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Whitewater players have similar recollections

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James McDougal's recollections in his posthumous book *Arkansas Mischief* don't directly contradict Hillary Rodham Clinton's 1998 grand jury testimony about the Whitewater land deal — even though he did call the first lady a "liar."

Independent counsel Kenneth Starr's deputies played about a half-hour of Hillary Clinton's testimony in court during their prosecution of Susan McDougal, James McDougal's ex-wife, on charges of criminal contempt of court and obstruction of justice.

Hillary Clinton rarely offered

more than a simple "yes," "no" or some form of "I don't know" to prosecutors during her April 25, 1998, testimony, taken at the White House in lieu of an appearance before a grand jury sitting in Little Rock.

Mostly the first lady said she was unfamiliar with what happened. See **FIRST LADY**, Page 6A

First lady

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opened in the Whitewater deal and was unable to comment on details of loans taken out in the names of various Whitewater figures — including the president.

Her assertion that she wasn't involved in the day-to-day operations of the Whitewater Development Corp. conforms to James McDougal's recollection that neither she nor Bill Clinton was interested in the business' operations. The McDougals and the Clintons bought the Whitewater land in Marion County in 1978 as an investment, with the idea that the McDougals would manage improving the land and selling it in parcels for vacation homes.

James McDougal wrote in *Arkansas Mischief*, published not long after his March 1998 death, that Hillary Clinton was interested in why the partnership wasn't making money in the years after it was founded but that she didn't pay attention to the details.

McDougal also said frequently that he didn't want to burden the Clintons with the details of the corporation and its attempts to retire debt, so on a number of occasions he

paid the debt service himself, often taking out new loans to pay off old ones. He described some instances when he took out loans in Bill Clinton's name but didn't discuss the details with the then-governor.

"Other than putting up some money for the down payment on the property, the Clintons had shown no interest in our project," McDougal wrote. "They had never even bothered to drive up to Marion County to look at it."

In her testimony, Hillary Clinton said she and her husband were partners in the deal and liable for its debts, but the McDougals ran the company.

"We were liable on the notes of the underlying obligation. But 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 said.

Hillary Clinton went on to deny knowledge or recollection of a number of Whitewater-related loans and documents and said she never "spent any significant time at all looking at" the corporation's records.

In his book, James McDougal complained that Hillary Clinton demanded that the McDougals hand over all of the Whitewater records in 1987 and in 1991. Both times she said

she wanted to clear up the records before her husband's campaigns, first for governor, then for president. Later, James McDougal said Hillary Clinton was slow to return the records to him, particularly canceled checks and bank statements.

But he never speculated about whether Hillary Clinton looked over the records, and he never reported a conversation with her about them. In fact, he said the last time he saw her was August 1984.

One of the more intriguing moments in Hillary Clinton's testimony is her denial that she, Bill Clinton, James McDougal and Susan McDougal were social friends.

James McDougal said in the book that the Clintons were among the few guests at the McDougals' 1976 wedding, and the Whitewater partnership was formed at a friendly dinner at a Little Rock restaurant. The McDougals attended the Clintons' engagement party and the couples saw each other socially over the years, James McDougal wrote.

But by the end of his book, James McDougal reported increasing frustration with the first lady.

"I would go to bat for Bill, but not Hillary," he wrote. "She had been high-handed with me and discourteous with Susan."



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Hillary's New Tour

Less Politics, More Foreign Aid

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton leaves Saturday on a trip to North Africa with daughter Chelsea. (AP Photo)

*By Ann Compton**ABCNEWS.com*

WASHINGTON, March 18 — The original idea was bold: Hillary Rodham Clinton tackling Middle East politics head-on with a dramatic tour of Israel, Jordan and Egypt beginning this weekend.

Then three things happened: King Hussein of Jordan died, leaving the country in mourning. Israel scheduled sensitive elections. And Mrs. Clinton started thinking about running for senator in New York — where her recent declaration of support for a Palestinian state did not go over well.

Nipped and Tucked

The impact has been to trim the itinerary and change the nature of the first lady's schedule.



The first lady will visit three countries in North Africa. (ABCNEWS.com/ Magellan Geographix)
In fact, this 12-day trip could be called the Foreign Aid Tour. Mrs. Clinton's

SUMMARY

A trip by Hillary Clinton that was about foreign policy is now about foreign aid, health and women's issues.

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As for Mrs. Clinton's plan to make it to Israel and Jordan, her office says that will be rescheduled

destination is now North Africa — Egypt, Tunisia, and Morocco, which are all part of the Middle East in State Department lists.

Her agenda of women's meetings and health clinic visits is typical of earlier trips to Asia and Africa, but more closely tied to projects run by the U.S. Agency for International Development and the Peace Corps.

rescheduled for "later this year"—perhaps after she's decided on whether to run for the Senate.

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She also gets to announce a small amount of new aid that was already in her husband's budget. And the first lady will give speeches putting a new emphasis on religious tolerance and the value of a civil society in developing countries.

Daughter Chelsea will be along during her spring break from Stanford University, and as on previous trips, she and mom will squeeze in some dramatic recreational stops. This time, according to a press release, they plan a tour of Luxor's Valley of the Kings "and Queens" — they added those two words to the locale's name — and will also "overnight in the desert to experience the striking views and the celebrated atmosphere of the Moroccan desert."

As for Mrs. Clinton's plan to make it to Israel and Jordan, her office says that will be rescheduled for "later this year" — perhaps after she's decided on whether to run for the Senate.

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First lady sits with authors to discuss inspiring books

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CLINTON, Tenn. — Maybe Roger Rosenblatt knows something others don't.

As he introduced first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton on Friday afternoon here at the former Alex Haley farm, the noted author and columnist called her "my friend and fellow New Yorker."

The audience of about 300 assembled for the opening panel discussion of a three-day Children's Defense Fund conference exploded with laughter before giving the first lady a standing ovation.

The quip was in reference to the first lady's contemplation of a 2000 run for the New York seat in the U.S. Senate being vacated by retiring Democrat Daniel P. Moynihan.

"Thank you — I think — Roger," the first lady said.

The first lady was the star attraction as the Children's Defense Fund symposium on *Children, Race and Poverty* got under way. A longtime friend of the Children's Defense Fund, the first lady signed on as an intern more than 20 years ago and eventually chaired its board.

The first lady was on a panel that included author Gordon Conway, president of the Rockefeller Foundation, and Rita Dove, a former U.S. poet laureate. The subject was *Books That Changed and Inspired Our Lives*.

The first lady reminisced that as a child she became well acquainted with the public library in suburban Chicago, visiting almost every summer day. In terms of the reading she did, her early teen years were the most influential of her life, she recalled.

"The youth minister at my United Methodist church believed that in order to have a faith that would withstand challenges from the outside world, you had to be exposed to the outside world," she said. "That meant taking in arts, music and prose from outside your own life."

She said she was really able to investigate what her faith meant by delving into the words in the Bible. "I know it's [the Bible] always the safe answer when you're asked what book has influenced you the most," she said. "But for me, it really is the answer. It's a constant source of challenge."

The first lady also cited Michael Harrington's *The Other America*.

"He wrote about people who were really poor," she said. "That hadn't been part of my life. But as I read that book, it actually became real — part of my life experience."

The first lady flew into Knoxville on Friday, then was brought the last 20 miles up Interstate 75 north in a motorcade. Upon her arrival at the farm, she was warmly embraced by her friend, fund president Marian Wright Edelman.

Shortly after her arrival, Hillary Clinton snipped a ribbon to symbolically open the Langston Hughes Library that was fashioned by architect Maya Lin from the lone unfinished barn on the farm at the time of Haley's death. The library includes a reading room named for author John Hope Franklin and poet Maya Angelou and a sitting area bearing the name of civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks.

Accompanied by Lin, Edelman and Barnes & Noble Booksellers Chairman Len Riggio — who with his wife, Louise, funded the structure — the first lady briefly toured the small library.

"An exquisite piece of work," Edelman commented on the library.



Hillary Rodham Clinton

Following the panel discussion, the first lady departed for Knoxville where she boarded her return flight to Washington.

The formal dedication of the Hughes Library took place later Friday evening, an event that set the stage for more panel sessions today and Sunday morning.

Participants include Secretary of Labor Alexis Herman, former United Nations Ambassador and Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young and Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif. Also on hand will be Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala, a former defense fund board chairman.

Others attending included authors Toni Morrison, Joyce Carol Oates and Dorothy Allison.

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Rudy Web Snares Hil

New site slams run for Senate

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Daily News Senior Political Correspondent

The Senate race has begun in cyberspace, where Mayor Giuliani has launched an Internet Web site that criticizes the potential candidacy of First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and solicits contributions for his campaign committee.



Visitors to 'Hillary No!' are greeted by this image.

committee."

"Hillary NO!" shouts the title page, along with a picture of the First Lady in full-grin mode, with her right hand giving a big thumbs up. "U.S. Senate: For Proven Leaders, Not a Proving Ground."

After entering, the site, visitors can click on the "Petition Page," to "sign the petition to elect a proven leader to the U.S. Senate," or the "Donations Page," to "contribute to Rudy Giuliani's federal campaign

That committee, Friends of Giuliani, is paying for the site, which went online last week. Aides said the main goal is to raise campaign cash beyond the mayor's traditional donor base.

"There are people around the country who I am sure have opinions about her potential candidacy and would love to support the mayor. That is what this is all about," said Bruce Teitelbaum, who heads the mayor's political committee.

Giuliani has not formally declared his candidacy, but he has intensified his fund-raising and travels in anticipation of entering the race.

The Web site is the clearest indication yet of the mayor's intentions. The First Lady has been conferring with New York Democrats as she decides whether to be a candidate.

"Sen. Clinton? Hillary Rodham Clinton is considering a future as a United States Senator in New York!" the site says, foreshadowing a potential line of attack against Clinton if she enters the race.

"With no governmental experience, never elected to any public office, her failed health-care experiment under her belt, Mrs. Clinton now wants to be part of the Senate. . . . With no connection of any kind to New York, Hillary has set her sights on the New York Senate seat and maybe, probably, set her sights even higher."

But, Teitelbaum said, "We don't look at this as criticism of Hillary Clinton." He said he wasn't sure how much money the Web site would raise. "The use of this technology is new. It's difficult to gauge."

The site is designed and operated by Virginia-based Hockaday Donatelli Campaign Solutions, a Republican firm that specializes in Internet fund-raising strategies. The firm referred calls to the mayor's committee.

Harold Ickes, a long-time Democratic operative who is helping the First Lady study a potential race, said, "It's a free world." But he added, "When I watched Mr. Giuliani on television a few weeks ago, he said the First Lady's [nonresidency] is not an issue and should not be an issue. So this flies completely in the face of what the mayor himself has said."

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Hitting Hillary to 'Net Funds

By William Murphy. STAFF WRITER; The Associated Press contributed to this story.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani has all but targeted Hillary Rodham Clinton as his main opponent for the U.S. Senate by establishing an Internet site called HillaryNo.com.

"U.S. Senate: For Proven Leaders, Not a Proving Ground," says the home page, which shows the nation's first lady jubilantly giving a thumbs-up.

Republican Giuliani and Democrat Clinton are viewed as the strongest candidates in a race for the Senate seat being vacated next year by New York Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan, though neither has made any formal announcement to run.

The site went up late Friday or early Saturday, according to Bruce Teitelbaum, a campaign aide to Giuliani.

"It's merely the use of the Internet to help us raise funds for the mayor's federal effort," Teitelbaum said.

Asked why not a RudyYes site instead of HillaryNo site, he replied: "I think it fair to raise the specter of her challenge."

One of the pages on the site allows other Web users to download the HillaryNo.com banner and post it on their sites, but Teitelbaum said the main thrust of the initiative was to raise money.

"There are two options for donating - donate on-line or donate by mail. Either way, your dollars will send your message loud and clear - Hillary No!" the site says.

In the wake of the Amadou Diallo shooting, Giuliani's approval ratings have been falling, but at the same time Clinton's once substantial lead over the mayor has slipped away.

There was no immediate comment from Clinton about the Web site, but New York State Democratic Chairwoman Judith Hope said "the tone of the Web site matches the direction of the mayor's approval ratings - negative, negative, negative."

The site said that Clinton has, "no governmental experience, never elected to any public office, her failed health care experiment under her belt, Mrs. Clinton now wants to be part of the Senate as we head into the next millennium."

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

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HEADLINE: What's it like being Hillary Clinton's understudy? Ask Nita Lowey

BYLINE: SHANNON McCAFFREY, Associated Press Writer

DATELINE: WATERTOWN, N.Y.

BODY:

Snowmobilers are slicing trails through a fresh coating of March snow outside the Partridge Berry Inn as Rep. Nita Lowey fields questions from northern New York Democrats polishing off a hearty Sunday brunch inside. The first query is a telling one.

"Your name," one woman asks, appearing to waver on just what the six-term congresswoman's name actually name is. "Could you spell it?"

Most of the Democratic party faithful in Republican-dominated Jefferson County admit they did not have a clue who Lowey was before the lawmaker who represents parts of New York City and suburban Westchester County ventured north for this Senate audition. But they have heard plenty about the race - still some 20 months away - because of a woman with a household name.

"Hillary Clinton," St. Lawrence County Democratic Party chief Stephen Burke gushed. "She really is something. If she runs it is some race."

Talk about Lowey inevitably turns to Mrs. Clinton these days.

Lowey has spent the last 11 years building a record on abortion rights, education and health care. Nevertheless, she is now cast as understudy to the first lady - ready to assume the mantle of Democratic Senate candidate should Mrs. Clinton decide not to run - and equally prepared to step aside gracefully if she does.

The 61-year-old Lowey is a candidate in limbo, but she is not sitting still.

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

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

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That means raising money.

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

On a recent weekend she pressed the flesh at the Hispanic legislative dinner in Albany, working the room like a seasoned pol and hugging well-wishers with grandmotherly affection.

"Oh, she's wonderful," Jackie Velasquez said of Lowey at the black-tie dinner. "If Hillary Clinton wasn't in the picture, I think she'd be a great candidate."

Early the next morning, Lowey set off with her chief of staff for the more than three-hour drive to Watertown, in upstate New York not far from the Canadian border.

At the brunch there she jokes about living in Mrs. Clinton's shadow, playing off the first lady's own teasing remarks at a recent New York City luncheon about whether she had an announcement to make on the Senate race.

"Watertown would be a great place to make an announcement," Lowey said. "And the announcement is that I am running for first lady of the United States!"

To put the stature of the two prospective Senate candidates in perspective: Mrs. Clinton's New York City Plaza Hotel luncheon on March 3 raised \$ 500,000 for the Democratic National Committee. At the Watertown brunch, Jefferson County Democrats raised about \$ 100 by raffling off a wooden bird house.

Lowey would be an early underdog in a race against Giuliani based on name recognition. But it would not be the first time she beat the odds.

When Lowey, who is Jewish, first ran for the House in 1988, her better-known opponent derided her as "Bella Abzug without the hat."

Since winning that race, the former PTA president has established herself more as a centrist than an Abzug liberal.

She earned the wrath of some Democrats when she cast votes for President Clinton's welfare reform plan and the North American Free Trade Agreement.

She was an early booster of breast cancer research and is know as a champion of school construction and after-school programs. In 1993, the mother of three and grandmother of four landed a plum post on the powerful House Appropriations Committee.

With a record like that, does Lowey like playing backup to a woman who has never run for elective office?

"I have an effective record of accomplishments in the House that I am proud of," she says. "But Hillary is in a unique position ... and I respect her decision-making process."

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

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

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HEADLINE: Clintons' next chapter could take a Nixonlike turn

BYLINE: MARIANNE MEANS; Means is a Washington, D.C.-based columnist for the Hearst Newspapers.

BODY:

THE Bill and Hillary Clinton saga is so incredible that almost any scenario about their future is plausible. As a political pair, they have broken all the old rules.

So here's the latest speculation:

The first lady decides to run for the Senate in New York. The president resigns to move to Manhattan with her, back up her campaign and end gossip about a marital separation. It's her political turn.

With the Clintons gone, Vice President Al Gore becomes president and can run for the 2000 Democratic nomination as an incumbent, strengthening his political power and the likelihood of a general election victory. Gore is free at last.

Gore then returns the favor by granting both Clintons a blanket pardon to protect them from any future indictment. They've been punished enough.

Something for everyone in this deal. But will it work? Who knows? There are holes in this vision, as there are in any political experiment.

President Clinton, of course, insists that he will never, ever step down before the natural expiration of his second term. Richard Nixon said that too, just before he resigned to avoid impeachment.

Clinton's continued high approval ratings depend in part on public appreciation of his determination to carry on despite everything.

But that doesn't mean he might not see the merits of the above scenario. The rumblings from independent counsel Kenneth Starr's operation that he might try to send either or both Clintons to jail after the president is out of office must be deeply worrisome. It would be tempting to let Gore protect them with the stroke of a pen.

Gore's sense of loyalty to his mentor should guarantee that as president he would indeed do the Clintons the favor of a pardon.

When Gerald Ford, whom Nixon had named as vice president, did the same for Nixon, he took a terrible political hit. The public thought Nixon was guilty

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of the Watergate crimes and didn't like the idea that a covert bargain might have been struck.

But Clinton is not Nixon. Gore can get away with this. Clinton has a job approval rating in the mid-60s, compared with only 44 percent who approve of the way Congress has been behaving. A majority of the country still believes that he should not have been impeached for private sexual misbehavior, let alone go to the pokey for it.

By contrast, Nixon's crimes were violations of his public trust involving serious constitutional abuses of presidential power. A Gallup poll just before Nixon's resignation showed that only 24 percent of those surveyed approved of the way he had handled his job. The public did not support an official pass on his crimes.

The current scenario, however, turns primarily on Hillary Clinton's decision about whether to run for the Senate seat of retiring incumbent Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan. She looks good in the polls, but if her Republican opponent is New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, it will be a tough, well-matched race.

As her friends are becoming convinced she really wants to run, the Republicans are growing more sarcastic about the possibility, trying to scare her away. Conservative columnists muse that she is too thin-skinned to take the pressure, too battered by the president's infidelity, too unaccustomed to her own name on the ballot rather than her husband's. They scoff at the notion that she would be comfortable as a junior senator, one of 100 instead of the only first lady in the land.

My, but they underestimate her. Have they not noticed that she is as good a public performer as her husband and seems to enjoy the political game as much? I have watched her in action many times. She knows how to arouse a crowd, give savvy interviews and articulate national policy every bit as much as her husband.

And the very notion that having little tolerance for criticism is a problem unique to Hillary is downright silly. Guiliani and a whole host of other male politicians have similar uneven temperaments. Some of them have made it to the White House.

Only the Clintons can know the odds on the probability that Bill would step aside prematurely and acknowledge that he has had his day. Their relationship remains a mystery, a private affair that seems to be constantly in flux. They have both invested a great deal emotionally and mentally in their partnership.

There must still be some glue between them despite the humiliation and betrayal. If it binds him to her as much as her to him, he may well accept the usefulness of reversing their roles. After all, he would not be going into some male purdah.

He will always be a former president, honored with endless opportunities to serve on corporate boards, get rich and do important things in the private sector. Look at the fun his predecessors have!

And if she becomes a senator and runs for president some day, he can always manage her campaign.

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BYLINE: MICHAEL HILL; Associated Press

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BODY:

New Yorkers are cooler to the idea of Hillary Rodham Clinton running for the Senate than they were a month ago, according to a poll released Friday.

A Marist College Institute for Public Opinion poll conducted among registered voters this week found 45 percent saying she should run, down from 56 percent last month. Another 49 percent of respondents thought she should not run, up from 37 percent in February.

The results mirror other polls that have found a decrease in public enthusiasm for a Senate bid by Mrs. Clinton following a spike of support when reports first circulated that she was considering a run for retiring U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan's seat.

"As she began taking to running more seriously, New Yorkers are looking at her more seriously," said pollster Lee Miringoff.

Sixty percent of Marist poll respondents believed Mrs. Clinton would run.

The poll of 616 registered voters was conducted March 22-24. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Mrs. Clinton is not expected to announce her intentions until this summer.

The most prominent potential Republican contender, New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, has not announced his plans either.

The Poughkeepsie, N.Y.-based Marist poll found a potential matchup between the two continues to be close, with 48 percent for Mrs. Clinton and 46 percent for Giuliani.

That was statistically unchanged from a Marist poll released March 3 that found Mrs. Clinton with 50 percent and Giuliani with 46 percent, but a drop-off from the first lady's leads of 53-42 in January and 49-38 in February in the same poll.

A poll from the Quinnipiac College Polling Institute released Tuesday found the first lady favored by 50 percent of registered voters surveyed to 39 percent for Giuliani. A Quinnipiac poll released a month ago had Mrs. Clinton leading Giuliani 54 percent to 36 percent.

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The Marist poll released Friday also found little support among New Yorkers for a presidential run by Gov. Pataki. Only 25 percent of those polled said Pataki should run, compared to 68 percent who said he should not.

Support is down from November, when Marist found 37 percent of New Yorkers thought Pataki should run, with 54 percent against.

Pataki has been aggressively trying to raise his national profile, speaking to fellow Republicans in New Hampshire, Missouri, Chicago and Miami.

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HEADLINE: RUDY SAYS NO / VOWS OPPOSITION TO FEDERAL MONITORING OF NYPD

BYLINE: By Robert Polner and Patricia Hurtado. STAFF WRITERS; Staff writers William Murphy and Graham Rayman contributed to this story.

BODY:

In defiant tones, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani vowed yesterday that he would never consent to federal monitoring of the city's police force, saying he would label the move a partisan attack and personally challenge it in court.

With protests continuing over the police slaying of unarmed West African immigrant Amadou Diallo on Feb. 4, Giuliani alternated between defending the Police Department as the nation's best while at the same time acknowledging there was a "crisis."

He also took a tougher stance in response to a federal investigation that could lead to a civil lawsuit seeking to compel improvements in management of the Police Department.

Any move by the Justice Department to seek federal monitoring of the police would lead him to infer "a political aim," said Giuliani, a Republican who could be pitted against first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton in a race for U.S. Senate. "It will be quite apparent that there is one."

The U.S. attorneys based in Brooklyn and Manhattan have been investigating police practices under a 1994 law giving them authority to go to court if they find a pattern of abuse in a law enforcement agency. The Justice Department reached a consent decree with Pittsburgh in 1997 that compelled monitoring over five years.

As part of a probe by U.S. Attorney Zachary Carter in Brooklyn, the FBI has begun re-interviewing relatives of several New Yorkers killed by police or who claimed brutality in recent years, the family members said. The probe started in response to the alleged police assault on Abner Louima in 1997. It was later expanded to include an inquiry into the police Street Crime Unit by U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White in Manhattan.

Giuliani, a former U.S. attorney in Manhattan, said he is so strongly opposed to "federal micromanaging" that "I'd argue that one myself" in court.

Daniel Connolly, a city attorney involved in discussions with Carter's office, said, "We don't want what was done to Pittsburgh to be done to us . . . There will be no deal if it relates to a consent decree . . . They very well might sue us, but the plan is eventually we're all going to sit down and talk

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through these issues as it should be."

At a news conference, Giuliani also said, "I don't feel beleaguered, I don't feel under siege." Yet his administration's response to the Diallo shooting, in which four officers in the Street Crime Unit fired 41 shots at the unarmed Diallo, appeared less than consistent yesterday.

The mayor described the city's racially heated atmosphere as a "crisis," a characterization his aides had labeled as inaccurate just a day earlier. The aides had been responding to questions about Police Commissioner Howard Safir's excursion to the Academy Awards in Los Angeles, as well as Giuliani's weekend trips to upstate New York and Arizona for speeches.

Mayoral aides stressed yesterday that the mayor had sought to acknowledge the public's anger toward the Police Department, when he said, "There's a reality to that feeling."

The aides also noted that Giuliani said for the first time that he's willing to sit down with key black politicians who have criticized him, such as state Comptroller H. Carl McCall.

At the same time, Giuliani defended the Police Department, calling it "the best in the country in every respect, for all its faults and imperfections."

In still another response, the mayor scheduled a Gracie Mansion meeting tonight with Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields, another black politician who says her attempts to meet with him had been rebuffed.

In view of that decision, former Mayor Edward Koch called off his plans to join the protests led by the Rev. Al Sharpton. Koch had intended to get arrested Monday but a bout of low blood pressure that morning sent him to the hospital for tests. He was released Monday night.

After Giuliani called Koch and told him about the planned meeting with Fields, the former mayor said, he decided that he no longer needs to get himself arrested to highlight Giuliani's retrenchment.

"Mission accomplished," Koch said.

GRAPHIC: Newsday Photo/Alan Raia - Giuliani, a former federal prosecutor, said he would go to court to block monitoring of the police.

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Labor Leaders Urge Mrs. Clinton To Run For Senate

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WASHINGTON — A group of influential labor leaders has urged first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton to run for the U.S. Senate from New York in 2000, one of the leaders said Monday.

Gerald McEntee, president of the 1.3 million-member American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) said Mrs. Clinton expressed an "intense" interest in seeking the New York Senate seat being vacated by retiring Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

"I think she's the best candidate for New York," McEntee told a group of reporters. "I think she'll win."

Mrs. Clinton has said she is weighing the prospect of making a bid for the state's Senate seat, where she could face a contest against New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, a Republican.

McEntee said Mrs. Clinton did not give any indication of when she might make her decision in the White House meeting that was held at the initiative of the labor leaders a couple of weeks ago.

Also attending the meeting were AFL-CIO President John Sweeney, Communications Workers of America President Morton Bahr and Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees President Jay Mazur, he said.

McEntee said Mrs. Clinton would get solid support from New York labor leaders, adding that he thought her views are more progressive than those of the president.

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In a Cairo clinic, Mrs. Clinton talks about political future

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By Sandra Sobieraj, Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — In a most unlikely place to talk American politics — at an Egyptian health clinic — Hillary Rodham Clinton acknowledged an interest in running for the U.S. Senate.

She's been making "lots of calls" on the subject over the past month but hasn't made a decision, she said. The only thing she is certain of, she added, is that she wants to keep a public role after she and her husband leave the White House.

Monday was the first day of Mrs. Clinton's 12-day tour of Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia, and word of her possible candidacy for a Senate seat from New York got here before she did. At the Khan al Klalili marketplace, Mona Abdel clapped her hands together and shook with excitement as Secret Service agents filed down the market's alleyway.

"She's applying for the Congress," said Abdel, 25. "I will nominate her for sure."

Mrs. Clinton told reporters that whatever happened in her political future, "I do know that I want to continue speaking out on behalf of the issues that I've spent more than 25 years working on. Any way I can continue to do that, I intend to. But the form that will take I really can't predict at this time."

The news conference Monday was her most expansive discussion of running for office. Mrs. Clinton took six questions.

In the lobby of Cairo's El Bassatine clinic for women and children, reporters noted that her husband had expressed his support if she decided to run for the Senate. An Egyptian journalist stepped forward to ask Mrs. Clinton about her "plans for the future."

The first lady momentarily played it coy. "Well, tomorrow I'm going to Luxor," she said to chuckles from the assembled doctors, nurses and Egyptian officials.

It took three more questions to draw her out on the topic.

"As you know, I've made lots of calls over the past month," she said. She has been sounding out friends, advisers and political consultants on her chances in a bid for the seat of retiring Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York.

"I will continue that when I return home," she said.

But, she added before darting off to lunch with the wife of President Hosni

Mubarak, "right now I want to focus on the issues that are really at the base of this very important partnership and friendship between the United States and Egypt."

Interest in the first lady's political ambitions was evident in the marketplace.

"We are nominating her," Wahiba el-Sayed said through a translator. "She's a very strong woman, a very active woman."

The veiled, 50-year-old woman, a garment maker, insisted photographers snap a picture of her kissing the first lady's cheek.

She and Abdel nodded that they were aware of President Clinton's recent personal and legal troubles in the Monica Lewinsky affair, but the subject was not for them.

"That's a family thing," said Mrs. el-Sayed.

"I don't like to talk about it," agreed Abdel.

Metalworker Sayed el-Said Mahmoud el-Sharaky had engraved two brass, copper and silver picture frames — one for Mrs. Clinton and one for daughter Chelsea, who set off sightseeing on her own.

El-Sharaky said the allegations against Clinton were trumped up by jealous opponents. "If somebody asked me to nominate him again, I would."

And the president's wife?

"I will nominate her 10 times," el-Sharaky grinned.

In her speech at the clinic, Mrs. Clinton singled out as her priorities creating opportunities for women, improving the lives of children and improving relations between world democracies.

She also said that she wanted to prevent "bad abortions," and spoke up for "integrated family-planning" services for all women.

"We see a decline in abortions, which is very important, when you have accessible family-planning services," Mrs. Clinton said.

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Hillary Exposes Flaws In Rudy's Battle Plan

Even if Hillary Rodham Clinton ultimately chooses not to run for the U.S. Senate from New York, she already has done the state an important service by demonstrating the surprising vulnerability of her most likely Republican opponent. The recent wave of manic media coverage has emphasized the many difficult burdens Mrs. Clinton would shoulder in this hypothetical contest, but Mayor Rudolph Giuliani would have to run against her lugging some rather heavy baggage, too.



The most onerous load may well be Mr. Giuliani's own personality. Apparently, the more people see of the Mayor these days, the less they like him. With his repellent swaggering on the Sunday talk shows, he actually managed to push his poll numbers down by several points, leaving Mrs. Clinton with an 18-point lead in the latest survey taken by Quinnipiac College.

Polls at this early moment are only suggestive, not dispositive, yet they can provide certain clues about the relative strength of a well-known politician like Mr. Giuliani. The theory supporting a Giuliani Senate candidacy was that the Mayor would enter a statewide race with an unusually secure base in usually Democratic New York City. That urban base, combined with traditional Republican strength upstate, was supposed to make him the prohibitive favorite against any Democrat.

Unfortunately for Hizzoner, he isn't nearly as popular as he used to be, even on his home turf. Over the past few months, his favorable rating in the city has dropped nearly 20 points and now hovers somewhere below 50 percent. Among his negatives is the police killing of Amadou Diallo, which has sunk his standing in the black and Latino communities where he formerly enjoyed growing approval. The result, in Quinnipiac's head-to-head matchup against Mrs. Clinton, is an overwhelming rejection of his potential Senate bid in the five boroughs, by nearly 40 points.

The Mayor fares better in the downstate suburbs, but upstate voters aren't exactly in love with him, and in fact they never were. Right now, Mrs. Clinton beats him in New York's northern and western regions, albeit by a much smaller margin than here in the



RUDOLPH GIULIANI

city. National pundits who are shocked by those results probably don't remember (or never knew) that Mr. Giuliani's political endorsements have invariably hurt rather than helped his allies among upstate voters. Local political consultants often laugh about the "kiss of death" he administered to Mario Cuomo in 1994, to Bob Dole in 1996, and to Alfonse D'Amato last year. His incessant feuding with Gov. George Pataki is still another encumbrance.

So much for the prospect of an unbeatable Mr. Giuliani. To anyone familiar with New York's political history, he is merely the latest Mayor to believe, quite wrongly, that his local achievements would lift him like an enraptured saint into higher office. Ed Koch suffered from the same delusion after a series of stupid editorials in the *New York Post* convinced him to run for Governor in 1982. Despite his immense popularity as Mayor, Mr. Koch soon found out how worthless Rupert Murdoch's advice could be, when he lost the Democratic primary to a Lieutenant Governor named Mario Cuomo. And 10 years before the Koch debacle, John Lindsay bombed as a Presidential candidate. No New York Mayor has run successfully for Governor, Senator or President in more than a century.

That is not to say Mr. Giuliani should pass up the race; given term limits, his only other realistic choice would be to retire. He has a record of real accomplishment—though not quite as superlative as he boasts—and his moderate Republicanism is much needed by his impeachment-addled party.

But if the Mayor does find himself in a campaign against the First Lady, he would do well to follow his own advice of emphasizing philosophical differences rather than personal attacks. Assuming those remarks were sincere, he might direct that his political surrogates not bark too loudly at Mrs. Clinton about her marriage, her financial investments or her appearances before Kenneth Starr's grand jury. From all appearances, Mr. Giuliani is in no position to exploit anybody else's marital discord. Smirking references to the Clintons' problems will only draw unwanted attention to his domestic situation, and increase the gigantic gender gap.

Whenever he is tempted to mention Whitewater, Travelgate, Filegate or any other moldy "scandal," the Mayor should remind himself about Mr. D'Amato—whose trajectory toward resounding defeat began with the Senate Whitewater hearings.

As for Mrs. Clinton's remark about a Palestinian state, Mr. Giuliani should think carefully before he opens his mouth again. Foreign policy always deserves serious discussion in a Senate race. Provincial pandering that undermines the Middle East peace process, however, will rekindle unpleasant memories of his past clumsy meddling in international affairs. And what will the Mayor say when Leah Rabin, the acerbic widow of Israel's late, great Prime Minister, shows up to slap him upside his comb-over?

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POLITICAL NOTEBOOK: Mrs. Clinton may form Senate committee

By RON FOURNIER= AP Political Writer=

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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 was ``very inclined'' to make the race. The associates caution, however, that she does not plan to decide until late summer or early fall.

Under Federal Election Commission rules, potential candidates can raise and spend money to ``test the waters'' and gauge support for a campaign. They do not have to register with the FEC, nor publicly disclose contributions and expenditures.

But they must raise money within federal contribution limits, and they also are limited as to what they can spend their funds on polling, traveling and other actions designed solely to determine whether there is support for a candidacy. If the person formally becomes a candidate, these contributions and expenditures must be disclosed when the first campaign committee reports are filed.

Polling is not yet being done on her behalf, officials say.

In another sign of her mounting interest, Mrs. Clinton will meet at the White House Friday with the top Democrat in the New York Legislature.

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His spokeswoman, Patricia Lynch, said Silver would again urge her to enter the race when they meet in Washington.

Former Vice President Dan Quayle has a message for the rest of the GOP presidential field: Catch me if you can.

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Save America's Treasures to Build on First-Year Success;

\$30 Million in Private Support Raised for Historic Preservation in 1998

WASHINGTON, March 11 /PRNewswire/ -- Communities and donors across the country are answering the call to honor the past and imagine the future by saving our nation's historic and cultural heritage. That has been the response to Save America's Treasures, a public-private partnership between the White House Millennium Council and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Save America's Treasures was created to celebrate and preserve our nation's irreplaceable cultural legacy. The program garnered significant success in 1998, with more than \$30 million raised by the program's private-sector partners that will go toward grant programs and special preservation projects in communities across the country. Details on the national preservation program can be found at www.saveamericastreasures.org.

"This program has the potential to be the most significant effort of its kind ever undertaken," said Richard Moe, President of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. "It offers us a great opportunity to make enormous strides in saving the special places, objects and works of art that tell America's story. It's the most appropriate way to mark the beginning of a new millennium -- by celebrating the achievements that have brought us this far, and ensuring that future generations will be able to enjoy, appreciate and learn from them as well."

Save America's Treasures undertook a series of visits in 1998 to diverse historic sites on the East and West Coasts with the program's Honorary Chair, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. The purpose was to raise awareness of the dire conservation needs of many of America's most important and endangered historic sites, artifacts, documents and monuments.

The tour kicked off in July at the Smithsonian's American History Museum in Washington, D.C., with the announcement of \$13 million donated by Polo Ralph Lauren Corporation for the restoration and conservation of the original flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write The Star-Spangled Banner and for the Save America's Treasures public awareness campaign. The First Lady also visited such sites as Edison National Historic Site in West Orange, NJ, Harriet Tubman's home in Auburn, NY, and the Ganondagan State Historic Site in Victor, NY, an important site in Iroquois history.

Save America's Treasures took to the road again in December, visiting sites in the Northeast such as the Louis Armstrong House and Archives in Queens, NY. Days later, in California, major grant programs were announced. The Save America's Treasures Preservation Planning Fund, made possible by a \$1.1 million gift to the National Trust from the J. Paul Getty Trust, was announced at the Breed Street Shul, a historic synagogue in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles.

At the Los Angeles Theater, Warner Bros. Records announced plans for the spring release of SING AMERICA: A CELEBRATION OF AMERICA AND ITS MUSIC. The net profits from the commemorative CD will establish the Fund to Save America's Treasures to be administered by the National Trust, to provide grants for preservation-related activities. At the last stop, the Conservatory of Flowers in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park, more than \$9 million in public and private gifts were announced to save the 1870s-era greenhouse that has been closed since 1995.

"We are grateful for the generosity of those who have stepped up to the challenge to support the protection and preservation of America's cultural legacy, and I salute the ingenuity of organizations like Warner Bros. Records Inc. in creating new and innovative ways to meet the most pressing preservation needs in communities across the county," said Moe. "Without sufficient financial support, we risk losing many of the irreplaceable icons of our national heritage. Once they're lost, they're lost forever."

Major support for Save America's Treasures includes a \$5 million donation

from General Electric Company for restoration at the Edison State Historic Site laboratory; \$1.05 million from Lyn and Norman Lear for conservation of our Founding Fathers papers and general program support; and a series of gifts and grants for the Conservatory of Flowers in San Francisco: a \$5 million challenge grant from the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund; a \$1.24 million grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and a \$1 million gift from the Madeleine H. Russell Fund and the Columbia Foundation.

According to Moe, the countdown to the millennium looks promising as the program builds on its 1998 successes to continue raising public awareness and directing desperately needed funds to preservation projects throughout 1999. Plans include additional visits to endangered sites as well as the launch of the official Save America's Treasures Website and increased public and educational outreach. In addition, the National Trust -- which marks 50 years of protecting the irreplaceable this year -- has set "Saving America's Treasures" as the theme of its year-long golden anniversary celebration.

Save America's Treasures is a public-private partnership between the White House Millennium Council and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, dedicated to the celebration and preservation of our nation's threatened cultural treasures, including significant historic structures, monuments, documents, objects and collections that document and illuminate the history and culture of the United States. The Millennium Committee to Save America's Treasures provides guidance and expertise to the historic effort, and is led by Honorary Chair Hillary Rodham Clinton and co-chairs Richard Moe, President of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and Susan Eisenhower, granddaughter of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower. As a private-sector partner to the White House Millennium Council, the National Trust coordinates the Save America's Treasures public awareness and education campaigns and works with two associate partners, Heritage Preservation and the National Park Foundation to raise funds for the most urgent preservation needs identified at the state and national levels.

For more information, visit the Save America's Treasures Web site at www.saveameericastreasures.org. SOURCE Save America's Treasures

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BRIT HUME, HOST, SPECIAL REPORT: Welcome to Washington. I'm Brit Hume.

There was always something a little odd about the way the Clintons suddenly decided to head back to Washington a day early from that ski trip in Utah. And did Mrs. Clinton really hurt her back out there, and is that really why she's not with the president on the trip to Central America?

Sources close to the First Family say the abrupt end to the ski trip and Mrs. Clinton's absence from the Central America trip have more to do with a strained marriage than a strained back. Here's FOX NEWS correspondent Rita Cosby.

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RITA COSBY, FOX NEWS CORRESPONDENT (VOICE-OVER): First Daughter Chelsea was seen skiing. The president was seen book shopping. But the First Lady and the president were not seen together publicly during their recent Utah vacation, which was suddenly cut short a day early.

Sources tell FOX NEWS the reason it abruptly ended was because the First Couple had a shouting match which left Hillary Clinton storming out of the room, saying she wanted her bags.

Fellow Democrats say they are not surprised the Clintons may be going through a difficult time.

PETER FENN, DEMOCRATIC STRATEGIST: If this marriage didn't have strains in it after the past year's activities, it wouldn't be a marriage.

COSBY: A Clinton family friend tells FOX NEWS that the First Couple barely speak in private, that, quote, ``They have nothing to talk about any more. The only thing they have in common is Chelsea.' ' Marcia Berry (ph), the First Lady's spokesperson, told FOX NEWS she would not comment on the state of the

Clintons' marriage but said the reason they left Utah early was because the First Lady aggravated an old back injury.

The back trouble didn't prevent Mrs. Clinton from going only two days later for a two-day trip to New York City for a busy schedule filled with political events. She was scheduled to be with the president on his current trip to Central America, but sources close to the First Family say Mrs. Clinton felt she could not get separate hotel rooms on the foreign trip without it being obvious, and she therefore canceled.

The source says Hillary said, quote, ``I don't want to be in the same room with him, let alone the same bed.''

(ON-CAMERA): The spokesperson for the First Lady said Mrs. Clinton was indeed looking forward to going to Central America but canceled because her back, which she says slightly hurt before the New York City trip, bothered her much more after the political whirlwind. The spokesperson said she would not rely our questions to the Clintons about their personal relationship, saying it's not anyone else's business.

In Washington, Rita Cosby, FOX NEWS.

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HUME: The leak of sensitive nuclear information to the Chinese from a Los Alamos testing facility in New Mexico has alarmed members of Congress of both parties. The administration explanation that it happened during the 1980s has not stopped the questions or the criticism, since the leak was discovered during this administration, and critics say the response was slow.

Now the criticism has been joined by Republicans on the campaign trail, sensing, it seems, a good political opportunity. Here's correspondent Brian Wilson.

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BRIAN WILSON, FOX NEWS CORRESPONDENT (VOICE-OVER): Two Republican presidential hopefuls, Pat Buchanan and Lamar Alexander, have called for the resignation of President Clinton's national security adviser. Both believe Sandy Berger was lax in plugging security breaches at the nation's top-secret Los Alamos lab, breaches that apparently allowed the Chinese to develop smaller, more powerful nuclear weapons.

LAMAR ALEXANDER, GOP PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE: In early 1996, the then-deputy national security adviser, Mr. Berger, who is now the adviser, was informed that China had stolen important nuclear weapons secrets from our Los Alamos laboratory in New Mexico.

WILSON: Berger categorically rejects charges that the Clinton administration dragged its feet and points to action taken by the president in 1998, ordering tightened security at the Los Alamos lab. But high-level administration sources confirm that those orders lay largely dormant for eight months until the new secretary of energy took office.

BILL RICHARDSON, SECRETARY OF ENERGY: We should be concerned. These security breaches shouldn't have happened. The government was slow in responding.

WILSON: FOX NEWS has learned that key intelligence officials voiced concern about possible leaks from Los Alamos as early as 1990. Of particular

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Mrs. Clinton's absence from trip sets off speculation

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WASHINGTON (AP) Was it pique or a bad back that kept Hillary Rodham Clinton home?

Fox News reported this week that Mrs. Clinton decided not to accompany President Clinton to Central America because of a disagreement not the officially cited reason of an aggravated back injury.

The report was denied by Marsha Berry, the first lady's spokeswoman and was disparaged by Joe Lockhart, Clinton's press secretary.

Clinton, chatting with a few reporters Tuesday night, said his wife, even in pain, probably would have joined him on the Central America trip to view damage from Hurricane Mitch, but she didn't want to risk ``completely ruining her back for Africa.''

The first lady and the Clintons' daughter are scheduled to leave March 20 for a tour of Tunisia, Egypt and Morocco.

``Those who deal with this sort of rumor and gossip and innuendo should go back to journalism school and do a little more work,' ' Lockhart said.

Berry called the speculation ``not true.''

``She wanted to rest up so she could go (to Africa),' ' Berry said.

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Other advisers, including one who talked to her recently, say they're not convinced she will run.

Spokeswoman Marsha Barry said, ``Everybody should just relax. She's not there yet.''

In another sign of her mounting interest, Mrs. Clinton will meet at the White House Friday with the top Democrat in the New York Legislature.

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Steve Forbes, who ran for the Republican nomination in 1996 and has been working toward a 2000 campaign ever since, will soon make it official.

Officials close to Forbes say he will form a campaign committee with the Federal Election Commission next week. Within weeks, his first television ads will begin running in key states, the officials say.

The businessman also is rounding out his campaign staff. Longtime aide Bill Dal Col will be his campaign manager, John McLaughlin will be his pollster and Paul Sanderson and Norm Cohen will be media consultants. Dal Cole, McLaughlin and Sanderson worked on Forbes' 1996 effort.

Forbes, who will be in New Hampshire next week, is planning a campaign kickoff event for late spring.

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A Senate race not easy one for first lady -- analysts

By Ellen Wulfhorst

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Hillary Clinton leads in the polls, supporters promise ample campaign funds and her name recognition reaches off the charts.

The marks of of a dream campaign for the U.S. Senate seat from New York? Not exactly, experts say.

Front-runners have the most to lose, those experts say. And so much early momentum -- with the election to fill the seat being left open by retiring Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan a whopping 18 months away -- could backfire.

"At this point, as far as I'm concerned, the worst thing in a campaign is being way out in front," said veteran political strategist David Garth in an interview this week.

As undeclared as she may be, Mrs. Clinton has been propelled to front-runner status. Polls have put her as many as 18 points ahead in a hypothetical race against New York City's Republican Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who is expected to run.

But her lead has narrowed in recent weeks, dropping as low as a statistical tie with Giuliani in one survey last week.

"A front-runner has no where to go but down, and that's especially true in Hillary's case," said New York magazine's political commentator Michael Tomasky.

"Her best day, potentially, is the day she announces, and it's down hill from there," he said. "When you come down to the atmosphere that real flesh-and-blood candidates breathe, you start to look a little more human and a little more flawed."

Mrs. Clinton's party support is strong, if last week's fundraiser in New York City offers any clue. The guest list was nearly doubled due to demand, hundreds of people were turned away and the event raised a half million dollars.

Even New Yorkers who don't support her want her to run -- gleefully anticipating a rousing contest between two such strong-willed figures as the first lady and the mayor.

But the timing so far could be troublesome, said Garth, who cautioned, "Her problem is opening up too fast."

"Right now, she has the wave of empathy, sympathy, etc. that is a reaction to what her husband did," he said. "The problem is when people start to think about her as the Senator from New York."

For example, he said, look back to her handling of the ill-fated health care reform proposals early in President Clinton's first term. "It was a disaster," he said.

For one losing front-runner scenario, analysts point to Geraldine Ferraro, who ran for the Democratic Senate nomination in New York last year.

She started out in front, only to be roundly defeated in the primary by Charles Schumer, who went on to oust Republican incumbent Sen. Alfonse D'Amato.

Analysts say Ferraro, who made history in 1984 as the first major woman vice presidential candidate, lost in part by riding on her laurels rather than reaching out to New York voters.

"Her only rationale for running was 'I'm Geraldine Ferraro, I'm famous, I didn't get in last time and I deserve it,'" Tomasky said. "Hillary has to learn from that and tell voters why she cares about New York and why she should represent them."

To win, Mrs. Clinton, who has never lived in New York, needs to stave off criticism that she is a carpetbagger, said pollster Lee Miringoff of the Marist Institute for Public Opinion in Poughkeepsie, New York.

"One misspelling of Schenectady and she's in trouble," said Miringoff, referring to a town in upstate New York.

Neither, of course, is she impervious to the threat of Giuliani, who has strong support for his battles to improve the quality of life and cut the

crime rate in New York City.

Political tactician and former Deputy Mayor Bill Lynch argues that Democrats need to build a base now for a statewide victory, registering voters and forging alliances between party strongholds and weaker locales around the state.

``My problem is New York Democrats just standing on the sidelines saying 'Run, Hillary, Run' rather than doing something,'' he said.

And so much attention so early could tire out voters long before polling day, analysts added.

``The worst sin in this business is boring people,'' Garth said.

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POLITICAL NOTEBOOK: Mrs. Clinton may form Senate committee

By RON FOURNIER= AP Political Writer=

WASHINGTON (AP) 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 idea of such a preliminary step has been discussed as a way to avoid any questions of impropriety in the raising and spending of money, a senior adviser said Thursday, speaking on condition of anonymity. The discussions are still preliminary and it is possible that she won't 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.

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 was ``very inclined'' to make the race. The associates caution, however, that she does not plan to decide until late summer or early fall.

Under Federal Election Commission rules, potential candidates can raise and spend money to ``test the waters'' and gauge support for a campaign. They do not have to register with the FEC, nor publicly disclose contributions and expenditures.

But they must raise money within federal contribution limits, and they also are limited as to what they can spend their funds on polling, traveling and other actions designed solely to determine whether there is support for a candidacy. If the person formally becomes a candidate, these contributions and expenditures must be disclosed when the first campaign committee reports are filed.

Polling is not yet being done on her behalf, officials say.

In another sign of her mounting interest, Mrs. Clinton will meet at the White House Friday with the top Democrat in the New York Legislature.

Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver encouraged Mrs. Clinton to run when she called him last month to talk about the Senate race.

His spokeswoman, Patricia Lynch, said Silver would again urge her to enter the race when they meet in Washington.

Former Vice President Dan Quayle has a message for the rest of the GOP presidential field: Catch me if you can.

Though he is lagging in polls that show Texas Gov. George W. Bush as the early favorite, Quayle says voters New Hampshire and Iowa will determine the true front-runner next year. He is steering his energy toward those two early-vote states.

``Then, the rest of them can try to catch me if they can,'' Quayle said at a school in Indianapolis on Thursday.

Quayle is touring Indiana for a series of fund-raisers and private campaign events, but he met with reporters to talk about his education reform agenda.

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New York Democrats still courting Hillary Rodham Clinton for Senate

By SHANNON McCAFFREY= Associated Press Writer=

WASHINGTON (AP) Hillary Rodham Clinton kept talk of her could-be Senate candidacy alive on Friday, huddling in the White House with the New York Legislature's top Democrat and the state's party chief.

Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver and state Party Chairwoman Judith Hope joined the swelling ranks of New York Democrats journeying to Washington to meet with the first lady about a possible Senate bid.

``I'd say she's very interested. That's what I'd say,' Silver said after a more than one-hour meeting with Mrs. Clinton in the White House Map Room.

Former Clinton administration advisers Harold Ickes and Mandy Grunwald also breezed into the White House early Friday afternoon for a meeting with the first lady. Both are allies of Mrs. Clinton's with strong connections to New York.

Asked about a possible Senate race, a smiling Ickes said, ``I don't know anything about it.''

Mrs. Clinton has still not said whether she will run for the seat being vacated by retiring Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan. But she is apparently considering forming an exploratory committee that would cover any costs of her decision-making and allow her to avoid questions of impropriety in fund raising.

Her spokeswoman, Marsha Berry, said Friday Mrs. Clinton was continuing to meet and talk with New Yorkers; other associates say she may not decide until late summer or early fall.

Silver said Friday that timetable would still give her plenty of opportunities to raise the needed cash for a campaign.

``She's magic. She's a terrific candidate' Silver, from Manhattan, said.

Silver said he and Mrs. Clinton discussed the New York political geography and issues over coffee. He said he urged her to ``seriously consider running.''

Silver, an Orthodox Jew, said he had also asked Mrs. Clinton about statements attributed to her advocating an independent Palestinian state. He said Mrs. Clinton had clarified on Friday that the statements were made after conversations with the late Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

``It's an issue that needs clarification as to what her position is. I've heard her position. I respect that and I understand the context in which it was made,' Silver said.

Jewish voters are a crucial block in any New York race and Mrs. Clinton's most likely Senate race rival, New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, has already attacked her remarks as seemingly pro-Palestinian.

Hope, an Arkansas native, has been one of the primary boosters of a Clinton candidacy. She was meeting with the first lady late Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Clinton has already held White House meetings with Moynihan and Sen. Charles Schumer. Last Friday, a contingent of New York black leaders and union chiefs paid calls on Mrs. Clinton at a dinner attended by President Clinton. Among those at the dinner were state Comptroller H. Carl McCall, the only black elected to statewide office in New York, and his wife Joyce Brown, a former deputy mayor of New York City. Also attending was Bill Lynch, former New York City deputy under David Dinkins and a top black political operative now working for a holding company of billionaire Ronald Perelman.

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Mrs. Clinton to answer questions online-about pets

By Randall Mikkelsen

WASHINGTON, March 14 (Reuters) - With interest in her political and personal life soaring, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will go online on Tuesday to answer questions -- about White House pets, her spokeswoman said on Sunday.

Mrs. Clinton was scheduled to appear in a live ``chat'' session on America Online on Tuesday at 10 p.m. EST (0300 GMT Wednesday), answering questions about her recent book, ``Dear Socks, Dear Buddy: Kids' Letters to the First Pets,''' said spokeswoman Marsha Berry.

``The topic is the book,''' Berry said, ruling out any questions that have lately consumed Hillary-watchers, such as whether she will run for the U.S. Senate in New York, or the state of her marriage in the wake of President Bill Clinton's sex-and-perjury impeachment scandal.

The book, published late last year, features photographs of White House pets Buddy the dog and Socks the cat, copies of children's letters to the pets and text by Mrs. Clinton.

The book could use a little plugging from its author -- sales have lagged behind her previous, hugely successful book, ``It Takes a Village.''

Internet bookseller Amazon.com ranks the Socks and Buddy book 9,574 on its list of current best-sellers, compared with the newly released memoirs ``All Too Human'' of former White House aide George Stephanopoulos, which headed the list, and Andrew Morton's book on Clinton paramour Monica Lewinsky, ``Monica's Story,''' which ranked seventh.

But Berry said the White House pets were a favourite topic among children. ``Whenever she goes to a school or something, it's always the question (topic) that brings kids out of their shyness,''' Berry said.

She said the book's publisher, Simon and Schuster, had been collecting questions submitted to AOL and would present selections to Mrs. Clinton on Tuesday. The questions will be answered live through a moderator at the online service. AOL has about 16 million subscribers.

The Clintons have given few clues to Mrs. Clinton's political plans -- other than to say she is carefully considering a Senate run -- or the state of their relationship.

Mrs. Clinton's decision to cancel plans to travel with her husband to Central America last week and her absence from a weekend trip to dedicate the president's boyhood home in Arkansas fuelled speculation the two were keeping their distance from each other. But the president late on Saturday suggested otherwise.

Asked if Mrs. Clinton, who aides said stayed home to nurse a sore back, had wanted to go to Arkansas with him, Clinton told reporters while returning to Washington on Air Force One, ``Oh yeah, bad. She wanted to go to Central America. She wanted to go to this.''

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Arkansas homecoming cold, a bit lonely for president

By SONYA ROSS= Associated Press Writer=

WASHINGTON (AP) Arkansas' Democratic faithful were finished paying tribute to retired Sen. Dale Bumpers. Dinner long had been eaten. The hugs and handshakes tapered off and the clock ticked ever closer to midnight.

Still, President Clinton, set to fly back to the White House after the festivities ended, lingered among his friends late Saturday night, joking that he hung out so long, ``we've doubled the price of rice.''

So long that the crowd had dwindled from several hundred to just nine, and the lights began going out in Little Rock's cavernous Statehouse Convention Center.

Clinton ventured near the television cameras, getting more hugs that create the warm-fuzzy footage associated with the private moments of legendary people.

``Hello guys,' ' Clinton called to the TV crews waiting to accompany him to Washington. ``Let's GO, Mr. President!' ' came the reply from a lone voice in the back.

It was a bittersweet weekend return to his roots, full of rain and solitude, for a man whose visit was built around the dedication of his birth home in Hope.

His brother and childhood pals were there, but his wife and daughter were not, and Clinton looked a little lonely. The visit was cut short by a day, and the nearly constant rain left Clinton's schedule loose and somewhat aimless.

``The weather was sad, but otherwise it was OK,' ' was Clinton's assessment of the trip, as he ambled back to Air Force One's rear galley for a beverage during the flight to Washington.

Clinton's daughter Chelsea, a sophomore at Stanford University, remained at school. First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton was in Washington, sidelined still, the president said, by the back injury that also led her to skip his Central American trip last week. She needs the rest so that she and Chelsea can tour North Africa later this month, the president said.

``She wanted to go to Central America, she wanted to go to this,' ' Clinton said. ``I've got to make sure, she's got to make sure, she's a little bit healthier for Africa.' '

After capping his Friday stop in Hope by paying a water-sogged visit to his mother's grave, Clinton went to Texarkana, Texas, to help raise money for Rep. Max Sandlin, a supporter during impeachment. He spent the night on the Wamba, Texas, cattle ranch of businessman Truman Arnold.

Saturday, it was too rainy and cold for him to play golf so Clinton lounged at Arnold's home.

In the afternoon, Clinton flew to Little Rock, got off his plane in a gust of wind and a layer of rain on the tarmac ``Cold!' ' he shouted and went directly to the home of his mother-in-law, Dorothy Rodham.

He watch his beloved Arkansas Razorbacks take on Iowa in the NCAA basketball tournament.

Arkansas lost.

Clinton then attended a \$200,000 Democratic National Committee reception before the Bumpers event, and mingled with folks who told him their confidence in him was never shaken.

At the Bumpers dinner, Arkansas' politicians worked to make up for Clinton's lack of immediate family. Sen. David Pryor called Clinton before he left Arnold's ranch, and Clinton asked Pryor to fill him in on the crowd he would be addressing.

``I said, 'Mr. President, this is your family. These are your people, and these are the people who love you,' ' Pryor said.

A somber tone in his voice, Clinton said he understood that it was evident in the spirited defense summation that Bumpers delivered before the Senate at Clinton's impeachment trial.

Though they have long known each other, Bumpers and Clinton were not

considered extremely close.

In his first Senate primary in 1974, Bumpers defeated Clinton's mentor, Sen. William Fulbright. During his first presidential term, Clinton turned more often to Pryor for advice.

Clinton said he and Bumpers had been through ``all kinds of adversity'' together, and that he would miss being able to reach out across town to Bumpers ``when I get real low.''

``Mr. President, I may not be your best friend in the Senate,''' Bumpers said Saturday night. ``But you're the best friend I've had in the Oval Office.''

Saturday night, Clinton and Bumpers put their heads together in conversation as the lights dimmed for a video tribute. Suddenly, the president stopped talking and nodded in time with a song playing over a montage of images from Bumpers' long career:

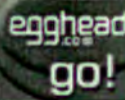
``Count on me and I'll count on you ... Now and always we will be good friends.''

When the song ended, Clinton turned to Bumpers and resumed their chat.

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Hillary's Silence Speaks Volumes

I am reminded that the first trip Hillary Clinton made from Washington as an official First Lady was to New York City. She took the morning shuttle, Delta, and then got a ride to a school on 177th St., where she waded among children. It was a moment spilling with promise, in January 1993.



Yesterday, she arrived by Air Force jet, rode armored limousines and her distance from the public was measured in the following advisories given to the press by the White House.

"Lighting and a mult is provided. Throw is approximately 80 feet."

In English, this means that her words would be carried over a cable to the media machines that would then broadcast them to the world.

The "80-foot throw" meant that the closest she would come to an actual question is 80 feet. This is standard stuff, issued for all White House trips, which is why politics is so infernally boring. This is called the bubble, and it is meant to keep people in public life safe from the lunatic fringe. It also happens to make up the mechanics of official lies and silence.

And now it is imagined that Hillary Clinton is supposed to float in on the bubble from Washington, one that she did not invent but must live in, and be the senator from New York.

Some people believe that holy statues cry or move, and others think Hillary Clinton is going to run for the U.S. Senate next year.

You are well advised to wait to see any of these things before putting an iota of faith in them.

If she did run, Hillary Clinton would be the first person in the United States to make Rudy Giuliani look accessible.

She has had a bad job, First Lady, and it is not her fault that

she is supposed to say virtually nothing and vanish into the wallpaper of pleasant manners.

The harsh fact remains. Bending down to look at children's arts-and-crafts projects, then murmuring, "Oh great, that's really nice" doesn't add up to much of a credential for the U.S. Senate.

She begins with her greatest asset, which is her celebrity, which arises from her biggest problem, which is her husband. No matter what the polls say, the whole Clinton package — him, his dirty laundry, her excuses for it — is stale and tiresome.

A politician in Westchester County, Jeanine Pirro, is supposed to be burned toast now that her husband got indicted for some kind of tax flimflam. No more politics for Jeanine Pirro! The same week the Pirro household got into trouble, Hillary Clinton's husband was slapped with an accusation of rape from a woman, Juanita Broaddrick, whose story is at least plausible.

Of course, this has nothing to do with her being a United States senator. Still, if she were sent to Washington by the people of New York, her job would be to look after our interests and not her husband's. Would she try to overturn the federal health care cuts for New York City that Bill Clinton personally made, and which are tremendously damaging to the medical research that goes on here?

Does she think the welfare bill he signed, cutting off food stamps from immigrants, is a fine idea?

One of these days, she will have to answer a question and can't walk off trailing yards of bland palaver.

Gabe Pressman, who remembers everything, spent the day trying to shoot a question at her for his television station, WNBC. He also is the president of the Press Club, and is better than we deserve.

"In 1964, Bobby Kennedy first ran, we could interview him on any subject right on the sidewalks," said Pressman. "One time, his press guy Frank Mankiewicz tried to shove me away when I was asking a question, but I got in there. Kennedy said, 'You're asking me for 30 seconds on Vietnam. That's a pretty complicated question.' "

Of course, they were only talking about a matter of war on a sidewalk. When it comes to discussing the Clintons' personal mess, the original Capitol Hillbillies, there will be an 80-foot wall of silence. So far, she hasn't run for anything but cover.

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Hillary Clinton's could-be campaign tour launches into second day
Eds: U.N. speech at 10 a.m.; will be led; also moving on national lines
By SHANNON McCAFFREY= Associated Press Writer=

NEW YORK (AP) Dropping a hint about a call to civic duty, Hillary Rodham Clinton is tantalizing New Yorkers who look at the first lady and see their next senator. But so far she's just keeping them guessing.

On her second day in New York, Mrs. Clinton was giving a speech at the United Nations today about the upcoming Women's Rights Day and later was previewing an HBO documentary on women in sports at a school in Chelsea.

Mrs. Clinton's visit to the Big Apple had the feel of a campaign rally even as she remained coy on whether she will be a candidate. Democrats used her visit Wednesday her first to New York since saying she was giving careful thought to a Senate bid to woo the fence-sitting first lady.

And some of her supporters were anything but subtle.

"Don't you think it's time for a woman to represent New York in the United States Senate?" Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., blared to an overflow crowd of about 900 mostly female donors who plunked down up to \$1,000 apiece to soak up the Hillary phenomenon at a Democratic National Committee luncheon.

Mrs. Clinton, standing behind Schumer, smiled as the crowd erupted in applause.

Although her aides sought to portray her jaunt to New York as just another of many forays here, Mrs. Clinton's words were just vague enough to stoke her boosters' hopes.

"We cannot drop out of the political process and leave the arena to those with very specific agendas," Mrs. 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.'"

She alluded only once to the Senate race.

"I was told that there were some who thought that, uh, I might have an announcement to make," she said, pausing and holding the crowd in breath-catching suspense.

"But I don't."

Groans followed.

The aura of mystery surrounding Mrs. Clinton's political flirtation is spawning a parlor game in Democratic circles. The buzz after her speech placed odds on her running.

"If she's not running she's giving a good impression of someone who is," New York City Council Speaker Peter Vallone said. "I think every indication now is that she runs."

Until she does decide, she is a huge cash draw for the Democrats. Wednesday's luncheon raised \$500,000, a record for the DNC's Women's Leadership Forum.

Even political veterans marveled at the sea of awestruck supporters, cameras and clamoring reporters hanging on the first lady's every word.

"I could not believe the amount of press," said former Rep. Geraldine Ferraro, who once ran as vice president on the Democratic ticket and lost to Schumer in the Democratic Senate primary last year. "It's like a presidential announcement."

Mrs. Clinton began Wednesday with a visit to a middle school in the Queens, where she discussed the virtues of arts education, and capped the day with a private dinner at the home of Roger Altman, a former Treasury Department official whose deep pockets could be crucial to financing a New York campaign.

Mrs. Clinton's visit came as Monica Lewinsky's face was again plastered on the covers of New York City's tabloids in anticipation of the former White House intern's interview broadcast Wednesday night about her affair with the president.

Although Mrs. Clinton would be a formidable candidate, she would also face what looks to be a tough battle against her most likely Republican opponent,

New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. Her lead against Giuliani, which had surged into the double digits in earlier polls, shrank to just four points, equal to the margin of error, in a survey released Wednesday by the Marist College Institute for Public Opinion.

And not everyone was gushing. One man outside the Plaza Hotel held aloft a placard reading ``Hillary Clinton: Doormat of the Year.''

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She's Not a Candidate Yet but She's Acting Like One (New York)

By James Gerstenzang= (c) 1999, Los Angeles Times=

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 on 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 a very important fan, City Council Speaker Peter Vallone, came "very close to an open declaration" of candidacy.

Clinton has talked voting statistics with Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan. From Sen. Robert Torricelli of New Jersey, the chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, she has gotten the hard sell as he seeks to line up candidates. She has heard the pleas of union leaders and party fund-raisers.

But it wasn't until Wednesday that the boomlet got real on the streets of New York with all the celebrity-sighting glam that New York can turn out.

From the steps of the Plaza one could barely see the Fifth 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 off-hand comment Torricelli made on "Meet the Press" early in January, suggesting that with Moynihan's announced retirement, Hillary Rodham 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.

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But she then proceeded to address every reason why politics is a noble profession, what political action had accomplished during the past 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.

As for the future, she said, decisions remain on protecting patients' treatment by health maintenance organizations, addressing the need for more teachers in the nation's schools and acting "fiscally responsible" with the federal budget surplus.

"These are not decisions we should leave to someone else," she said.

And with that, having spent part of her morning at an intermediate school in Queens (where 18 television cameras all lined up to record the event) and having accepted at the luncheon a St. John's University sweatshirt (the NCAA basketball tournament looms for the local favorite), she spent more than 10 minutes shaking hands after her speech.

Talks like a candidate? Walks like a candidate? Must be a candidate?

Well, not necessarily.

Everything she said and each stop she made were typical of an activist

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first lady and, indeed, each would serve to support the candidacy of Rep. Nita Lowey, a New York Democrat considered the most likely candidate for the party's senatorial nomination if Clinton does not run.

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``She spoke to all the women in the audience about their role in politics, and that it's important for us to get behind these ideas,'' said Lynn Kirsch, who came in from Westport, Conn. for the speech. ``I didn't hear her make a commitment. What I heard was, `if I run or not all of us have a very important role.' ''

Mark Green, New York's public advocate, a top consumer protection official, heard it the same way: ``It was a speech to promote the audience more than herself.''

But will she run?

``Talmudic I'm not,'' said Roy Romer, the party's general chairman, a former Colorado governor picking up the patois of New York.

No need to rush the decision, said Charles Schumer, who in November defeated Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, with major campaign help from the first lady.

``Think this one through, and then if you decide you want to be a candidate, we will support you and we will be resolute,'' he said, not shying from the topic of the day as he introduced her to the 500 people in the audience.

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Thursday, 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 of Representatives committee on government reform and taping an interview for a television talk show.

Public opinion surveys show a slight tightening of the non-race.

The Marist Institute for Public Opinion, at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., found that a roughly 11-point Clinton lead in a statewide poll last month (49 percent to 38.1 percent) had narrowed to four points. (49.7 percent to 45.5 percent).

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Hillary remains mum on Senate bid

Offers no hints at fund-raiser

By Liz Trotta
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NEW YORK — First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton swept into town yesterday, but disappointed eager Democratic Party officials by refusing to say whether she would 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 run, 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 by 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 Khandai and Suzanne Griffing.

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 \$1,000 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 she wanted to know if she is going to run.

"It was a very intelligent speech," said Vivian Degani. "I wanted to hear her views on the Palestinian state, especially since they seem to be changing every day." Mrs. Clinton's comment springing that the Palestinians served a homeland of their own could come back to haunt her: 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 page New York Post headline "Monica Phone Sex Shocked" local papers carried heavy view coverage of the Miss L'sky's television interview night, as well as revelations the forthcoming as-told-to "Monica's Story," by Andrew



Hillary Clinton talks with students Benjamin
Hanson and Jennifer Chong at Intermediate
School No. 25 in Flushing, N.Y.

A big hint in the Big Apple?

**First lady says political
process can't be left to others**

MSNBC STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

NEW YORK, March 3 — First lady Hillary Clinton came tantalizingly close to revealing whether she wants a future in politics during a much-heralded visit to New York City on Wednesday.

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Hillary Clinton wants to be New York's next Senator if she can figure out how to win in spite, NBC's Andrea Mitchell reports:

CLINTON DID NOT announce her long-awaited decision about whether she will run for the Senate, but on Wednesday evening NBC News' Andrea Mitchell reported that the first lady's friends say she is, in fact, leaning toward entering the race — if she can figure out how to win.

During a speech at a luncheon of the Democratic National Women's Leadership Forum at the Plaza Hotel, Clinton exhorted the audience of 900 to be politically involved:

"We have to ask ourselves: Is now the time that we retreat into our world? Where we say, 'I'm fine, my family is fine, my business is fine, I don't have to worry about anybody else?'"

In a not-so-veiled reference to her husband's impeachment trial, she advised against bowing out of politics because of its "negativity."

"I certainly can understand why someone might feel that way," Hillary Clinton said as laughter rippled through the crowd. "But it's not a feeling you should act on. It's a feeling that should be transient."

Many in the audience interpreted the statement as a sign of her own interest in running.

"It sounded like she might be leaning toward running. It sounded very positive to me," said Manhattan Borough President Virginia Fields.

TEASING THE AUDIENCE

Hillary Clinton also teased her audience by asking why attendance at the luncheon was so high — 400 people were added to the guest list after the original 500 tickets sold out, and many of the latecomers were seated in an adjacent room.

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Some in the audience groaned.

When the speech ended, her supporters began chanting, "Go, go, go! Run, Hillary, run!"

First families

A look at family members bitten by the political bug

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- John Quincy Adams
- George W. Bush
- Florence Harding
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- Maureen Reagan
- Eleanor Roosevelt
- Bob Taft

John Quincy Adams, son of President John Adams, served in the Senate and later became the sixth U.S. president. After leaving the White House, he served 17 years in the House. He suffered a stroke and died in the Capitol in 1848. His son, Charles Francis Adams, was also a congressman.

Source: Associated Press

COMMANDING LEAD IN THE POLLS

It was Hillary Clinton's first trip to New York since announcing she was considering a run for office.

Polls taken a few weeks ago gave her a commanding lead in a hypothetical match-up with Mayor Rudolph Giuliani for the Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan in 2000. But another statewide poll released Wednesday showed a narrowing of the potential race.

The telephone poll of 702 registered voters conducted Sunday and Monday by Marist College's Institute for Public Opinion found Clinton favored by 50 percent of voters with Giuliani the choice of 46 percent. The gap was the same as the poll's margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Clinton has held a commanding lead in the polls over Giuliani, a potential but also unannounced Republican rival for the Senate seat. A recent poll from Quinnipiac College Polling Institute gave Clinton an 18-point lead over Giuliani in a hypothetical race.

Quinnipiac pollster Maurice Carroll said Wednesday's visit wasn't likely to boost her polling numbers because "they're already off the charts."

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— POLLSTER
MAURICE CARROLL

"Maybe if she could jump in the East River and rescue a drowning baby her numbers might get higher," Carroll said. "I can't think how else."

WHAT CLINTON MAY CONSIDER

Before deciding whether to run, Clinton likely will take a hard look at her party's chances to gain ground in the Senate, where Republicans now hold a 55-45 edge.

When word first surfaced weeks ago that Clinton might consider a Senate run, it was considered at least a possibility that Democrats might capture up to six new seats to control the chamber.

Now, with at least two Democrats — Sens. Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey and Richard Bryan of Nevada — announcing they will not run for re-election, such Democratic hopes appear far less plausible. So, at best, Clinton might be jumping into a bitter, intensely covered campaign for a chance to be a junior senator in a minority party.

VISITS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Earlier in the day, she was greeted at a Queens middle school with raucous applause from students, education officials and local politicians. She spoke about the importance of arts education and announced a new report that cites the school, I.S. 25 in Flushing, for its attention to the arts.

Students in the chorus, fidgeting nervously in a hallway before performing for the first lady, said they hoped she would run.

"She's cool, she's not snotty, she's like a real, regular person," said 14-year-old Tiffany Mance.

"Some students don't learn well just sitting and listening," Clinton said in the school auditorium. "They need to move, they need to use their hands, and then ... the arts are a part of who we are," she said.

She also met with nine students in one of the classrooms. Some were sketching with pastels; others performed a short interpretive dance for her.

On Wednesday night, she was to dine at the home of Roger Altman, a Wall Street financier.

On Thursday, she was to talk at the United Nations about the forthcoming International Women's Day.

The Associated Press and Reuters contributed to this report.

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The factors of Hillary Rodham Clinton's decision

Eds: Moving on news and political circuits

An AP News Analysis

By MARC HUMBERT= AP Political Writer=

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) Despite all the hoopla and mystery, the questions facing Hillary Rodham Clinton are fairly straightforward as she contemplates a run for the U.S. Senate from New York.

They are the same questions considered by potential candidate for everything from town council to the White House.

Can I raise the money? Can I put together the campaign team? Do I want the job? Can I handle a campaign that can be brutal and invasive? Can I win?

Some answers may have been provided by the first lady's two-day excursion to New York City on Wednesday and Thursday that served as part of her testing the waters.

Clinton advisers think the money part will be easy. She has already proven to be one of the Democratic Party's top fund-raising draws. She helped then-U.S. Rep. Charles Schumer raise the massive war chest he used last year in New York to unseat Republican Sen. Alfonse D'Amato. On Wednesday night, she attended a small dinner at the home of Roger Altman, President Clinton's former deputy treasury secretary, where she met with the very rich people who might help put together her own campaign fund.

When it comes to assembling a campaign team, Mrs. Clinton played a key role in putting together the operation that won her husband the White House in 1992 and 1996. ``They are very, very good,'' one top New York Republican strategist, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Wednesday. She also would be able to draw on the expertise of Schumer's campaign team, which has first-hand and recent experience at winning a Senate seat from New York.

There is little doubt she has more than a passing interest in the Senate seat. Her friends are quick to note that this is not just any Senate seat, but from the media center of the world and one with a pedigree. The seat is being vacated next year by Daniel Patrick Moynihan and was previously held by the late Robert F. Kennedy.

``Mrs. Clinton does not waste her time and she doesn't waste other people's time and the fact that she is considering this in the full glare of publicity means that she's very, very interested in the position,'' says one adviser.

There is no doubt a Senate campaign in New York could be brutal.

There would, almost certainly, be questions about her marriage and Monica; Travelgate and Whitewater; investment profits and billing records; and a host of other issues she might not want to revisit. She would also have to do something as a candidate that she has been loath to do as first lady: talk to the news media on a regular basis. During her New York visit, reporters once again had to settle for aides and advisers if they had questions.

Nonetheless, Mrs. Clinton on Wednesday did offer something of a guide to her feelings.

``We cannot say, `I won't be involved in politics because I don't like all the negativity, I don't like all the ads on television,`` she told her enthusiastic audience at a Democratic Women's Leadership Forum fund raiser. ``I can certainly understand why someone might feel that way, but it is not a feeling that you should act on.``

Whether she can win in New York may be the toughest question for Mrs. Clinton.

The leading contender for the Republican nomination is New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, although he has not yet said he will run. He is a seasoned campaigner, has credentials and, unlike most other Republicans, may be able to

pull a substantial vote out of heavily Democratic New York City.

There is little doubt that if the mayor is the GOP candidate and she is the Democratic standardbearer, the Republican money spigot will be turned on for him. They would likely both be well financed.

There is a presidential election next year. Since Ronald Reagan twice carried the state, Democrats have consistently taken New York's electoral votes. That's not surprising in a state where Democrats outnumber Republicans, 5-3. Either Vice President Al Gore or his only announced opponent for the Democratic nomination, former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley, who once starred for the New York Knicks basketball team, would likely run well in the Empire State. There is some speculation that New York's Republican governor, George Pataki, is angling for a spot on the national ticket. That could help bring out GOP voters.

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BC-CLINTON-HILLARY-TRIP

Hillary Clinton to visit Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia

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She did not give a date in a speech at the United Nations to observe International Women's Day but Moroccan officials said the trip would be during the last week of March.

"I am delighted that in a few weeks I will be privileged to travel to Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia to see first hand the progress that women are making in that region of the world and to better understand the challenges they continue to face," she said.

"I am very much looking forward to that trip because I know that in those countries as in all others I have visited I will be inspired by and educated by and really transformed by the stories that I hear," she added.

Clinton, who spoke of child prostitution, female circumcision and domestic violence among the experiences of women she met in Asia and Africa, said: "We must continue to speak out on our own and to hear the voices of others.

"I will try as I travel to listen to those voices and amplify them," she said.

Clinton was making her first visit to New York since speculation soared that she may run for the U.S. Senate. Alternatively there has been speculation that she might take up

a post at the United Nations when her husband's term ends in two years but she gave no indication of this in her speech.

She last spoke at the United Nations in December 1997 to launch the 50th anniversary year of the U.N. Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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NEW YORK CITY -- Hillary Rodham Clinton will not run for the Senate next year from this state, according to White House sources. The prospect has been a wonderful distraction and ego uplift for the first lady, but it is not going to happen, these knowledgeable sources told our associate Dale Van Atta.

They emphasize that Mrs. Clinton has not made a final decision yet, but she is leaning in the direction of passing up the Senate race as of last week -- even as she was visiting this city in what appeared to be a candidate's outing.

We were the first to report the strong possibility that she would run for the seat to be vacated by Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan. Our column on this subject ran last Nov. 27.

Despite being first on the subject, we now conclude that she will not run, based on information from our White House sources, and our own knowledge of the first lady's persona. There are three key reasons for what we predict will be her final decision to take a pass.

The first, and most important, is that she would find the campaign extremely distasteful and repugnant, because of the "unseemly" charges likely to arise during a New York campaign.

Mrs. Clinton is a fighter, and would be prepared to fend off questions about older Arkansas-based scandals like Whitewater and her lucrative commodities trades.

But what she fears most is that the most personally painful material about her husband's sexual indiscretions would be raised again and again in such a campaign.

"The role she hates most is that of the blind-and-loyal wife," explained a White House source close to Mrs. Clinton. "She doesn't want to be cast in that role again, especially in a New York Senate race."

The same source says Hillary wasn't nearly as upset by the Monica Lewinsky hoopla as she was by the rape allegation recently floated against her husband. The source refused to speculate on whether she was surprised about the report, or believes her husband is innocent.

"She was just very upset that this thing would be publicized, just when she thought all this mess was pretty much over," the source said. "Now she can't be sure there aren't more land mines like this out there, that would come out if she ran in a Senate race -- to embarrass her."

The second reason, confidantes say, is that it's not a certainty that she could beat this city's popular mayor, Rudolph W. Giuliani.

Once the "shine" and novelty of her possible run wore off, early polls began shifting back to Giuliani in what appeared to be a dead heat. The Republican Giuliani wouldn't sling dirt against the first lady, but he would play the "carpetbagger" issue to the hilt. He would charge that she was less interested in helping the citizens of New York than in gaining a political position to push her more national and international views.

One source in the mayor's office says Giuliani might put Hillary in a bind by pushing issues that would be beneficial to New York, but might not be good national policy. The goal would be to divide the Clintons by forcing Hillary to adopt a position contrary to her husband's.

Such political ploys aside, Giuliani is a strong issues candidate because of his record turnaround of crime and the economy of America's largest city.

Finally, many sources believe Hillary will forsake a race because the job of New York senator is too small and domestic for her overall vision.

Mrs. Clinton has great strength on the world stage -- on issues like women's rights. If Vice President Al Gore won the presidency, she might like to go the Madeleine Albright route -- acting first as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. If Gore were amenable, though, she might just like to skip straight to Secretary of State.

Confirmation for either position would be a cakewalk compared to a New York Senate race.

If Gore didn't win, or wasn't amenable, there are other world-class positions for the then-former first lady. She could take a post as the head of one of the United Nation's many organizations. Or, more likely, as we've mentioned before, she might head the World Bank or a similar organization that dispenses aid and money to developing nations.

The White House sources who say she is leaning against running in New York report that she will make this announcement in the near future. The positive publicity that the potential race gave to her and her husband has been well spent but was already pushed off the front pages late last week by Lewinsky and other stories, so its high-profile appeal has worn off with the media.

And the longer she waits, the more unfair it is for a fellow Democrat to run in this state -- which would obligate a late-declining Mrs. Clinton to raise serious funds and do serious campaigning for any other candidate whose fund-raising and campaigning she had delayed.

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First lady gauges support on possible foe's home turf

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Rodham Clinton, first lady and potential Senate candidate from their state.

NEW YORK — At Intermediate School 70 in downtown Manhattan, audience members were getting restless Thursday, but they were much more patient than young teen-agers usually are.

The 600 students of all shapes, sizes and ethnicities who jammed into rows of folding chairs and bleachers in a concrete-walled gymnasium had been waiting more than an hour to see Hillary

All wore blue T-shirts advertising a television program they had never heard of. In another room at the school, 600 more waited to watch Hillary Clinton's appearance on a television monitor.

The first lady was to help hawk a new HBO Sports documentary called *Dare to Compete: The Struggle of Women in Sports*. On hand to

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do the same were tennis great Billie Jean King, who initiated the film, professional basketball player Nikki McCray and Olympic gymnast Dominique Dawes.

The three athletes arrived on time and conducted media interviews along the sidelines while they waited an hour and a half for Hillary Clinton. But their appearances didn't matter much to the kids.

When an announcer finally said, "Please welcome the first lady of the United States," the teens stood and screamed as though a rock star were walking through the door. When student and basketball player Sofia Totti introduced her as "hopefully, a runner," the crowd went wild again.

Hillary Clinton coyly sidestepped the issue of her political future in her remarks, in which she managed to tie together pitches for women's sports and President Clinton's proposal to hire more teachers.

But the sophisticated teen-agers of New York City knew what was up. They knew Hillary Clinton was seriously considering a run for the Senate from their state. They knew this was just the last campaign stop for her two-day, support-gauging swing through the city.

They won't be able to vote in the 2000 election, but they love Hillary Clinton, and it's likely that many of their parents do, too.

If New York state held an election today for the Senate seat held for four terms by Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Hillary Clinton would win the sympathy vote for stoically standing by her man in the worst of times.

In New York City, she would take the liberal Democrats' vote, the women's vote and the votes of ethnic minorities. Middle-class folks look up to her, and the rich and the intelligentsia like her style, her professionalism and her dignity.

But New York City is not New York state, with its vast rural areas, smaller cities and moderate-to-conservative Republican strongholds. Recent polls put Hillary Clinton in a dead heat with her potential Republican opponent, New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, even with her high name recognition and celebrity status.

The election is 20 months away and politicians and regular folks alike sought to warn her last week about the potentially bruising battle ahead.

White fellow Democrats have respectfully backed away from candidacies, waiting for the first lady to decide. Hillary Clinton would face a formidable task beating Giuliani, who has said he will run if she does.

The mayor, who went to Washington to court fellow Republicans while the first lady visited his town last week, has a reputation for toughness that has angered many New Yorkers. Still, many herald his accomplishments in lowering the city's crime rate and improving its image, which has brought a new wave of economic development and tourism.

Terry O'Brien, a spokesman for the New York Republican State Committee, said the hints of a Hillary Clinton candidacy have energized the state's conservative Republicans.

"She has never held elective office, but she does have a record. And it's not a good one," O'Brien said, citing the first lady as "the architect of that disastrous health-care plan" in 1993.

New York's voracious media, which screamed last week about Monica Lewinsky's television interview and new book, would raise questions over Whitewater — questions Hillary Clinton has avoided, O'Brien said. "We wouldn't even have to bring it up."

"Campaigns are not tea time here," O'Brien said. "They tend to be bare-knuckle affairs, particularly with the media scrutiny. She has been very insulated from that."

Hillary Clinton has never lived or worked in New York — constitutionally, she has to establish residency only as of Election Day — and O'Brien said the GOP won't have to work very hard to exploit her outsider status.

"It would be like a liberal New York City person coming to Arkansas and trying to tell people what their problems are," he said.

But her audiences last week included only her obvious supporters.

Besides the school event in Manhattan on Thursday, the first lady spoke at a Queens intermediate school about the importance of arts in education. She addressed a sold-out crowd of more than 1,000

female Democratic donors at a luncheon sponsored by the Women's Leadership Forum, a branch of the Democratic National Committee, raising \$500,000. And she spoke of women's rights and human rights to an audience of 500 celebrating International Women's Day at the United Nations.

Hillary Clinton seemed most at home, though fatigued, at the United Nations, where there was not even an oblique mention of her political potential. Speaking after U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Hillary Clinton passionately argued that "it is no longer acceptable to say the abuse of women is cultural. It should be called what it is — criminal."

She was least comfortable, by contrast, at Wednesday's overtly political luncheon at the Plaza Hotel, where state Democratic Chairman Judith Hope urged her to run. Hillary Clinton seemed to be seeking a justification for her candidacy when she spoke, addressing the importance of women's political involvement. Afterward the audience talked enthusiastically about a Senate run and ultimate victory.

For several of the politicians in attendance, however, it was an opportunity to warn her.

"She is not a shoo-in. It would be a very competitive race," said Mark Green, a Democrat who is second in line to the mayor's job, which he desperately wants. Green is the city's public advocate — an ombudsman for residents' complaints — and would automatically become mayor if Giuliani were to step aside to run for Senate.

Green said he believes Hillary Clinton can overcome the "outsider" label.

"It depends on how she runs," he said. "She has a public modesty and true curiosity about people and the state that could answer cynics. She has fame without arrogance, which is disarming to New Yorkers."

Peter Vallone, the Democratic president of the City Council who lost the gubernatorial race last year to incumbent Republican George Pataki, said Hillary Clinton has already withstood a storm of damaging publicity in the last year but she has to worry about fund raising and her outsider image.

"New York politics result in tremendous personal strain," Vallone said, echoing the GOP. "You can't get away with double talk here. ... She could win. She is a very gutsy woman. But in this business, you can never think you have anything sewn up."

Vallone said he believed Hillary Clinton "came about as close as she could possibly come to announcing without announcing" in her luncheon address. "I think she set the table," he said.

"She'll get it," predicted Hector Centeno, a trucker from Queens

who was hauling pallets and watching the crowd gathered outside the Plaza.

"There's nobody like Rudy Giuliani," Centeno said. "They won't vote for him again. They know him now, and they don't like him. When you want to win something, you're sweet. But when you get it, your true personality comes out."

Leo Hartnett of Manhattan, who was working the counter at 18th Street News, which sells magazines and newspapers from all over the world, agreed. He likes Hillary Clinton, and he liked her health-care plan. He thinks Giuliani has polarized the city along racial and ethnic lines. "We're all separated now. It's terrible."

"I think she could win now. She could beat Giuliani," he said.

"But that's not this year, right? That's next year. That's a long time from now. A lot could happen between now and then."

(UPI Spotlight)

First lady skips Central America trip

WASHINGTON, March 7 (UPI) First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will not accompany the president on his upcoming trip through four Central American countries. Mrs. Clinton's spokeswoman Marsha Berry said (Sunday) that the first lady had re-injured her back while skiing last week and had decided not to travel with her husband as originally planned. The president begins a tour Monday of the region to evaluate the damage caused by Hurricane Mitch.

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Back injury keeps Mrs. Clinton from Central America trip

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The Clintons returned to the White House on Monday after a few days in Park City, Utah, where Mrs. Clinton skied with Chelsea.

Berry said the first lady did not have enough time to recover properly before the trip beginning Monday to Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras, countries hardest hit by last fall's Hurricane Mitch.

Mrs. Clinton toured the hurricane-struck area in November, shortly after Mitch hit.

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Aiming at Gun Violence

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

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

"Crime may be down but guns are still a big problem," said Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell, who chairs the USCM Gun Violence Task Force.

"It's ludicrous that toys guns are regulated but not real guns."

In addition to the lawsuits, members of the Conference are proposing a bill to Congress to set aside funding for development of gun safety devices, limits on gun purchases, regulation of guns by the National Consumer Product Safety Administration and to require that all firearms have background checks. The bill should be introduced sometime in February.

An End To Social Promotion

Mayor Richard M. Daley, chair of the USCM Education Task Force called for a nationwide end to social promotions and in its place a provision for additional institutions to help kids catch up.

"The President wants to triple funding for after school programs. We need to support this," Daley said. "The first step in ending social promotion is to admit it, end it and then provide the kids the help they need to catch up."

The task force went on to outline ways to ensure "kids don't fall through the cracks" by calling for more attention to teacher training, more Internet systems linking schools to one another, before and after school programs for the critical 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. hours when 50 percent of youth violence happens and cracking down on

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White House Announces Millennium Communities Project

by Jeff Fletcher

The White House has announced the establishment of a Millennium Communities program.

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To receive "Millennium Community" designation, local governments submit an application form describing their proposed projects through their appropriate national association, and the Millennium Council then makes the honorary national designation. Millennium Communities may use the national millennium logo and motto to identify community projects and events.

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

Millennium Project Unveiled

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

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

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

ence of Mayors and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Aiming at Gun Violence

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

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

"Crime may be down but guns are still a big problem," said Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell, who chairs the USCM Gun Violence Task Force.

"It's ludicrous that toy guns are regulated but not real guns."

In addition to the lawsuits, members of the Conference are proposing a bill to Congress to set aside funding for development of gun safety devices, limits on gun purchases, regulation of guns by the National Consumer Product Safety Administration and to require that all firearms have background checks. The bill should be introduced sometime in February.

An End to Social Promotion

Mayor Richard M. Daley, chair of the USCM Education Task Force called for a nationwide end to social promotions and in its place a provision for additional institutions to help kids catch up.

"The President wants to triple funding for after school programs. We need to support this," Daley said. "The first step in ending social promotion is to admit it, end it and then provide the kids the help they need to catch up."

The task force went on to outline ways to ensure "kids don't fall through the cracks" by calling for more attention to teacher training, more Internet systems linking schools to one another, before and after school programs for the critical 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. hours when 50 percent of youth violence happens and cracking down on



WHITE HOUSE MILLENNIUM COUNCIL Honor the Past—Imagine the Future

White House Announces Millennium Communities Project

by Jeff Fletcher

The White House has announced the establishment of a Millennium Communities program.

The noncompetitive program will award the national designation of "Millennium Community" to any municipality, county, township, or tribal government that takes a leadership role in marking the transition to a new century by undertaking local projects that reflect the theme, "Honor the Past—Imagine the Future."

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton launched the initiative in a speech to the U.S. Conference of Mayors which called on local leaders to harness the millennial spirit as a force for positive change in every community across the country.

"This program gives us an opportunity to unite our communities through local projects that preserve our historical and cultural legacy and prepare citizens—particularly youth—for the 21st century," the First Lady said.

In a letter encouraging local governments to seek "Millennium Community" designation, President Clinton wrote, "Every community in this great land has cherished part of its past worth preserving—historic sites and artifacts that serve as living reminders of the ideals and creativity that have shaped our experience. Every community has something to give to enhance the lives of future generations and to revitalize our democracy. And every American can share in the excitement of this once-in-a-thousand-years celebration."

NLC President Clarence Anthony, mayor of South Bay, Fla., represented the National League of Cities at the announcement ceremony and expressed strong support for the program.

Anthony said, "NLC encourages all municipalities—large and small—to participate in the Millennium Communities program. It's a great way to connect with citizens, share success stories, commemorate local history, and prepare your community for the challenges of the 21st century."

The Millennium Communities program is a partnership involving the White House Millennium Council, NLC, U.S. Conference of Mayors, National Association of Counties, National Association of Towns and Townships, and Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs. Providing support for the program as a national corporate sponsor is the BellSouth Corporation.

To receive "Millennium Community" designation, local governments submit an application form describing their proposed projects through their appropriate national association, and the Millennium Council then makes the honorary national designation. Millennium Communities may use the national millennium logo and motto to identify community projects and events.

In the coming month, NLC and the other intergovernmental partners will be sending Millennium Communities handbooks to local officials. To receive application forms and other information about the program, visit the website: <http://www.millenniumcommunities.org> or link to the page through NLC's website—<http://www.nlc.org>. Applications can be filled out and submitted electronically through the website. ■

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—Mayor Clarence Anthony
NLC President

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BellSouth launches White House 'Millennium' Web site

BellSouth has launched an interactive Internet Web site supporting the Millennium Communities Program, a new initiative announced by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton to make Americans' celebration of the millennium memorable and meaningful.

This program recognizes communities that undertake projects and activities consistent with the national theme, "Honor the Past — Imagine the Future."

Community leaders can use the Web site at <http://www.millenniumcommunities.org> to seek recognition as a Millennium

Community, search for examples of programs launched in similar communities and post details of their city's participation in this multi-year project.

The site was developed by a team of employees from the BellSouth Online organization at BellSouth.net. "Although the project had a very tight schedule, the team willingly worked extra hours on nights and weekends in order to turn it around quickly," said Woody Pierce, the group's director. "They realized the importance of this project, both for the communities using the site, and for BellSouth to have an opportunity to contribute its expertise and creative talents in support of the communities and our government."

Team members include: Andrea Casson, business development manager; Carle Bloodworth, project manager; Chad Ekoff and Traci Hollis, content designers; and, Lesli Mitchell, editor/writer.

The First Lady announced the Millennium Communities program while addressing the U.S. Conference of Mayors' Annual Winter Meeting in

Washington Jan. 29. "This program gives us an opportunity to unite our communities through local projects that preserve our historical and cultural legacy and prepare citizens — particularly youth — for the 21st century," she said.

Margaret Greene, BellSouth Group President-Regulatory and External Affairs noted that BellSouth has been connecting individuals and communities for more than a century. "We look forward to helping to connect the Americans who live, work and learn in the communities we

of how BellSouth enables customers to get the most out of the Internet.

"The White House and BellSouth both understand the power of the Internet in helping to bring our nation closer together — allowing



The people behind the site. Many BellSouth employees contributed to developing the Millennium Communities Program Web site. Posing for this photo in Washington before a luncheon in connection with the project were: (l to r) Ray Smith, BellSouth.net President; Linda Muir, director regulatory and legislative matters; Andrea Casson, BellSouth.net business development manager; and Margaret Greene, BellSouth group president-Regulatory and External Affairs.

serve — both rural and urban, rich and poor — not only to each other, but to the world," Greene said. "We are happy to offer our expertise in online communications to make the program a success."

BellSouth.net President Ray Smets said the design and hosting of the Millennium Communities Program Web site is a great example

communities to share their histories and their futures in a way that truly makes a positive impact on our society," he said.

The Telephone Pioneers of America, and a citizen action group, the Alliance for Public Technology, are also part of the broad-based community-supporting BellSouth partnership.

The President and Mrs. Clinton created the Millennium Council in 1997 to give all Americans an opportunity to mark the millennium in meaningful activities that celebrate America's democracy, strengthen communities and leave lasting gifts to the future.

In addition to BellSouth and the White House Millennium Council, the program is a partnership of the National Association of Counties, the National Association of Towns and Townships, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, National League of Cities, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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The Supreme Court decision and what follows is going to affect those negotiations and those arbitrations. And indeed, it may cause us to offer network elements more generously than we have in the past. But you have to go through the process of negotiation and arbitration and see what the FCC does before we can reach a conclusion.

Q. What's next for BellSouth in its pursuit to enter new markets? Is it likely we will ask some lawmakers to intervene?

NEW:

As to long-distance relief, we have never stopped talking to the state commissions, the DOJ, and the FCC, in trying to find out if there is an acceptable formula for us to enter that market. Those discussions have not been based upon any particular assumption about pending legal decisions.

The Jan. 25 Supreme Court decision will now overlay those discussions, but it won't halt them. So we won't go to Congress until we know that there is absolutely no formula for getting relief.

Q. We always knew the road to relief could be rocky, but has it been rockier than anticipated?

NEW:

The road to getting interLATA relief has certainly been rocky. We've said for years that we've always thought it was going to be like the roller coaster ride — a swift, sometimes exhilarating, yet harrowing experience. It has been. But we will continue efforts to enter new growth markets and bring the benefits of a competitive market to our customers.

Savings Bond participation nets national honor for BellSouth

BellSouth was recently honored for its 1998 Savings Bond campaign by winning the Treasury Department's highest honor — the Golden Eagle Award — for the eighth consecutive year.

The Golden Eagle Award recognizes companies having outstanding employee participation through the U.S. Savings Bond Payroll Savings Plan with at least 50 percent of companywide participation and at least 3,000 employees who were first-time buyers or increased their allotments. In 1998, 60 percent of BellSouth employees were enrolled in a U.S. Savings Bond payroll savings plan and 14,572 had been added to the ranks or increased their contributions.

The honor went to only eight companies nationwide, and BellSouth's achievements rank it fifth in the nation in the 1998 U.S. Savings Bond Campaign.

Cindy Cox, executive director-Federal and State Relations, accepted the award on behalf of BellSouth during the annual U.S. Savings Bond volunteer committee luncheon in the Department of Treasury Cash Room. "Our campaign's success shows that BellSouth employees recognize the many benefits of buying bonds," said Cox. "BellSouth's campaign offers them another option for building their savings conveniently through payroll deductions and receiving some tax savings, while also helping their country."

Other companies receiving the honor include: Johnson and Johnson, Lockheed Martin, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., Newport News Shipbuilding, Raytheon, the Social Security Administration and United Space Alliance.

BellSouth Community Website launches, contest winners selected

Five BellSouth employees won Epson PhotoPC 700 digital cameras in the contest connected with the Jan. 18-22 launch of the BellSouth Community website (<http://www.bellsouth.com/community>).

These winners were randomly selected when they visited the site and correctly answered BellSouth trivia questions: David Satterwhite, Louisville, Ky.; BellSouth Builders, Betty McKay, BellSouth Mobility, D.C.; Columbia, S.C.; and from BellSouth Technologies, Lori Bradley, Birmingham, Ala.; Guillermo Mendez, San Jose, Calif.; and Vickie Pope, Columbia, Tenn.

The site provides a calendar of events that BellSouth is sponsoring in its communities, ranging from major BellSouth sponsorships to local recycling activities. It is designed to be the largest central collection point for this kind of information.

During the launch, the site logged 6,724 visits from employees. Questions about the contest or the site should be directed to blconami@bellsouth.net.

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Court action on Telecom Act issues

Jan. 25, 1999 — The U.S. Supreme Court upheld the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) ability to establish rules for setting local prices, overturning the 8th Circuit Court decision that had thrown out the interconnection pricing rules. The court also found that the FCC "failed to adequately consider" all factors when it adopted a rule requiring incumbent carriers to provide local network elements to competitors at deep discounts. BellSouth, other Bell holding companies and state regulators had argued that the FCC had exceeded its authority in setting prices that should be set at the state level.

Jan. 18, 1999 — The Supreme Court decided not to consider SBC's appeal of a 5th Circuit Court of Appeals decision. The circuit court had denied SBC's argument that Sections 271-275 of the Telecom Act are an unconstitutional "bill of attainder" that single out the regional Bells for punishment by being prohibited from entering long distance. SBC had been joined by U S WEST and Bell Atlantic. Those sections of the act list the requirements that the Bell holding companies must meet to prove their facilities are open to local competition.

Dec. 22, 1998 — U.S. District Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia rejected BellSouth's argument 3-0 that section 271 is an unlawful bill of attainder and has upheld the FCC's rejection of BellSouth's application to provide long-distance service to South Carolina customers. BellSouth is deciding whether to appeal the decision.

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How do recent court decisions impact BellSouth's quest to enter new markets?

Randy New examines the issues

Three recent court decisions have not favored Bell holding companies in their efforts to reap the benefits of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 — which sanctions many new competitive choices for customers and new growth-market opportunities.

In an interview with *The BellSouth Report*, BellSouth Vice President-Public Policy Randy New talks about the implications of those court decisions for BellSouth and the other roads that BellSouth can travel to reach its goal.

Q. In recent months, we've seen a battery of court decisions on the Telecommunications Act of 1996 that have gone against the Bell holding companies in their efforts to reap the benefits of the act. Could you shed some light on these decisions?

NEW:

It's important for employees to know that, as we work to implement the Telecom Act, we have been trying a number of routes to get into the long-distance business, and to make sure that regulation is fair to us, our cus-

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Randy New

tomers and our shareholders. Our three primary approaches include congressional-based efforts; efforts directed at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the state commissions; and efforts in the courts. It just happens that the route through the courts has not yet produced those results.

As the Supreme Court noted, the Telecommunications Act is a very vaguely worded act. And as the "expert agency" on telecommunications and in its role in regulating the industry, the FCC is given deference by the courts on matters that come before them.

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Also in the courts:

Dec. 28, 1998 — BellSouth asked the U.S. Supreme Court to review the constitutionality of Section 274 of the Telecom Act — prohibiting Bells from entering electronic publishing business. The company is appealing a decision by the District Court of Appeals that rejected the company's argument that Section 274 of the act is also an unlawful bill of attainder. The Supreme Court has not decided whether to hear BellSouth's bill of attainder appeal.

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Working to enter new markets supports a BellSouth ASPIRATION:

To achieve 15 percent sustained revenue growth (\$41 billion) and 20 percent return on assets.

It is very difficult to overturn a decision by the "expert agency."

These court cases, culminating in the Supreme Court decision on Jan. 25 on pricing and recombination, represent one set of tactics that we've had in place to try to get long-distance relief and to try to get a fair regulatory environment.

Q. What will these decisions mean for BellSouth?

NEW:

We've not been overly happy with any of the decisions that have come out recently. We sure would have liked to have won some of these court cases. It would have made the path to relief shorter, and it would have made the rules fairer.

BellSouth and others tried a litigation route to affect the FCC's decision. While we were not successful this time, we continue to try working with the FCC, the DOJ and the state commissions. That route is a slow process. But we are hopeful that we can get inter-ATA (local access and transport area) relief from the FCC and the DOJ that way, and we're hopeful that the FCC's decisions in the future will be more balanced towards us.

Q. What if we don't get more balanced decisions?

NEW:

Congress will continue to be involved and may hold hearings on whether the FCC is implementing the act as Congress had intended or introduce new legislation.

Q. Let's focus on the Jan. 25 Supreme Court decision. Why has it drawn so much news media attention as having great impact on the Bells?

NEW:

The Supreme Court's decision is about two things. One is the ability of the FCC to control and affect pricing of interconnection services. Also, there's the question of whether we have to rebundle network elements into a service identical to our retail service — effective-

ly getting huge discounts against our retail price, and identifying what those elements would be. Those things impact long-distance relief, but have broader implications than long-distance relief.

One way to understand the broader implications of the Supreme Court decision is to focus on GTE. GTE does not need long-distance relief; it's in the business right now. But, like us, GTE sells its network, and resells its network to new competitors. So you might have noticed that GTE's general counsel had a lot to say about the Supreme Court — very positively one day, and more guarded the next day. That's because GTE is as affected by the Supreme Court decision as we are. In other words, every incumbent local exchange carrier is impacted by that decision. It gets to the question of how will we price the services that we offer the new competitors. That's the long and short of it.

Q. With all of the challenges that the decision poses, there was still a slight victory for BellSouth. Could you talk about it?

NEW:

The victory was that the court supported BellSouth's position that the FCC had been too broad in defining which pieces of the network must be sold to competitors.

The decision requires the FCC to examine the question of whether we, in all cases, have to offer loops, transport and the other network elements. The standard the Supreme Court required is that the elements must be necessary for the CLECs (competitive local exchange carriers). So, there will be much debate starting at the FCC and possibly going back to the court, about what elements are necessary and when they're necessary. In Atlanta, for example, there are a lot of switches that CLECs have already installed, and switches are easy enough to get. So a question will be, why

should switching be an unbundled element?

Q. It sounds as if working through the requirements of the Jan. 25 decision is going to demand a considerable amount of our attention at BellSouth.

NEW:

It will be a big focus for us. But I don't want anybody to believe that the FCC is going to radically change its mind and say the network elements list is half of what it used to be. That's not a reasonable expectation. What may be a fair expectation is that in some cases, as to some elements, the FCC may say that we don't have to provide them.

On an interim basis, it is likely that the FCC will require just what they do today, interim meaning until they actually go through the process of determining what's necessary and what's not.

Q. What kind of timetable could this require?

NEW:

I think that the FCC is going to want to get this matter handled quickly, so it could be as little as a couple of months. It could stretch out for a year, if the court is still involved.

Q. What affect does this Supreme Court decision have on the work we've accomplished in our states to enter the long-distance market — such as forming interconnection agreements for connecting competing carriers to our network? Has all of our work been wasted?

NEW:

Absolutely not. What's happening now is that the interconnection agreements that we signed a couple of years ago are coming up for renewal or renegotiation. What could happen, as it did before, is that we could reach an impasse with some of the CLECs on selected issues, and those will go before the state commissions and be arbitrated.

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Foster child beats long odds, meets first lady

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TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) Seventeen years ago, a tiny, frail Margaret Duarte was thrown into the world alone, to make her way through a maze of foster homes. Duarte's future seemed bleak.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Clinton pushes microenterprise funds

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (UPI) Calling it one of the reasons he sought the White House, President Clinton proposed sharply increased federal funding for ``microenterprise'' development on the national and international level.

``This is one of the things that I ran for president to do,'' Clinton declared after listening to a Minnesota woman emotionally describe the economic and personal growth she gained from her own sign-making company.

Microenterprise funding and programs are designed to provide start-up money and advice for very small businesses defined as those generally involving just a few people as a grassroots means of boosting the economy.

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton has been an aggressive advocate of the concept, particularly as a means of helping women gain self-sufficiency in even the poorest countries of the world.

The president, however, focused his announcement on his proposals for sharply boosting funding for domestic microenterprise ventures, which are defined as those with five or fewer employees, at least one of whom is the owner, and which need credit lines no larger than \$25,000.

In his fiscal 2000 budget recommendation issued Monday to Congress, Clinton proposed more than doubling, to \$83 million from \$32 million in this year's budget plan, the total federal support for microenterprise projects.

The money would be used not only to fund and leverage the loans themselves, but to fund organizations that administer them and provide applicants with necessary guidance and technical advice.

Among Clinton's recommendations is the approval of \$20 million for Individual Development Accounts, through which low-income families could receive between \$1 and \$8 for every dollar they save in an IDA. They could be used for such purposes as starting a business, buying a first home or attending college.

The president also outlined his proposals for increased support of microenterprise efforts abroad. The U.S. government has spent an average of \$135 million per year on such projects over the past three years. Among his fiscal 2000 recommendations, Clinton is seeking an extra \$7 million dedicated to countries hit hard by the global financial crisis.

During an East Room ceremony, Clinton also cited the six 1998 winners of his third annual Presidential Awards for Excellence in Microenterprise Development.

Five of the year's winners are organizations that help prospective entrepreneurs: The Micro Industry Credit Rural Organization of Tucson, Ariz.; The Detroit Entrepreneurship Institute Inc. of Detroit; the Northeast Entrepreneur Fund Inc. of Virginia, Minn.; the Institute for Social and Economic Development of Iowa City, Iowa; and the Montana Microbusiness Finance Program of Helena, Mont.

The sixth winner, the Corporation for Enterprise Development of Washington, D.C., is a policy institute that helps such organizations with training and advocacy, and is responsible for launching three of this year's other winners.

One of the beneficiaries of the Minnesota organization, Carol Willoughby, introduced Clinton by saying the microenterprise initiative not only helped her sales grow 20 times since 1991, but reversed her ``low self-esteem and poor self-confidence.''

Willoughby added, ``I couldn't have taken the first step without the Northeast Entrepreneur Fund.''

A Look at the First Lady's Views on Repro

Twenty-six years ago, the Supreme Court handed down its decision in the matter of Roe v. Wade. That decision established the right of women to have a choice in how they control their reproductive functions.

Ever since then, especially on the anniversaries of that decision, a small but determined minority of Americans has staged protest rallies against that decision. Every year newspapers and television stations duly feature these protests.

The vast majority of Americans, those who agree with Roe v. Wade, do not stage rallies and thus get short shrift from the media. At least one organization however, does hold an anniversary luncheon to celebrate the decision. This year, the group, the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights League, invited Hillary Rodham Clinton, First Lady of the land, to deliver the luncheon's keynote remarks.

The speech was broadcast by C-SPAN, but did not make any of the local media. So, I called the White House, and, only in America - with no questions asked - the woman answering the phone at the First Lady's press office said, "We'll fax you a copy."

The speech runs to eight-plus single spaced typed pages, so there isn't room here for the whole thing, but if you read the following summary with an open mind, I believe you'll find that what she had to say makes a lot of sense.

She began by praising the work of the organization and its leaders and honoring the work of Dr. Slepian, the



OB/GYN who was shot to death outside his Buffalo clinic.

She then went on to make three major points. "First, as Americans, most of us believe that the government should never be involved in the personal decision a woman makes about whether to bring a child into this world," she began.

She went on to say: "I hope we remember how fundamental our American values are to this debate. I also hope we will hear the voices of others who have come before us. Just imagine for a minute hearing the voices of the women who lined around the block for hours in 1916, waiting for Margaret Sanger to open the nation's first birth control clinic in Brooklyn. Before the police shut it down ten days later, the clinic managed to help hundreds of women, and they all had their stories to tell. Stories of miscarriages and dangerous and illegal abortions, and the daily struggles to feed, clothe and shelter seven, eight, nine, ten or even more children when there was barely enough to care for one."

Then she added, "Of course we know too well the human history

beyond our shores is replete with examples of inhumanity, and the abuse of power. So every time someone glibly says that we should have a constitutional amendment banning abortion or we should criminalize abortions, I hope we will listen to the voices of those who have been the victims of such practices."

She mentioned Nazi Germany, where some women were forced to have abortions while others were compelled to get pregnant. She cited Ceausescu's Romania where birth control and abortion were banned in an effort to increase the population. And China where...

"Your menstrual cycle and use of contraceptives could be monitored by local authorities. If you wanted to have a child, you needed to get permission or perhaps face punishment. And, after you'd have your one allotted child, you could be sterilized against your will or forced to have an abortion."

Mrs. Clinton's second point was:

"Violence, harassment, and intimidation have no role in our health care system or in this debate. Yes, we should respect each other's First Amendment rights to express our views.

But no one debases values of free speech and religion more than terrorists who claim acting in their name.

And added: "And we can do everything in our power to prevent violence and terrorism before it happens. In the last ten years, there have been seven major bombings, 146 cases of arson, and 733 cases of vandalism. Wherever we stand on the issue of abortion, surely we all agree that when people are murdered, when people are bombed, splattered with acid, or set on fire, that free expression, this domestic terrorism, must stop."

"That's why I'm going to announce that the President's FY 2000 budget will include \$4.5 million to provide extra security clinics at risk. And that means proper lighting, motion detectors, closed circuit cameras, security systems, and bullet-resistant windows."

"You know, we should recognize that nothing can come from people preaching or practicing whether they do it from a street corner or from a website. And no one has taught us this lesson better than the man whose birthday we celebrated this past Monday. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in his speech on this topic 33 years ago

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the First Lady's Views on Reproductive Rights



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beyond our shores is replete with examples of inhumanity, and the abuse of power. So every time someone glibly says that we should have a constitutional amendment banning abortion or we should criminalize abortions, I hope we will listen to the voices of those who have been the victims of such practices."

She mentioned Nazi Germany, where some women were forced to have abortions while others were compelled to get pregnant. She cited Ceausescu's Romania where birth control and abortion were banned in an effort to increase the population. And China where...

"Your menstrual cycle and use of contraceptives could be monitored by local authorities. If you wanted to have a child, you needed to get permission or perhaps face punishment. And, after you'd have your one allotted child, you could be sterilized against your will or forced to have an abortion."

Mrs. Clinton's second point was:

"Violence, harassment, and intimidation have no role in our health care system or in this debate. Yes, we should respect each other's First Amendment rights to express our views,

But no one debases the values of free speech, life and religion more than terrorists who claim to be acting in their name."

And added: "And we can do everything in our power to prevent violence and terrorism before it happens. In the last ten years, there have been seven murders, 38 bombings, 146 cases of arson, and 733 cases of vandalism. Wherever one stands on the issue of abortion, surely we should all agree that when doctors are murdered, when clinics are bombed, splattered with acid, or set on fire, this is not free expression. This is domestic terrorism. And it must stop."

"That's why I'm pleased to announce that the President's FY 2000 budget will include \$4.5 million to provide extra security to clinics at risk. And that means proper lighting, motion detectors, closed-circuit cameras, security systems, and bullet-resistant windows."

"You know, we should recognize that nothing good can come from people preaching or practicing hate whether they do it from a street corner or from a website. And no one has taught us this lesson better than the man whose birthday we celebrated this past Monday, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in his speech about this topic 33 years ago said,

"There is scarcely anything more tragic in life than a child who is not wanted. And that brings me to my third point."

And her third point was: "More than anything, Americans, I think we can find common ground in the belief that all children should be wanted - and that indeed abortions should be rare."

"I have met thousands and thousands of pro-choice men and women. I have never met anyone who is pro-abortion. Being pro-choice is not being pro-abortion. Being pro-choice trusting the individual to make the right decision for herself and her family, and not entrusting that decision to any wearing the authority of government in any regard."

"Now I think we can agree that it is a tragedy when four in ten pregnancies worldwide are unplanned and half of them end in abortion. If we want, really, to reduce these numbers, know we cannot achieve that goal by making abortions harder to get. We must do by standing up for family planning here and around the world."

Of course, Mrs. Clinton had more to say, about reducing teen pregnancies for one thing. However, I ran out of space. If you want to read the entire speech, you can contact the White House or stop in to the Mountain Sun office. There is a copy available for your perusal.

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HEADLINE: Population found dropping in U.S. and other nations;
Depopulation issue for 21st century, some experts say

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BODY:

While a stellar lineup of delegates including first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton spoke in the Netherlands this week on ways to reduce world population, American social policy experts point out fertility rates are already falling here and in dozens of other modern nations.

"The population issue of the 21st century is not going to be overpopulation, but depopulation," says Allan Carlson, president of the Howard Center for Family, Religion and Society in Rockford, Ill.

Mr. Carlson and others who worry about shrinking populations think modern prosperity helps stifle fertility in a country where only 11 states, led by Utah, had fertility rates of more than 2.1 children per woman. They say couples who have disposable incomes, higher education, access to contraception and a wife in the work force have interests that compete with raising children.

And, demographically speaking, "pregnancies delayed - to some extent - are pregnancies denied," American Enterprise Institute scholar Ben Wattenberg wrote in his book on depopulation, "The Birth Dearth."

In the United States, where 28 years of subpar fertility rates have been offset by an influx of young immigrants, social policy experts worry about the long-term consequences of anti-family and anti-marriage policies.

They say family growth - especially among married couples - could be stimulated with tax policies that favor families who are raising children.

The country could also use a new national attitude that says children are valuable to society and large families should be celebrated, Mr. Carlson says. Workplace changes are also key, says Danielle Crittenden, author of "What Our Mothers Didn't Tell Us: Why Happiness Eludes the Modern Woman."

A lot of American women who got jobs, married late and had children in their 30s now say, "They're getting the worst of both worlds," she says. "They're trapped in their jobs, and then they go home and they're exhausted by the demands of motherhood."

Mrs. Crittenden's advice? Follow Grandma's example and marry younger, have babies sooner, and pursue a job after the children are in school. She

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suggests that corporations encourage this cultural shift by welcoming back these educated, skilled mothers and allowing more flexible work schedules for parents.

Getting momentum for cultural reforms to increase fertility won't be easy, however, while people are still arguing over whether overpopulation or depopulation is the main problem.

The world's population is expected to reach 6 billion this year and 8.9 billion by 2050.

In The Hague this week, hundreds of delegates at The Hague forum on population and development are discussing how far the world has come since the 1994 population conference in Cairo, where many reproductive goals were set. A second major meeting on the issue is set for next month in New York.

Fertility rates, which track women's childbearing over their lifetimes, are key indicators of population.

To replace itself, a population needs each woman to have an average of 2.1 children over her lifetime to replace herself and her mate, excluding immigration.

Those who worry about overpopulation note that two-thirds of the world's nations have "replacement-level" or higher fertility rates.

Yemen, for example, leads the world with a fertility rate of 7.6 children per woman, the United Nation's Population Division estimates. Several other countries have similarly high rates.

But those who worry about depopulation note that 58 of the world's countries have less-than-replacement fertility rates. Five of these countries - Bulgaria, Italy, the Czech Republic, Romania and Spain - have a rate of 1.2 children per woman, and other countries, such as Japan, are only slightly higher.

In the United States, only 11 states have replacement-level populations, according to the National Center on Health Statistics. The rest have below-replacement fertility rates, including rates of 1.9 in the District, 1.8 in Maryland and 1.7 in Virginia.

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A BIRTH DEARTH

Twelve years ago, author Ben Wattenberg laid out the probable causes for the ongoing decline in populations. He says fertility tends to drop when:

- * Families move to urban settings, away from rural settings.
- * Young women in college prepare for careers, not marriage and family.
- * Personal wealth increases.
- * Women of childbearing age enter the labor force.

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- * Women have easy access to abortion and contraception.
- * Homosexuality is present.
- * Marriage is delayed, because it reduces the years a woman is likely to bear a child in wedlock.
- * First births are delayed.
- * Divorce occurs, because it typically removes, sometimes forever, a woman from the pool of likely mothers.
- * Women age, because their decreased fecundity makes conception and pregnancy more difficult.
- * There are high numbers of unmarried women and cohabiting couples.
- * There are high rates of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.
- * There is wide acceptance of the belief that marriage and raising a family aren't necessarily priorities in a woman's life.
- * There is wide acceptance of the belief that raising a child is costly.
- * There is wide acceptance of the belief that "too many people" create pollution, drain resources and cause poverty.

Source: "The Birth Dearth," 1987, by Ben J. Wattenberg, American Enterprise Institute

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have to make ``the painful choice between the beat you cover and the talk show you love.''

The keynote address was delivered by radio personality Garrison Keillor, who aimed his wit even more directly at the reporters and Clinton's Republican critics.

``He is, I think, at the point in a two-term presidency where a man would naturally prefer foreign travel,' ' Keillor said of Clinton. ``A chance to get away from Washington and its malcontents, and to drive through throngs of hundreds of thousands of people waving tiny flags.

``A wonderful prospect, compared to sitting and eating fish at the Washington Hilton with a group of people who would regard your downfall as a professional opportunity.''

``But this is a very durable president,' ' Keillor added. ``He has already gone 400 days beyond when Sam Donaldson announced his resignation.''

``F. Scott Fitzgerald said there are no second acts in American lives,' ' Keillor said. ``But he was wrong. He did not know Mr. Clinton, who's already had two or three.''

But Keillor called the dinner a sign that ``people who distrust each other, and with good reason, can still get together and break bread.''

``Of course,' ' he added, ``the same happens at any Republican prayer breakfast.''

Keillor cited resigned House Speaker Newt Gingrich as a prime example of the penalties of arrogance.

Recalling the speaker's infamous complaint about being forced to exit Air Force One through a rear door, Keillor raised the image of Gingrich spending the rest of his life victimized by airline ticket agents who will forever ``delight in finding a way to put him back in Seat 20-E. Back in the middle seat between two 300-pound men with shaved heads.''

Clinton said he would have joked about the House Republicans who led their party's bid to impeach him in the Senate, but said it ``wouldn't be fair' ' in their absence, as ``they're all at the Taliban correspondents' dinner.''

Keillor likewise offered ridicule to his hosts. ``These people have made a fine living for more than a year now standing in front of the White House and saying that it isn't entirely clear what will happen next, but that something probably will, and we should know soon,' ' he said.

Both Clinton and Keillor included references to the ongoing speculation about whether the first lady will seek the Senate seat from New York.

Depicting a scene from a future campaign stop in New York, Keillor mused: ``It's interesting to imagine Mr. Clinton sitting on a platform and maintaining a pleasant, interested look on his face, listening to the candidate's speech, and remembering to beam at the happy parts and to grimace at the serious stuff.

``And then to come back to Washington perhaps as a member of a group of older women who get together to volunteer for literacy programs,' ' he said.

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BC-POLITICS-HILLARY

Mrs. Clinton talks to NY leaders on candidacy-NYT

NEW YORK (Reuters) - First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton has discussed her possible candidacy for a New York Senate seat with more than 50 influential Democrats in the state, the New York Times reported Friday.

Quoting some of the people she spoke to by telephone, the newspaper said the first lady did not hint at which way she would finally decide.

There has been fierce speculation in recent weeks over Mrs. Clinton's possible bid in 2000 for the seat being vacated by New York's Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, who is retiring.

The New York Times said Mrs. Clinton has told some of the people that she planned to do polling and was seeking ways to raise money even before making her decision on whether to enter the race.

Her advisers told the newspaper she has made her way through the Democratic power structure, reaching out to local Democrat leaders, fund-raisers, and leaders of the black, Jewish, Hispanic and women's groups.

A New York Times/CBS poll published on Thursday found that the first lady would beat New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani by nine percentage points if the two were candidates for the seat and the election were held today.

When asked which candidate they would vote for if Senate election were held today, 48 percent said they would support Mrs. Clinton and 39 percent said Giuliani.

Neither the Democratic first lady nor the Republican mayor have declared their candidacy for the seat. But many believe that if they did, the competition would be fierce and likely closer than early polls indicate.

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BC-CLINTON-DINNER

Clinton is in joking mood at broadcast media gala

By Thomas Ferraro

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - President Clinton, on the eve of his first formal, solo news conference in almost a year, poked good-natured fun Thursday at some of the White House reporters who will grill him.

Clinton, attending the 55th dinner of the Radio and Television Correspondents' Association along with first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, told more than 2,200 banqueters: ``I know the press corps has been busy preparing questions for me. Well, I've been busy working on the answers.''
``Forget the questions,' ' Clinton said. ``Here are the answers: ... The longest peacetime expansion in history. No, I didn't watch it. No, I haven't read it.''

Responses like that became familiar in the course of the White House sex scandal and its impeachment aftermath over the last year as reporters sought Clinton's reactions to various print and television revelations.

The annual black-tie gala is a major date on the Washington social calendar and a chance for the president to tell a few jokes, often at the expense of reporters, members of Congress and even himself.

``I want to thank you for your invitation to have dinner with 2,000 members of the Washington press,' ' Clinton said. ``I accepted. If this isn't contrition, I don't know what is.''

``I know it's been a long time since I had a press conference, but I remember it well. All those questions about Zoe Baird,' ' Clinton joked.

The reference was to a 1993 press conference at which he was forced to defend his first -- and ultimately unsuccessful -- nominee for attorney general.

His news conference at 4 p.m. EST Friday will be his first formal appearance alone before the White House press corps since April 30, 1998.

Clinton also used the gala to roast the Republican House managers who unsuccessfully prosecuted him before the Senate on perjury and obstruction-of-justice charges for his attempts to hide his relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

He said he wanted to criticize the managers but it would be unfair because they were not at the function.

``They're at the Taleban Correspondents' Association dinner,' ' he quipped. The Taleban are the hard-line Muslim movement that controls the capital of Afghanistan.

Clinton added he had heard that the Republican managers wanted to appeal the Senate's decision to acquit him to the judges of the drawn heavyweight championship fight between Evander Holyfield and Lennox Lewis. Many boxing fans and commentators thought the judges' decision last Saturday was wrong and Lewis should have won.

The president, who has had a foreign head of state at his side for almost all his appearances before the news media in the past 10 months, told the dinner guests: ``All in all, this hasn't been too bad.

``So I'll see you tomorrow in the East Room. I'll be the guy without the red sash.''

Earlier, Clinton slowly rose to his feet, then walked to the podium to shake the hand of ABC's Jackie Judd, who received the Joan Barone prize for her coverage of the Lewinsky scandal.

``I appreciate the president's graciousness this evening,' ' Judd said. Among her exclusives was the report that Lewinsky had saved a semen-stained blue dress.

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AM-TN--Children's Symposium,230

First lady to join authors, scholars at conference

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NORRIS, Tenn. (AP) Hillary Rodham Clinton will join more than 300 scholars, authors, historians and policymakers at a symposium Friday on children, race, poverty and the arts.

The Children's Defense Fund has organized the event, which continues through the weekend, at the retreat it has established at the former farm of the late ``Roots'' author Alex Haley, about 20 miles north of Knoxville.

Mrs. Clinton will participate in the dedication of a library designed by Vietnam Memorial architect Maya Lin, the last unfinished building on the Haley property.

Then the first lady will join U.S. poet laureate Rita Dove and Gordon Conway of the Rockefeller Foundation in a discussion of ``books that changed and inspired lives.''

Other scheduled participants are authors Joyce Carol Oates and Toni Morrison, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, Labor Secretary Alexis Herman, National Urban League President Hugh Price and home and garden personality Martha Stewart.

``We are convening this unusual, eclectic and absolutely essential forum because, while nothing matters more than our children, our society treats them as if nothing matters less,' ' defense fund President Marian Wright Edelman said.

She said she hoped the meeting would ``help to challenge artificial barriers of conventional wisdom' ' and lead to ``not just excitement but new hope for a brighter future in the new millennium.''

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BC-CLINTON-SCANDAL-HILLARY 1STLD

Starr probe considered indicting first lady

(adds testimony, quotes, background)

By Steve Barnes

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (Reuters) - Whitewater prosecutors considered filing a criminal charge against first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton in 1996 but never passed the draft stage, a senior aide to Kenneth Starr testified on Thursday.

The precise nature of the draft indictment was not made clear in testimony by Starr deputy Hickman Ewing in the latest Whitewater trial of Clinton business partner Susan McDougal.

Ewing, Starr's chief deputy in the Arkansas side of the investigation of President and Mrs. Clinton, was asked by McDougal's lawyer whether he had drafted a criminal indictment against the first lady.

Ewing initially responded that he could not say positively. Under persistent questioning by defense attorney Mark Geragos, Ewing acknowledged, "I would say yes, but qualify that," he said.

"It was just my own thinking, typically we would circulate it through the office to think things through."

The courtroom questioning did not clarify why the indictment was never issued.

Ewing was the defense's first witness in Susan McDougal's trial on charges of obstructing justice and criminal contempt of court for refusing to answer questions from a Whitewater grand jury about the Clintons' financial past.

Ewing testified that his interviews with Hillary Clinton had raised questions by April 1996 about some aspects of her relationship to loans and land transactions at the heart of Starr's Whitewater investigation.

"She was in conflict with interviews we had already done," Ewing said, including interviews with Mrs Clinton's fellow attorneys at the Rose Law Firm in Little Rock.

McDougal has argued she did not testify to the grand jury because she thought her words would be twisted to harm the Clintons.

In line with the defense's strategy, Geragos's questions to Ewing appeared to be aimed at showing the Starr investigation was predisposed against the Clintons.

Geragos asked Ewing if he had developed doubts about Hillary Clinton's truthfulness by April 1996.

"That is correct. The same was true of the president," Ewing said, adding that in his judgment, both Clintons should have known more answers to some questions about aspects of the Whitewater business affairs.

"You did tell people you thought they were lying, didn't you?" Geragos asked.

"I don't know if I used the L-word or not, but I expressed internally that I had some problems with some of the answers from the first lady and the president," Ewing said.

Earlier this week, Hillary Clinton said she knew nothing about financial transactions in the Whitewater real estate deal in a videotape of previously secret grand jury testimony played for the McDougal jury on Tuesday.

The Clintons invested with Susan and James McDougal in the Whitewater real estate project in the late 1970s. The real estate venture failed but questions surrounding its finances led to Starr's investigation.

Susan McDougal and her ex-husband were convicted of fraud in a Whitewater-linked case in 1996. James McDougal died in prison last year.

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(UPI Focus)

Hillary on the move

By HELEN THOMAS

UPI White House Reporter

WASHINGTON, March 18 (UPI) Hillary Rodham Clinton is becoming active again after a bout with an ailing back and she is resuming several high profile appearances.

The first lady will address the Association of American Publishers at a noon luncheon, and will accompany the president to the annual Radio-Television dinner in the evening.

She plans to fly to Knoxville, Tenn., Friday to take part in a national dialogue on children and she will cut the ribbon on the new Langston Hughes Library in Knoxville.

Without missing a beat she will fly to North Africa on a nearly two-week journey Saturday, taking along her daughter Chelsea, 19, who will be on spring break. The trip includes speechmaking at every stop in Egypt, Tunisia and Morocco and sightseeing of the antiquities.

Meantime, she is reported to be seriously considering a run for a Senate seat from New York in her first bid for elective office. But she is taking her time in deciding whether to seek the seat, which will be vacated by Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, a fellow Democrat.

The first lady is playing her cards close to the chest. Her close friends say they cannot predict whether she will seek public office after years of laboring behind the scenes in political campaigns.

She has consulted with top New York Democrats, the movers and shakers in seeking advice. Should she choose to run she is likely to face New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani as her Republican opponent.

She is undoubtedly intrigued with the possibility of running, having touched base with several New York political pros. But she has yet to tilt her hand and apparently is holding off on a decision.

Chelsea, who has made many world travels with her mother, will be on spring break from Stanford University, and has learned the ropes and meets the people with friendly poise.

Also traveling with the first lady will be several members of her staff and a dozen members of the media.

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BC-CLINTON-HILLARY-TRIP 1STLD

Mrs. Clinton to tour sands, souks in North Africa

(Adds name of aide in 4th para, comments on Tunisia, details)

By Randall Mikkelsen

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton leaves Saturday for the sands and souks of North Africa, where she will take a break from speculation on her political plans and pursue a broad international agenda.

During a 12-day visit to Egypt, Tunisia and Morocco, Mrs. Clinton will promote the rights of women and children, education and an expansion of democracy, while seeking to bridge a gap of suspicion between the Islamic world and the West.

As she takes in a sunrise from a desert encampment and the sunsets of Marrakesh, the first lady will relegate to the back of her mind her deliberations on whether to run for a New York Senate seat, aides said. Those deliberations have prompted intense interest among the American public.

"She's going to be concentrating on this trip ... There's a lot of issues that she's got to focus on," said Mrs. Clinton's spokeswoman, Marsha Berry. "Whether she will muse (about her Senate possibilities), one never knows."

Friends of Mrs. Clinton have frequently said that long before she began entertaining the idea of a Senate run, she had an interest in serving in an international capacity, such as United Nations ambassador, after President Clinton leaves office in 2001.

She has taken some 20 foreign trips solo as first lady, in addition to her travels with the president. She canceled plans to travel to Central America with the president last week, fueling speculation about the state of their marriage after President Clinton's impeachment trial. But aides said she needed to nurse a bad back ahead of her North Africa trip.

The Clintons' daughter, Chelsea, will accompany the first lady to North Africa.

In a speech Tuesday in Washington, Mrs. Clinton said she hoped to bring America and the Arab world closer together.

"For too long, our close ties with the Arab world have been compromised by negative stereotyping on both sides," she said.

"With populations that total almost one-half of the Arab world, these countries represent a diversity of cultures, ethnic groups, and histories, and provide us an opportunity to learn more about what they are doing, about their history, and to become closer friends and partners in building a better future," she said.

To this end, she will tour historic Islamic areas of Cairo and Egypt's ancient Valley of the Kings, visit a mosque and Roman ruins in Tunisia and explore the casbahs of Morocco. She will camp out in the Moroccan desert and visit rural villages throughout her trip.

The first lady will also deliver speeches promoting her international goals, as well as meet privately with leaders of the countries she visits, U.S. officials said.

On Tuesday in Cairo, she will talk about her own experience with Islam in calling for religious tolerance and an end to stereotypes, after a Monday stop to highlight Egypt's minority Coptic Christians, who have faced attacks from Islamic fundamentalists.

In Tunisia next Friday, she is expected to cite the advanced status of women's rights in the country. She also is likely to subtly nudge Tunisia toward allowing greater political expression, an issue of concern to the U.S. government, aides said.

And in Morocco on March 29, she is to speak about the country's opening political system and religious tolerance.

Mrs. Clinton will also use stops at schools, health clinics and U.S. aid projects to highlight the importance of expanding education, particularly for girls, and of creating economic opportunities for women.

She will touch only gingerly on the Middle East peace process, mostly by

commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

In May, Mrs. Clinton stunned many in the Israeli government and inspired Palestinians by endorsing the idea of an eventual Palestinian state.

A senior State Department official said Mrs. Clinton would not revisit the Palestinian issue on her trip, and that she agreed with Clinton administration policy that the issue is one to be decided in ``final status'' talks between Israel and the Palestinians.

Mrs. Clinton had originally planned to visit Israel and Jordan during her trip, but she said she had to postpone that portion due to pending Israeli elections and the death of Jordan's King Hussein.

During her stay in Morocco, Mrs. Clinton will have a chance to indulge in a travel fantasy she and the president have long shared. ``The first lady and the president have always wanted to see the sunset in Marrakesh, so she'll get a chance to do that,' ' a U.S. official said.

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PM-OH--Clinton Visit,290

Sponsor of Cincinnati fund-raiser praises Clinton's decision

CINCINNATI (AP) President Clinton made the right decision when he postponed a fund-raising trip because American-led NATO forces were bombing Yugoslavia, said a Democratic activist who would have hosted the president.

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AM-CA--Clinton California,335

President cancels convention appearance, LA fund-raiser amid Kosovo
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By SCOTT LINDLAW= Associated Press Writer=

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) President Clinton on Wednesday canceled his weekend political trip to California, citing the American and allied airstrikes against Kosovo.

Clinton was to attend a Democratic National Committee fund-raiser in Los Angeles on Friday night and address the California Democratic Party Convention on Saturday. He was also scheduled to attend a DNC dinner in Las Vegas prior to that.

Elizabeth Newman, a White House spokeswoman, said Clinton scrapped the entire western swing.

``He will try to reschedule those events that he can, but he wants to be in Washington now as events are unfolding in Kosovo,'' Newman said.

Clinton's absence will deprive California Democrats of their biggest star when they gather this weekend in Sacramento for their annual convention.

But Art Torres, chairman of the state Democratic Party, said attendees would appreciate the magnitude of Clinton's duties as commander-in-chief. The party planned to dedicate the convention to military men and women participating in the operation, he said.

``The president's decision to cancel his trip to our convention will be understood by all the delegates as the right decision,'' he said.

Gov. Gray Davis had planned to fly on Air Force One with Clinton from Los Angeles to Sacramento and introduce him at the convention Saturday. The governor said his profile was likely to rise at the convention.

``I would expect they'd want me to sit in for him at the lunch on Saturday, which is a fund-raising lunch for the party,'' Davis said Wednesday. ``We haven't had a chance to inquire whether or not the DNC event for him in Los Angeles is going on without him, or whether it was postponed to a subsequent date.''

Melissa Bonney Radcliffe, a DNC spokeswoman, said the event would likely be rescheduled.

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President cancels Calif. appearances because of Kosovo strikes

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By SCOTT LINDLAW= Associated Press Writer=

SACRAMENTO (AP) President Clinton, hunkered down in the White House for the American and allied airstrikes against Kosovo, has canceled his weekend political trip to California in a move that is certain to make Gov. Gray Davis the star at the Democratic convention here.

Clinton was to attend a Democratic National Committee fund-raiser in Los Angeles on Friday night and address the California Democratic Party convention on Saturday. He was also scheduled to attend a DNC dinner in Las Vegas and to visit Ohio prior to that.

``He will try to reschedule those events that he can, but he wants to be in Washington now as events are unfolding in Kosovo,'' said Elizabeth Newman, a White House spokeswoman.

Clinton's absence will deprive California Democrats of their biggest star when they gather this weekend in Sacramento for their annual convention.

But Art Torres, chairman of the state Democratic Party, said attendees would appreciate the magnitude of Clinton's duties as commander-in-chief. The party planned to dedicate the convention to military men and women participating in the operation, he said.

``The president's decision to cancel his trip to our convention will be understood by all the delegates as the right decision,'' he said.

Davis had planned to fly on Air Force One with Clinton from Los Angeles to Sacramento and introduce him at the convention Saturday. The governor said his profile was likely to rise at the convention.

``I would expect they'd want me to sit in for him at the lunch on Saturday, which is a fund-raising lunch for the party,'' Davis said Wednesday. ``We haven't had a chance to inquire whether or not the DNC event for him in Los Angeles is going on without him, or whether it was postponed to a subsequent date.''

Melissa Bonney Radcliffe, a DNC spokeswoman, said the event would likely be rescheduled.

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First lady gained popularity, respect as scandal deepened

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This portrait of Hillary Rodham Clinton was taken at the White House by Annie Leibovitz for the cover of the December issue of *Vogue* magazine. The image of the first lady has changed throughout the years of her husband's service in public office.

BY ERICA WERNER
ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

From health care wonk to radiant *Vogue* cover girl, from the anti-Tammy Wynette to her husband's biggest fan — first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton has radically transformed her persona during President Clinton's years in office.

The hardheaded woman whom many Americans initially couldn't stomach has emerged as the administration's brilliant star, the dynamic force behind the Democrats' unexpected success in November and staunch defender of her husband's presidency.

And, observers increasingly predict, future senator from New York.

"Hillary Clinton is a political animal, and she will seek political vindication for the embarrassing slash-humiliation that has been waged on her by what she considers the vast, right-wing conspiracy," said historian Douglas Brinkley, a professor at the University of New Orleans and author of books on former Presidents Carter and Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

"There's no sweeter vindication than at the ballot box and to go out and stare her opponents in the eyes and take away a Senate seat from the Republicans in New York."

Some associates, like former press secretary Lisa Caputo, think Mrs. Clinton won't run. Caputo told *Newsweek* in late December that she could not see the first lady braving today's political climate to seek elected office.

Even if Mrs. Clinton never becomes Sen. Clinton, no one disputes her success — especially in the months since the Lewinsky scandal broke — in mustering support and in putting forth an image as a polished and intelligent statesman who is also a loving and protective wife and mother. Her graciousness and committed advocacy of good causes has been compared to Eleanor Roosevelt's, her regal stoicism to Jacqueline Kennedy's.

Even Republicans have come to respect her. House Republican strategist Rich Galen described her to *The New York Times* as "the one beacon of light in the entire administration."

Mrs. Clinton's successful wooing of America comes after years of looking like her husband's albatross, not his biggest asset.

Mrs. Clinton made widely publicized gaffes during the 1992 presidential campaign, offending some when she told Mike Wallace that she wasn't the Tammy Wynette type and angering homemakers by acidly remarking that she chose a career over staying at home baking cookies — a remark she paid for by publicly passing around plates of them.

Clinton won, but the Clintons' "two-for-one" candidacy did not fulfill its promise. Mrs. Clinton took on health care reform and failed humiliatedly in 1994, helping pave the way for the Republicans' takeover of Congress.

"Wifewater?" David Brock called a chapter of his book *The Seduction of Hillary Rodham*, published in 1996 when Mrs. Clinton was at the center of the Whitewater investigation. During the same period columnist William Safire accused her of being a "congenital liar," and in February 1996 *Newsweek* put an unflattering photo of her on the cover, its tag line a rhetorical question: "Saint or Sinner?"

Mrs. Clinton was working on her image. Ridiculed at first for her headbands and often changing hairstyles, she settled on a sleek bob. In mid-January 1996, not long before appearing before a federal grand jury in Washington to answer questions about her legal work for a corrupt Arkansas savings and loan, she published

her first book, *It Takes a Village*, which became a best seller.

Her popularity took off after the Lewinsky scandal broke in January 1998. In July, 64 percent of Americans responding to a national poll published in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* said they approved of the job she was doing; 55 percent said they had a favorable opinion of her, and 56 percent said it was appropriate that her role in national policy be more prominent than any other first lady's.

Gallons of ink have been spent dissecting the roots and genesis of Mrs. Clinton's appeal and attempting to answer the questions that her fierce but unexplained loyalty to a philandering husband inevitably raises. More than 20 books have been written about her and more are in the works, at least twice as many as exist about her predecessor, Barbara Bush.

Is Mrs. Clinton glowing radiant in the spotlight now only because her husband's place in history is going up in flames, and she's getting the sympathy vote? Does the public approve of her now only because it's impossible not to feel for a woman whose husband cheated on her? Has she sacrificed some of her tough-mindedness to make us like her?

"There are now, what, 70 million words in print about Hillary Clinton and her evolving role," said Diane Blair, a former University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, political scientist who has known Mrs. Clinton since the mid-1970s.

Blair doesn't buy the idea that the public has softened to Mrs. Clinton only because they see her standing by her man in hallowed female fashion or because people sympathize with her difficult position.

More interesting to Blair are the parallels that she sees between the evolution of Mrs. Clinton as first lady of the nation and a similar evolution as first lady of Arkansas.

In 1978, when Clinton, 32, became the youngest governor-elect in state history. Arkansians had trouble accepting his sloppily dressed, almost hippie-ish wife from up North. "But by the time Gov. Clinton had ended his many years in office, she was greatly respected and appreciated by the people of Arkansas because they began to see that her commitments were genuine and very productive for them," Blair said. "I think you're seeing something of

the same thing happen now. "There was misunderstanding, there was curiosity, there were some bizarre stereotypes of who she really was. And I think that there is now a deeper understanding on the part of the American people of who she is and how fortunate they are to have someone of her intelligence and commitment."

Blair and other friends of Mrs. Clinton's reject the idea that she is selling herself short to get public support to prop up her husband or to forward her own political ambitions.

"I think everybody changes a lot over 25 years and certainly she looks different, but we all do," said Pulaski County Chancellor Ellen Brantley, who has known Mrs. Clinton since they were in college together at Wellesley. "And I don't know that I would attribute it strictly to purposes of political gain."

"To me, many of the issues that are important to her are the same ones that were important to her 25 years ago," Brantley added, naming children, education and women's health as the big ones.

Was Brantley surprised to see her friend on the cover of December's *Vogue*? "Well," she said, "I was surprised only in the extent that I don't look at *Vogue* very often and I didn't know that they usually did people in public life."

"But no, I thought she looked great. And given that she's about a year older than me, I can't think of anything better for a 50-year-old woman than to see someone a year older than her looking better than 99 percent of the people you ever see."

For Brinkley, Mrs. Clinton resonates with the public, especially women, because she is living out many of the contradictions and difficulties that any woman coming of age since the '60s faces, the knotty problems inherent in balancing work with family.

"I think the American people warmed up to Hillary Clinton when they saw that she was a conflicted woman, because that is the predicament of the modern American woman," Brinkley said. "If you watch shows that are popular, like *Ally McBeal*, they show the difficulty that's come to surface in the women's movement of creating one's own occupational destiny yet being trapped by certain more traditional views of femininity."

"In other words, she's kind of a representational figure of the state of the women's movement in the 1990s."

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HEADLINE: OF COVER PORTRAITS, COLOR PHOTOS AND THE LOOK OF NEWS

BYLINE: Bob Greene.

DATELINE: NEW YORK

BODY:

Not that the editors of the country's leading newsmagazines need my advice. .

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But there was a lesson to be learned on the newsstands of the United States last week.

Both Time and Newsweek featured Hillary Rodham Clinton on their covers. The reason was the speculation about whether she would run for the U.S. Senate from New York; both stories summed up the arguments for and against.

You could get pretty much the same information from both magazines. And on both covers, there was Hillary Clinton, smiling.

But there was a significant difference in the covers. Newsweek's illustration of Mrs. Clinton was a photograph, taken by Ron Haviv. Time's was a portrait -- painted for the magazine by artist Aaron Shikler.

So what?

So . . . Time's cover felt like a return to the old Time magazine -- Time magazine when the covers were routinely painted or drawn by portrait artists. You have to be a certain age to remember that -- to remember when Time would arrive at your parents' house every week, sitting in the mailbox with an authority and symbolic weight that no magazine of any kind has today. Time was the official word about what had gone on in the world during the past seven days -- and nothing made Time feel like Time more than that cover portrait.

The portrait said: We are serious and seasoned. The portrait said: We have money and resources and we spend them elegantly. The portrait said: We are a magazine of gravity and sophistication. We determine what matters and how it should be seen. We commission; we bestow. We are not just a summation of the news -- we are a gallery of what is of consequence.

Haughty? Oh, yes. Presumptuous? The most presumptuous. Self-assured? To a fault.

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In those days, a newsmagazine was able to choose to be all those things. The country was not so wired and interconnected; millions of people not only accepted, but wanted, an imperious voice from New York to enter their homes and announce to them what was worthy of their attention. And the cover portraits were an essential ingredient. The cover portraits were often more memorable than the stories inside.

As the world speeded up -- not just technologically, but viscerally -- the cover portrait faded. Newsweek had never relied on portraits quite so much as Time, but both magazines started to favor color cover photographs -- often breaking-news photographs. Photos said "new"; photos said "right now." The assumption was that a country newly dependent on television demanded TV immediacy even in its printed media; if viewers saw a video image on television on Saturday, why would they want a portrait on Monday? Give them a cover photo -- show them that magazines can be as quick as television.

Except, of course, magazines can't. Magazines can be very speedy -- but they can't be instantaneous. TV can; the growing worldwide computer network can. But no magazine can be as live as a live television event or a computer-network posting.

So why should editors emphasize that time lag by going back to portraits?

Because the thing that magazines can do best, when they want to, is to provide a sense of reflection, of considered thought, of perspective based on intelligence and experience. Often -- much to the regret of some of us -- the newsmagazines today resort to the same kind of glibness and quick hits as cable television. But magazines make a mistake when they try to compete with TV news bulletins -- they can't do it, that's not what their readers expect of them, they're destined to fail at it.

The newsmagazines, as edited today, appear to believe that their future is based upon commentary. That may very well be correct. But the commentary, to differentiate itself from cable cacophony, must be erudite and educated. It must, in essence, take a deep breath -- it must say to its readers: We know what we're talking about, and we would like to share it with you.

Same with the covers. Are cover portraits old-fashioned? They don't have to be -- they can feel like a new concept. Commentary? Portraits can be the ultimate, most profound commentary. Portraits are the anti-cacophony -- a sign that inside the magazine are voices confident enough of themselves that they don't have to shout. From the magazine past can come the magazine future. In a package that says: We are different from anything else you see or read.

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HEADLINE: Run, Hillary, Run!

BODY:

Now that Bill Clinton's political future has been settled, Topic A in Washington is the political future of his wife. Should Hillary Rodham Clinton run for the Senate in New York in 2000? She has let it be known she'll decide "later this year." We think she should quit hedging (and thereby quit selfishly forcing other would-be candidates to put their own planning on hold). Run, Hillary, run. We're far from certain that her brand of righteous liberalism is what the people of New York want or need in the United States Senate. But we are sure that it would be healthy for the country to find out. For the past six years, the first lady has played the power behind the throne in Bill Clinton's White House, wielding the kind of unofficial clout over both personnel and policy that makes staffers quake in their boots--but for which she cannot formally be held accountable. It's time that this democratically untenable situation came to an end.

All first ladies risk being accused of meddling in affairs of state--and, in many cases, the charges are accurate. (Remember Nancy Reagan and her astrologer?) Even before the start of the Clinton presidency, however, Hil and Bill were particularly brazen about portraying themselves as a two-for-the-price-of-one package deal. But as critics--tnr included--pointed out at the time, only one member of the team answered directly to the voters. Hillary's role fostered widespread mistrust, especially when she took the helm of the administration's health care plan in 1994, directing what would have been an overhaul of one-fifth of the nation's economy from behind closed doors. Her high-handedness and sanctimony played badly in Congress and helped doom the plan--and then, in the 1994 congressional elections, the HillaryCare fiasco helped defeat the Democratic Party, too.

After that, the White House labored to recast the first lady in more traditional, apolitical terms, turning her into a cheerleader for wholesome-sounding causes like child care and human rights--and dispatching her on goodwill tours around the globe. But, even in her lower-profile role, the first lady continued to call many of the shots at the White House and to raise hackles with her occasionally errant policy pronouncements. Of particular note, speaking via satellite to a group of Arab and Israeli children gathered in Switzerland last May, she observed: "I think it will be in the long-term interests of the Middle East for Palestine to be a state." This clumsy (but undoubtedly intentional) utterance at a sensitive moment prompted then-Representative Charles Schumer to charge that the peace process had been damaged. The White House apparently agreed; it felt constrained to dismiss Clinton's sentiments as "personal" remarks that in no way reflected a shift in the long-standing U.S. policy that the ultimate political status of the Palestinians should be worked out in talks with Israel. But it was too late: Arab and Israeli leaders, perfectly aware of whose opinions count at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, had

already drawn their own, rather different conclusions.

It would be interesting to see how the first lady handles questions about this misstep when she visits, oh, say, Brooklyn during her New York campaign. She would have to make the political Hobson's choice between standing up for her view or disavowing it--and she would have to make similar choices on a whole range of complex policy issues ranging from trade to Social Security reform to crime to welfare. And what the Republicans didn't press her on, the media would. Hillary has never had particularly warm relations with reporters. As an unelected and formally unaccountable first lady she can deal with the press on terms of her own choosing. But as a Senate candidate Hillary would forfeit that right. The press would be entitled to question her not only about her favorite policy issues but also on her least favorite personal questions--everything from her curious dealings with an Arkansas commodities trader to the missing Rose Law Firm billing records.

Early polls show her ahead of New York City's Republican mayor, Rudy Giuliani, and the buzz is that Giuliani would bow out of the Senate race rather than take on Hillary. A Giuliani wimp-out would be a shame, not only because it would represent the presumptive victory of a democratically untested politician over a twice-elected public official with a solid record of accomplishment. It would also validate the first lady's too-cute transition from feminist icon to apostle of celebrity victimhood. As a policy wonk trying to overhaul the nation's health care system, she was loathed by the public. As a wronged wife smiling serenely on the cover of Vogue, she is America's darling. This is a posture that also deserves to be tested in the rough-and-tumble of the electoral arena.

Despite her reputation--and self-conception--as a feminist, the truth about Hillary is that her career in law and politics has been largely derivative of her husband's career; her power and her celebrity are, and always have been, a function not only of her own smarts but also of her marriage to this particular politician. Even before the Year of Monica turned her into a postergirl for wronged womanhood (in heaven, Tammy Wynette is enjoying a hearty, ironic chuckle over that), Hillary Rodham Clinton never truly personified female liberation but rather the old adage that behind every great man stands a great woman. Win or lose, entering the New York Senate race would at last oblige Hillary to step out from the shadow of the flawed man she has been standing by so steadfastly, and it would let some actual voters decide just how great she really is.

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HEADLINE: Giuliani Sees Politics Behind Probes

BYLINE: DONNA DE LA CRUZ
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BODY:

Federal and state officials are separately investigating the New York Police Department after a congressman asked them to focus on ''stop and frisk'' practices by a unit that includes four officers who fatally shot an unarmed immigrant.

Colleen Roche, a spokeswoman for Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, said the investigations appeared to have more to do with Hillary Rodham Clinton's desire to run for Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan's seat than wrongdoing by the NYPD. Giuliani, a Republican, is also a potential candidate.

''The timing of this is very curious,'' Ms. Roche said in The New York Times. '' We just hope that all of the Clinton administration officials and Democratic Attorney General (Eliot) Spitzer don't bump into each other as they rush to conduct their investigations.''

The mayor said Thursday he welcomed Spitzer's investigation, and Deputy Police Commissioner Marilyn Mode said the NYPD would cooperate with the federal probe.

''If this investigation is conducted fairly, it will demonstrate that the NYPD is truly one of the most restrained police forces in the country,'' she said.

Spitzer, elected as state attorney general last year, said the inquiry is not in response to any one incident not even the shooting of Amadou Diallo by four officers Feb. 4.

Federal investigators will look into police training ''and the lack of sensitivity to the diverse cultures, languages and needs of the city's immigrant groups,'' Rep. Jose Serrano said Thursday.

Serrano asked federal prosecutors, who already are working with the U.S. attorney in Brooklyn probing police tactics, to look into the Street Crime Unit's ''stop and frisk'' practices.

The NYPD's patrol guide states that a police officer can stop someone if he reasonably suspects the person has committed or is about to commit a crime. The officer can frisk a person if he reasonably suspects he is in danger of being

physically hurt.

The guide lists several factors that could constitute reasonable suspicion, such as a person's demeanor; any knowledge the officer has about a person's background or character; any bulges in his clothing; the time of day; the particular streets involved; and the proximity to a crime scene.

Improper searches are a common complaint made to the Civilian Complaint Review Board, which investigates alleged police misconduct. Last year, there were 565 such complaints, a 6 percent increase over 1997, when there were 531 complaints.

Also on Thursday, Kweisi Mfume, the president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and 58 other demonstrators were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct in a protest over Diallo's death.

It was the eighth day this month of such protests at police headquarters. A total of 148 people have been arrested at the Diallo protests, including former Mayor David Dinkins and Reps. Charles Rangel and Gregory Meeks.

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HEADLINE: Starr aide cites draft indictment of first lady

BYLINE: By Pete Yost, Associated Press

BODY:

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. - Kenneth W. Starr's top deputy testified yesterday that he had questioned the truthfulness of the president and Hillary Rodham Clinton inside the prosecutor's office, and had even drafted an indictment of the first lady.

"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," said W. Hickman Ewing Jr. when asked whether he had ever referred to the Clintons as "liars."

Subpoenaed as the lead defense witness at the trial of Susan McDougal, one of the Clintons' former Whitewater partners, Ewing testified about some of the inner workings of Starr's office.

McDougal, on trial for refusing to answer grand jury questions, is trying to demonstrate that prosecutors are using her to get to the Clintons to determine whether there is sufficient evidence for criminal charges against them. She is charged with criminal contempt and obstruction of justice.

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

"I said the president [was] about a 'C' and Mrs. Clinton about an 'F,' " Ewing testified. Ewing said his remark followed his observing her answers during a July 1995 deposition.

Ewing testified that he made the statement after Mrs. Clinton said " 'I don't recall' about 50 times" during the deposition in July 1995.

He said he drafted the proposed indictment against the first lady sometime after September 1996. Earlier that year, Mrs. Clinton's long-sought law firm billing records surfaced in the White House, revealing that she had worked on a failed land development that James McDougal was trying to use to prop up his failing savings and loan association.

In another development yesterday, a federal appeals court in Washington cleared the path for the Justice Department to investigate Starr's tactics in the Monica Lewinsky case.

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The special court that appoints independent counsels dismissed a challenge by Landmark Legal Foundation, a conservative group that sought to block the Justice Department from investigating Starr.

Starr's office contended that Landmark could not be injured by the investigation and therefore had no legal grounds to sustain a lawsuit. The Justice Department argued that the Ethics in Government Act did not give the court the power to intervene.

"Both are correct rationales," the court said. "We have no jurisdiction."

Also yesterday, a federal judge dismissed a criminal count against Clinton friend Webster Hubbell in a fraud indictment that makes references to Hubbell's former law partner Mrs. Clinton.

The count accused Hubbell of scheming to conceal work done by him and Mrs. Clinton on a failed Arkansas land deal.

US District Judge James Robertson agreed with Hubbell that the allegations in the count were too vague.

Meanwhile, the Senate yesterday killed an effort by Democrats to cut off funding for most independent counsels by year's end, which spares Starr's investigation of Clinton for now.

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HEADLINE: POLS & POLITICS / SOME WORDS FROM HEVESI

BYLINE: By William Murphy and Liz Willen. STAFF WRITERS

BODY:

Alan Hevesi has been criticized for being silent on the Amadou Diallo case. In classic Hevesi style, the city's Democratic comptroller broke that silence yesterday - by holding a news conference to discuss a White House meeting he had with first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Hevesi was asked as many questions about the Diallo shooting as he was about Democrat Clinton's chances of running for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan, a seat also being eyed by Republican Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

He said he gave the first lady a 60-40 chance of running for the seat before yesterday's meeting and did not change his assessment afterward.

"She could win it, he Giuliani could win it, these are two of the smartest people in America, it would be quite a contest," Hevesi said.

Hevesi then volunteered his assessment on Clinton's assessment of the Diallo case: "She has a good understanding that there is a deep feeling among many of our citizens who are members of minority groups that they are sometimes targets of police and excessive force by some of the police department She agreed there ought to be measures taken that would give comfort to the communities that everyone would be treated equally"

Reporters eager to get Hevesi's view on the case leaped on the issue, and Hevesi attempted to elaborate but left reporters scratching their heads about what he actually meant. Rather than interpret his comments, here they are:

"The mayor is . . . dealing with it according to his view of the world. I think the people who are demonstrating have acknowledged the purpose is publicity to highlight the serious issues that confront us," Hevesi continued.

". . . The perception that some people behave badly . . . everybody sees the world differently . . . I don't have any objection to people performing acts of civil disobedience in order to attract attention to an issue but the mayor's assessment, whatever the harsh language, is confirmed by the express motivations by the leaders of the demonstration."

If that sounds like less than a firm stance on a controversial matter, consider Hevesi's reaction to a question on whether he planned to get

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arrested, as former Mayor David Dinkins and others did in protest:

Dinkins is "a very sophisticated citizen of New York . . . He's made a decision in good conscience that his contribution to this effort requires him to join in the demonstrations and be arrested and I respect his decision," Hevesi said in a fashion resembling the sometimes meandering quotes of Dinkins.

It was vintage Hevesi, vague statements forcefully delivered with a high degree of sincerity.

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A Starr Moment. A funny thing happened to Hevesi as he left the White House yesterday after his meeting with Hillary Clinton: He was mistaken for Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr.

"I was walking out and tourists walked past and said, 'Oh look. There is Ken Starr . . . my last opportunity for this crowd to have any sympathy for me,'" Hevesi told reporters.

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Vallone's Future? Aides to City Council Speaker Peter Vallone were passing out "Vallone 2001" buttons at his annual breakfast before the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Since he will be term-limited out of his City Council office by then, it seems likely he and his aides are looking at higher office.

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Bess Myerson Honored. The first and only Jewish Miss America, Bess Myerson, will be honored a week from Sunday by the Workmen's Circle, a Jewish fraternal group.

Myerson, who campaigned with bachelor Ed Koch when he ran for mayor in 1977, has kept a low public profile since her acquittal in 1988 on bribery charges brought by then-federal prosecutor, now mayor Giuliani.

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Brooklyn Changes. There are some changes at the office of Brooklyn District Attorney Charles J. Hynes, who says he loves his job but casts covetous eyes at higher office from time to time.

Patrick Clark, a well-respected reporter when he worked for the Daily News, has left Hynes office to do public relations with Howard Rubenstein Associates.

Clark's replacement in the Hynes media slot is Kevin Davitt, a well-traveled, well-respected press operative who most recently worked on the gubernatorial campaign of Betsy McCaughey Ross.

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Thoughts on Protests. A postscript on the Diallo protests, which may escalate next week as some labor leaders plan to get arrested at police headquarters:

1) Why did it take Dinkins so long to figure out what the Rev. Al Sharpton had scoped out weeks ago?

2) Why did Koch condition his arrest on Vallone getting arrested also? Matters of conscience should not be dictated by who else is willing to get arrested.

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HEADLINE: First Lady Encourages Reading

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BODY:

McDonald's will distribute 13 million booklets about the importance of reading with its Happy Meals this fall in an educational campaign announced Thursday by Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The booklets will "explain to parents the importance of nourishing their children's minds as well as their bodies," Mrs. Clinton told members of the Association of American Publishers at the group's annual meeting. "This is a great way to reach out to families who, running for a fast-food meal, like all the rest of us, are trying to get from one place to the next."

McDonald's will work with the AAP and the Education Department on the effort, which begins October.

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

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

"It's message that reading is cool will be aired by celebrities like Whoopi Goldberg and Rosie O'Donnell, who are going to be among those 'getting caught,'" Mrs. Clinton said.

"I'm hoping that the 'Get Caught Reading' ads will have enough of a rebellious twist to encourage people who might otherwise not be caught dead reading to do so."

Mrs. Clinton said not all parents realize that reading to children can help build vocabularies, develop imaginations and improve their reasoning skills.

"We kind of take it for granted if you come from a family that loves books or if you've been read to as a child that that is something that's constantly going on in homes and families, but I learned early on that that's not the case," she said.

The AAP is a national trade group that represents about 200 commercial book publishers, including university presses and scholarly societies.

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DATELINE: NEW YORK

BODY:

Hillary Rodham Clinton would defeat New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani in a hypothetical U.S. Senate election, according to a New York Times/CBS News poll published today.

The poll found that 48 percent of voters favor the Democratic first lady over the Republican mayor, who got the nod from 39 percent of those polled.

Voters also said they think Mrs. Clinton is more caring and would probably be more effective than Giuliani. However, four in 10 voters asked said they felt the first lady would not be an effective state representative in the Senate because she has never lived in New York.

The March 8-14 telephone poll of 1,270 New Yorkers who said they voted in 1998 or 1996 has a margin of error of 3 percentage points.

Three earlier polls this year have also given Mrs. Clinton the edge of Giuliani. A Zogby International New York poll released Monday gave Giuliani the edge with 48 percent of likely voters compared with Mrs. Clinton's 37 percent.

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SECTION: State and Regional

LENGTH: 624 words

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

DATELINE: NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y.

BODY:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Advisers to Mrs. Clinton have said she probably won't make a decision about the Senate race until June or July, at the earliest.

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HEADLINE: First lady to join authors, scholars at conference

DATELINE: NORRIS, Tenn.

BODY:

Hillary Rodham Clinton will join more than 300 scholars, authors, historians and policymakers at a symposium Friday on children, race, poverty and the arts.

The Children's Defense Fund has organized the event, which continues through the weekend, at the retreat it has established at the former farm of the late "Roots" author Alex Haley, about 20 miles north of Knoxville.

Mrs. Clinton will participate in the dedication of a library designed by Vietnam Memorial architect Maya Lin, the last unfinished building on the Haley property.

Then the first lady will join U.S. poet laureate Rita Dove and Gordon Conway of the Rockefeller Foundation in a discussion of "books that changed and inspired lives."

Other scheduled participants are authors Joyce Carol Oates and Toni Morrison, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, Labor Secretary Alexis Herman, National Urban League President Hugh Price and home and garden personality Martha Stewart.

"We are convening this unusual, eclectic and absolutely essential forum because, while nothing matters more than our children, our society treats them as if nothing matters less," defense fund President Marian Wright Edelman said.

She said she hoped the meeting would "help to challenge artificial barriers of conventional wisdom" and lead to "not just excitement but new hope for a brighter future in the new millennium."

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HEADLINE: Ovations for Omagh victim;
Mitchell also honoured at White House

BODY:

A VICTIM of Northern Ireland's worst terrorist outrage helped pay tribute early today to the man who brokered the Good Friday Agreement.

Claire Gallagher, blinded in the Omagh bomb, played piano with Phil Coulter at the White House in Washington where former senator George Mitchell was awarded the Presidential Badge of Freedom - the highest civilian honour in America.

But it was Claire who earned the longer, and louder, applause and an extended standing ovation from Congress members, business and civic figures and the massive Northern Ireland contingent in the US capital.

President Bill Clinton said Claire had lost her sight but not her vision or her soul - and had a remarkable future ahead of her.

Student Claire and the Londonderry legend combined to play 'Carrickfergus' as part of a cross-cultural music and spoken word collaboration called Both Sides Now, which also featured flautist James Galway.

The brave 16-year-old was brought twice back onto the stage, assisted by actress Roma Downey who is currently a major TV star in the States, as the 1,000- strong audience whooped and cheered.

And unionist, nationalist, republican and even anti- Agreement politicians joined in the ovations.

Even so, it was George's night and he, too, was given several sustained standing ovations, and some gentle chiding from Mr Clinton.

He said he honestly did not know if the award would mean much to George who didn't seem able to walk down two streets without having honours thrown at him these days.

But Mr Mitchell, and his wife Heather, assured the president that it meant a lot, and got his own jibe in.

To the delight of the audience, he pretended to slip up and called Hillary Clinton "senator" - following speculation that she intends to run for Congress - and then admitted there had been times he had less than charitable thoughts about President Clinton for giving him the Northern Ireland "job".

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HEADLINE: HILLARY S ADVANCE MAN TORRICELLI CONCEDES HE PLANTED RUMOR ON HER
SENATE BID

BYLINE: By JOEL SIEGEL Daily News Senior Political Correspondent with Tara
George

BODY:

Sen. Robert Torricelli concedes he planted the bombshell news leak on NBC's "Meet the Press" that First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton might run for Senate in New York.

His goal, the New Jersey Democrat recalled with a sly smile, was not broadcasting information to the world, but narrowcasting to "reach an audience of one" - the First Lady.

"I was trying to push the idea into more active consideration," he said.

By any measure, Torricelli's trial balloon was wildly successful. Almost too successful.

The leak ignited a global clamor, which forced Clinton to begin publicly weighing a Senate candidacy. It also gave birth to a Hillary Watch in which her every action is sifted for signs of her intentions.

"He almost killed the whole idea, although I believe his intentions were good," said one prominent Democrat, saying the senator "smoked Hillary out" too soon.

"I think this was in the back of her mind a [as] one of many options," said the Democrat, who asked to remain anonymous. "But someone like Mrs. Clinton can't be a candidate for two years. The scrutiny [would be] so intense."

Torricelli is trying to play kingmaker in New York as head of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, a post that puts him in charge of recruiting A-list candidates.

He and Rep. Charles Rangel (D-Manhattan) have been a tag team coaxing the First Lady into seeking the seat of Sen. Daniel Moynihan, who is retiring.

On the Jan. 3 "Meet the Press," host Tim Russert relayed that if Torricelli "had to guess a Hillary Rodham Clinton will run for the United States Senate."

Torricelli said he did not speak with the First Lady beforehand, but was aware "a lot of friends of Hillary's had suggested to her that [running] is a good thing to do." He also knew from talks with President Clinton "that it was their thinking to move to New York" after his presidency.

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Torricelli said he now thinks the First Lady will run, and dismisses doubters who say the Senate would be a step down for Clinton.

"There is nothing more former than a former First Lady. It is immediate oblivion. ... Hillary Clinton as a member of corporate boards, joining some law firm and returning each night quietly to her co-op in Manhattan is not how I think she sees her life."

He poked Mayor Giuliani, the potential GOP nominee, in unusually blunt terms as lacking the "background on national issues" and the "demeanor" New Yorkers want in a senator. A mayoral aide had no comment.

Torricelli's "Meet the Press" leak is not out of

character for a politician known as brash, media-savvy and self-confident, sometimes to a fault.

His appointment to lead the senatorial campaign committee was unusual for a rookie senator and an acknowledgment of his political skills. But he has his share of enemies, who call him abrasive and egotistical.

One is Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.). The two have feuded since Torricelli became senator. A few weeks ago, Lautenberg interrupted a political presentation by Torricelli to other Democratic senators by waving an article that quoted Torricelli saying he was closer to New Jersey Republican Gov. Christie Whitman than to Lautenberg.

Torricelli, The New Yorker magazine reported, confronted Lautenberg later, threatening to cut off the senior senator's testicles. Speaking with the Daily News, Torricelli did not deny the incident, then blamed Lautenberg.

"It's all very regrettable. [The feud has] been actually the only unpleasant part of my serving in the U.S. Senate. I don't understand it, and this latest problem is unimaginable to me. ... He stood up in a caucus and attacked me. I actually didn't do anything."

Lautenberg declined to comment.

Torricelli also has earned gossip-column prominence as Bianca Jagger's one-time significant other and now as the steady of power fund-raiser Patricia Duff. He said he is completely supportive of Duff in her bitter custody battle with billionaire Ronald Perelman. "I would like to see it settled so everyone can get on with their lives," he said.

But if his current project succeeds, he'll be known more for escorting another woman on the New York scene - the First Lady.

"I should reintroduce myself," Torricelli, with the President at his side, joked the other night addressing donors to his reelection treasury. "I am the one who created and am managing the Hillary Rodham Clinton campaign for United States Senate."

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HEADLINE: HILLARY POLISHES VIEW ON PALESTINE

BYLINE: By Liam Plevin. ALBANY BUREAU CHIEF; William Douglas contributed to this story.

DATELINE: Albany

BODY:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Silver, an Orthodox Jew, consulted with Hillary Clinton about a possible Senate bid Friday and said, "We talked about the need to have a clarification

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of her remarks about a Palestinian entity . . . She said he Rabin said it's very difficult to make peace with an unknown."

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

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

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

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

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HEADLINE: N.Y. ABORTION FOES SET FOR HILLARY CLINTON VISIT

SOURCE: Wire services

BYLINE: The Associated Press

DATELINE: NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y.

BODY:

Hillary Rodham Clinton, eyeing a possible run for the U.S. Senate from New York, will address a major teachers union convention in the "Honeymoon Capital of the World" next month, officials said Wednesday.

The April 22 appearance will come in the middle of a major antiabortion protest planned for nearby Buffalo. Hillary Clinton and the president are strong supporters of abortion rights. One organizer of the antiabortion protest said the first lady should expect demonstrators to greet her.

"Her office has confirmed that she is coming," said Linda Rosenblatt, a spokeswoman for the New York State United Teachers union.

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

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This industry-wide campaign will include posters in major book chains and donated print ads in leading magazines. Its message, that reading is cool, will be carried by celebrities like Whoopi Goldberg and Rosie O'Donnell, who are going to be among those getting caught. Now, I don't know about you, but I think the milk ads encourage me to drink more milk. And I'm hoping that the "Get Caught Reading" ads will have enough of a sort of rebellious twist to encourage people who might otherwise not be caught reading to do so as well. As Pat Schroeder says, it's important for all of us to work together to promote the sheer joy of reading.

Second, I'm pleased to announce that the McDonald's Corporation will team up with the U.S. Department of Education and others to remind families of how important it is to read to their children. Beginning next October, McDonald's will produce 13 million Happy Meal bags that have attached to them booklets explaining to parents the importance of nourishing their children's minds as well as their bodies.

Now, this is a great way to reach out to families who, you know, run in for a fast-food meal and are, like all the rest of us, trying to just get from one place to the next. And I really like the slogan here: "Raising Tomorrow's Learners." And that's exactly what we're trying to do.

I hope these new initiatives will inspire others in the private sector to make similar commitments to promote reading. I don't think there are any more important missions that we can undertake as we end this century than to be sure we do raise the next generation of learners. We're certainly going to be talking about and learning about what happens at the turn of a millennium, probably more than we care to in the next months. But I think it does give us an opportunity to just take stock and maybe pause for a moment or two to think about who we are and where we're going as Americans, as human beings, as parents, as people in every aspect of our lives.

We at the White House have chosen a theme: "Honor the past and imagine the future." And, of course, speaking for myself, I could do neither were it not for the books that I've read my entire life, if it weren't for the books that helped me learn about history and historical figures and the values that we hold as we consider ourselves Americans and build our country. And I certainly couldn't imagine the future without a lot of help from a lot of people who've given thought to the human and economic and social and political and technological challenges that we face.

Tomorrow I will be visiting Alex Haley's farm near Knoxville, Tennessee, where the Children's Defense Fund will be bringing together artists and scholars, writers and religious community leaders and all kinds of people interested in teaching the next generation of America's learners, to talk about new ideas of both honoring the past and imagining the future, a future in which every child, regardless of his or her background, what kind of family that child was born into, will have the best possible opportunity to forge his or her own future. We're going to be talking about some of the intractable problems facing our country, problems of race and poverty. And I know we're going to be looking at reading and listening to a lot of people who've written books, both in the past and today, seeking guidance and wisdom about how we play our own role with our own families and our neighborhoods and the broader community, to honor that past and imagine that future that we want.

Thank you for being part of the great act of sparking the imagination of children, of giving parents an opportunity to curl up and relax with a small child, or after the children are in bed, helping all of us to understand how we are linked together through the written word. And because of your work, I believe we'll have a better chance in the years to come to say that we have not only honored the past and imagined the future, but helped to build it, to be a

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better future for all of us.
Thank you very much. (Applause.)
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THE FIRST LADY

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

By JAMES BENNET

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

own personal interest."

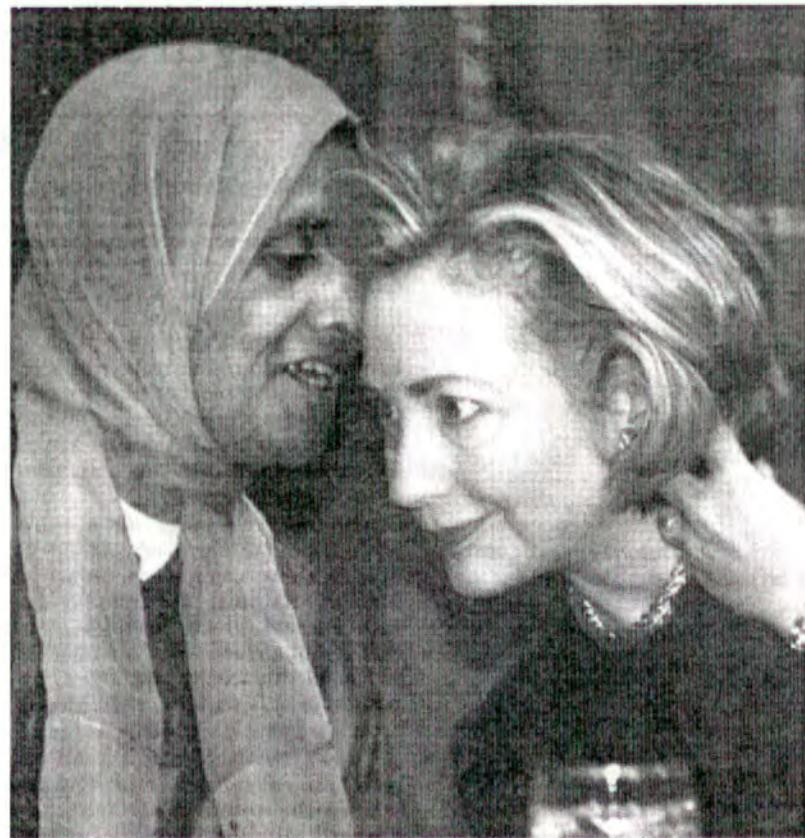
Now, Mrs. Clinton said, President Milosevic is pursuing the same sort of policy that he carried out in Bosnia, pointedly noting that most of the Albanians in Kosovo are Muslims.

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

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

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

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



Associated Press

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

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

By DAVID M. HERSZENHORN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



BY KARE BLU—ASSOCIATED PRESS

Clinton with an orphan in Marrakech, Morocco.

The First Lady, Defending NATO

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

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

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

Yearlong Millennium Party Planned for D.C.

By LINDA WHEELER
Washington Post Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

Several alliance leaders said

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

Convention and Visitors Association.

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

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Local, Federal Officials Team Up for Party Plans

CELEBRATION, From B1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Members of the alliance, who

"The idea is to see this as a year of activity instead of four events."

— Seamus Houston, spokesman, Downtown DC Business Improvement District

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

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

Hillary says Milosevic plotted crisis

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hillary No!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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HEADLINE: CHELSEA AND MOM MELT INTO SKI CROWD

BYLINE: By MIKE CLAFFEY With News Wire Services

BODY:

PARK CITY, Utah First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and daughter Chelsea disappeared into the bundled crowds of skiers yesterday while the President simply stayed indoors.

The ski vacation was a present to Chelsea, who celebrated her 19th birthday with a private dinner and cake with her parents Saturday night at the borrowed mountaintop home of Hollywood producer Jeffrey Katzenberg.

Mother and daughter hit the slopes about 10 a.m. yesterday, accompanied by Secret Service agents, ski guides and a girlfriend of Chelsea's.

But the protection wasn't enough for the First Lady, who was heard muttering about someone who skied too closely as she returned to the Katzenberg mansion a couple of hours later.

President Clinton does not ski. He tried it once 15 years ago in Sun Valley, Idaho, where he took repeated tumbles and finished the day with torn ligaments in his left knee.

Chelsea and her friend, however, remained on the slopes until late afternoon with little notice from the other skiers, said an official at the Deer Valley ski resort who asked to remain anonymous.

"She's been skiing the trails here all day," the official said. "One of the nice things about skiing as opposed to going to the beach is you're all covered up and no one knows who you are."

The official also denied stories that Chelsea had been snowboarding in a remote part of the resort, insisting that snowboarding is not allowed at Deer Valley.

The Clintons are scheduled to leave tomorrow, when the First Lady is expected to come to New York City, a move that is sure to fuel speculation over her possible run for New York U.S. Senate seat.

GRAPHIC: REUTERS FIRST Daughter Chelsea Clinton, closely followed by Secret Service type, skis the snows of Deer Valley, Utah, yesterday during First Family bash to celebrate her 19th birthday.

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

BYLINE: James N. Thurman, Staff writer of The Christian Science Monitor

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

HIGHLIGHT:

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

BODY:

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 president 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 Barilleaux, 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, director 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

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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, deft 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. Clinton is also one of the youngest retiring presidents in US history. Given his age, he has decades of prime earning potential. The lucrative avenues that traditionally present themselves to former presidents are many. Corporate boards, for example, seek their presence. Moreover, the speaking circuit can pay six figures for a single night's work.

The first lady also has a range of options open to her. As an indicator of her value on the open market, tax records show she took in more than \$ 840,000 in royalties from her book, "It Takes a Village." Mrs. Clinton donated all the proceeds to charity.

In addition to authoring books, she too could hit the speaking circuit. There are other possibilities as well.

"One of the interesting unintended consequences that keep her from being appointed to a position of power ... is that she is not covered by ethics rules," says Mr. Barilleaux. "She could become a lobbyist."

Like former Reagan staffer Michael Deaver, she could lobby former associates - especially if Vice President Al Gore succeeds Clinton in the Oval Office.

Unusual though it might seem, the more charges are leveled against the president about his personal misconduct, the better positioned he seems to be to draw money. The next direct-mail effort will target 600,000 Americans. "Direct mail usually only works when there is an intense feeling around an issue," says Ted Van Dyk, a former Democratic adviser. "Direct [mail] money does not come back on bland issues."

The current mailing asks donors, "If you are disturbed by the way politics is conducted today, then what better response than to offer the first family your own gesture of support?"

The question hit a chord with 50,000 Americans who donated amounts ranging from \$ 5 to the legal limit of \$ 10,000. One retiree from rural Oklahoma cut a check for \$ 500. Most of the donations, nearly 36,000, were made out for under \$ 100. Deep-pocketed Hollywood and New York donors contributed the most.

While it's all likely to amount to a debt-free slate for the Clintons by the

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time they move from 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., associates who have been forced to pay huge legal fees will not reap any benefits. Clinton in the past has promised to help some of those close to him who incurred large legal debt. But any left over money from his trust would not cover anyone else.

"The legal defense trust is constituted only to cover the Clintons," says White House spokesman Jim Kennedy.

GRAPHIC: PHOTO: 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. BY BLAKE SELL/REUTERS

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Hillary Clinton sounds like she's ready to be drafted for Senate run

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By Sandra Sobieraj, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton greeted clamor for her Senate candidacy with an impossible-to-read smile. But the first lady's talk of civic duty and debts to feminist forebears made her sound like a woman ready to be drafted.

"I begin to think about the future in political terms because I've always believed that we are at our best as a nation when everybody understands their obligation as a citizen," Mrs. Clinton said Wednesday, the first day of a two-day New York visit.

The tour bore the hallmarks of a campaign swing: cheering crowds, sweeping speeches to would-be constituents, a private dinner with could-be campaign financiers.

But, to the disappointment of an oversold Democratic National Committee fund-raising luncheon — and dozens of reporters from as far away as Denmark — Mrs. Clinton made no announcement.

Associates said her decision on whether to seek New York's open Senate seat in 2000 is still months away.

As long as the mystique lingers, Mrs. Clinton could be a powerful money magnet for Democratic fund-raisers, as evidenced by Wednesday's unprecedented waiting list of 300 for the \$500,000 DNC luncheon.

One donor, Didi Barrett, wants the first lady to become her state's new senator, but said New Yorkers will get impatient if summer comes and Mrs. Clinton is still playing guessing games.

"It's not fair to whoever else ends up running," said Barrett, 48, head of a girls' club organization.

New York's Chuck Schumer, who took a Republican Senate seat for the Democrats last year after beating incumbent Alfonse D'Amato with Mrs. Clinton's help, advised: "Take a little time, think this one through and then, if you decide you will be a candidate, we will support you and we will be resolute."

While the luncheon crowd erupted in applause, Mrs. Clinton stood behind Schumer with her hands clasped, her gaze downcast, her mouth closed in a smile.

A new statewide poll suggested she could face a real battle for the job.

Where weeks ago she enjoyed an 11-point lead over New York GOP Mayor Rudolph Giuliani in the Marist Institute Poll's hypothetical matchup, her

lead shrank to a statistically insignificant 4 points in the latest survey, released Wednesday.

"Boo! Go back to Arkansas!" Gary Percivalle shouted as Mrs. Clinton emerged from a morning education speech at Intermediate School 25 in the borough of Queens.

"Being that she's married to such a degenerate, by putting up with him it only proves her ignorance," he said. The 46-year-old sales distributor from Whitestone called her flirtation with candidacy an ego-driven "scam."

On Wednesday night, she was sitting down to a private dinner with Roger Altman, a former Treasury Department official considered key to financing any Clinton campaign, and his Wall Street friends.

For the first time since prominent Democrats began to woo Mrs. Clinton for the race, she stepped from behind her spokeswoman's "no comments," publicly engaged the courtship and appeared to enjoy it.

"It is just an amazing sight to behold," Mrs. Clinton marveled as she faced 900 adoring Democrats, 24 television cameras and the clattering shutters behind at least as many zoom lenses.

"I was told that there were some who thought that, ah, I might have an announcement to make," she said, with a playfully dramatic pause.

The crowd went "Ooooh."

"... But I don't," she finished.

The crowd went "Aaaah."

New York Democratic Rep. Gary Ackerman, one of many whom Mrs. Clinton has consulted about a race, said she is serious but also "kind of astounded and gratified by the kind of encouragement she's getting."

After 13 months consumed by Monica Lewinsky, Marc Rosenberg did not begrudge the first lady a little basking in flattery. "Why not feel wanted for a change?" said the middle-school principal from Queens.

Mrs. Clinton did not talk like a political spouse who would slip quietly out of Washington at the end of her husband's term.

"We cannot drop out of the political process," she said, recalling the suffragists' conference 150 years ago at Seneca Falls, N.Y. Her challenge, she added, was to decide "whether all the sacrifices that were made in the past should just be honored by rhetoric or honored by action."

Action, decided the girl-power cluster outside Intermediate School 25.

"We need, like, a new person in the Senate, especially a woman. There's too many guys," said Jin Kim, 15.

Fellow ninth-grader Alexis Rubenstein also approved of Mrs. Clinton as a candidate: "She'll make her mark as first woman president."

But it's the Senate that Mrs. Clinton is eyeing, another girl reminded.

"Well, I mean, this will be the first step," Rubenstein said.

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"HISTORICAL FICTION AT ITS MOST ENTERTAINING."

Mrs. Clinton Steers Clear Of NY Political Plans

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NEW YORK — First lady Hillary Clinton did not reveal whether she wants a future in politics during a much-heralded visit to New York Wednesday, but she easily could have been mistaken for a candidate speaking to enthusiastic and eager supporters.

Making her first visit to New York since speculation that she may run for the Senate hit a fevered pitch, Mrs. Clinton was rewarded with cheers, shouts of encouragement and three standing ovations at a fund-raising luncheon of Democratic women.

"There were some who thought I'd have an announcement to make," she said with a dramatic pause at the start of her speech. "But I don't."

Nevertheless, the first lady went on to exhort the crowd with a speech on the value and importance of being politically involved.

Addressing the party activists and contributors before her but sounding far more personal, she said: "We have to ask ourselves is now the time that we retreat into our world? Where we say, 'I'm fine, my family is fine, my business is fine, I don't have to worry about anybody else?'"

"We cannot drop out of the political process and leave the arena to those with very specific agendas," she said.

And in a not-so-veiled reference to the recent months while her husband was impeached and then acquitted, she advised against bowing out of politics over its "negativity."

"I certainly can understand why someone might feel that way," she said as laughter rippled through the group. "But it's not a feeling you should act on."

"It's a feeling that should be transient," she said with a wry smile.

The idea of Clinton's candidacy on the Democratic slate in 2000 has captured the imagination of New Yorkers, becoming a favorite topic among everyone from newspaper pundits to taxi drivers. The seat is being left open by retiring Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

The race would have an added flair if the Republican candidate is, as is widely expected, New York City's tough-talking Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

A new poll Wednesday showed her edging out Giuliani by 49.7 percent to 45.5 percent, with a margin of error of four percentage points.

Taken Sunday and Monday, it showed her lead over Giuliani narrowed since a February poll when she had 49 percent to his 38.1 percent.

Listening to Mrs. Clinton's address, the \$150-a-head crowd at the Democratic Women's Leadership Forum — filled with many influential party officials who have urged Mrs. Clinton to run — was admiring and

affectionate.

The fund-raiser proved an enormous success. Party officials said they expected to raise at least a half million dollars, the guest list was nearly doubled to meet demand and hundreds were turned away from the chance to hear the first lady speak and perhaps glean some clue as to her intentions.

"She obviously sounded like someone who's thinking about it, but I don't think she tipped her thinking one way or the other," former Colorado Gov. Roy Romer, the general chairman of the Democratic National Committee, said afterward.

Mrs. Clinton touched on a number of topics, from minimum wage to the crime bill, deficit reduction and abortion rights. She also seemed to address some arguments that have been made in favor of a Senate run — that it would give her an effective political platform and that she would make history by moving from first lady to the Senate.

"Among our obligations, among the debts we owe to those who came before are to be involved in the political process that makes the American democracy work," she said in closing.

A crowd awaited Mrs. Clinton at the entrance of the Plaza Hotel, where the event was held. Many were foreign tourists, but a few were New Yorkers pondering her possible candidacy.

"I'm definitely voting for her," said courier Modesto Echevarria of the Bronx. "She looks like she's got a good head on her shoulders."

Inside, Mrs. Clinton, dressed like a New Yorker in a solid black pants suit, told her supporters: "It's just an amazing sight. It gives me just a great boost to see you all here."

Her first stop of the day was a visit to a school in the city's Queens borough, where she spoke on arts and education.

Giuliani has not declared his candidacy but has been courting supporters and attending fund raisers.

Mrs. Clinton planned to speak Thursday at a U.N. event to commemorate International Women's Day and then attend an event honoring women in sports.

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Mrs. Clinton Steers Clear Of N.Y. Political Plans

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NEW YORK, March 3 — First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton sounded like a candidate on a much-heralded visit to New York Wednesday but did not reveal her intentions over a possible Senate campaign that has been the talk of the town.

"There were some who thought I'd have an announcement," Clinton said with a dramatic pause during a speech to the Democratic Party's Women's Leadership Forum. "But I don't."

Clinton was making her first trip to New York after weeks of feverish speculation over a possible run for a vacant U.S. Senate seat in the state next year.

In her speech, she discussed themes and policies of her husband's administration including health care, education, crime fighting and Social Security. She also talked about women's rights and the future of U.S. politics.

"And so I begin to think about the future in political terms because I've always believed that we are at our best as a nation when everybody understands their obligations as a citizen," Clinton said in her speech.

She said that on her travels around the world and across the United States she was "struck time and time and time again" by the good fortune of Americans, particularly women.

"This is a great, great time to be a woman in America," she said. "We are so blessed and we should be so grateful no matter what our personal circumstances are that we live at a time in a society where we do have the opportunities that we have before us today."

"And among the debts that we owe to those who came before are to be involved in the political process that makes the American democracy work," she said to loud applause.

Clinton's first stop Wednesday was a visit to a school in the city's Queens borough, where she was loudly applauded by about 500 students and adults when she delivered a 20-minute speech on the value of arts and education.

"We need all the help we can get to return the arts to its rightful place within our schools," said Clinton, who avoided a mob of reporters and TV crews.

However, her escort on the trip, Democratic Rep. Gary Ackerman, who represents Queens in Congress, said he discussed a possible campaign with Clinton Tuesday night and indicated she was considering a run.

"She told me she was going to consider it," Ackerman said. "She indicated she had not made up her mind but clearly it is something that is occupying a great deal of her thoughts in between doing all these public events."

The idea of her as the Democratic candidate in 2000 has captured the imagination of New Yorkers, becoming a favorite topic among everyone from newspaper pundits to taxi drivers.

The race would be particularly exciting, many say, if the Republican candidate is, as is widely expected, New York City's tough-talking Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

A new poll Wednesday showed Clinton edging Giuliani in a hypothetical Senate campaign by 49.7 percent to 45.5 percent, with a margin of error of four percentage points.

It was taken Sunday and Monday by the Poughkeepsie, New York-based Marist Institute for Public Opinion and showed Clinton's lead over Giuliani had narrowed since a February poll when she led by 49 percent to 38.1 percent.

The Senate seat is now held by Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, who is retiring. Mrs. Clinton, who has been consulting with various influential political figures as she makes her decision, met with Moynihan last month.

Giuliani has not declared his candidacy, but he has been courting supporters, attending fund raisers and has named his chief of staff to head a national political action committee.

The Democratic fund raiser Wednesday was enormously successful even before it started. Democratic officials said not only was the guest list nearly doubled due to demand, but some 300 people were placed on a waiting list to attend.

While New York Democrats, many of whom have urged her to run, did not expect a major announcement by the first lady, her visit faced close scrutiny by those who hoped they might glean some clue as to her intentions.

Clinton planned to speak Thursday at a U.N. event to commemorate International Women's Day and then attend an event honoring women in sports before returning to Washington.

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Hillary Clinton teases supporters with vague comment

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By Shannon Mccaffrey, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton left her supporters more excited than ever about her potential Senate candidacy with a comment that was tantalizingly vague.

"You cannot drop out of the political process and leave it to others," she told 900 people at a Democratic National Women's Leadership Forum luncheon at the Plaza Hotel.

It was not clear whether she was referring to herself or merely encouraging women to get involved in electing candidates who will represent their interests. But many in the audience interpreted the statement as a sign of her own interest in running.

"It sounded like she might be leaning toward running. It sounded very positive to me," said Manhattan Borough President Virginia Fields.

Mrs. Clinton also teased her audience by asking why attendance at the luncheon was so high — 400 people were added to the guest list after the original 500 tickets sold out, and many of the latecomers were seated in an adjacent room where they actually could not see Mrs. Clinton.

"There was talk I might have an announcement to make," Mrs. Clinton said. She then paused and added: "I do not."

Some in the audience groaned.

Her comment about not dropping out of the political process was made while stressing the positive effect politics can have on people's lives. When the speech ended, her supporters began chanting "Go, go, go! Run, Hillary, run!"

Earlier, she was greeted at a Queens middle school with raucous applause from students, education officials and local politicians. She spoke about the importance of arts education and unveiled a new report that cites the school, I.S. 25 in Flushing, for its attention to the arts.

Students in the chorus, fidgeting nervously in a hallway before performing for the first lady, said they hoped she would run.

"She's cool, she's not snotty, she's like a real, regular person," said 14-year-old Tiffany Mance.

This is her first trip to New York since announcing she was considering a run for office.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who would be Mrs. Clinton's most likely rival should she run, did not attend the event — he was in Washington. But earlier this week, his staff noted that the arts program Mrs. Clinton was

championing did not receive any federal funding.

"Some students don't learn well just sitting and listening," Mrs. Clinton said in the school auditorium. "They need to move, they need to use their hands, and then ... the arts are a part of who we are," she said.

She added: "As a tone-deaf person in elementary school, I was told I could sit with my friends in the soprano section if I lip-synched."

She also met with nine students in one of the classrooms. Some were sketching with pastels; others performed a short interpretive dance for her.

Polls taken a few weeks ago gave her a commanding lead in a hypothetical match-up with Giuliani for the Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan in 2000.

But another statewide poll released today showed a narrowing of the potential race.

The telephone poll of 702 registered voters conducted Sunday and Monday by Marist College's Institute for Public Opinion found Mrs. Clinton favored by 50 percent of voters with Giuliani the choice of 46 percent. The gap was the same as the poll's margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Tonight she is to dine at the home of Roger Altman, a Wall Street financier.

On Thursday, she is to talk at the United Nations about the forthcoming International Women's Day before returning to a classroom to view an HBO documentary on women and sports at a school in the Chelsea district of Manhattan.

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By HELEN THOMAS= UPI White House Reporter=

WASHINGTON Hillary Rodham Clinton has a lot of hang-ups about the press and she seems to have a rule not to answer any questions within the 200-mile limit.

Reporters who have traveled with her say that she can be friendly and even chat with them aboard the Air Force plane she uses for her many journeys at home and abroad. But on home grounds, she avoids reporters and makes sure they do not get within striking distance if they have a question.

Not that she can't handle any question put to her, but she ignores even the simplest inquiry as if it was an intrusion. When a newsman covering the Clintons at a ski resort in Park City, Utah, asked the president's wife if she had a good run, she rebuffed him and turned her face away.

Nor will she answer any questions about running for the Senate from New York, which her press aides say she is considering. When she walks to a waiting helicopter with the president, she always wears dark glasses and stares straight ahead, ignoring the battery of cameras and reporters when a little wave and a smile would help run the gauntlet.

In reality, the White House is often considered a prison, and the Clintons these days seem to want to escape it as often as possible, although they ran as hard as they could to retain it. Certainly, the president endured everything in the book to remain in the highest office of the land when more than 100 newspapers were calling on him to step down.

The first lady is going to have to come to terms with the press if she really wants to make a run for a post on Capitol Hill. Because of her role as first lady, she will be kid gloved but inevitably there will be some questions about why she feels she could fill Moynihan's shoes.

Her role model was Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, up to Clinton's time the most aloof of modern first ladies, but then ``Jackie'' did not seek public office, which demands public accountability and answers.

Up to now, it was clear she was enjoying the attention, the speculation and the guessing game that was preoccupying New York and the press.

Her press office is besieged every day and will be until the first lady makes up her mind.

Clearly she wants to make up her own mind in her own time. Meantime, rumors abound that the Clintons are planning to buy an abode, probably an apartment in New York, which gives further credence to rumors that she will run.

At the same time, there are other reports that Clinton will wait until 2004 and run for the Senate from her native Illinois.

Politics has become a magnet for the first lady and the opportunities are pouring in. She can be an outsider and seek elective office in New York, but she may be dubbed a ``carpet bagger'' by some. The late Sen. Robert Kennedy, D-N.Y., survived his outsider image and won over the New Yorkers.

If she did make a run for the Senate, would she ask the president to campaign for her? He would have to, at the drop of a hat, just as she has always been there politically for him. But would she want to share the housings with him.

Has she forgiven him? The American people will probably have to wait for her memoirs to find the answer to that. But she has had a lot of spiritual advice in the post Monica Lewinsky healing period and seems to be calling all the shots from a much subdued and chastened president.

With the impeachment crisis over, top White House aides are looking to the future without a presidential imprimatur. They are getting out and moving into

jobs while they still have the aura of the highest office in the land. Paul Begala, one of the masters of spin throughout the impeachment process, has chosen academia and will begin teaching students at Georgetown University about hard knuckle politics and government service.

Others, including political advisers are headed to Vice President Al Gore's campaign to help him run for the presidency in 2000. The lawyers, who made the case for Clinton in the Senate impeachment trial, are now headed for jobs with law firms with the big bucks guaranteed.

The president wants to remain an activist leader even when lame duckism sets in and the focus of attention will be on the aspirants for his job. Despite Clinton's personal travails, there is no dearth of Republican candidates who are seeking the presidency.

Among them is one woman, Elizabeth Dole, who knows more about running government than a lot of her rivals since she has served in two cabinet posts as head of the Transportation Department and Labor Department and also in top posts in other federal agencies. She was admitted to Harvard Law School in the sixties.

Just as the president is supportive of his wife's political ambitions, so is former Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kan., who headed the GOP ticket in 1996 and was defeated for the presidency.

President Clinton is hitting the road again and will be traveling to Central America to inspect the damage from Hurricane Mitch. The trip was delayed because of the Senate impeachment trial. But that is only one of several journeys Clinton plans to take in the coming months.

He also will be on the fundraising merry-to-round again to help the campaigns of fellow Democrats and Vice President Al Gore.

Gore gave the president all the support he could muster during the trying times of the past year, and in turn, Clinton has enjoyed sharing his platform with Gore.

In a land where vice presidents are rarely heralded, Gore is an exception, and has always been given a high profile at the White House.

White House reporters and photographers cover the president wherever he goes. Even on vacation. But the press corps was not too happy to be left behind on the ski slopes of Park City, Utah, when Clinton decided to cut short his stay by one day. The plane chartered to return reporters to Washington was not due in Salt Lake City until the following day. So while Air Force One could take off at the president's whim, the bulk of the press corps was left behind.

Sometimes presidents have waited to make sure the traveling press is accommodated as well as they are but not often.

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Hillary Clinton visits Queens school, mum on Senate

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By SHANNON McCAFFREY= Associated Press Writer=

NEW YORK (AP) Hillary Rodham Clinton was greeted at a Queens school this morning with raucous applause from students, education officials and local politicians.

But while the first lady's agenda consisted of unveiling a new national report plugging arts education, it was her potential run for the U.S. Senate that was on everyone's minds.

Students in the chorus, fidgeting nervously in a hallway before performing for the first lady, said they hoped she would run and said if they were able, they would vote for her.

``She's cool, she's not snotty, she's like a real, regular person,'' said 14-year-old Tiffany Mance.

Mrs. Clinton made no reference to her possible candidacy. This was her first trip to New York since announcing she was considering a run for office.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who would be Mrs. Clinton's most likely rival should she run, did not attend the event he was in Washington but has pointedly said that he is responsible for restoring arts to the public schools. He said the program Mrs. Clinton is championing did not receive any federal money.

Mrs. Clinton did not respond when asked about the issue at a press conference at the school.

I.S. 25 is one of the schools mentioned in the report on arts education, which was the subject of Mrs. Clinton's address to students and others in the school auditorium.

``Some students don't learn well just sitting and listening. They need to move, they need to use their hands, and then ... the arts are a part of who we are,'' she said.

She added: ``As a tone-deaf person in elementary school, I was told I could sit with my friends in the soprano section if I lip-synched.''

She also met with nine students in one of the classrooms. Some were sketching with pastels; others performed a short interpretive dance for her.

Polls taken a few weeks ago gave her a commanding lead in a hypothetical match-up with Giuliani for the Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan in 2000.

But another statewide poll released today showed a narrowing of the potential race.

The telephone poll of 702 registered voters conducted Sunday and Monday by Marist College's Institute for Public Opinion found Mrs. Clinton favored by 50 percent of voters with Giuliani the choice of 46 percent. The gap was the same as the poll's margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

After leaving Queens, Mrs. Clinton was scheduled to attend a Democratic National Committee Women's Leadership Forum luncheon, followed by a private dinner at the home of Roger Altman, a Wall Street financier.

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HEADLINE: New York Readies for First Lady

BYLINE: SHANNON McCaffrey
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BODY:

The would-be constituents in this seen-it-all city looked for a clue from the could-be candidate on her first visit since the word went out that Hillary Rodham Clinton was considering running for the Senate.

But press secretary Marsha Berry sought to cast today's visit by Mrs. Clinton as just another of many forays into the city by the first lady and said disappointment awaited those hoping for a blockbuster announcement on whether she would run in 2000.

Ms. Berry characterized today's rounds as first lady-business-as-usual a drop-in at a school, a luncheon and a private dinner, followed Thursday by a talk to a United Nations forum.

Nonetheless, Mrs. Clinton's mere presence was turning the mood in indifferent New York giddy, at least in Democratic circles.

Mrs. Clinton has held a commanding lead in the polls over Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, a potential but also unannounced Republican rival for the seat being vacated by Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan. A recent poll from Quinnipiac College Polling Institute showed her with an 18-point lead over Giuliani in a hypothetical race.

Quinnipiac pollster Maurice Carroll said Mrs. Clinton's visit isn't likely to boost her polling numbers because "they're already off the charts."

"Maybe if she could jump in the East River and rescue a drowning baby her numbers might get higher," Carroll said. "I can't think how else."

But pollster Lee Miringoff, of the Marist College Institute for Public Opinion, said a new survey he would unveil today would show that Mrs. Clinton's lead over Giuliani narrowing somewhat.

"She needs to transition from celebrity to candidate Clinton," he said.

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HEADLINE: For First Lady's Visit, 'Intense' Expectations

BYLINE: By ELISABETH BUMILLER

BODY:

The trip was planned months ago as just another visit of the First Lady to a favorite city. But when Hillary Rodham Clinton arrives in New York today to give speeches, meet with supporters and tour schools, the visit will instantly be seen as the first exploratory trip of a potential Senate candidate from New York.

Attention from the news media will rival, if not surpass, that for a Presidential visit, officials said. "I think this is probably as intense for us as it's gotten," said Marsha Berry, Mrs. Clinton's press secretary.

Yesterday, organizations that do not routinely cover the First Lady's travels -- networks, newsmagazines and the foreign press -- deluged her office with questions about the trip. And Laura G. Ross, the head of a fund-raising group that Mrs. Clinton was scheduled to address at lunch, said the event sold out two weeks ago at 900 people and that there was still a waiting list of several hundred. The Secret Service, she said, refused to allow any more people to attend.

"She's always a draw, but this is bigger than ever," Ms. Ross said.

Ticket prices for the event organized by Ms. Ross's group, the Women's Leadership Forum, an arm of the Democratic National Committee, range from \$10,000 to \$150. For \$10,000, for example, a donor can participate in a "round-table discussion" with Mrs. Clinton and 49 others before lunch. Ms. Ross said the event had raised more than \$500,000 for the Democratic Party.

Mrs. Clinton, who said two weeks ago that she was giving "careful thought" to the possibility of running for the Senate seat that Daniel Patrick Moynihan will vacate in 2000, planned to speak this morning on arts education at Intermediate School 25 in Flushing, Queens, then tour a classroom. Afterward, she planned to appear at the Plaza Hotel in Manhattan for the fund-raising lunch.

Mrs. Clinton planned to spend the afternoon in "private time" at the Waldorf-Astoria, where she is staying. In the evening she intended to attend a dinner at the Upper East Side home of Jurate Kazickas and Roger C. Altman, an investment banker who was Mr. Clinton's Deputy Treasury Secretary and whose firm bought The National Enquirer and Star magazine two weeks ago. The dinner was described as a gathering of 15 people, not a fund-raising event, that would include business executives and leaders of nonprofit groups.

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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 discuss Women's History Month 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 I. S. 25, Mrs. Clinton planned to release a study by the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities on how school districts can improve arts education. District 25, which includes I. S. 25 and 30 other schools in northern Queens, 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 Senator Moynihan's seat, said this week that Mrs. Clinton was highlighting a school program, Project Arts, that he had announced financing for two years ago.

GRAPHIC: Photo: Pat Lieberman, left, an assistant art director for District 25 in Queens, met yesterday at Intermediate School 25 in Flushing with students preparing for a visit by Hillary Rodham Clinton. (Richard Lee for The New York Times)

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HEADLINE: Arkansas Roots, New York Panache;
Clintons Seem Suited to Local Political and Social Scenes

BYLINE: By JAMES DAO

BODY:

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 waiting for 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.

Yet their connection to New York is strong for a range of reasons, including their deep base of support among major Democratic voting groups, the large number of New Yorkers in their inner circle, distrust of their conservative opponents and the sense among some people that they radiate New York-style panache and sophistication.

A consensus of New York pollsters say both Clintons' ratings tend to be several points higher in New York State than nationwide. Mr. Clinton's job approval ratings in New York have been hovering in the 60 percent range for more than a year now. And recent polls show Mrs. Clinton scoring between 60 and 70 percent favorable ratings statewide.

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Voters seem to respect her even in traditionally Republican strongholds in the suburbs and upstate.

"New Yorkers like the Clintons," said John Zogby, a pollster from Utica. "Period."

The clearest reason is that New York is a Democratic state -- registered Democrats outnumber Republicans by a ratio of 3 to 2 -- and the Clintons, despite their many scandals, have been the most successful national Democratic politicians in a generation.

But it is more than that, political analysts assert. New York, they say, has higher concentrations of the voting groups that are the Clintons' most ardent supporters nationwide: professional women, homosexuals, Jews and black and Hispanic residents. "These are groups that are important to the Democratic Party nationally," said Philip Friedman, a Democratic public relations consultant in New York. "But they are absolutely central to the New York State Democratic Party."

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.

"Bill Clinton is functionally an African-American politician," said Manning Marable, director of African-American Studies at Columbia University, noting that the President gets higher approval ratings among blacks than many black officials.

But will the Administration, and Mr. Clinton's, high job ratings, rub off on Mrs. Clinton if she runs for the Senate? Mr. Marable says yes. "There is a general perception that she is to his left," he said. "And that is just fine. Because ideologically, black politics is social democratic. There is a deep belief in state intervention to redress social problems."

The same may not be true with other groups. Mrs. Clinton may be less trusted by Jews because of her open support for a Palestinian state. 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 detail and demonstrate her understanding of New York, a place

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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.

"She might have trouble showing she knows the differences between Detroit and Schenectady," said Adam Goodman, a Republican media consultant who worked on Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani's 1997 re-election campaign. Mr. Giuliani is also considering running for the Senate next year.

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 sophisticate-minded as Manhattan like the validation conferred by a visit from the First Family.

What amazes some analysts is the fact that the Clintons have received such loyal support from core Democratic groups despite having taken positions that have angered those groups on numerous issues.

Many blacks objected vehemently to the 1994 crime bill that expanded the Federal death penalty and established mandatory sentences for many crimes. Black and immigrant politicians in New York were also furious with the President for signing the sweeping welfare bill in 1996 that sharply curtailed benefits.

New York hospital officials perennially fight proposed Administration cuts in health care spending. Most labor unions hated the North American Free Trade Act, which the President championed. Gay-rights advocates were deeply disappointed in 1996 when he signed legislation allowing states to outlaw same-sex marriages.

But what has helped the Clintons overcome anger with their positions on certain issues has been an even greater antipathy among New Yorkers toward the First Couple's opponents, many political analysts say.

"The Republican revolution of '94 and '95 really just scared the hell out of New Yorkers, including moderate Republicans," Mr. Zogby said.

Mr. Marable said, "Even though African-Americans have had many criticisms of this Administration, from the crime bill to the welfare bill, on balance, in the era of the Contract With America, in the era of the Christian Coalition, in the period of attacks on affirmative action, Clinton looks almost like a positive good rather than a necessary evil."

The Clintons' 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."

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Judith Hope, chairwoman of the New York State Democratic Party, said Mrs. Clinton should therefore benefit in a race against Mr. Giuliani.

"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 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.

The Marist poll picked up on that paradox in the answers it received from respondents to the question: Why do you like Hillary Clinton more, or less, than you did two years ago? Many who said they liked her more used words like strong, dignified and poised to describe Mrs. Clinton's handling of the Monica Lewinsky scandal. But many who said they liked her less described her as weak, opportunistic or dishonest for sticking by her husband.

Some analysts say Mrs. Clinton may benefit from the competition between New York City, a place she professes to love, and Washington, a town she seems to despise. Many New York politicians assert that their hometown is more sophisticated than the nation's capital, more drawn to independent women, less upset by sexual scandals.

For that reason, Manhattan might be the ideal place for both Clintons to settle after he leaves office, whether she runs for the Senate or not.

"New Yorkers love people who live near the margins," said Mr. Moss, the N.Y.U. political scientist. "The very qualities that make people like Billy Martin or Joe Namath helps explain why they like the Clintons. New Yorkers like risk takers."

GRAPHIC: Photos: In 1996, President Clinton celebrated a birthday in New York. (Ozier Muhammad/The New York Times); At left, Hillary Clinton with Steven Spielberg and his wife, Kate Capshaw, in East Hampton last year. (Associated Press)

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

BYLINE: Rick Hampson

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BODY:

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 her 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 re-election 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 Newsweek 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 Eggersham, 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 lady is serious. "I don't think she's playing games," said Bill Blackwell, a Yonkers 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 Clinton the 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 her speech in the grand ballroom of the Plaza Hotel, which has been expanded to accommodate 900 people at \$ 150 a head.

The Democrat 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 JeaNa 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

GRAPHIC: Looking like a candidate: Back in July, before speculation began about Hillary Rodham Clinton running for Senate, she holds a baby while visiting Auburn, N.Y. 'Careful consideration': Hillary Rodham Clinton visits New York today for the first time since she said she'd think about running for Senate.

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HEADLINE: Hope, Thy Name Is Hillary, in One Hurting N.Y. Mill Town

BYLINE: Michael Grunwald, Washington Post Staff Writer

DATELINE: SENECA FALLS, N.Y., March 2

BODY:

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

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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's lady's role in the Travelgate firings, 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 Washington, the first lady seems to represent an almost non-ideological form of hope for many voters around here.

"This is a conservative area, and I think most of us would prefer someone from New York as a senator. But that doesn't mean we won't support her," said Janette Pfeiff, a Republican who is the first female town supervisor of Seneca Falls, where America's first Women's Rights Convention was held in 1848. "The economy is the overwhelming issue. That comes first."

In some ways, Seneca Falls still resembles the picturesque mill town captured by "It's A Wonderful Life" in 1946, with its quaint Victorian homes and tidy downtown storefronts. The Women's Rights National Historic Park set an attendance record last year during its 150th anniversary and local wineries are attracting increasing numbers of tourists.

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But the hand-hewn limestone knitting mill is not the only local institution unraveling like a ball of yarn. The county's largest manufacturer, Gould Pumps, has laid off 100 workers 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 work force 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

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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."

The first lady won many hearts in upstate Seneca Falls, N.Y., when she visited in July.

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