likely candidates and their ability to raise money if Mrs. Clinton does not run, many Democrats have been linked by her announcement that she will not decide until "later this year," perhaps as late as the fall. The election is in November 2000.

In an apparent response to that concern, the First Lady and her advisers are exploring fund-raising options. She said they're looking for vehicles to raise money to be used for whoever the candidate is," Mr. Pigeon said. "I think as long as she's raising money that can be used no matter who runs, whether it's her or Nita, that can buy some time."

Election law lawyers said yesterday that such a vehicle might be a committee, allowed under Federal election law, that would raise money for an unspecified Senate candidate in donations of up to \$1,000.

In making her calls, Mrs. Clinton works from a list of 200 names provided by Harold M. Ickes, a former White House official and a veteran of New York politics. Mrs. Clinton's advisers say she has methodically made her way through the Democratic power structure in New York State, reaching out not only to labor and local Democratic leaders, but to fund-raisers, members of the New York Congressional delegation and leaders of black, Jewish, Hispanic and women's groups.

She has also had meetings at the White House — yesterday with the New York City Comptrol-

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ler, Alan G. Hevesi, and last Friday with New York's Assembly Speaker, Sheldon Silver.

Mr. Hevesi said that he and the First Lady spoke for more than an hour, half of which he said was spent discussing the case of Amadou Diallo, the unarmed African immigrant whose shooting death by the New York City police has led to protests against Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, a potential opponent of Mrs. Clinton. Mr. Hevesi said Mrs. Clinton brought up the case herself, but made no comment on Mr. Giuliani's handling of it.

Mr. Silver said he met for an hour and 45 minutes with the First Lady. In another indication that Mrs. Clinton may be positioning herself as a candidate, Mr. Silver said that she elaborated on her remarks last year that a Palestinian state was "very important" to Middle East peace.

Mr. Giuliani has called her comments "a very big mistake," and political analysts have said her remarks could give him a chance to cut into any support she has among conservative Jewish voters.

Mr. Silver said Mrs. Clinton told him that her remarks were a "reflec-

tion of her discussions" with Yitzhak Rabin, the late Israeli Prime Minister, "and that Rabin had told her that 'it was very difficult to negotiate with a nonentity.' Mrs. Clinton also said her remarks were 'not inconsistent with American policy,'" the Speaker added.

Most upstate and suburban Democratic party officials said they came away from speaking with her believing that she would be a candidate.

"I thought I was talking to a political pro," said Steve Paquette, the Onondaga County Democratic chairman, who spoke to Mrs. Clinton for a half-hour last Thursday. "I honestly think for her to be taking the next broad step of calling folks like me, that's more than sticking your toe in the water."

Mrs. Clinton often calls at the end of the working day, sometimes after Mr. Ickes — who now has his own Washington consulting firm — has paved the way.

Paul Adler, the Rockland County Democratic chairman, said that last week, Mr. Ickes called him and asked him about local issues, and then Mrs. Clinton called to talk about property taxes, suburban development, the regional economy and transportation into New York City.

Mr. Ickes said that Mrs. Clinton

was educating herself about New York through her phone calls, which she made alone. "She's finding out the lay of the political landscape, the lay of the issue landscape," he said.

Although most active Democratic Party workers are clamoring for Mrs. Clinton to run, many have also told her that the race will be very close and that she should expect personal attacks for her role in the Whitewater inquiry and her past profitable commodities trades.

"I certainly indicated that it would be a tough race," said Dominic Baranillo, the Democratic Party chairman of heavily Republican Suffolk County. He said he told Mrs. Clinton last week that the Republicans "would revive many of the issues we've been hearing about ad nauseam" and that "she has to be prepared to handle that."

Some local Democratic leaders say they have been taken aback by the intricacy of Mrs. Clinton's questions. "She was curious about why there was a large Jordanian population in Yonkers," said David Alpert, the Westchester County Democratic chairman, who spoke to Mrs. Clinton for nearly an hour. "I did not know the answer."

Mr. Alpert also said that he and Mrs. Clinton talked about friends and

colleagues they had in common in Westchester — Ronald H. Brown, the late Secretary of Commerce, who was a Democratic district leader in Mount Vernon in the 1970's, and Toby Nussbaum, a former county Democratic finance chairman who is married to Bernard W. Nussbaum, a former White House counsel.

The White House dinner that the President and Mrs. Clinton held for some influential New Yorkers took place March 5, in the family quarters. The guests included New York's State Comptroller, H. Carl McCall; Randi Weingarten, the president of the United Federation of Teachers; Dennis Rivera, the president of Local 1199, National Health and Human Service Employees Union; Bill Lynch, longtime adviser to former Mayor David N. Dinkins, and Victor A. Kovner, a First Amendment lawyer and a corporation counsel in the Dinkins administration.

The guests were up until 1:30 A.M. having dinner and watching a movie ("October Sky"). Afterward, the New Yorkers slept over at the White House.

None of them stayed, said one sleep-over guest, in the Lincoln Bedroom.

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Promoting readings: Hillary Rodham Clinton shows a McDonald's booklet at a meeting of the Association of American Publishers on Thursday in Washington. McDonald's will distribute 13 million copies of the Happy Meal booklet to show parents how to nourish their children's brains through reading, she says.

North Africa will give Clinton a break

By Mimi Hall
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton is taking a two-week hiatus from her intensive deliberations over whether to run for a Senate seat from New York. She is heading out Saturday on a long-planned trip to North Africa with her daughter.

The first lady and Chelsea, who will be on spring break from Stanford University, will visit Egypt, Tunisia and Morocco on a trip dedicated to "strengthening the bonds of understanding between the United States and the entire Arab world," her office said in a statement.

Later this year, Hillary Clinton will visit Israel and Jordan. Her office said those stops were not appropriate to make now because of the upcoming election in Israel and the mourning of Jordan's King Hussein, who died last month.

Spokeswoman Marsha Berry said the first lady's trip to North Africa has been scheduled for about six months.

She said her boss will keep up a "grinding" schedule and doesn't plan to spend any time while she's away consulting with advisers about the possible Senate run.

She'll return April 1.

Complaining of a bad back, the result of a pulled muscle that she re-injured while skiing in Utah last month, Hillary Clinton did not accompany the president on his recent trip to Central America. Berry said her back is "much better" and she's looking for-

ward to visiting a part of the African continent that she hasn't seen.

A year ago, the first lady and President Clinton took a two-week tour of sub-Saharan Africa, visiting six countries, including South Africa. Two years ago, she and Chelsea made a similar trip together.

The latest trip comes when there is ongoing speculation about the state of the Clintons' relationship — speculation fueled by some news reports saying their marriage is in trouble after the Monica Lewinsky scandal and allegations that Clinton raped an Arkansas woman 20 years ago.

Berry dismissed the stories. "There's nothing to it," she said. She said the Clintons' marriage remains "a work in progress," and added that there should be no question "they're committed to each other."

The trip also comes as the first lady is debating whether to run for the Senate in 2000.

Among the factors influencing her decision is how she could carry out her duties as first lady, which have included trips abroad as a goodwill ambassador for the United States, while running a campaign in New York.

In North Africa, the first lady's office said, Hillary Clinton will do what she has done on many trips: She will highlight efforts to provide health care to women and children, encourage the economic empowerment of women and promote human rights and education. At a clinic in Luxor, Egypt, she will announce new funds for family planning.

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 1995.

"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 Geras, 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 "il-lars," Ewing told Geras, "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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Court Told of Draft Indictment That Included the First Lady

By STEVE BARNES

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Mar. 18 — Hillary Rodham Clinton was named in an indictment drafted by a top aide to Kenneth W. Starr, the independent counsel, but the document was never presented to a grand jury and no charges were brought against the First Lady, the aide testified in Federal District Court here today.

The disclosure came from the deputy independent counsel, W. Hickman Ewing, who was subpoenaed as the first witness for the defense in the contempt-of-court trial of Susan H. McDougal, a former business partner of the Clintons.

Mr. Ewing was not asked what charges he had specified in the draft indictment he drew up against Mrs. Clinton, but he suggested that he considered her responses to questions put to her under oath as less than forthcoming.

Mr. Ewing, who is in charge of the Arkansas phase of the Whitewater inquiry headed by Mr. Starr, testified that he wrote the indictment in late 1996 after becoming persuaded that Mrs. Clinton had not been truthful in discussions with Mr. Starr's staff. The independent counsel has been investigating the Clintons' involvement in a complex series of loans and land deals that collectively have come to be known as Whitewater.

Ms. McDougal and her late former husband, James B. McDougal, were partners of the Clintons in the Whitewater venture. Mr. McDougal died last year in a Federal prison, and Ms. McDougal has twice refused to answer questions from a grand jury about their financial dealings. By calling a Starr prosecutor, she was attempting to show that she was pressured to falsely implicate the Clintons, an assertion the prosecutors have insisted is bogus.

That Mr. Starr's office had drafted the indictment against Mrs. Clinton

has been known for months, but details were never disclosed.

"The O.I.C. illegally leaked this information a long time ago," David E. Kendall, the Clintons' lawyer, said in a statement today after Mr. Ewing's testimony. "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."

"She was in conflict with other interviews that we had already done," Mr. Ewing said of Mrs. Clinton's answers to questions from prosecutors in two meetings, including an April 1995 session at the White House. Mr. Ewing said the conflicting information came from interviews with some of Mrs. Clinton's former partners at the Rose Law Firm in Little Rock.

Mr. Ewing testified that based on what he knew at that point he had questions about what Mrs. Clinton was saying.

"You had doubts?" asked Mark J. Geragos, Ms. McDougal's lawyer.

"That is correct," Mr. Ewing responded. "The same was true of the President," he continued, referring to an interview with Mr. Clinton conducted by prosecutors the same day.

"Did you tell people you thought she was lying?" Mr. Geragos asked.

"I don't know if I used the 'L' word, but I certainly expressed internally that I had some problems with some of the answers of the President and the First Lady," Mr. Ewing said.

"Did you have a draft indictment?" Mr. Geragos asked.

"I can't say positively," Mr. Ewing said, but Mr. Geragos persisted until Mr. Ewing added, "I would say yes, but qualify that."

Mr. Ewing said it was not unusual for prosecutors to circulate proposed indictments, whether or not a charge was ever brought. "You're always



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W. Hickman Ewing, a Starr deputy, testified yesterday.

thinking about what possible crime could it be," he said.

Asked if he had ever graded Mrs. Clinton's testimony, Mr. Ewing recalled that he had, in a reference to one of Mrs. Clinton's interviews with the independent counsel's staff. He said he had given her an "F" because "she had used the words 'I don't recall' about 50 times."

No charges have been brought against the Clintons in the Whitewater investigation. Ms. McDougal is charged with blocking the inquiry by refusing to testify to a grand jury about Whitewater-related matters despite a judge's order to do so and a grant of limited immunity.

Mr. Ewing insisted today that Mr. Starr's team was interested only in obtaining the truth, even as he acknowledged that the Clintons were potential targets of their inquiry.

"We wanted any information she had, including the Clintons," Mr. Ewing affirmed, referring to Ms. McDougal. "It was our duty to investigate whether the Clintons did anything illegal."

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By Annie Groer and Ann Gerhart

White House Wears Green

It was a night for blarney, or maybe Freud. When former senator **George Mitchell** received the Presidential Medal of Freedom at the White House last night, he implicitly referred to the first lady as "Senator Hillary . . . oops!" Audience members roared their approval and leapt to their feet.

Hillary Rodham Clinton, who is contemplating a bid for a Senate seat in New York, smiled sheepishly and shook her head at Mitchell, *The Post's* Chuck Fabin reported.

About a thousand people, including many members of Congress, Kennedys, singer **K.d. Lang** and actors **Val Kilmer** and **Dylan McDermott**, came to what Mrs.

Clinton called "our small gathering," a St. Patrick's Day celebration honoring Irish Prime Minister **Bertie Ahern** and acknowledging Mitchell's work toward peace in Northern Ireland.

Capping a day of talks on the peace efforts, last night's party began with smoked salmon and other delicacies in the White House's East Room and Dining Room and ended in a huge tent on the South Lawn.

Ahern, declaring that "everyone here has been partying," noted: "There will be no food or drink left in the White House for at least a month."

It was 9:30 p.m. before **President Clinton** finally turned the evening over to an array of Irish entertainers, including flutist **James Galway**. By then the tent's bars had closed but hundreds stuck around for Irish drumming, dancing and singing.



From left, Mitchell, Ahern and Clinton applaud Hillary Clinton's remarks during last night's White House celebration.

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HILLARY CLINTON
Not very enlightening.

McDougal jury sees video of First Lady

By BRIAN BLOMQUIST
Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Hillary Clinton was called as a video witness in Susan McDougal's Whitewater trial yesterday as the past came back to haunt the First Lady.

"I never spent any significant time at all looking at the books and records of Whitewater," Mrs. Clinton insisted on the video, shown publicly for the first time in Little Rock.

The video was made for the Whitewater grand jury last April.

McDougal is on trial for refusing to answer Starr's questions. Her lawyer claimed Starr's team never bothered to ask the First Lady those same questions — but the video shows they did.

The First Lady is seen wearing a yellow suit. She looked serious and nodded as she was handed the \$27,600 check in her husband's name and claimed she'd never seen it.

The \$27,600 check was issued in Bill Clinton's name by the bank owned by Susan McDougal and her late husband Jim — and partly repaid by an illegal \$300,000 taxpayer-funded loan to Susan McDougal.

The president has sworn under oath that he never got any loans from the McDougals' bank.

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Hillary Clinton Said She Spent Little Time on Whitewater

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LITTLE ROCK, March 16—In a grand jury videotape made public for the first time today, first lady 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 B. 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 the first lady's testimony, recorded at the White House last April, were played for the jury in the trial of Susan 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 couple's Whitewater business dealings.

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

The Clintons' lawyer, David R. Kendall, had no comment on Starr's use of the first lady's videotaped testimony. In it, Clinton told prosecutors repeatedly that she had little information to give.

President Clinton testified at the McDougals' trial in spring 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. McDougal has since died.

First Ladies' Night Out

Hillary Clinton Helps Honor 5 Women

By JENNIFER FREY
Washington Post Staff Writer

"I am sick, sick, sick of public life," actress Mary Steenburgen said as she gave a dramatic interpretation from the personal writings of a certain first lady last night at the "First Ladies Salute First Women" awards dinner at the Ronald Reagan Building.

Steenburgen may have spent the previous night at the White House—and part of the day with Hillary Rodham Clinton—but she was not quoting her dear personal friend. She was reading from the private papers of Abigail Adams.

Mrs. Clinton, however, could not help but laugh.

"I don't know about you," she told the gathering of several hundred a few minutes later, "but I identify with a few of the things they said."

On a night when such noted politicians as Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening and Rep. Ralph Regula (R-Ohio) found themselves frequently referred to as "the husband of," the newly established National First Ladies' Library bestowed special honor on five women Clinton referred to as "glass-

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Mary Regula, founding chairwoman of the National First Ladies' Library, with Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barbara Walters at last night's awards gala.

Library Honors Five Achievers of the First Rank

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celling breakers." In a ceremony emceed by Barbara Walters, awards were given to Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Gwendolyn Brooks, former congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and Elizabeth P. Campbell, the founder and vice president for community affairs of public television station WETA.

Clinton arrived late in the meal and was warmly introduced to the crowd by Walters, who is fresh off her ratings-grabbing interview with Monica Lewinsky. The two briefly clasped hands in greeting before the first lady made some remarks and returned to the White House for a live American Online question-and-answer session.

Her mere presence, though, provided a

room full of powerful women with one very hot topic of conversation: What is the current first lady going to do with herself once her husband's time in office is up? Specifically, is she going to run for the vacant Senate seat in New York?

Steenburgen, who has known the Clintons since their days in Arkansas, heartily endorsed her friend's possible candidacy.

"She's been an amazing first lady and I know that she's really weighing the different effects [a Senate race] would have on her life," Steenburgen said. "I'm sure she'll reach the right decision."

Steenburgen joined fellow actress and former NEA chief Jane Alexander in a selection of readings from the library's archives. "Pretty soon we're going to have a first husbands' library as well," Alexander joked. "We're going to have a woman president of the United States," she said. "It's going to happen pretty soon."

The National First Ladies' Library, which opened last June, is in Canton, Ohio, in the childhood home of the 20th first lady, Ida Saxton McKinley, in a building that has also been used as a tavern and a brothel, among other things.

The library, no repository for nice dresses and party invitations, houses its fair share of reference to White House scandal, current administration included; a bibliography of historical materials is maintained online at www.firstladies.org. Among the items listed is the discredited book "The Strange Death of President Harding," which purports that Florence Harding poisoned her husband. And a click on "Hillary Rodham Clinton" reveals several articles that refer to her role in White-water—articles with titles like "The Hillary Problem" and "Scenes From a Scandal."

Such works are candidates for the list "unless there is something truly vile or

utterly fictitious," said Carl Sferazza Anthony, the author and historian responsible for compiling the bibliography.

The archive is updated only through 1996, which means coverage of the recent White House scandal has yet to be catalogued. Already, though, Mrs. Clinton has generated one of the largest collections of articles in it—in part, as Anthony pointed out, because of the more comprehensive news coverage given to first ladies since the Kennedy presidency, and in part because of her very visible role at the White House.

"I'm really, really proud of my friend," said Steenburgen, who believes that the first lady has changed the office itself during her tenure. "I think she'd make an extraordinary senator."

And what kind of political spouse might her husband make? Steenburgen smiled.

"He'd just have to live up to her precedent," she said. "And I'm sure he'd do just fine."



The first lady and ABC's Barbara Walters chat at last night's gala.

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White House Woes: The White House denies news reports that Bill and Hillary Clinton are in a trial separation and says Hillary left their ski vacation a day early and then didn't accompany the president to Central America because of a back injury. "Probably caused by the weight of that last straw." (Steve Voldseth)

White House Woes II: According to Fox News, Bill and Hillary got in a huge shouting match during their ski vacation. "In fact, they say it is the first time ever that Clinton has screamed out her name." (Jay Leno)

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Clinton Offers Debt-Relief Plan for African Nations

■ **Aid:** President will propose program to forgive \$70 billion owed by developing nations.

From Times Wire Service

WASHINGTON—President Clinton urged the world's richest nations Tuesday to relieve the debt burden of Africa's poorest countries.

Addressing a three-day conference at the State Department of African government officials from 46 nations, Clinton said he will propose a plan to forgive \$70 billion in debt held by developing nations in return for economic reforms when he goes to an annual meeting of the world's leading industrial nations in June.

"Our goal is to ensure that no country committed to fundamental reform is left with a debt burden that keeps it from meeting its people's basic human needs," Clinton said. "The more debtor nations take responsibility for pursuing sound economic policies,

the more creditor nations must be willing to provide debt relief."

The proposal was welcomed by the African officials, who have long said the debt makes it harder for them to build upon economic development that comes their way.

The president spoke as his wife—who paved the way for his visit to Africa last year—prepared to make her third trip to the continent. Hillary Rodham Clinton leaves Saturday for an 11-day tour of Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia.

To finance the debt relief package, Clinton suggested selling gold reserves held by the International Monetary Fund, an idea the U.S. had not embraced before now.

Britain, Germany and France have proposed recently that 103 million ounces of IMF gold be tapped to provide funds for a debt relief initiative by the IMF and World Bank.

The gold reserve has a current market value of \$34 billion.

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Dazzled: Hillary Rodham Clinton and singer/actress Brandy

Hillary focuses on future, not her own

By Ann Oldenburg
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton had lunch with pop star Brandy and dinner with Barbara Walters and capped her Tuesday with a live America Online chat about Socks and Buddy, the White House cat and dog.

Clinton cited "how terrific America's young people really are" at lunch, and at dinner praised women who are "glass-ceiling breakers." On line, she mentioned that the president is Buddy's best human friend.

In her speeches, she made no mention of her bad back, a rumored Senate bid, or headlines about supposed marital troubles in the White House.

"She's a phenomenal woman," gushed Brandy, 20, who met the first lady for the first time at the Seventeen/Cover Girl Volunteerism awards lunch honoring six young women. "I think she's the epitome of beauty. I think she's a strong woman. And listening to her speak, I just love her."

"My name came out of her mouth! She said, 'Thank you, Brandy, for being a positive role model.' Now that's going to motivate me to continue to be a positive role model."

Brandy said recent reports that she's being overworked weren't true. "I was a little sick," she said, but added: "It wasn't because I was over-

worked or anything. It was my fault. I don't get enough rest. I'll work all day and stay up all night."

She announced she's planning a tour in June and will have two months off from her TV show, *Moesha*, before that.

At the National First Ladies' Library dinner celebrating women of achievement, Walters and the first lady were in the same room for the first time since Walters' TV interview with Monica Lewinsky. Did she feel comfortable greeting Clinton?

"I like Mrs. Clinton very much. I have great admiration for her. Please don't make a thing out of nothing," she said.

Hillary pal Mary Steenburgen, who read from past first ladies' writings at the dinner, has stayed at the White House the past few days. How is her friend's back doing? "She's fine, she's great," the actress said.

Has Clinton been reading the papers — such as the New York Post's "Chillary" headline, prompted by her failure to accompany Bill Clinton to Central America? Steenburgen was close-mouthed. "I do know the meaning of friendship."

As for a Hillary run for the Senate: "I can't speak for her about that," Steenburgen said, "but I think she would be extraordinary."

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Hillary Clinton says she didn't know about loan

By Pete Yost
The Associated Press

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

Clinton said on the tape, played at Susan McDougal's trial, that she was unaware of a \$27,000 loan for Whitewater in Bill Clinton's name a decade before he became president.

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

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

The Clintons' lawyer, David Kendall, had no comment on Starr's use of the first lady's videotaped testimony. In it, Clinton repeatedly told prosecutors 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 McDougal 3½ years later.

President Clinton testified in spring 1998 that he never borrowed money from the savings and loan the McDougals owned in the 1980s. Three months later, Jim McDougal told Starr's office that Clinton had signed documents for the transaction. Jim McDougal since has died.

Hillary Clinton appeared on two television monitors in the federal court Tuesday. Her deposition was taped at the White House on April 25, 1998, with her lawyers present. The tape was played for the Whitewater grand jury four days later.

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."

Ewing underscored the event's seriousness 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," Clinton replied.

When shown a Nov. 15, 1982 cashier's check for \$27,000 made payable to "Bill Clinton," Hillary Clinton said, "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 Hillary Clinton's videotape in an attempt to convict Susan McDougal of criminal contempt and obstruction for refusal to cooperate with prosecutors.

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A plaque erected by Agency for International Development hails the work of first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

First lady trumpets vitamin A in cutting mother, child deaths

U.S. producers to fortify food exports with the nutrient

By Ben Barber
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Researchers believe they can reduce maternal deaths in childbirth in the Third World by 40 percent by giving inexpensive doses of vitamin A to expectant mothers.

Responding to that research, several American food producers, such as Kellogg's and Procter & Gamble, announced yesterday that they would fortify exports and overseas production with the vitamin.

"Vitamin A deficiency causes 1 million deaths and many more cases of blindness each year," said first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, who announced the plan at a luncheon hosted by the U.S. Agency for International Development.

"Today, we are collectively signing a declaration showing our commitment to reduce vitamin A deficiency worldwide... to save the lives of millions of children," she said.

AID plans to spend more than \$35 million this year to provide millions of children around the world with two vitamin A capsules a year costing 2 cents each.

That program began after researchers at Johns Hopkins University and elsewhere discovered in the late 1980s that it could reduce childhood deaths by up to 30 percent from ailments such as malaria, pneumonia and dysentery.

Estimates are that 250 million children are vitamin A deficient,

Cod-liver oil was the distasteful way Americans used to get the vitamin.

said Dr. Nils Daulaire, former senior international health official in the U.S. government and now head of the Global Health Coalition.

Johns Hopkins scientist Keith West said he had just completed a three-year experiment involving 44,000 women in Nepal, which produced the surprising discovery that maternal deaths are also linked to vitamin A deficiency.

The Nepal experiment, funded by AID, sought to reduce death rates among infants under 6 months who are not helped by vitamin A. AID distributed vitamin A to some of the women and others received placebos to see if the vitamin would pass to the infants.

The infant death rate was not reduced, Mr. West said, but the mothers' death rate was.

"Mortality among these women is 70 times higher than here — one in 15 women may die in childbirth," he said. The vitamins, distributed in villages in the Terai, the lowland plains bordering India, cut the death rate by 40 percent.

His findings were published two weeks ago in the British Medical

Journal.

While some vitamin A is found in milk, eggs, carrots, leafy vegetables and papayas, Third World children and adults do not eat enough of those foods to prevent deficiency. Cod-liver oil was the distasteful way Americans used to get the vitamin before American foods were enriched.

Vitamin A appears to work in two ways, Dr. Daulaire said.

"It mobilizes the body's immune system and makes it stronger," he said, "(and) it heals submicroscopic cracks between cells in the body's armor — the epidermis and intestine and lungs — which blocks invasion by outside organisms."

"Symptoms of vitamin A deficiency include night blindness. Children are unable to see when it gets to dusk," Dr. Daulaire said.

"Pregnant women also get it. More serious symptoms include clouding of the cornea, rupture of the cornea and blindness."

Dr. Daulaire said that the next step is to continue research to see if women in Bangladesh and other countries are also helped by vitamin A.

The pledge by private firms to spread the use of vitamin A "marks a new way of thinking about public health," he said. "AID is seeking partnerships with private-sector companies."

AID Administrator J. Brian Atwood said, "Congress, in its infinite wisdom, knew when it cut our budget by 40 percent, it would force us to go to the private sector."

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The Hillary chorus in performance

That Hillary Clinton should generate excitement as a potential Senate candidate in New York is so obvious to most people that it requires no explanation.

She has star power, that is clear. Her very name causes big donors in Manhattan to swoon. But based on what? Her liberalism? Every Democrat in New York is a liberal, and most have clearer records than she.

Mrs. Clinton is best known for her Rube Goldberg health reform plan, which was defeated and arguably led to the worst electoral disaster for the Democratic Party in 50 years. Still, among liberals, it was a valiant cause. And great honor goes to the soldier who stumbles while holding the standard aloft. But as to most of the rest of the liberal agenda, the first lady has not been heard from. Did she support the welfare reform bill of 1996 that so many liberals opposed and her husband signed? Does she support the death penalty as he does? Would she support racial and sexual preferences? Does she agree with Al Gore that the next great challenge for our time is traffic control?

Since Mrs. Clinton's policy views are more presumed than known, her appeal must lie elsewhere. She is more loved, it seems, for what she has endured than for what she has accomplished. In that sense, she is America's Diana.

It is a measure of the pathetic state of official feminism that their chief heroine is

now the woman scorned. Health care notwithstanding, Hillary Clinton's most important and visible role in her partnership with Bill Clinton has been to play the wronged but loyal wife. Whenever his despicable, reckless and utterly compulsive use and abuse of women has gotten him into political trouble, the lovely and articulate Hillary steps forward to say, in effect, "If it's OK with me, it should be OK with you." If the point of feminism was to destroy the traditional family, this may be a great stealth strategy.

But the public pose was one of a loving couple. If Mrs. Clinton had not appeared on the "Today Show" in January 1998 to say that the Monica Lewinsky story was a tissue of lies concocted by a right-wing cabal, who knows what trajectory the scandal might have assumed? When it became indisputable that the story was true (The Dress), Bill Clinton faced impeachment, but Hillary's reputation suffered no diminution for her contribution to the cover-up.

Though each new chapter of their relationship is analyzed the way Kremlinologists once studied the May Day seating chart on Lenin's tomb, it is impossible and,

in fact, not terribly interesting to guess at what goes on between the two Clintons in private. There have been reports — some perhaps correct — of gothic scenes in the private quarters.



On the other hand, these reports of private torment may be disinformation designed to help us forget that Hillary is Bill Clinton's chief apologist and co-conspirator. Surely Paula Jones and Juanita

Broadrick and who knows how many others must believe Hillary Clinton climbed to the first ladyship by stepping on their heads.

So why in the world does this compromised figure set the pulses of liberal New Yorkers racing? How, exactly, does Hillary fulfill feminist fantasies? Or has Bill Clinton's ascendancy confounded all of the familiar categories? All the women who truly were his victims — Paula Jones, Kathleen Willey, Juanita Broadrick — have been disdained and dismissed not just by Bill Clinton but by most leading feminists. And yet the wife who served as enabler and apologist is hailed for her "courage" and "fortitude."

The Hillary canonization marks the sure slide into drawing all the wrong conclusions from the crisis of the past year. Rather than resent every aide (George Stephanopoulos very much included), pundit and wife who helped sell this defective product to the electorate in 1992, we seem determined to conclude all over again that character doesn't matter. Mrs. Clinton stood by and stood for one of the worst men ever to sit in the White House. A smidgen of honesty from her at any of several key moments could have spared the nation much pain. And the proper reward for this is a Senate seat?

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Hillary tape played at McDougal's trial on contempt charge

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton testified on videotape played yesterday 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.

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

Forty minutes of the first lady's grand jury testimony, recorded at the White House last April, were played for the jury in the federal trial of Mrs. 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.

In the tape, Mrs. Clinton told prosecutors repeatedly that she had little information.

"I have never seen these documents before and have no information about them," she said when asked about a 1982 Clinton loan that prosecutors say is linked through a series of transactions to a fraudulent \$300,000 loan to Mrs. McDougal 3½ years later.

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

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Mr. Starr's office is using Mrs. Clinton's videotape in an attempt to convict Mrs. McDougal of criminal contempt and obstruction for refusal 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 Jr. that they have nowhere to turn for answers but to Mrs. McDougal, who watched the videotape intently.

After seeing the videotape, Mrs. McDougal's attorney, Mark Geragos, said if he had known what was on it he would have introduced it himself as evidence. He had objected to showing the video.

Prosecutors "weren't doing anything here but stalking the president and first lady, and they were using Mrs. McDougal to get to that," Mr. Geragos said.

"I don't see that there's anybody that can follow" the complex financial transactions that Mr. Ewing walked Mrs. Clinton through, he said. Prosecutors "spent and wasted taxpayers' money of \$40 million on absolutely nothing."

Mr. Ewing questioned Mrs. Clinton on several subjects:

- A check for \$5,081.82 signed by Mrs. McDougal and bearing the notation "payoff Clinton." The check was used to make a payment on the Clinton loan. Mrs. Clinton said "I do not know" anything about the check.

- Mrs. Clinton's law firm billing records that indicate she spoke with Mrs. McDougal on July 18, 1985, at a time when the McDougals were desperately trying to save their foundering S&L. Mrs. 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 late 1996 when an FBI agent who works for Mr. Starr found a micro-filmed copy of the cashier's check. The original turned up in 1997 in the trunk of an abandoned car.

In 1996, Mr. Starr's office gave Mrs. McDougal limited immunity in order to compel her to testify. She still refused and was jailed for civil contempt. Then she was charged with criminal contempt because Mr. Starr deemed her a crucial witness.

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Sinking Hillary

New Yorkers apparently like Hillary Rodham Clinton better as a wronged wife than as a political candidate.

Ever since Mrs. Clinton announced her interest in seeking a U.S. Senate seat from New York, her poll numbers have been plummeting.

The latest evidence comes in the form of a Zogby International poll that shows New York Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, a Republican, besting Mr. Clinton by more than 11 percentage points in a Senate matchup.

The poll of 709 likely voters, taken last week, found the mayor favored, 48.4 percent to 36.9 percent.

"There was kind of a honeymoon after she announced she was thinking of running, but now it is clear what a major battle she would face if she runs against

Giuliani," pollster John Zogby told the New York Post.

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First Lady Stars Via Videotape in McDougal Trial

■ **Court:** Prosecutors use deposition to show that the defendant should testify.

By ERIC LICHTBLAU
TIMOTHY WHITE

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—Jurors in Susan McDougal's contempt trial heard from a surprise witness Tuesday as First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton testified in a videotaped deposition—never before shown publicly—that she and the president had virtually no active role in the failed Whitewater real estate deal.

"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," the first lady testified in a deposition taped last April at the White House and played a few days later for a grand jury collecting evidence in independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr's investigation of the Clintons' land development.

Starr's prosecutors used the deposition to make the case that, if Hillary Clinton could answer questions under oath about Whitewater, McDougal also should be expected to do so. McDougal and her late husband were partners with the Clintons in the Whitewater development.

McDougal, who now lives in Redondo Beach, 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 has maintained that Starr's prosecutors want her to lie.

Hillary Clinton Says She Wasn't Involved

Although Starr's deputies have said repeatedly that they are not seeking to put the Clintons on trial in the McDougal case, the first couple was once again the center of attention on the trial's fourth day of testimony.

The videotape's release could prove awkward for Hillary Clinton, whose possible run for the U.S. Senate in New York has been the subject of intense speculation in recent weeks.

Starr's deputies fought successfully Tuesday to introduce the deposition into evidence, despite the objections of McDougal's defense attorney, Mark Geragos, who said that it was being sprung on his client at the last minute.

After three days of listening to dry and often complicated evidence about years-old financial transactions, several jurors appeared to perk up when they learned that they would be watching the first lady's grand jury testimony.



Jurors watch Hillary Rodham Clinton's videotaped deposition Tuesday in an artist's rendering from the Little Rock, Ark., courthouse.

Prosecutors played 35 minutes of excerpts from the deposition as Hillary Clinton answered more than two dozen questions from deputy independent counsel W. Hickman Ewing Jr. about Whitewater transactions.

Starr himself was present for the deposition. The Clintons' dogged pursuer opened the proceeding with a somewhat strained note of appreciation, telling Hillary 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 the first lady that her statements could be used against her in any criminal proceeding.

Beginning in the 1970s, the Clintons and the McDougals were partners in the failed residential development project. Prosecutors believe that some improper funds, including a fraudulent, government-backed \$300,000 loan that 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 B. McDougal, Susan McDougal's husband, died last year in prison.

Hillary Clinton's tone on the videotape 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 "never spent any significant time at all looking at the books and records of Whitewater," she said.

Asked About 1983 'Payoff Clinton' Check

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. "I'm sorry, Mr. Ewing,

I don't know anything about this," she testified.

Outside the courthouse after the videotape was played, Ewing refused to comment on the substance of Hillary Clinton's testimony or to say whether prosecutors have any reason to doubt the credibility of her account.

"We want everyone's version," Ewing said.

But Geragos said that the testimony added nothing of value to the case. Starr's prosecutors "weren't doing anything here but stalking the president and the first lady and they were using Mrs. McDougal to get to that."

Hillary Clinton's deposition was not the only fireworks for the day in the McDougal trial.

During one break, prosecutor Mark Barrett angrily confronted Geragos in the hallway, saying that he was "sick of" McDougal making comments during testimony that could be heard by jurors.

He was angered by an episode during which a witness was searching for words to describe his feeling toward the independent counsel's office. "Scared," McDougal said from her seat.

Geragos later acknowledged that his client had made the remark, but he said the prosecutors had also been whispering repeatedly during testimony. The judge admonished both sides not to let it happen again.

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 candles 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



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

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.

A Shift in Style for a New Senator

Schumer Broadens His Approach From His House Days

By JAMES DAO

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 — Charles E. Schumer says his personal life has not changed that much since he became New York's junior Senator. He still buys suits at a discount clothier, stays at budget hotels and urges people to call him Chuck.

But Mr. Schumer, a Democrat, is sweating the details of a change in his political life. No longer just the Representative for parts of Brooklyn and Queens, he now must understand the problems, weather the complaints and be the voice of 17 million constituents, including many who think he is a city-centric liberal who could not care less about them.

With his straight-A-student relentlessness, Mr. Schumer, 48, has immersed himself in issues important to upstate communities, from rising air fares in Syracuse to falling milk prices in Watertown, from low pay at Fort Drum to high electric rates in Jamestown.

"There is no reason why Rochester, with its great companies and its great institutions, shouldn't be a high-tech mecca in the entire Northeast," he told reporters at the opening of his Rochester office earlier this month. "That's one of the things I intend to do."

But he is also worrying about how he will play to another audience: his 99 fellow senators. There is a more intimate and courtly club than the House; individual members have far more power to shape legislation, personal relations are paramount to

success, and brass-knuckle politics are usually frowned upon.

In the House, Mr. Schumer was widely considered an effective and tireless legislator who made himself an expert on a range of issues, including gun control and banking. But his critics, and many allies, also viewed him as an incorrigible self-promoter who could be abrasive and partisan at times. To succeed in the Senate, they say, he will have to rein in some of those tendencies.

No one seems to understand that better than Mr. Schumer. Accused in the past of grabbing credit for legislation that others wrote, he says he plans to allow more senior senators to take the lead on legislation he once sponsored in the House. He has also been turning down invitations to appear on television talk programs, he says, partly to avoid causing resentment among his colleagues.

And after years of attacking House Republican leaders, he says he is learning about bipartisanship in the Senate, vowing to style himself after the late Senator Jacob K. Javits, a liberal New York Republican known for working well with Democrats.

The talk of renewed bipartisanship that emerged during impeachment is real, he said in a recent interview. "I go into a room with Senators. I start thinking, 'I got 30 of these guys to support me on something. I can pass it,'" he said. "You don't begin to think that way when there are 435."

Reflecting on what he described as

his attempts to defer to more senior colleagues, he said: "As a freshman member, you do things differently. Whenever there is a group of people talking, I'll defer to my senior colleagues first, then say my piece." He paused, then added slyly, "But it's a small group, so it's less of a wait."

Still, old habits can die hard. Some of Mr. Schumer's colleagues expressed amazement at how often he appeared before the microphones outside the Senate chamber or on television interviews during the Senate impeachment trial in January.

And when he delivered a stand-up routine at the Washington Press Club Foundation's Congressional dinner earlier this month, Mr. Schumer was widely panned when he took several barbed shots at House Republicans.

The act, which was written by his staff with the assistance of the writer-comedian Al Franken, a fellow Harvard graduate, opened with Mr. Schumer poking fun at himself for being a publicity hound. But the ballroom fell silent when Mr. Schumer quipped that Representative Bob Barr, a conservative Republican from Georgia, was preparing legislation titled the Defense of White Marriage Act.

And the silence broke into hisses when Mr. Schumer turned to House Speaker Dennis Hastert and said, "I'd like to congratulate Denny on his appointment by Tom DeLay." Mr. DeLay, the House whip, has been singled out by some Democrats as being the most powerful Republican

in the House.

"Debate," one Washington weekly, Roll Call, called the performance. "Over the top," several Republicans said. Even Josh Isay, Mr. Schumer's chief of staff, said, "I wanted to crawl under the table."

No one seriously thinks that the performance will damage Mr. Schumer's standing in the Senate. But it confirmed some people's impressions of him as hard-edged and partisan. Congressional officials said.

His friends say the misstep has already been forgotten. Mr. Schumer, they say, is destined for Senate stardom because he is a natural-born legislator, a pragmatist who can sidestep ideology to get things done.

"The Senate is a very wide open place," said Senator Richard J. Durbin, an Illinois Democrat who shares a town house on Capitol Hill with Mr. Schumer. "That plays to his strength. He's a bright fellow — I guess you'll have to write that, won't you? — and will be a major player."

Mr. Schumer has devoted much of his time since the election to traveling around the state, particularly to the regions north of the New York City suburbs, traditionally Republican territory that he is determined to win in 2004. He has pledged to put three upstate issues at the top of his legislative agenda: reducing air fares, cutting utility costs and creating jobs. He has said he will travel

anywhere in the country to lobby executives to locate offices upstate.

"God has blessed me with a lot of energy," Mr. Schumer said in Rochester. "And I want to put a lot of that energy into helping companies understand what a great place upstate New York is for relocating."

During his upstate tours, he plays the eager student, not shy about asking questions, or showing off a bit.

At a meeting with Kodak executives in Rochester, he noted that he majored in chemistry for two years at Harvard, and offered some educated guesses as to why silver is light sensitive. And in a private meeting with officials at Monroe County Community College, he apparently let slip about his perfect scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

"He's got more people skills than you'd expect for someone who got 1600 on his SAT's," Dr. Peter Spina, the college president, said.

In his fashion, Mr. Schumer has also tried to demonstrate that he is not just another downstate politician who has no interest in upstate's problems until election time. One technique: tell jokes about the city.

At a dinner of business leaders in Jamestown, Representative Amo Houghton, a Republican from Corning, gave Mr. Schumer a red corduroy hat with the letters, A-M-O. Mr. Schumer put the hat on his head, and said with a wide grin, "In my dis-

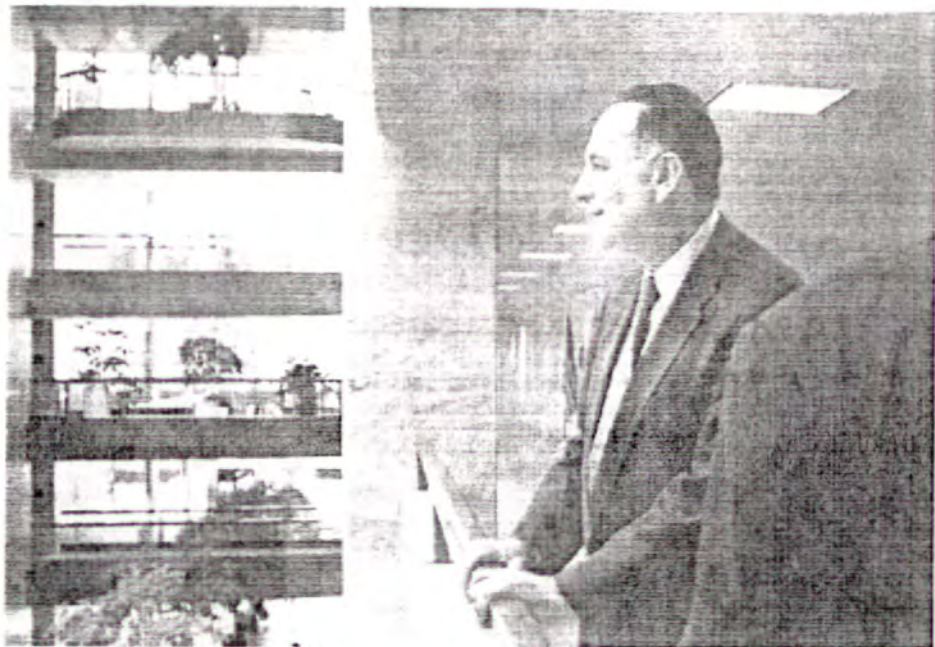
trict, they would pronounce this ammo." The room broke up.

His trips, Mr. Schumer says, have already affected his votes. On a November visit to Fort Drum, he rode in a tank and received a tour from a two-star general who complained about the Army's problems in recruiting and keeping soldiers. The visit convinced Mr. Schumer of the need for raising military pay, and he voted for such legislation last week.

In the House, Mr. Schumer said, he might have dismissed the bill by saying, "Maybe we should be spending this on other things."

Mr. Schumer, whose family lives in Park Slope in Brooklyn, said his frequent travels have not prevented him from devoting Saturdays to his wife and two daughters, Alison, 9, and Jessica, 11. He has made every one of Alison's Sunday basketball games with the 8th Precinct Youth Council, and he still takes home solutions to his daughters' math homework problems almost nightly, his wife, Iris Weinsahl, said.

Ms. Weinsahl, a deputy commissioner in the New York City Department of Citywide Administrative Services, said being a senator has also not changed Mr. Schumer's taste for modestly priced blue and gray suits. "A salesman said to him, 'Now that you're a senator, you should buy a more expensive suit,'" she recalled. "Chuck said forget it."



Senator Charles E. Schumer looking out over the Hart Senate Office Building during an office selection tour.