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WASHINGTON There is always a lot of curiosity about people who live in the White House and know little about the Clintons in the aftermath of the searing impeachment process.

The persistent question from the man and woman on the street is whether the president and his wife stay together after they leave the White House.

The other question usually put to reporters concerns Clinton's future plans and what will he be doing for the rest of his life.

No one can answer the first question except the president and Hillary Rodham Clinton. And there is no doubt the rumors and what the White House dismisses as ``gossip'' are out there to be contended with when news outlets broadcast the conjecture or put it into print.

The second question is easier. The highly talented and highly motivated president will land on his feet. He does not want to be counted out. Undoubtedly he will hit the campaign trail in a last hurrah for Vice President Al Gore when Gore receives the Democratic presidential nomination as expected.

He also will oversee the fund raising and the building of the presidential library in his native Little Rock, Ark. Then there are his memoirs, which should rake in a lot of money to help pay for his humongous legal bills.

Inevitably for a man who likes to talk as much as he does and to stay high profile, Clinton is bound to hit the lecture circuit.

The one abiding goal of his years in office is to promote educational opportunities for all Americans. In that respect he has staked a claim to the title of ``Education President'' and that may lead in future years to heading a university or a think tank. If he becomes a university president all of his skills as a fund-raiser will be used and he has them in spades.

The American people also provide more than adequately for past presidents with huge outlays for their offices in federal buildings, pensions and round the clock Secret Service protection.

As for legacy, past presidents do not dwell on how they might have acted differently but rather on their achievements in office, and the successful decisions they made. Soul searching is not big in presidential memoirs.

There is also the question of where Clinton will live after his White House years. Speculation centers on California and the movie industry where Clinton appears to be at home and has many steadfast friends. In that respect, he will be following some predecessors. President Dwight D. Eisenhower settled in Palm Springs, Calif., and did not go home to Abilene, Kans., and President Gerald Ford did not go back to Grand Rapids, Mich. He spends most of his time at his Rancho Mirage spread in California and Vail, Colo.

There is no word that the Clintons want to go back to Little Rock, Ark., although Clinton has a lot of nostalgia for a place called Hope, Ark., where his boyhood home is now a landmark.

Before he leaves office, Clinton undoubtedly will go all out to help Gore win the presidency, since his nomination as the Democratic standard bearer is almost assured.

Clinton has generously shared his White House platform with the vice president in both terms. He has given him a major role, more than any president in the past has been willing to share the limelight with a vice president.

Gore apparently also has been counting on the first lady with her proved political skills to help him on the hustings during the campaign in 2000.

Clinton also is looking forward to winding up his presidency during the millennium celebration. He fixed his second term on preparing the nation to cross that bridge to the 21st century. It would have been devastating for him to be deprived of his office at the turn of the 20th century and his best laid plans.

Meantime, the president is going to try to savor his remaining time in the White House where the living is good. He hopes to stave off lame duckism as long as possible and he is expected to hit the road early and often, taking advantage of Air Force One and travel to far off places.

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First lady celebrates legacy of first ladies before her

By KALPANA SRINIVASAN= Associated Press Writer=

WASHINGTON (AP) Hillary Rodham Clinton saluted the women who preceded her in the White House and accepted an award for her own contributions in shaping the role of the first lady.

Receiving a crystal statue etched with her image from the National First Ladies' Library, Mrs. Clinton noted Tuesday night that history has sometimes forgotten the causes championed by the first ladies before her.

"Before the explosion of information, we were pretty much dependent on what people wrote about themselves or what other people wrote about them," she said at an awards dinner.

In the case of the first ladies, Mrs. Clinton said, "Their contributions have often been overlooked."

Mrs. Clinton described the many ways in which first ladies have left their own mark on history, from Eleanor Roosevelt's efforts on behalf of civil rights to Betty Ford's work to raise awareness of breast cancer and drug addiction.

"Many of them have used the platform that history gave them to great advantage," Mrs. Clinton said.

She watched as actresses Mary Steenburgen and Jane Alexander performed a reading written by first lady historian Carl Sferrazza Anthony that captured some words of past first ladies in their letters, diaries and interviews.

Afterward, Mrs. Clinton acknowledged that becoming a first lady comes with its own share of pressures and tensions. But these will "create not only some issues and problems that one has to address, but also some opportunities."

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, who presented Mrs. Clinton with the award, slyly suggested that this first lady might capitalize on more opportunities to come.

"Speaking of your leadership, I join with others in hoping that we ain't seen nothing yet," Albright said. Mrs. Clinton is pondering a run for the New York Senate.

Albright herself was saluted at the event, as the first female secretary of state and for her accomplishments in that post. She emphasized women's commitment to improving their position.

"We dedicate ourselves to a future of many, many first women and even more importantly to a future where no woman is left behind," Albright said.

Other honorees included Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor; Pulitzer Prize winning poet, Gwendolyn Brooks; the first African-American woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, Shirley Chisholm; and Elizabeth Campbell, the founder of Washington's WETA Public Television.

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First Lady chats about pets' book, better literacy for children

By ANJETTA McQUEEN= AP Education Writer=

WASHINGTON (AP) Writing to Socks and Buddy, the nation's first pets, is helping thousands of children read better, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton says.

In an America Online Internet session devoid of political talk Tuesday evening, Mrs. Clinton pitched her new book, ``Dear Socks, Dear Buddy: Kids' Letters to the First Pets.'' She also encouraged parents to help children send more letters.

``We should realize that literacy is not just reading, but also writing,'' Mrs. Clinton wrote in her chat session. ``Writing helps a child's language development, helps them formulate ideas and improves vocabulary.''

The book, showing the lighter side of life in the White House, was inspired by the 300,000 annual letters sent to Socks, a black-and-white domestic shorthair cat, and newcomer Buddy, a chocolate Labrador retriever.

``I decided those letters were so wonderful that I wanted to share them with other children and adults,'' she wrote.

Mrs. Clinton also explained how the pets' letters are answered by local military retirees, and how Socks and Buddy do their White House ``jobs,'' such as greeting guests and visiting children's hospitals and nursing homes.

Mrs. Clinton's first time ``chatting'' online drew dozens of browsers, though it started past most children's bedtimes at 10 p.m. EST.

A few children stayed up for the chat.

``I LOVE MRS. CLINTON AND I AM 7 YEARS OLD,'' read one message.

The questions, selected in advance, were mostly from people identifying themselves as teachers and parents and focused on education.

Many chatters speculated among themselves about Mrs. Clinton's prospects for the New York senate seat that she has been courted to seek. ``She could be good for the state's children,'' wrote one viewer.

Mrs. Clinton won praise from child advocates for her first book, ``It Takes a Village.''

``Dear Socks, Dear Buddy'' includes a pet history of the White House, from Dolley Madison's parrot, who escaped a British attack on the White House, and to the Bushes' English springer spaniel Millie, who also has a book.

The Socks and Buddy book, the royalties from which are donated to the National Park Service Foundation, reprints 50 letters from children nationwide and includes more than 80 candid photographs of the pets in the Oval Office, on the lawn and even in the pool.

``I don't think Socks and Buddy know that anyone in the White House is a VIP other than them,'' she wrote.

She recounted the family's semi-successful efforts to get cat used to dog: ``Bill has worked hard to bring peace to many parts of the world and was determined that Buddy and Socks would get along... I guess you could say they are living in a state of peaceful but uneasy coexistence.''

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Starr airs testimony by Mrs. Clinton

By Pete Yost
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Hillary Clinton Denies Knowing Details of Whitewater Venture

First lady's testimony shown on videotape at McDougal trial
Los Angeles Times

Jurors in Susan McDougal's contempt trial heard from a surprise witness yesterday, as Hillary Rodham Clinton testified in a videotaped deposition that she and the president had virtually no active role in the infamous Whitewater land venture.

"We had no involvement in the running of the business and didn't know anything about what went on on a day-to-day basis," Clinton testified in a deposition taped last April at the White House. The tape was played a few days later for a grand jury collecting evidence in independent counsel Kenneth Starr's Whitewater investigation.

Starr's prosecutors used the deposition to make the case that if Hillary Clinton could answer questions under oath about Whitewater, McDougal should also be expected to do so.

McDougal, a onetime business partner of the Clintons, is on trial in federal court for contempt and obstruction of justice for refusing to answer questions about Whitewater dealings at two grand jury appearances. She maintains that Starr's prosecutors wanted her to lie.

Starr's deputies fought successfully yesterday to introduce the deposition into evidence, despite the objections of McDougal's defense attorney, Mark Geragos, who said the tape had been sprung on his client at the last minute.

Prosecutors played 35 minutes worth of excerpts from the deposition, as Hillary Clinton answered more than two dozen questions from deputy independent counsel W. Hickman Ewing Jr. regarding Whitewater transactions.

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

Beginning in the 1970s, the Clintons were business partners with Susan McDougal and her then-husband, James, in the failed residential development project known as Whitewater. Prosecutors believe that some improper funds, including a fraudulent, government-backed \$300,000 loan that Susan McDougal received, may have been funneled into the project, and they have sought to find out what the Clintons knew of several key transactions.

James McDougal died last year in prison.

Hillary Clinton's tone was polite, but she maintained that her knowledge of the project was minimal. She acknowledged that the Clintons and the McDougals were 50-50 partners in the project but said that James McDougal "ran the corporation."

She herself "never spent any significant time at all looking at the books and records of Whitewater," Clinton said.

At one point, the first lady was questioned about a 1983 check for \$5,081 from Susan McDougal to the savings and loan company that the McDougals operated. Asked whether she knew why McDougal would have written "Payoff Clinton" in the note section at the bottom of the check, Hillary Clinton said: "I have no information whatsoever."

Nor, she said, did she know anything about a \$27,600 cashier's check made payable to Bill Clinton in 1982, which was apparently used to pay off part of the Whitewater debt.

On tape, Mrs. Clinton denies role in Whitewater

The Associated Press

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Jurors hear taped replies by first lady

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In videotaped testimony played in public Tuesday for the first time, Hillary Rodham Clinton responded to some of the same questions that Susan McDougal is on trial for ducking.

But most of the time the first lady's answer was some variation of "I don't know."

Jurors in McDougal's Little Rock trial on federal charges of criminal contempt and obstruction of justice watched Hillary Clinton say 10 times in 35 minutes that she couldn't answer questions put to her.

She was asked if she knew anything about a 1983 check McDougal signed and marked "Payoff Clinton" in a question put by independent counsel Kenneth Starr's chief Little Rock deputy, W. Hickman Ewing Jr., who led the questioning last April 25.

"No, I do not, Mr. Ewing," responded the first lady, shown testifying in the same White House room where President Clinton gave grand jury testimony about Monica Lewinsky, which was broadcast nationwide in September. "I've never seen these documents before and I have no information about them."

Did she know why McDougal wrote "Payoff Clinton"?

"I have no information whatsoever," said Hillary Clinton, who wore a yellow suit and a twist of pearls and appeared calm, if on occasion slightly exasperated.

But though she hardly enlightened Starr's prosecutors, the first lady replied politely to every question during the segments of the deposition shown Tuesday. She therefore provided a telling counterexample to McDougal's willful obstinacy, Ewing said during the lunch break.

"I don't know what Mrs. McDougal would say. She might say she doesn't know. But the fact is the grand jury has the right to ask," Ewing said.

Later, asked if he would have been satisfied to get the same kinds of answers from McDougal that Hillary Clinton gave, Ewing emphasized the point.

"The grand jury was entitled to her testimony," he said. "Some people have knowledge about certain things and some people don't."

McDougal is midway through the second week of her trial before U.S. District Judge George Howard Jr. over refusing in September 1996 and April 1998 to answer questions about the Clintons before a Whitewater grand jury in Little Rock.

The Camden native and one-time Clinton business partner contends she wouldn't answer because Starr's prosecutors were out to get Clinton and wanted her to play along -- even if it meant perjury. The prosecution's position is that McDougal was granted immunity, was ordered by a federal judge to cooperate and therefore had to testify.

Associate independent counsels Mark Barrett and Julie Myers hope to rest their case as early as today. They've called six witnesses and plan to question four or five more today.

McDougal's lawyer, Mark Geragos, has not said whom he plans to put on the stand other than McDougal. He said Tuesday that he anticipates about five "substantial" witnesses, and said McDougal probably won't take the stand until next week. Court will not be in session Friday.

McDougal's refusal to answer questions last April 23, two days before Hillary Clinton gave the five-hour deposition and six days before the grand jury watched it. The grand jury indicted McDougal just days later.

Geragos said during the lunch break that the tape "enhances" his client's case because it demonstrates that Starr's prosecutors are "stalking" the Clintons.

"You can see from this desperate attempt to ask incomprehensible questions of the first lady, that there's nothing there at all," Geragos said. "This whole investigation is for naught."

He noted that Hillary Clinton wasn't asked to address all of the issues that FBI special agent Michael T. Patkus, who spent years detailed to the Office of the Independent Counsel, had testified he'd like to discuss with McDougal.

During testimony last week, Patkus said the illegal loan that led to McDougal's 1996 fraud convictions and the "Payoff Clinton" check for \$5,081.82 ultimately helped retire a \$27,600 loan in Bill Clinton's name.

Cross-examining Patkus last Thursday, Geragos wanted to know why he was singling out McDougal to answer questions never posed to Hillary Clinton.

The prosecution said they played the tape Tuesday to clear up the misimpression Patkus' testimony left.

The tape shows Hillary Clinton getting questions on issues McDougal dodged and failing to shed much light on them. Besides the "Payoff Clinton" check, both McDougal and the first lady were quizzed about notes a 1992 campaign staff member took about Hillary Clinton's work as an attorney representing Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan.

The first lady did provide some description of her and the president's business partnership with McDougal and her late ex-husband, James McDougal, during the 1980s in the failed land venture called Whitewater. The McDougals had owned Madison.

Asked whether she and the president were social friends with the McDougals, Hillary Clinton said, "No, we were not."

Cross-examining Patkus after the tape was played, Geragos brought out that the session with Hillary Clinton did not address every issue Patkus would've liked to explore with her.

The questioning at the White House was the sixth time since June 1994 that Hillary Clinton was questioned by prosecutors in the wide-ranging Whitewater investigation.

Tuesday afternoon, jurors heard from Henry O. Floyd, the former Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan employee who was transporting old company records in the trunk of his '79 Mercury Marquis when he abandoned it at a transmission shop after a fee dispute.

The records -- including a \$27,600 cashier's check made out to Bill Clinton -- came to light after tornadoes ripped the car's trunk open in 1997. Clinton has denied knowledge of the check.

Floyd testified about his courier work for Madison and how he came to abandon his car. His testimony led indirectly to a courtroom spat. When he was asked why he sought an assurance of immunity before his appearance Tuesday, McDougal was heard to murmur "scared."

"She is communicating with this jury without being under oath and subject to cross-examination," Barrett complained to Howard later, without the jury present. Pointing at McDougal, he added, "And I would ask that she would stop making faces showing disrespect, not just to me but to the court."

Barrett sat down, and Geragos stood up.

Barrett, he said, was "in my face as if..."

Barrett interrupted, "I object. I was not in his face."

Geragos went on to observe that emotions were running high and that he can tell when Barrett's angry because "he turns red and gets that look on his face."

Howard settled the matter by telling everyone involved to behave.

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

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

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

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

"Yes I do," she replied.

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

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

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Prosecutors "weren't doing anything here but stalking the President and first lady, and they were using Mrs. McDougal to get to that," Geragos said.

"I don't see that there's anybody that can follow" the complex financial transactions that Ewing walked Clinton through, he said. Prosecutors "spent and wasted taxpayers' money of \$40 million on absolutely nothing," he added.

Ewing questioned Clinton on several subjects:

A \$5,081.82 check signed by Susan McDougal and bearing the notation "payoff Clinton." The check was used to make a payment on the Clinton loan. Hillary Clinton said "I do not know" anything about the check.

Hillary Clinton's law firm billing records that indicate she spoke with Susan McDougal on July 18, 1985, at a time when the McDougals were desperately trying to save their floundering S&L. Hillary Clinton said "I do not" know anything about the conversation revealed in the billing records, which turned up inside the White House in 1996 two years after prosecutors subpoenaed them.

The President has never been questioned about the \$27,600 loan, which was not discovered until early December 1996 when FBI agent Mike Patkus, who works for Starr, found a microfilmed copy of the cashier's check. The original of the check turned up in 1997 in the trunk of a tornado-damaged car abandoned at a repair shop a decade earlier by an employee of the McDougals' S&L.

In 1996, Susan McDougal was given limited immunity from prosecution by Starr's office to compel her testify. She still refused and was jailed for civil contempt. Then she was charged with criminal contempt because Starr deemed her a crucial witness to the Whitewater prosecution.

Outside the courthouse after the videotape was played, Ewing declined to comment on the substance of Hillary Clinton's testimony or to say whether prosecutors had any reason to doubt the credibility of her account.

"We want everyone's version," Ewing said.

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President Of Ghana Honored With Lavish Dinner

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

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

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

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

Sauce and Gold Bars and Ghana Coco Beans.

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

The official gift for Nanna Agyeman-

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

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

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

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



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



GUTSY FIRST DAUGHTER She makes her parents look good.

By Ruth G. Davis

As a freshman at Stanford University, Chelsea Clinton was a fixture on campus: riding her bike down the palm-tree-lined paths, going to basketball games and swim meets, showing up at fraternity parties—just like a regular freshman, except that she always had Secret Service agents trailing behind her, disguised as students. She was both popular and respected, but when the Starr Report was released one week before the beginning of classes in her sophomore year, a national rumor of her dropping out only gained strength. Where was Chelsea when all of this was going on? She had gone back to Stanford three weeks early for a highly

selective, extra-credit seminar called "Thinking About Religions."

It's the kind of overachieving behavior we might snicker at if it were anyone other than Chelsea. "She's pretty much untouchable," says a former Stanford classmate. "It's almost déclassé to talk about Chelsea." Which has been standard operating procedure since Chelsea first sprang onto the national scene as an awkward preteen. She has never agreed to an interview, which has only increased everyone's curiosity about someone who seems practically flawless.

It's a big credit to 18-year-old Chelsea, really, that she turned out as well as she did. For one thing, the children

of high-level politicians usually end up creating a little controversy, possibly as a way of acting out against the pressures of public life. (For example, Amy Carter dyed her hair black, was arrested three times for demonstrating against apartheid and the C.I.A., and got kicked out of Brown University.) Chelsea, if anything, diffuses controversy. Since the moment she got to Washington, D.C., and enrolled in the Sidwell Friends School, Chelsea took great pains not to be looked at as different from anyone else. "I didn't really think of her as a celebrity. She seemed more like one of the other kids," says a classmate, who, like many F.O.C.s, wishes to

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YOU BE THE JUDGE



GUTSIEST COMEBACK: Though you questioned its gender, you chose the Volkswagen Bug. Shannen Doherty's return to TV worked for some of you, too.

GUTSIEST STARLET: Christina Ricci's transformation to vamp went over well with you. "She hasn't allowed Hollywood to change her into a no-talent waif," said Joni Lefkowitz of Omaha, Neb.



GUTSIEST MUSICIAN: You picked Sarah McLachlan as No. 1, but you saved all the juicy compliments for No. 2 pick Missy Elliott. Jennifer Abbotts of Albuquerque, N.M., said of Missy: "She's big and sassy and sexy."



remain anonymous. "It wasn't like an elitist group where only certain people could be friends with her." Every year, Chelsea would invite students and teachers from Sidwell to a Christmas party at the White House, and for her 16th birthday, she hosted 30 friends at Camp David for the weekend.

Not that being the daughter of the president didn't backfire on her on several occasions. One year Chelsea ran for student government and lost. "I think people didn't vote for her just because they didn't want it to seem like she was getting elected just because of who she was," says a classmate. Boys were another issue. When she developed a crush on one of the best-looking guys at Georgetown Day School, "he didn't know what to do," says his friend Aaron Tracy. "I think he was pretty intimidated. He was comfortable around girls up to a point, but certainly not comfortable enough to go out with the most powerful girl in the world."

Still, Chelsea didn't let the constant presence of Secret Service agents stop her from going to parties, where the agents sometimes came in handy. "There was this one party, and Chelsea came, and the Secret Service was behind her," recalls a Sidwell classmate. "And suddenly the cops came up to the house and were about to break up the party, but then the Secret Service went up to the cops and said, 'Hey, we've got it under check.' The Secret Service let the party go on. It was so cool." Chelsea would go to parties but rarely drank alcohol. "If someone had too much to drink, she'd take care of them and sit with them and get them home," says one classmate. "She's very caring and considerate."

At Stanford, Chelsea lived in a regular dorm room with a roommate who was also from D.C., in mission-style Wilbur Hall, which had been specially outfitted for her security. "At first I

hated it, but after a while, it wasn't a big deal at all," says a classmate who lived in her dorm. "There were video cameras on us, and everyone had a crush on the Secret Service agents. She knew everybody's name, she was totally polite, she always went out of her way to say hi and ask how you were." Chelsea made lots of friends, but she didn't pledge a sorority. "I think the political implications of joining a sorority weren't that good," says a "tri delt." Although she had the heavy course load of a pre-med student, Chelsea went to lots of fraternity parties, the social mainstay at Stanford. She would still get up for breakfast, and one day she sat down next to several members of the swim team, who would eat in her dorm after early morning practice.

Chelsea became friends with the swimmers and started showing up at most of their meets. "I remember someone forwarded this thing to our e-mail list complaining that the swim team just hangs out in our dorm because of Chelsea," says a dorm-mate. "And [Chelsea] e-mailed back the most eloquent, gracious letter and said, 'I believe people are my friends because they're my friends, and that's all I have to say about this.'" Pretty soon she was dating a swimmer named Matt Pierce, then a junior. They broke up around Thanksgiving, which landed them on the covers of a few tabloids.

As used to scandal as Chelsea is, nothing could have prepared her for the fallout of her father's affair with Monica Lewinsky. When the story first erupted last year, Chelsea left school for a week to go back home, where she met with the Rev. Jesse Jackson, an old friend of the family's. "I talked to her as I talk to my own children, and said that when the storms of life are raging, that with a strong faith in God and devotion to your parents, you can make it," says the reverend. "She has grown up in a house where

politics are breakfast, lunch and dinner discussion. She can handle hurt, she can handle hope, she can handle fear, she can handle pain, she can handle victory, she can handle defeat. She's amazingly mature."

Now heading into the second quarter of her sophomore year, Chelsea lives in a stucco house on campus with friends from her freshman dorm and has several of the Secret Service agents' cars at her disposal. The question, of course, is whether Chelsea can ever be anything other than the ideal child. "I feel she has this persona she can never break out of," says a classmate at Stanford, introducing a note of skepticism. But what she's already done is no small achievement. No one else has made being a good girl seem so cool. ■

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A Year in the Life of You Gutsy Readers

For some reason—perhaps it was that La Niña thing—a number of you were a little bolder than usual last year. Ronda Vize, a TV-news reporter in Beaumont, Texas, jumped out of a plane at 10,000 feet to show just how far she would go to get a story on thrill-seekers. She passed out on the way down and still used the video in her story. Sarah Webster spied thugs picking the pockets of an elderly woman while in Portugal. She signaled authorities, who nabbed the up-to-no-goodniks. Lesa Griffith of New York City went toddling off to report on endangered wildlife in the wilds of Cameroon. And when she returned to Yaoundé, the capital, she was robbed. Hiss. In November, Kelly Walsh from Brooklyn, N.Y., dumped her corporate job in graphic design, bought herself a Strato-caster and learned to play "Cat Scratch Fever." Jen Rene had lived all her 25 years in Any Tiny Sheltered Town, U.S.A. She made her own sort of career change by heading for San Francisco, armed with only faith in herself. And Carole Robinson of Sacramento, Calif., got up the nerve to track down a brother she hadn't heard from in 15 years. "I flew to see him two days later. The rest is bliss." How's that for a bona fide happy ending? —Nandini D'Souza

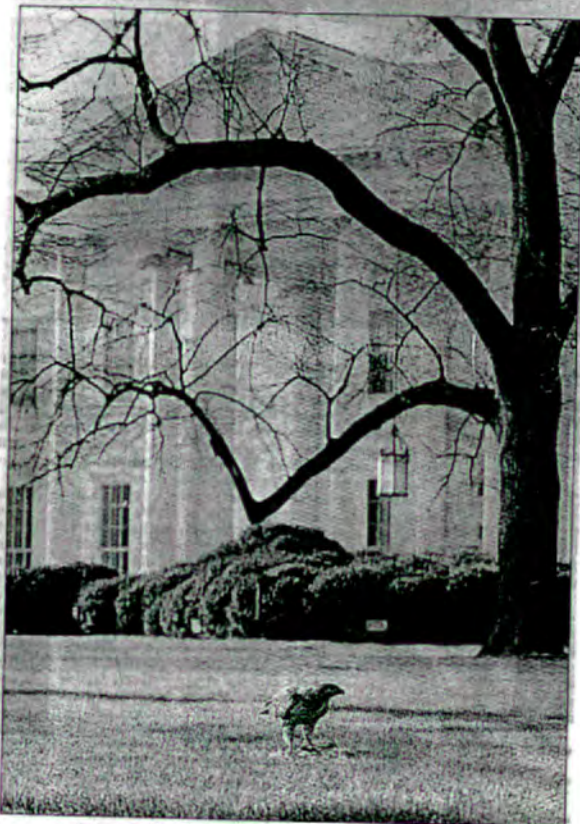


WIMPIEST OVERALL: Ginger, Posh and all those other Spices. You said they used to have such fresh flavor. But now their faux grrrl power is way stale. And May-May DeBarr of New Orleans couldn't help but call Fiona Apple a "whiny creep" (and we couldn't help but print it). ■



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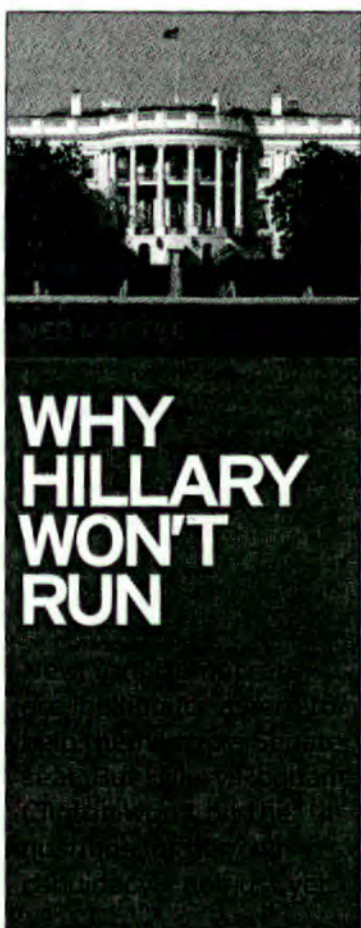
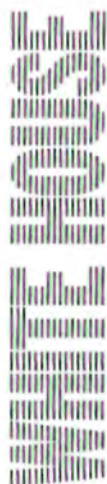


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A red-tailed hawk, above, stands over the remains of a duck after bringing the bird down over the north grounds of the White House on Tuesday. Left, the hawk feasts after surprising tourists with its attack. The bird had been hanging around White House grounds recently, snatching up squirrels and birds.

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WHY HILLARY WON'T RUN

The candidate lights up the small, windowless room deep within the pediatric ward of a Brooklyn hospital. A group of slightly awed hospital workers are gathered around her. For many of them, this is their first job; they clean surgical scrubs, empty bedpans, thaw frozen peas in steaming vats to be served and snubbed on patients' tray tables.

The candidate knows the woes of these workers, most of whom are women. She speaks of their struggle to feed their own children, and she soothes their anxieties about money, sickness, condescending bosses, and ungrateful patients. The candidate moves among them to clasp hands, to listen as they tell her about their lives. They admire her crisp pantsuit, her perfectly coiffed blond hair, her rouged cheeks lifting in a caring smile. They have, of course, seen her before. But they see her differently now.

Okay, that *Primary Colors*-like scene hasn't happened yet. But it will if, as New York Democrats hope, Hillary Rodham Clinton runs for the Senate from New York in 2000. Just the talk of such a campaign has buoyed their hopes of holding the seat of Daniel Patrick Moynihan, who is retiring. But the speculation that she could win such a race has also lifted the spirit and burnished the image of Hillary Clinton.

Which is why, despite all the buzz, she has delayed her decision-making. And why shouldn't she? No point in closing off options before she has to. And Hillary, by all appearances, loves the Empire State. The first lady has orchestrated a regular presence for herself in Manhattan, where she has met with hospital workers, society mavens, and United Nations peacemakers. She has palled around with tabloid gossips, hammed it up with Rosie O'Donnell, mugged for the cameras with Gwyneth Paltrow at a movie premiere. And last fall, she helped Representative Chuck Schumer snatch away Republican Al D'Amato's Senate seat.

"She owns New York," explains Judith Hope, the chair of the state Democratic party. "Her candidacy would be a thrilling event." Elected Democrats would also welcome Hillary to their ranks. "She's one of the most exciting human beings ever to get involved in politics," says Congressman Charles Rangel, who represents Harlem. "She'd be a first-class candidate," says Schumer chief of staff Josh Isay. "She has a mastery of the issues, and New York is crazy about her."

Hillary's flirtation with a Senate run is a provocative political fantasy. The truth is that it's wishful thinking, a theatrical distraction from a party in statewide disarray. By summer, the fundraising shakedown will begin in earnest; and before it can, the first lady must make a big decision. My prediction? Hillary Clinton will not run for the Senate. Here's why: **LOGISTICS** To run for the Senate from New York, you need state residency—nothing more than a place to own or rent on the day of the general election. But Hillary lives in Washington and cannot afford to do otherwise. (Thanks, Ken Starr.) A Manhattan pied-à-terre is notoriously costly, and Hillary, frankly, would need more than a one-bedroom. The first lady does have friends who would gladly loan her a loft or a Park Avenue aerie. But even if well-appointed friends were to offer rent-free digs, federal laws would evict Hillary; the lodging would constitute a campaign donation and would surely exceed federal limits. Gotham gossips recently reported that the first lady was house-hunting uptown. Poppycock, says her spokeswoman Marsha Berry: "If I told >

Smiles before the slugfest: Senate hopefuls **Hillary** and **Rudy**.



you all the places she's been reportedly looking for real estate, it would cover the globe."

That leaves only the commuter option, and the first lady cannot travel lightly—only with a full complement of security troops, staffers, and advance planners, who would need places to lay their heads and recharge their cell phones. Each D.C.-to-NYC excursion could cost more than \$30,000. That depletes any campaign war chest pretty quickly.

RUDY GIULIANI Should Hillary embark on her carpetbagger candidacy, she'd be stepping into the den of the most imperious of all Empire State pols. New York mayor Rudy Giuliani, by law prevented from running for a third term, is aching for a new challenge, and it will probably be the Senate race. Like Hillary, Giuliani is a national figure with fundraising clout. Unlike Hillary, Giuliani has run for office before and he lives in New York. Expect him to hit Hillary hard on her backing of a Palestinian state.

BILL CLINTON The first lady's liberal positions are popular in New York City, and she seems to be liked throughout the state: After Bill Clinton's latest State of the Union speech, he and Hillary traveled to Buffalo, where they were greeted like royalty by 20,000 subjects. But Bill won't always help Hillary. His popularity will almost surely decline now that the scandal is over and the Republicans have stopped making him look good. Giuliani, a former prosecutor, could ask needling questions about that little \$100,000 Hillary made in one year on the futures market. Do voters want six more years of a scandal-plagued Clinton?

REPUBLICAN SENATORS The people who've been trashing her husband for the past seven years are the people Senator Clinton would have to work with. Why would Hillary freely choose to spend time with Trent Lott and Jesse Helms? "She doesn't want to sacrifice her last two years in the White House for the chance to wait until two in the morning while some blowhard finishes his fili-

buster," one Hillary confidant says. Another explains, "She doesn't even like traveling with Bill, because she gets less attention than when she travels alone. So imagine her sharing the spotlight with 99 other senators."

HOME IS WHERE HER HEART IS Why would Hillary run in New York when Illinois, her home state, beckons? Peter Fitzgerald, a young conservative recently elected senator from Illinois, comes up for re-election in 2004. Fitzgerald is more conservative than his state, and he's vulnerable. Odds are, Hillary could knock him off.

FATIGUE She's so-o-o tired. What she needs is to regroup, tend to personal business for a little while. She will focus on the Clinton Presidential Library to be built in Little Rock. And Hillary will reconnect with her Arkansas touchstones, her mother prime among them. Hillary reveled in writing a book a few years back, and by 2001 she would be freer to contemplate the fullness of her White House experience—and,

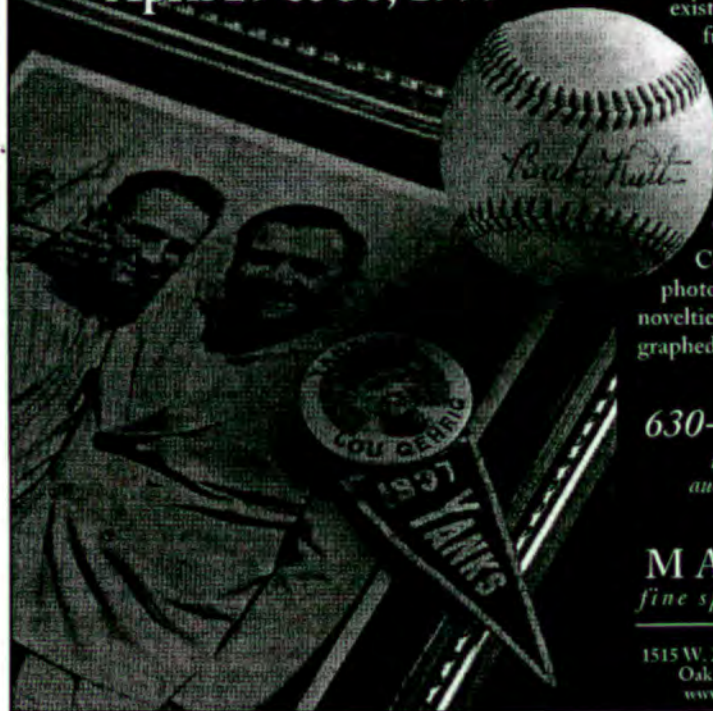
God knows, publishers could help resolve the Clintons' debts with the inking of one book contract. "She needs to make a lot of money to live in the style to which she's become accustomed," says someone who knows Hillary well. "The planes, the hairdressers.... And don't think she hasn't gotten used to that."

So consider, as her protective friends implore, all that Hillary could become besides a politician. She's a cultural icon as an international crusader for oppressed women, and she's a resilient power mom. When she sat for portraits by Vogue's Annie Leibovitz last year, she showed her fantasies: She could be a world traveler, as her crisp, white-bloused Kristin Scott Thomas pose suggested. She could charm potentates and populates, as her Evita-like ball-gown pose revealed. She could even explore a new romance: Remember that tight sweater in silhouette? But one persona was conspicuously missing from Hillary's portfolio—U.S. senator. **E**



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Aides: First lady expected to form exploratory campaign committee

By RON FOURNIER= AP Political Writer=

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The adviser said while it was not likely, it still was possible Mrs. Clinton could decide this month not to seek the nomination.

She is more likely to return from vacation and remain mum on her intentions, continuing to explore the race and moving ever closer to a full-fledged campaign, the three sources said.

If she takes this route, political and legal considerations would force Mrs. Clinton to form an exploratory committee almost immediately, the adviser said.

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*"He's so well-wired, he knows
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Ex-Clinton aide becomes the first lady's mainstay

Harold Ickes guides
her nascent N.Y.
Senate candidacy

By ELLEN GAMERMAN
SUN NATIONAL STAFF

WASHINGTON — The day the Senate was voting on the impeachment of Bill Clinton, two people widely seen to have been betrayed by him were discussing a future of their own — one that could thrust them into the national spotlight just as the president fades into retirement.

The pair eating a four-hour lunch that day in the White House residence: the president's wife and the trusted adviser whom he had notoriously fired.

When Hillary Rodham Clinton began to consider a Senate race in New York, former Clinton aide Harold Ickes was the first person she called.

Now the red-haired and rangy Ickes is Clinton's unofficial main man in her unofficial campaign — a political venture she is considering ever more seriously with regular visits to the state, including one scheduled for Monday.

The two lunch mates have lots in common. Intense political strategists, they share a genuine passion for liberal causes and love a great campaign fight.

And one other thing: unhappy experiences with President Clinton, who is widely seen as having brushed aside the enduring loyalty of each



NEWSDAY

Friends of long standing: Hillary Rodham Clinton gets a hug from Harold Ickes at a New York speaking engagement.

and done them wrong in very public ways.

"Will this be about redemption?" asks longtime Ickes friend Basil Paterson. "Perception-wise, to some people, it will."

The successful Hillary-Harold alliance could be seen as trumping the humiliations of the Clinton years, even offering the opportunity for an odd kind of revenge: Ickes helps the first lady reach for a historic political milestone while her husband awaits history's verdict on his presidency.

What better way to get the last word?

Ickes, 59, rejects the notion that desire for vindication drives him to advise Hillary Clinton. Over fruit salad and tea at Cafe Luna, a restaurant near

his Washington office, he points to a far simpler motive: He intimately understands New York politics.

Besides, he says, she asked. [See Ickes, 10A]

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First lady to visit Israel in June; trip may have dual purpose

By Wolf Blitzer/CNN

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JERUSALEM (May 19) -- Sources close to Israeli Prime Minister-elect Ehud Barak say his new government will roll out the red carpet for First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton when she arrives in Israel next month.

The sources say the first lady's advance team will be in Israel next week to prepare for the visit -- during which, the sources say, Barak and his government will make clear they regard Mrs. Clinton as a strong supporter of Israel despite her controversial statement supporting an independent Palestinian state.

That is seen as potentially important to reassuring the large and politically-active Jewish vote in New York.

Several sources close to the first lady tell CNN she's planning to form an exploratory committee within a month to prepare for a possible run for the New York Senate seat being vacated by retiring Democratic Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

That would be the surest sign to date that she's made up her mind to run though she would still theoretically retain some wiggle room to change her mind.

She's coming under intense pressure from lawyers to go ahead with the exploratory committee to help pay for her trips to New York, her phone calls to Democratic party activists and any internal polls that her supporters will commission.

The sources say her supporters have already informally sounded out several political consultants about working in her campaign

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consultants about working in her campaign though no final decisions have been made about who will be involved.

What is clear, the sources say, is that former White House deputy chief of staff Harold Ickes will be in charge of the campaign at least at the start.

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Republicans looking forward to possible Senate run by first lady

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By PAUL BARTON

Gannett News Service

WASHINGTON - The man who will direct Republican campaigns for the Senate in the year 2000 said Wednesday the GOP can hardly wait to take on first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton in a potential New York match.

Her candidacy, he said, would energize Republicans.

"The best day she will have will be the day before she announces," said Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee.

McConnell, whose job is to raise money and help plan strategy for all GOP Senate candidates, made the comment at a breakfast meeting with reporters.

A potential bid by Hillary Clinton for the Senate seat being vacated by the retiring Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., has tantalized the nation's capital, New York and national political circles for months.

The two most often mentioned Republican candidates to oppose her are New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Rep. Rick Lazio from Long Island.

McConnell said neither is "cowered" by the thought of running against the first lady.

Mrs. Clinton is expected to use a Florida vacation with her husband later this month to make a decision about entering the race, with an announcement coming in early June.

The longer she plays with the idea, McConnell said, the more it seems she is serious about running.

But Mrs. Clinton's sudden adoption of New York for political purposes will be more of a problem for her than Democrats think, he said.

"I think this widespread notion that New York is too sophisticated to care ... is one of the problems the first lady will have," he said. "The second is the government underwriting a campaign."

McConnell hinted Republicans will make an issue of Hillary Clinton's frequent trips to New York this year as first lady and will pose questions about how she would separate her official duties from obvious campaign swings paid for by the taxpayers.

"How many times do you go to New York over the course of three months," he said.

The situation is a unique one in American political history, he said, adding that there are no reimbursement formulas similar to the ones that vice presidents have to use when they are traveling on the government's tab and running for president.

"I think it will rival the presidential race in terms of attention," he said, adding, "It will be written about, talked about and discussed in every state in America."

Like Vice President Al Gore's bid for the presidency, a Hillary Clinton Senate race would serve as a referendum on the Clinton years, he said.

Noting polls that show Gore running behind potential GOP nominees George W. Bush and Elizabeth Dole, McConnell said, "It seems to me there is a kind of fatigue factor with the Clinton years."

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Lowey says she's in Senate race if first lady isn't

By SHANNON McCAFFREY= Associated Press Writer=

WASHINGTON (AP) As Hillary Rodham Clinton continues to ponder whether she will enter the New York Senate race, Rep. Nita Lowey made it clear Wednesday she will run if the first lady does not.

"I've made the decision that if Hillary does not run I will run," Lowey said Wednesday. "Should she decide to run then the Democratic party and I would support her."

Even though Lowey has been saying for some time that she is very interested in running for the Senate if Mrs. Clinton decides to steer clear, the Westchester County Democrat had not publicly committed previously to entering the race.

Lowey has spent much of her time in recent months touring New York, concentrating especially on the heavily-Republican territory upstate where she is not well known. She said those travels fueled her decision to run.

"I've gotten very good support from families throughout the state. I've also been raising money," Lowey said. "Just in talking to average people throughout the state I feel serving them in the Senate would be a wonderful thing."

In an ironic twist, Mrs. Clinton is headlining a fund raiser for Lowey next week in Manhattan that could either end up benefiting Lowey's Congressional re-election or her Senate bid, depending on what Mrs. Clinton decides to do.

The first lady is heading from that May 24 \$1,000-per head fund-raiser at the Grand Hyatt to a vacation with the president in Florida where New York Democrats say she will come to some sort of decision on the Senate seat.

Mrs. Clinton's advisers have told top New York Democrats that sometime in June she will make an announcement on the Senate bid, which could range from ducking out of the race to forming an exploratory committee.

Lowey said Wednesday that she had the impression from conversations with Mrs. Clinton that the first lady would make her decision soon but did not know what that decision would be.

"I would say in the next month or two we will know," Lowey said.

Lowey had some \$800,000 in the bank for a possible Senate bid several months ago. Lowey spokesman Howard Wolfson said the next financial filing, due June 30, would be "very impressive" but declined to give a specific total.

On the Republican side, New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Long Island Reps. Rick Lazio and Peter King are considering running for the seat being vacated by retiring Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan in 2000.

News on Lowey's Senate race decision was first reported in Wednesday's editions of the Journal News in Westchester County.

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SPARKLING WATER WITH . . .

Rosalynn Carter

**Between
First Ladies:
The Senate's
Just Not
The Same**

If **Hillary Rodham Clinton** wants to represent New York in the Senate, it's okay with former first lady **Rosalynn Carter**. But she's not sure the job would be a promotion. Chatting with *The Source* on Monday, Carter said she had rejected Georgia Democrats' suggestions that she run for governor or senator. "It just didn't appeal to me," she said. "There has never been a senator who was first lady before. But, of course, more attention is paid to a first lady than to a senator."

"The first lady is really influential. If she has a project, it gets full attention," Carter continued. "To me, it's sad that some

things are acceptable for the first lady to work on, and some things are not. And I think the reason Hillary got so much flak about health care was because the public perceived her as trying to set policy, which is the *president's* responsibility."

She praises Hillary Clinton's defense of her husband during the **Monica Lewinsky** scandal and subsequent impeachment. "I think she has been great," Carter said. "The sad thing for me is that when she was really working on an issue, people criticized her. When she stood by her man, everybody loved her. I'll be glad when that day is over."

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POLITICS: Republicans lag well behind Democrats on top priority issues such as Social Security and education, and swing voters disapprove of the Congress by double-digit margins, a recent GOP survey found. At the same time, the survey for the Republican National Committee found strong public support for a GOP proposal for a "lockbox" to ensure that surplus funds in the Social Security system are not used for other purposes.

A Republican call to allow workers to invest a portion of their payroll taxes individually also has strong backing. Pollster Fred Steeper suggested it might be one way for Republicans to counter the popularity of increasing the minimum wage, a Democratic priority. Overall, 55% disapproved of the way the Republican-led Congress is handling its job; 38% approved. Asked which party's candidate they would vote for, 43% said the Democratic, and 39% said the Republican. Voters preferred Democrats, 49-28, on Social Security, and 48-33 on education.



Agence France-Presse

Clinton: Heading abroad again

► Hillary Rodham Clinton, expected to decide within weeks whether to run for a Senate seat from New York, is planning a summer trip to Israel and Jordan with daughter Chelsea. Critics noted the first lady just returned from Ireland, and they complained she is misusing taxpayer money to court different segments of New York's ethnically rich voters. "Ireland? Israel? Can Italy be far behind?" asked Steve Minarik, a New York GOP county chairman.

Clinton's press secretary, Marsha Berry, strongly denied any Senate race implications.

— Billy House, Gannett News Service

► New York Gov. George Pataki asked fellow state Republican leaders to join him next Monday for a major political announcement. Speculation centered on the possibility that Pataki might join the crowded GOP presidential field, run as a favorite son to lock up the state's nominating convention delegates or has changed his mind and will enter the race for the open Senate seat of Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan. Why not just announce his intent now, a reporter asked. "I like aggravating you," Pataki said. "It's fun."

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Richard Cohen

Make Way For the First Lady

Droit du seigneur is the term for the alleged feudal right of the lord to take the virginity of his vassal's bride on the wedding night. It is the basis for many a play and one great opera, Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro." *Droit du seignora* is the term invented by me for the right of a first lady to get her party's Senate nomination in any state she so chooses. Hillary Clinton has picked New York.

In fact, she seems raring to go. Clinton has made a list of likely campaign aides. It starts with former presidential assistant Harold Ickes at the top and includes Robert Shrum, a political consultant and whiz speech writer, Mandy Grunwald, who would probably handle the advertising, and other veterans of Bill Clinton's presidential campaigns. These people, she's now saying, are the staffers she would choose if she were going to run. But that "if" has turned into a virtual "when"—an exploratory committee within a month, a likely candidacy soon after.

This is an amazing turn of events. On the basis of her domestic dilemma, New York's Democratic Party has simply turned itself over to Clinton. This is the party of Roosevelt, Smith, Lehman, Cuomo, Moynihan and the late, great Mario Procaccino, who lost the 1969 mayoral race to John Lindsay but left us with the term "limousine liberals." The Empire State is loaded with political talents, many of them Democratic in ideology, and yet they have all, to a man and woman, moved aside to allow the first lady to get what, for some reason, everyone thinks is hers if she wants it.

The most prominent step-aside is Nita M. Lowey, a Democratic congresswoman from Westchester County for the past decade. She is a declared candidate for the Senate—but only if Clinton does not run. If Clinton does, then Lowey is out—having recognized the eminent right of the first lady to represent a state in which she has never lived, does not live, and will, should she be elected, live only intermittently. With a bit more logic, Clinton could have run from Illinois, her home state, or Arkansas, where she was once first lady.

There is something wacky about this state of affairs. By what right does Clinton get the New York nomination by acclamation? What would be wrong with a primary fight in which Clinton would have to explain how she is going to be first lady and Senate candidate all at one time? What would be wrong in having an opponent ask her if she is not shortchanging the voters—the ones to whom Bill Clinton once promised an activist first lady? These are legitimate issues the voters might want to decide in a primary. It appears, though, that will not have the chance.

One reason, paradoxically, is that Clinton is the darling of feminists. But it is Lowey—patient, patient Lowey—who has built a career all on her own. No one ever heard of her husband, Stephen, a lawyer, although I'm sure he's a fine fellow. What's more, Lowey has been a champion of women's issues—everything from the funding of breast cancer research to a no-equivocation defense of abortion rights. It's not for nothing that an opponent once called her "Bella Abzug without a hat."

Clinton, on the other hand, is getting her current boost in the polls from playing the most conventional of female roles. No longer is she a policymaker, health care czarina or some such thing. Instead, she has become the person she once dismissed: the stand-by-your-man wife of country music lore. This is a tune she now hums herself—although a Senate race would suggest that her standing days may soon be coming to an end.

Don't get me wrong. I'm a Clinton fan. I think she'd make a dandy senator from any state. I say that as a citizen. As a journalist, I would far prefer a Clinton-Giuliani race to any other. But my selfish concerns are immaterial. The voters deserve a nomination fight, if only to see whether Clinton on her own can be a credible candidate.

Just as Bill Clinton's sexual shenanigans taught America about America (Who thought he would survive? Who thought he would thrive?), so has Hillary Clinton's apparent Senate candidacy given us a lesson. She prospers in the polls (an eight-point lead over Rudolph Giuliani, the likely GOP candidate) not only because of her manifest abilities (she's a great speaker, among other things) but also because as a wounded woman—loyal, suffering and all the rest—she can take what she wants. It is a form of *droit du seigneur*. As for Lowey, another feudal term applies: Lady in Waiting.

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Ellen Warren & Teresa Wiltz

First lady's gum bursts bubbles

Gossipy Washington (a tautology) has been grumpy ever since the Monica Lewinsky story went away. Whisperers have been reduced to analyzing every word and gesture of First Lady **Hillary Rodham Clinton**—quite a come down from the cigar, the blue dress, "Leaves of Grass," etc.

So the chatter in D.C. is mostly about will Hill run for the New York senate seat or not? She certainly was doing a convincing imitation of a New Yorker recently as she hosted the annual congressional spouses luncheon. Mrs. Clinton was chewing a big wad of gum as she was introduced to this snooty bunch—who couldn't wait to carp and criticize—and call Inc. to rat her out.

This just in from the flight deck



AP photo

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, with U.S. Rep. Charles Rangel (left) of New York at a ceremony on Saturday, is filling a void in Washington gossip circles.

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HEADLINE: Hillary Clinton to use vacation with prez to decide on Senate race

BYLINE: By MARC HUMBERT, AP Political Writer

DATELINE: ALBANY, N.Y.

BODY:

New York Democrats say Hillary Rodham Clinton will use a Florida vacation with her husband late this month to decide if she wants to pursue a possible run for the U.S. Senate.

Mrs. Clinton's advisers have begun telling top party members in the state that sometime in June, after the Florida break, she will make an announcement, the Democrats said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"She will either announce she is not running or possibly announce formation of an exploratory committee," one New York Democrat close to the situation said.

Should an exploratory committee be formed, a formal announcement of her candidacy, if she decides to go ahead with it, would likely come in September or later, the Democrats said.

One top New York Democrat said the timetable had been conveyed by one of Mrs. Clinton's closest advisers.

There was no immediate comment Friday from the first lady's advisers. Mrs. Clinton was in Macedonia visiting refugee camps.

Formation of an exploratory committee would allow the first lady to begin raising money to pay for her political travels and other preparations for a possible campaign. She has already come under fire from some quarters for traveling at public expense to New York for what are campaign-like visits.

On the Republican side, New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani is also considering a run for the Senate seat being vacated next year by Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan. Also eyeing the race for the GOP are two congressman from Long Island, Rick Lazio and Peter King.

On the Democratic side, U.S. Rep. Nita Lowey of Westchester County is

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preparing for a Senate run, but only if Mrs. Clinton decides against joining the race.

There has been concern in state Democratic Party circles that should Mrs. Clinton wait until late this year and then decide she was not running, it would put the eventual Democratic nominee at a huge disadvantage against Republicans in terms of fundraising and organization.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said Thursday that President and Mrs. Clinton would spend May 25 to May 30 at the White Oak Plantation conservation center in Yulee, on Florida's north Atlantic coast. The first lady's office said daughter Chelsea was not expected to accompany them.

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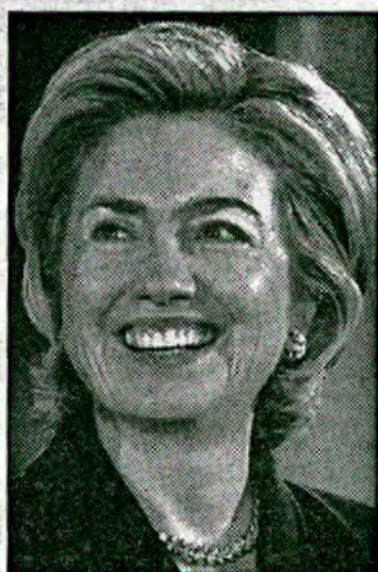
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Lots of ifs, but watch where Hillary vacations

LORDY, those Clintons are sure busy with New York. The Big Man Himself schleps here Wednesday the 19th. Lunch. A meeting of the wallets. Small private gathering. Major major Dem givers, each of whom thinks he likes them personally. And will invite them over for potluck Passover when he's not living in government housing anymore. This snack's being given by **Jack Rosen**, president of the American Jewish Congress.

Meanwhile, **Hillary** will announce if she's running for Senate from New York as late as possible. September. One determination has been, no point, no upside, to coming out any earlier than she must. So if it's "yes" come fall, our signal will be where she vacations come summer. Considering Martha's Vineyard is outside New York borders, wouldn't seem a truly swift idea to go splashing and sunning in another state, right? And li'l Hill is plenty smart, right? So we're looking Hamptons, Adirondacks, Far Rockaway, Coney Island, right?

Besides **Chelsea** and other elements weighing in, Kosovo has become a very real factor in the decision. Will it seem seemly for America's First Lady to be gone from our land's heartbeat and



HILLARY CLINTON
Far Rockaway?

potting about Schenectady, Utica, Rochester, Buffalo and downtown Elmira hustling votes when the White House, our President and our nation

may be under siege.

If the decision's "yes," she'll neutralize the carpetbaggerism up front as did JFK with his Catholicism. Camp Hillary deems this surmountable. The mantra will be she's essentially stateless, rootless. Born in Illinois, schooled in Massachusetts, wed in Arkansas, lived in Washington, etc. Also the message will be, she can work harder, longer, better for the state than anyone. Who has more contacts, yadda yadda yadda? Also she loves New York, always wanted to live in New York.

The route she'll take is to expose herself to as many different people and areas as possible. The boonies, special interest groups, those who've actually never one-on-one'd her before, need to have this chance. People tend to like Hillary once they've met her face-to-face.

And there's the question, what's Bill do when he grows up? Lectures and the regulation memoir do not constitute a future. Mucking about on a Clinton Library is make-work, not real work. Can't go into politics. Been there, done that. So it's business. He needs to go into the business sector. In other words, he's job-hunting.

P.S. A little tidbit you didn't hear from me. Gore is dis-thrilled with Senator-maybe Hillary. Thinks she should be out there drumbeating for his political career, not hers.

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FROM THE TRAIL

Hillary, Lowey to raise money for ... whom?

First lady **Hillary Clinton** will continue her New York Senate fan dance at a New York City fundraiser later this month.



Clinton

Headlining a \$1,000-per-person dinner for the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, Clinton will look an awful lot like a Senate candidate, but her political intentions will remain officially shrouded.

Joining Clinton for the May 24 event at the Hyatt in Manhattan will be **Rep. Nita Lowey**, the first lady's understudy for the party's nomination to succeed retiring **Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D)**.

Many Democrats, including Moynihan, fear that, if Clinton delays her decision for several months and then decides against a race, Lowey will not have enough time to raise the cash necessary for the race.

The latest poll out of New York by **John Zogby** shows Clinton trailing New York City Mayor **Rudolph Giuliani (R)** by a 48-42 percent margin.

Giuliani will likely face a challenge from Long Island **Rep. Rick Lazio (R)**.

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HEADLINE: SUNDAY FOCUS I / FIRST LADY'S SALVOS IN A VIRTUAL CAMPAIGN

BYLINE: Andrea Bernstein. Andrea Bernstein covers politics for the New York Observer and WNYC radio.

BODY:

CALL IT the virtual campaign. On the left, there's Hillary Rodham Clinton, traveling to New York on first lady business, of course, but just happening to hit every Democratic constituency from Syosset to Niagara Falls. On the right, there's New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, spending more time in Wyoming County than in Jackson Heights. But neither of them has "made up their minds" about running for U.S. Senate.

Clinton's out there raising money for Democrats, rubbing elbows with big-time party donors, spending her days with African Americans, Jews and women - especially women. Giuliani's political committee has a website called Hillaryno.com that raises money for Friends of Giuliani. At a speech at Hofstra University last week, Clinton apologized for the failures of her 1994 health care plan - one of the issues, polls show, that's uppermost on the minds of New Yorkers mulling support for a Clinton Senate candidacy. Addressing a negative like that early is a favorite tactic of political candidates. Giuliani pushed school vouchers at his budget address Thursday - that's an issue that likely plays better in Rochester than in Rosedale.

There's a new poll every week - Clinton's leading, Clinton and Giuliani are tied, Clinton's edging up again.

But - wink, wink, nudge, nudge - there's no Senate race. Got that? On the one hand, maybe that's good news. It seems like hardly yesterday that we were inundated with advertisements talking about Armenian earthquake victims and "too many lies - too long" in the D'Amato-Schumer race. Do we really need another nasty race, so soon? But there are problems with a virtual campaign. A traveling first lady gets perks no New York candidate for any office - from dog catcher to governor - could get away with. The Secret Service, for one. To cover a Clinton event, a reporter needs to show up hours early. The press schedule even refers to a "lock-down" time after which no reporter will be admitted for any reason. Kept behind ropes and barricades, the press corps laps up maybe 15 minutes of talk, then tries - usually to no avail - to get close enough to the first lady to shout a question or two. The big excitement last week came when she deigned to answer a series of five or six questions about her political plans. An unusually polite crowd of reporters asked her first about a meeting she'd held

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organizing aid for Kosovar Albanian refugees. When the inevitable question came about whether she'd made up her mind about a Senate run, she inexplicably giggled. Then, for the next 13 stops, it was distance as usual. No questions.

What's wrong with this picture? Plenty. Hillary Rodham Clinton wants to be our senator - maybe - but she's not a New Yorker. Don't we deserve some time to get to know her really, really well? Some people think we know her too well - and certainly we know more about her husband's sex life than we ever wanted to. We also know that she may or may not have been involved in some sort of unwholesome land deal in Arkansas. That she failed miserably at putting together a national health plan. That she believes in a vast right-wing conspiracy.

But on policy questions, she remains fuzzy and out of focus. Does she favor sending ground troops into Kosovo? That was one of the shouted questions she simply smiled at last week while exiting a 10th floor room at the United States Mission to the United Nations. Does she support campaign finance reform? What about the Second Avenue Subway? East Side Access for the LIRR? Which would she make a priority? Is she opposed to so-called partial-birth abortion? How about gay marriage? These are things we need to know about our U.S. senator - yet Clinton has no voting record, and the only time she ever strayed from a position of her husband's - on the question of a Palestinian state - she was quickly muzzled.

OK, so we learned a few things this week. The death penalty? She's for it.

School vouchers? Against 'em. The press corps, so reduced are we, gobbles up each of these bones like they were filet mignon. We have to. You learn so little from 80 feet away.

Clinton is taking a page from her husband's playbook - governing by controlling information. Events are staged, and reporters have little choice but to take what they're given, or get no news at all. Her likely opponent, Giuliani, is little better - his aides routinely answer as few substantive questions as possible, deny freedom of information requests, and fail to respond at all to reporters they consider unfriendly. In fact, his former deputy mayor, Randy Mastro, told a Columbia Journalism School forum earlier this year that Giuliani's model in press relations was Bill Clinton himself. There are real problems with all of this. For instance, had the public been more conversant with the make-up and the tactics of the NYPD Street Crime Unit, it might not have taken a tragedy to begin a public debate about whether this is the way New Yorkers want to fight crime.

Still, Giuliani is available, almost every day, to answer reporters' questions.

Neither Clinton can make the same claim. Both Giuliani and Hillary Clinton no doubt want the perks of a candidacy, such as positive press attention and donor enthusiasm, without the negatives, such as a constant stream of media scrutiny on questions ranging from campaign contributions to inconsistencies in past positions. And that's to say nothing, of course, about the barbs of an opponent.

For that reason, they'll both likely string out this interim period for as long as possible. OK, say Clinton does announce she's in by July - won't that be early enough? Won't the attention this race will get - for more than a year - allow us to learn all we need about Hillary Clinton's positions, not to mention

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Rudy Giuliani's? Maybe. Clinton will still be first lady, and the Secret Service won't go away. She'll be used to the kind of campaigning her husband does - huge events where the press is kept far, far at bay.

In California, where some tiny fraction of one percent of television news is devoted to political campaigns, candidates have the luxury of speaking directly to the voters through television advertisements, produced by pricey consultants, and hardly have to worry about the press at all. They say what they want, or they say nothing. If Giuliani and Clinton have their way, New Yorkers will be subject to the same fate. That's the advantage - for the candidates - of a virtual campaign.

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BYLINE: ROBERT J. MCCARTHY; News Political Reporter

BODY:

After Hillary Rodham Clinton made three days of campaign-style appearances and back room political discussions throughout New York this week, the state's top Democrats are convinced the first lady wants to run for the U.S. Senate next year.

Now, they say, she must figure out a way.

That means devising some path allowing her to fulfill her White House duties over the remainder of her husband's term, while devoting the necessary time to campaigning and raising the millions of dollars needed to finance a statewide contest.

After all the advice, counsel and opinion, her closest New York associates say it all boils down to a decision she must make in her own mind.

"I believe Hillary Clinton really wants to run and really believes she can win," Mayor Masiello said Friday after evaluating pros and cons with the first lady and others in Niagara Falls on Thursday. "But she's not there yet."

"It's clear to me she wants to do this; she's very, very attracted to the challenge," said state Democratic Chairwoman Judith Hope. "The question she asks herself is about finding a valid way to do it."

Mrs. Clinton, who in February acknowledged she is exploring the possibility of running for the seat to be vacated by the retiring Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan in 2000, has substantially ratcheted up her New York presence in recent days. That has raised speculation to a fever pitch, resulting in hordes of national press trailing her around the state and dozens of phone calls and meetings with New York's Democratic brain trust.

While "officially" performing White House duties at every stop, it's the spectacle of a sitting first lady campaigning for such a high-profile post that attracts the national press and sets political junkies drooling. And her recent itinerary puts no damper on that speculation, including:

* Two days of appearances throughout New York City and Long Island earlier in the week, followed by her Thursday speech before 3,000 teachers at the New York State United Teachers convention.

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* A one-hour meeting in Niagara Falls late Thursday that included Masiello, Rep. John J. LaFalce, Deputy Assembly Speaker Arthur O. Eve, Erie County Democratic Chairman G. Steven Pigeon, as well as separate meetings with Niagara County officials.

* Her first openly political event -- a state Democratic Party dinner -- set for Manhattan Thursday, plus another Buffalo visit, this one slated for May 7 in conjunction with a national series of labor round-tables on the economy sponsored by the AFL-CIO.

* A continuing lead in the polls over potential rival Rudolph W. Giuliani, the Republican mayor of New York. The latest Quinnipiac College poll released Thursday shows her leading Giuliani 49-42 percent.

LaFalce, a long time associate of President and Mrs. Clinton who traveled with the first lady to Niagara Falls on Thursday, said he truly believes he does not yet know what choice she will make. Like Ms. Hope and Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver -- other confidantes in her decision-making process -- he puts the chances at "50-50."

"She loves the idea of being part of the U.S. Senate and being an influence for good," he said. "But she's aware of the residency problem, and very concerned about being a representative for New York State while fulfilling the duties of the White House."

It is that concern, say those around her, posing the biggest obstacle to a Senate run. With talk of a trip to the Balkans in the near future, discussions about other ventures abroad, and the packed schedule surrounding her first lady duties -- her associates say the questions are valid ones. And they are complicated by the fact that nobody has ever faced such a unique dilemma before.

There are other downsides. Many point to the slings and arrows guaranteed to fly in such a high profile campaign. Others say the first lady must be willing to accept the pain of defeat, while still others indicate her position allows her to make contributions on her own terms.

And even her closest supporters worry about a "carpetbagger" image for a New York candidate who hails from Illinois and who spent most of her life in Arkansas, though many dismiss the issue's impact.

Pigeon, the Democratic chairman, says Mrs. Clinton's silent campaign has now entered a new phase. The "wow factor" of a first lady running for office is now beginning to wear off. He joins others in saying Mrs. Clinton should send some kind of signals soon -- most officials are saying by June.

In the meantime, Pigeon said, the "campaign" has entered its most critical phase as far as Mrs. Clinton is concerned.

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BODY:

Potential Senate candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton, in a turnabout certain to increase speculation that she intends to run, has decided to attend a major state Democratic Party fund-raising dinner next week.

Word of the schedule change came as an independent pollster said the first lady's event-packed foray into New York this week may have halted a slide in her poll numbers.

The New York City dinner will be the first major political event in the state for the first lady since she announced in February she was considering running for the Senate seat being vacated next year by Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

The Clinton camp has, in fact, been careful to keep her largely away from overtly political events in New York and focus instead on what can be presented as non-partisan attractions.

"She goes to a Democratic dinner like that, she may as well announce," one adviser, speaking on condition of anonymity, said last week when word was spreading from supporters that she wouldn't attend the party dinner.

Asked Thursday if the change in plans was a sign of increased interest in the Senate race, first lady spokeswoman Marsha Berry said Thursday that "whenever she goes to New York it gets a lot of attention and piques people's interest and I can certainly see why that happens."

State Democratic Chairwoman Judith Hope said it could be a mistake to read too much into the decision. Hope said it is part of the job of the first lady to help state parties raise money.

Nonetheless, Hope also said, "this is another sign of the first lady's commitment to winning the New York Senate race in 2000."

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In fact, one top New York Democratic operative, who has long maintained that Mrs. Clinton would not run for the Senate seat, said Thursday that her decision to attend the party dinner "moves me a lot" toward believing she will run. The operative asked not to be indentified.

Tickets to the Democratic dinner next Thursday cost \$ 150 each. There is also a \$ 1,000-a-person private reception. Proceeds go to the state party.

After numerous campaign-style stops in New York City and on Long Island on Monday and Tuesday, Mrs. Clinton headed for Niagara Falls on Thursday for a speech to a politically powerful teachers' union.

Maurice Carroll, director of the Quinnipiac College Polling Institute, said her travels seem to have breathed "new life" into her poll numbers.

The latest statewide Quinnipiac poll, released Thursday, had Mrs. Clinton favored by 49 percent of voters questioned to 41 percent for New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, a possible Republican opponent. Both are considering the race.

A Quinnipiac poll released Feb. 23, a week after the first lady first said she was considering the race, had Mrs. Clinton leading the mayor, 54 percent to 36 percent. A March 23 Quinnipiac poll showed her still leading Giuliani, but only by 50 percent to 39 percent. A follow-up poll from the Hamden, Conn.-based institute released a week ago, had Mrs. Clinton at 47 percent and Giuliani at 42 percent.

The latest telephone poll of 1,128 registered voters was conducted April 14-20 and has a margin of error or plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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First lady should not campaign on taxpayers' nickel

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Hillary Rodham Clinton is spending a lot of time in New York State these days, apparently testing the waters for a U.S. Senate run.

This week the first lady is making dozens of appearances, a few of them obviously political, from Niagara Falls to Long Island, accompanied by her White House entourage and Secret Service agents at a large cost.

Whether Clinton seeks the Democratic nomination to fill the seat currently held by retiring U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan is entirely up to her.

But she should not be campaigning for political office in New York at taxpayers' expense.

One of her appearances involved a fund-raising event at the World Trade Center for U.S. Rep. Jerry Nadler, D-N.Y. Nadler's campaign will pay part of Clinton's travel costs, according to a Clinton aide.

That's a start, but is it enough?

If she is a candidate, she should form a campaign committee, raise funds and pay the total costs for her New York campaigning. She should also consider reimbursing taxpayers for what she has already spent in the campaign mode.

She is said to be considering the idea. Surely, as a skilled politician, she recognizes the fine line she treads while she makes up her mind. Being married to President Clinton does not entitle her to a blank check for what appears to be very much like electioneering.

The first lady has adopted New York's motto: "I love New York."

Many people do. But American taxpayers from across the land should not be subsidizing in any way her run for a Senate seat from there.

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issues such as education and health care that are as important in New York as they are across the country.

Using the collective "we" in a way that could include the first lady herself, Mrs. Clinton said, "We have everything in New York that we have in America."

She also announced plans to travel to Albania and Macedonia "as soon as I'm given the green light" by humanitarian workers.

As for her career, Mrs. Clinton told several associates in recent days that she has concluded that serving in the Senate would be a good next step for her. When word first surfaced of her interest, Mrs. Clinton had told these same people she wasn't sure if she wanted to be in a Republican-controlled Senate.

The new question: Is she willing to risk losing? Though a senior adviser said Mrs. Clinton is not afraid of defeat, other associates say she tends to avoid taking risks.

Sandra Feldman, president of the American Federation of Teachers and a supporter of Mrs. Clinton in New York, suggested the first lady is inclined to run.

"I don't get a feeling that a final decision has been made yet, but I think she's very interested," Ms. Feldman said.

Mrs. Clinton was urged to run at every stop, including a Central Park event concerning hiking trails. "I want to wish her all the best as she hits a different kind of trail right here in New York State," said Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y.

GRAPHIC: Associated press First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, in New York for a trip largely designed to explore a potential Senate race, greets well-wishers after announcing the Millennium trails initiative at New York's Central Park boat house Monday.

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For Senator From the Great State of America

Hillary Clinton's potential Senate candidacy reached a new plane this week when she and the citizens of the Empire State moved into the same pronoun. "We have everything in New York that we have in America," he said. In some kind of agrarian flashback to her Arkansas days, she added that the New York press corps might be surprised to know the kind of crops that are grown in their state. If this candidacy blossoms, flash cards and spelling tests are sure to follow.

The idea that New York is uniquely reflective of the nation as a whole is sure to appall the nation as a whole, but a contest featuring Mrs. Clinton and Rudolph Giuliani, New York City's Mayor, would certainly be America's race. The nationalization of the New York Senate seat is already happening. Mr. Giuliani announced at a speaking engagement in Florida that he had filed papers establishing his potential candidacy. Mrs. Clinton, expanding the race's scope further, broke her self-imposed embargo in discussing her political plans while she was in Cairo. This week, as Adam Nagourney not-

The First Lady and the Mayor court New York from everywhere else.

ed in *The Times*, she entertained a public discussion of the Senate race for the first time "on American soil.")

On a substantive level, Clinton vs. Giuliani would be an interesting clash between the politics of moderate Republicanism and of Clintonian Democrats, in which we would finally get to figure out how the two differ. (This week's hint: school vouchers.) On a personal level, this is the gender gap come to life. But right now, the greatest fascination lies in the sight of these two outsize personalities trying to fit themselves into their new roles.

When Mrs. Clinton finally allowed reporters to ask questions this week, the infamous bulldog New York press corps failed to bite, offering only one hesitant query about whether it was fair for the American tax-

payers to be underwriting these First-Lady forays into New York. If Mrs. Clinton had been studying Mr. Giuliani's technique, she would have announced that the subsidized transportation and staff were all necessary for her security, and perhaps implied that the media were sympathetic to international terrorism. Instead, Mrs. Clinton's press secretary compared the questioning reporter to a "pinhead," raising the possibility that the information policy that has done so much for President Clinton's reputation can be exported to New York.

The idea that Mr. Giuliani, whose inability to get along with his peers is notorious, wants to join the clubbiest legislative body in human history is almost as otherworldly as the idea of a First Lady running for election in a state where she has never lived even as her husband occupies the White House. The Mayor has never told Gov. George Pataki that he is interested in the Senate race, although he has traveled to Texas to discuss the matter with George W. Bush. When the Mayor was asked about Mr. Pataki at an event in Staten Island, he

invited his Greek chorus, Borough President Guy Molinari, to deliver a reply. While Mr. Giuliani stood dutifully at his side, Mr. Molinari laced into the Governor for trying to "scuttle" the Giuliani candidacy. It is a pretty good definition of surreal politics when a candidate for senator from New York chooses to discuss his ambitions with the Governor of Texas while attacking the Governor of New York through the Borough President of Staten Island.

Mrs. Clinton's associates say she will announce her intentions this summer, and that the longer she waits the more likely it is she will run. The First Lady has apparently already decided that she would like to make the race, but has not quite come to grips with whether she could stand to lose. Mr. Giuliani, whose inner life seems far less complicated, says he is closing in on a decision, but that he is worried the city might sink back into anarchy and chaos if he is not at the helm. One side fears yet another personal nightmare, the other envisions barbarians at the gates. The Presidential race would pale by comparison.

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Trip: Poll puts first lady, Giuliani in dead heat

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to Mrs. Clinton.

One longtime associate said Mrs. Clinton told him two weeks ago that she intended to run but would not finalize her decision until this summer.

Mrs. Clinton scheduled scores of New York stops Monday, today and Thursday.

She was to appear at three events today on Long Island -- an elementary-school visit in Syosset, a speech on health care at Hofstra University and a Long Island Women's Agenda luncheon in Woodbury -- followed by appearances at New York University Law School and at a United Jewish Appeal fund-raiser.

She returns to Washington Wednesday but comes back to New York Thursday with stops in Niagara Falls and again on Long Island.

Monday's unusually crowded schedule contained seven stops, including Columbia University's Teachers College, the Ukrainian Institute, the Jewish Child Care Association and a fund-raiser for Rep. Jerry Nadler, D-N.Y.

Teachers, Ukrainians and the Jewish community are important Democratic constituencies. Nadler, a House Judiciary Committee member, staunchly defended President Clinton during the impeachment process.

In her most political remarks of the day, Mrs. Clinton praised Nadler, saying, "He . . . defended with great vigor, intelligence and energy the Constitution when it was, in the view of many Americans, being misused during the battles in the Congress, the last Congress, that took place in the Judiciary (Committee) and on the floor of the House."

The trip brought Mrs. Clinton fresh evidence that a Senate race against probable Republican nominee Rudolph Giuliani would be difficult.

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"No one said it was going to be a cakewalk," said Sen. Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., who ousted Republican Sen. Alfonse M. D'Amato last November and has urged the first lady to run. "This is going to be a tough, tough race, but I think as people get to know her, she'll do better and better."

Lawyers inside and outside the White House are studying whether Mrs. Clinton should form an exploratory committee to raise money that would defray the costs of future trips. She said she would consider the move "if it becomes appropriate."

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Hillary Clinton explains N.Y. 'attraction'

By Mimi Hall
USA TODAY

NEW YORK CITY — It had all the markings of a marathon day on the campaign trail in Manhattan: an event with conservationists in Central Park, a speech on education at Columbia University, an anniversary celebration for the Jewish Child Care Association and a stop at a Wall Street fund-raiser for fellow Democrat Jerrold Nadler.

And those were just half of the eight public appearances on first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's 12-hour schedule Monday, the first of three days she is spending in New York this week.

A pre-campaign foray?

"I'm obviously still considering and exploring and very interested in doing so," she said Monday morning when asked about her thinking on whether to run for the Senate seat being vacated by retiring Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y.

Throughout the day, she appeared to revel in the attention that comes with the maybe-she-will, maybe-she-won't game.

At the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, where Clinton presented the Matrix Award for Broadcasting to NBC Today Show anchor Katie Couric, she laughed when Couric thanked her for being "willing to take time out from apartment hunting" to attend.

But despite Clinton's introduc-



By Stan Hovde, Agence France-Press

Busy schedule: Hillary Rodham Clinton, on a visit to New York City, greets some supporters at the Central Park Boathouse on Monday.

tion by Columbia Teachers College President Arthur Levine as "the next senator from New York," her aides and political advisers say she probably won't make a decision until sometime this summer.

They say she's carefully weighing the pluses and minuses of having a national platform to push legislation but serving in what could still be the minority party in the hundred-member Senate.

They say she must decide whether she wants to spend her weekends traveling all over the state, and she has begun to think

about whether she'd have to serve more than one term to make a significant impact.

She'll also have the polls to consider.

In a Marist College poll out Monday, a race between Clinton and New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who is expected to seek the Republican nomination, is a tossup: 44% for Clinton and 43% for Giuliani.

And for the first time, most of those polled, 52%, say they don't want her to run.

Those close to her say she wouldn't back away from the race simply out of fear that she

might lose. What she possibly fears more, they say, is the notion of becoming a "former" when her husband leaves office.

She might run because she worries about fading from the national spotlight without a title or platform to influence the debate on issues such as education and health care.

She has never publicly discussed the issues that she is weighing.

But Monday, for the first time, she expounded on why New York holds a "great attraction" for her and why she is considering running to represent the state.

"I love New York to start with," she said with a giggle as she answered a few questions from reporters after meeting with philanthropists at the United Nations.

"I always have. I am very interested in a lot of the issues that I think will continue to be important for New Yorkers and Americans into the next century, ones that I've worked on for many years. And New York is truly a microcosm of America — everything from our biggest, most dynamic, diverse city to rural areas."

And then, in a use of the word "we" that startled reporters, the Illinois native who spent most of her adult years in Arkansas before moving to Washington seemed to embrace the state as her own.

"We have everything in New York that we have in America," she said, adding, "I have always been very excited by the dynamism of the people here."

It was a rare exchange with reporters for the media-weary first lady.

But when one correspondent asked why taxpayers should pay for what are essentially political trips intended to help her make up her mind, she replied pointedly, "This is not an exploratory political trip."

She said many of the events on her schedule, which included a reception for the Children of Chernobyl Relief Fund, were set months before she started considering a Senate candidacy.

But whatever the reason, the first lady's trip here involved what one aide called an unusually aggressive schedule of events.

Today, Clinton heads to Long Island, where she'll visit an elementary school in Syosset, deliver a speech on health care at Hofstra University in Hempstead and attend a luncheon with women's groups in Woodbury. This evening, she'll be back in Manhattan presenting an award to Archbishop Desmond Tutu at New York University and attending a United Jewish Appeal dinner.

Thursday, she'll go to Niagara Falls to receive an award from the New York State Teachers Union.

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Mrs. Clinton finds her job takes her on N.Y. swing

ASSOCIATED PRESS

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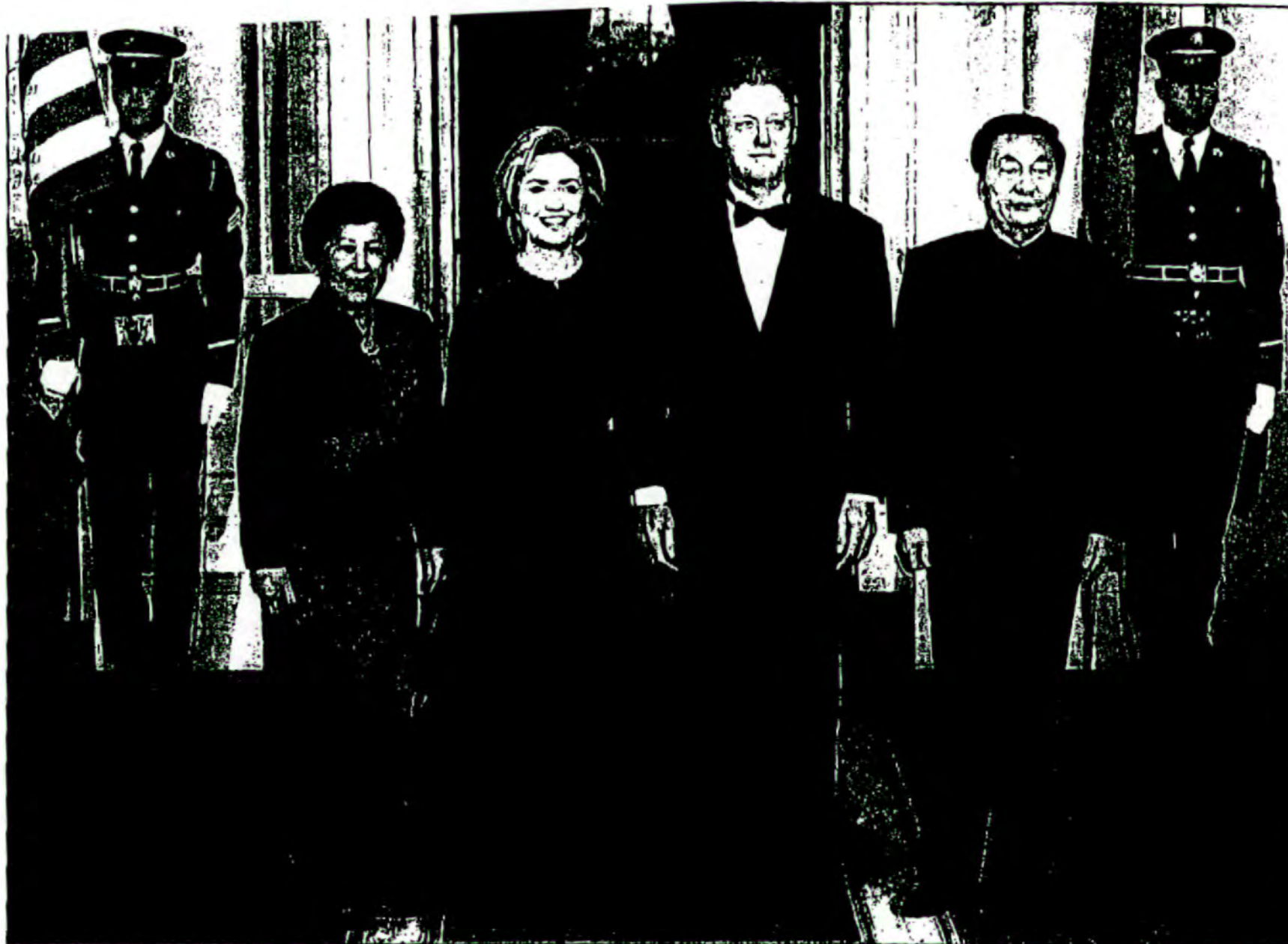
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Associated Press

President Clinton and first lady **Hillary Rodham Clinton** pose Thursday evening with Chinese Premier **Zhu Rongji** and his wife, **Madame Lao An**, before a dinner honoring the Chinese visitors at the White House.

wife. Madame Lao An, before a din-

Hillary Rodham Clinton has a smile for her husband as they await the arrival of their Chinese guests.

Exhibit on Vikings To Help Mark Millennium

By JACQUELINE TRESCOTT
Washington Post Staff Writer

Sometimes in searching for a way to sum up 1,000 years of history, you have to go back to the beginning. Thus, the Smithsonian Institution yesterday made its first official notice of any millennium observation by unveiling plans for a sprawling exhibition about the arrival of the Vikings in North America in A.D. 1000.

The show, which will open next April at the National Museum of Natural History, is a cooperative venture of the Smithsonian, the White House Millennium Council, the Nordic Council of Ministers for Cultural Affairs and the Volvo Group. The curators will call 200 artifacts from the collections of Scandinavian and North American museums.

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, who heads the White House

Millennium effort, said this is another opportunity "to take stock of who we are and where we come from and what we hope and want from the future." Though generations of schoolchildren and consumers of movies and comic books might think of the Vikings as warriors who sacked, raped and pillaged, the organizers stressed that they will be telling a different story, one of seafaring pioneers and the first meeting of Europeans and the native Indian and Eskimo peoples. The exhibition, said Robert Fri, director of the Natural History Museum, will be called "Vikings: The North Atlantic Saga" and will use mythology and newer archaeological discoveries to discuss the Vikings' spirit of exploration, discovery of new frontiers and many accomplishments, such as shipbuilding. And, Fri promised, the Minnesota Vikings football team will not be ignored.

Mrs. Clinton suggested she was one of those who had received incomplete information from her early education about Vikings.

"Anyone who has a stereotype view of who the Vikings were from old movies that we saw would be surprised to learn about the many contributions those seafarers were making and how far-flung their adventures were," she said. "Viking explorers got as far as Afghanistan and brought back lapis and other minerals and stones to trade. Their fleets got to what was then the precursor of Istanbul. They were among the earliest conveyors of information and experience and culture from one part of the known world to another."

She said the Viking ship, in a way, "was the Internet of the year 1000."

William Fitzhugh, curator of the show, said a major portion of the exhibit will trace the detective work of scientists studying the Viking civilization. The \$3 million show will be underwritten by the Smithsonian, the Nordic Council and Volvo; after September 2000 it will travel around North America for two years.

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A Friendly Dinner in Unfriendly Times

Clinton's Give Warm Welcome to Chinese Premier

By ROXANNE ROBERTS
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Washington Post Staff Writers

Last night's White House dinner for Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji was one of those polite affairs that prove you can get along with anyone—even difficult guests—for a few hours. Rather than dwelling on the rocky relationship between China and the United States, President Clinton and Premier Zhu simply decided to act as if they were the best of pals.

"As you said this morning, only good friends tell each other what they really think," said President Clinton in his toast

to the premier. "If you are right about that, you have turned out to be a good friend indeed."

The president got a big laugh with that. All those uncomfortable subjects—spies, human rights, Kosovo, illegal campaign contributions—are not considered polite dinner conversation. "The premier is a good friend," said the Rev. Billy Graham, one of the 224 business and policy leaders who attended the dinner. Graham was happy to talk about Zhu's sense of humor, but steered clear of anything controversial. "I'm not going to get involved in political things."

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Premier Zhu Rongji and his wife, Lao An, arriving with the Clintons at last night's state dinner, the second for a Chinese leader in 18 months.

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Equal pay numbers disputed by authors

Women's earnings divide advocacy groups

By Jennifer Kabbany
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Women who wore their "Where's my 26 cents?" buttons to work yesterday in honor of Equal Pay Day don't have their facts straight, according to a provocative new book.

"Women's Figures," published by the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative think tank, argues that childless women between the ages of 27 and 33 make 98 cents to every man's dollar.

Authors Diana Furchtgott-Roth and Christine Stolba produced the publication in 1996, with figures supporting the notion that the glass ceiling has been shattered and "pink ghettos" are only myths. They recently transformed their findings into a book, and added new facts to further support their conclusion.

But the national debate over whether women have made the gains the book claims they have is still raging.

In honor of Equal Pay Day, President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton renewed their support for equality in the workplace.

"There is still a sizable gap between men's and women's salaries that can best be explained by one phenomenon: The continuing presence and the persistent effect of discrimination, sometimes in very subtle ways," Mrs. Clinton said during a round-table discussion with Labor Secretary Alexis M. Herman and four female workers who have filed wage-discrimination lawsuits.

But some conservative women's groups, such as Concerned Women for America, disagree with the first lady.

"I think it's a shame that Equal Pay Day defines a woman's worth

by the size of her paycheck," says Carmen Pate, president of Concerned Women for America.

"Choosing to work part time or taking temporary leave to care for families are the choices women make every day. Women should be able to do this without becoming symbols for a movement that continually cries wolf about a wage gap."

Anita K. Blair, vice president of Independent Women's Forum, agrees.

"Mothers generally make career decisions that result in less hours or wages," she says. "That doesn't mean if you're a mother in the work force that you are being paid less."

But Susan Bianchi-Sands, executive director of the National Committee on Pay Equity, says Equal Pay Day "gives women an opportunity to focus on this pervasive wage gap" and "gives them an opportunity to speak out and speak to their employers... and their co-workers and elected officials."

When the committee was founded in 1979 as a coalition of women's groups, civil rights organizations and unions, its purpose was to be a source for education on the wage gap. Ms. Bianchi-Sands says the group has since evolved and takes a grass-roots approach toward pay equity. The first Equal Pay Day was in 1995.

Organizations like the National Committee on Pay Equity contend the wage gap is alive and well, and that working women across the country are aware of the differences.

Karen Nussbaum, director of the working women department at the AFL-CIO, a member organization of the committee, says a survey conducted by her organization supports the notion that women remain very pay-conscious.

The 1997 study asked women



Janet Wyllie, president of HCL James Martin Inc., attributes her success to hard work, goal setting and thick skin, not equal pay legislation.

nationally what concerned them most.

"We found that equal pay was the No. 1 issue," Ms. Nussbaum says.

She also cites a study conducted more recently that found the average working family loses more than \$4,000 a year because of the wage gap.

Ms. Blair, however, says she believes the AFL-CIO skews its numbers in an attempt to make everything "unionized."

"[They] want our salaries to be decided by government agencies rather than a worker and her boss," she says.

Yesterday's observance of Equal Pay Day coincides with the debate over two bills, the Paycheck Fairness Act and the Equal Pay

Initiative, that are winding their way through Congress.

Opponents of the bills say they overlap with the Equal Pay Act of 1963, and the new regulations would create costly litigation and frivolous lawsuits. The legislation would allow women to sue their employers for unlimited compensatory and punitive damages, in addition to the limited damages and back pay awards available under federal law.

"This is one of the most off-the-wall bills I've seen," says Randy Johnson, vice president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Labor and Employment Benefits, referring to the Paycheck Fairness Act. He said it is based on bad logic and will be used as a tool to gain more federal control of businesses.

Proponents of the bills, how-

over, contend they would strengthen the enforcement of existing equal-pay laws, which they believe have proven ineffective.

Ms. Bianchi-Sands cites a survey of women in the telecommunications industry. Female video programmers with advanced degrees earn 64.6 percent of their male counterparts; those with college degrees earn 80 percent, the study found.

That may be true, says Ms. Blair, but it also illustrates that women are taking on new fields, like telecommunications, which have been dominated by men for years.

"In the telecom business it would be logical that the more senior employees, who would make more money, tend to be men," she says. "Given time, the wages will equal out."

"Just like in law. When I started out, women lawyers were unusual. Now they're everywhere."

Under the Equal Pay Initiative, two employees at the same company who have different jobs of the same value would be required to receive equal pay. Ms. Bianchi-Sands says that female-dominated professions, such as social work, are at a disadvantage compared with majority male occupations of the same worth, such as probation officers.

Ms. Blair disagrees, and says that people regard equal pay as equality between two people doing the same work with the same qualifications.

What the National Committee on Pay Equity is trying to say is "the work that a woman does as a

secretary is equal to the work of a man as a building engineer," she says.

Such variables as the decision to have children, education level, experience and consecutive years in the work force can also affect women's wages, she says.

"People who work less, people who put one priority in front of the other, should expect to be paid less," says "Women's Figures" author Furchtgott-Roth. In between the two sides are women who have become successful, but still claim there are obstacles to overcome.

"I don't believe women are victims," says Janet Wylie, president of Fairfax-based HCL James Martin Inc. and head of Women In Technology, which has seen its membership grow to 800 members in four years. "[Women] have to make the choice to do what they have to get ahead."

Ms. Wylie attributes her success to hard work, goal setting and thick skin — not legislation.

Women like Ms. Wylie have made the choice to take on corporate America. The number of female-owned businesses jumped from 400,000 in 1972 to 8.47 million in 1997, according to the book. "We are gaining," says Ms. Wylie, but concedes she believes there still is a wage gap.

"Women's Figures," however, uses more than 87 graphs and tables to illustrate that not only is the wage-gap continually closing, but women are also making huge strides on college campuses and in politics.

•Julie Hyman contributed to this report.

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Photo by Kenneth Lambert/The Washington Times
Madame Lao An, wife of Chinese Prime Minister Zhu Rongji, and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton take part in yesterday's arrival ceremony.



Photo by James R. Brumsey/The Washington Times
President and Mrs. Clinton pause at the North Portico after greeting their guests, Chinese Prime Minister Zhu Rongji, and his wife, Madame Lao An, to the White House state dinner held in the visitors' honor last night.

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Andrew Cuomo expects Hillary to run for Senate

HUD secretary says he'll stay through 2000

By Donald Lambro and George Archibald
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew M. Cuomo predicted yesterday that first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will run for and win a New York Senate seat, but said she does not have to begin actively campaigning until January.

At the same time, Mr. Cuomo has advised the first lady that a run against New York City Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, the potential GOP nominee, is not "going to be a slam-dunk, either."

"I'd bet yes" that she will run, the New York Democrat said in a luncheon interview with editors and reporters at The Washington Times. "It would be great for the party. I believe she would win. But I believe she will have to put a lot of factors into her decision."

Chief among those factors, he said, would be the dramatic change she would have to make in "her personal lifestyle. She'd have to spend a lot of time in New York in the last year of [her husband's] presidency."

Mrs. Clinton has said that she will not decide until later this year, a delay that has made some New York Democrats nervous. But Mr. Cuomo, who is personally close to President Clinton, said that "if she were ready to run at the beginning of next year, she'd be fine."

Mr. Cuomo also said that contrary to recent news reports, he will not be Vice President Al Gore's presidential campaign manager and that he intends to remain in his Cabinet post at HUD for the rest of Mr. Clinton's term.

However, Mr. Cuomo, who is one of Mr. Gore's closest political advisers and is a regular participant in his campaign strategy meetings, said he intends to do "everything I can" to help elect him president.

Many in his party expected Mr. Cuomo to seek the Senate seat being vacated by retiring Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan. But he surprised party leaders, including his father, former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, who had urged him to run, when he passed on a race.

He said yesterday that if Mrs. Clinton decides not to run for the Senate, he will not change his mind.

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As for Mr. Gore's chances in 2000, Mr. Cuomo acknowledged that the vice president is perceived as "stiff, maybe a little awkward."

"The only rap against him is that he's not an exciting fellow — which is OK. He's not an attractive guy standing behind the president," he said.

But when he is "on his own" with voters out on the campaign trail, Mr. Cuomo said, Mr. Gore is "a very attractive guy. He looks good on TV."



Photo by Karen Ballaro/The Washington Times
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Still, he said that Mr. Gore could be in trouble next year if the economy weakens or if U.S. troops are mired in a lengthy ground war in Yugoslavia.

"If we are in a war in 2000... it would not be a good situation for anyone running," he said.

On issues affecting his own department, Mr. Cuomo attributed his long-running battle with Inspector General Susan M. Gaffney, a Clinton administration appointee, to her legal obligation to report to the Republican-controlled Congress.

He said that "the particular issue that we really got crosswise with" was Miss Gaffney's decision last year to target three cities headed by black Democratic mayors — Baltimore, San Francisco and New Orleans — for five-year criminal corruption probes.

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Clinton dismisses China as a threat

Warns rhetoric could start new Cold War

By Bill Sammon
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

President Clinton yesterday dismissed as "caricature" the view that China is a threat to the United States and warned that anti-Chinese rhetoric by presidential challengers to Vice President Al Gore could start a new Cold War.

Seeking to pre-empt GOP criticism of his meeting today with Chinese Prime Minister Zhu Rongji, Mr. Clinton called for China's accession to the World Trade Organization. He also said the United States must "give a respectful lis-

ten" to China's case against democratic reforms.

In a speech designed to put the best possible face on faltering U.S.-Sino relations, the president poo-pooed "this China debate in America, with people talking about how we've got to contain China and they present a terrible threat to us in the future, and it's inevitable and how awful it is."

Seeking to counter those who argue that China is "our enemy" and "a country to be feared," the president declared: "We have to follow a different course. We cannot afford caricatures."

Mr. Clinton, who in 1992 pledged not to "coddle tyrants [in Beijing]," yesterday called for a pol-



Photo by Roger Richardson/The Washington Times

Equal rights, human rights: Hillary Rodham Clinton and President Clinton address a roundtable on equal pay yesterday, a day that focused on Mr. Clinton's talks with Chinese Prime Minister Zhu Rongji.

icy of continued "engagement" with China, even as he acknowledged the country's human rights abuses.

"I think we would all agree we have an interest in seeking to make

a difference," the president said in remarks to the U.S. Institute for Peace. "We can't do that simply by confronting China or trying to con-

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tain her."

Mr. Clinton, whose administration has been criticized for moving too slowly to stop Chinese espionage at U.S. nuclear labs, tried to portray himself yesterday as a champion of strict security measures.

"We are determined to prevent the diversion of technology and sensitive information to China," the president said at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington. "The restrictions we place on our exports to China are tougher than those applied to any other major exporting country in the world."

That claim stunned William Triplet, co-author of "Year of the Rat: How Bill Clinton Compromised U.S. Security for Chinese Cash." The book examines how the Clinton administration loosened export controls on sensitive military technology to China, which funneled cash to the Clinton-Gore campaign.

"I was open-mouthed watching this speech on television," Mr. Triplet said. "I have to tell you this is probably the most shameful, fraudulent, political speech in the last 10 years."

Mr. Triplet was particularly galled when Mr. Clinton, whose reelection campaign received major donations from the People's Liberation Army (PLA) in China, argued that China is not a threat.

"You simply cannot sell this notion that PLA is not a threat in any capital in Asia, from Seoul and Tokyo to New Delhi," Mr. Triplet said. "I mean, can you imagine walking into the defense ministry in Manila and saying, 'Hey, don't worry. The PLA is not a threat.' You'd get laughed out of town."

Mr. Clinton acknowledged that U.S.-Sino relations could be better.

"Our relationship with China... is being tested and hotly debated today as China's premier, Zhu Rongji, travels to Washington," the president said. "We should not look at China through rose-colored glasses. Nor should we look through a glass darkly to see an image that distorts China's strength and ignores its complexities."

Mr. Clinton is sensitive to criticism of his China policy from Republican presidential candidates. These include Gary Bauer, who said today's visit by Mr. Zhu "exposes the absolute weakness and wrongheadedness" of the administration's policy, which amounts to "chasing dollars" instead of safeguarding human rights and national security.

GOP presidential hopeful Steve Forbes said Mr. Clinton should confront Mr. Zhu on Chinese efforts to "funnel illegal campaign contributions" to the president's 1996 campaign. Deputy National Security Adviser Jim Steinberg refused to say whether Mr. Clinton would raise the subject at today's meeting.

"As the next presidential elec-



Chinese Prime Minister Zhu Rongji and his wife, Lao An, arrive at Andrews Air Force Base yesterday.

tion approaches, we cannot allow a healthy argument to lead us toward a campaign-driven Cold War with China," Mr. Clinton said. "For that would have tragic consequences: an America riven by mistrust and bitter accusations; an

end to diplomatic contact that has produced tangible gains for our people; a climate of mistrust that hurts Chinese-Americans and undermines the exchanges that are opening China to the world."

Mr. Clinton said granting World

Trade Organization membership "is not a favor to China. It is the best way to level the playing field."

"China already has broad access to our markets," he said. "If China accepts the responsibilities that come with WTO membership, that

will give us broad access to China's markets."

He added, "It would be an inexplicable mistake for the United States to say no."

Mr. Clinton, who in 1992 complained of China's "\$15 billion trade surplus with the United States under Mr. Bush," did not mention yesterday that the deficit has ballooned to \$57 billion. But he argued that it is in America's best interest for China to maintain a robust economy and sound social order.

"The weaknesses of great nations can pose as big a challenge to America as their strengths," Mr. Clinton said. "So as we focus on the potential challenge that a strong China could present to the United States in the future, let us not forget the risk of a weak China."

The president urged Americans to be patient with China's reluctance to embrace democracy.

"China's leaders believe that significant political reform carries enormous risk of instability at this moment in their history," the president said. "We owe it to any country to give a respectful listen to their stated policy about such matters."

That "respectful listen" will take place today in the White House as Mr. Zhu meets with the president before the two host a joint news conference. Mr. Zhu arrived in Washington yesterday after a visit to Los Angeles. He was scheduled to meet informally with Mr. Clinton in the White House residence at about 9 p.m. last night.

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By J. Scott Applewhite, AP

The Clintons: Confering during a roundtable discussion on the question of equal pay for women.

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EQUAL PAY: In renewing his call for equal pay for working women, President Clinton said he was among "a small but vocal radical caucus" of husbands whose wives have out-earned them. The Paycheck Fairness Act introduced in Congress last month would allow women to sue their employers for unlimited compensatory and punitive damages, in addition to the limited damages and back-pay awards now available under federal law.

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Clinton Calls For Equal Pay For Women

Associated Press

President Clinton renewed his call yesterday for equal pay for working women, saying the country has "the opportunity of a generation" to correct the inequity during good economic times.

The president, along with first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Labor Secretary Alexis M. Herman, played host to a round-table discussion with four women who related their battles to address salary disputes with lawsuits as well as on-the-job diplomacy. The event was held to commemorate Equal Pay Day on Thursday.

"There is still a sizable gap between men's and women's salaries that can best be explained by one phenomenon: the continuing presence and the persistent effect of discrimination, sometimes in very subtle ways," Hillary Clinton said.

The president said Congress should take advantage of the nation's low unemployment and booming economy and pass the Paycheck Fairness Act introduced last month. The legislation would allow women to sue their employers for unlimited compensatory and punitive damages, in addition to the limited damages and back-pay awards now available under federal law to remedy pay violations. That would bring women on par with other minorities in wage discrimination matters.

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As part of his fiscal 2000 budget, Clinton has requested \$14 million for efforts to close the wage gap.

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A red-tailed hawk feasts on its kill on the North Lawn.

Duck and Hover at the White House

■ Birds of prey slice through the hushed halls, and that's just inside the White House. Outside, they've got a red-tailed hawk on the lawn, chomping down on squirrels and weaker birds.

Tourists gawked and pointed at the hawk yesterday, seen fixing his own North Lawn lunch of duck carpaccio, apparently not content with the remnants of 10,000 hard-boiled eggs. The raw carnivorous nature of the sighting left some

White House employees disgusted. Ornithological specialists and others who might know how long the hawk has been in residence were not immediately available, nor could biographical information on the duck be obtained.

"We're thinking about putting Buddy on the case," said assistant White House press secretary **Barry Iviv**, "before the hawk has a chance to write his White House memoirs."

NRA Defeat

Memo to next year's candidates: Soccer mom lives. The gun issue matters. City voters and suburbanites share interests and values.

That's what you learn from the surprise result in Missouri's referendum last week on concealed weapons. The defeat of the proposal—it would have allowed citizens to get permits to carry concealed weapons—was a major setback for the National Rifle Association, which spent \$3.8 million on its behalf. The outcome confirmed the new politics of gun control.

A decade ago, pro-gun forces were politically dominant. Rural voters were passionate in opposing gun control. City and suburban voters favored tougher gun laws, but rarely mobilized on their behalf or made gun control decisive in choosing candidates.

The significance of the Missouri referendum is not simply that the concealed-carry law lost, by 52 percent to 48 percent, but also how it

says, "overcomes the politics of race."

The Missouri vote is a triumph for Democratic Gov. Mel Carnahan, who is Robin's father. The governor passionately opposed the referendum. He is running for the Senate next year against Republican incumbent John Ashcroft, who favors concealed carry. The gun issue could cut Ashcroft's margins in the suburbs.

The NRA is furious with Carnahan and issued a post-referendum press release charging the governor with "meddling with the democratic process," a strange accusation against an elected official. James J. Baker, the NRA's chief lobbyist here, explained in an interview that the gun organization was furious that Missouri's Democratic secretary of state, Rebecca Cook, "rewrote" the language of the ballot proposition that had been passed by the legislature.

It's true that after a court battle the pro-gun forces lost. Cook rewrote the ballot summary of the proposal to make it less favorable to the NRA. But Robin Carnahan argues that the original ballot language was so slanted toward the pro-gun side that a rewrite was inevitable. In any event, says Fred Yang, a pollster who worked against the proposition, "The people who went to the polls knew what they were voting for."

Baker argues that while the NRA outspent its opponents—by almost 5 to 1, as it happens—the anti-gun side brought a strong "power base" to bear, including Hillary Rodham Clinton. Her voice went out in 75,000 recorded phone messages to boost the opposition. Even pro sports joined the anti-gun side. All the state's professional football and baseball teams opposed concealed carry, as did the players' associations. None relished a grandstand populated by gun-toting fans.

Baker is right: There now is political might on the anti-gun side. Shorr thinks the NRA may now have to worry that gun control advocates will put their own proposals on ballots in other states—thus getting to pick the issues and the venues for future fights.

The philosophical message is just as powerful. Although the NRA doesn't frame the issue this way, citizens of cities and suburbs in fact have two choices. They can choose to live with high crime rates and carry weapons to defend themselves. Or they can decide that we don't want to become a nation armed to the teeth and insist that public authorities have an obligation to their communities to get crime under control. In Missouri, voters took the better path.

Soccer moms were the key.

lost. As expected, the proposal lost overwhelmingly in the state's urban centers, St. Louis and Kansas City. But it was crushed by a wave of suburban no votes, particularly in the often conservative areas near St. Louis.

In off-off-year contests of this sort, turnout is usually low, around 20 percent. A low turnout was expected to favor the pro-gun side. This time, the anti-gun side showed at the polls—with soccer mom in the lead van.

"It was clear from the beginning that suburban women were our targets—women everywhere, but suburban women especially," said Robin Carnahan, manager of the campaign against the referendum. "The challenge to us was to make it less like a special election and get the turnout up."

In St. Louis County, for example, nearly half the voters cast ballots. "There's clearly a recognition that security issues in suburban and metro areas are different from those (in rural areas) out-state," Carnahan said.

Saul Shorr, the media consultant for the no side, notes that "there were Republican, upscale precincts that voted 6, or 7, or 8 to 1 against" the proposition. "It was the country club moms, the waitress moms and the soccer moms altogether." Also significant was the alliance of white suburbanites with urban African Americans. The gun issue, Shorr

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Hillary's 'enforcer' off the map

LOOKS like Susan Thomases, a prominent player in the Whitewater scandal who was once a campaign manager for Bill Bradley, won't be much of a player in the 2000 presidential race. We'd ask her ourselves — if we could find her. Thomases, a close adviser to Hillary Clinton, has vanished. She's been mostly off the radar since her brush with Ken Starr's prosecutors three years ago, when she suffered near-global amnesia regarding the disappearing files in Vince Foster's office. Back then, PAGE SIX quoted a prescient source as saying, "She's shrinking her public profile to zero because it makes her a smaller target." We predicted on June 25, 1996, that the skunk-haired Svengali — once decried by columnist Maureen Dowd as Hillary's "best girlfriend and brass knuckles enforcer" — would quit her job at the Wilkie, Farr law firm and drop out of sight. And she has. The switchboard there won't give her new number, and neither would the White House. The City Bar Association reports she is still licensed to practice law, but lists only her home address on Park Avenue, where voice mail messages weren't returned. Not one answered the phone at her house in Newport, R.I. Democratic Party sources say Thomases, who suffers from multiple sclerosis, is having increasing difficulty getting around.

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A Hill of a fight

IT'S ALL bull. It's spin. It's just a way to fill the vacuum left by the end of the impeachment, and to create a distraction. But come on, Hillary, let's have you! We'll eat her alive. We've had her in the crosshairs for quite a while," says literary agent **Lucianne Goldberg**. She was speculating on the idea that the First Lady might run for the U.S. Senate from New York.

Lucianne, the woman who advised **Linda Tripp** to tape **Monica Lewinsky**, is now on the Talk Radio Network. The show, heard on Saturdays, is called "Lucianne." But at first, she wanted to call her program "Vast Right Wing Conspiracy."

Lucianne recently gave an interview to **Charles Laurence** of London's *Daily Telegraph*. Those who've read it have had to wire their gaping jaws together. Among other things, Ms. Goldberg says she and others are not through with President **Bill Clinton** yet. "The new allegation is assault, not rape. It occurred after he became president and comes from someone who cannot be faulted." The sassy agent says we will have this "new good scandal" in about a month. She adds that her business now is "Getting even. I have some scores to settle from last year."

In the course of the interview, Lucianne makes us actually wonder if perhaps her pal Linda Tripp is the great patriot she said she was. It seems Lucianne felt she could get \$60 million for Tripp's tapes, but to do that, Tripp would have had to go to jail for three months for illegal taping and contempt. Lucianne thought \$60 million for three months wasn't a bad trade. But Linda didn't "have the strength for it," as Lucianne says. So she went to **Ken Starr** instead, like the "good citizen" she claims to be. Lordy! Lordy!

WHOLE BE riding the next wave on those campy Old Navy commercials? None other than **David Chokachi**, the impossibly buff, bronze "Baywatch" beach boy. Chokachi joins the regular cast members — **Isabel Sanford**, **Sherman Hemsley**, **Magic the Dog** and, but of course, **Carrie Donovan**. The new spots — are being filmed right now in Manhattan. (Will Carrie doff her usual little black dress and chic pearls for shorts?) ... **SPEAKING OF** things "Baywatch," it was astounding to see "Entertainment Tonight" give us such coverage/analysis of **Pamela Anderson** announcing that she had her fabbed breast implants removed. Would her career survive a more normal-looking *poitrine*? Hilarious. Well, of course she'll survive. She was hardly flat-chested before her augmentation, and even if she was, so what? I think on those occasions when Pam has allowed herself



LUCIANNE GOLDBERG
"We'll eat her [Hillary] alive."

to look and behave naturally, she is far more appealing than her overpainted, overinflated poster persona. And if she misses big cleavage, that's what the Wonderbra is for! ... **FILM PRODUCER/writer Jay Blotcher** and director **Tim Smyth** are hard at work on "Mighty Real," a documentary about the late, great disco star **Sylvester**. His was a fabulous, tragic tale, and already **Aretha Franklin** and **John Waters** have contributed their memories of Sylvester. Wanted for more inside recollections are **Bette Midler**, **Joan Rivers**, **Patti LaBelle**, **Gloria Gaynor**, **Sandra Bernhard**, **Luther Vandross** and many others who were influenced, affected and moved by the take-no-prisoners singer ... **STEPHEN BALDWIN**, perhaps the most adorable of the adorable Baldwin brood of actors, will receive an award on June 19, from the L.A. Shanti Organization, recognizing Stephen's long history of support and fund-raising efforts, battling AIDS. **Laurence Fishburne** is also on tap for recognition from this group ... **TOM HANKS**, the heir to the mantle of **Jimmy Stewart** and **Henry Fonda**, is feted April 29 at the American Museum of the Moving Image gala at the Waldorf Astoria. **Steven Spielberg**, **Sally Field**, **Ron Howard**, **Nora Ephron**, **Jonathan Demme**, and **Peter Scolar** (Tom's old "Bosom Buddies" costar) are already on board. Call (212) 245-6570.

HARD TO believe the divine **Audrey Hepburn** would have been 70 years old on May 4. But this unique star is far from forgotten. A book titled "Audrey-style" is just out from **Pamela Clarke Keogh** with unforgettable photographs of the Slim One and a foreword by **Hubert de Givenchy**. And on Audrey's birthday, a Tuesday, **Audrey Hepburn's Children's Fund** mounts, in her honor, a black-tie reception, dinner and live auction at Cipriani Wall Street with Audrey's son, **Sean Hepburn Ferrer**, as the dinner chair. The names on this invite are big. Call (212) 777-4488.

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MARY MCGURRY

The Clintons' Court

And did the judge's bombshell, the contempt citation in the Paula Jones case, send the president reeling back into the defensive crouch he always assumes in scandal crises? Hardly. Hours after Judge Susan Webber Wright said flat out that he lied under oath, he was in the East Room hearing himself described by Elie Wiesel as a president who had surpassed Franklin Roosevelt in moral leadership. It was balm from a prophet and the first lady was there to hear it, too.

The evening, one of a series on the millennium, was centered around the great witness of the Holocaust, and both Clintons seemed to enjoy it intensely, despite some scuffling for the microphone. Of course, this may not be the last in a series of unpleasantnesses due to Clinton's difficulties with the "forsaking all others" clause in the marriage contract. Both Clintons wallowed in wonkery and could not stop talking about human rights, civil rights and other abstractions. The program went a half-hour overtime.

Naturally, no one talked about the judge's harsh language—she called Clinton's conduct "unacceptable." Wiesel was fixed on another reality. In his touching speech, which was about "the perils of indifference," he noted the contrast between Roosevelt and Clinton in their responses to humanitarian emergencies. When the St. Louis, a ship packed with nearly a thousand Jewish refugees, arrived in the United States in 1939, Roosevelt turned it away, back to Nazi Germany and almost certain death. But, Wiesel said, Kosovo is different: "This time, we do respond. This time we intervened."

When one of the prime ethical figures of our time, who spent his adolescence in Buchenwald, is telling you that you have learned the lesson of the 20th century—that "indifference is the friend of the enemy"—you might feel fairly detached about exhortation from a down-home judge. This is a man who treated impeachment like an Academy Award and told Dan Rather he had been "honored" to defend the Constitution in the process. He could be disbarred, but Clinton never practiced law anyway. If he took the second impeachment in history so casually, the first contempt citation of a sitting president might not cause angst.

Certainly there was no sign of it as

the first couple did their partnership-with-an-edge routine. Neither seemed willing to let the other have the last word. There were innumerable, "just one more word" and "another observation." Other dispossessed groups were represented: Muslims, Native Americans, the elderly. A fugitive from Rwanda prompted an impassioned question from Wiesel: "Why were we not in Rwanda?"

Clinton for the first time admitted that "we could have prevented a significant amount" of the genocide and vowed we would never let it happen again.

A note of self-congratulation crept in as the hours went by. At one point, the president remarked, "I think that Hillary and I have spent more time on Native American issues, and with Native American leaders than any previous administration." Both Clintons were carried away by the pleasures of lecturing people on how to act. Wiesel brought them back from their high-flown one-upmanship by remarking impishly that in seeking to bring about harmony among varying groups, "We forgot one thing—a sense of humor." It had somewhat the desired effect. Presently the president said he thought there wasn't much to say.

Only Clinton would have the luck to have booked Elie Wiesel for an evening that might have been given over to shame and brooding and more wifely reproaches and instead get himself hailed as a moral leader.

The Kosovo "intervention" is not going well. We keep on doing what has not worked. We are endangering the people we are there to save. Calamity follows calamity in the camps. But Clinton's case, as he well knows, is being pleaded by others, the suffering victims whose faces stare out at us from television and the newspapers. We see lost children immobilized by misery. We see fathers and sons who were forced to abandon their elders at gunpoint.

But Congress is backing the commander in chief. Republican carping has ceased. Is Clinton paying the price for his scandalous behavior? Was he weakened by impeachment? Do senators trust him? Sen. Richard Lugar (R-Ind.), who voted for conviction, said quickly to reporters in the Senate corridor, "Trust is not an issue with me. We've got to help the president in every way we can."

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Hillary's next book

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will chronicle the Clintons' style of White House entertaining in a book to be published this fall.

"An Invitation to the White House" will be Mrs. Clinton's third book, following up on her 1996 "It Takes a Village," and last year's "Dear Socks, Dear Buddy: Letters to the First Pets."

The first lady's spokeswoman, Marsha Berry, said the book would focus on how Mrs. Clinton and her husband have "advanced the availability" of the White House by increasing the number and diversity of people invited to events, Reuters reports.

"It's to highlight the access that the Clintons have given to more people, more types of entertainment... from [rock singer] Lou Reed to [cellist] Yo Yo Ma," she said.

The book is to be published in late fall by Simon & Schuster.

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One Very Social Democrat

As an author, she's already done villages and pets—and now **Hillary Rodham Clinton** is taking a page from **Martha Stewart**. The first lady's next book will be all about entertaining, White House style.

"An Invitation to the White House," to be published by Simon & Schuster in late fall, will detail the history of presidential dinners, receptions and other social events; it will include guest lists and more than 30 recipes. The publisher also said yesterday that Clinton "will discuss the challenges and pleasures of being First Hostess."

As with the first lady's previous books, proceeds will benefit a charity, which has yet to be designated. She'll be assisted on the project by writer **Cheryl Marzner** and the Clintons' Arkansas decorator, **Kaki Hockersmith**.

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Hillary to write the book on classy entertaining

By Deirdre Donahue
USA TODAY

On the world stage, Hillary Rodham Clinton has played many roles, from feminist icon to betrayed wife.

Next fall, she will discuss her role as hostess. Her longtime publisher, Simon & Schuster, announced Wednesday that the first lady will publish a book about how the Clintons enter-

tain. The title: *An Invitation to the White House*. All earnings will be donated to an undisclosed charity.

The cookbook-size, four-color book will highlight more than 20 events hosted by the president and first lady. They range from Christmas to private parties to visits from foreign heads of state. Recipes for more than 30 dishes will be included. The illustrations —

photos, menus, invitations — will be a combination of public documents and photos by Robert Clark. Clinton will be assisted by Cheryl Merse. There also will be a behind-the-scenes look at preparing for a White House event.

Carolyn Reidy of Simon & Schuster says the first lady began thinking about the project 18 months ago. *An Invitation* will focus on the emphasis Clin-

ton has placed on American wines, food and style.

Reidy says Clinton "is not pretending that she cooks this food or sets the table." Instead, she is presenting a glimpse of what one would serve, for example, the prime minister of China at a state function.

Simon & Schuster hopes that *An Invitation* will follow in the best-selling footsteps of Clinton's *It Takes a Village*. Her re-

cent book, *Dear Socks, Dear Buddy*, a collection of letters sent to the current White House pets, did not sell as well. (It never hit the USA TODAY Best-Selling Books top 150.)

And for those who can't get enough of Hillary, Gail Sheehy's bio, tentatively titled *Hillary's Choice*, is expected out in September.

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First Lady Joins Effort On Diplomacy Funds

Business, Other Groups Fighting GOP Budget Cuts

By CHARLES BARTINGTON
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Washington Post Staff Writers

A coalition of business, humanitarian and ethnic groups enlisted Hillary Rodham Clinton yesterday in its campaign to lobby Congress against proposed budget cuts that the group says could make the United States a small-time player in international leadership and diplomacy.

Alarmed by House and Senate spending plans that would slash foreign aid and diplomatic operations, the first lady kicked off a lobbying effort by the Campaign to Preserve U.S. Global Leadership. The coalition—whose 250 members include the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, EarthVoice and The Fund for Peace—argues that Americans should not succumb to isolationist tendencies just when U.S. leadership is needed to boost new democracies, combat terrorism and protect societies from militant bullies such as Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

The Republican-led Congress, looking for spending cuts to help finance tax reductions and other goals, has taken tentative votes to cut by about 15 percent the funds for the State Department, the United Nations, embassies and foreign aid.

"I don't think that is a demonstration of responsible leadership," Hillary Clinton said in a morning speech, as coalition members prepared to lobby lawmakers in the afternoon.

After the Soviet Union collapsed, Clinton said in her 30-minute address, "there was a declining interest in foreign affairs, a sense that perhaps we had defeated the principal enemy of the post-World War II years, and we didn't really have to do much anymore. And instead, of course, what we have is a much more difficult, challenging... unstable world situation."

The coalition includes several major corporations with defense contracts or significant trading operations, which give them direct stakes in an active U.S. foreign policy.

The group, founded in 1995, "wanted to make clear to Congress that millions of Americans cared about our ability as a nation to promote U.S. business and jobs, to use diplomatic means to head off conflict

and to respond to humanitarian needs," said Joel L. Johnson, president of the coalition and a vice president of the Aerospace Industries Association.

With the end of the Cold War, U.S. spending on foreign aid and diplomacy declined throughout the early and mid-1990s, even as the State Department was obliged to open and staff new embassies in independent countries that had broken away from the former Soviet Union or Yugoslav federation.

Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright and her predecessor, Warren Christopher, fought hard—first within the administration, and then with congressional appropriators—to reverse that trend. Until the current budget resolution emerged, it appeared they had succeeded.

The federal "150 Account," which includes funding for State Department operations, embassies, foreign aid, the United Nations and contributions to international financial agencies, bottomed out at \$18.7 billion in fiscal 1998, according to State Department budget documents. That forced administrators to close some consulates, trim U.S. representation at international conferences and reduce foreign aid in Africa.

President Clinton's proposed fiscal 2000 budget request for such operations was \$21.3 billion—not including the additional funding sought for new, bomb-proof embassies, an administration priority after last year's lethal attacks on the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. The House and Senate have proposed spending about \$16 billion.

Albright has denounced the congressional budget plans as "outrageous and unacceptable." She said the proposed spending levels would "require us to underfund virtually every major program we have." Some administration officials have suggested that the Peace Corps would have to send home its volunteers if Congress's spending plan becomes law.

Vance Coffman, chairman and chief executive of Lockheed Martin Corp., told yesterday's assembly that the coalition is making "a collective plea to the Congress, saying, 'Do not begin the process of turning the U.S. away from involvement in global affairs.'"

Out in the Cold?

When first lady **Hillary Rodham Clinton** visits a day care center, you'd think she would make the lives of working parents easier. Then again, maybe not.

On Monday many of the parents who use the Justice Department's Just Us Kids center had to jump through hoops because of Clinton's appearance to tape an introduction for a Lifetime television documentary on child care. About 80 children are enrolled at the center. A memo sent last Friday to their parents said that infants and a few older children would be allowed to stay for the morning—but that most of the 3- to 5-year-olds would be moved outside for the three-hour visit.

"Although we are working with the White House to minimize disruption," the memo advised, "disruption will be unavoidable. If you are concerned about the disruption, you may wish to consider keeping your child with you until noon."

Those parents who did drop off their kids were further advised to bring rain gear—a good thing, since it turned out to be a chilly, dank and blustery morning.

Julie Mason, a spokeswoman for the first lady's office, said yesterday that the children "pretty much were following their normal routine." A center official, who asked not to be named, said the children usually spend two hours outdoors, weather permitting.

But at least one parent was not convinced, telling a Post reporter, "I just think it is incredibly ironic that in order for Mrs. Clinton to highlight child-care issues, the children had to be disposed of for the duration of the taping."



Hillary Clinton, clearing the room;

Gores and Clintons Release Figures From Tax Returns

By DAVID CAY JOHNSTON

WASHINGTON, April 13 — Vice President Al Gore and his wife, Tipper, who were criticized for giving only \$353 to charity in 1997, sharply increased those donations last year to \$15,197, according to tax returns they filed today.

The Gores paid \$50,856 in Federal income taxes on an adjusted gross income of \$224,132, a 22.7 percent rate.

A spokesman for Mr. Gore, Chris Lehane, would not comment directly on how editorials, radio talk shows and other criticism about the Gores' 1997 gifts had affected their 1998 giving. "When the Gores have had the financial resources, they have contributed at generous levels," Mr. Lehane said. "That has been their practice, as shown over the last six years when they gave away about \$100,000." In 1997, the Gores reported income of \$197,729.

Mr. Lehane said the Vice President earned \$5,000 for writing the forward of a cookbook by his mother, Pauline Gore. The book will be published by Henry Holt & Company. Mr. Gore also earned \$15,564 in royalties from "Earth in the Balance," his 1992 book on the environment.

The Gores gave their donations to charities benefiting the homeless and mentally ill, religious institutions and education organizations. No gifts to environmental organizations were listed.

President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton gave \$99,220 of their \$504,109 income to charity last year, donations that helped lower their Federal income tax rate to 15.8 percent, according to tax returns released by the White House today.

Having paid more than twice as much in Federal income taxes as the law required in 1996 and 1997 because of the way they gave away

royalties from a book by Mrs. Clinton, the Clintons received a delayed tax break that cut their income taxes by 45 percent, to \$79,480. In 1997, the Clintons had an adjusted gross income of \$569,511 and paid \$91,964, or 16 percent, in Federal income taxes.

The Clintons' adjusted gross income of \$504,109 came from the \$200,000 salary Mr. Clinton receives as President, \$16,665 in taxable interest, \$16,736 in dividends, \$1,329 in state income tax refund from Arkansas, \$74,289 in royalties from Mrs. Clinton's best-selling book, "It Takes A Village," and \$200,318 from securities from a blind trust they sold shortly before they paid a legal settlement to Paula Corbin Jones.

The Clintons changed the way they gave away proceeds from Mrs. Clinton's new book, which is about the Presidential pets, said Barry Toiv, a White House spokesman, so that all proceeds from the new book will go to charity and none to taxes.

Of their charitable donations, \$7,230 came from their own accounts. They donated the \$12,000 Mrs. Clinton received last year from the Henry G. Freeman Pin Money Fund, established in 1912 to benefit First Ladies.

The Clintons gave away \$88,000 in royalties last year from "It Takes A Village." The Clintons received the royalties as income, paid taxes on the royalties and donated the after-tax balance. In 1997, the Clintons gave away so much money that they could not deduct the full amount on that year's tax return and had to delay a \$62,718 deduction until their 1998 income tax return.

The gifts, plus the delayed deduction, gave them charitable deductions last year totaling \$161,938.

In three years, the Clintons have given away \$920,000 in book royalties to children's hospitals and other chil-

dren's charities. But had the Clintons arranged the book royalties differently they could have given away \$167,664 they paid in taxes.

To give the additional sums Mrs. Clinton would have had to have given the copyright to "It Takes A Village" to a public charity or a private foundation before the book was published. By creating a donor-directed fund, an option that the Internal Revenue Service has approved for some public charities, the Clintons could have distributed the money to charities of their choosing. Had they done this, they would have had no royalty income in 1996, 1997 and 1998.

For 1998, the Clintons' income would have dropped to \$425,820 and they would have paid \$139,348 in Federal income tax, a recalculation of their income tax returns using TurboTax software showed. Their tax would then have been 32.4 percent of their income, a typical rate for a couple in their income range.

Three years ago the White House announced that the principle behind the First Family's tax preparation "is that the Clintons will neither benefit, nor lose, because of the book."

But because the Clintons took the royalties as income, Mrs. Clinton paid the maximum Social Security

tax in those years at the rate for self-employed individuals, increasing her Social Security retirement benefits by about \$600 a year.

Mrs. Clinton gave the copyright to her latest book, "Dear Socks, Dear Buddy," to the National Park Foundation, which will use the money to maintain Federal parks and the White House, Mr. Toiv said. No deduction was taken for the copyright and the gift is not mentioned in the Clintons' tax return. Neither Mr. Toiv nor Mrs. Clinton's spokeswoman was able yesterday to say how much the foundation received.

Albert Rodriguez, a charity and tax specialist at Rodriguez, Horii & Choi, a Los Angeles law firm, said "the Clinton's prior tax planning for 'It Takes A Village' is an example of how anyone can get tripped up in the tax code's complexity."

But several other tax experts said yesterday that some people knowingly pay more than is required in income taxes. Some individuals forgo tax avoidance strategies that they regard as legal, but unsavory, or they regard the Government as equal or superior to charities, said Bernard Wolfman, a Harvard University law professor and expert on the ethics of tax professionals.

KEEPING TRACK

Taxing the President

A summary of the Clintons' and Gores' 1998 tax returns.

	Bill and Hillary Clinton	Al and Tipper Gore
Adjusted gross income	\$504,109	\$224,132
Tax exempt interest (municipal bonds)	4,750	0
TOTAL	\$508,859	\$224,132
Charitable gifts	\$161,938*	\$15,197
State and local taxes	22,545	3,226
Federal income tax	79,480	50,056

*Includes \$62,718 given away in 1997, but deducted in 1998.

Source: The President's and Vice President's tax returns.

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Gores were more charitable in '98

By Mimi Hall
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — Vice President Gore and his wife, Tipper, widely criticized for giving only \$353 to charity in 1997, last year donated \$15,197 to education and religious institutions and groups that assist the homeless and mentally ill.

The information showing that 4,205% increase was reported by the White House as part of the tax returns released Tuesday for the Gores and Clintons.

President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton reported \$504,109 in adjusted gross income in 1998, a decrease of more than \$65,000 from the year before. They paid \$89,951 in federal taxes.

The Gores reported \$224,132 and paid \$52,951 in taxes. Their income increased from 1997 by more than \$26,000.

The bulk of the Clintons' income came from the president's \$200,000 salary and \$200,318 in capital gains from a blind trust.

Hillary Clinton reported \$74,289 in royalties from her best-selling book, *It*.

Takes a Village, down from the nearly \$282,000 it earned in royalties in 1997, the year after it was published. No income was reported from her more recent book, *Dear Socks*; *Dear Buddy*, about the first family's cat and dog, because those royalties are paid directly to a national parks charity.

The Clintons had \$16,665 in interest income, \$16,673 in dividends and \$1,329 in a refund from 1997 Arkansas taxes.

They overpaid their 1997 taxes by \$4,267 and applied that amount to this year's bill.

Their deduction for charitable donations came to \$161,938, including a carryover of more than \$62,000 from 1997. The tax returns said their gifts went to children's organizations, hospitals and other recipients.

Most of the Gores' income came from the vice president's \$175,400 salary. Additional income came from book royalties, rent received on their home in Virginia and interest income.

Gore spokesman Chris LeHane would not say whether the vice president, who was ridiculed by Republicans after his charitable donations were made public last year, increased his giving this year because he is running for president. LeHane said that the Gores have "contributed generously" whenever they have had extra money available. In 1996, they donated \$35,530 after receiving \$35,000 in royalties from a book of Tipper Gore's photographs.

All four taxpayers checked \$3 contributions for the presidential election campaign fund.

The Clintons listed their daughter, Chelsea, as a dependent; the Gores listed three of their four children as dependents. They did not include their married daughter, Karenna Schiff.

White House tax returns

The Clintons' and Gores' federal income tax bills for 1998:

	Adjusted gross income	Federal tax
Clinton	\$504,109	\$89,951
Gore	\$224,132	\$52,951

Source: The White House

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A year after flak, Gores boost their charitable contributions

By Andrew Cain
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Vice President Al Gore and his wife, Tipper, hammered in the press for their paltry charitable contributions in 1997, gave \$15,197 to charity in 1998, according to their latest federal tax returns.

Republicans, including GOP National Committee Chairman Jim Nicholson, have gored the Gores for reporting only \$353 in deductions to charities in 1997.

"You'd think a guy who could raise tobacco, slop hogs, build homes, invent the Internet and inspire a best-selling novel and movie — all by the time he was 28 — could afford to give more than \$353 a year to charity," Mr. Nicholson said last month.

In 1998, the Gores gave to organizations that help the homeless, and the mentally ill, religious institutions and educational organizations.

"When the vice president and Mrs. Gore have the resources, they give generously," Gore spokesman Chris Lehane said yesterday.

The Gores listed \$35,530 in charitable contributions in 1996, based mostly on proceeds from Mrs. Gore's photography book, "Picture This."

Mr. Gore's defenders say the vice president faced major personal bills in 1997, including the wedding of his daughter Karenna and legal bills from a Jus-

tice Department probe of his campaign fund-raising.

The Gores earned \$224,376 in 1998 and paid \$52,951 in federal income taxes.

Also yesterday, President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton reported \$89,951 in federal income tax on an adjusted gross income of \$504,109. The Clintons contributed \$99,000 to charities.

The Clintons' income includes the president's salary of \$200,000, another \$74,289 in royalties from Mrs. Clinton's book, "It Takes a Village," interest and dividend income, and capital gains.

Royalties from Mrs. Clinton's second book, "Dear Buddy, Dear Socks," go to the National Park Foundation, which is associated with the National Park Service. The foundation helps maintain the White House, national parks, and other historic properties.

Money from sales of "It Takes a Village" generally go to hospitals and other charities that help children, White House spokesman Barry Tivy said. The Clintons also contributed to churches and to their alma maters.

The Clintons paid 17 percent of their adjusted gross income in taxes. They overpaid their taxes by \$4,267 in 1998. They will apply that sum to their income taxes for 1999.

The Clintons, who file as Arkansas residents, also paid \$22,545 in state and local taxes.

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Mrs. Clinton to attend Wexler fund-raiser

The first lady is coming to Boca Raton to help the congressman, who was one of the president's loudest supporters during the impeachment.

By Brian E. Crowley
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BOCA RATON — U.S. Rep. Robert Wexler, who traveled the national talk show circuit defending President Clinton during his impeachment hearing and trial, is raising money for his reelection campaign tonight with a dinner featuring first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The \$1,000-per-person dinner is at the Boca Raton Resort & Club.

Wexler, a Boca Raton Democrat seeking a third term, was one of the president's loudest supporters, although he said he was bitterly disappointed about Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky.

Prior to the dinner, Wexler and Mrs. Clinton will participate in a Holocaust memorial program at the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County.

The Yom Hashoah ceremony, which began at sundown Monday and ends at sundown today, remembers the millions of Jews killed during the Holocaust.

The dinner is a purely political event. Wexler has

said that instead of running for a third term he might run for the seat held by U.S. Sen. Connie Mack, who is retiring. Wexler has indicated that such a run is a long shot, but he wants to take a careful look at the race. The front-runner for the Democratic nomination is state Insurance Commissioner Bill Nelson.

Mrs. Clinton should find a receptive audience here, particularly among former New Yorkers who are wondering whether she will run for the U.S. Senate there.

Mrs. Clinton has said she is seriously considering a race for the seat held by Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan who is retiring after 24 years in the Senate.

Giuliani gears up

New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani has stepped up his fund-raising efforts in the biggest step yet toward a possible run for a U.S. Senate seat in 2000, the head of his political action committee said yesterday.

For months the Republican has shown an interest in campaigning for a U.S. Senate seat from New York amid speculation that Hillary Rodham Clinton was also considering a run as the Democratic Party candidate.

Mr. Giuliani registered Monday with the Federal Election Commission, announcing that he was forming an exploratory committee and thereby enhancing his ability to raise more money. Mr. Giuliani's move allows him to collect \$2,000 per person, rather than \$1,000, Reuters reports.

"He is seriously looking now at whether or not he will run for the U.S. Senate," said Bruce Teitelbaum, executive director of Solutions America, the political action committee overseeing Mr. Giuliani's campaign efforts. "We are putting together a political operation so that should he decide to run, he can hit the ground

running."

Three committees have already raised close to \$2 million for the New York City mayor, noted worldwide for overseeing the city's biggest drop in crime in a generation and for his "quality of life" and civility campaigns. About \$1 million of that money can be spent on a Senate race, according to federal election rules.

Mrs. Clinton's office said she will be visiting New York state next week but described the trip as part of her work as first lady rather than one to test the waters for a possible Senate campaign, the wire service said.

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The Associated Press

President Clinton, with the First Lady next to him, addresses House Democrats outside the White House after his impeachment. The picture, part of The Associated Press's coverage of the impeachment, was published on Dec. 19, 1998.

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Giuliani Takes Another Step Toward a Race for the Senate

By ADAM NAGOURNEY

Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani set up a committee yesterday to finance a possible run for the Senate next year, as aides to Hillary Rodham Clinton, also a potential candidate for the seat, announced that she would spend three days traveling New York next week.

Mr. Giuliani's decision to register a reconfigured Friends of Giuliani Committee with the Federal Election Commission, with the express purpose of raising money for a Senate race, was the latest indication that the Republican Mayor is now close to a decision on his next political move. He is barred from seeking re-election after his term expires in 2001.

By contrast, Mrs. Clinton's visit to New York was presented by her aides as the routine business of a First Lady, rather than a concerted effort to stoke interest in her potential candidacy. "It's all the kinds of things that she's been doing all along as First Lady," said the First Lady's press secretary, Marsha Berry. "She's not a candidate."

Still, Mrs. Clinton's trip has all the hallmarks of a New York campaign swing. Her schedule is packed with appearances before environmental groups, teachers, Jewish leaders and women, and includes stops on Long Island and in Niagara Falls, on New York's western edge. Its scope seems

likely to inspire another round of attention to the First Lady's potential ambition to succeed Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the Democrat who is retiring in 2000.

Mr. Giuliani has until now left open the possibility that he might be interested in being considered for vice president, or running for governor. But his filing with the Federal Election Commission offered the clearest sign to date of which way he is leaning.

From a technical point of view, said Bruce J. Teitelbaum, who is overseeing Mr. Giuliani's political efforts, the change allows him to collect \$2,000 per person, rather than \$1,000. From a political point of view, it allowed the Mayor to clarify his intentions further.

"This is a formal statement by the Mayor that should he run for Federal office, he has now identified the office he would seek," Mr. Teitelbaum said.

Another Republican who has said he might be interested in seeking the Republican nomination, Representative Rick A. Lazio of Long Island, signaled that he intended to stay in the race.

"For the third time since December, I spent a week traveling through upstate New York," he said. "The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and leads me to believe that I'm the best person to serve the state of New York in the U.S. Senate."

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► Hillary Rodham Clinton will make a four-day swing through New York next week to help her gauge what a Senate campaign might be like. The first lady's stops include New York City, Long Island and Niagara Falls. She is considering whether to seek the open seat of retiring Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan in 2000.

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Rudy one step closer to making it official

Mayor Giuliani yesterday stepped up the pace of his undeclared campaign for the U.S. Senate, while potential rival Hillary Rodham Clinton announced a swing through the state next week.

Giuliani, acknowledging the obvious, informed the Federal Election Commission that he is opening an exploratory committee for the seat Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan is vacating next year.

"An exploratory committee is the next step you take before you officially announce," explained Bruce Fastelbaum, executive director of Solutions America, the mayor's political action committee.

By David Seifman in New York and Gregg Birnbaum in Albany

Giuliani also disclosed his three campaign funds will report contributions of \$707,000 in the three months ending March 30.

The First Lady, meanwhile, said she'll make appearances in New York City, Long Island and Niagara Falls.

Top political adviser Harold Ickes said the trip will give her a good idea of what it's like to run statewide in New York. She kicks off the swing on Monday with a speech



MAYOR GIULIANI
"Exploratory committee."

at Columbia University's Teachers College. She'll visit Hofstra University on Long Island on Tuesday before being the star attraction at Manhattan fund-raising dinner for the United Jewish Appeal. On Thursday she'll address the New York State United Teachers in Niagara Falls.

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Making her move

Hillary Rodham Clinton plans to make several stops in New York next week to test the waters for a campaign for the Senate seat being vacated next year by Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan, an adviser told the Associated Press yesterday.

A speech to a teachers union convention in Niagra Falls will put her in the Buffalo area in the midst of the "Operation Save America" anti-abortion protest.

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AL D'AMATO
Sees Lowey for Dems.

D'Amato: She won't bid for the Senate

By VINCENT MORRIS
Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Former Sen. Al D'Amato yesterday predicted that First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton would skip the bruising New York Senate race, leaving the Democratic campaign open for Rep. Nita Lowey.

"I think Congresswoman Lowey will probably be the candidate," said D'Amato, who last week told the Post that he'd back Mayor Giuliani in the same race to fill the seat of retiring Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

D'Amato said the logistics of running for the Senate as First Lady would be a "nightmare," and raised questions about whether Hillary would even still be married to President Clinton in the year 2001.

"Are they going to stay together? A little bit provocative, but people are thinking this," D'Amato said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

White House officials did not return calls seeking comment.

But Lowey's press secretary, Howard Wolfson, yesterday said he disagreed with D'Amato's argument that Hillary Clinton would not join the race.

"I think that prediction is probably premature," Wolfson said.

Lowey, Wolfson said, is pressing full-steam ahead on her own senate campaign, though she remains ready to bail if the first lady stays out of the race.

"Should the First Lady not run, Nita will be ready. She continues to travel across the state, raising money and meeting New Yorkers," Wolfson said.

Hillary Clinton, Lowey and Sen. Charles Schumer will headline the yearly conference of the New York teachers union in Niagara Falls later this month.

Clinton, Lowey and Schumer will take turns addressing the group on three consecutive days beginning on April 22, Wolfson said.

In addition, Lowey is preparing for a major fundraiser on May 24 during which Hillary Clinton will be the main attraction.

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Bush kin flays Hillary over lapses in ethics

THE uncle of Texas Gov. George W. Bush is ripping First Lady Hillary Clinton for ethical "transgressions," saying "she makes Geraldine Ferraro look like the Virgin Mary."

Jonathan Bush, the brother of former President George Bush and a longtime New York GOP activist, told The Post that continuing questions about the First Lady's personal conduct mean she would be "easily defeated" by Mayor Giuliani in a race for U.S. Senate next year.

"I mean, if you look at



Hillary Clinton's transgressions, Geraldine Ferraro came a cropper because of all her suspect deals and those of her husband and that kind of thing, including the question of her honesty, that was ever present in her campaign," said Bush, 67, in an unusual attack by a member of a former president's family on the spouse of the incumbent.

"With Hillary Clinton, those questions, which don't derive much attention when your husband has an 85 percent popularity rating or something like that, will get very intense scrutiny if she's a candidate — and she will not pass the test."

"She lied on a federal loan (Whitewater) application. She hid (Rose Law Firm) papers in the White House for two years and then, at the final moment, made the decision because she's a lawyer that she ought to maybe say those papers were discovered."

"You people will have a field day with Hillary Clinton. She's dead, I think."

Jonathan Bush, meanwhile, called on Gov. Pataki to put aside his differences with Giuliani and endorse him for the Senate "for the overall good of New York."

Bush, who called Pataki a "great governor" and Giuliani "an excellent mayor," conceded the ongoing strain between the two Republicans was understandable in light of the mayor's 1994 endorsement of then Gov. Mario Cuomo, a Democrat.



BUSHWACKER: Ex-First Brother Jonathan Bush (right), here with Charlton Heston, has lashed out at the First Lady while singing the praises of Mayor Giuliani. 1991 Post file photo



HILLARY CLINTON
"Suspect deals."

"Pataki has every reason in the world to feel he wouldn't want to see Giuliani make any progress," said Bush.

"On the other hand, you don't get anywhere if you carry feelings like that inside. It's much better to look at the overall good of the state, and the overall good of the state is to win that Senate seat."

"I think if George Pataki would rise up and support Giuliani, he'd feel better and the whole party would have a roaring victory, which it really desperately needs."

"Everyone loves a winner and Giuliani is a winner. He's proven that he

can do an absolutely first-rate job."

Bush predicted Giuliani would win a "roaring victory" in a Senate race over the First Lady, who he said was tainted by still-unresolved ethical questions.

Jonathan Bush, meanwhile, said he was gearing up to do whatever he could to help his nephew run for president.

And he pooh-poohed speculation there were things in his nephew's past that would prove embarrassing once he enters the presidential race.

"I think that anything that comes to the fore, people will get a kick out of," said Bush.

"He just had a lot of fun when he was young."

Asked about reports of a picture showing the younger Bush dancing nude at a fraternity party while at Yale, Uncle Jonathan laughed and said, "Then he'll win a huge victory."

"The guy was definitely drinking too much at one time, and now he hasn't had a drink in 15 years."

Jonathan Bush said he didn't think Pataki, who has been promoting himself as a potential Repub-

lican, had a chance of becoming the GOP's nominee, although he said being selected for vice-presidential candidate was possible.

"I think he would be a very good national candidate ... but I don't know that it is his time," Bush said.

"And I think he's going to waste his time and energy if he thinks he's going to make a move at this particular point in time. That's not saying he might not be a vice-presidential candidate," said Bush.

CORRECTION: The old salaries of two aides to Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver were mistakenly given in last week's column in an item about new legislative pay hikes.

The aides, Judy Rapfogel and Dean Fulkshan, received 5 percent increases, bringing their new salaries to \$112,500 a year.

Fredric U. Dicker's radio show, "Inside the State Capitol," can be heard weekdays from 10:05 a.m. to 11 a.m. and Sundays from 1:05 p.m. to 3 p.m. on the Web, at

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The other Republican

In the race for the Senate seat being vacated by Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan, New York Rep. Rick Lazio is best known as "the other Republican," the Associated Press reports.

The main Republican is, of course, New York City Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, who is considering a race that could pit him next year against first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

"The other Democrat," Rep. Nita Lowey, has said she would not run if Mrs. Clinton does. Mr. Giuliani and Mrs. Clinton have not said yet whether they will run.

Mr. Lazio, however, has made no such pledge not to take on Mr. Giuliani in a GOP primary.

The four-term congressman from Long Island concedes he won't run if the state's top Republican, Gov. George E. Pataki, asks him not to, but he said both the governor and former GOP Sen. Alfonse M. D'Amato "have been very generous with their advice." The governor's advice, he said, has been "helpful and constructive."

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First lady to receive CCRF award

NEW YORK — First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will accept a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Children of Chernobyl Relief Fund (CCRF) in recognition of her longstanding efforts to improve children's health in Ukraine and around the world. The award will be presented on Monday, April 19, at the Ukrainian Institute of America, at the corner of Fifth Avenue and East 79th Street in Manhattan.

Mrs. Clinton has been very supportive of efforts to aid the children of Chernobyl. In 1996, she and Vice-President Al Gore hosted a White House ceremony marking the 10th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

On three separate good will missions, Mrs. Clinton visited children's hospitals in Ukraine to observe first-hand the health impact of the 1986 nuclear accident at the Chernobyl nuclear station in Ukraine.

The New Jersey-based Children of Chernobyl Relief Fund has been cited by many authorities, including Ukraine's former ambassador to the United States, Dr. Yuri Scherbak, the U.S. State Department, and members of Congress as one of the most effective and cost-efficient medical missions serving Ukraine.

The CCRF has partner hospitals in Kyiv, Lviv, Dnipropetrovsk, Vinnytsia, Lutsk and other cities. The fund has established model neonatal intensive care units that have sharply reduced infant mortality. The fund has also established the most advanced blood-testing labora-

tory in all of Eastern Europe, at the Lviv Regional Specialized Pediatric Clinic, to help combat children's leukemia and non-Hodgkins lymphoma.

Together with the Ukrainian National Women's League of America, the CCRF installed the first magnetic resonance imaging system at the Kyiv Emergency Hospital and Trauma Center. Since 1994, the MRI has provided diagnostic tests for 9,500 patients, in many cases enabling doctors to perform life-saving surgeries on malignant tumors and traumatic brain injuries afflicting Chernobyl survivors.

The CCRF has chosen to honor Mrs. Clinton for her personal commitment to children's health and humanitarian efforts in Eastern Europe. Throughout her professional life, the first lady has devoted herself to improving the lives of mothers and children, both in the United States and throughout the world. Mrs. Clinton has frequently spoken out about the need for increased aid to hospitals and non-governmental organizations that are implementing innovative, high-impact approaches to international aid.

In its first 10 years the CCRF has completed 20 major airlifts and seven sea shipments to Ukraine, delivering over 1,200 tons of aid valued at \$40 million.

For more information on the reception, contact the CCRF at (973) 376-5140 or consult the homepage at <http://www.childrenofchernobyl.org> or at <http://www.ccrf-iccf.org>. E-mail messages may be sent to info@ccrf-iccf.org.

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