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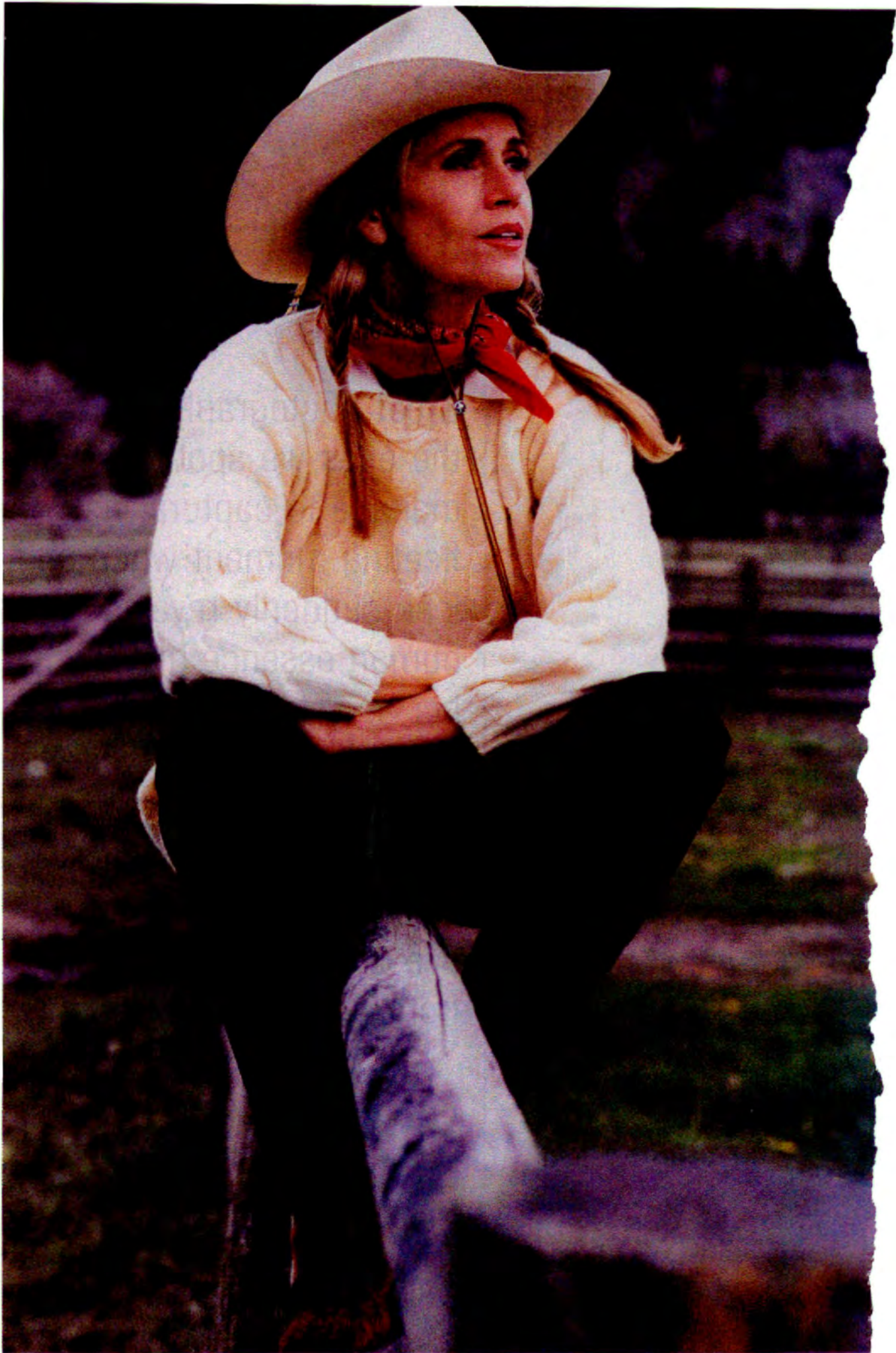
HILLARY CLINTON, 1993

"You can see the intelligence in her eyes, the awareness. In this card game with Bill and Chelsea, she holds the hand like a professional, very evenly so she sees everything at once. She really holds all the cards."

—Harry Benson

An award-winner, he has photographed presidential couples from the Kennedys to the Clintons for Life, Vanity Fair and Paris Match

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first lady sees the sights

**HILLARY CLINTON TOURS EGYPT,
PUSHES EDUCATION AND TOLERANCE**

When U.S. First Lady Hillary Clinton came to Egypt during March she saw more of the country's sites than she had ever managed to fit in during previous official visits.

In the space of five days, she was able to take in some of Egypt's most famous Pharaonic, Coptic and Islamic sites, drop by the Khan el-Khalili to talk shop with small businesswomen, visit clinics and schools where she extolled education and health care for girls and women and give a speech at the American University in Cairo that concentrated on the importance of religious tolerance. The trip to Egypt was the first stop in a 12-day North African tour that also took her to Tunisia and Morocco.

"My husband is a little jealous," Mrs. Clinton told Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak after a call from Washington on her first morning.

She told an audience at AUC: "When I spoke to the president this morning, he reminded me that he had yet to even see the pyramids except through the window of an airplane. I assured him he could return — perhaps when he no longer travels with 800 or 900 people — and see the city and the sights and meet the people for longer than a day."

Ever since the scandal over Clinton's affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky raised speculation on the presidential marital union, journalists have taken to counting the number of times Mrs. Clinton mentions "her husband" in public. If she doesn't mention him at all, then she must be angry; if the president gets a few nods, then things cannot be that bad, goes the media wisdom. She mentioned him several times during the trip to Egypt, but did not take any questions on their marriage. Before his wife flew out with daughter Chelsea, who was on spring break from Stanford University, President Clinton said "we're working hard" to strengthen their marriage.

Mrs. Clinton may have managed to duck questions on the future of her marriage, but she could not avoid speculation that she was considering running for a U.S. Senate seat from New York in 2000. Her husband told reporters before her trip to Egypt that he did not "have a clue" on whether she would run. But in the most unlikely setting of the Basatin Clinic, she acknowledged before an impromptu news conference that she was seriously considering bidding for the seat of retiring Democratic Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

Mrs. Clinton said she has spent the last month speaking with friends, advisers and political consultants on her chances. "I will continue that when I return home," she said.

What else might she consider after her husband's term in the White House runs out?

"I don't know the answer to that but I do know that I want to continue speaking out on behalf of the issues that I've spent more than 25 years working on," she said. "And any way that I can continue to do that, I intend to. But what form that will take I really can't predict at this time."

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U.S. First Lady Hillary Clinton and daughter Chelsea survey the Cairo skyline from the Citadel.

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While at the clinic, Mrs. Clinton pledged \$34 million to help with family planning and maternal health care in Egypt. With that, Mrs. Clinton put politics aside and took to a pet topic — preservation of historical sites. Back home, she began with the restoration of the original Star-Spangled Banner last year. In Egypt, she championed the cause of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), which has at least \$15 million invested in Egyptian antiquities preservation, along with \$771 million dedicated to helping Cairo eliminate sewage flooding into homes, mosques and other historical sites.

Mrs. Clinton's itinerary included the Citadel and the Mosque of Muhammad Ali, which is one of the many restoration projects under way by the Egyptian Supreme Council of Antiquities and the USAID. At the Mosque of Salah Talai, Mrs. Clinton and Chelsea saw its minbar, which dates back to 1290, making it Egypt's second-oldest pulpit. The Clintons also visited Bab Zuweilla, another restoration project as well as Ben Ezra synagogue, whose foundations were laid in the 11th century on the site where tradition holds baby Moses was discovered among bulrushes, and the crypt of St. Sargius Church, where Mary and Joseph were to have sheltered the child Jesus as they fled King Herod.

This multi-faith tour paved the way for Mrs. Clinton's speech at AUC, in which she pressed home the importance of religious tolerance.

"It gave me a vivid sense of the diversity that exists in this great country," she said. "Now that (diversity) can either be a source of division or a blessing. That is certainly how I view it in my own country."

Mrs. Clinton said religion should not be used to exclude followers of other faiths.

"We have to reject the calls to violence and prejudice and discrimination," she, noting that the United States has its own problems with church burnings and hate crimes. "In every religion, there are those who would drape themselves in the mantle of belief and faith only to distort its most sacred teachings — preaching intolerance and resorting to violence against believers of other faiths."

Mrs. Clinton's aides said she voiced some concern about the treatment of Coptic Christians in Egypt during her hour-long meeting with President Hosni Mubarak.

"She raised it. He was aware of it. He talked about efforts being made to investigate," said Melanne Verveer, Mrs. Clinton's chief of staff.

In Luxor, where Mrs. Clinton toured the Valley of the Kings and Queens and the Temple of Hatshepsut — the site of the 1997 massacre by Muslim militants of 58 tourists and four Egyptians — the First Lady announced that the United States would give Egypt \$45 million for a waste water system. Scientists hope that the improved treatment of waste water will both improve the health of those living there now, as well as halt damage to the priceless monuments built by its previous inhabitants.

Walking through Hatshepsut's temple, where just a few reliefs of the queen remain thanks to the zealous efforts of her stepson Thutmose III to erase her images, Mrs. Clinton was reminded for a moment of the political circus she had left at home. "Why the enmity?" she asked.

"It was not out of spite, but politics," replied restorationist Ray Johnson. "Sometimes they look the same," Mrs. Clinton reflected. w:p

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WHY HILLARY WON'T RUN

New York Democrats are looking for a hero to help them keep a Senate seat. But Hillary Rodham Clinton won't hit the hustings for her own candidacy—not just yet.

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 >



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