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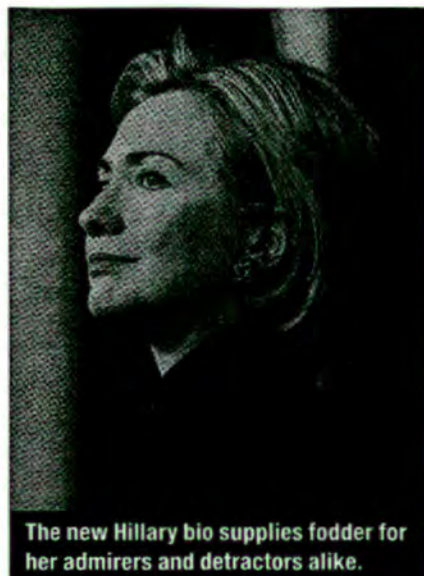
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Pages

The First Partner:
Hillary Rodham Clinton

by Joyce Milton

The most ravenous curiosity about Bill and Hillary Clinton's marriage is likely to be satisfied by this gossipy, well-written and finally devastating biography of the woman in the White House. *One* of the women, actually, because among the things Milton examines is the astonishing amount of philandering Bill Clinton has done and the bitter, contentious mess it has made of his family life. She points to numerous women with tales of Bill's infidelity, lewdness and inappropriate advances—so many that Hillary hired a private detective in the early '80s to find out how many rivals she had. Oh, well. As Milton portrays her, the First Lady is used to adjustments and compromises, tempering her feminism to advance her husband's career, designing impractical, publicity-grabbing



The new Hillary bio supplies fodder for her admirers and detractors alike.

political programs and lacking the wherewithal to put them into action. Hillary emerges as the enabler of a severely sex-addicted husband and as a major player herself—brusque, insensitive, ready to cut corners, willing to do almost anything to get—and keep—power. (Morrow, \$27)—F.P. **Bottom Line:** Every fact (and rumor) about the stormy First Marriage

Page-turner of the week

Hart's War

by John Katzenbach

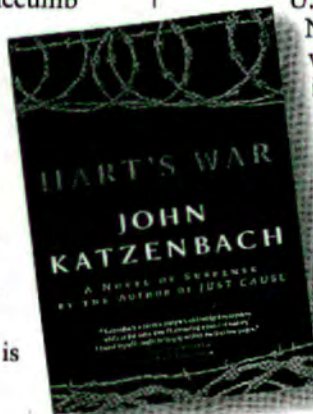
Reviewed by J.D. Reed

Forget *Hogan's Heroes*. It's World War II, and hundreds of captured Allied airmen incarcerated at Stalag Luft 13, a German prison camp, are neither spying nor pulling the wool over the eyes of dim-witted Nazi guards. They're expending their waning energy just trying to stay warm and healthy enough to survive as they try not to succumb to hopelessness.

Their numbing routine is finally broken by unexpected bloodshed. Lincoln Scott, a loner fighter pilot (one of the Tuskegee Airmen) and the only African-American in the camp, has a brutal run-in with a beligerent racist, Vincent Bedford. When Bedford is

murdered, Scott is arrested for the crime. Enter Tommy Hart, a prisoner since 1942 and a former Harvard Law School student who must defend the black flier against growing odds. Both his superior officers in the prison and his German captors are pushing to convict Scott quickly, even though he maintains his innocence. For the historical and emotional accuracy of this first-rate legal thriller, Edgar Award-nominee Katzenbach draws heavily on the experience of his father, former

U.S. Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach, who spent two years in a Nazi prison camp. *Hart's War* honors that history while making a significant mark in the suspense genre. (Ballantine, \$24.95) **Bottom Line:** Electrifying courtroom drama framed by a fascinating chapter of history



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First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, with Randy Teton of Lincoln Creek, Idaho, shows an enlarged version of the Sacagawea dollar. Teton was the model.

Latest U.S. coin honors Sacagawea

Worth \$1, it'll be in circulation by 2000

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton unveiled the nation's newest coin at a White House ceremony Tuesday — a gold-colored one-dollar piece bearing the image of the Shoshone guide Sacagawea.

The new coin will replace the Susan B. Anthony dollar coin, which went into circulation in 1979. The U.S. Mint expects the Sacagawea coin to be in circulation by early 2000.

The coin honors the young woman and teenage mother who accompanied explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to the Pacific Ocean in 1805. At the unveiling were leaders of various Native American tribes.

"This coin is an excellent way to honor one Indian woman — and all Native Americans," Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said.

The first lady said the choice of Sacagawea was a fitting tribute to the heritage and contribution of American Indian women to U.S. culture.

"Sacagawea played an unforgettable role in the history of our nation," she said. "Every day this coin will remind us we are a nation of many cultures."

On the new coin, Sacagawea looks over her shoulder directly at the observer. Every other coin in use — the penny with Abraham Lincoln, the nickel with Thomas Jefferson, the dime with Franklin Roosevelt and the quarter with George Washington

— shows the subject in profile.

In another departure from tradition, her infant son, Jean Baptiste, sleeps on her back. It is the first depiction of a child on a circulating U.S. coin.

The coin itself will be gold-colored and will have smooth edges so it can be easily distinguished from the similar-size quarter. Its metallic composition has not been decided yet.

Glenna Goodacre, the Santa Fe artist and sculptor who designed the image of the young Sacagawea, is also well-known for her design of the



White House Celebrates Eid with

American Muslims

DILSHAD FAKHRODDIN

For the third year in a row, the Clinton Administration, via First Lady Hillary Clinton's office, has welcomed Muslims from around the nation to celebrate Eid in the White House. Many of us saw this as a reflection of the times – an indication that our faith has moved from being perceived as an exotic Oriental cult to being acknowledged as a mainstream spiritual force in America. The fact that the event took place within the walls of executive power is a seal of recognition of Islam in America.

Moved by her trip to the Middle East, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton described an incident she saw as momentous, one which captured her heart. In the midst of an area wrought with religious and racial tension, she found solace seeing children living up to their potential. Visiting a small camp outside of Gaza, the First Lady witnessed firsthand children of the three monotheistic faiths coming together – one lighting a Ramadan lantern, another lighting a Menorah, and the third placing the star on a Christmas tree.

"I used to feel so strongly as a young girl," said the First Lady, "and now I feel even more strongly, that religion should not serve as a weapon of war and division, but as a

bridge to peace – that children should learn to respect their own traditions but also understand the traditions of others," she said.

The Eid celebration was sponsored by the North American Council for Muslim Women, presided over by Sharifa Alkhateeb of Virginia, who also addressed the event. Her activities show that she has a soft heart," she said of the First Lady, "a soft heart for Muslims."

For one young man who was honored to address the gathering, the event symbolized tolerance. Omar Farooq, a high school student from Falls Church, VA, addressed the crowd saying, "While there's always room for improvement," he said, "the fact that I am standing here speaking on the month of fasting and the following celebration of Eid is proof that tolerance is spreading in America."

Dr. Seyyed Hossein Nasr, a George Washington University professor, was the third speaker. "This is significant for Muslims of the whole world," he said. "The Islamic community in America is bound to play a role in bridging the Islamic world with the West." □



The First Lady with ISCA chairman Shaykh Muhammad Hisham Kabbani.



First Lady Mrs. Hillary Clinton addresses the gathered Muslims at the White House Eid event.



[Left to right] AMC's Aly Abuzakook, H.E. Hassan Namazi, Ambassador of Argentina, Dr. Seyyed H. Nasr, CAIR's Nihad Awad and Dar al-Hijrah's Bassam al-Ustawni.



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Refugee services offered

* Churches and individuals in New Jersey are offering donated food, clothing and toys for Kosovar refugees.

By WAYNE PARRY

Associated Press

From shoeboxes of toothpaste, soap and shampoo to a room in a country farmhouse, New Jerseyans opened their hearts and their homes yesterday as the first planeload of Kosovo refugees arrived at Fort Dix.

Churches and individuals offered to donate food, clothing and toys for the families fleeing the fighting in Yugoslavia, and some offered to take in refugee families.

Diu Shabani, a 26-year-old Albanian from Garfield, went to the military base in the New Jersey Pinelands to register to sponsor a refugee family. He and his mother, Sylvania Shabani, 41, also of Garfield, said they could take in a family of four.

"We have two spare bedrooms," he said eagerly. "We don't want to cramp them; they've already been cramped."

But despite the offers of help, it will be several days at the earliest before any of the first refugees to arrive in the United States will be sent to live with host families. Base officials first plan to meet their immediate needs, from naps to meals to hot showers, and provide medical treatment for the most seriously ill, some who have tuberculosis.

They also have to be registered and issued identification documents before being released from the fort to host families.

Sister Janet Yurkanin, of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton's refugee and immigration program, said churches and individuals have been offering help. The offers are being passed along to a central church office in Washington, D.C.

"One person called to say she'd take a mother with children," Yurkanin said. "She lives on a farm with sheep and animals and everything, and

Ft. Dix
HRC greeting
Kosovar
refugees

said she'd be glad to share her home with them. People are really responding to their needs."

About 10 families living near the base volunteered to serve as hosts to the refugees, she said.

An unexpected bonanza was the 13 Albanian-speaking people who called, offering to serve as translators for the new arrivals.

Stephanie Schmitter, a spokeswoman for Lutheran Social Ministries, also said 10 families and churches had volunteered to take in or sponsor refugees.

"At this point, we're focusing on the church groups, because it's quite an undertaking to sponsor a family," she said. "I'm also getting people who are interested in offering to have a family and host them temporarily."

Sister Teresa Gerke, of the Alpha Omega Ministries on the grounds of Fort Dix, said her organization has been collecting canned goods, clothing and toys for the refugees for the past several days.

"We have people calling in and asking if they can help," she said. "Most say they're glad the refugees are coming here."

Members of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Willingboro assembled what they called "shoe-box ministries," cardboard boxes with toiletries that the new arrivals will need.

Individual members of Grace Episcopal Church in Pemberton have been collecting supplies for the refugees.

And the American Red Cross of Central New Jersey plans to assist with relocation efforts as well by registering families, providing translation services, and providing snacks and beverages to arriving families.

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BODY:

The first Kosovo refugees to arrive in the US were greeted by Hillary Rodham Clinton, the first lady. They beat her to the punch, however, giving her a standing ovation when she walked into a gymnasium at Fort Dix, N.J., to welcome them. "Our hearts and our prayers have been with you," she said. "Now we want to show you that our hearts and our homes are open to you as well."

The Senate voted 92 to 0 to commend the Rev. Jesse Jackson for winning the release of three US soldiers captured last month by Yugoslav forces. Five Republicans - Peter Fitzgerald of Illinois, Jesse Helms of North Carolina, Jeff Sessions of Alabama, Craig Thomas of Wyoming, and John Warner of Virginia - refused to vote for or against the measure.

The White House was lax in preventing US missile technology from leaking to China through commercial-satellite exports, the Senate Intelligence Committee concluded in a bipartisan report. Concurring with earlier reports from the Pentagon and a special House committee, the panel said the White House largely overlooked the potential security risk in its promotion of satellite exports to China.

The House passed legislation making it more difficult to declare personal bankruptcy. All 217 Republicans voting on the measure - along with 96 Democrats - favored the bill. It was opposed by 107 Democrats and independent Bernie Sanders of Vermont. The Clinton administration has threatened to veto the measure unless it contains additional consumer protections.

Speaker Dennis Hastert was pressed for a quick vote on campaign-finance reform by a group of moderate House Republicans who failed to win his commitment for a vote before September. The GOP House leadership opposes proposed campaign-finance reforms.

Support for gun control rose sharply in the week after high school shootings in Colorado, according to polls taken for the Associated Press by ICR of Media, Pa. In a survey conducted just before the Colorado incident, 47 percent of respondents said better enforcement of existing weapons laws was the way to limit gun violence; only 42 percent wanted tougher gun laws. After the shootings, 51 percent said tougher gun laws would be more effective, and only 39

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HEADLINE: 453 refugees arrive in start of US airlift;
Crisis in Kosovo

BYLINE: By Charles A. Radin, Globe Staff

BODY:

McGUIRE AIR FORCE BASE, N.J. - Shedding thick winter coats and months of fear and deprivation, 453 refugees from the ethnic strife of the Balkans strode, shuffled, or were carried onto US soil yesterday. They are the first of 20,000 people from the region expected to arrive in this country over the next three months.

After a 13-hour journey that began in darkness in the Macedonian capital, Skopje, the refugees landed at 4:12 p.m. in a chartered Tower Air 747. They emerged squinting in a hot, bright day, but soon began to smile and wave in response to the applause of US servicemen and the urgings of photographers.

They came in all ages and sizes. First to deplane were a half-dozen vigorous men, shoulders squared, who shook hands with US officials lined up along the red carpet to greet them. Then the flow ceased briefly, as a bulky older woman struggled to assist a small child down the steep stairs.

A man in traditional white-knit skullcap paused time and again to press his right hand against his heart and nod in thanks.

A grandmother in a trenchcoat and Soviet-era shoes herded a gaggle of young boys. How many were in her charge was impossible to tell, as one family crowded and merged into the next.

Representatives of the State Department, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the military greeted the refugees on the tarmac at McGuire. The refugees then were whisked by bus to neighboring Fort Dix, where, in the gymnasium converted into a receiving center, they were welcomed to the United States by Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Also at the receiving center, they were offered cots, boxed dinners, and play areas for the children while they waited for an initial meeting with officials of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, which issued them temporary identity cards. Following this, they were assigned to lodgings, shown

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around communal areas prepared for prayer and play during their stay at Fort Dix, and given new clothes, soap, and towels.

The refugees who arrived yesterday are expected to stay at Fort Dix for two to three weeks, receiving health care, orientation to the United States, and English lessons while efforts are made to match them with sponsors.

None of the refugees designated for Fort Dix have people lined up in advance to provide food, clothing and support while they become self-sufficient in the United States.

Nine residential buildings formerly used as military barracks, two dining facilities, a medical clinic and a chapel have been prepared for the newcomers.

Another 747 is scheduled to arrive tomorrow afternoon, and two more are due next week, all carrying refugees with no relatives or other sponsors in the United States. Refugees who have sponsors are being screened in Macedonia and will go directly to the homes of their hosts without having to pass through Fort Dix.

Government officials said Fort Dix can now accommodate up to 3,000 refugees at a time and a military source at the fort said yesterday that an ongoing project to raze old barracks was suspended last week "until we get this sorted out."

In a teleconference held yesterday by the US Catholic Conference, a leading organization in refugee resettlement, Dr. Patricia Maloof said that while current plans are for 20,000 refugees to come to the United States within two to three months, "This is a fluid situation." It could change rapidly and speed up as needed to relieve the crisis in Macedonia, where refugee camps are overflowing, living conditions deteriorating, and communal tensions rising rapidly.

US officials confirmed that the speed with which refugees will be brought here will be influenced by the situation in Macedonia, a neighbor of Kosovo, which already has taken in about 200,000 refugees. Yesterday, as Macedonia has done several times before, it closed its border to more.

At Fort Dix, refugees will be required to remain within a fenced and patrolled area, and members of the public and media will be able to reach them only through interviews arranged by government officials. No contact between media and refugees was allowed yesterday.

"We are looking forward to the challenge of giving some safety and security to these people who have been desperately lacking it," said Michael Kharfen, a spokesman for the Department of Health and Human Services. "They have been displaced from their homes, some have been physically abused, they may be emotionally traumatized."

Kharfen said that Muslim clergy in the area have agreed to assist the refugees, most of whom are ethnic Albanians whose families are historically Muslim. He said that there are also Orthodox Christians in the groups, and that priests are being contacted on their behalf.

Government officials stressed the temporary nature of the shelter at Fort

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Dix in particular and in the United States in general, despite the growing conviction among nongovernmental relief workers that few of the refugees evacuated to countries far from their homeland will return there.

"We think they will come to the United States, catch their breath, hopefully we'll resolve this in a short period of time, and they'll return," said Marguerite Houze, a deputy assistant secretary of state, who runs the US Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration.

"The mindset is so determined right now for them to go home," she said. "It's hard to speculate what their mindset will be in six months or a year from now. We'll just have to see."

Because the Balkan exiles are being admitted to the United States under regular refugee regulations, with no special conditions, they all will be eligible to apply for permanent resident status.

Houze said the influx is not straining the US capacity to accept refugees because there was already an ongoing refugee program, resettling about 78,000 people a year here, before the Kosovo exodus began. "It happens all the time," she said, "Just not this many this fast."

Maloof, the Catholic Conference official, said at least three cases in the first group of refugees have resettlement possibilities in Greater Boston, but said she could not elaborate in the number of people involved or their connections in the area. New York City, Chicago, Dallas Fort Worth, and Arlington, Va., all may receive substantial numbers of refugees, she said.

As the buses carrying the refugees wound their way through Fort Dix, clusters of servicemen and servicewomen and their families turned out to cheer and wave.

"I hope this will do their spirits some good," said a young Army officer who was involved in the preparations. "They must need it. We called over to ask the Air Force guys if they needed baggage handlers and they said no. These people have just got what's on their backs."

GRAPHIC: PHOTO, 1. AP PHOTO/Hillary Rodham Clinton greeted refugees arriving at the processing center at McGuire Air Force Base yesterday.
2. AP PHOTO/Ethnic Albanians disembarked at McGuire Air Force base in New Jersey after a 13-hour flight to the United States yesterday.
3. AP PHOTO/Ethnic Albanian refugee Valbona Bytyi, 14, got a hug yesterday from UNICEF worker Elvana Zhezha at a refugee camp in Kukes, Albania.
4. AP PHOTO/An Air Force serviceman helped a refugee leaving the airplane at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey yesterday.

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FIRST WAVE OF KOSOVO REFUGEES ARRIVES IN U.S.

BYLINE: MARK FRITZ and T. CHRISTIAN MILLER, TIMES STAFF WRITERS

DATELINE: FT. DIX, N.J.

BODY:

A deceptively upbeat band of Kosovo Albanians, victims of horrific ethnic purges in the Balkans, landed in rural New Jersey on Wednesday, waved to the cameras and began the bewildering process of living in America.

The Boeing 747 carrying 453 people from a squalid camp in Macedonia soared past the Statue of Liberty and touched down just outside this sprawling Army base, where the refugees were greeted by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

They were the first group of 20,000 ethnic Albanians that the United States has decided to lodge in order to ease the crushing tide of refugees on the lands surrounding Kosovo, the embattled province of Serbia. Most were elderly people or women, and nearly half were children--a compelling reminder of reports that men of fighting age have been at times systematically separated and slain in Kosovo.

Though some organizations are uneasy with the decision to spirit these ethnic Albanians so far from their homeland, some relief officials believe that the U.S. will be compelled to expand their numbers unless the conflict ends soon.

"If we continue to have this exodus, in the next three weeks 20,000 will be a drop in the bucket," said John Fredriksson, associate executive director of Immigration and Refugee Services of America, which contracted to oversee the relocation. He noted that a small 1992 program to resettle Bosnian refugees has grown to the point where upward of 40,000 arrive annually.

Regardless of the ramifications, these refugees traded a crowded, disease-ridden refugee camp in Macedonia for the spanking-clean barracks complex of this lightly used training base near Trenton. Though many suffered unfathomable cruelties--a woman who watched two Serbian soldiers play catch with her severed breast is among the refugees expected--they are destined to become

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among the world's best-cared-for displaced people.

"I know you have had a long journey and are very tired, but you look very good to me," Clinton told the new arrivals as they sat in the bleachers of the base gymnasium, chanting, "USA, USA," and cheering her remarks even before hearing them translated.

Most of the refugees were in good health and highly motivated to come here, said Roger Winter, head of the Immigration and Refugee Services of America.

Few of those who touched down here had ever left the Balkans. None had traveled by air. Nonetheless, at least some were in good spirits as they prepared to leave Macedonia. "We're not going to have to worry about being tortured," said Saide Sheriu, 31, whose 17-member family has been selected for resettlement. "We don't have to hear bullets. We are a free family again."

While undergoing days, perhaps weeks, of medical checks, security screening and eventual pairing with sponsor agencies and individuals, they will have beds with fresh linens, kitchens with ethnic food, toys for children and places to say Muslim prayers.

John Kidane, refugee resettlement director of the Nationalities Service Center in Philadelphia, said even refugees of often-ignored African conflicts have offered to sponsor these Kosovars.

"I even had Eritrean and Somali families who said they are willing to take a Kosovar family," said Kidane, himself a refugee of the bloodshed between Eritrea and Ethiopia, which has displaced tens of thousands in recent months. "They said it reminds them of who they are."

Almost all of the refugees who arrived in the first planeload are people without relatives in this country. Several hundred additional refugees are due here Friday, and another group that has family members here is scheduled to arrive Saturday in New York.

Though the aim of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization air war is to eventually repatriate these refugees, they are being given what so many seekers of sanctuary want: Priority One status, which gives them permanent residency, access to a wide range of cash and social service assistance, a green card after one year and, ultimately, the ability to seek full citizenship.

Though resettlement agencies are not looking for American roommates for the deportees, that hasn't stopped people from offering to take them in.

"A lady called and said she lives alone in a mansion near New York--with her own lake--and she wants to take a family or two. And she said they could live there forever," Kidane said.

The open arms for the Kosovo Albanians is bittersweet for Samuel Joe, a resettlement case manager and himself a refugee from Liberia. The U.S. last week indefinitely halted a resettlement program for Liberians living in Ivory Coast, he said, because the Ivorian government said it had become a magnet for those who want to use Ivory Coast as a springboard here.

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Still, Joe, a former Liberian official, holds no grudges against the Kosovo Albanians. "I am overwhelmed by the destitution they are going through," he said. "I would only hope that kind of reception would be extended to other refugees."

The first group of refugees bound for the U.S. trudged toward the gates at the front of the camp at Brazda, Macedonia, at 3 a.m. Wednesday to board buses for the local airport. Some sobbed, others joked. Few had baggage.

Most said they were leaving only because they had grown sick of life in the camps, which have become increasingly overcrowded.

Igballe Osmani sobbed as she stood with her family. Her mother and sister were bound for Denmark. She, her husband and their four children were going to the U.S.

"We had to go somewhere to get settled down. We were sleeping on the ground," Osmani said. "It's very, very hard for me. We've never, never been apart."

Either from worry or excitement, many of the refugees had not slept.

"I stayed up with some friends. They were crying. I was crying. I am going to miss Kosovo. But now I am excited to go to America," said Remzi Arifi, 22, a student.

Fritz reported from Ft. Dix and Miller from Brazda.

GRAPHIC: PHOTO: Kosovo Albanians wait to board buses to Ft. Dix after arriving in the U.S. from a Macedonia refugee camp. PHOTOGRAPHER: Agence France-Presse
PHOTO: A U.S. Air Force officer helps a refugee child, accompanied by an adult, down the steps of a Boeing 747 that brought 453 ethnic Albanians to New Jersey. The new arrivals will be housed at Ft. Dix. PHOTOGRAPHER: Agence France-Presse

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HEADLINE: WELCOME TO FREEDOM, SAYS HILLARY - KOSOVO REFUGEES GET SHELTER IN N.J.

BYLINE: Neil Graves in Fort Dix, N.J., and William Neuman in New York

BODY:

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton yesterday told the first group of 453 Kosovar refugees to arrive in the United States that Americans will open "our hearts and homes" to them.

"We want you to know the American people have been very sad and very angry over what they have seen happen to you over the last weeks and months," Clinton told the refugees - mostly women and children - at their temporary new home at Fort Dix in southern New Jersey.

"Our hearts and our prayers have been with you, and now we want to show you our hearts and our homes are open to you, as well."

The ethnic Albanian refugees, including 249 adults, 195 children between the ages of 3 and 18, and nine infants, landed at McGuire Air Force Base at 4:12 p.m.

Many of them waved as they filed off the chartered Boeing 747 onto the tarmac, and a small group of military personnel applauded.

Some wore heavy winter clothing in the 70-degree spring weather, and a few carried bags of the scant belongings that remained to them after the often brutal escape from their homeland.

Others had nothing but the clothes on their backs.

After the 13-hour flight from Macedonia, they traveled by bus to nearby Fort Dix - where they will make their temporary homes in a section of barracks at the old basic training facility known as Doughboy Village.

"The goal here is to provide a welcoming environment which is comfortable," said Lavinia Limon, director of the Office of Refugee Settlement for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The United States has agreed to take in 20,000 ethnic Albanian refugees fleeing the war in Kosovo.

The first group yesterday were among the most vulnerable in the overflowing camps in Macedonia, officials said.

The First Lady spoke to the ethnic Albanian refugees in a Fort Dix gym where a banner in Albanian read: "Mirsevini Ne Amerike," or "Welcome to America."

"We know what you want the most is to be reunited with family and friends and return to your homes and to be able to live in peace," Clinton said.

"We will not let Mr. Milosevic succeed in keeping you out of your homes," she said, referring to the Serbian strongman whose troops have carried out a campaign of ethnic cleansing against the ethnic Albanian population in Kosovo.

The refugees responded with a cheer in English: "Clinton! Clinton! U.S.A.! U.S.A.! Free Kosovo!"

Many appeared elated to arrive in America but others looked wistful and apprehensive - with their minds on the agony they'd left behind and the difficulties of making a new life in a strange land.

"I know they're very scared," said Isuf Hajrizi, who writes for Illyria, an Albanian-American newspaper in The Bronx.

"They know they're going to be safe, but there's a feeling that they may never see their homes again."

A pregnant woman on the flight over showed signs of going into labor - but doctors were able to halt the labor and she had not given birth by last night.

Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala - who greeted the refugees with Clinton - said that if the baby had been born on arrival it would have been "our first new American."

After three to six weeks at Fort Dix officials hope to move the refugees out to Albanian neighborhoods around New York or in other cities, where they will live in their own apartments near sponsor families who will try to ease their transition to life in America.

Halil Beqiri, a Kosovo-Albanian immigrant who has lived here for 10 years, was at Fort Dix to welcome the refugees.

He said he hoped to sponsor refugees and was even willing to take in as many as possible to live in his Staten Island house.

"If my house falls down it will be because so many people are in it, not because of Milosevic's bombs," he said.

"If I could I'd give them half of my blood," Beqiri said of his newly arrived countrymen.

Officials say they hope most of the refugees will be able to return home to Kosovo after the war - but under their refugee status they will all be offered the opportunity to become permanent U.S. residents.

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Beqiri said that it's hard to leave the United States once you're here.

"America is very good. Nobody wants to leave," he said. "It's like glue over here."

Another group of some 400 refugees will arrive in Fort Dix tomorrow.

Most of the refugees the United States has agreed to accept will be staying with relatives living in this country. On Saturday, the first planeload of these refugees is due to fly into Kennedy Airport.

GRAPHIC: -TROOPER TROOPS: President Clinton thanks the troops yesterday at Spangdahlem Air Base in Germany. -Reuter

-NEW LIFE: A youngster (above) flashes a peace - or is it victory? - sign as he arrives at McGuire AFB in Jersey. Hillary Rodham Clinton (right) greets the families at Fort Dix. -N.Y. Post: Francis Specker (above); pool photo (right)

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BYLINE: By JAMES DAO

BODY:

Aides to Gov. Christine Todd Whitman accused Hillary Rodham Clinton of trying to avoid sharing the media limelight yesterday during ceremonies to greet Kosovar refugees as they arrived at Fort Dix in New Jersey.

Peter McDonough, a spokesman for the Governor, said that Mrs. Whitman had wanted to shake hands with the refugees as they got off a chartered plane at McGuire Air Force Base. But Mr. McDonough said that the First Lady's office vetoed the idea, contending that it would not be safe for Mrs. Whitman to be so close to the refugees because many of them were thought to be carrying tuberculosis or other infectious diseases.

Mr. McDonough scoffed at that explanation, asserting that Mrs. Clinton simply did not want to allow Mrs. Whitman to be first in line greeting the refugees at an event that was getting intense media coverage.

"I don't know how stupid they think we are to fall for such a flimsy excuse," Mr. McDonough said. "It's an extraordinarily transparent bit of political jockeying by an apparent Senate candidate in the state of New York."

Mrs. Clinton is said to be thinking of running as a Democrat for the United States Senate in New York next year. Mrs. Whitman, a Republican, has already said she plans to run for the Senate in New Jersey.

Julie Mason, a spokeswoman for Mrs. Clinton, said, "The First Lady was not involved in establishing how the refugees were greeted when they arrived."

Mrs. Whitman eventually did get to shake hands with many of the refugees as they disembarked from buses that had brought them from the Air Force base to Fort Dix, where they will be housed. She then appeared with the First Lady inside a gymnasium where Mrs. Clinton addressed the refugees.

After the event, Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Whitman exchanged niceties. "She thanked the Governor for being so helpful in setting up the event," said Jayne O'Connor, a spokeswoman for Mrs. Whitman.

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HEADLINE: Carrying Little but Hope, Albanian Refugees Begin Arriving

BYLINE: By DIANA JEAN SCHEMO

DATELINE: MCGUIRE AIR FORCE BASE, N.J., May 5

BODY:

With their families torn apart and their homes turned to ashes, the first 453 of 20,000 Albanian refugees arrived here from Macedonia today, taking the first step toward rebuilding their lives away from the battlefield their homeland has become.

Arriving on a chartered Tower Air 747 jet this afternoon, the refugees, many of them women, children and old people, were taken to a newly fenced-in section of the neighboring Fort Dix, where they were expected to remain for three to six weeks.

As the refugees filed past a receiving line on the runway, what they had been through could be read in the way they clustered together, and the missing generations: a young woman walked with an old woman; a man alone carrying an infant; a mother shepherded a gaggle of children, but no husband; teen-agers came with their grandparents. Though beginning a new life, they carried no luggage.

They were welcomed to the gymnasium by Hillary Rodham Clinton. "We know that your thoughts are thousands of miles away, with families or loved ones who are in Kosovo or in refugee camps," the First Lady told them. "We will not let Mr. Milosevic succeed in keeping you out of your home," she said, to the sustained applause of the newcomers. Above her was stretched a banner. "Mirsevini ne Amerike," it said: "Welcome to America."

Though the United States had pledged to take in the refugees nearly a month ago, preparations to receive them here began in earnest only last Friday, after a renewed exodus from Kosovo brought 200,000 more people flooding into Macedonia over the last two weeks.

Since then, private contractors, reservists and soldiers have been working round the clock to outfit Fort Dix with bilingual signs, medical clinics, dormitories for families of varying sizes and children's playrooms. The stairwells, with high metal banisters, have been lined with sheets of plexiglass

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to prevent little children from falling through the wide spaces, while gates now surround basement steps, also for safety.

Tonight, officials of the Immigration and Naturalization Service fingerprinted the newcomers and issued them identity cards, and gave them sweat suits and toiletries.

In the last 24 hours, some 8,000 Kosovar Albanians fled to Macedonia, said Marguerite Rivera Houze, Under Secretary of State for Population, Refugees and Migration. A main refugee camp at Stankovic was operating at triple capacity, Ms. Houze added. "What we're trying to do is to get people moved out very quickly," she said.

Under pressure of the new outpouring, the Clinton Administration scrapped plans to initially restrict the refugees coming here to those with relatives in the United States willing to sponsor them. Instead, it is accepting refugees after only a screening in Macedonia, and allowed nonprofit relief agencies to sponsor them for resettlement.

Ms. Houze said that those arriving here today had suffered neither more nor less than the hundreds of thousands of other ethnic Albanians who remained behind.

Perhaps they were just luckier, or more eager. Those arriving today "were the ones who were already psychologically ready to move," said Roger Winter, executive director of the Immigration and Refugee Services of America, a private charity based in Washington.

Among them was one expectant woman who told relief workers she was only seven months pregnant, and then appeared about to give birth en route to the United States. "We asked if there was a doctor on the plane," Mr. Winter said. "There were six." The woman, it turned out, was dehydrated, not in labor.

He said that when the plane touched down here, ending a journey that began in Skopje 13 hours earlier, the refugees erupted in cheers and applause.

While here, the refugees will undergo security, medical and immigration exams, which are usually conducted before refugees ever reach the United States. Afterward, nine nonprofit organizations that resettle refugees will channel the newcomers into apartments throughout the United States, said John Fredriksson, who is overseeing the effort for the Immigration and Refugee Services of America.

Brig. Gen. Mitchell Zais, head of the Joint Command for Task Force Open Arms, the military's name for the resettlement effort, said he told soldiers here to welcome the refugees with sensitivity, in sharp contrast to the treatment that Cuban refugees had received just a few years ago, when they crammed into Guantanamo Bay in an effort to force their way to the United States.

"We want to welcome them to America as we would have hoped that so many of our parents and grandparents were welcomed at Ellis Island," General Zais said.

A second flight of about 400 Albanian refugees is expected to arrive here Friday, while 100 Albanians with relatives who have agreed to take them in will arrive Saturday at Kennedy International Airport. Those coming in on Saturday

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will already have gone through immigration, security and medical reviews in Macedonia.

Next week, two more planeloads of refugees are due to arrive at Fort Dix.

Ms. Houze said that Washington had promised officials in Macedonia that the United States would take 2,000 refugees a week from the overcrowded camps. But with Fort Dix only geared to accommodate up to 3,000 refugees, the United States Government has opened discussions with officials in Greece, Turkey and Bulgaria about the possibility of sheltering refugees there, if only temporarily.

Eventually, she said, the Administration would like to conduct immigration, medical and security screenings of the refugees outside the United States, and to install them in homes found by nonprofit agencies immediately on their arrival in the United States.

While refugees who normally come to the United States have to promise to repay the Government the cost of their transportation, the refugees arriving today will be given six months after they are formally admitted to repay the plane fares, about \$350 per person, Ms. Houze said. And if they return to Kosovo, the United States will drop the debt and pay for the flight home.

That wish did not appear to be so farfetched. As Mrs. Clinton left the gymnasium, the refugees chanted "U.S.A.," and then switched to a new chant.

"Free Kosovo," they called, over and over again.

GRAPHIC: Photos: Refugees from Kosovo who were flown into McGuire Air Force Base yesterday are to be housed temporarily in barracks at Fort Dix, N.J. (Keith Meyers/The New York Times); Many Kosovars on the first planeload had children but no husband or father. Some of the 453 wept. Some waved. Soldiers at Fort Dix were told to act as if the newcomers were their own ancestors at Ellis Island. (Photographs by James Estrin/The New York Times) (pg. B5)

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HEADLINE: First refugees from Kosovo arrive in U.S.

BYLINE: August Gribbin; THE WASHINGTON TIMES

DATELINE: FORT DIX, N.J.

BODY:

FORT DIX, N.J. - The first tired, bewildered contingent of refugees from the "Killing Fields" of Kosovo stepped from a jumbo jet into the spring air of New Jersey last evening to face an uncertain future and one certainty: They were safe at last.

The 249 adults, 195 children ages 3 to 18, and nine infants were greeted briefly by first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton after their charter flight from Macedonia landed at McGuire Air Force Base.

One official said federal agencies aimed to provide the refugees with a "welcoming environment, which is comfortable."

The refugees displaced by the war in Yugoslavia had been airborne for 13 hours, during which they watched movies - "The X-Files: Fight the Future" and "Mighty Joe Young" - and received basic information about what to expect when their Boeing 747 landed.

The battery of U.S. officials welcoming the ethnic Albanian refugees was concerned that the newcomers would be overwhelmed by the more than 300 media representatives bused from nearby Fort Dix to report their arrival. A row of television cameras 50 yards long awaited the planeload of Kosovars, who seemed to pay no attention to the media swarm.

Officials also assumed the refugees would be exhausted. So they quickly checked identification, issued base identification, doled out soap and shampoo, and hustled them to their assigned dormitories.

The newcomers face two to four weeks of processing that includes medical checks, counseling and even language classes. They will be cared for the way "we would have wished our grandparents were treated when they arrived at Ellis Island years ago" said Brig. Gen. Mitchell V. Zais, who heads the task force charged with receiving and caring for the refugees.

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The Department of Health and Human Services is coordinating the resettlement of the refugees and is being aided by the American Red Cross and nine refugee agencies.

The refugees who landed yesterday are part of two distinct groups of Kosovars who will be arriving. These people were chosen because the conditions under which they were living in Macedonian refugee camps were untenable. "They were conditions that could not be sustained," said Marguerite Hauze, assistant secretary of state for refugee resettlement.

These refugees have no sponsors in the United States. While some may have relatives here, they have not yet been located. Ultimately, most must be helped to find families with whom they can live.

Finding host families will be coordinated by the local agencies. Officials were careful to explain that it is not possible to drive to Fort Dix, where the refugees will be living, and take home a needy Kosovar family.

A group of 100 refugees will be arriving Saturday by commercial flight at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport. That group of Kosovars has relatives residing in the United States. They will be united with their families upon arrival, and to make that possible, they are now being processed while in the Macedonian refugee camps.

U.S. officials anticipate that most of the refugees who arrived last evening will want to return to their homeland. In fact, many have told U.S. officials that is their intention.

But if they choose to stay in the United States, they will be able to do so. After a year, they can apply for permanent residency. Meanwhile, efforts will be made to help them adapt to American society and to get jobs.

Another flight of some 400 "vulnerable" ethnic Albanians is scheduled to arrive at McGuire Air Force Base tomorrow. Two more flights with approximately the same number of refugees is scheduled for next week.

To provide facilities for the refugees at Fort Dix, a building containing open dining facilities for the camp was converted to a medical clinic complete with cubicles and treatment equipment. A Muslim chaplain from the Army will be visiting the camp.

Early last month, the United States agreed to accept 20,000 Kosovar refugees. And at first, it was thought they would be housed at the U.S. Guantanamo Naval Base in Cuba. The base has, in the past, housed thousands of Cubans and Haitians seeking asylum in the United States.

Partially explaining that proposal, Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright later said that the United States wanted "to show the generosity of spirit of the American people."

However, the proposal quickly prompted objections. Karen Abu Zayd, the U.S. representative to the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, last month said sending Kosovar refugees to the United States would establish a "bad precedent." She declared the refugees "would much prefer to stay in the neighboring countries near home so they can go home more quickly when it's possible."

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Sen. John Ashcroft, Missouri Republican, said he thought other alternatives should be investigated. And Sen. Arlen Specter, Pennsylvania Republican, pondered the intricacies involved in flying tens of thousands of people to this country only to return them later.

But as the situation in Serbia has dragged on and the anguish of the expelled Kosovars has continued with no end in sight, the idea of whisking the displaced persons to this country has gained support.

Ferrying the refugees back and forth between here and the Balkans is expensive, Mr. Specter said in a television interview, but he concluded the "dollars are relatively minor compared to the suffering" the refugees have experienced.

GRAPHIC: Photos (A, color), A) To safety: Refugees disembark at McGuire Air Force Base yesterday after a flight from Macedonia.; B) Despite hardships they have faced, young Kosovar refugees smile upon arrival in the United States yesterday.; C) Scores of tents make up the Cegrane refugee camp in Macedonia, home to some 25,000 displaced Kosovars, mostly ethnic Albanians., A&B) By Karen Ballard/The Washington Times; C) By AP

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HEADLINE: Refugees Make U.S. Landfall; Ethnic Albanians Arrive in N.J.

BYLINE: Michael Grunwald; Liz Leyden, Washington Post Staff Writers

DATELINE: FORT DIX, N.J., May 5

BODY:

Looking haggard but relieved, the first wave of ethnic Albanians who had been driven from their homes in Kosovo and then herded into camps in Macedonia arrived today at a makeshift refugee village in New Jersey.

The 453 refugees began stepping onto the tarmac at McGuire Air Force Base at 4:20 p.m. after a 12-hour flight. Many of the adults and children wore heavy parkas and wool sweaters in the fierce afternoon sun and carried small shopping bags or nothing at all. Later they were greeted by first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Gov. Christine Todd Whitman (R) at their new temporary home at the Army reserves training center at Fort Dix. Some jubilantly shouted: "Clinton, Clinton" and "U.S.A., U.S.A."

"The American people are very sad and very angry at what has happened to you," Clinton told the refugees. "We will not let Mr. Milosevic succeed in keeping you out of your homes."

The refugees who fled their homes to escape the forces of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic received quick medical checkups, turkey sandwiches and new clothing upon their arrival.

This is the first phase of Task Force Open Arms, an effort to transport a total of 20,000 such refugees to the United States until they can return to their homes. These refugees show the differing faces of Kosovo. They range from well-educated college students who used to own cell phones to stooped grandmothers in head scarves, peasant skirts and sandals.

Officials stressed that the purpose of the airlift is not to bring the refugees to this country on a permanent basis.

They can apply for permanent residence in a year if they want, but most hope to return to Kosovo once NATO can ensure their safety.

One of the new arrivals, Albert Kasumaj, 19, arguably is one of the

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best-suited to exercise his new right to stay permanently in the United States -- but he doesn't want to.

He speaks fluent English, he wears blue jeans, he likes watching Jay Leno on Kosovo television and loves nearly every American movie: "thrillers, action films, anything."

Kasumaj wants to take classes in computers or electrical engineering, the subject he was studying in Pristina before his family was expelled by Yugoslav forces and their home burned to the ground. He is pleased that he is among the first group of Kosovo refugees to depart the dirty, overcrowded camps in Macedonia.

But shortly before departing from Macedonia, Kasumaj said: "All I think about is coming back to my homeland. It will be hard to stay in the U.S.A." Still, he said, "It will be better to go there than anywhere else. We have to thank the American people."

"The good part is, we are leaving the camps. The bad part is we are even farther away from Kosovo," said Arlinda Gashi, 19, another of the refugees.

The refugees will not be allowed to stray off Fort Dix until they are ready to leave for good, but as the name of the task force suggests, officials are determined to make them feel at home.

To prepare for the refugees, military and civilian officials spent the last few days converting Fort Dix into a kind of modern-day Ellis Island, with "reception centers," prayer rooms and banners reading "Miresevini ne Amerike," Albanian for "Welcome to America." Brig. Gen. Mitchell Zais, the task force head, told his soldiers to remember the way refugees have been treated in camps in Guam and Panama, and to drive those images out of their mind.

"I told them to welcome these people to America the way we would have wanted our grandparents and great-grandparents to be welcomed to Ellis Island," Zais said.

Now the uneasy transition begins. There were 249 adults, 195 children and nine infants on the Tower Air 747 from Macedonia, most of whom had never flown before. The in-flight movies were "Mighty Joe Young" and "The X-Files." Tonight, the refugees received identification cards and were allowed to go right to sleep.

On Thursday, they will start dealing with immigration officials and settling in. At Fort Dix, the refugees will be offered English classes, free medical assistance, psychological counseling, even cultural orientation classes about driving, shopping, working and attending school in this country.

There will be no pork or alcohol in the mess halls, out of sensitivity to Muslim traditions. Red Cross officials will be on hand to help the families begin to trace their missing relatives.

One problem for officials is trying to accommodate the 50 families who are among the new arrivals. Many of the families are quite large -- the largest includes 28 members. Over the next two to four weeks, officials will attempt to

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link up the refugees with host families.

Another group of about 400 refugees is expected to arrive Friday, followed by two more waves next week.

Correspondent Anne Swardson contributed to this report from Skopje, Macedonia.

An American Welcome: An Air Force serviceman helps an ethnic Albanian disembark at McGuire Air Force Base in Fort Dix, N.J. Some 453 residents of Kosovo became the first arrivals in the United States from refugee camps. (Photo ran on page A01) First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton greets ethnic Albanian children who had just arrived in Fort Dix, N.J., from refugee camps in Macedonia.

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HEADLINE: 453 KOSOVO REFUGEES ARRIVE IN U.S.

BYLINE: By Patrick Cole, Tribune Staff Writer.

DATELINE: MCGUIRE AIR FORCE BASE, N.J.

BODY:

The first wave of Kosovo refugees fleeing the squalor and deprivation of Balkan border camps landed on American soil Wednesday and were greeted by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

They emerged from the chartered 747 one by one, some smiling, some toting carry-on luggage and many wearing winter garb despite the 70-degree New Jersey weather. Some of the 453 refugees appeared tired after a 13-hour flight from Macedonia, especially the elderly men and the women carrying infants and children.

Many of the new arrivals waved at air base personnel and local dignitaries who greeted them with spurts of applause. They then filed into buses that took them to a private reception at nearby Ft. Dix with Mrs. Clinton and other Washington dignitaries, including Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala

"We know that most of all you want to be reunited with friends and family and to return to your homes and live in peace," the first lady said as she stood under a banner that read Mirsevini Ne Amerike (Welcome to America).

"This is the goal that the United States and our NATO allies share, and we will not let Mr. Milosevic succeed in keeping you out of your homes," she said. Many in the audience broke into enthusiastic applause as her pledge was translated into Albanian.

"I know you are tired, but you look very good to me," Mrs. Clinton said. "We want you to hear that the American people are very sad and very angry to see what happened to you in the last weeks and months. Our hearts and our prayers have been with you and now we want to show you our homes are open to you too."

After her remarks, she greeted the refugees with handshakes. They chanted "Clinton! Clinton! Clinton!" and then "USA! USA! USA!"

During May and June, at least 20,000 Kosovo refugees will be brought to Ft. Dix and other sites at a rate of 2,000 a week, the State Department said.

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An additional 100 Kosovo refugees who have relatives living in the U.S. will arrive Sunday at New York's John F. Kennedy Airport. The State Department and international organizations are trying to unite the refugees with relatives already in America.

The Department of Health and Human Services, which helped coordinate the refugees' reception, prohibited any press or civilian contact with them because of health concerns, an HHS spokesman said.

Halil Beqiri, a Macedonian native of Albanian descent who has been living in the New York City area for 15 years, was choked with emotion as he watched the refugees arrive. It didn't matter that he knew no one on the flight.

"I have come for my people," said Beqiri, 36, wearing a black baseball cap emblazoned with the Kosovo Liberation Army logo. "I will help them any way I can. If I have to give half my blood, I will give it."

HHS officials said the refugees rested Wednesday night. On Thursday, Immigration and Naturalization Service officials will interview them and conduct security checks on their backgrounds.

The INS then will issue them identification cards and stickers for a housing assignment, said Joseph Langlois, acting director of the INS' asylum division. The refugees also will be given physical examinations and offered counseling services.

Under INS rules, all the Kosovars brought to the U.S. will be granted refugee status because of the civil war in their native land, in which Serbian troops are purging ethnic Albanians.

If they choose, they can stay in the U.S. for a year, after which they will be eligible to apply for permanent-resident status. In five years, they can apply for U.S. citizenship.

Army officials at Ft. Dix, an Army post about 90 miles south of New York City, have been working around the clock to construct a temporary living center for the Kosovars. Officials said they expect most of refugees to stay for two to four weeks.

Besides beds and basic living facilities, the complex offers a 24-hour health clinic and International Red Cross assistance for helping the Kosovars find lost relatives. The facility also includes recreation areas for the children, English language instruction, briefings on U.S. culture and prayer rooms for Muslims.

The refugees will be offered repayable grants of \$350 for their expenses. The loan will be forgiven if they return to Kosovo once conditions are safer.

WAR IN THE BALKANS.

GRAPHIC: PHOTO GRAPHICPHOTO: A U.S. serviceman at McGuire Air Force Base helps a Kosovo refugee off a plane Wednesday. She and 452 others arrived from Macedonia. Reuters photo.; GRAPHIC: THE KOSOVO CRISIS; A summary of developments.; MILITARY; President Clinton visited Spangdahlem Air Base in Germany to boost military morale. He later met with the three servicemen freed from Serbian

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captivity by Jesse Jackson.; NATO and American military officials said the fatal crash of an Apache helicopter Wednesday, the second crash of their deployment in the Balkans, would not affect plans to put the attack aircraft into combat. Officials said the latest crash may have occurred when the Apache hit a power line or a bird.; DIPLOMACY; Clinton said he expects to receive a recommendation soon on whether to release two Serb POWs held by U.S. forces. Defense Secretary William Cohen said he was inclined to release the men after Red Cross representatives finish examining them.; NATO chief Gen. Wesley Clark responded to criticism by his No. 2, retiring Gen. Klaus Naumann, that NATO was hamstrung by political considerations. "Every military operation has to be governed by the political ends that it seeks to attain." Clark said. "We did not enter this operation with an intent to crush Serbia or attack the people of Serbia."; REFUGEES; UN and U.S. aid agencies are looking to preparations to care for refugees in the cold of a Balkan winter. Even if a solution to the crisis is reached soon, authorities anticipate that many ethnic Albanians will refuse to return to their home province.; The first planeload of Kosovar refugees arrived in the United States. They were warmly greeted by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey.; Macedonian authorities closed the main Blace border crossing with Yugoslavia and may have turned back refugees, according to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

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Media tighten policy on ads' violent themes

WB network, 'SI for Kids' act as senators blast TV, magazines

By Ira Teinowitz and Ann Marie Kerwin

Responding to growing political sentiment that the media shouldn't run ads for violent, R-rated movies and other products, at least one TV network said it has changed its ad acceptance policy.

"Natural Born Killers" came out today, given the content of the film, we would not run an ad for it," said Rick Mather, VP-standards and practices for the WB.

Mr. Mather, however, said he has no problem approving the running of ads for "The Matrix," a current hit film that's fairly violent and has a high body count.

'CRAZY NOT TO RETHINK'

Time Inc.'s Sports Illustrated for Kids said it may revise its ad acceptance policy in light of what happened in Littleton, Colo.

"In the environment we are in today, it would be crazy not to rethink and reconsider what we are doing," said Cleary Simpson, publisher of SI for Kids and SI for Women.

Sen. Orrin Hatch (R., Utah), at hearing last week of the Senate Commerce Committee, attacked SI for Kids for running an ad for a handheld electronic game—Resident Evil 2, from Tiger Electronics—he claimed was inappropriate for that magazine's young readers.

The ad for the game ran in the November 1998 issue of SI for Kids, before the game was rated.

"We were not aware at the time of the ad that the game was rated for adults," said Ms. Simpson. "It's easy to condemn something that happened before a rating... but it's also hard to defend the decision to take those [kinds of] ads in this

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environment today."

SI for Kids follows guidelines from the Children's Advertising Review Unit of the Council of Better Business Bureaus, Ms. Simpson said, and those guides don't address violent imagery directly.

SENSITIVE TO MESSAGES

Mr. Mather said the WB is sensitive to the messages—ad and otherwise—in and surrounding its programming. For example, the network has a policy of only running G-rated movie ads in its chil-

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dren's programming.

The WB was criticized by Sen. Joe Lieberman (D., Conn.), who complained that R-rated "slasher" films are heavily advertised on "series that teens watch religiously, such as 'Dawson's Creek' and 'Buffy the Vampire Slayer.'"

CBS said it already has stringent

"Point Blank claims it is 'more fun than shooting your neighbor's cat.'"

standards about ad acceptance.

"We already have guidelines and ask for several versions of certain kinds of trailers that we can run at different times of the day," said Senior VP Martin Franks.

Sen. Lieberman also attacked ads in gaming magazines.

A print ad for a game called "Carnageddon boasts it is 'as easy as killing babies with axes'; Point Blank claims it is 'more fun than

shooting your neighbor's cat'; Die by the Sword instructs, 'Escape Dismember, Massacre,'" he said at a hearing last week of the Senate Commerce Committee.

At the hearing, senators threatened to request a Federal Trade Commission probe of the marketing of violence-oriented products.

Sen. Hatch last week said he may move to amend a juvenile crime bill being considered by the Senate to require the FTC and Justice Department to probe

whether the videogame, music and movie industries are purposely marketing violent materials to kids.

Dale Strang, VP of publisher ZD Game Group, said the games cited were PC games and the ads for them most likely ran in magazines that "do not go to teenagers. ZD's PC gaming title, Computer Gaming World, has an average reader age of 34."

He said ZD monitors the content of game ads in its magazines, "particularly in our videogaming titles, which have an average reader age of 20. We routinely reject ads that contain violent, profane or sexually provocative content that we believe our readers and/or resellers will find objectionable." □

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Ad Council responds to First Lady's ad call

Envisions PSAs aiming at issues springing from school violence, Colo. murders

By Ira Teinowitz

The ad industry is being urged by First Lady Hillary Clinton to mount a national campaign against youth violence. And the Advertising Council has agreed to step in with some creative.

Ad Council officials said last week they hope to tailor a public service campaign for the American Psychological Association and the National Association for the Education of Young Children—in part stemming from earlier youth shooting incidents—to cover some of the issues raised by the Littleton, Colo., school murders.

The American Psychological Association is doing pre-campaign research; no ad agency has yet been named to handle the work.

'WE NEED A NAT'L CAMPAIGN'

"We need a national campaign against youth violence, but not just against youth violence. We need a

campaign for our youth," Mrs. Clinton told a White House reception for adclub attendees at an annual Ad Council conference.

"I hope you will use creative ways to use the important power of the media to send the kind of message that we need to hear," she said.

President Clinton today hosts a conference on some of the issues highlighted by the school shootings. The conference is expected to focus on violent movies, videogames and TV programming.

MESSAGES TO PARENTS

Ad Council President Ruth Wooden said the new campaign would stress the need for parents to look for violence and give their kids some way to resolve the anger, frustration and conflict they encounter.

"You can't just address this after the fact," she said. "We really need to get across to parents that violence is really a learned behavior, and how you resolve conflict and anger is something you have to address in childhood."

The Ad Council may use several existing campaigns to get its effort off the ground.

Among the public service announcements that will be altered is the Kaiser Family Foundation's "Talking With Kids About Tough Issues" campaign, from J. Walter

Thompson USA, New York. It has mentioned violence in the past, and now will get separate ads urging parents to talk specifically about violence. The new ads will be unveiled at today's White House summit.

NEW ADS FOR GUN EFFORT

In addition, the council's campaign with the U.S. Department of Justice and the National Crime Prevention Council for safe gun storage—from Foote, Cone & Belding, New York—will get new creative.

The National Crime Prevention Council's campaign from Saatchi & Saatchi, New York, already mentions school shootings, and will be revised to include mention of Littleton.

The campaign, which features McGruff the crime dog's nephew Scruff, tries to teach kids how to respond to a situation where gun violence is threatened.

Former Colorado Gov. Roy Romer, now general chairman of the Democratic National Committee, was also named chairman of the public issues task force of the Ad Council and said Littleton shows the need for PSAs.

"Littleton will bring a renewed focus [on parenting] and what is happening and what we need to do about it—and advertising will be a tool," he said. □

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Littleton shootings will push 'soccer moms' toward Democrats, pollster predicts

By JOHN MACHACEK

Gannett News Service

WASHINGTON Public shock over the Littleton, Colo. school shootings has boosted Democrats' chances of regaining control of Congress next year, Democratic pollster Celinda Lake said Friday.

Democrats including Hillary Rodham Clinton, who is considering a run in New York for the U.S. Senate will use the school violence and gun control issues to woo voters, especially women in 'swing' suburban districts, Lake said at a breakfast meeting with reporters.

'Littleton just gave us the agenda to get the 'soccer moms' back,' she said.

The term 'soccer mom' is used by some pollsters to describe working, suburban mothers with school-age children. They tend to be socially liberal and fiscally conservative and, as a voting bloc, make up a key component of moderate suburban voters who have decided statewide races in big states as New York.

Although President Clinton captured the female vote nationally in 1992 and 1996, House Democrats, Lake said, didn't do as well among suburban women in last fall's congressional elections that saw the GOP barely holding its majority status in the House.

But Democrats think the gun control issue will create a wedge in GOP suburban districts where Republican candidates are supported by the National Rifle Association and other conservative groups.

Late last month, Senate Democrats unveiled an eight-point gun control initiative that includes proposals for a ban on gun sales to juveniles, regulation of Internet gun sales, and penalties for gun owners who allow children access to their weapons.

And as House races begin to take shape later this year, many Democratic candidates will link gun control to school violence in coming up with their own 'safe school proposals,' said Lake, who is working for Democrats in 10 House and Senate races next year.

House Republicans, holding an 11-seat majority, have reacted cautiously to the initial calls for tougher gun control laws, but have not ruled out consideration of them.

On the Senate side, Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., will allow Democrats to bring up gun control measures that are part of school violence initiatives to be debated by the Senate this week.

Mrs. Clinton could further shape how Democrats approach the gun control and school violence issues if she decides to run for the New York Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

Since the Littleton shootings, Mrs. Clinton, during appearances in New York state, proposed expanding gun control laws and suggested controls over violent video games and other media.

'We've tested some of her language (in polls) and she tests unbelievably well,' said Lake, who is not working for the first lady. 'The politician who in the last two weeks or month has had the strongest statements on school violence that really resonate with the public has been Hillary Clinton.'

Lake said recent focus groups she's conducted across the nation show women in the South, Rocky Mountain states and rural areas in general the so-called 'gun belt' shifting towards favoring 'pieces of gun control' since the shootings that left 15 dead at Littleton's Columbine High School.

The gun control issue may even present opportunities for Democratic candidates in 'blue-collar' suburban districts that have moved into the Republican column over such issues as taxes and spending, she said.

'Littleton has been searing,' Lake said. 'It has profoundly affected people and the mood of the country.'

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Hillary Clinton urges parents to lock up their guns

By Andrew Clark

WASHINGTON, May 8 (Reuters) - Flanked by victims of gun violence, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton on Saturday urged America's parents to take a Mother's Day pledge to keep firearms away from children.

"More than 35 million households across America have guns, and in a third of those homes the guns are stored loaded and unlocked," she said at a White House event. "We must remind parents, and that is a job for all of us to do, that this practice is dangerous and, all too often, deadly."

Mrs. Clinton asked those attending the event to take the Mother's Day Pledge for America's Parents, to urge others to take it, and to distribute it as widely as possible. It reads:

-- I will not give my child unsupervised access to a firearm.

-- I will not allow my child to play in a home where guns are improperly stored.

-- If I own a gun, I will unload it and lock it up and store the ammunition separately and securely.

-- I will urge others, including community leaders and political leaders, to do everything in their power to protect our children from guns.

"We want to issue a call to responsibility," Mrs. Clinton said. "We want to give people something very specific to do... to make a difference."

She was joined at the event by New York Democratic Representative Carolyn McCarthy, who entered politics after her husband was killed and son disabled by a gunman on a Long Island commuter train in 1993, and Tom Mauser, whose 15-year-old son, Daniel, was killed in the recent Colorado high school massacre.

The U.S. Senate next week will consider several gun control measures when it takes up a juvenile justice bill.

Democrats have said they hope to offer several gun-related amendments, which will likely include measures to keep assault weapons and high capacity ammunition clips away from juveniles and to close loopholes that let people buy and sell weapons at gun shows without the background checks regular firearms dealers must conduct.

The Washington Post reported on Saturday that two major firearms industry trade groups had agreed to support several administration proposals on gun control.

It said the American Shooting Sports Council and National Shooting Sports Council had agreed to back moves to raise the legal age for gun purchases to 21 from 18 and to hold parents criminally responsible for allowing children access to guns.

On Monday, the White House is holding a summit on youth violence that will include representatives of the movie, music, broadcast, cable, software and firearms industries, as well as clergy, law enforcement personnel, doctors and academics.

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Parents of slain children pledge support for gun restrictions

With AM-Gun Groups; AM-Mother's Day-Pledge

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By SHAUN TANDON= Associated Press Writer=

WASHINGTON (AP) Parents of children killed or injured by guns banded together at the White House to plead for an end to gun violence and for stronger measures to keep firearms away from children and teen-agers.

Joined Saturday by first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton in the ornate, yellow-curtained East Room of the White House, four parents shared stories about their children to about 300 guests, many also parents of shooting victims.

Tom Mauser related to the audience the agony of waiting for word that his son, Daniel, had been killed in the April 20 shooting at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo.

"My time spent in that waiting room was less than an hour, and it was a terrible hour," Mauser said. "But many parents are still in that waiting room. They fear for their children and fear for their safety."

Mauser said gun violence was the result of ills in American society and urged more responsibility from the entertainment and gun industries. He cited the example of his late son, who was thin and afraid of public speaking but made himself participate in debate and athletics.

"My son worked on his weaknesses. I urge America to address its weaknesses, also," Mauser said to a standing ovation.

His words were echoed by Catherine Murphy, whose 11-year-old son, Christopher, was shot to death by a 12-year-old. Murphy, a New York police officer who carries a firearm every day, urged parents to keep weapons locked up and to lobby Congress for tougher gun laws.

With the others, she pledged to make Mother's Day a day of political action for those who have lost children to guns. They were joined by Rep. Carolyn McCarthy, D-N.Y., whose husband was shot and killed and her son critically wounded by a crazed gunman on the Long Island Railroad in 1993. She has become one of Congress' most vocal advocates for gun control.

"How many more Springfields or Littletons can we suffer before we do what must be done to keep guns away from children?" asked Rebecca Lynn. She sat beside her daughter, Betina, who was wounded in last May's shooting at Thurston High School in Springfield, Ore.

The first lady read to the crowd a pledge of four steps parents can take to prevent gun violence. She told the crowd she would carry the pledge with her at all times and promote it whenever she can.

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Hillary Rodham Clinton hosts working women's forum

AP Photo

By CAROLYN THOMPSON= Associated Press Writer=

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) The issue of whether she'll run for Senate didn't come up during a working women's dialogue hosted by Hillary Rodham Clinton, but the forum gave the potential candidate the chance to address a host of other issues, from Social Security to education.

The forum, the first of several planned by the AFL-CIO Working Women's Department around the country, was one of two stops in Buffalo by Mrs. Clinton Friday. She started the day headlining a \$1,000-a-plate fund-raiser for U.S. Rep. John LaFalce.

It was the first lady's fifth day in New York state since the beginning of April. The sixth will be today, when she is scheduled to accept an award from the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations at Ellis Island.

The first lady, mulling a run for the seat being vacated next year by Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, told about 1,000 women of her wishes for a higher minimum wage, expanding the Family and Medical Leave Act, more accessible job training for women and affordable, quality day care and health care.

"Most women are doing very well against incredible odds, sometimes," she said, "trying to get the jobs they need to support themselves and their families, trying to get the equal pay they deserve for the jobs that they hold, trying to balance family and work responsibilities, trying to be sure their employers and their governments are responsive to their concerns."

In the gymnasium of Buffalo State College, a warm and receptive crowd awaited the first lady's arrival so warm, many took to fanning themselves with their programs.

"Maybe we'll all lose a little weight, go home and say 'that gym was a good experience,'" Mrs. Clinton said.

The biggest audience response came during a discussion of family values.

"We have to start talking more about the importance of marriage, the importance of dealing with the problems that people face," she began.

"And, you know, I know there are problems. Marriage is hard," she said to sympathetic applause. "It is hard work. I'll be the first to tell you that."

She was joined on stage by five working women, who took turns sharing their concerns about job security, making ends meet and finding quality day care: Judette Samborski, 36, a single mother and nurse; Vestye Gillespie, a 38-year-old attorney; Barbara Pieczynski, a 38-year-old factory worker; Shirica Salter, 26, a housekeeper, and 34-year-old Mary Heaton, a cable technician.

Earlier this week, New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, Mrs. Clinton's potential Senate opponent, made a visit of his own to Buffalo, for a fund-raiser.

Giuliani, his right hand wrapped in a bandage from a mishap with a door, joked the injury was worsened by all the handshaking he's been doing.

Giuliani was in Boston Friday to address the Middlesex Republican Club and to attend a fund-raiser thrown for him by former Massachusetts Gov. William Weld.

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'ASK A WORKING WOMAN' FORUM



JAMES P. MCCOY/Bufalo News

Taking part in the first "Ask a Working Woman" forum at Buffalo State College, Hillary Rodham Clinton listens to Buffalo resident Shirica Salter, a 26-year-old single mother with one child who says she gets nervous about predictions that Social Security will run out of money.

First Lady hears five area women tell of difficulties related to work

By FRED O. WILLIAMS

News Business Reporter

As a hotel housekeeper supporting her son on \$6 an hour, Shirica Salter gets nervous about predictions that Social Security will run out of money.

"Right now, I'm not making very much, and it's very hard to put away anything," the 26-year-old said Friday. Since Social Security is a big deduction from her paycheck, "I feel it shouldn't go anywhere."

The Buffalo resident was one of five local women who opened a window into their economic lives during a forum at Buffalo State College Friday with First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, a potential Senate candidate in New York.

The cross-section of women, from low-income workers to professionals, said that low earning power, lack of educational access and inadequate child care are among the difficulties they face.

The AFL-CIO-sponsored forum, "Ask a Working Woman," allowed the First Lady to highlight Democratic issues and rally support for Clinton administration goals such as wider health care access and preserving Social Security.

"Some people say you should save for your own retirement," Mrs. Clinton said. "I'd like these people to live on \$6 an hour and pay rent, buy food and pay utilities, and see how much is left over."

The forum was the first in a series to highlight is-

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Women: Daughters cut off from health care on firm's plan

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sues for women in the workplace, culminating with a report to a national conference next March.

On average, women with full-time jobs earn 25 percent less than men, according to 1997 figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The AFL-CIO calls for legislation to even the gap, which some economists say is the result of career choices. Women also depend more than men do on Social Security income in retirement.

Like Ms. Salter, Vastye Gillespie is a single mother who rises early each day. But she works as an AFL-CIO attorney and teaches two college courses at night. Her concern for her two children — a kindergartner and a third-grader — is high-quality, day-long child care to accommodate work days that sometimes span 15 hours.

"I think I'm a good mom, but you expect that person (child-care worker) to teach some values to your children," she said. "The only way you can get that is with adequate pay."

Mary Heaton was also a housekeeper once earning \$5 an hour, but a training program helped her get a job as a cable television technician with Adelphia Communications, tripling her income. The married mother of one spoke in support of training programs to lift working women and their families.

"I'd like to see more job training," Mrs. Clinton said. "Not everyone can or wants to go to college."

As a single mother and factory worker earning \$6.36 an hour, Barbara Pieczynski said her daughters, ages 18 and 19, will be denied a college education because the family can't afford it.

"They have to go to work themselves to pay their bills," she said. Her daughters are also cut off from health care under her company's insurance plan at age 18, further increasing the pressure to opt for work instead of higher education.

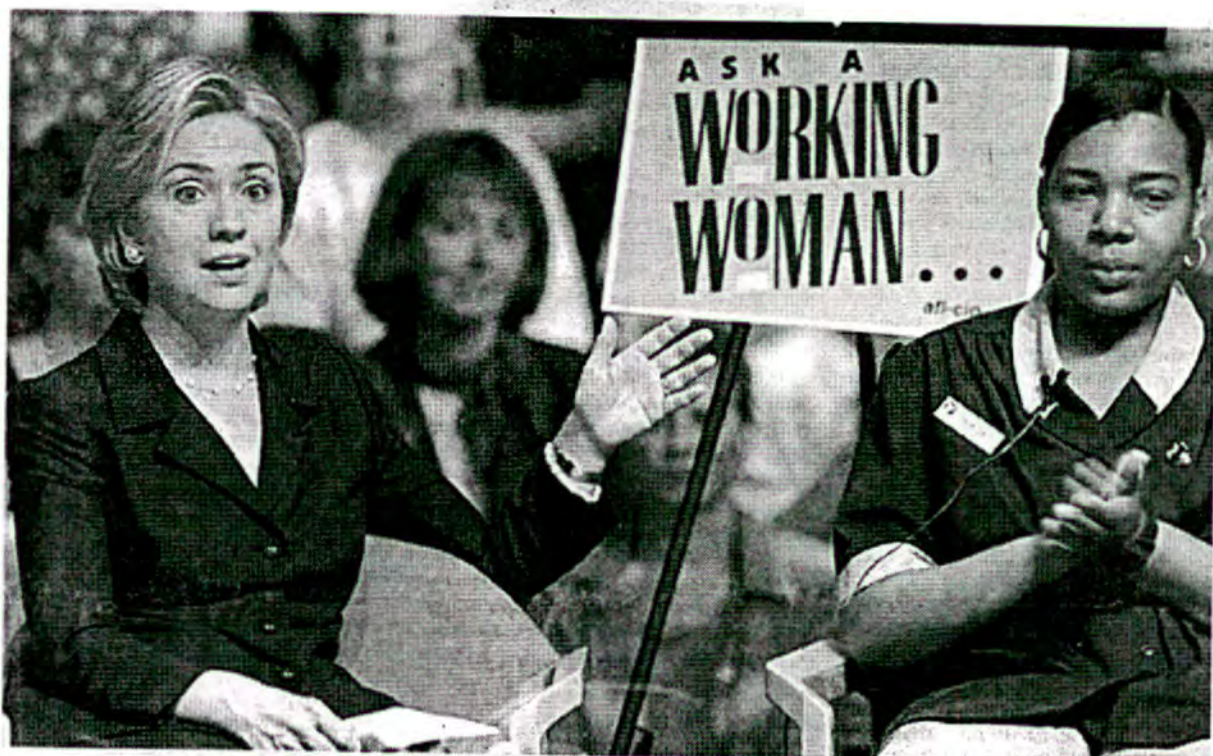
Nurse Judette Samborski, the fifth participant, said managed care is reducing the quality of the attention her patients receive as well as undercutting her job at Buffalo hospital system Kaleida Health.

"Agencies determine who you see and how much care you get," she said. "This ultimately can affect my job."

About 850 people attended the afternoon event at Buffalo State College's Houston Gym, with tickets distributed by the college and the AFL-CIO. Karen Nussbaum, head of the AFL-CIO Working Women's Department and Murial A. Moore, president of Buffalo State College, also spoke.

"More women are working now than ever before, and almost every woman will work for pay" at some point in their life, Ms. Nussbaum said.

America's 63 million working women make up 46 percent of the labor force, according to 1998 figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.



Hillary Rodham Clinton discussed topics like health coverage and child care yesterday in Buffalo. Reuters

Mrs. Clinton on Child Care and Marriage

By ADAM NAGOURNEY

BUFFALO, May 7 — In her seventh visit to New York State this year, Hillary Rodham Clinton donned a cordless microphone today to lead a free-flowing discussion with nearly 600 women about health coverage, child care and, to a swell of surprised applause, the difficulties of keeping a marriage together.

The trip today offered Mrs. Clinton, who is considering running for the Senate from New York, and is to return to the state on Saturday for an awards ceremony at Ellis Island, an opportunity to practice the staged public forum that has been used to great effect by President Clinton during his own political career.

With a cordless microphone affixed to her black pants suit, Mrs. Clinton led a panel discussion of five women and then wandered the gymnasium at Buffalo State College, fielding questions on Federal policies and their effects on mothers who

work outside the home.

"I'd like a show of hands," she said at the forum on working women organized by the A.F.L.-C.I.O. "How many of you have had a personal experience in finding or keeping or feeling good about the child care you've had for your children?" Hands shot up across the sweltering gymnasium. They did so again when Mrs. Clinton asked the audience, almost all of them women, about problems with health care coverage and difficulties in collecting child support from former husbands.

The three-hour visit to upstate New York afforded Mrs. Clinton an opportunity to be seen discussing the kinds of issues her advisers say would be central to a Senate candidacy. The women who appeared on Mrs. Clinton's panel today were told "not to dress up, but to come as they go to work," Mrs. Clinton said, for their talk before the television cameras with the First Lady.

It was, given its mostly female

audience and its location in a Democratic pocket of upstate New York, as supportive a crowd as Mrs. Clinton would find anywhere. The women cheered her arrival and almost every pronouncement, and lined up in the gymnasium for a handshake and an autograph. Many held a copy of one of Mrs. Clinton's books in one hand and a child with the other.

They burst into loud applause when Mrs. Clinton suddenly drifted into a topic that she has tended to steer clear of in public: the difficulties of marriage. Responding to a question from one woman, the First Lady said that the country's leaders had to "start talking about the importance of marriage" and families.

"I know there are problems," Mrs. Clinton said, as a stillness fell over the gymnasium. "Marriages are hard. They are hard work. I'd be the first to tell you." She smiled tentatively and seemed surprised by the volume of the knowing applause.

This was Mrs. Clinton's seventh trip to New York since Jan. 1. She has spent a total of nine days in the state since serious speculation began about her potential candidacy for the seat being vacated by Daniel Patrick Moynihan. Mrs. Clinton's press secretary, Marsha Berry, said that Mrs. Clinton had not visited any state more often this year.

Mrs. Clinton first attended a fundraiser today, on behalf of Representative John J. LaFalce, Democrat of Buffalo. As a result, a small portion of her trip today was considered political and will be covered by Mr. LaFalce's political committee, the First Lady's aides said. Most of her three hours in Buffalo was considered official business and thus will be financed by the taxpayers.

Mrs. Clinton seemed to be getting the hang of running for office, particularly when she offered an effusive and iconographic tribute to her host city that was almost worthy of Mr. Clinton himself. She spoke warmly of Buffalo chicken wings and of the city's beautiful avenues.

Mrs. Clinton's lack of New York roots is clearly a matter of concern to the First Lady. She said she spent time in this part of the state as a child growing up in Chicago.

"I first came to Buffalo when I was a young girl and my family came to Niagara Falls, when I was about 8 or 9, I suppose, and I have been back a number of times," she said.



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Ms. Patti Solis Doyle
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Dear Ms. Solis Doyle:

As you know, the *Ask a Working Woman* event in Buffalo on May 7 with First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton got great press. Enclosed are clips from the *Buffalo News*, *New York Times*, and *CNN*. In addition to these news venues, the story was also carried by two local TV stations.

The event helped to energize women in Buffalo. Thanks so much for working with us on this very important event to show that the White House is listening to working women.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Karen Nussbaum".

Karen Nussbaum, Director
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Hillary Clinton Visits New York

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JUDY WOODRUFF: Thank you for joining us. Bernie is on assignment. Well normally it would not be news if a Senate hopeful made three campaign appearances in New York in as many weeks, but when you are talking about a would be Senate contender who is married to the President, a three-peat is a political headliner.

And so we begin with the first lady in the Empire State and CNN's Bruce Morton.

BRUCE MORTON: She keeps dropping these little hints. At a fundraiser for Congressman John LaFalce she said:

HILLARY CLINTON: Our academic health centers here in New York are real jewels.

MORTON: Ours? We New Yorkers? You decide.

The main event though was a question and answer session at an AFL-CIO "Ask Working Women" session. Mrs. Clinton talked about the need for education, not just in college.

MS. CLINTON: A lot of the most important work in our society is done by people that did not go to college and the whole society would stop if they did.

MORTON: She heard from Barbara Piachinski (sp), a 38-year-old single mother of two, about healthcare problems.

BARBARA PIACHINSKI [Single Mother]: I do something as simple as go to the pharmacy to get my prescription filled and the pharmacist says, "I'm sorry, I can't give this - (off mike) - because your insurance company won't cover it." They won't pay for that anymore. Well, they're not my doctor, why do they get the right to say? Who are they?

MORTON: And then, perhaps most surprising, this partner in what may be the world's most scrutinized marriage, talked about the problems of marriage.

MS. CLINTON: We have to start talking more about the importance of marriage and the importance of dealing with the problems that people face. And, you know, I know that there are problems. I mean, marriage is hard. It is hard work and I'd be the first to tell you that.

[Applause]

MORTON: This is a union crowd, probably most of them Democrats. Do they think she should run for the Senate here?

UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: Hillary Clinton is a remarkable woman. I think she's very accomplished and I think that she has plenty to offer. I'm not so sure that it's the best thing for New York State.

UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: I hope that she decides that that's what she's going to do. I think she'd be a wonderful leader. I think she's a wonderful role model for women throughout the state. She certainly understands the issue. She articulates them well and she has a strong passion for what she believes in, and I think that she will do us well.

MORTON: This is exactly the kind of event that a Hillary Rodham Clinton who was running for the Senate in New York would go to. She hasn't announced of course. There are occasional hints. Is she spending a lot of time here? Oh yes.

Two events in Buffalo today. An event at Ellis Island tomorrow. She's spending time here.

Bruce Morton, CNN, Buffalo, New York.

[END OF SEGMENT]

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Hillary's plans for trip to Israel, Jordan raises a few eyebrows, questions
Eds: Also moving on the New York wire

By BILLY HOUSE

Gannett News Service

WASHINGTON 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.

Word of that trip coming just a week after Mrs. Clinton visited Ireland had critics howling Monday that she is misusing taxpayer dollars as first lady to court different segments of New York's ethnically rich voters.

"Ireland? Israel? Can Italy be far behind?" quipped Steve Minarik, GOP chairman in Monroe County, N.Y.

"Any politician knows those are the three 'Is' of New York politics. And clearly, Hillary Clinton is a shrewd politician," Minarik said. "I think that she's wasting a lot of taxpayer dollars with no agenda other than her own political ambitions."

Such criticism reflects both the advantages and disadvantages Clinton could face if she becomes the only first lady in history to run for public office while still in the White House.

Clinton stirred anger in the Jewish community which accounted for 12 percent of voters in New York's 1998 Senate race and 10 percent of voters in the 1996 presidential race with comments last year in support of a Palestinian state.

Those comments are widely viewed as a potential pitfall for her in a Senate race, and a trip this summer to Israel could serve as a highly visible forum from which she could address Jewish concerns.

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

Berry said no exact date for the trip has been set, but that whenever it does occur, "she'd be traveling as the first lady ... this is the kind of trip (she) has been doing on behalf of the president and the secretary of state."

Berry said Mrs. Clinton is keeping a commitment she made earlier this year to visit the two countries. Her visit was postponed because of the death of Jordan's King Hussein and the Israeli elections.

Media reports from Israel have said the trip was being planned for the second half of June the same time that some New York Democratic leaders say they've been told she will make known her plans for a Senate run.

Lee Miringoff, director of the Marist College Institute for Public Polling in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., said: "This trip would certainly have political overtones for her Senate ambitions."

At issue, he said, are Mrs. Clinton's highly publicized comments in May 1998 that she believes "it will be in the long-term interests of the Middle East for Palestine to be a state."

Those remarks set off alarm bells among Israelis and American Jewish organizations, and will likely be seized upon by Clinton's opponents.

New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, a Republican who is considering running for the Senate seat being vacated by Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan, would not comment Monday on the first lady's travel plans.

Giuliani likely won't be so silent during a head-to-head Senate campaign, Miringoff said.

"She needs to inoculate herself from the attacks that can be expected from Giuliani regarding her statements on a Palestinian state," he said. "I see her as hoping to head that off, and the trip also would give her some talking points with a key constituency for Democrats in New York."

But critics question why taxpayers should foot the costs of what they see as a political effort.

"This (trip) is an easily understood attempt to win over Jewish voters in New York state," said Brian Backstrom, vice president of CHANGE-NY, New York

state's largest taxpayer organization. ``She's clearly using her status as first lady, and with it taxpayer dollars, to court important ethnic political constituencies in New York. It's appalling.''

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

Eds: Moving on news and political circuits

By MARC HUMBERT= AP Political Writer=

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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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Women go straight to the top

Female high-fliers had a rare opportunity last week to highlight their achievements in person to one of the world's most successful women, Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Delegates at the 'Women Mean Business' conference in Cavan were among the Northern Ireland businesswomen who gave the First Lady a glimpse of their talents. Frances McDonnell reports.

SETTING politics aside, Hillary Clinton is one of the great role models of the 20th Century, according to a leading New York businesswoman.

Barbara Roberts believes America's First Lady strikes a chord with women everywhere because of her determination and self-belief.

Ms Roberts was one of 80 delegates at the Women Mean Business conference in Co Cavan who joined Mrs Clinton, via video link, at the Vital Voices Women's Democracy Initiative in Belfast last week. Enterprising women at Moylinn House in Craigavon and the University of Ulster were also linked simultaneously with the First Lady.

Businesswomen at each location got a rare chance to talk directly with Mrs Clinton and highlight the achievements of women in the province.

Marie Marin, from the New Opportunities for Women Project at Moylinn House, told her about their efforts to encourage local employers to implement family-friendly policies.

Molra Magee, from Women In Enterprise, in Londonderry, briefed Mrs Clinton about their work to create a dedicated women's business centre in the city.

Margaret Myers, of Women Mean Business, also told the First Lady about her organisation's conference which had brought women from America, the UK and Northern Ireland to discuss current business issues.

Barbara Roberts represented the cross-Atlantic input into the Women Mean Business conference in Cavan.

A top achiever she came to Ireland for the first time to share her personal experiences with businesswomen from the province.

Ms Roberts began her working career on Wall Street in 1970 at a time when she herself was a rare commodity a female in a male dominated world.



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dominated world.

At the time women were not allowed to be seen in brokerage houses, in fact she had to use the back stair case at her company, Dean Witter.

"I started working at a time when women could not open any financial account in the US without a man's signature they had to get their father, their husband or a lawyer to sign an account for them.

"When I started out I was in my early twenties but because of the history of demographics at that time I was actually replacing men of 65 years of age," Ms Roberts said.

Fifteen years later, at the age of 34, she was the first woman to be appointed to the board of directors of Dean Witter, who employed around 50,000 people.

But she told delegates at the Women Means Business conference that one day she decided she was no longer happy being one of the top women on Wall Street.

"It was a slow feeling that gradually came over me and the end result was that, after working one three-day weekend, I decided I wanted to do something different with my life ... so I left.

"My leaving the firm caused huge debate because I was one of the top women on Wall Street and women in my day just didn't leave their jobs newspapers even covered the fact I had left.

"There were no role models at that time for women in business and I felt entirely isolated by the very traditional male mode of management in business, and the general atmosphere of harassment and blatant discrimination." After she quit her job Ms Roberts said she went through a period of reflection.

"I had hated the previous environment I worked in. I hadn't got much joy from my work so I wanted to do something I enjoyed. I am a firm believer that if you want to do something then do it do what you love and the money will follow later.

"So if, for example, you love cooking then have a business which allows you to cook even if you have to get a partner in because you don't have the necessary skills." A chance telephone call however proved to be one of the major turning points in Ms Robert's life.

She received a letter from a woman who had inherited FPG - a small New York photographic agency. When she decided to join the company it had stock photography dating back 60 years stored in filing cabinets in an office.

FPG now owns the commercial rights to more than six million images, employs over 220 people and has 40 affiliated companies.

Ms Roberts recently sold the company, which had an annual turnover of nearly \$40m, to United News & Media for \$60m.

As she told delegates, financially she no longer needs to work but personally she still wants to.

Just three weeks ago she took up the position of chief executive officer with a company which produces audio tours for museums and places of historical interest. One of the other keynote speakers at the Cavan conference, Tina Knight is also a respected female entrepreneur, this time in the UK.

Ms Knight is the owner and managing director of Knight Electronics, a market leader in computer resource-sharing devices. The company, which she started from scratch, currently has a sales turnover of over £2m a year.

Ms Knight told delegates she believes her determination was vital to her success.

"I never took no for an answer I don't think there are things that cannot be done, I just think there are people who can't be bothered getting things done. If I see an opportunity I seize it, but at the same time if I come up against a brick wall and I know deep down that I cannot succeed it then I try a different route," she said.

Many Women Mean Business delegates agreed with Ms Knight when she said the most difficult problem for many entrepreneurs was securing "seed finance".

"The hardest challenge I discovered was obtaining finance in my early days I think women still aren't taken seriously by financial institutions. But my advice to women is work hard, be determined and have faith in your self it is very satisfying to succeed."

Barbara Roberts believes there six key qualities which will help people succeed in business, and there are six characteristics every leader should have.

Qualities: 1. Self knowledge: people who have an incredible sense of self will succeed.

2. Creativity: good ideas and imagination will lead to success.

3. Integrity: to be a leader you must have integrity which will inspire other people.

4. Passion: enthusiasm is one of the greatest qualities any leader can possess, if you don't have passion, develop it.

5. Positive demeanour: to be an effective leader you must have positive energy, be optimistic.

6. Have an absolute total belief in people: care about people, show you care and take a real interest.

Characteristics: 1. Vision: a great leader needs to have a vision to pull a group of people together.

2. Community spirit: think about how your company will affect the whole community, look at the big picture.

3. Listen to people: what are they saying to

you? 4. Communicate with people: always say thank-you and always, always praise people. 5. Share your privacy: make people want to know you, let them learn about you to a degree.

6. Inspire action: good ideas are useless unless you can get people to put them into practice.

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First lady lends support to Cornerstones' effort

Day after tomorrow, a pioneering group of Santa Fe preservationists is in for some extraordinary attention.

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton is planning a visit, first to our community, then on Friday to Acoma, where one of New Mexico's oldest churches is being considered for restoration by Cornerstones Community Partnerships.

It's part of a White House project to commemorate the coming millenium by pointing out and preserving symbols of America's greatness in the one about to pass.

From the presidential Millenial Council came a public-private partnership called Save America's Treasures. For national monuments and other public sites, works and documents, Congress approved \$30 million. For public treasures in the private realm, the partnership must raise private contributions.

Mrs. Clinton is aiding that cause with tours of American Heritage high-points.

Friday's midday stop is San Esteban del Rey Catholic Church at Acoma, completed in 1632 after arduous decades of carrying stones, wood, even adobe-making dirt up the mesa that is home to that breathtaking pueblo. The church is just the latest of Cornerstones' objects of attention.

Over 13 years, the Santa Fe-based organization has worked with the people - especially the *young* people - of New Mexico's traditional communities, restoring ruined or run-down churches and other symbols of unity. With the volunteer help of skilled artisans, in turn passing their knowledge along to younger neighbors and the helping hands organized by Cornerstones, dozens of landmarks - Nuestra Señora de la Luz in Lamy, San Agustín in the Gallinas Valley, St. Gertrude's across the Sangre de Cristos in Mora - have been brought back to the simple grandeur of decades past.

From Antonito across the Colorado line to San Elizario down river from El Paso, 46 communities had help rebuilding endangered historic structures in just one recent year.

Biggest beneficiary of the group's work - both in mud-and-mortar and in community organization - has been Northern New Mexico. Many a mountain village of the Jemez, the Tusas and the Sangre de Cristo has been brightened by a community campaign to roll back the ravages of weather and time.

It is efforts such as these that Hillary Clinton comes to honor - and to help support.

At the studio of renowned sculptor Glenna Goodacre late Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Clinton will speak at a reception for \$500 contributors. The money raised remains in *el norte*, as Save America's Treasures turns the proceeds over to Cornerstones.

Those who have seen some of the community accomplishments aided by Cornerstones already know that this is an excellent investment in the physical and spiritual beauty so richly scattered through our land. Those who haven't might take an after-work drive down to Lamy.

There, a crumbling classic of the mission-style church faced commercial sale and an uncertain future. The Lamy Community Association, with technical-assessment help from Cornerstones and generous cooperation from our



area's commercial and professional leaders, is at work saving the structure. Many who have helped with that project will be with Mrs. Clinton at the Goodacre studio Thursday. It's a great opportunity to help a great organization, and to learn more about your neighbors who are making it work. For up-to-date information about the event, call Cornerstones at 982-9521, extension 102.

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First lady to visit Mesa Verde

By [Electa Draper](#) **Denver Post Staff Writer**

May 20 - Mesa Verde National Park will be open to visitors at no charge when first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton arrives about 9 a.m. Saturday to announce support for one of the world's renowned historic and cultural sites.

Hillary Clinton is honorary chairwoman of the "Save America's Treasures" program, and one of the program's grants will help preserve the endangered archaeological trove roughly 10 miles east of Cortez. The park's ancestral pueblo ruins are visited every year by more than 600,000 people from all over the world.

Mesa Verde is one of several stops for Hillary Clinton on a Southwest tour, including the Grand Canyon on Wednesday and Santa Fe, Albuquerque and other New Mexico locales on Friday.

The first lady interrupted her tour to join the president in Littleton today. The National Trust for Historic Preservation established the millennium "Treasures" program to protect cultural treasures from maps and journals to ancient ruins.

More than \$30 million in private funds have been raised, in addition to public appropriations, for projects such as restoration of the flag that gave rise to the "Star Spangled Banner," the Constitution and Declaration of Independence.

In addition to the \$1.4 million grant to repair and preserve Mesa Verde's cliff dwellings, the Anasazi Heritage Center in Dolores will receive \$176,135 to protect artifacts and make them available for education and research.

A grant of \$64,806 will go toward preservation of the San Juan Mining District in Hinsdale and San Juan counties.

During each stop of Hillary Clinton's tour, she will highlight the need for restoration or preservation of the national heritage, hoping to encourage the partnership between the private sector and government in such work.

The first lady's program at Mesa Verde will be held at the Far View Terrace parking lot.

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Aides Say First Lady Inches Closer to Run

Hillary Rodham Clinton has told friends in recent days that she is likely to form an exploratory committee that would allow her to raise money and pay bills associated with a campaign for a New York seat in the Senate, several associates of the First Lady said yesterday.

The suggestion by Mrs. Clinton that she is, in the words of one adviser, "inching very close" toward a critical step in her decision-making process. An exploratory committee would let her raise money to pay for visits that even her own supporters say have taken a decidedly political cast, as more and more Democrats seem certain she will run.

But even if she goes ahead with an exploratory committee, several associates of Mrs. Clinton said, she has still not made a final decision to run for Senate.

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Hil Will Run For Senate: Report

STAFF AND WIRE REPORT

Hillary Rodham Clinton's friends and political associates believe it is a "virtual certainty" the nation's First Lady will run for the U.S. Senate in New York next year, according to a published report.

The report, in today's Washington Post, which quoted unnamed New York and Washington sources, was the strongest indication yet Clinton might jump into the race to replace retiring Sen. Patrick Moynihan in 2000.

That could set the scene for a bruising battle for the Democrat against Mayor Giuliani, a Republican who is mulling a run for the seat.

The Daily News reported Tuesday that Clinton is expected to form an exploratory committee next month or in July — allowing her to start raising money.

She's expected to discuss her options with President Clinton next week when the two take a vacation to Florida.

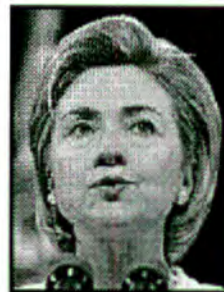
Sources earlier this week told The News that Clinton has gotten the go-ahead from First Daughter Chelsea, who backs her mom's political ambitions.

While friends told the Washington Post they are certain she will run, Clinton has yet to make a final decision and has no immediate plans to announce her candidacy.

"The finger is on the 'go' button," one unnamed Democrat told the paper.

"She just hasn't decided to push it yet."

Clinton, a frequent visitor to New York in recent months, could have the Democratic nomination for the asking and has



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It looks like the
Hillary Clinton
will run for Senate
after all.

been leading Giuliani in the polls.

But Clinton, an Illinois native who lived for years in Arkansas with her husband, would surely draw fire from the mayor and other critics, who have derided her as a potential carpetbagger.

And while she has been an integral part of her husband's victories as Arkansas governor and President, the Yale Law School grad has never run for elected office.

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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.

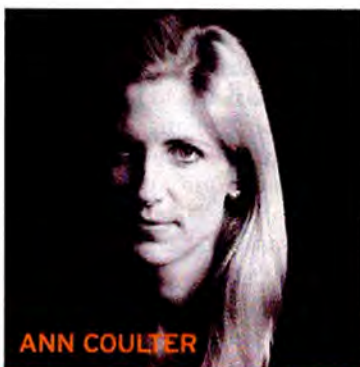
"She owns New York," explains Judith Hope, the chair of the state Democratic party. "Her candidacy would be a thrilling event." Elected Democrats would also welcome Hillary to their ranks. "She's one of the most exciting human beings ever to get involved in politics," says Congressman Charles Rangel, 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 >



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



ANN COULTER

HEALTH CARE SCARE

Ann Coulter has one of the sharpest tongues on television. In her inaugural column for *George*, the die-hard conservative unleashes her acerbic wit on the horrors of health care and tells Republicans to get real about the issue.

On account of some new career opportunities—a book contract and television appearances—I left my D.C. law firm at the end of last year and set up an office at home. I didn't need

much for the transformation: a better computer, miscellaneous office accoutrements, and health insurance.

After spending about an hour flipping through computer catalogs, I called MacWorld and ordered \$3,000 worth of computer equipment. The entire transaction took less than five minutes, and two days later the computer showed up at my Washington apartment.

I also needed a \$10 flu shot. But obtaining health care took nearly as long as it would probably take me to build an iMac: I had to make endless phone calls to the insurer to get my personal identification number and a list of doctors who dispense the mighty flu vaccine, and to plead with them to send me the top-secret roster of all doctors who are on the plan. Seventeen transfers every phone call and a minimum of five minutes on hold every call.

To comprehend this fine mess, you have to realize that a health care system this absurd doesn't come into being of its own accord. It all started when the FDR administration dreamed up the genius idea of imposing wage and price controls during World War II. Because employers could no longer attract workers by offering higher wages, they enticed people with generous health benefits. The consequences of such controls were the destruc-

tion of a free market for health services and the mayhem we live with today.

Every time you go to a doctor, someone else pays all or most of the costs. (Because health benefits are not taxed as income, almost all large employers provide benefit plans as part of their compensation package.) As a result, employees often have little chance to shop for the best prices, doctors, and plans. The consumer who changes jobs must constantly get acquainted with new doctors, new health plans, new forms, new prescription plans. I have a deeper relationship with my dry cleaner than with my doctor. Not only do patients suffer, but doctors have to comply with mountains of bureaucracy.

The government's solution to the mess it created is, naturally, more government solutions. Supporting "health care" reform is a great way for politicians to show that they "care." Exploiting illness and death was a perfect ruse for President Clinton. Although his health care bill suffered an ignominious defeat in 1994, Clinton promised to win the same oppressive federal controls over health care through piecemeal demagoguery. In speeches, he has talked about medical procedures that were "delayed and delayed and delayed until finally it was too late." Of the patient for whom it was "too late," Clinton said, "when he was 45 years old, he collapsed in his own yard and died in [his wife's] arms—at 45." He went on to say that examples such as this proved that "we have to have comprehensive national legislation." But it doesn't occur to Clinton that a national solution to a problem created by another national solution lacks logic.

Republicans have hardly offered any stellar alternatives. Last January, Senate majority leader Trent Lott tried to lead the Republican response by stating the issue this way: "The question is simple. When it comes to health, do you want Bill Frist [the Ten-



TV shows like *Chicago Hope* may win prizes, but health care in the real world doesn't. Inset: Rep. **Christopher Cox**.

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. ☐



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Northern New Mexico is honored by the presence of Hillary Rodham Clinton, and by the strong support she lends to the preservationist efforts of our area. Her two-day schedule has focused on sites and artifacts reflecting this nation's heritage at the close of the millenium - and the value of that heritage to America of the millenium to come.

We're especially delighted that she chose San Esteban del Rey, that lovely church at Acoma, as a spot to visit. Built in the early 17th Century, its beauty moves the spirit in the manner of the Sainte-Chapelle in Paris.

Properly, and *en hora buena*, San Esteban is being studied for extensive restoration by Cornerstones Community Partnerships. In January, the New Mexico Heritage Preservation Alliance listed it among the state's most-endangered symbols of our heritage.

We hope the First Lady also got a glimpse, or more, at the night sky - for it, too, is on the preservation alliance's list of endangered attributes.

Too often taken for granted, the clarity of our sky, and the brilliance of the heavens above our deserts and mountains, have a primeval appeal to the spirit. That spiritual appeal remains undimmed even as street lights, commercial illuminations and porchlights contribute to a conglomeration of glare that dims the stellar sparkle.

The threat of outdoor lighting to night skies, of course, goes beyond borders; and while the New Mexico Legislature this year enacted a fledgling Night Sky Protection Act, similar legislation died in Texas and Wyoming. In many other states, the case for clear night skies is almost hopeless.

From her level of national influence - and through such organizations as her Millenial Council and Save America's Treasures, Hillary Clinton could be a most effective advocate for night-sky legislation. She also would be a wonderful leader of voluntary efforts from the nation's business community and individual citizens on behalf of the evening skies in the millenium to come.

We urge her to take a cue from the New Mexico Heritage Preservation Alliance - and include night skies among our nation's preservation priorities.

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STILL HANGING

Inside the Beltway tracked down Howard Wolfson, chief of staff to Rep. Nita M. Lowey, New York Democrat, in the Big Apple yesterday.

The latest word, we told Mr. Wolfson, is that Hillary Rodham Clinton won't reveal whether she's running for the New York Senate seat until after she returns from her upcoming Florida vacation. Is that the congresswoman's understanding, too?

"That's what we've read," replied Mr. Wolfson.

Do you mean to say that Mrs. Clinton continues to leave Mrs. Lowey - who certainly more than the first lady has earned the right and privilege to represent her state in the Senate - in the dark, even after Mrs. Clinton attended the congresswoman's \$1,000-a-plate fund-raising dinner in New York last night?

"I would say communication between Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Lowey has been regular and steady," replied Mr. Wolfson.

Then why doesn't the Bronx-born Mrs. Lowey not just go ahead and challenge Mrs. Clinton in a Democratic primary?

"It's not realistic to be in a primary with the first lady of the United States," replied Mr. Wolfson.

And why not?

"I can give you a reason for the record, and I can give you a reason off the record," replied Mr. Wolfson.

We asked for both, and trust us, the latter reason is the newsworthy of the

two.

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Lazio says he's moving toward run, challenges Mrs. Clinton

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Pataki, attending a fund-raiser in Missouri for GOP Rep. Jim Talent, who is running for governor of his state, poked fun at the notion of the first lady running in New York.

"I think it's a tremendous endorsement of our policies by Hillary Clinton, the fact that she has chosen to consider moving to New York State," he said. "But on the other hand, you have 18 million bright and talented New Yorkers. Any one of them is capable of being a fine senator in Washington. We don't need someone from Washington moving to New York. We need someone from New York moving to Washington."

A statewide poll appearing Sunday in the New York Post indicated Pataki could be a strong contender in a Senate race against Mrs. Clinton.

Pataki is considered a potential GOP vice presidential candidate in 2000.

The poll, by Zogby International of Utica, N.Y., had Pataki as the choice of 49 percent compared with 45 percent for the first lady, a statistical dead heat given the survey's margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points. The telephone poll of 669 likely voters was conducted Tuesday through Friday.

Giuliani was favored by 49 percent and Mrs. Clinton 44 percent in a possible matchup, according to poll.

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HEADLINE: Poll: Pataki and Clinton are a tie

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BODY:

A new Quinnipiac College poll shows a statistical tie if Gov. George Pataki and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton faced each other for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan. The poll showed that Pataki would get 45 percent of the votes and Mrs. Clinton 47 percent. Gov. Pataki is scheduled to make an announcement in New York City at 10 a.m. today at the Sheraton Hotel that his aides say will "shake things up." There is growing speculation that Pataki will announce a run for the seat being vacated by Moynihan. The latest Quinnipiac poll also showed that Mrs. Clinton would top New York mayor Rudolph Giuliani 48 percent to 42 percent in their undeclared Senate race. The poll of 807 New York State registered voters, conducted between May 18 and May 23, has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percent. Maurice Carroll, director of the Quinnipiac College Poll Institute said "Clinton-Pataki is a standoff in this first measure of a possible Senate race. "Don't sell Gov. Pataki short. For a politician often depicted as easy-going, he's been brilliant in attracting attention to today's announcement. "He has titillated the political world for more than a week," Carroll said. The poll showed that voters in upstate New York favor Pataki 52 to 39 percent over Mrs. Clinton, while suburban voters back the governor 57 to 38 percent and men voters support him 53 to 39 percent. Mrs. Clinton, the poll showed, is favored in New York City 63 to 27 percent and by women voters 53 to 39 percent. In a race against the mayor, the poll showed that Mrs. Clinton is favored 62 to 30 percent over the mayor by voters in New York City and by backed by women 52 to 36. But, the poll showed suburban voters back Giuliani 55 to 37 percent over the first lady and men favor the mayor 50 to 42 percent. Upstate voters tie with 44 percent for Clinton and 43 percent for Giuliani. "Upstate seems to be the key here. Asked what they think of Giuliani, 35 percent of upstate voters say they don't know enough to form an opinion. Only 4 percent of upstaters don't have an opinion about Pataki. The Mayor and the governor run just about the same against the first lady in New York City and the suburbs. "It's upstate that tips the balance to Pataki," Carroll said. ---

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HEADLINE: Polls Give First Lady Conflicting Counsel On Senate Run

BODY:

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton headed back to New York today in the wake of conflicting polls regarding her potential Senate candidacy. According to a Zogby International survey of 748 likely voters - conducted last Monday through Thursday for the New York Post - New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, a Republican, leads Clinton by 49-43 percent; the survey, published Sunday, has a 3.6 point error margin. But a Quinnipiac College poll of 807 registered voters - conducted last Tuesday through Sunday and released today - gives Clinton a 48-42 percent lead; that survey has a 3.5 point error margin. Clinton, who still is mulling whether to run for the seat of retiring Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, will spend this afternoon and evening in Manhattan - attending a party for a new book by Matilda Cuomo, wife of former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo and mother of HUD Secretary Cuomo; receiving an arts award at Lincoln Center; and speaking at a fundraiser for Democratic Rep. Nita Lowey, whose own Senate ambitions are on hold while Clinton considers her options. This will be Clinton's fourth visit to the state since April 19; she also has scheduled two more visits for June 2 and June 9.

Meanwhile, GOP Rep. Rick Lazio said on ABC's "This Week" Sunday that he is "inching closer and closer" to running for the Senate. "I think it would be a good thing if we had someone who reflects the values of New Yorkers ... and has got the right temperament to do the job in bringing people together," Lazio said in a jab at both the first lady, who has never resided in New York, and the blunt-spoken Giuliani. If Lazio runs, it could set up an intraparty contest with Giuliani, who still is considering the Senate race; Giuliani angered many state Republicans when he backed Mario Cuomo over now-GOP Gov. George Pataki in 1994.

Pataki held a news conference today to endorse Texas Gov. George Bush for the 2000 GOP presidential nod; until this weekend, there had been speculation Pataki might use the event to jump into the Senate race to thwart Giuliani's ambitions. The new Zogby and Quinnipiac polls also matched Clinton against Pataki, only to find statistical ties. Pataki led Clinton 49-45 percent in the Zogby poll, while

Clinton led Pataki 47-45 percent in the Quinnipiac poll. Both results were within the error margin, since the Zogby poll on a Clinton-Pataki matchup has a 3.9 point error margin.

In other Senate race developments around the county, Billings Mayor Chuck Tooley, a Democrat, said Friday he will decide next month whether to seek his party's nomination to challenge Sen. Conrad Burns, R-Mont. "I'm leaning toward it strongly," Tooley told the Associated Press, adding that he will announce his plans in advance of the state Democratic convention June 25-26. If Tooley, a 51-year-old marketing consultant, does run, he would be the second Democrat in the race: Farmer Brian Schweitzer entered the race in March. Tooley spent more than five years on the Billings City Council before being elected mayor in 1995, and was the state field director for the successful 1978 campaign of now-Democratic Sen. Max Baucus.

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Budget Surplus Puzzle: Use Now, Want Later?

By ABBY GOODNOUGH

Like athletes clutching a trophy, Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani and City Council leaders have held up New York City's \$2.1 billion budget surplus in recent months as proof of their own financial prowess and the city's exceptional fiscal health.

Giuliani and Peter F. Vallone, the City Council Speaker, have proudly proclaimed that the record surplus would help them balance next year's budget and leave enough over to pave the way for a new round of tax cuts for city residents and businesses. But as news of the surplus strategy spread, the response has been more cranky than congratulatory: in recent weeks, everyone from labor leaders to community gardeners has accused Giuliani of hoarding the bounty.

The unions want him to set aside a chunk of the surplus for salary increases for municipal workers. Advocates for children want more for day care programs, school construction and housing for homeless families. And independent fiscal monitors say every cent of the surplus should go toward reducing the city's multibillion-dollar long-term debt.

Even the State Legislature has joined the chorus.

Last week, state lawmakers took the surprising step of voting to abolish the city's commuter tax, saying suburban residents who work in the city deserved a piece of the windfall.

"Thanks to Mayor Giuliani's leadership, New York City has built up a surplus of

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New York City has built up a surplus of more than \$2 billion," Joseph L. Bruno, the majority leader of the Republican-controlled State Senate, said after his house passed the repeal. "This is the right time to eliminate the commuter tax."

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The Giuliani administration has responded angrily to the Legislature's action, saying it cannot simply use surplus funds to make up for the expected loss of \$360 million a year in commuter tax revenues. The city must be conservative with its surplus, mayoral aides say, because the economic boom that produced it, driven mostly by Wall Street, could slow at any time.

The city's spending is growing faster than its revenues, contributing to annual budget deficits that are expected to grow in the next few years. Giuliani has been able to patch recent budget gaps with surplus revenues from the Wall Street boom. He is planning to use 80 percent of this year's surplus -- about \$1.7 billion -- to plug the expected budget gap for the fiscal year that starts July 1. "We are not taking the surplus and spending it on party favors," said Robert M. Harding, Giuliani's budget director. "Fiscal prudence dictates you do everything you can to make sure your budget gaps in the out years are under control."

The city always gets bombarded with wish lists when it has a surplus, but this year -- the third in a row that the surplus has exceeded \$1 billion -- the clamor seems louder than usual, city officials say. Douglas A. Criscitello, director of the city's Independent Budget Office, said that after several years of fiscal prosperity, people have come to expect significant increases in spending.

"An expectation has developed that a surplus will materialize each year, and everyone wants a piece of it," Criscitello said. "But they have to remember, if the economy and Wall Street return to normal levels," the surpluses will end.

While the strong economy has allowed the city to solve short-term financial problems like next year's budget gap, Criscitello and other budget analysts say that Giuliani has not taken advantage of recent surpluses to address more serious, long-term problems.

Most important, they say, the city has not made great gains in paying off its \$37 billion in long-term debt, a sum that is expected to increase rapidly in the coming years as the city is forced to borrow more heavily in order to replace its aging infrastructure.

The Independent Budget Office is predicting that the deficit will be more than \$2 billion in the coming fiscal year's \$35.3 billion budget and that it will grow to \$3.1 billion by 2003, partly because the city is expected to spend more on contracts with unions representing municipal workers.

Those unions have made some of the thundering demands for

Giuliani to share the surplus, asking that he set aside as much as \$1 billion to pay for wage and benefit increases for their members. During a labor rally in Manhattan this month, union members waved signs drawing attention to the surplus, and labor leaders gave speeches accusing Giuliani of squandering the extra money on tax cuts that primarily benefit wealthy businesses.

"There is far too much corporate welfare that goes on in this budget," said Randi Weingarten, president of the United Federation of Teachers and chairwoman of the Municipal Labor Coalition, which represents 100 municipal unions. "We are very concerned about the chasm between the rich and the poor and middle class, who helped create this surplus."

Ms. Weingarten said the city should spend part of the surplus to reduce class sizes in public elementary schools, improve health care services for the poor and cut taxes for poor and middle class residents. But fiscal monitors say it would be foolish to use the surplus for recurring expenses, whether they be salary increases, tax reductions or new city programs.

"A surplus can only be spent once, so it's not smart to use it to pay for things that continue forever," said Diana Fortuna, president of the Citizens Budget Commission, a private watchdog group. "We should be looking at what the city can afford to pay year after year."

Ms. Fortuna said that even the Mayor's tax cut proposals were risky, because the city would have to make up for the lost revenue for years to come. She said it was disturbing that even in the strongest of economic times, city officials had not figured out how to balance the budget unless revenue exceeded their estimates.

The city would be wiser to spend the money on long-deferred construction projects or to pay off some of its long-term debt, she said.

"Times are good enough that they are ignoring some of the underlying fiscal issues that they could be addressing," Ms. Fortuna said. "They ought to be worrying more about how to address some very serious problems down the road."

But Harding argued that a few carefully chosen tax cuts could go a long way toward creating future surpluses. While the commuter tax repeal will not strengthen the economy, he said, other measures, like Giuliani's proposals to reduce certain business taxes, eliminate the sales tax on all clothing purchases and offer an earned-income credit to the working poor -- some of which will probably be abandoned because of the loss of the commuter tax, could.

"The notion that you have a surplus, therefore you can do any old tax cuts, misses the point," Harding said. "But if you do tax cuts targeted to spur the economy, help create jobs, help make the city more attractive to businesses, then you help build the surplus."

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HEADLINE: Hillary Clinton, Nita Lowey express support for each other

BYLINE: BETH J. HARPAZ, Associated Press Writer

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BODY:

Hillary Rodham Clinton and Rep. Nita Lowey presented a united front at a fund-raiser Monday intended to send Mrs. Lowey to the U.S. Senate - or to keep her in the House.

Mrs. Clinton called Mrs. Lowey, who plans to run for the Senate only if the first lady does not, "a public servant in the finest meaning of that phrase."

Mrs. Lowey, for her part, said she was "proud to march forward shoulder to shoulder with my friend Hillary Rodham Clinton."

Mrs. Clinton has not yet decided whether she will run for the seat being vacated by U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, and money raised at the dinner can be used for Mrs. Lowey's congressional re-election campaign if the first lady goes for the Senate seat.

Mrs. Lowey highlighted her solidarity with Mrs. Clinton, betraying no hint of bitterness that her own political future might be hurt as she awaits the first lady's decision.

"Let the Republicans argue," she said. "Let the governor and the mayor have their petty feuds. While the Republicans in this state turn their backs on one another, I am proud to march forward shoulder to shoulder with my friend Hillary Rodham Clinton. We are united - and we are confident that on Nov. 7, 2000, New York will elect its first woman to the United States Senate."

Mrs. Lowey's comments about the Republicans refer to infighting between New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who has formed an exploratory campaign committee for the Senate seat, and Gov. George Pataki. Another Republican, U.S. Rep. Rick Lazio of Long Island, on Sunday said he was "inching closer" to declaring himself a Senate candidate.

Mrs. Clinton made no reference to her impending decision.

She praised Mrs. Lowey, saying, "In every important issue, she's been on the front lines. She is someone who brings people together. ... She's truly a public servant in the finest meaning of that phrase."

Mrs. Clinton said Mrs. Lowey has been a leader on issues including gun control, abortion rights and funding for health care and for the arts.

The fund-raiser at the Grand Hyatt Hotel raised \$ 1 million.

Mrs. Clinton's visit to Manhattan also included a party at Le Cirque 2000 to launch a new book by Matilda Cuomo, "The Person Who Changed My Life: Prominent Americans Recall Their Mentors." Mrs. Clinton wrote the introduction to the book by the wife of former Gov. Mario Cuomo. Profits from the book will go to Mrs. Cuomo's organization, Mentoring USA, which matches adult volunteers with at-risk kids.

Mrs. Cuomo introduced her as "our first lady and our future whatever she wants to be in New York or in the United States."

Mrs. Clinton credited Mrs. Cuomo with realizing "that mentoring could be a program and not just something to leave to chance."

After the Lowey fund-raiser, Mrs. Clinton received an award from Americans for the Arts honoring her advocacy work for the arts. The award was presented by Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg, who recalled a meeting between her mother, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, and Mrs. Clinton shortly after President Clinton was elected.

"My mother was thrilled at last that there was someone in the White House who truly cared about the arts," she said.

Mrs. Clinton returns to New York next week, for a June 2 fund-raiser for U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney in Manhattan, and on June 9 for a fund-raiser for U.S. Rep. Maurice Hinchey in Binghamton.

Also on Monday, "60 Minutes II" released a quote from Mrs. Clinton saying she would definitely make her home in New York after leaving the White House, whether or not she runs for the Senate. President Clinton had discussed the possibility of living in New York in a CBS interview in March.

The first lady made the commitment after being asked which New York baseball team she would root for.

"The politic answer, since I do plan to live in New York no matter what I end

up doing, is I'll root for both," she said in the interview, which was taped May 20 and will air Wednesday on CBS at 8 p.m. EDT.

Marsha Berry, the first lady's spokeswoman, said Mrs. Clinton "and the president have discussed that they would like to live in New York, long before she was approached about this race." Berry said those discussions had been going on "for over a year now."

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HEADLINE: LAZIO, NEARING SENATE BID, CHALLENGES FIRST LADY, GIULIANI

BYLINE: JIM ABRAMS; Associated Press

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY:

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Two polls released today showed different results in a theoretical matchup between Mrs. Clinton and Giuliani as well as between the first lady and Republican Gov. Pataki.

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HEADLINE: Quinnipiac poll shows Mrs. Clinton edging Giuliani in Senate race.

DATELINE: NEW YORK

BODY:

New Yorkers gave Hillary Rodham Clinton a slight edge over New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani in the upcoming U.S. Senate race, with those in the mayor's own backyard overwhelmingly backing the first lady by a more than 2 to 1 margin, according to a poll released Monday.

The Quinnipiac College poll of 807 registered voters showed Mrs. Clinton beating Giuliani 48 percent to 42 percent overall, but by a vastly greater margin - 62 percent to 30 percent - in the Republican mayor's hometown.

Giuliani did better with suburban voters, who favored him over the first lady by 55 percent to 37 percent and the two tied with upstate voters with 44 percent saying they'd vote for Mrs. Clinton and 43 percent for Giuliani.

Women favored Mrs. Clinton 52 percent to 36 percent while more men said they would vote for Giuliani, 50 percent to 42 percent.

The margin of error in the poll, conducted last Tuesday through Sunday, was 3.5 percentage points.

Neither the mayor nor the first lady have declared their candidacy for retiring U.S. Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan's seat in the November 2000 race. Giuliani, who cannot run for mayor again because of term limits, has formed an exploratory committee to look into it. Rep. Rick Lazio of Long Island is also considering running for the Republican nomination.

Aides to Mrs. Clinton, who was in the city Monday to attend a fundraising dinner for Rep. Nita Lowey and a book signing with Matilda Cuomo, said she is likely to form her own committee next month. Mrs. Lowey said she is set to run for the Democratic nomination should Mrs. Clinton bow out.

The poll also took a look at a possible matchup between Mrs. Clinton and Gov. George Pataki and found a statistical dead heat with 45 percent for Mrs. Clinton and 47 percent for Pataki.