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HEADLINE: 'STAR-SPANGLED BANNER' BENEFITS FROM PRESERVATION GRANT

BYLINE: JEFF NESMITH

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY:

Not the rockets' red glare, but a 90-year onslaught of indoor light, air pollution and temperature change has the original Star-Spangled Banner on its way to the Smithsonian Institution's version of an intensive care unit.

Beginning early next year, a team of museum conservationists will undertake a meticulous inch-by-inch cleaning of the 30-by-34-foot woolen flag that inspired Francis Scott Key's famous 1814 poem.

The restoration effort, which officials of the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History say will take will more than a year, was one of 62 projects named Wednesday to receive federal historic preservation grants under the new "Save America's Treasures" program.

The grants were announced by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. Other projects include preservation of the 1905 Wright Flyer in Dayton, Ohio, restoration of historic Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta and stabilization of Fort Jefferson in the Dry Tortugas National Park in Monroe County, Fla.

Smithsonian officials say cleaning the flag and re-exhibiting it will cost \$18 million before the job is finished.

They say they are not trying to make the flag that flew over Baltimore's Fort MCHenry during the War of 1812 "look like new."

But they hope that by scrutinizing nearly every thread in the flag and cleaning it with dry cleaning solution and special vacuum cleaners, they can stabilize it and arrest the deterioration that has done a lot more damage than British troops did with their rockets and bombs bursting in air.

The work is being done in a special laboratory and has been turned into another Smithsonian exhibit: the public can watch conservators while they blot, vacuum and scrub.

In addition to some stains, the wool has been weakened by exposure to light and oxygen in the air, said Suzanne Thomassen-Kraus, a museum conservator.

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Besides cleaning it up, museum officials have decided to remove a linen backing that a team of Boston seamstresses hand-sewed to the flag in 1914, seven years after the banner was donated to the Smithsonian and 17 years before the song was officially named the national anthem.

A new backing material has not yet been selected.

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HEADLINE: Mrs. Clinton announces \$ 30 million in preservation funds

BYLINE: By ANICK JESDANUN, Associated Press Writer

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY:

Hillary Rodham Clinton announced \$ 30 million in preservation grants today to restore such national treasures as the flag that inspired "The Star-Spangled Banner" and silent films.

Mrs. Clinton said too many historic and culturally significant sites and artifacts are deteriorating. The grants, she said, will help preserve treasures that represent "the creativity and ingenuity that have always fueled progress in America."

The 62 sites and artifacts receiving grants are in 24 states, the District of Columbia and the Midway Islands.

"They sketch a breathtaking portrait of America's diverse culture and rich history," Mrs. Clinton said at a briefing in the White House East Room. "A country that loses its history loses its collective memory. We cannot allow that to happen."

The National Film Preservation Foundation in San Francisco will get money to save silent films, which Mrs. Clinton referred to as the "precursors to the latest 'Star Wars' prequel."

The "Save America's Treasures" initiative also will help preserve such items as Thomas Jefferson's papers in Massachusetts and the flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Sites covered include the historic Vail Ranch House in Arizona and cliff dwellings at Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado.

Mrs. Clinton is to visit Mesa Verde on Saturday as part of a four-day tour of national treasures in the Southwest. The grant announcement was the kickoff for

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the tour.

The federal grants will require a match from state, local or private sources. Mrs. Clinton said private leaders already have raised more than \$ 30 million.

President Clinton has requested \$ 30 million in fiscal 2000 for additional grants.

Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., whose district will receive \$ 900,000 to preserve Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater retreat, promised to use his seat on the House Appropriations Committee to get more money. At the briefing, he also alluded to speculation about whether Mrs. Clinton will run for the a Senate seat in New York.

"I'm a great admirer of Senator Clinton, um, first lady Clinton," Murtha said to laughter.

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HEADLINE: First lady will visit New Mexico to sightsee for preservation cause

BYLINE: STAFF REPORTS

BODY:

In some ways, Hillary Rodham Clinton's trek through New Mexico later this week won't be far different from the average tourist's.

The first lady will see plenty of art and architecture as part of her four-day, three-state trip through the Southwest. But Rodham Clinton's goal is to talk about historic preservation, not tourism.

Rodham Clinton is expected to visit Santa Fe, Albuquerque and Acoma Pueblo Thursday and Friday as part of her campaign to encourage preservation of the nation's landmarks and institutions.

The first lady's itinerary has not yet been released, but according to a news release from the White House Press Office, Rodham Clinton will be in New Mexico on Friday to visit the Palace of the Governors in Santa Fe, the San Esteban del Rey church at Acoma Pueblo, and the Southwest Pieta a large fiberglass work of art by Luis Jimenez situated just south of Longfellow Elementary School in Downtown Albuquerque.

The tour begins today with visits to Grand Canyon National Park and Lowell Observatory in Arizona.

Rodham Clinton is expected to join President Bill Clinton in Littleton, Colo., before traveling to Santa Fe on Thursday.

She will stay in Santa Fe overnight Thursday before resuming the tour, which concludes at Mesa Verde National Park near Cortez, Colo.

Save America's Treasures is a public-private partnership between the White House Millennium Council and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. It is dedicated to the preservation of artifacts, buildings, parks and trails that are in need of preservation and restoration.

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Congressional Cemetery Gets Another Grant

Congressional Cemetery in Southeast Washington received a second preservation grant yesterday when first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton announced the recipients of the Interior Department's 1999 Save America's Treasures grants at the White House.

The cemetery received a \$1 million grant last week from Congress. The second grant is for \$52,550 and, like the first one, has to be matched with funds raised by the volunteer organization that manages the cemetery at 1801 E St. SE.

According to an Interior Department news release, others in the District receiving grants under Save America's Treasures include the Seward-Belmont House, \$200,000; the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Commission, \$54,726; and the Smithsonian Institution's project to restore the Star-Spangled Banner, \$3 million.

Grant assures anthem's future

\$3 million to preserve the anthem

■ **Preservation:** The Maryland Historical Society gets \$3 million to preserve the oldest known manuscript of the 'Star-Spangled Banner.'

By CARL SCHOETTLER
SUN STAFF

The oldest known version of "The Star-Spangled Banner" — a 175-year-old manuscript in Francis Scott Key's handwriting — will be preserved in a new state-of-the-art, space-age encasement thanks to a \$180,000 grant to the Maryland Historical Society from the White House "Save America's Treasures" program.

Hillary Rodham Clinton announced the MHS grant and 61 others for a total of \$30 million as she set out on a four-day tour of national treasures in the Southwest, including the cliff dwellings at Mesa Verde, Colo., and the Vail Ranch House of Sonotta, Ariz.

"A country that loses its history loses its collective memory," the first lady said. "We cannot allow that to happen."

The MHS grant, which the society will meet with matching funds, will also be used in the preservation of 56 of the 57 architectural drawings submitted in the competition to design the nation's Capitol and of watercolors by Benjamin Latrobe, showing the finished building and White House furniture from James Madison's presidency, 1809-1817.

"These documents convey

important stories of our country's legacy," said Dennis Fiori, the society's executive director. "We are thrilled that their significance is being recognized at both the federal and state levels. Preserving our state's and nation's heritage is critical to the mission of the Maryland Historical Society."

Fiori is a member of the White House Millennium Council, which recommended and encouraged the preservation of "America's Treasures."

"The Star-Spangled Banner," he has said, "is a metaphor for all the valuable, meaningful and irreplaceable documents in our care."

He's noted that unlike artifacts and structures, manuscripts cannot be repaired or enhanced.

"Once the ink has faded or the paper decayed, there is no way to bring it back, and a piece of history is gone forever."

Since 1954, Key's "Star-Spangled Banner" manuscript — 32 lines in ink brown with age on an ordinary letter page — has been sealed in a bronze and glass encasement filled with helium. An inert gas, helium replaces oxygen and therefore prevents oxidation of the ink.

The new encasement, developed with the National Archives, will be filled with argon, another, superior, inert gas, and incorporate new temperature, humidity and ultra-violet light controls.

Key scratched some notes for "The Star-Spangled Banner" on the back of an envelope at dawn on Sept. 14, 1814, when he saw the huge 15-star, 15- [See Banner, 8r]

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stripe wool flag appear out of the mists over Fort McHenry after a night of intense bombardment by the British fleet. He was aboard a truce ship off Sparrows Point.

A few days later he wrote out the full text of the future national anthem while staying at the Indian Queen Hotel at Baltimore and Hanover streets. That's the manuscript the society has.

A National Archives conservator who examined the manuscript declared it in "amazingly good shape."

"We're taking very, very good care of it," Fiori said.

The restoration and preservation of the 1814 flag that inspired Key — now at the Smithsonian Institution — is also on the "Save America's Treasures" grant list.

The society's 56 original drawings for the Capitol competition represent "America's first attempt to portray the republic architectural form." They include renderings by Thomas Jefferson, James Hoban, the architect of the White House, Stephen Hallett, a sophisticated French-trained architect, and one James Diamond, of Somerset County.

The 57th and winning drawing by Dr. William Thornton is in the Library of Congress. His design was considerably altered by Latrobe, who is credited with the Supreme Court and the House and Senate chambers. Latrobe later rebuilt portions of the Capitol badly burned by the British in the War of 1812.

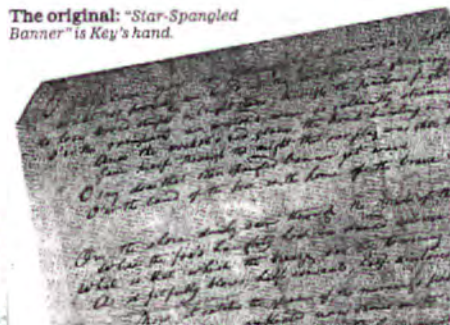
In Baltimore, Latrobe designed the Basilica of the Assumption, which has been called the most beautiful church building in North America.

His drawings of furniture designed for the Madison White House are the only known images of the building's original interior. The British also torched the White House during the War of 1812.

"One of our greatest early visionary artists," Fiori remarked.

The grant comes at a time when the historical society is in a period of expansion that will double its size in three years, providing far greater exhibition space for its 8.5-million-piece collection, including a new gallery for Key's "Star-Spangled Banner" manuscript and a new sculpture garden on Monument Street.

"The grant from 'Save America's Treasures' will allow us to display these national icons within our permanent exhibitions," Fiori said.



The original: "Star-Spangled Banner" is Key's hand.



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Atlanta visitors Natasha Bobb (left) and Rhonda Dunson photograph historic Ebenezer Baptist Church on Wednesday from across Auburn Avenue.

Ebenezer restoration ensured

By Jennifer Ffrench-Parker
STAFF WRITER

The money is now in the bank and the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church is about to undergo a major overhaul that will preserve it as part of Atlanta's civil rights legacy.

The U.S. Park Service, which operates the 86-year-old building that was home to the church that nurtured the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., received grants totaling \$1.2 million Wednesday to continue the building's restoration.

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton announced a \$620,398 grant from the federal government's Save America's Treasures Program. The Ebenezer restoration was one of 62 projects in 24 states that got grants totaling \$30 million. The National Parks Foundation, a nonprofit group that raises funds for park service projects, will match that grant.

Frank Catroppa, superintendent of the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site, said the money will cover all the work needed to preserve the building.

Planning for the restoration, which will take about a year, will begin by next week.

The work will be done over two years. It will preserve the interior and exterior of the building and its furnishings and artifacts, and replace the building's electrical, heating and air-conditioning systems.

"We should have a contractor on the site by April or May next year," Catroppa said.

Since assuming control of the building with a 99-year lease in March, the Park Service has spent \$153,000 to replace a leaky roof, Catroppa said. It is now well into a \$35,000 restoration of the bell tower, which is scheduled for completion by early June.

Catroppa said the church will close to tours during some of the work next year. "There will be no way to avoid it," he said.

Ebenezer's congregation vacated the 750-seat sanctuary for its new \$8 million Horizon Sanctuary across Auburn Avenue in March.

Founded in 1886, Ebenezer was the home church of the young King, whose father was pastor from 1931 to 1975. King was co-pastor with his father from 1960 to 1968. His funeral was held there after his 1968 assassination, and he is interred next door at the King Center.

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May 20, 1999

Mesa Verde gets \$1.5 million grant

By Megan Graham
Herald Staff Writer

Cliff dwellings at Mesa Verde National Park may last another 700 years thanks to a \$1.5 million federal grant to stabilize the structures.

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton announced the recipients of \$30 million in federal money Wednesday at the White House before heading off on her four-day "Save America's Treasures" tour of

the Southwest.

The grant money was proposed in President Clinton's 1999 budget to preserve the nation's most significant historic artifacts and sites. At Mesa Verde, the money, which must be matched by state, local or private sources, will be used to treat and preserve cliff dwellings.

Hillary Clinton will visit Mesa Verde on Saturday to give a 10 a.m. speech on the importance of preservation and will announce

some private funds devoted to the project, said Toby Graff, the first lady's deputy press secretary.

Beginning at 8:45 a.m., several local groups, including Ute Mountain Ute singers and dancers, Zuni and Navajo dancers and the Montezuma-Cortez High School band, will perform in the park's Far View parking lot.

There will be an open house Saturday for Clinton and her staff at 8 p.m. at the Abbey

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Grant: Mesa Verde park gets \$1.5 million

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Theater in Durango, but whether the first lady will show is still up in the air.

La Plata County Democratic Chairwoman Suzanne Garcia said staffers told her Clinton is scheduled to leave the area Saturday afternoon, but there is some flexibility in her schedule that may

allow her to stay.

At 8:30 p.m., the theater will show "Spirit of the Southwest," a multimedia show about cultural and environmental preservation in the Southwest.

The screening and open house are free and open to the first 150 people who call Garcia at 382-9257. Donations to the Abbey Theater

will be accepted at the door.

Tom Bartels, the show's producer, said he felt the production was an appropriate tie-in to Clinton's tour.

"I heard what she was doing and just happened to call the right people," he said.

"I knew it was a shoo-in for the kind of tour she's doing."

Durango Herald
May 20, 1999

Hillary to visit Mesa Verde on Saturday

By Betty Stevens
Herald Staff Writer

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will make her Mesa Verde appearance at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Far View Terrace parking lot, officials announced Wednesday.

Clinton's visit is part of the "Save America's Treasures" program, a private-public partnership to preserve the nation's most endangered historic sites and cultural artifacts. She visited the Grand Canyon on Wednesday in her role as honorary chairwoman of the program.

La Plata County Democratic Chairwoman Suzanne Garcia said an open house will be

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held Saturday night with the location yet to be determined. It is not known if Clinton will attend the gathering, but other White House VIPs will, Garcia said Wednesday.

Invitation lists sent out from the White House for Clinton's visit to Southwest Colorado did not account for distances in the West, making attendance impractical for many who were invited, so the local Democratic Party committee was told to revise the list, she said.

Persons interested in attending the Saturday night open house are encouraged to call Garcia, who said there are plenty of spaces available to those who will leave their names and telephone numbers. Garcia's number is 382-9257.

The public is also invited to attend Mesa Verde while Clinton is there, the National Park Service said. The park will charge no entrance fee Saturday.

Clinton will be joined by Robert Stanton, director of the National Park Service; and Richard Moe, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. She is expected to announce new support for the park through the program.

The security lead team is already in Durango, Garcia said.

For further information on Clinton's Mesa Verde visit, call the park at (970) 529-4611.

Durango Herald
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First lady starts treasures tour at Grand Canyon

By Michelle Rushlo
Associated Press Writer

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK, Ariz. — Hillary Rodham Clinton inaugurated a new trail system at the Grand Canyon on Wednesday, kicking off a tour of the Southwest to highlight national treasures.

"The Grand Canyon is a place that deserves our attention, our resources and our stewardship," said Clinton, standing beneath blue skies with a panoramic view of the canyon as a backdrop.

The Clinton administration contributed \$195,000 to help begin construction on the Grand Canyon Greenway project. The project will eventually create a 73-mile system of trails for hiking, bicycles, horses and wheelchairs.

The first seven miles will be built from the community of Tusayan, south of the park's entrance, to the Canyon View Information Plaza on the South Rim.

The entire trail system will cost

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about \$46 million and is designed to tie into the light rail and alternative fuel shuttle system that will eventually keep most cars out of Grand Canyon National Park.

The project is being funded by a combination of government grants and private donations.

In recent years, the park, which sees about 5 million visitors a year, has been plagued by too many cars, not enough parking spaces and air and noise pollution.

Peter Axelson, a member of the greenway design team, recalled visiting the canyon and being brought to tears by its wonder — only to have a honking tourist bus disrupt the experience.

"It's a very special place and

everyone deserves the chance to reflect," Axelson told a crowd of about 1,000.

Park Superintendent Robert Arnberger said the mass transit and trail system should curb some of those problems.

"This transportation redesign will separate the park experience from the parking experience," he said. "This system of paths and trails is the essential portion of the new system."

Clinton, making her first trip to the canyon in 25 years, said the trail system would enable visitors to escape the noise and commotion often associated with trips to the park.

"All of us are making sure this great site will be available for our children and our children's chil-

dren," she said.

The Clinton administration contribution to the greenway project was part of a group of Millennium Trails grants awarded to projects around the nation.

Millennium Trails was established to encourage the creation of trails in communities throughout the country.

Clinton pointed to the greenway project as a prime example of what could be done to encourage Americans to preserve local treasures.

Following her visit to the Grand Canyon, Clinton planned to go to the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff. In the next several days, she will be visiting New Mexico and Montezuma National Park as part of her "Saving America's Treasures" tour.

Mrs. Clinton to speak at Mesa Verde

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will visit Mesa Verde National Park on May 22 to announce support for the park through the "Save America's Treasures" program, a private-public partnership to preserve the nation's most endangered historic sites and cultural artifacts.

The program is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, May 22, at the Far View Terrace parking lot. Slated to join Mrs. Clinton are National Park Service Director Robert Stanton and Richard Moe, president for the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The public is invited to attend. The park will remain open to visitors during Mrs. Clinton's visit, and no entrance fee will be charged on Saturday.

The First Lady's visit to Mesa Verde is one of several stops this month on a "Southwest Tour of America's Treasures," which also includes stops at Grand Canyon National Park and Acoma Pueblo.

The Save America's Treasures program is a partnership between the White House Millennium Council and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The program is a national effort to protect America's threatened cultural treasures, including significant documents, works of art, maps, journals and historic structures that illuminate the history and culture of the United States.

The National Trust for His-

toric Preservation has formed a Millennium Committee to Save America's Treasures, composed of individuals, foundations and corporations. The First Lady serves as honorary chairperson for the program, which is co-chaired by Susan Eisenhower, granddaughter of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, and by Richard Moe.

Through the Save America's Treasures program, funds have been appropriated for the restoration of the Star Spangled Banner, the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. More than \$30 million has been contributed by private donors for these and other projects.

For further information about Saturday's events, call Mesa Verde at 529-4611.

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BODY:

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK -- Hillary Rodham Clinton inaugurated a new trail system at the Grand Canyon yesterday, kicking off a tour of the Southwest to highlight national treasures.

The Clinton administration contributed \$196,000 to help begin construction on the Grand Canyon Greenway project. The project will eventually create a 73-mile system of trails for hiking, bicycles, horses and wheelchairs.

The first seven miles will be built from the community of Tusayan, south of the park's entrance, to the Canyon View Information Plaza on the South Rim.

The entire trail system will cost about \$46 million and is designed to tie into the light rail and a shuttle system that will eventually keep most cars out of Grand Canyon National Park.

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HEADLINE: Wharton, Longfellow residences win federal preservation funds

BYLINE: By Joe Heaney

BODY:

The historic Lenox home of famed American author Edith Wharton got a \$ 2,865,000 spruce-up kiss from Uncle Sam yesterday as part of a Save America's Treasures program that includes four other Massachusetts sites.

Besides The Mount in Lenox where Wharton wrote some of her classic novels on New York society during the 1800s and early 1900s, the \$ 3.4 million federal funding total was divided among:

The Lincoln home of famous architect Walter Gropius, \$ 64,349;

The Cambridge residence of legendary poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, \$ 300,000;

The Chesterwood home of renowned architect David Chester French, \$ 119,849.

The Massachusetts Historical Society will also receive \$ 55,624 to protect the Coolidge Collection of papers by President Jefferson.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy said the Save America's Treasures program, sponsored by the White House Millennium Council, is designed to allow restoration and cultural preservation of historic homes and documents.

"Long after the fireworks have faded in celebration of the millennium, these achievements (restorations and preservations), will carry the values of America to new generations and new frontiers of mind and spirit," said Kennedy. Kennedy announced the restoration projects jointly at a White House press conference with first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, who visited many of the sites earlier this year.

Edith Newbold Jones Wharton, daughter of a prominent New York City family, is among many successful writers, including fellow New Yorker Herman Melville to make Massachusetts home.

Wharton's "The Age of Innocence" won the 1921 Pulitzer Prize for fiction. The novel challenged aristocratic New Yorkers of the 1870s. She also wrote "Ethan Frome," "The House of Mirth" and "Old New York," along with about 85 short stories and an autobiography, "A Backward Glance."

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After becoming a best-selling novelist, Wharton supported herself and her husband, Edward Wharton, who she married in 1885.

They divorced in 1913 and Wharton moved to France.

Longfellow's Cambridge mansion was his home from 1843 until his death in 1882.

Once called the Craigie House, Longfellow became a boarder at the stately dwelling when he began teaching at Harvard in 1837 and became famous for writing "Paul Revere's Ride," "The Village Blacksmith," "Songs of Hiawatha," and "Tales of the Wayside Inn."

Built in 1759, the house was a wedding present from Longfellow's father-in-law when he married Frances (Fanny) Appleton in 1842.

During the Revolutionary War the house was the headquarters of General George Washington.

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HEADLINE: Fallingwater, other sites share \$ 30 million

BYLINE: By ANICK JESDANUN, Associated Press Writer

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY:

A \$ 7 million restoration plan for Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater retreat in Pennsylvania has received a funding boost from the federal government.

Hillary Rodham Clinton announced Wednesday that Fallingwater will be one of 62 national treasures sharing \$ 30 million in preservation grants. Fallingwater will get \$ 900,000.

"A grant of nearly a million dollars is a real leadership grant and a boost," said Lynda Waggoner, the site's director. "It will raise the profile of the project."

Fallingwater is one of Wright's most famous designs and was built among woods and waterfalls in 1936 as a weekend retreat for the family of department store magnate Edgar Kaufmann.

"We see Fallingwater as perhaps the best example of man living in harmony with nature," Ms. Waggoner said.

But the home is sagging. The preservation grant will help fix Fallingwater so that it can "continue to inspire generations to come," she said.

Other Pennsylvania sites getting grants are the Gettysburg National Military Park, the Letter Box in Milford and the Lewis and Clark Herbarium in Philadelphia.

In making the announcement, Mrs. Clinton warned of risks to the nation's collective memory if historic and culturally significant sites and artifacts continue to deteriorate.

The federal grants will require a match from state, local or private sources. Mrs. Clinton said private leaders already have raised more than \$ 30 million.

President Clinton has requested \$ 30 million in fiscal 2000 for additional grants.

Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., whose district includes Fallingwater, promised to use his seat on the House Appropriations Committee to get more money.

In other grants announced:

-Gettysburg and national sites in Virginia and Massachusetts will share \$ 977,000 to conserve collections of 18th and 19th century art, documents and other artifacts. The National Park Service said the Gettysburg work will "address the adverse effects of inadequate storage space, humidity, dust and insects."

-The Letter Box at the Grey Towers National Historic Landmark will get \$ 116,000 for a new roof, interior restoration and conservation of selected collections. The building served as the office and archives of former Gov. Gifford Pinchot.

-Lewis and Clark Herbarium, a collection of plant specimens collected by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark during their 1803-06 western expedition, will get \$ 149,000 for conservation and storage.

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A sampling of editorial opinion from New Mexico Newspapers:

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The Santa Fe New Mexican, on saving America's treasures:

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 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 millennium by pointing out and preserving symbols of America's greatness in the one about to pass.

From the presidential Millennial 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. A midday stop will be in 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 Senora de la Luz in Lamy, San Agustin 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, Mrs. Clinton plans to 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 a drive 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. ...

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HEADLINE: First lady sees stars where Pluto was found

DATELINE: FLAGSTAFF, Ariz.

BODY:

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton met with a group of local high school students late Wednesday and gazed at the stars through a telescope at Lowell Observatory.

The observatory where Pluto was discovered in 1930 was the second stop in northern Arizona for Mrs. Clinton, who earlier in the day visited the Grand Canyon.

Lowell Observatory was built in 1894, and Mrs. Clinton wanted to highlight its historical and cultural significance.

She said Lowell is an example of using the past to better understand the present and the future.

"You can see the past all around you," she said. "Yet, it's not something that sits here with no use."

Mrs. Clinton was touring sites in Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado in a four-day trip designed to encourage preservation of American landmarks and institutions.

By visiting the various sites, Mrs. Clinton said she hopes to draw the public's attention to them and to convince public and private entities to invest in their preservation.

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HEADLINE: Mrs. Clinton announces \$ 30 million in preservation funds

BYLINE: By ANICK JESDANUN, Associated Press Writer

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY:

Silent films, labs used in the Manhattan Project and remnants of the Apollo space program are among the national treasures that will be preserved through \$ 30 million in federal grants announced Wednesday.

Hillary Rodham Clinton warned of risks to the nation's collective memory if historic and culturally significant sites and artifacts continue to deteriorate.

Those treasures, she said, represent "the creativity and ingenuity that have always fueled progress in America."

The 62 sites and artifacts receiving grants are in 24 states, the District of Columbia and the Midway Islands. The selections were based on recommendations by a panel of five preservation experts.

"They sketch a breathtaking portrait of America's diverse culture and rich history," Mrs. Clinton said at a briefing in the White House East Room. "A country that loses its history loses its collective memory. We cannot allow that to happen."

The National Film Preservation Foundation in San Francisco will get \$ 1 million to save silent films, which Mrs. Clinton referred to as the "precursors to the latest 'Star Wars' prequel."

Other "Save America's Treasures" grants include:

-\$ 700,000 to restore buildings related to the Manhattan Project, the secret research that unleashed the atomic bomb during World War II. The complex at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico will be open to the public for the first time.

-\$ 1.4 million to conserve more than 2,500 Apollo-era artifacts collected by the National Air and Space Museum.

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- \$ 1.1 million to complete restoration of the Washington Monument, which needs more work than initially believed.

- \$ 3 million to restore the flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write "The Star-Spangled Banner."

- \$ 620,000 to restore Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, where the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. once preached.

- \$ 1.5 million to conserve 13th-century cliff dwellings at what is now the Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado.

Grants range in amount from \$ 50,000 to \$ 3 million and will also be used to preserve art collections, Indian heritage, historic documents and exemplary architecture.

Mrs. Clinton is to visit Mesa Verde on Saturday as part of a four-day tour of national treasures in the Southwest. The grant announcement was the kickoff for the tour.

The federal grants will require a match from state, local or private sources. Mrs. Clinton said private leaders already have raised more than \$ 30 million.

President Clinton has requested \$ 30 million in fiscal 2000 for additional grants.

Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., whose district will receive \$ 900,000 to preserve Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater retreat, promised to use his seat on the House Appropriations Committee to get more money. At the briefing, he also alluded to speculation about whether Mrs. Clinton will run for the Senate seat in New York.

"I'm a great admirer of Senator Clinton, um, first lady Clinton," Murtha said to laughter.

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HEADLINE: First lady to stump for city's weathered art

BYLINE: Lisa Bornstein TRIBUNE A & E EDITOR

BODY:

When Hillary Rodham Clinton visits Albuquerque on Friday, Jane Sprague will proudly show off the cracks, chips and fading in a Downtown sculpture.

Luis Jimenez's "Southwest Pieta" weathered the controversy that arose when it was installed outdoors in 1987. The intensely hued, monumental fiberglass sculpture depicts an Indian man cradling his dead love. It was based on an Aztec legend of a man who returns from battle to find his love has died because she thought he was dead.

Some thought it represented the rape of an Indian woman by Spanish conquistadors. The anger faded, but the climate continues to pummel the sculpture.

"It's suffering deterioration from the brilliant sunshine and what's called the freeze/thaw cycle. Those two things crack and erode the surface," Sprague said.

As the coordinator of the city's public-art program, Sprague oversees less glamorous aspects such as restoration, conservation and preservation. Currently, a portion of the city's 1 Percent for Art program about \$25,000 is set aside for care of the artwork. Jimenez's sculpture, just south of Longfellow Elementary School in Downtown, is expected to require \$4,000 worth of work.

"In fact, that's quite inexpensive," Sprague said, although the sculpture will require preventive care in the future.

While the first lady is visiting a sculpture that is already slotted for salvation, Sprague sees the bigger picture at work. Clinton's visit is part of a campaign to encourage preservation of the nation's landmarks and institutions.

The first lady will be spreading the word of Save America's Treasures a public-private partnership between the White House Millennium Council and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

According to Mayor Jim Baca's office, Rodham Clinton will attend a program at Longfellow, 400 Edith Blvd. N.E., around 5 p.m. Friday. The event is free, and open to the public. In addition to Albuquerque, the first lady is also scheduled to visit Santa Fe this morning and Acoma Pueblo in the afternoon.

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Albuquerque's public-art program has already been working with another group, Save Outdoor Sculpture. There are no city employees with jobs devoted to care for outdoor sculpture, but there is constant work being done on the city's 300 outdoor works of art.

"Every month, if nothing else, we clean graffiti when it shows up, we re-patina bronze," Sprague said.

And a single visit by the first lady can do more than dozens of impassioned local supporters.

"We think it's very admirable that she's acknowledging the importance of community cultural icons and preserving the heritage of many diverse people across the country," Sprague said.

"It points out the need as an advocacy issue with local politicians and with local citizens of maintaining in good order the public-art collection."

FIRST LADY'S VISIT TO ALBUQUERQUE

Time

Friday, 5 p.m.

Location

Longfellow Elementary School, Southwest Pieta, 400 Edith Blvd. N.E.

Park and Ride Information

Parking at the site is extremely limited. Shuttles are being offered for those wishing to see the event.

Park at the University of New Mexico "G" parking lot on University Boulevard north of Lomas. Shuttle buses run every 5-7 minutes beginning at 3 p.m.

Passengers will disembark on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard by Longfellow Elementary and will have a short walk to the attendance area.

Return trips will be made until 7 p.m.

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New Mexico's extreme weather has helped contribute to the chips, cracks and fading suffered by "Southwest Pieta" a Downtown sculpture by artist Luis Jimenez. First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton is expected to talk about preserving important art and architecture when she visits Albuquerque on Friday.

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Connecting the Canyon

1st lady's visit launches series of park trails

By Chris Moeser and Steve Yozwiak
The Arizona Republic

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK — With the Grand Canyon as a backdrop, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton on Wednesday launched a 73-mile network of trails designed to help end drive-by visits to Arizona's premier natural wonder.

Clinton said the Grand Canyon Greenway will "reconnect us to our own country," so that visitors will know "what it looks like, what it smells like."

She visited the Canyon's south rim as part of her "Save America's Treasures" tour, which this week included a four-day swing through the Southwest, with stops at Flagstaff's Lowell Observatory, Bandelier National Monument in New Mexico and Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado.

The tour is designed to help preserve

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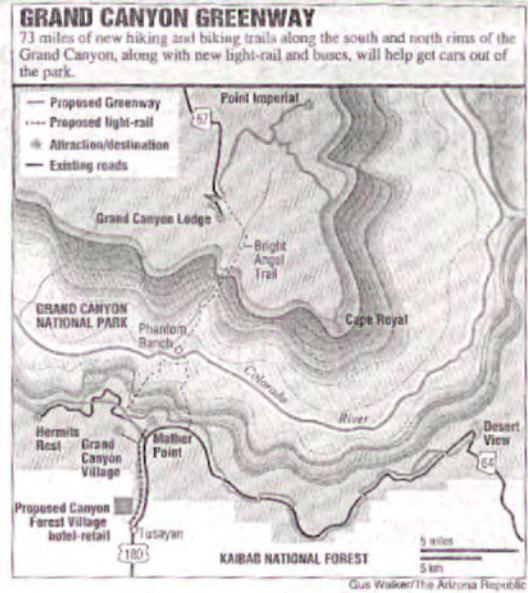
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Hillary Rodham Clinton and Grand Canyon Superintendent Rob Amberger (above) speak with a hiker about a series of trails for the park. Clinton visited the park Wednesday, and Hopi Tribe Chairman Wayne Taylor Jr. (right) gave her a kachina doll.





First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, speaking to a group at the south rim of the Grand Canyon on Wednesday, announced 62 grants for historic preservation.



Canyon to get 73 miles of hiking, biking trails

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important cultural and historic sites. Clinton is also promoting her Millennium Trails, a program to link communities with trails for hikers, bikers, wheelchairs and people on horseback.

"The Grand Canyon is a place that deserves our attention, our resources, our stewardship," Clinton said on the lawn of the historic El Tovar Lodge.

"We imagine a network of miles of trails connecting every community in America."

The first lady cited efforts to preserve the nation's "underground railroad," the South-to-North route of escaped slaves; urban trails in Baltimore and New York City; and a trail on the banks of the Hudson River.

Also Wednesday, Clinton announced 62 grants totalling \$30 million for historic preservation, including money for: the Hopanki prehistoric cliff dwelling near Sedona, Mission San Jose near Tumaacori, Theodore Roosevelt School at Fort Apache, and the Vail Ranch House in Sonoma.

"If we lose our history, we lose our collective memory and we endanger our future," Clinton said.

She was joined at the ceremony by Grand Canyon Superintendent Rob Aramberger, who helped develop the Greenway project. He said the trail system would help visitors better enjoy the sights of the Canyon, allowing them to smell pine trees instead of car exhaust.

"This will separate the park experience from the parking experience," Aramberger said.

Peter Axelsson, a trail designer who uses a wheelchair since a rock-climbing accident, said the new trails will help enable him to experience the beauty of the Canyon.

"The Grand Canyon was always a place that I was a little afraid to come to. This Greenway is going to provide a way for Americans of all abilities to experience the 'grand' in Grand Canyon," Axelsson said.

Construction of the \$46 million trails project, which is expected to begin this fall, was funded through state, federal and private grants.

Combined with planned light-rail and electric-bus mass transportation, the new trails will help eliminate cars from the park.

Cars in recent years have caused congestion, pollution and noise along the Canyon's scenic overlooks, which park officials and visitors say degrades the experience of visiting the park.

The trails would include bike racks, shelters, toilets, bridges and tunnels that would minimize environmental damage and the need for any road crossings.

The trails are planned to start at the Canyon View Information Plaza, currently under construction at Mather Point, which would be one of two light-rail transportation stations inside the park. The other light-rail station would be at the Maswik transportation center at Grand Canyon Village. Both would receive visitors who would board outside the park at a light-rail station in Tuzigoot.

The trails would run parallel to the light-rail system between Mather Point and Tuzigoot. They also would run along the south rim of the Canyon: west from Mather Point to Hermit's Rest and east from

Mather Point to Desert View. Trails are also planned on the north rim, connecting Grand Canyon Lodge, Point Imperial and Cape Royal.

Clinton's visit comes within weeks of an expected decision by the U.S. Forest Service on a massive land trade just outside the park's main entrance near Tuzigoot.

To accommodate anticipated growth in tourism, a Scottsdale firm, Canyon Forest Village, wants to build thousands of hotel rooms, restaurants and retail outlets. Along with a new natural history museum and land for local housing, schools and other community facilities, the project would possibly connect to the planned light-rail system.

That plan, however, is contingent on the Kaibab National Forest trading nearly a square mile of land to Canyon Forest Village. In exchange, Canyon Forest Village would give nearly three square miles of private land — former homesteads scattered throughout the forest — to the federal government.

Canyon Forest Village would include 1,270 hotel rooms and 270,000 square feet of retail space. It has been endorsed by several environmental groups because water for the project will be shipped by rail and pipeline from the Colorado River near the Arizona-California border. It would have no effect on springs inside the Canyon.

The Forest Service also is considering a plan that would not require a land trade. That plan is proposed by a coalition of Tuzigoot businesses.

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BYLINE: By DEBORAH BAKER, Associated Press Writer

DATELINE: SANTA FE, N.M.

BODY:

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The second hide portrays a 1720 ambush of an expedition led by New Mexico's lieutenant governor that was looking for French intruders into the Spanish empire. Pawnee and Oto Indians and Frenchmen attacked the camp of Spanish soldiers and their Pueblo Indian allies in what is now eastern Nebraska.

In both cases, the Spanish expeditions originated at the Palace of the Governors, which was completed in 1610. One of Santa Fe's best-known landmarks, the structure on the downtown Plaza is considered the oldest continuously

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Grant will rescue Hull House history

White House steps in to save fragile photos

By Megan O'Meara
Tribune Staff Writer

Smudged by schoolchildren, thumbed by researchers and faded by age, some 5,000 black and white photographs of Jane Addams and the people of Hull House are in danger of disappearing—jeopardizing a precious record of one of Chicago's most important figures and places.

Fearing for the pebbled, cracked and faded images, librarians at the University of Illinois at Chicago, where the collection is housed, have been forced to limit most public access to blurry photocopies.

"The more we handle them, the more we damage them," said Mary Ann Hamberger, assistant special collections librarian.

But on Wednesday, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton announced that the preservation of the Jane Addams/Hull House photograph collection will be one of 15 projects funded by the White House Millennium Coun-

cil under its Save America's Treasures program.

Also, the University of Chicago Library will receive \$125,000 to restore and preserve 120,000 pages of original manuscripts, letters and files of Poetry: A Magazine of Verse, a major journal founded in 1912.

At the UIC, librarians in the special collections department were thrilled Thursday that the government would fund \$62,876 of the \$125,753 cost to preserve the Hull House photos.

"We have been on pins and needles all week," said Nancy John, assistant university librarian.

Fascinating and moving, the collection, which also includes 33 Hull House "yearbooks," spans more than 100 years, from Addams' days as a young girl to her time as the matron of social reform.

About 80 percent of the library's 1,166 requests to examine photographs last year



University of Illinois at Chicago, Jane Addams Memorial Collection
This picture of Jane Addams reading to children is one of the treasures in the Hull House collection. Preservation of thousands of photos will be funded by the White House.

were for access to the Hull House collection, librarians said.

As the founder of Chicago's first settlement house, Addams launched a litany of groundbreaking educational and cultural programs for the poor.

The pictures, many taken by noted photographer Wallace Kirkland, tell it all.

Categorized by topic, they show apprehensive-looking women waiting with youngsters on their laps, a doctor's scale

nearby. They show bare-chested boys in team photographs and rows of children being fed.

With the White House grant, the university's photographic laboratory will produce a master negative, a negative for use by the public, and a print for each of the 5,000 photographs and for 1,500 additional negatives in the collection.

"Some of them eventually would be lost, if they weren't preserved," John said.

'Help Us Heal,' Clinton Urges Columbine

By TOM KENWORTH
Washington Post Staff Writer

LITTLETON, Colo., May 20—Visiting this traumatized community one month after two young gunmen stormed Columbine High School and killed 12 classmates, a teacher and themselves—and only a few hours after another shooting incident at a Georgia high school—President Clinton today told Columbine students they have an unparalleled opportunity to help steer their country away from violence.

"You have to help us heal," Clinton said during an emotional meeting at Dakota Ridge High School. "You can give us a culture of values instead of a culture of violence."

Appearing with first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton before 1,900 students, faculty and community leaders—many of them wearing T-shirts emblazoned with the school slogan "We Are Columbine"—the president said the April 20 shootings at the suburban Denver high school have had a profound impact on the nation, one that has far surpassed earlier shootings at schools in Arkansas, Kentucky and Oregon.

"What happened to you has pierced the soul of America," Clinton said. "And it gives you a chance to be heard in a way no one else can be. . . . You have a unique chance to make sure the children of Columbine are never forgotten."

"You can help us build a better future for all of our children, a future where hatred and distrust no longer distort the mind or harden the heart, a future where what we have in common is more important than what divides us," Clinton said. "Because of what you have endured, you can help

us build that kind of future, as virtually no one else can. You can reach across all the political and religious and racial and cultural lines that divide us."

This morning's shooting at Heritage High School in Conyers, Ga., was a cruel reminder of

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— President Clinton,
to Columbine High School students

what happened here on a promising spring day last month.

Before leaving for Colorado, Clinton said today's shooting, which injured six students, "should underscore how profoundly important it is that all Americans come together in the face of these events to protect all of our children from violence."

The violence in Georgia came also on a day when the Senate, with Vice President Gore providing the tie-breaking vote, approved legislation tightening the sale of guns at gun shows and pawnshops. "I applaud the Senate for today's historic vote to close the gun show loophole, and keep guns out of the hands of criminals and children," the president said in a statement released this afternoon.

Before he and the first lady addressed Columbine students this afternoon, the Clintons met at Light of the World Catholic Church with families of those killed in last month's shooting. Accompanied by Columbine Principal Frank DeAngelis, pastor Jerry Rolz and school board president John DeStefano, the president and his wife shuffled among 14 tables, talking to each family in turn.

"There was some laughter, some sadness," said White House press secretary Joe Lockhart.

Two of the six shooting victims who remain hospitalized, Patrick Ireland and Sean Graves, were able to attend the president's speech at Dakota Ridge High School. Ireland, the Columbine student whose dramatic escape from a library window was captured on national television, is undergoing rehabilitation at Craig Hospital. The president spoke by phone to five of the wounded on Wednesday night, and he met with the family of injured student Richard Costello at the church this afternoon.

The Columbine shootings, Clinton said, have affected the nation so deeply in part because "when America looks at Jefferson County, many of us see a community not unlike our own."

"We know if it can happen here, it can happen anywhere," he said.

Praising Columbine students for pushing ahead with their lives, Clinton promised that "America will be cheering you on" during commencement exercises on Saturday. "You have to help us here," Clinton said. "Take care of yourself and your families first, take care of your school next, but remember you can help America heal, and in so doing, you will speed the process of healing for yourselves."



President Clinton hugs Ellen Pena as she, husband Federico, left, a former Cabinet officer, and daughters Nelia and Cristina welcome him to Denver.

THE PRESIDENT

Killings in Littleton Pierced Soul of the Nation, Clinton Says

By KATHARINE Q. SEELYE

LITTLETON, Colo., May 20 — Against the grim backdrop of yet another school shooting, this one in Georgia, President Clinton told this grief-racked but determined Rocky Mountain town today that the massacre here had "pierced the soul of America."

Mr. Clinton said that was partly because of the number of dead, 15, and partly because suburban Littleton was like so many other places in America.

Because the shootings at Columbine High School here caught the attention of the world, the President said, the community now has a chance to teach everyone about overcoming hatreds, distrust and the urge for vengeance.

"Your tragedy, though it is unique in its magnitude, is, as you so well know, not an isolated event," Mr. Clinton told an audience of nearly 2,000 people, mostly students, packed into a high school gymnasium about a 15-minute drive from Columbine High.

"We know somehow that what happened to you has pierced the soul of America," he said, "and it gives

you a chance to be heard in a way no one else can be heard, by the President and by ordinary people in every community in this country. You can help us to build a better future for all our children."

The President also made a pointed reference to the arsenal amassed by the two teen-age killers here, saying that access to such weapons "can break the dam of decency and humanity in the most vulnerable children."

At several points in the program, at which Hillary Rodham Clinton, the First Lady, also spoke, the audience responded with cheers and foot-stomping, giving the event the incongruous feel of a pep rally. The Clintons seemed surprised by the reaction, but they quickly interpreted the cheers as a determination of spirit, which they both lauded.

The President and First Lady spoke after meeting privately for 90 minutes with the families of all but one of the 13 people killed by the two young gunmen on April 20. The parents of John Tomlin did not attend. Not included were the families of Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, the boys who killed their classmates and

a teacher and then themselves.

Michael Shoels, whose son Isaiah, 18, was one of those killed, said afterward that he had given the President a two-page letter that Mr. Clinton promised he would read. Mr. Shoels said: "Such a tragedy as this, we should use it as a tool to make change. I cry before I go to sleep, and in the morning I still feel the tears. But I have to stay strong as a human being."

In the role of national healer, which Mr. Clinton said he had assumed all too often in his six years as President, he also extended compassion to the killers, saying their struggle with demons echoed a universal one.

"These dark forces that take over people and make them murder are the extreme manifestation of fear and rage with which every human has to do combat," he said. "The older you get, the more you'll know that a great deal of life is the struggle against every person's own smallness and fear and anger and a continuing effort not to blame other people for our own shortcomings or our fears."

On Wednesday night, Mr. Clinton

placed phone calls to five of the students who are still hospitalized with injuries from the shootings. In a surprise for the audience here, two of those students — Sean Graves and Patrick Ireland — attended the President's speech, whisked to the school by ambulance. Their introduction from the stage brought a thunderous show of support. Patrick was the student who had been captured on film crashing through a window in the school to escape the gunmen.

Acknowledging the periodic cheers, Mrs. Clinton, who spoke before her husband, told the audience, "We have suffered and wept and prayed and hoped and, yes, cheered, as lives have been mourned, as those who are injured have healed."

Noting that the Columbine seniors would be graduating on Saturday, Mr. Clinton said he knew the commencement would be bittersweet.

"Even your archrivals at Chalfield will be cheering you on," he told them. "When you hear those people cheer for you, I want you to hear the voice of America, because America will be cheering you on. And remember that a commencement is not an end, it is a beginning."

'America will be cheering you on'

By Bob Deans
WASHINGTON BUREAU

Littleton, Colo. — Hours after the nation's latest school shootings rocked suburban Atlanta on Thursday, President Clinton called on Columbine High students to honor the victims of last month's killings by working to change the "culture of violence" that spawned both tragedies.

He made a plea for understanding in his speech to 2,000 Columbine students, faculty members and relatives.

"These dark forces that take over people, and make them murder, are the extreme manifestation of fear and rage with which every human being has to do combat," he said.

Clinton journeyed to Littleton on a long-planned visit to address the nation one month to the day after two Columbine students opened fire on their classmates, killing 12 students and a teacher and wounding 23 others before taking their own lives.

Clinton's address took on added poignancy following the Thursday morning shootings at Heritage High School in Rockdale County. That incident left six students wounded.

"Thankfully, no one was killed," first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton said of Thursday's shootings, "but it should never have happened."

Speaking in the White House Rose Garden before leaving for Colorado, Clinton said the Rockdale County shooting "is deeply troubling to me, as it is to all Americans" and urged that loopholes in gun control laws be

closed.

Arriving in this Denver suburb on a gray day marked by a brief hailstorm, the president and first lady visited with families of the Columbine victims.

Seated around tables set up in the sanctuary of the Light of the World Catholic Church, the families shared their stories and passed around home-made scrapbooks memorializing their lost loved ones.

If the mood in that closed-door session was intimate and somber, there was a strikingly different atmosphere moments later, when Clinton walked onto the dais at a jammed gymnasium at the Dakota Ridge High School, just three miles from Columbine.

"We are Columbine," the students chanted. Clinton hailed the boisterous show of spirit as a sign of the powerful renewal sweeping this wounded community.

Clinton urged the students to harness that spirit to the goal of helping to build an American society less tolerant of violence and more forgiving of each other.

"Give us a culture of values instead of a culture of violence," Clinton said.

"Somehow what happened to you has pierced the soul of America, and it gives you a chance to be heard in a way no one else can be heard," said Clinton.

"Help us to build a better future for all our children," he said. "A future where society guards our children better against violent influences and weapons that can break the dam of



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President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton leave the Light of the World Catholic Church in Littleton, Colo., on Thursday after meeting with family members of Columbine High School shooting victims.

decency and humanity in the most vulnerable children."

In a particularly dramatic moment, cheers rang out when Clinton introduced two Columbine students — Sean Graves and Patrick Ireland — who emerged from the hospital where they have been recovering from wounds received in the shootings to attend Thursday's event.

Clinton urged the students to remember during their commencement ceremonies Saturday that theirs is a special class. "It will be bitter-sweet," Clinton said.

But he urged them to listen for the support of their nation.

"Hear the voice of America," Clinton said, "because America will be cheering you on."

The Atlanta Constitution

'There Has to Be Healing,' Clinton Tells Littleton Crowd

■ **Massacre:** President and first lady visit Colorado community shattered by high school shootings. 'I am proud of all of you,' he says.

By EDWIN CHEN
TIMES STAFF WRITER

LITTLETON, Colo.—President Clinton sought to console and inspire this grief-stricken community Thursday, exactly one month after a pair of Columbine High School students shot to death 12 classmates and a teacher.

"You're all left with searing memories and scars and unanswered questions. There has to

be healing; there have to be answers. And for those things that will not heal or cannot be answered, you have to learn to go on with your lives," the president said two days before the school's commencement ceremonies.

Nearly 2,000 people filled the gymnasium of Dakota Ridge High School to hear the president and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, who were preceded to the podium by Heather Dinkel, Columbine's student body president; Frank DeAngelis, Columbine's principal; and Jane Hammond, superintendent of Jefferson County schools. Columbine High has been closed since the shootings.

Before he began his address,

he asked Columbine's students to give their school cheer, and they responded with great emotion, repeating the refrain: "We are . . . Columbine."

"Something profound has happened to our country because of this. . . . I'm not even sure I can explain it to you," Clinton said, adding that the way the community pulled together after the tragedy—which left 15 people dead, including the two gunmen—resonated across the nation.

"All America has looked and listened with shared grief and enormous affection and admiration for you," Clinton said. "I am proud of all of you."

The president told Colum-
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bine's students that the massacre has "pierced the soul of America, and it gives you a chance to be heard in a way no one else can be heard. . . . You can help America heal. . . . We love you and we need you."

Mrs. Clinton told the gathering: "What happened here at Columbine has so deeply affected the rest of our country that we are all Columbine. We have suffered and wept and prayed and hoped and yet cheered, as lives have been mourned, as those who are injured have healed, as parents and citizens have come together to ask, 'Where do we go from here?'"

Before their joint public appearance, the Clintons met in private with about 75 family members of those slain. The session was at Light of the World Catholic Church, about three miles from Columbine High and the site where counselors worked with survivors after the shooting.

The families were arrayed at 14 tables in the church sanctuary, and the Clintons moved quietly from table to table.

"There was some laughter, some sadness," said White House spokesman Joe Lockhart.

He described the meeting as "a more personal session rather than a sort of policy session" and said that the president wanted to "articulate how the country shares the grief of the Littleton students and the Littleton community."

From the White House on Wednesday night, Clinton telephoned the five shooting victims who are still in hospitals. Two of them, Sean Graves and Patrick Ireland, made special arrangements and were able to attend Thursday's gathering. Ireland is the student whose image was widely broadcast during the rampage as he broke through a window at Colum-



President Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton leave the Light of the World Catholic Church in Littleton, Colo., after meeting with family members of the shooting victims.

bine and fell to safety into the arms of two SWAT team members.

Before leaving for Colorado Thursday, Clinton spoke briefly in the White House Rose Garden, urging Congress to tighten gun controls and asking all Americans to "come together in the face of these events to protect our children from violence."

Clinton said that the latest school shooting, in which six students were injured Thursday

when a classmate opened fire in suburban Atlanta, is "deeply troubling to me, as it is to all Americans. . . . This incident, again, should underscore how profoundly important it is that all Americans come together in the face of these events to protect our children from violence."

Vickie Abel, 15, a freshman at Columbine, said that the Clintons' visit "really meant a lot to us. It's going to make us stronger."

Clintons visit with Littleton families

Victims' relatives
praised for faith
in massacre's wake

By Valerie Richardson
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

LITTLETON, Colo. — Exactly a month after the deadly Columbine High School shooting, President Clinton arrived here to comfort the survivors, console the families and laud the community for turning unspeakable tragedy into a triumph of faith.

At a rally at nearby Dakota Ridge High School, Mr. Clinton challenged Columbine students, staff and community leaders to use their status as victims of the worst school shooting in U.S. history to "give us a culture of values instead of a culture of violence."

"We know somehow that what happened to you has pierced the soul of America. And it gives you a chance to be heard in a way as no one else can be heard, by the president and by ordinary people in every community in this country," Mr. Clinton told about 2,000 people at the high school auditorium.

Earlier in the afternoon, the Mr. Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton met with families of all but one of the shooting victims at Light of the World Roman Catholic Church. No explanation was given for the absence of the Tomlin family, whose son, John, was among those killed by two teen-age gunmen in the April 20 massacre.

Seniors Eric Harris, 18, and Dylan Klebold, 17, committed suicide after killing 12 students and one teacher and injuring 23. The magnitude of the tragedy prompted a national outcry over school violence and calls for a host of proposed cures, from gun-control legislation to greater parental involvement to less violence in Hollywood movies.

Mr. Clinton said the Columbine shooting has affected the nation as no other crisis in his presidency, including the Oklahoma City bombing, the school shooting in Jonesboro, Ark., and the embassy bombings in East Africa.

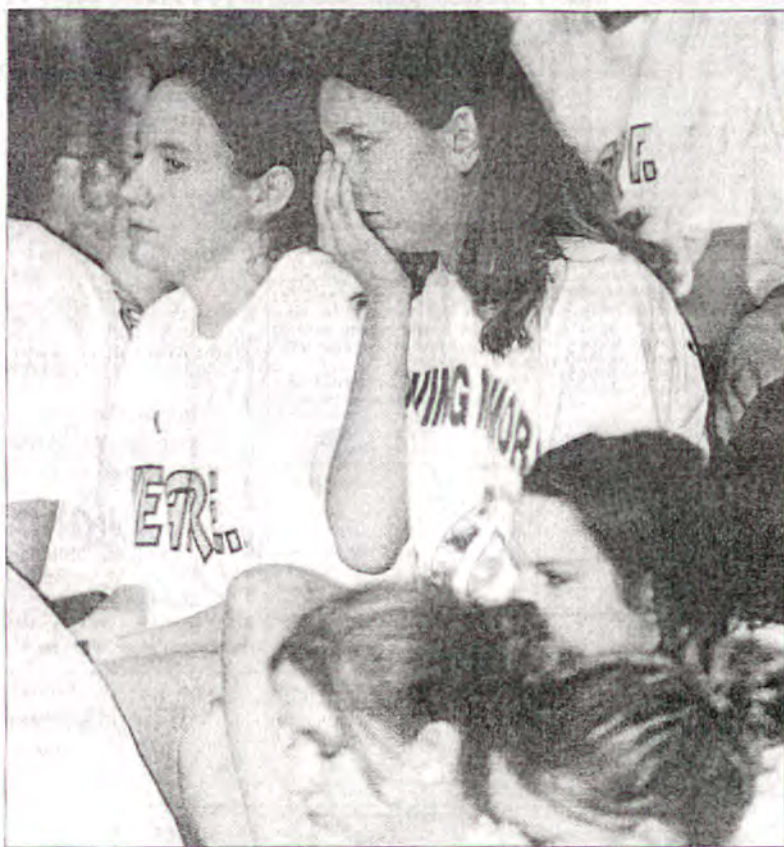
"Something profound has happened to your country because of this," Mr. Clinton said. "Somehow when this happened here, maybe because of the scope of it and I think also because of you... there was a different reaction. People thought, 'This has happened in my neighborhood. What can I do?'"

The president also praised the community's religious faith as a key to its strength. "I hope we would behave as well as you," he said. "I hope we would also hold on to our faith as well as you."

In a bitter coincidence, the president's Columbine visit coincided with another outbreak of violence at a suburban high school. A teenage gunman at Heritage High School in Conyers, Ga., an Atlanta suburb, wounded six students yesterday, then surrendered.

"This [Conyers] incident, again, should underscore how profoundly important it is that all Americans come together in the face of these events to protect all of our children from violence," Mr. Clinton said.

Students at the Columbine rally



Columbine students hear President Clinton's speech yesterday at Dakota Ridge High School in Littleton, Colo.



The first couple embrace after Hillary Rodham Clinton's address.

were upbeat, chanting, "We are... Columbine" before the president's arrival and applauding noisily for principal Frank DeAngelis and Heather Dinkel, president of the student body.

"It really meant a lot to us," freshman Vickie Abel, 15, said of the Clintons' visit. "It's going to make us stronger."

Added Jessica Rauh, another 15-year-old freshman: "It helps to see how much school unity we have."

Among those in attendance were Columbine students Sean Graves and Patrick Ireland, both of whom arrived in wheelchairs after being released from the hospital for the event.

Sean is recovering from critical wounds to the face, legs and chest. Patrick, who made a dramatic leap to safety from the second-story library window, is still partly paralyzed.

Before Mr. Clinton arrived, he made personal phone calls to six of the injured students, five of whom are still hospitalized.

The president's visit touched off a debate within the community over whether the time was right for a presidential visit.

About three dozen protesters chanted anti-Clinton slogans and waved signs protesting his arrival outside the Light of the World church. Two black banners were spray-painted with the word, "Rapist," while others criticized his positions on Yugoslavia and gun control.

"We have already had the perfunctory, 'seize the moment' visit by [Vice President] Al Gore," said Anthony Stolz of Lone Tree, Colo., in a letter to the Denver Post. "No more politicians, please."

Others said they appreciated the president's concern.

Sue Sumida, who stood outside the church with a pro-Clinton sign, accused his opponents of taking advantage of the visit to promote their own agendas. "We don't need any more hate and trauma here," she said.

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HEADLINE: Preservation should include America's night skies

BODY:

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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Hillary Clinton to promote Southwest preservation today

By NANCY PLEVIN
The New Mexican

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's visit this morning to the Palace of the Governors museum and its 18th century Segesser hide paintings will bring needed recognition to these national treasures, museum director Tom Chavez said Thursday.

"The building is the most

important building in town, and the paintings are the most important paintings in town," said Chavez, who hopes the visit also will help generate \$30 million needed to build a museum annex and for preservation work.

Clinton plans to stop at the museum on the Plaza as part of a four-day "Save America's Treasures" tour of the Southwest to promote the protection of historic treasures. Other stops

include the Grand Canyon, Acoma Pueblo and Mesa Verde National Park.

She plans to speak at the Palace of the Governors around 9 a.m. about the need to preserve both the building, erected in 1610, and the paintings, which were made between 1702 and 1730 on three bison hides and depict historic events during the state's Spanish Colonial history.

Chavez hopes eventually to

move the palace's exhibits — including the paintings — into an annex and make the former New Mexico governors' home into a "proper history museum" with period rooms that "let the walls speak for themselves."

Clinton arrived in Santa Fe on Thursday night for a \$500-a-ticket reception at sculptor Glenna Goodacre's gallery on Upper

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Canyon Road to raise money for Cornerstones Community Partnerships, a nonprofit group that works to preserve New Mexico's adobe mission churches.

Goodacre said Thursday afternoon, while preparing for the reception, that she expected about 175 people to attend the wine-and-hors d'oeuvres affair, which will feature classical guitar by Antonio Mendoza. The first lady will say a few words before standing for photographs with reception-goers.

"We're expecting to have a nice visit for her and to raise a lot (of money)," said Goodacre, who met Clinton recently in Washington, D.C., during the unveiling of the newly minted Sacagawea coin that the Santa Fe sculptor created.

"We had a party at her house, and now I'm having one at mine," Goodacre said.

After the reception, Clinton was expected to attend another private event outside Santa Fe and spend the night at Rancho Encantado in Tesuque.

Today, after her Palace of the Governors tour, the first lady will head to Acoma Pueblo, west of Albuquerque, to see the famed San Esteban del Rey Catholic Church, where Cornerstones is studying the 17th-century adobe sanctuary's restoration needs.

Clinton will end her New Mexico stay with an evening visit to Albuquerque's Longfellow Elementary School — the site of sculptor Luis Jiménez's 1984 Fiberglass work, *Southwest Pieta*. The sculpture, which depicts a man holding a dying woman in his arms, represents the Mexi-

can legend of the star-crossed lovers, Popocatepetl and Ixtaccihuatl.

Earlier this week, Clinton announced \$30 million in federal grants to protect treasures she said represent "the creativity and ingenuity that have always fueled progress in America."

Among the grants was \$700,000 to restore buildings related to the top-secret Manhattan Project in Los Alamos that unleashed the world's first atomic bomb more than 50 years ago.

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HEADLINE: Mrs. Clinton to take in three N.M. sites

DATELINE: SANTA FE, N.M.

BODY:

New Mexico will showcase its Spanish colonial history, the importance of American Indian culture and its arts Friday for first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, who arrived Thursday night.

The first lady spent more than an hour Thursday night at a reception in the Santa Fe studio of sculptor Glenna Goodacre and made a 20-minute speech. The visit was part of her "Save America's Treasures" tour.

"She's here, and she made a brilliant, wonderful speech, and we had a great time," said Daniel Anthony, Goodacre's assistant.

Former New Mexico first lady Clara Apodaca, the chairman of the national advisory board for a group known as Cornerstones Community Partnerships, said Mrs. Clinton thanked the group for its efforts to restore mission churches in New Mexico.

The first lady arrived in Santa Fe around 9:15 p.m. and wrapped up her visit at the Goodacre studio around 10:30 p.m.

On Friday morning, Mrs. Clinton will tour the capital city's Palace of the Governors, built in 1610. Now a state-run museum, it's the oldest public building in the United States still in continuous use. There, Mrs. Clinton will view paintings on buffalo hides made in New Mexico between 1702 and 1730 which are believed to be among the earliest representations of colonial life in the United States.

She will then travel to Acoma Pueblo for an early afternoon tour of the water-damaged San Esteban del Rey mission. The mission, built over a span of 14 years beginning in 1630, is one of the oldest churches in the United States.

The first lady will end her New Mexico trip late in the afternoon in Albuquerque, where she will view a Fiberglas sculpture in one of the city's oldest Hispanic neighborhoods. Mrs. Clinton will use the statue to illustrate the challenges of preserving outdoor public sculptures and monuments.

The Associated Press State & Local Wire, May 21, 1999

The New Mexico visit is part of a four-day tour of the Southwest to encourage preserving landmarks and institutions. The tour will focus attention on historic sites and art that needs restoration or maintenance in a public-private enterprise campaign to "Save America's Treasures."

Mrs. Clinton was in Arizona on Wednesday to see Grand Canyon National Park and Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, where astronomers first sighted the planet Pluto. She interrupted her tour Thursday to join President Clinton in Littleton, Colo., to remember the victims of last month's shootings at Columbine High School.

Mrs. Clinton will leave Albuquerque Friday night for Mesa Verde National Park in southern Colorado.

On Wednesday, she announced \$ 30 million in federal grants to protect treasures she said represent "the creativity and ingenuity that have always fueled progress in America."

Among the grants was \$ 700,000 to restore buildings related to the top-secret Manhattan Project in Los Alamos, N.M., that unleashed the world's first atomic bomb more than 50 years ago.

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HEADLINE: First lady gets wide-ranging Southwest sampler in New Mexico

BYLINE: PETE HERRERA, Associated Press Writer

DATELINE: ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

BODY:

Decked out in a cowboy hat, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton tasted a Southwest sampler of cultures, admiring the art and history of old Santa Fe, Albuquerque and ancient Acoma.

The first lady on Friday toured a 360-year-old mission church at Acoma Pueblo, accepting Indian pottery from several artists. She viewed a monumental sculpture in a Hispanic neighborhood of Albuquerque and toured the Palace of the Governors in Santa Fe, one of the oldest public buildings in North America, dating from 1610.

She later flew to Cortez, Colo., for a trip today to Mesa Verde National Park - all part of her "Save America's Treasures" tour of the Southwest. The journey began Wednesday at the Grand Canyon.

At Acoma, Mrs. Clinton was shown the water-damaged San Esteban del Rey mission church, built beginning in 1630. She announced a \$ 75,000 grant for San Esteban from Cornerstones Community Partnerships, a Santa Fe group that restores old churches.

"At the time of the first millennium, you were the only Americans here," she told a crowd of about 800. "And when we talk about saving America's treasures, we have to begin by saving the first Americans' treasures."

She toured Sky City, a village the Acoma tribe built atop a 367-foot-tall mesa near Enchanted Mesa around 1200. The adobe and sandstone homes have no running water or electricity.

Only about 30 people are chosen for the honor of living year-round atop the mesa 50 miles west of Albuquerque.

The Associated Press, May 22, 1999

In Albuquerque's Martineztown, Mrs. Clinton announced a \$ 4,000 National Endowment for the Arts grant to preserve the Southwest Pieta, a sculpture by Luis Jimenez. The 20-foot-tall statue of a man cradling the figure of a woman incorporates Aztec legend in traditional Christian form.

The Save America's Treasures program is a partnership between the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the White House Millennium Council that has raised more than \$ 60 million for preservation.

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HEADLINE: First lady announces grant for Mesa Verde

DATELINE: MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK, Colo.

BODY:

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton visited the ancient American Indian cliff dwellings at Mesa Verde National Park on Saturday, announcing a \$ 1.7 million federal grant as part of a program to preserve threatened national treasures.

A crowd of nearly 2,000 turned out, from National Park Service personnel and local Democrats to Girl Scouts and curious Four Corners residents, and waited while Mrs. Clinton toured Cliff Palace - her stop on a swing through the Southwest to promote the "Save America's Treasures" program.

"I hope that we will pass down our respect for the culture and history we find in places like this," the first lady said after she took the microphone, a park ranger's hat clamped on her head against the wind.

She related a story of a Mesa Verde ranger who, when leaving a ruin with a tour group, urged each of them to cup their hands to hold onto the heritage they had witnessed - and to go through their lives protecting it.

The first lady urged the crowd and all Americans to do the same, saying the cultural treasures of the national park system must be preserved because "they tell the story of who we are."

Mrs. Clinton shared a platform with National Park Service director Roger Stanton, Mesa Verde Superintendent Larry Wiese and Peter Pino, who is the Zia Pueblo tribal administrator and a member of Mesa Verde's Native American Advisory Council.

Also on hand was Richard Moe, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Save America's Treasures, a partnership between the trust and the White House Millennium Council, has raised more than \$ 60 million for its preservation efforts.

The well preserved cliff dwellings are the central attraction at Mesa Verde. Archaeologists believe most were built nearly a millennium ago by the Anasazi and abandoned a century later, in the 1200s, for reasons that are still being

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HEADLINE: First lady on tour to 'preserve treasures'

BYLINE: By Lucinda DillonDeseret News staff writer

BODY:

SANTA FE, N.M. -- The colors have faded a little. Nearly 300 years of exposure to light and air have dulled the outlines and illustrations some; but the stories of battle and colonial life depicted on the hides of buffalo are vivid.

One huge panel shows the massacre of a colonial expedition that went from Santa Fe to Nebraska to see if the French were intruding into what was then part of the Spanish empire.

Another shows a parade of Pueblo Indians and Spanish troops in front of a 17th century building that still stands in Santa Fe.

These are the Segesser hide paintings, now protected in a dark private museum room in Santa Fe's historic Palace of the Governors Museum, and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton came to the site Friday to draw attention to the hides, the area's culture and the museum, which she designated a National Treasure.

Clinton drew hundreds of tourists and local residents to the Palace of the Governors, the country's oldest public building, as part of a four-day "Save America's Treasures" tour of the Southwest.

In a gathering in the museum's courtyard, Clinton encouraged people to "honor the past and imagine the future." And in Santa Fe, with its rich history, American Indian culture and contemporary art community "there isn't anyplace in the U.S. where that theme is more fitting," she said.

This town is old.

Eleven years before the settlement at Jamestown and decades before the pilgrims set foot on Plymouth rock, a convoy of eight Franciscan priests, 129 Spanish soldiers and their families arrived at San Juan Pueblo in an area that is now northern New Mexico.

After a difficult life on the frontier and struggles with the Pueblo Indians, that settlement moved south to Santa Fe -- this country's first capital established in 1610 at what is today Santa Fe's historic Plaza shopping district.

Under beautiful spring skies, tourists broke from their shopping Friday to watch Clinton emerge from a tour of the museum and wave to crowds.

"With all the bad stuff happening in the world, it's nice that she's here to talk about something nice, like arts," said Santa Fe resident Elsa Maez, who came downtown to get a glimpse of Clinton.

On Wednesday, Clinton announced that \$30 million in federal grants would go to protect national treasures she said represent "the creativity and ingenuity that have always fueled progress in America."

She arrived in Santa Fe Thursday night to attend a \$500-a-plate fundraiser for a local artist to raise money for Cornerstones Community Partnerships, a nonprofit group that works to preserve New Mexico's adobe mission churches.

Later Friday, she toured Acoma Pueblo and the water-damaged San Estaban del Rey mission, built in 1630 and one of the nation's oldest churches.

"After all, at the time of the millennium, you were the only Americans here," she told a friendly crowd of several hundred. "And when we talk about saving America's treasures, we have to begin by saving the first Americans' treasures."

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First lady visits Santa Fe



First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton addresses a crowd at the Palace of the Governors while Santa Fe Mayor Larry Delgado, right, and other local officials listen Friday morning. Craig Fritz/The New Mexican

NATIONAL TREASURES

Clinton kicks off tour boosting landmark preservation

By ERIKA DAVILA
The New Mexican

The past is all around us, and each of us has a responsibility to preserve it, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton told a crowd Friday at the Palace of the Governors.

Speaking from within the open courtyard, Clinton told the group of about 300 invitation-only guests that New Mexico especially is an appropriate state in which to talk about historic preservation. She spoke shortly after viewing two historic Segesser buffalo-hide paintings inside the museum.

"The past is not something that is forgotten, but indeed is something that is very much alive in the lives of so many people here in New Mexico," she said.

Clinton arrived Thursday in Santa Fe to kick off this year's Save America's Treasures tour. The national project is intended to help preserve historic landmarks across the country. In 1998 — its first year — about \$60 million was raised through private donations and federal grants, which will help restore historic landmarks throughout America, she said.

Clinton encouraged the audience to look at their surroundings to

understand the importance of preserving these landmarks.

"Everywhere in America there are treasures that we may not be as fully aware of as we need to be," she said. "And that is part of the mission of the White House Millennium Council's Save America's Treasures efforts."

"None of us owns our history, but each of us can be a caretaker of it."

The two Segesser hide paintings are among the earliest known depictions of colonial life in the United States. One depicts an attack by pueblo Indians and Spanish troops on an Apache village. The other shows an ambush of an expedition of Spanish soldiers and pueblo Indians who were hunting for French intruders on the Spanish colony's border. Both are thought to have been painted between 1702 and 1730. The paintings are named after the Segesser family in Switzerland, who held them for centuries and later sold them to the museum.

The Palace of the Governors, which was built in 1610, was certified by Richard Moe, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, as a historic landmark before Clinton's speech. The palace now will be eligible to receive grants to preserve both the



Hundreds of people line Washington and Palace avenues Friday to get a glimpse of Hillary Rodham Clinton as she leaves the Palace of the Governors. Clyde Munier/The New Mexican

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The 22-year-old artists began creating the piece of art about five years ago and were asked by the city whether they would complete the work as a gift to Clinton on her visit to Santa Fe. Both said they were honored to do it.

"I feel very privileged to be able to represent our culture and New Mexico with the gift," Gabriel Vigil said.

The speech began a half-hour after the scheduled 9 a.m. start time, and several rows of seats

toward the back remained empty.

Among those present at the event were Mayor Larry Delgado and his wife, Angie, U.S. Rep. Tom Udall, D-N.M., and state Rep. Luciano "Lucky" Varela.

Outside, people packed the area as police and Secret Service agents cordoned off a block of Washington Avenue along the side door to the Palace of the Governors. A brief burst of applause greeted Clinton as she emerged from the doorway at about 10:25 a.m.

She waved to the north and south before boarding the emerald-green Save America's Treasures bus, in which she sat up front and continued to wave to onlookers until the bus

departed.

"What happens here?" asked Anne Flueckiger, a tourist curious about the crowd. She laughed when she heard it was the first lady of the United States.

"We are from Switzerland," Flueckiger explained. "In our country, people from the government walk around and no one cares."

The first lady spent the rest of Friday visiting Acoma Pueblo, the Southwest Pieta sculpture and the Longfellow Magnet School in Albuquerque.

Her tour will conclude today with a visit to Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado.

Staff writer Mark Hummels and The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Mesa Verde paid first visit by a first lady

By Electa Draper
Denver Post Staff Writer

MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK — Hillary Clinton was on top of the ancient world Saturday morning when she became the first first lady to visit the internationally renowned park of 1,400-year-old cliff dwellings high on a mesa in southwestern Colorado.

Clinton bore gifts of more than \$3 million in public and private funds for park preservation — happily acknowledged by a crowd of about 2,000 drawn from the sparsely populated Four Corners.

"Usually, wherever I go in the world, Eleanor Roosevelt has been there first," Clinton said. She jokingly told park officials to check their records again to make sure Roosevelt hadn't beaten her. The 52,000-acre park, established in 1906, is visited by more than 600,000 people a year.

Wearing what she said were her 30-year-old hiking boots, Clinton negotiated the steep staircases carved into sandstone walls leading into Cliff Palace, the most famous of the park's ancestral cliff dwellings. Her private tour was guided by Peter Pino, a tribal leader from Zia Pueblo, one of 19 pueblos in New Mexico where descendants of Mesa Verde's early inhabitants live today.

At Far View Terrace, which overlooks four states, Clinton met with her public shortly after 10 a.m. National Park Service Director Robert Stanton and Mesa Verde National Park Superintendent Larry Wiese bestowed the service's highest civilian award, the title of "honorary ranger." Clinton wore her new ranger's hat throughout the hour-long ceremony.

Mesa Verde, once a settlement of 30,000 people, spanned the centuries from 550 to 1300. More than 4,000 archaeological sites, including 600 cliff dwellings, have been identified in the

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park, many of them revealed after a wildfire swept the mesa in 1996, damaging ruins and threatening park facilities, said Richard Moe, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The Park Service has enough money to regularly maintain only 40 to 50 sites at the park. Too many of America's treasures are crumbling before our eyes but must be preserved because they tell the story of who we are, Clinton said.

"Bob Stanton's history is very different from mine," Clinton said of the African-American Park Service director. "And Peter Pino's history is very different from mine, but we are all Americans. It's a story of diversity that the world needs to hear."

"If we lose such places (as Mesa Verde), we lose our collective memory. We lose our opportunity to understand and respect each other."

The event offered its own contrast in cultures, with performances by the Montezuma Cortez High School band and the Bala Sitem Indian Choir from Fort Lewis College. Zuni, Navajo and Ute Mountain Ute dancers also entertained.

Clinton praised third-graders at Foothills Elementary in Boulder, who performed "extra chores" to raise money for archaeological preservation through their Adopt-A-Ruin program.

Their teacher, Marcy Lockhart, told them they could have "a hand in history," Clinton said, and they've collected \$2,750 for their cause.

Clinton announced help for the park in the form of a \$1.5 million federal grant and almost \$1.7 million in private contributions through the "Save America's Treasures" program, including a \$1 million donation by Sandra Wagenfield and Francine Goldstein, Connecticut residents who attended Saturday's program.



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First lady Hillary Clinton speaks at Mesa Verde National Park in south-western Colorado on Saturday. Park Superintendent Larry Wiese, left, and tribal elder Peter Pino of Zia Pueblo in New Mexico share the stage.

Clinton said being an American at the beginning of a new millennium is a blessing — but one that carries responsibilities.

"We can create a future worthy

of all our ancestors," she said.

Acknowledging an important local anniversary, Clinton offered condolences to Cortez Police Chief Roy Lane and to the family

and community that lost police officer Dale Claxton almost a year ago in a hail of gunfire from men who vanished into the surrounding desert.

Daily News (New York)

May 20, 1999, Thursday

SECTION: Suburban; Pg. 7

LENGTH: 867 words

HEADLINE: NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS AID FOR SATCHMO'S HOUSE

BODY:

FLUSHING A visit from First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton in December has paid off big for Queens College.

The First Lady yesterday announced that the college would receive a \$ 387,605 Department of the Interior grant to help restore the college's Louis Armstrong House in Corona.

The grant is part of the Save America's Treasures program, aimed at preserving the nation's cultural and historical heritage.

Clinton toured the house as well as the college's archives in December, and she identified both as important cultural resources for the entire nation.

The legendary jazz trumpeter lived in the house from 1943 until his death in 1971. The grant will help defray the \$ 755,210 cost to repair, restore and renovate the structure.

May 20, 1999, Thursday

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HEADLINE: First Lady Announces Program To 'Save America's Treasures'
Grand Canyon Trails Will Be Accessible to All

BYLINE: BRENT ISRAELSEN THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

BODY:

GRAND CANYON -- First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton stood a few steps from the Grand Canyon's edge Wednesday to kick off her four-day Southwestern tour to "save America's treasures."

Fighting a gusty wind that threatened to send her written comments and hat into the canyon's depths, Clinton gave an official White House blessing to the "Grand Canyon Greenway," a project to establish a 73-mile system of trails along the park's North and South rims.

Support for the Grand Canyon Greenway is part of a larger Clinton-administration initiative called "Millennium Trails," with a goal of building and improving trails in the nation's urban, rural and wild places.

Fresh off a trip to call attention to Kosovo's refugees, the first lady also announced \$ 30 million in "Save America's Treasures" grants for 62 cultural and historic sites in 24 states, the District of Columbia and the Midway Islands. None of the projects is in Utah.

It was unclear whether any Utah projects qualified for inclusion in the Millennium Trails program, a sister campaign to Save America's Treasures. It is possible the Clinton administration is avoiding Utah, where previous Clinton initiatives, most notably the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, have gotten a cold reception from Utah's political leaders.

"We are trying to find ways to reconnect us to our country . . . to find out what it feels like, smells like and looks like, season to season, year to year," Clinton told the crowd of more than 500 people, a mix of dignitaries, schoolchildren, Americorps volunteers, Park Service employees and park visitors.

Before her speech, Clinton took a short walk along the South Rim near the El Tovar Hotel with Park Superintendent Robert Arnberger. It was Clinton's first visit to Grand Canyon National Park in 25 years.

It was a timely visit, as the park is about to undertake construction of a \$ 170 million light-rail and shuttle-bus system designed to significantly reduce the number of cars allowed on the crowded South Rim.

Concurrent to that project, the Grand Canyon Greenway is a \$ 46 million public-private partnership expected to begin later this summer. The plan calls for interconnected trails, paved and unpaved, that are accessible to hikers, bikes, wheelchairs and strollers. To date, just under \$ 2 million has been raised for the project.

On the South Rim, the trail will connect Tusayan, a town just south of the park entrance, to a yet-to-be-built Canyon View Information Plaza. Going from west to east on the rim, the trail will link Hermit's Rest, Grand Canyon Village, the information plaza, Yaki Point and Desert View, 25 miles east of the village.

On the North Rim, the trails include a six-mile segment on Bright Angel Peninsula and a 22-mile system on Walhalla Plateau.

"I look forward to coming back and seeing people young and old, running and hiking and biking and wheelchairing down these 73 miles of trails. . . . I will be one of those walking," Clinton said.

After leaving the Grand Canyon, the first lady visited the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff. Today, she plans to visit national monuments and historic sites in New Mexico. She will wrap up her tour Saturday at Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado, where she will announce federal grants to help shore up the rapidly eroding cliff dwellings.

The "Save America's Treasures" initiative also will help preserve such items as Thomas Jefferson's papers in Massachusetts and the flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write "The Star-Spangled Banner."

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HEADLINE: Reception raises \$ 237,000 for preservation

DATELINE: SANTA FE

BODY:

A reception that featured first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton raised \$ 237,000 for Cornerstones Community Partnerships, a group that works to save New Mexico's old churches.

The nonprofit organization expects a few more donations from last week's event, enough to bring the total to \$ 250,000, Beth Johnson, Cornerstones' executive director, said today.

Mrs. Clinton spoke briefly Thursday night at an invitation-only reception at the Santa Fe studio of sculptor Glenna Goodacre to benefit Cornerstones, which teaches volunteers to restore landmark churches.

Mrs. Clinton's visit to Santa Fe was part of a four-day swing through the Southwest to encourage the preservation of historic sites and art. She also visited Acoma Pueblo and statue at a site near downtown Albuquerque.

Cornerstones teaches communities how to repair adobe architecture in the traditional way. It has helped communities around the state repair old churches and community centers, most of them adobe, since its inception in 1986 under the name Churches: Symbols of Community.

Last year, Cornerstones published the Adobe Architecture Conservation Handbook, detailing techniques of building and repairing adobe architecture. The book gives advice on how to keep adobe from deteriorating, how to patch holes and how to keep adobe walls from caving in. It has sections on how to install wood floors and drainage and how to make adobe bricks. It even includes ways to remove pigeon poop.

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HEADLINE: National treasures rely on ad tie-ins

BYLINE: Jim Landers

SOURCE: Dallas Morning News

BODY:

Federal aid is hard to come by

By JIM LANDERS
Dallas Morning News

Washington, D.C. - Welcome to the nation's capital. While you're here, see the Washington Monument in its lighted restoration scaffolding, courtesy of Target Stores and General Electric. Visit the monument's interpretive center, made possible by the Discovery Channel.

Take a brochure at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, a gift of the History Channel. Starting Memorial Day weekend, watch museum technicians repairing the Star-Spangled Banner, thanks to a \$ 13 million gift from Polo Ralph Lauren.

This patronage of the nation's heritage is usually discreet, noted in ads and annual reports rather than with logos on the sides of shrines.

The gifts signal a growing trend.

An economy-minded Congress has balked at financing new monuments or upkeep on the old ones. National treasures are crumbling or rotting, and the nation's heritage-keepers are turning to corporate sponsorships, advertising tie-ins and public fund drives.

A third of the cost of the Smithsonian's \$ 110 million National Museum of the American Indian is coming from donations. The \$ 147 million Dulles Center of the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum may be almost completely financed with contributions. For all its museums, the Smithsonian hopes to raise at least \$ 625 million by 2003.

A decade of tight budgets has led Congress to shift away from paying for these projects. Federal money is available to get things started, but there are fewer and fewer of the big bucks needed to memorialize the past or exhibit the treasures in the nation's attic.

The \$ 48 million Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial, which opened in 1998, may be the last monument to be built entirely with federal funds.

The proposed World War II Memorial will cost \$ 100 million, all raised through public appeal. Col. Kenneth Pond, the retired Army officer who is managing the World War II Memorial fund-raising drive, says he's heard arguments both for and against federal funding.

"Some veterans say, 'We fought the war. Why should we have to pay for the memorial?' But Sen. (Bob) Dole and others say, 'Let's let every American kick in to get this done.' When the federal government writes a check, you don't get a feeling of participation."

The need for money is growing as federal help shrinks. National parks advocates are pushing Congress to finance a \$ 5 billion backlog of maintenance and repair needs. Collections of Civil War relics, meanwhile, are rotting in Gettysburg, so the National Park Service has turned to a private developer who hopes to build and operate a for-profit museum and visitors center beside the battlefield.

Rust is attacking scores of historic aircraft and space vehicles stored floor-to-ceiling in the Smithsonian's old hangars in Maryland.

"If we don't want this collection to turn to dust, we've got to get it under roof, in climate-controlled conditions," said Adm. Donald Engen, director of the National Air and Space Museum.

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton is promoting restoration of several endangered historic sites and artifacts under the Save America's Treasures campaign. Starter money from Congress has been halting, but the campaign raised \$ 30 million in private donations last year and has helped finance restorations of the Star-Spangled Banner and Thomas Edison's inventions laboratory in New

The Library of Congress is raising donations to cover three-fourths of the \$ 60 million cost to become digital.

These campaigns reprise the past. It took a century of private and public efforts to build the Washington Monument. The Smithsonian got its start with a \$ 500,000 bequest from British scientist James Smithson. But federal funds were used to pay most of the cost of the Smithsonian's lofty museums that flank the National Mall.

The last parcel will be used for the National Museum of the American Indian. When construction was authorized in 1989, however, Congress balked at picking up the tab.

"There was a loud astonishment in the (museum) community," said Maggie Bertin, acting director of the museum's capital campaign. "Never before had the Congress asked a Smithsonian museum to pay one-third of the cost."

The campaign attracted more than 250,000 donations and met its \$ 36.7 million target last year. Groundbreaking is scheduled for Sept. 28.

Several of the 379 national parks also had charitable origins. The Great Smoky Mountains National Park in Tennessee and the Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming were largely gifts of the Rockefeller family.

Today, heritage-keepers at the Smithsonian and the national parks coax money out of corporations with advertising tie-ins.

The moon rises behind the Washington Monument as the scaffolding around it is illuminated at a ceremony held March 2 to celebrate the re-opening of the monument to the public. The monument is being renovated.

Star-Spangled Banner

- * HISTORY: The flag flew over Fort McHenry during the War of 1812 while Francis Scott Key watched the British bombard Baltimore Harbor.
 - * SIZE: It was originally 30 feet by 42 feet, with 15 stars and 15 stripes. Today, the flag is 34 feet long with a linen backing that was sewn on in 1914.
 - * REPAIRS: The fabric must be cleaned and preserved at a cost of \$ 18.2 million, which includes building a protected case three stories high.
- Photo: The original banner.

National Air and Space Museum

- * NO SPACE: The museum is able to display 10 percent of the Smithsonian's collection of planes and spacecraft. The rest sit in crates and in pieces in World War II-era hangars in Suitland, Md.
 - * FUND-RAISING: The Smithsonian is trying to raise \$ 130 million to build the Dulles Center, a mammoth museum addition in northern Virginia.
- Photo: George Lucas views the Chewbacca exhibit.

Washington Monument

- * REPAIRS: Fixing cracks, repointing mortar and installing new heating, air-conditioning and elevator systems will cost \$ 9.4 million.
 - * WHO PAYS: Private contributors are paying two-thirds; federal money will cover the rest.
 - * SPONSORS: Target Stores, Proctor & Gamble, Neutrogena, Coke, Capital/EMI, VISA USA, the 3M Corp., the Masons, Kodak, General Mills and hundreds of schoolchildren.
- Photo: The peak before repairs.

World War II Memorial

- * APPROVED: Congress waited until 1993 to authorize a World War II memorial. The law offered supporters no money but did provide a spectacular site between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument.
 - * FUNDING: The American Battle Monuments Commission has to come up with \$ 100 million to get a building permit, and the law stated the permit has to be in hand by May 2000. With a year left, the needed funding is halfway there.
- Photo: Arches at the memorial.

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HEADLINE: First lady, young actors share reciprocal praise

BYLINE: Ollie Reed Jr. TRIBUNE REPORTER

BODY:

Marco Sandoval is only 11 but already he has a command performance for the first lady of the United States to his credit.

He thinks that's pretty cool especially since he had the male lead in the dramatic scene he and other Longfellow Elementary School students performed for visiting Hillary Rodham Clinton Friday afternoon in Martineztown-Longfellow Park.

"I liked being the hero because you have all the power," Sandoval, a fifth grader, said.

So he wasn't nervous?

"Not at first," he said. "But when I got up there on stage I was shaking a lot. I shook all the way through it, actually."

It was over quickly, however, barely five minutes of recorded music and young voices rattling off dialogue in Spanish and English.

"I liked it when we got to do the battle," said Scott Suffling, 9, who played the part of an Aztec warrior. "I think the battle could have been longer."

In just a few, brave, blurred moments of bright feathers, rouge makeup and thrusting cardboard spear tips, more than a dozen Longfellow fourth and fifth graders performed a portion of a play adapted from the Mexican legend of doomed love that inspired New Mexico sculptor Luis Jimenez's "Southwest Pieta."

That brightly-colored fiberglass sculpture, which depicts a grief-stricken Indian man cradling a dead Indian woman in his arms, is located in the park, near Longfellow school and in the heart of Martineztown, one of Albuquerque's oldest neighborhoods. Clinton had come here to honor the statue as a national treasure.

"What is remarkable is the way it has been used in this community and in this school," the first lady told the several hundred people gathered to greet her on a cool and cloudy afternoon. "These children wrote that play and performed that play, and I think it is remarkable that they used their surroundings and this statue to tell the story of Mexican mythology as well as what's going on right

down the street."

The Mexican myth tells the Romeo and Juliet-like story of an Aztec princess and the warrior she loves. When she is falsely informed of his death, the princess dies. When the warrior returns to find his princess dead, he carries her to the top of a high mountain where the gods turn them into twin volcanoes.

The princess volcano is dormant, sleeping by the side of the active warrior volcano which spits tears of molten lava.

Longfellow students performed the play back in January as part of a class project. On Friday, for Clinton's benefit, they re-created the most dramatic scene, the one in which the princess Ixtlaccihuatl dies of a broken heart.

"My favorite part is when I die," said Julianne Montano, the 9-year-old Longfellow student who portrays the princess, "because I get to fall down."

The play is performed in Spanish and English, but Montano said some of the Spanish had been eliminated for the sake of Friday's audience.

"We just changed it to more English," she said. "We had to relearn our lines last night, and that was hard."

The first lady is on a tour of American national treasures in the Southwest. She started at the Grand Canyon in Arizona. Earlier Friday she visited the Palace of the Governors in Santa Fe and San Esteban Del Rey church at Acoma Pueblo.

At the park, located at Edith Boulevard and Roma Avenue Northeast, she was welcomed by Frank Martinez, a Martineztown community leader, and introduced by Albuquerque Mayor Jim Baca.

From the podium, Clinton recognized sculptor Jimenez, who was in attendance, and 97-year-old Democratic ward chairman Manuel Sanchez, whose home and grocery store are just across Edith St. from the park.

In her talk, however, the first lady emphasized youth and the passing on of traditions to future generations.

"In the wake of things such as the Littleton (Colo., High School) shootings, it is too easy to forget that the vast majority of American students are good and decent and worthy of our support," she said. "We must keep diversity, tradition and culture alive for our children."

Tyson Jones, 10, a warrior in the play, thought Clinton's speech was nice.

Robin Willard, also 10 and also a warrior in the performance, gave the talk a 9 on a scale of 10.

And Andrea Robles, 10, who portrayed a wedding girl in the play, said it was good to hear the first lady talking about the statue and her school.

After her address the first lady mingled with the crowd.

Before leaving the park and starting on her journey to Mesa Verde in Colorado, Clinton posed for pictures with the young cast of the play. She shook their hands and embraced them.

"My favorite part was when I took the picture with Mrs. Clinton," said Andrea Martinez, a 10-year-old member of the acting troupe. "I had never met her before."

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HEADLINE: First Lady Tours Treasures

BYLINE: Leslie Linthicum Journal Staff Writer

BODY:

N.M. Trip Designed To Save U.S. History

SKY CITY -- Hillary Rodham Clinton came to Acoma Pueblo's breathtaking mesa-top village Friday to lend help to restoring a crumbling adobe church.

The visit was part of her "Save America's Treasures" program.

But it was the village's living treasures from 6-year-old Hilary Antonio to 93-year-old Conception Faustine that most captured the first lady's attention.

Clinton came to see water damage to the 370-year-old San Esteban del Rey Catholic church. But she spent an hour walking through the streets of the adobe village, stopping to talk to pueblo residents and often insisting that their friends and relatives be drawn in for photos with her.

"Let's be sure we get a family picture," she coaxed as potter Brian Delorame's relatives watched him present her with one of his pieces.

Acoma is the most continually inhabited city in the United States, although only about 10 families live year round atop the huge sandstone mesa. It is not a large voting bloc if you're on the campaign trail and certainly not a constituent base if, like Clinton, you are considering a bid for Congress from New York.

But Clinton was in New Mexico this time to campaign for preserving pieces of America's history. She visited Santa Fe and Albuquerque as well as the quiet and isolation of Sky City.

But on Friday the normally quiet corner of the mesa where Dora and Melissa Antonio sell their pottery was crammed with police cars, vans, sedans, Secret Service agents, television cameras and a blond woman in a dark suit, black suede boots and a cowboy hat.

Clinton was met on the mesa top by Orlando Antonio, a pueblo member more used to showing less famous tourists around the village.

He took Clinton first to the mesa's northern edge, a sheer dropoff that gives way to 60-mile views of the high desert floor.

"Oh, wow. Look at this," Clinton exclaimed. "I'm just so enchanted. It's so beautiful."

Clinton stopped often on her tour to talk with star-struck Acomas, sometimes autographing T-shirts and sweatshirts.

"Are you Hilary, too?" Clinton asked Hilary Antonio, who had waited at her mother's pottery stand most of the morning for the first lady's visit. "I'm glad to meet you, 'Hilary too.' "

Clinton collected at least two dozen pots from admirers. One was made by Conception Faustine, a 93-year-old who has lived at Sky City for most of her life. Along with the pots came storytellers, jewelry, a dress and a vest.

"She'll need to have a crate," joked former Acoma Gov. Ron Shutiva, "to take this all home."

Clara Santiago spent several minutes answering Clinton's questions about Acoma pottery: How long does it take to make a pot? Where are they fired? Why are the seed holes so small?

Clinton was surprised by the tiny point of the brush Santiago uses to paint her pots.

"I wasn't born with patience," Santiago told Clinton. "I had to learn it."

"I think that's true of a lot of us," Clinton responded.

In a brief tour of the church, crafted by pueblo men at the demand of Spanish priests, Clinton saw how beams have rotted over the centuries and how water has poured down onto adobe walls as the roof has weakened.

Below the mesa, several thousand people nearly the entire 4,000 tribal population waited for four hours in the sun to see Clinton and hear her speak.

Clinton announced a \$75,000 grant from the Cornerstones Community Partnership to begin restoration of the church.

Clinton told the Acoma crowd what it already knew that hundreds of pueblo men worked more than a dozen years to build the church at the insistence of the Spanish conquerors.

"But," she said, "something happened there. And when the rebellion occurred, you saved that church, didn't you? You understood its importance and significance for yourselves and for generations to come."

"Save America's Treasures" is a public-private enterprise campaign to find money to restore important artworks and historic buildings. As part of a national tour on behalf of the campaign, Clinton spent the morning in Santa Fe touring the Palace of the Governors. She went on from Acoma to see Luis Jimenez's fiberglass sculpture "Southwest Pieta" in Albuquerque's Martineztown neighborhood.

Several hundred people turned out at Longfellow Elementary School in Albuquerque for the first lady's visit.

Clinton urged the crowd to celebrate the diversity of New Mexico, and she praised the community and school for embracing the statue.

"Martineztown is a perfect example of the kind of spirit that we want America to take into the next century," she said.

Clinton later Friday was bound for the cliff dwellings of Mesa Verde, Colo.

Journal staff writer Scott Smallwood contributed to this story.

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PHOTO: Color

SKY-HIGH ENCHANTMENT: Tour guide Orlando Antonio shows first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton the views from Sky City on Friday. Enchanted Mesa, the original homeland of the Acomas, is in the background.

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The Santa Fe New Mexican

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HEADLINE: First lady visits Santa Fe National Treasures Clinton kicks off tour boosting landmark preservation

BYLINE: ERIKA DAVILA, with photos by Craig Fritz and Clyde Mueller

BODY:

The past is all around us, and each of us has a responsibility to preserve it, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton told a crowd Friday at the Palace of the Governors.

Speaking from within the open courtyard, Clinton told the group of about 300 invitation-only guests that New Mexico especially is an appropriate state in which to talk about historic preservation. She spoke shortly after viewing two historic Segesser buffalo-hide paintings inside the museum.

"The past is not something that is forgotten, but indeed is something that is very much alive in the lives of so many people here in New Mexico," she said.

Clinton arrived Thursday in Santa Fe to kick off this year's Save America's Treasures tour. The national project is intended to help preserve historic landmarks across the country. In 1998 its first year about \$ 60 million was raised through private donations and federal grants, which will help restore historic landmarks throughout America, she said.

Clinton encouraged the audience to look at their surroundings to understand the importance of preserving these landmarks.

"Everywhere in America there are treasures that we may not be as fully aware of as we need to be," she said. "And that is part of the mission of the White House Millennium Council's Save America's Treasures efforts.

"None of us owns our history, but each of us can be a caretaker of it."

The two Segesser hide paintings are among the earliest known depictions of colonial life in the United States. One depicts an attack by pueblo Indians and Spanish troops on an Apache village. The other shows an ambush of an expedition of Spanish soldiers and pueblo Indians who were hunting for French intruders on the Spanish colony's border. Both are thought to have been painted between 1702 and 1730. The paintings are named after the Segesser family in Switzerland, who held them for centuries and later sold them to the museum.

The Palace of the Governors, which was built in 1610, was certified by Richard Moe, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, as a

historic landmark before Clinton's speech. The palace now will be eligible to receive grants to preserve both the building and the buffalo-hide paintings.

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Staff writer Mark Hummels and The Associated Press contributed to this report.

GRAPHIC: 1) First lady, Hilary Rodham Clinton addresses a crowd at the Palace of the Governors while Santa Fe Mayor Larry Delgado, right, and other local officials listen Friday morning.

2) Hundreds of people line Washington and Palace avenues to get a glimpse of Hilary Rodham Clinton as she leaves the Palace of the Governors.

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HEADLINE: Clinton offers salve for cracked adobe

BYLINE: Andy Lenderman TRIBUNE REPORTER

BODY:

SANTA FE Today first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton used her third visit to the state capital to draw attention to New Mexico's unique cultural heritage and efforts to preserve it.

"Every time I come back, I just feel so energized by the atmosphere, the support and the enthusiasm of the people here in Santa Fe, who are so committed to preserving not only this site but the entire culture of the state," Clinton told about 300 people at the Palace of the Governors Museum.

The first lady is in New Mexico today as part of the "Save America's Treasures" Southwest Tour, which aims to raise money and awareness for fragile historic sites. She planned to visit Acoma Pueblo and a public art piece in Albuquerque's Martineztown neighborhood later today.

Clinton reflected today on her recent visit to see Kosovar refugees in Macedonia and a meeting with parents of the Littleton, Colo., school shooting victims. The visits, she said, "make me even more determined to help build the kind of America we can all be proud of."

It is important, she said, to keep "our understanding of the past intact and its lessons of the future available."

Other speakers touted the state's rare heritage.

"No place else in America has more layers of history than New Mexico," said Richard Moe, director of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The attention was welcome.

"We put \$25,000 Band-Aids on things and consider ourselves lucky," said Lynne Sebastian, state director of historic preservation.

The first lady made her remarks from the courtyard of the country's oldest public building. The Palace of the Governors was built in 1610 by Pedro Peralta, who governed the then-Spanish territory.

Today, 389 years later, it houses the Fray Angelico Chavez Research Library and Photo Archives, which includes more than 12,000 volumes of historic items.

But even a high-profile site such as this has difficulties, a veteran docent says.

"I would say offhand that it's in pretty poor shape," Meriom Kastner said in an interview. Kastner pointed to visible cracks and ugly patches in the adobe walls. A leaking roof forced museum staffers to move an exhibit in the winter of 1997-98, she said.

Clinton said her preservation campaign has raised more than \$60 million. Half the money came from Congress, and half came from private donations.

Before her speech, Clinton received a hand-carved retablo of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Twin brothers Gilbert and Gabriel Vigil, 22, used pine and natural paint and varnish to construct the gift.

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First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton looks at the Segesser Hide Paintings at the Palace of Governors with Dr. Thomas E. Chavez, director of the state-owned museum. The hide paintings are among the earliest known depictions of colonial life in the United States.

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HEADLINE: Hillary Clinton to promote Southwest preservation today

BYLINE: NANCY PLEVIN

BODY:

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's visit this morning to the Palace of the Governors museum and its 18th century Segesser hide paintings will bring needed recognition to these national treasures, museum director Tom Chavez said Thursday.

"The building is the most important building in town, and the paintings are the most important paintings in town," said Chavez, who hopes the visit also will help generate \$ 30 million needed to build a museum annex and for preservation work.

Clinton plans to stop at the museum on the Plaza as part of a four-day "Save America's Treasures" tour of the Southwest to promote the protection of historic treasures. Other stops include the Grand Canyon, Acoma Pueblo and Mesa Verde National Park.

She plans to speak at the Palace of the Governors around 9 a.m. about the need to preserve both the building, erected in 1610, and the paintings, which were made between 1702 and 1730 on three bison hides and depict historic events during the state's Spanish Colonial history.

Chavez hopes eventually to move the palace's exhibits including the paintings into an annex and make the former New Mexico governors' home into a "proper history museum" with period rooms that "let the walls speak for themselves."

Clinton arrived in Santa Fe on Thursday night for a \$ 500-a-ticket reception at sculptor Glenna Goodacre's gallery on Upper Canyon Road to raise money for Cornerstones Community Partnerships, a nonprofit group that works to preserve New Mexico's adobe mission churches.

Goodacre said Thursday afternoon, while preparing for the reception, that she expected about 175 people to attend the wine-and-hors d'oeuvres affair, which will feature classical guitar by Antonio Mendoza. The first lady will say a few words before standing for photographs with reception-goers.

"We're expecting to have a nice visit for her and to raise a lot (of money)," said Goodacre, who met Clinton recently in Washington, D.C., during the unveiling of the newly minted Sacagawea coin that the Santa Fe sculptor created.

"We had a party at her house, and now I'm having one at mine," Goodacre said.

After the reception, Clinton was expected to attend another private event outside Santa Fe and spend the night at Rancho Encantado in Tesuque.

Today, after her Palace of the Governors tour, the first lady will head to Acoma Pueblo, west of Albuquerque, to see the famed San Esteban del Rey Catholic Church, where Cornerstones is studying the 17th-century adobe sanctuary's restoration needs.

Clinton will end her New Mexico stay with an evening visit to Albuquerque's Longfellow Elementary School the site of sculptor Luis Jimenez's 1984 Fiberglas work, Southwest Pieta. The sculpture, which depicts a man holding a dying woman in his arms, represents the Mexican legend of the star-crossed lovers, Popocatepetl and Ixtaccihuatl.

Earlier this week, Clinton announced \$ 30 million in federal grants to protect treasures she said represent "the creativity and ingenuity that have always fueled progress in America."

Among the grants was \$ 700,000 to restore buildings related to the top-secret Manhattan Project in Los Alamos that unleashed the world's first atomic bomb more than 50 years ago.

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HEADLINE: World War II Bomb Buildings To Be Preserved

BYLINE: Journal Staff and Wire Reports

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Remnants of the top-secret World War II Manhattan Project in Los Alamos are among the national treasures that will be preserved through \$30 million in federal grants announced Wednesday.

Los Alamos National Laboratory is receiving \$700,000 to renovate the original buildings of the Manhattan Project, the research that unleashed the atomic bomb more than 50 years ago.

The money comes from Save America's Treasures, a federal fund to address the most urgent preservation projects of national significance.

Silent films and remnants of the Apollo space program are also among the treasures first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton said must be maintained. She warned of risks to the nation's collective memory if historic and culturally significant sites and artifacts continue to deteriorate.

Those treasures, she said, represent "the creativity and ingenuity that have always fueled progress in America."

What the White House proposes to save at Los Alamos is a string of white clapboard buildings in a meadow at S Site, where scientists continue to research, make and test high explosives.

Inside one building dangles a crane and chain that scientists used to assemble all but the final pieces of the world's first two nuclear weapons.

In another larger building nearby, lab engineers mixed and poured high-explosive slurry into molds, then machined the explosive lenses to jewel-like precision for crushing the plutonium heart of A-bombs.

All were built in wartime haste yet designed to withstand small accidental explosions. A half-century of harsh winters on the Pajarito Plateau are taking their toll, however. Tar shingles and wooden siding are sloughing off, and the buildings are generally dilapidated.

"They're cool old abandoned buildings but they're falling apart," said Kevin Roark, a lab spokesman. "They're fascinating to look at and they're even more fascinating to walk around in."

Virtually no other buildings remain from the Manhattan Project, which drew upon the world's most brilliant scientists to create weapons that forever changed the nature of war and global relations.

All the buildings sit behind a security fence, walled off from public eyes. That could change.

LANL applied for the grant after the lab's 50th anniversary and now must raise the same amount in matching funds from private, non-federal sources.

"We're very glad we got the grant. Now we have to sit down and see what we do next," Roark said.

Added Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., "There are few things in the 20th century that have had the kind of impact on world history as the Manhattan Project. We should recognize the historical significance of those buildings at Los Alamos, and the work scientists have done at the lab."

Sixty-two sites and artifacts receiving grants are in 24 states, the District of Columbia and Midway Island. The selections were based on recommendations by a panel of five preservation experts.

Mrs. Clinton on Wednesday began a four-day trip to the Southwest with a visit to the Grand Canyon.

On Friday she will visit Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Acoma Pueblo as part of the tour of national treasures in the Southwest. She will be in Santa Fe at the Palace of Governors from 9 to 10 a.m., in Acoma from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. and in Albuquerque at Longfellow Elementary School from 4:45 to 6 p.m.

The grant announcement kicked off Mrs. Clinton's tour.

The federal grants will require a match from state, local or private sources. Mrs. Clinton said private leaders already have raised more than \$30 million.

President Clinton has requested \$30 million in fiscal 2000 for additional preservation grants.

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NATIONAL TREASURE: This high-explosives factory at Los Alamos National Laboratory was built in the early 1940s to withstand accidental explosions but today is falling apart. The White House Millennium Council has earmarked \$700,000 to save it and other remnant buildings of the Manhattan Project.

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REGION UPDATE

First lady initiates trail system

From Union-Tribune news services

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GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK -- **Hillary** Rodham Clinton inaugurated a new trail system at the Grand Canyon yesterday, kicking off a tour of the Southwest to highlight national treasures.

The Clinton administration contributed \$196,000 to help begin construction on the Grand Canyon Greenway project. The project will eventually create a 73-mile system of trails for hiking, bicycles, horses and wheelchairs.

The first seven miles will be built from the community of Tusayan, south of the park's entrance, to the Canyon View Information Plaza on the South Rim.

The entire trail system will cost about \$46 million and is designed to tie into the light rail and a shuttle system that will eventually keep most cars out of Grand Canyon National Park.

First lady on tour to 'preserve treasures'

By Lucinda Dillon Deseret News staff writer

SANTA FE, N.M. -- The colors have faded a little. Nearly 300 years of exposure to light and air have dulled the outlines and illustrations some; but the stories of battle and colonial life depicted on the hides of buffalo are vivid.

One huge panel shows the massacre of a colonial expedition that went from Santa Fe to Nebraska to see if the French were intruding into what was then part of the Spanish empire.

Another shows a parade of Pueblo Indians and Spanish troops in front of a 17th century building that still stands in Santa Fe.

These are the Segesser hide paintings, now protected in a dark private museum room in Santa Fe's historic Palace of the Governors Museum, and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton came to the site Friday to draw attention to the hides, the area's culture and the museum, which she designated a National Treasure.

Clinton drew hundreds of tourists and local residents to the Palace of the Governors, the country's oldest public building, as part of a four-day "Save America's Treasures" tour of the Southwest.

In a gathering in the museum's courtyard, Clinton encouraged people to "honor the past and imagine the future." And in Santa Fe, with its rich history, American Indian culture and contemporary art community "there isn't anyplace in the U.S. where that theme is more fitting," she said.

This town is old.

Eleven years before the settlement at Jamestown and decades before the pilgrims set foot on Plymouth rock, a convoy of eight Franciscan priests, 129 Spanish soldiers and their families arrived at San Juan Pueblo in an area that is now northern New Mexico.

After a difficult life on the frontier and struggles with the Pueblo Indians, that settlement moved south to Santa Fe -- this country's first capital established in 1610 at what is today Santa Fe's historic Plaza shopping district.

Under beautiful spring skies, tourists broke from their shopping Friday to watch Clinton emerge from a tour of the museum and wave to crowds.

"With all the bad stuff happening in the world, it's nice that she's here to talk about something nice, like arts," said Santa Fe resident Elsa Maez, who came downtown to get a glimpse of Clinton.

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Later Friday, she toured Acoma Pueblo and the water-damaged San Estaban sel Rey mission, built in 1630 and one of the nation's oldest churches.

"After all, at the time of the millennium, you were the only Americans here," she told a friendly crowd of several hundred. "And when we talk about saving America's treasures, we have to begin by saving the first Americans' treasures."

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On Tuesday, Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., announced a \$ 95,000 grant under the program that will help restore the 22-room Vail Ranch House which served as the historic headquarters of the Empire-Cienega Ranch.

"The walls of this building themselves whisper to us the history of southern Arizona," Kolbe said. "such a precious landmark should never had been allowed to fall into disrepair."

The building near Sonoita next to the border with Mexico is to serve as a showpiece once restored, and Kolbe hopes to help make it part of the Las Cienegas National Conservation Area. The Heritage Foundation is providing a matching grant.

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Hillary Clinton Pushes Women's Issues on World Trips

By JEANNE CUMMINGS

STAFF REPORTER OF THE WALL STREET JOURNAL
BELFAST, Northern Ireland—About a dozen female members of the newly formed Northern Ireland Assembly were describing the difficulty of working in a historically male-dominated environment when their special guest, first lady Hillary Clinton, suggested they form a women's caucus. "Oh, we can't do that," cried Rep. Eileen Bell. "The men would go mad."

The conversation quickly moved to other topics. But Mrs. Clinton had struck another nerve.

With her husband's encouragement and little media attention, Mrs. Clinton has been traveling the globe for the past four years, questioning the status quo and sometimes offering blunt advice, all in a quest to elevate the status of women. In Ireland, China, Africa and elsewhere, Mrs. Clinton routinely returns to the feminist roots that in 1992 fueled talk of the first co-presidency.



Hillary Clinton

As the first lady appears close to launching her own political career by running for a New York Senate seat, her strong international voice for women's rights offers a striking contrast to the more traditional role she reverted to at home after the 1994 health-care debacle. A look at her international voice raises interesting questions about what kind of profile Mrs. Clinton would adopt if she becomes a candidate in her own right.

Tough talk on rape, forced prostitution, equal pay, and the right of families to make their own reproductive choices, including abortion, define Mrs. Clinton abroad. She even wades into such difficult topics as female genital mutilation. Her foreign focus reaches into her writings. In a March 1998 column focusing on child kidnappings in Uganda, Mrs. Clinton called members of the rebel Lord's Resistance Army "cowards" for engaging in the practice.

Meanwhile, at home, her image is more traditional. Children are the staple of her speeches, and her poll numbers skyrocketed when she stood by her husband during the Monica Lewinsky scandal. She soon will become the author of a book on the social side of the White House. In her weekly newspaper columns, Mrs. Clinton's domestic topics can range from Volunteers Day at the White House to backing her husband's domestic initiative.

Some observers attribute Mrs. Clinton's growing interest in world issues to a desire to escape from a brutal political climate in Washington and troubles in her marriage. But an alternative theory is that the problems of women in other countries, particularly in the developing

world, present a challenge for an intelligent and ambitious woman who is chastened by hard lessons about the limits of her role at home but still determined to make a difference.

And, by concentrating her feminist message in foreign lands, she has managed to avoid doing political damage to herself or her husband at home. "I think she is viewed as a statesman in the international community," says Myra Gutin, author of a book on the first ladies and a communications professor at Rider University in Lawrenceville, N.J. "Here, she is viewed more as a partisan."

Marsha Berry, Mrs. Clinton's spokeswoman, says the first lady's international advocacy is simply an extension of her domestic work, which continues to focus on balancing work and family and children's health. "I don't think it is one vs. the others," says Ms. Berry. "They are both challenging to her."

Mrs. Clinton's global campaign has won her praise around the world from women's groups, both big and small. The main street in the tiny township of Victoria Mxenge in Cape Town, South Africa, was named after Mrs. Clinton for her role in encouraging the women to build their own homes.

That doesn't mean she hasn't ruffled feathers. During Mrs. Clinton's first major foreign trip to the 1995 United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, Chinese officials were offended by her criticism of the nation's strict limits on childbirth. They took care of the problem by simply prohibiting the government-controlled media from passing her remarks on to the general public.

In Northern Ireland, the three female representatives from the conservative unionist parties skipped last week's opportunity to meet Mrs. Clinton. Unionist Rep. Ian Paisley Jr. says "the resentment begins when she tries to lecture and direct the political institutions and politicians in a certain direction." Mrs. Clinton uses her celebrity to help "certain women who can't get elected," he adds. "They are relying on kudos and a sense of authority from Hillary Clinton to get people to vote for them. I think people should be wary of that."

If she should decide to run for the Senate in New York, a state with large Irish-American and African-American bases in the Democratic Party, Mrs. Clinton's international policy interests could dovetail nicely with her domestic political ambitions. The Irish Assembly women were quick to offer to use their family connections with would-be voters in the Empire State to help Mrs. Clinton, though such assistance would be largely symbolic.

Conversely, Mrs. Clinton's past statements of seeming sympathy with the idea of a Palestinian state could be a problem with another core constituency, Jewish voters, though she might be able to adjust such perceptions with a trip to Israel being considered for next month.

Mrs. Clinton's two-day stop in Northern Ireland last week marked the fourth

Traveling Woman

Some of the major, independent foreign trips by Hillary Clinton

TRIP	YEAR
China	1995
Eastern Europe	1996
Africa	1997
Northern Ireland	1997
Uruguay	1998
Austria	1998
Central America	1998
North Africa	1999

time she has traveled to this violence-plagued country, and the image of an unguarded and laughing first lady was a dramatic departure from the chronic domestic portrayal of a woman under fire. In addition to the meeting with the new female assembly members, Mrs. Clinton broke ground on a playground and spoke before a "Vital Voices" conference of 400 women who are active in nonprofit community organizations.

As is common in her travels, Mrs. Clinton provides practical advice for starting a business—by selling bread or sewing—as well as encouragement for women to become active in politics. Her effectiveness has been enhanced by her close relationship with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, a longtime friend and kindred spirit in the advocacy of women.

Thus, when Mrs. Clinton travels, she doesn't come empty-handed. For example,

she spreads the word about a U.S. Agency for International Development fund that offers loans as small as \$300 to entrepreneurs. In 1997, two-thirds of the loans from the \$165.1 million "microenterprise" development fund went to women in dozens of countries. The first lady can also serve as a link between community groups and U.S. businesses, foundations, or leaders who can provide financial assistance.

But, more than money, Mrs. Clinton offers moral support, perspective, and, sometimes, a dose of humor to defuse a tense situation.

After being called a "cow," "dog," and a "whining woman" by hostile male colleagues in the Assembly, Rep. Monica McWilliams was at her lowest point when she was ushered into Mrs. Clinton's office in 1997 on St. Patrick's Day. Stick with it, Mrs. Clinton told her. Build a strong support group, she prodded, and, lastly, don't forget to take vitamins. "I thought it was the most unusual thing to say," recalls Ms. McWilliams in a fit of laughter. "Irish people don't say that." Since then, a friendship has developed and Mrs. McWilliams, founder of the centrist Northern Ireland Women's Coalition political party, was among those who encouraged the private meeting between Mrs. Clinton and the women of the Assembly.

Although most of the women initially were nonchalant about the meeting, they formed a tight circle around Mrs. Clinton when she entered the walnut-paneled dining room. After the meeting, Rep. Brid Rodgers, a 36-year veteran of the Social Democratic Labor Party, said: "For the first time, a very important visitor came to Northern Ireland and the men were sitting around trying to get a peep at her as she was meeting with us."

Galway, Ireland

Belfast, Northern Ireland

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Hillary Clinton: On a two-day visit to Northern Ireland.

Hillary jets in to city

By Kathryn Torney

AMERICA'S First Lady was hoping to build up confidence in the peace process as she arrived in Belfast today for the start of a two-day visit to the province.

Hillary Clinton touched down at Aldergrove airport early this afternoon at the start of her whistle-stop visit.

Mrs Clinton was greeted at the airport by Secretary of State Mo Mowlam, US Ambassador Philip Lader and American consul Ki Fort before being swept away in her motorcade for her first engagement in south Belfast.

She was set to join PlayBoard, the leading agency for children's play in Northern Ireland, to announce the development

of an environmental play area at Musgrave Park.

Dr Mowlam and Mrs Clinton were expected to plant an Irish Yew tree and a Florida Sunset tree to mark the development of the new play facility.

The event was to be attended by pupils from Cranmore Integrated Primary School.

The area, known as PlaySpace, will be the first of its kind in Northern Ireland and aims to provide children with access to quality, safe, free play opportunities.

The initiative was launched last year by Mrs Clinton.

Mrs Clinton later was expected to visit Parliament Buildings, Stormont, home of the new Northern Ireland Assembly, to meet women members of the parliament.

Mrs Clinton was also expected to meet First

Minister David Trimble and Deputy Seamus Mallon at Stormont.

Earlier today, Mrs Clinton flew into the Republic to deliver a lecture in Galway on the theme Our Obligations to Each Other: the Continuing Quest for Peace.

The address - the first in a series of millennium lectures marking the 150th anniversary of the National University of Ireland in the city - followed a ceremony conferring on Mrs Clinton an Honorary Doctorate of Law.

Afterwards the city fathers granted her the Freedom of Galway - making her the first woman to receive the accolade.

Both ceremonies took place before an invited audience of 1,000 guests inside the University Campus,

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By Dave Gault, AP

In Galway: Hillary Rodham Clinton at the National University of Ireland.

FIRST LADY'S TRIP: Hillary Rodham Clinton's trip this week to Ireland, England, Albania and Macedonia continues her nontraditional pattern of globe-trotting independent of the president. She will have visited 62 countries on 29 solo trips since her husband took office in 1993. When traveling with the president, the first lady has visited just 49 countries. Barbara Bush took two solo trips in

four years. Nancy Reagan traveled abroad without the president only three times in eight years. Eleanor Roosevelt, even counting her service as U.N. ambassador under President Truman, visited only 53 countries in her lifetime.

The president designates the first lady's foreign trips as official diplomatic missions. The costs are unclear because the White House and State Department disagree on how expenses are accounted. — Billy House, Gannett News Service

Women's conference on agenda today

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Also among the attendance was the celebrated Aran Islander, Bridget Derrane, who is 104. Mrs. Derrane, a former nurse and staunch Democrat-cum-Kennedy supporter during her time in the US, is listed in *The Guinness Book of Records* as the oldest holder of a university degree.

First Lady warns on 'perils of indifference' to Balkans

By Lorna Siggins,
in Galway

IRELAND'S example to the world in trying to "make peace real" and the "perils of indifference" in relation to the Balkans were the twin themes of Mrs Clinton's address at NUI Galway yesterday.

Delivering the inaugural address in the university's millennium lecture series, to mark 150 years of student enrolment, Mrs Clinton quoted two former Nobel Prize winners, including Seamus Heaney, in a 30-minute speech entitled "Our obligations to each other: the continuing quest for peace."

Mrs Clinton paid tribute to the communities endeavouring to make peace in the North, and singled out the contribution of women on both sides of the divide, in advance of her engagement with the Vital Voices women's group in Belfast.

Indicating her tacit support for the NATO campaign in the Balkans, she said those who stood by in the face of suffering were "not only bystanders" but also "in danger of losing their own soul".

Exhorting against apathy and indifference, she said people must constantly nurture hope. It was only when they could let go of their past and their old hatreds that hope could flourish.

Mrs Clinton told the 1,000 guests in Aras na Mac Léinn, where she was given an honorary doctorate in laws and the freedom of Galway city, that the tragedy of ethnic cleansing struck at all gen-

erations.

She said there was a constant challenge to peace at the end of an all-too-violent century.

"We live in a time at the end of the century when we know that peace is a constant challenge to us — how we obtain it and how we maintain it. We know even as we meet today that it is a challenge in the Balkans, the Middle East, parts of Africa and elsewhere.

"It seems that all of us, as we honour the past and imagine the future, have an opportunity to think harder about what our obligations are to other people and the obligations we all have for peace. Given the situation in the world today, the spread of weapons of mass destruction, the once-again-live conflict among ethnicities, religions and tribes, we all have a role to play in the continuing quest for peace.

"But peace will more than ever depend on what each of us does, and whether we can overcome our past on behalf of a common future."

Mrs Clinton referred to Ireland's first intake of refugees from Kosovo — "You are offering them your hearts and your homes, just as you have always done" — and said she had met the first group taken to the US.

She had been impressed by their desire to return home and build their lives in peace and harmony.

Referring to Ireland's record in international peacekeeping, she said this State had given a clear lead to the rest of the world.

Women's conference on agenda today

By Clare Murphy,
in Belfast

THE US presidential jet touched down in Belfast yesterday afternoon, as Mrs Hillary Clinton arrived for her fourth visit to Northern Ireland.

She addresses the Vital Voices conference in Belfast today, which will focus on the issue of "sustainability" and how community development work and women's groups can survive and

develop over time, beyond the initial seeding of grant support.

She was greeted on her arrival at the International Airport by the Northern Secretary, Dr Mo Mowlam, and travelled to south Belfast where she announced the development of a cross-community play area for children.

"Today, because of the leadership and the progress that have brought people together from both traditions, and the hard work that has gone into not only the Good

Friday accord but all the work since, children are thinking as children should think. They are drawing pictures of a much more hopeful and happy future," she said.

The US First Lady then went to Parliament Buildings at Stormont, where she met the North's First Minister, Mr David Trimble, and the Deputy First Minister, Mr Seamus Mallon, and their wives, Daphne and Gertrude.

"What's the date?" joked Mrs

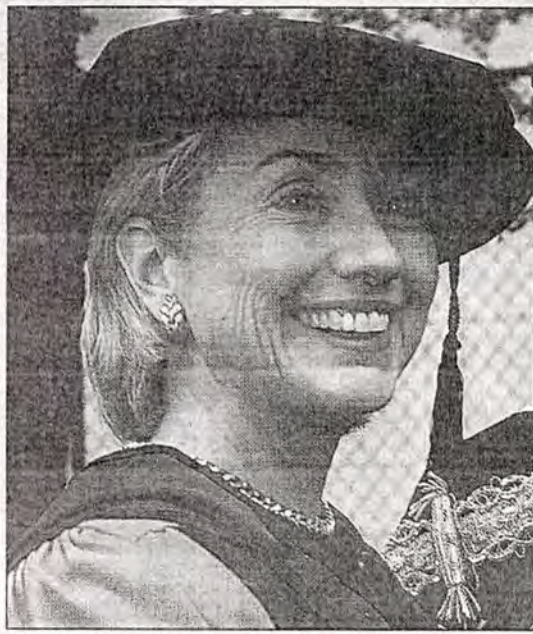
Clinton, as she signed a visitors' book in the main hallway. She admired the architecture of the building and was taken to view the Assembly chamber by the Presiding Officer, Lord Alderdice.

Mrs Clinton was accompanied on her engagements by the US ambassador to London, Mr Philip Lader, and the US consul-general in Belfast, Ms Jane Ki Fort. A reception was held before she had informal talks with the women Assembly members on the front balcony of the building. Nine of the

14 women members were present, including Sinn Féin's Ms Bairbre de Brún.

Later Mr Mallon described Mrs Clinton as "an engaging, highly intelligent and attractive lady". He added that President Clinton had, through his wife, passed on his regards to all those in Stormont.

Commenting on speculation that Mrs Clinton wished to run for elected office, Mr Trimble said her ambitions had come up in conversation.



HONOURED: Mrs Clinton at the degree ceremony in Ireland yesterday

Our children have human rights too, says Hillary

BY JULIA LLEWELLYN SMITH

TOO many children are still abused, neglected and denied basic human rights, Hillary Clinton will tell an Express-sponsored conference on children and the law today.

Mrs Clinton agreed to speak at the Hearing Children's Voices conference for the charity ChildLine at the request of her friend Cherie Blair. The two leaders' wives are both lawyers and devoted mothers, and share a passionate concern for children's issues.

TV presenter Esther Rantzen persuaded Mrs Blair to chair the conference during a chance encounter at the hairdressers. Despite a head-full of rollers, Esther could not resist the chance to accost Mrs Blair, who was sitting under the next drier.

In her capacity as chairman of ChildLine, Esther asked Mrs Blair if she would be interested in chairing the conference, which tackles the issue of how child-abuse victims can be treated better by the legal system.

Mrs Blair in turn suggested contacting her friend Mrs Clinton to give the keynote speech. Also speaking will be the Home Secretary Jack Straw. "In spite of our progress on human rights over the last half century, it is unconscionable that the circle of human dignity has not been

expanded wide enough to include all the children of the world," Mrs Clinton will tell the London conference. "There are still too many children who are abused and neglected, denied health care and education."

"There are too many children who are victims of violence and war - too many left to fend for themselves on the streets, working in inhumane conditions, trafficked like drugs and sold into prostitution."

"And through it all, there are still too many children whose suffering we fail to see, to hear and ultimately to stop."

The First Lady, who only two years ago confessed that she would love to adopt a child, has made children's issues her top priority. During her time at the White House, she has championed causes all round the world, from teenage pregnancies in America to child prostitution in Ukraine.

At one point she was thought to be considering a high-profile role with the United Nations children's organisations after her husband leaves office, although recently she has been under pressure to run for a New York seat in the Senate instead.

Yesterday Mrs Clinton was granted the Freedom of Galway and awarded an honorary doctorate from the National University of Ireland at the city in the west of the Irish Republic before going on to Belfast.

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Doctor in the White House

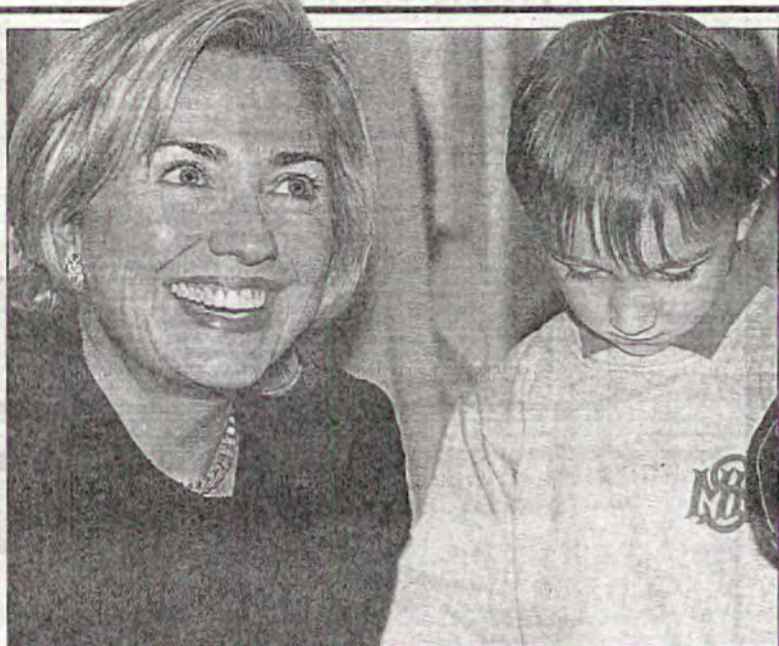


● DEGREE OF SUCCESS... First Lady Hillary Clinton is all smiles yesterday on receiving an Honorary Doctorate of Law at the National University of Ireland in Galway



GROUND-BREAKING: Hillary Clinton and Mo Mowlam at Musgrave Park

PHOTOCOPY PRESERVATION



STUCK FOR WORDS: this little boy could not conceal his shyness when he met US First Lady Hillary Clinton in Belfast yesterday. Mrs Clinton planted a tree at an after-school club during her visit. Part of the play area, which children designed themselves, is called Hillary's Garden. See Pages 2&3

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Children of peace give Hillary hope for future

By Rosie Uffindell

CHILDREN are now drawing pictures of a hopeful and happy future, US first lady Hillary Clinton said as she unveiled plans for an environmental play area in south Belfast.

The pictures are a far cry from those she had seen before, she said, when images were darker and more "fearful".

But she said the work put into the Good Friday agreement and its aftermath meant that children "were now thinking as children should".

Mrs Clinton was speaking at a ceremony to lend her support to PlayScheme, a PlayBoard initiative to give children access to quality, safe, free play areas. The five-acre site at Musgrave Park has been donated by Belfast City Council and another has been donated in mid-later by Cookstown District Council.



● HONOURS... Mrs Clinton receives an honorary degree in Galway yesterday

Speaking above the thunder and the rain, Mrs Clinton said PlayScheme was about engaging children in something positive for the future.

"There is no better symbol of how well a community is doing as what we do for our children and how they think of things," she said.

"Play is children's work, it's how they learn to get along

and get along with children different from themselves.

"In many places children don't have these opportunities. They are too threatened by what goes on outside the door of their own homes. Their playgrounds may be littered with broken glass or shrapnel, or they may be threatened with intimidation if they step into the wrong area.

"We have seen it in my country and other parts of the world and we have now seen it in Kosovo.

"But we intend to do what we can to give these children opportunities now and in the future."

Mrs Clinton, accompanied by secretary of state Dr Mo Mowlam, had been welcomed to the site by Lord Mayor David Alderdice and PlayBoard chief executive Antoinette McKeown.

She planted two trees with the help of children from Cranmore Integrated Primary School and the Newcastle

YMCA after-school club.

Mrs Clinton spent an hour at Musgrave Park before leaving for Stormont for talks with female assembly members. Last night she had a private engagement with Dr Mowlam at Hillsborough.

This morning, as a follow-up to her visit to the Vital Voices conference in September, Mrs Clinton will deliver a speech to another Vital Voices conference in Belfast.

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The US First Lady, Mrs Hillary Rodham Clinton, with Dr Patrick Fottrell, president of NUI Galway, when she visited the university yesterday. Photograph: Bryan O'Brien

'Given the situation in the world we all have a role to play in the quest for peace' ||



Mrs Hillary Rodham Clinton, the US First Lady, at NUI Galway yesterday where an honorary doctorate in laws was conferred on her.
Photograph: Bryan O'Brien; Report: page 10

Hillary Clinton gets freedom of city of Galway, honorary degree

By Lorna Higgins,
in Galway

WITH a quick smile and a quip about the many "distinguished gentlemen" who had gone before, the US First Lady, Mrs Hillary Rodham Clinton, became the First Freewoman of the City of Galway yesterday.

Mrs Clinton also received an honorary doctorate of laws. How-

ever, the day also featured a protest by anti-war demonstrators.

"A great natural resource, a fine legal mind, an inspiration to aspiring women, a model of the loving yet autonomous wife, a consistent champion of children and a good soul," was how the president of NUI Galway, Dr Patrick Fottrell, summarised her contribution, quoting from the American writer Letty Cottin Pogrebin.

Dr Fottrell paid tribute to her work as a lawyer, academic and public servant, and said she had championed the rights of women and children, while also showing a strong commitment to Northern Ireland.

In her speech, delivered to mark the university's 150th anniversary, Mrs Clinton spoke about the continuing quest for peace.

She flew into Shannon early yes-

terday morning for her two-day Irish visit. Security was tight, but discreet.

About 100 protesters at the main entrance to NUI Galway missed Mrs Clinton's arrival at the campus, and had moved to Eyre Square by the time she left for Belfast.

However, using megaphones, members of the NO to War campaign, the Socialist Party, several students and representatives of the

arts community managed to drown out the Army Band of the 4th Western Brigade as the robed university procession proceeded to the conferring ceremony at Aras na Mac Léinn. The conferring ceremony was performed by the Chancellor of the National University of Ireland, Dr Garret FitzGerald, while the Mayor of Galway, Councillor Angela Lynch-Lupton, shadowed by the City Manager, Mr Joe

Gavin, presented Mrs Clinton with her charter.

She was given a miniature of a specially commissioned bronze sculpture for the university's anniversary by John Behan, and was also presented with a Galway Crystal platter.

Special guests at the ceremony were the Government's representative, the Minister for Arts, Heri-

tage, Gaeltacht and the Islands, Ms de Valera, and the Taoiseach's representative, Ms Colla Larkin.

Also among the attendance was the celebrated Aran islander, Bridget Derrane, who is 104. Mrs Derrane, a former nurse and staunch Democrat-cum-Kennedy supporter during her time in the US, is listed in *The Guinness Book of Records* as the oldest holder of a university degree.

First ministers all fingers and thumbs with Hillary



● PICK A HAND ... Hillary Clinton shares a joke with David Trimble, left, and Seamus Mallon at Stormont last night

Picture: Hugh Russell

First lady the toast of Stormont

By William Graham
Political Correspondent

HILLARY Rodham Clinton smiled and asked David Trimble and Seamus Mallon "what's the date?" as she signed the visitors book yesterday in Stormont.

Afterwards first minister Mr Trimble joked with his deputy Mr Mallon that "at least we got that (the date) right". It was that kind of relaxed day at Parliament Buildings.

Even the serious-looking American secret service men walking around Stormont were trying to act cool and laid-back as the first lady chatted with the first ministers and their wives

before going into the restaurant to meet women assembly members.

Mrs Clinton, who was dressed in a dark trouser-suit, was of course assured of a very warm welcome, particularly by the women members. And indeed Mr Mallon and Mr Trimble also proved by their colourful comments that they were admirers.

In a more formal remark, Mr Mallon said Mrs Clinton's "visit here today means a lot to us".

"It means a lot to the community here. And I believe it gives another focal point to what we are all trying to do - and that is the creation of lasting peace, and a new stability, and a new

political dispensation.

"By her presence she epitomises that interest which exists within the United States and especially within the White House."

When Mr Trimble was asked if Mrs Clinton gave any indication of her own political aspirations in the United States, he, again in jovial mood, said: "There was some reference to that. She left Seamus Mallon and myself to go in and speak to the female assembly members."

"We did say that if she could cope with that she could cope with anything in politics and that it would be a good training for New York."

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It's YOUR peace, Hillary tells mums and children

**Hillary: do
it for the
children**

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pictures I used to see coming from children from Northern Ireland," she said.

"For they were much darker pictures then and filled with all kinds of fearful imagery."

Mrs Clinton, accompanied by Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam, joined a group of excited children to plant two trees at the groundbreaking ceremony.

Dr Mowlam assured her: "We are making progress, inch by inch. It is a tough time, a time to hold our nerves and keep going because no-one in the talks doesn't want it to work."

"We will make it, the confidence is there - we just have to find a way through the impasse."

Assembly

On her fourth visit to Belfast Mrs Clinton also travelled to Stormont to meet the 14 women members of the assembly.

She was greeted there by First Minister David Trimble, his deputy Seamus Mallon and their wives.

Later, Mrs Clinton was given a tour of the historical building by Initial Presiding Officer of the Assembly, Lord Alderdice.

The First Lady had arrived from Galway where she received the freedom of the city and an honorary doctorate in law from University College.

It was the first time a woman had been allowed to sign the Galway Roll of Freedom.

HILLARY CLINTON urged the women and children of the North to make sure the peace process stayed on track yesterday.

America's First Lady helped to launch a new playground in south-west Belfast designed to provide a neutral space for Protestant and Catholic children to play safely together.

"Today, because of the leadership and the progress that has brought people together from both traditions, children are thinking as children should think," Mrs Clinton said pointing to a display of bright-coloured paintings.

By **JOHN DONLON**

"They are drawing pictures of a much more hopeful and happy future."

At the ceremony she said Belfast already seemed to be changing for the better since the Good Friday Agreement.

After leaving the park, Mrs Clinton met with the 14 female members of the new Assembly to discuss the role women must continue to play as catalysts for peace.

The First Lady's two-day visit to the North concludes today with a speech to a women's conference in Belfast.

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First Lady is in confident form during Irish trip

From JOHN DONLON in GALWAY

A SMILING Hillary Clinton looked relaxed and glamorous yesterday as she arrived in Galway University to collect an honorary degree and the Freedom of the City.

America's First Lady also delivered a special Millennium lecture, in which she urged warring nations to "let go of the past, let go of the old hatreds".

Hope is the only answer, she declared.

And Hillary also spoke of her own, personal hopes, of spending more time in Ireland with her family.

"My daughter visited Galway a while ago and fell in love with the scenery.

"She, my husband and I hope to come back again to see this beautiful city at a more leisurely pace. I understand there are some golf courses around".

Mrs Clinton also joked that one of the benefits of being a "Free Man" of the City was that you didn't have to pay taxes.

"That might be something to consider when he vacates the White House and are looking for a new home", she said.

Welcoming Mrs Clinton, Dr Patrick Fottrell, President of Galway University spoke of her "exceptional global interventions on behalf of children, families, social justice and women's rights".

He said as First Lady she had championed women's rights at national and international level.

Bestowed

The Freedom of the City was bestowed on Mrs Clinton by the Mayor of Galway, Cllr Angela Lynch-Lupton.

A crowd of about 80 people, mainly from the Irish Socialist party, protested outside over the NATO bombing in the Balkans.

Delivering the first speech in the University's Millennium Lecture Series, the First Lady quoted the words of Derry Poet Seamus Heaney when he said that one day "hope and history" would rhyme.

Mrs Clinton spoke of the danger in the Balkans, the Middle East and other troubled spots "where evil has gone unchecked".



SMILES: Gareth FitzGerald awards Hillary Clinton an honorary degree at Galway University.

Hope, she said was the only answer. "Let go of the past, let go of the old hatreds", she urged warring nations.

Mrs Clinton used the opportunity to heap praise on Ireland for its economic progress and for the efforts being made towards a lasting peace in the North.

She also stoutly defended NATO's action in Yugoslavia and attacked the Serbian leadership.

Referring to the fall of the Berlin Wall ten years ago, Mrs Clinton said: "Who would have thought we would now be faced with the evil emanating from Yugoslavia?"

Refugees

She said she had met refugees of Kosovo and their one wish was to return home.

"They want to be left alone, to be able to raise

their families. That's all any of us want."

Mrs Clinton also spoke of her particular admiration for the women of Northern Ireland.

But she warned that the hard work of peace only begins after the agreements have been signed.

The First Lady praised Northern politicians from all sides of the political divides.

She said she had seen the

progress been made, the hand-shakes being exchanges between former political enemies.

"We will also need convergence. Leaders will always have to take risks for peace", she said.

She recalled various troubled spots in the world she had visited and how she sat with people who had once been at war with each other, but now felt able to trust one another.

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Women centre stage at private meeting

US First Lady Hillary Clinton put the North's women politicians on centre stage last night as she held a private audience at Stormont — for female Assembly members only.

Among the nine Assembly members she shook hands with was Sinn Féin's minister-in-waiting, Bairbre de Brun, who may be the only woman in the 10-strong power-sharing executive.

When she arrived at Stormont, Mrs Clinton — on her fourth visit to the North — was greeted by First Minister David Trimble with Deputy Seamus Mallon and their wives.

Today Mrs Clinton will speak at a Vital Voices women's conference in Belfast.

The First Lady also helped to launch a new playground in south-west Belfast designed to provide a neutral space for Protestant and Catholic children.



PALS: Hillary shares a joke with Mo Mowlam in the North yesterday

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TURNED HEADS: Celia

Celia stunning

CELIA LARKIN looked stunning in a white suit after the ceremony for Hillary Clinton.

But it was the manner in which she was described on the guest list that turned most heads.

Incredibly, she was not listed as Taoiseach Bertie Ahern's partner, but as a "representative from the Taoiseach's constituency office".

Ms Larkin is indeed the Taoiseach's constituency officer, for which she is paid

nearly £30,000 a year.

But the invitation to her was clearly because she is Bertie's long-term partner — and not for her constituency work.

The Taoiseach himself has made no secret of the fact that his marriage broke down several years ago.

He went public on this when becoming leader of Fianna Fáil.

Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht Minister Síle de Valera was another special guest at the ceremony yesterday.

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Hillary Clinton and northern secretary Mo Mowlam applaud children from cross-community schools and groups who were in the audience during the US First Lady's first stop at the start of a two-day visit to the north

Show goes on in spite of deluge

By MARTINA DEVLIN

IT WAS a scene of biblical proportions. Lightning bolts ricocheted, thunder clamoured and the heavens parted to disgorge so much water it seemed like The Deluge the Sequel.

As competition goes, Hillary Clinton had an ocean's worth to contend with the moment she opened her mouth to speak in Belfast last night. The rain was so persistent, if Noah's Ark had hove into view no one would have been the least surprised.

But was Hillary distracted? Did she hesitate? Not a bit of her.

The First Lady ignored the stormy floor-show flapping around the marquee and sailed through her speech. Admittedly, she pitched her voice a little louder than usual in fact she was practically yelling above the din from the elements by the end of it but otherwise she gave her usual polished performance.

We seemed in danger of drowning, caught in the drips from a leaky tent, but there was no



Win the new



way Hillary was prepared to be drowned out.

And it won her admirers. One child burst into applause rather prematurely since Hillary was still in full flow but her mother hushed the little girl. So instead the child covered her head with sheets of paper outlining the First Lady's Belfast engagements; obviously she didn't feel too confident about the marquee's watertight capacity either.

As the rain lashed down, Hillary announced she'd be planting some trees. There was a gasp of admiration or was that horror, since if she went outside we would have to trip after her. But the panic subsided when she conducted the ceremony on a patch of earth inside the tent.

Her composure in the face of torrents impressed eight-year-old Connor McQuoid from Dundrum in Co Down. "She's cool," he said approvingly. "She didn't duck or anything at the thunder. I was a bit scared but she didn't mind." Another group of children were speculating on what might have happened had the lightning struck the tent. "We'd all have been fried up and turned black," remarked one child, with something approaching relish. "Hillary too."

It earned him a singularly malignant glance from one of the Secret Service agents poised to defend their charge against assassins, fanatics, lunatics and scariest of all, the press, but ill-equipped to protect her from celestial lightning bolts.

The best he could do was produce an umbrella, so large it would have sheltered a family of six and held it over Hillary, escorting her to the presidential limousine. More than a foot taller than her they're big lads, these Secret Service men, all wearing identikit white raincoats it's debatable how dry he actually kept her. But whatever hairspray she's using, it works magnificently not a hair was out of place.

There was no great turnout for Hillary's engagement to dedicate a new play area for children. Obviously some guests had checked the weather forecast and decided Musgrave Park on a sodden Wednesday evening held limited attractions. Even with Hillary to provide a metaphorical ray of sunshine,

Still, the children made her feel wanted, in

fact, a group of them at the front spelled it out with gold cards, holding a letter apiece. 'Welcome, Hillary' it read. Their initiative or at least their teacher's earned them a smile from the First Lady plus a photo opportunity.

Watching her leave, one of the Playboard workers exclaimed with disappointment. "She didn't use our caravan," complained Joanne. It seems the American organisers specifically requested a caravan laid on furnished with flowers, fruit, water and washroom facilities. Playboard even went to the trouble of providing two types of water, still and sparkling.

They weren't to know that water was the last thing anyone fancied drinking yesterday evening wasn't it running down our necks, seeping into our shoes and plastered to our heads?

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Model future: The First Lady in Belfast yesterday at the site of the environmental play area PlaySpace

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VIEWPOINT



Avoiding confrontation

DRUMCREE TALKS: Time for a fresh start

THE first glimmerings of light are appearing on the Drumcree horizon, suggesting that it may be possible to avoid another disastrous confrontation. David Trimble is meeting on a regular basis with the residents of Garvaghy Road and now the Orange Order say they have abandoned the idea of a mammoth Twelfth demonstration in Portadown this year.

There is still a chance that the Grand Lodge will decide to go ahead with a protest that would bring thousands into the town, but last night's announcement confirms that there are sharp differences of opinion in the subject. Many Orangemen realise the potential for serious damage not only to the Order but to the unionist cause. They want to avoid trouble, in the interests of the public, and they are not going to contribute to pre-Twelfth tensions.

All this is good news for those in fear of another summer of discontent, but here are still many obstacles to be cleared. The Drumcree issue, which has pitted one community against another, is only a single aspect of the divisions that continue to threaten the peace process. Until it is agreed up to by both sides, and a resolution found, those trying to implement the Good Friday Agreement are greatly handicapped. Drumcree casts a dark shadow over the political reconciliation that is the common goal.

As an Orangeman himself, Mr Trimble has provided a lead that was badly needed. Although he has resisted direct meetings with the Garvaghy Road residents, he now accepts that the dangers are so great and his responsibilities as MP and First Minister so all-encompassing that he could not stand aloof. There is no guarantee that his series of talks, first with elected representatives and yesterday with the residents' coalition, will provide answers, but his well-known attention to detail is an assurance that all aspects of the conflict are being examined.

Most of all, people want to know what are the circumstances in which a disciplined, non-confrontational walk by Portadown Orangemen along their traditional Garvaghy Road route would be permitted. The residents can point to provocation and violence in past years, just as the Orangemen can quote the concessions that have already been made, but it is time for a fresh start. Surely, in the light of the new respect that politicians are showing for each other, the Orange and Green can learn to live with their differences for one Sunday in the year?

If the talks fail, or decisions are rescinded, the only victors will be the wreckers. On both sides, against peace and against the ideals of the Good Friday Agreement.

Clinton gets a standing ovation



Happy days: Hillary Clinton.

She was the guest of honour at the event — organised by the Northern Ireland Voluntary Trust — which coincided with the second and final day of her visit to the province. State of the art video technology today gave female high fliers, attending three different business events across Northern Ireland, and the Republic, a chance to talk directly with Mrs Clinton.

The theme of the initiative — to encourage the active participation of women in social, economic and political life — echoed from Cavan to Londonderry and Omagh.

Speaking at the conference, Avila Kimurray, Director of NIVC, said Mrs Clinton's interest in Northern Ireland had acknowledged the importance of women here.

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By Maureen Coleman

HILLARY Clinton was today given a standing ovation when she arrived in Belfast to attend a special conference.

The First Lady enjoyed a rapturous reception from the 400 delegates attending the Vital Voices conference in the Spires Centre.

Mrs Clinton looked radiant in a navy trouser suit.

She didn't seem too distracted by members of the Socialist Workers Party who staged a demonstration outside calling for an end to the NATO bombing campaign in the Balkans.

Mrs Clinton was praised for her 'vital voice' of concern for women's issues and community development in Northern Ireland.

Mrs Clinton to highlight pain of child abduction

HILLARY Clinton is due today to highlight the heartbreak of child abduction by estranged parents at a conference chaired by Cherie Blair.

America's First Lady will give a key speech at a London symposium organised by the Danny Childline with Prime Minister Tony Blair's wife to demand action on issues from sex abuse to the rights of children in divorce.

Mrs Clinton, who will speak alongside Home Secretary Jack Straw to raise the growing problem of children being abducted abroad — just a fortnight after Mrs Blair delivered an emotional plea in Washington for action on the issue.

Also attending the conference will be Catherine Meyer, the wife of the British ambassador to Washington and a prominent campaigner on the issue, and who has suffered the pain of being separated from her children.

Childline spokeswoman Nina Ashworth said: "Mrs Clinton will be talking about the pressing issue of children being taken abroad illegally. It is a growing problem, along with many others, to which a solution needs to be found."

The speech by Mrs Clinton represents a further cementing of her partnership with

Cherie set to host Childline conference

Mrs Blair on gaining better protection for the world's children.

Lady Meyer, who has seen her two sons for just 14 hours since 1994 when they were abducted to Germany by their father, brought the two women together last month for the launch of a group to tackle the abduction issue.

The conference, which is sponsored by The Express newspaper, will also look at a series of legal difficulties faced by children.

Earlier, Mrs Clinton addressed a conference on how to help further the role of women in Northern Ireland as part of the Vital Voices initiative launched last autumn by the First Lady and Mo Mowatt.

Video facilities brought together more than 80 delegates in Belfast's Spire Centre, Craigavon, Londonderry, and across the border in Cavan.

Assembly warms to Hillary

By Martina Purdy

IT should have been a date to remember — the first time the US First Lady visited the Parliament that Bill Clinton helped restore.

But when Hillary Clinton went to sign the guest register, and enquired after the date, the leaders of the new administration were momentarily stumped.

After a bit of discussion, Mrs Clinton was informed it was the 12th — "that's the consensus, anyway," said Deputy First Minister Seamus Mallon.

"We got the year right," joked First Minister David Trimble afterwards.

Mrs Clinton's black limousine had arrived in the pouring rain at around 5.20pm and out stepped the petite blonde in a tailored pinstripe suit with a warm smile.

"It's wonderful to see you," she said as she greeted

Leaders say Mrs Clinton is a cracker

the politicians, including Mr Trimble, Mr Mallon, their respective wives, Daphne and Gertrude, and Lord Alderdice, initial presiding officer.

Already a formidable presence in politics, Mrs Clinton, who is tipped to run for office in the US when her husband leaves the White House, she was treated to a tour of the new chamber by Lord Alderdice.

As she admired the architecture and the beautiful view, she had a few admirers of her own.

"A wee cracker," Northern Ireland Unionist Cedric Wilson whispered a little too loudly to another on-looker.

He laughed when he was caught on — others were not so shy.

Mr Trimble and Mr Mallon agreed welcoming

Mrs Clinton made a nice change from their usual duties.

"Just on the human level, she's a very intelligent, engaging, attractive lady, and David and I will always welcome attractive ladies," Mr Mallon said.

Asked if the US First Lady gave any indication of her own political ambitions before she went off to meet nine of the Assembly's 14 members, Mr Trimble said: "We did say that if she could cope with that (meeting the local women politicians) she could cope with anything in politics — and that it would be good training for New York."

But neither of the two Ulster Unionist Assembly women were there. Pauline Armitage and Joan Carson, nor was the DUP's Iris Robinson.

Those who took part included the SDLP's Brid Rodgers, Sinn Féin's Bairbre de Brun, Alliance's Eileen Bell and the Women's Coalition's Jane Morrice.



Hands up: The First Lady shares a joke with David Trimble and Seamus Mallon

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Poignant plea from Omagh

HILLARY Clinton yesterday recalled one of the most poignant moments of her husband's presidency, when he received a heart-rending letter from a father in the wake of the Omagh bombing.

The father wrote: "We have a dream... that a time will come in which people will not be afraid of their neighbours."

Mrs Clinton said it made a deep impression on her and the President.

The Ulster saga needs a touch of pragmatism

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THE 50th day of bombing in the Kosovo conflict stirred Downing Street yesterday to stamp on any malingering thoughts about the propriety of the war.

More pointedly, Tony Blair's official spokesman, who earlier this week briefed reporters at Number 10 from a train in Brussels, brushed aside Tory criticism of the conduct of the campaign.

"It was never going to be easy. There were always going to be difficulties," he asserted.

"When there are difficulties, it is a good thing to show resolve and determination, and that's what the Government is going to do."

In a different context and on a different day, the sentiments – almost to the word – echo Number 10's official line on Northern Ireland.

On Tuesday, the latest episode of the "In and Out Show" in Downing Street brought both David Trimble and Gerry Adams to speak to Mr Blair.

When they came out, they shed little light on where things go next.

More dismally, the Government was reduced to saying that the process was "edging" forward. Can this be an

"No," he replied, before pointing out that the Belfast Agreement contains provision for going ahead without Sinn Féin.

The Government, of course, sticks to its line that the process must remain "inclusive", as the SDLP also emphasises, and that the eventual deal must be acceptable to all sides.

But, if the present stalemate is not to grind to a sterile (and, possibly, dangerous) halt, should Mr Blair not now engage in some urgent lateral thinking?

David Bleakley this week argued for the need to address a reality, as he sees it: the present climate is not conducive to agreement on four-party Cabinet government.

Almost daily, Mr Blair is being asked by Sinn Féin to "take the lead".

No doubt to unionists, the exhortation means he should flex his muscles, set up the Executive and put decommissioning aside. They will be disappointed. If Mr Blair believes (we are told he has great strength of purpose) that a solution will emerge from talking, the reality is that the devolution train is held up by a major points failure.

In an German magazine interview this week, he suggested that decommissioning had now become an issue more

to do with "symbolism" and trust.

The lack of trust on both sides is a formidable gulf to be crossed.

However much the thaw in the UUP-Sinn Féin stand-off deserves support, the pace of the courtship – let alone the rhetoric – augurs less well for an early resolution.

To say that is not, as the doom merchants conclude, to believe that the skill of politics and the art of pragmatism ultimately cannot find an answer.

But the drawn-out argument poses the question of whether, on practical grounds at present, the UUP and Sinn Féin can be expected to share power amicably, while both seek to outmanoeuvre the other.

The fundamental significance of the Good Friday Agreement remains a powerful engine for reform and advance.

But its high-powered expectations are at risk of over-heating and may, for now, prove to be beyond what people can deliver.

Mr Blair says the campaign in Kosovo will go on "for as long as is necessary".

Whatever his patience on Northern Ireland, there is a more compelling urgency for pragmatism to work.

Partition is now back in vogue

PARTITION is coming back into fashion even though nobody in Ireland has a good word to say for it.

It is not that Partition here does not have its supporters, of course: they are many in number. Some unionists fetishise it as if the line on the map was divinely ordained; others regard it as a necessary evil.

The point is that the word itself is not in the unionist vocabulary. They refer to the foundation of the Northern Ireland state and to Southern Ireland leaving the UK by stages, but they abjure the word Partition.

Nationalists, by turn, regard Partition as a great evil, a wound across the face of Ireland.

To some it is Britain's exclusive fault. The more sophisticated will acknowledge nationalists' own role in entrenching the division, most especially the part played in recent years by violent republicanism.

What would have become of Ireland, and of her Protestant population in particular, if Partition had not occurred is anyone's guess, but to imagine that violent ethnic and political tensions would have entirely disappeared into the ether is probably fanciful.

Republicans urge that Partition in Ireland has failed. Certainly a great deal of mistrust has built up between North and South although the ice has melted somewhat in recent years.

But for over 40 years - between about 1925 and 1968 - there was relative peace in Northern Ireland. The South, for all the bitterness engendered by the Civil War, has by turn been a stable, peaceful society with the exception of notable isolat-



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Northern Ireland was not a Utopian society.

There were abuses of power though not on the scale or of the systematic nature of some people's imagining.

But Northern Ireland was, by comparison with the South, liberal by the standards of the times and

ed incidents such as the 1974 UVF bombings.

That Northern Ireland was relatively peaceful for several decades after Partition demonstrates that the violence suffered for the last 30 years was by no means inevitable. Certainly,

relatively successful economically. Abuses such as they were should be attributed to the failure of successive Stormont administrations to modernise rather than to Partition per se.

Partition is not unique to Ireland of course. India was partitioned in 1947 with the creation of Muslim Pakistan. The border there is unquestionably tense but Partition and the mass exchange of populations has left both societies relatively stable and Indian democracy is a marvel considering the diverse nature of her population.

Partition in Cyprus is not officially recognised but the de facto creation of two homogeneous states has preserved both populations on the island. Turkish intervention in 1974 and the UN's help since has kept Greek and Turkish Cypriots from annihilating each other.

Partition is never an ideal solution but it can often be the least

worst option. If Nato's bizarre exploits in Yugoslavia have shown us anything, it is that people who cannot hang together are better hanging apart. For the West to try to preserve a myriad of multi-ethnic states in the Balkans is pointless and costly.

Policy now should be directed towards creating a Serb Federation taking in all the Serb territories and a Greater Albania embracing some, but not all, of Kosovo.

Population exchanges, though painful in the short-term, should prevent the Balkans having the hold on European affairs in the next century that they have had in this.

The usual suspects will complain about the hollow sovereignty of states such as FYR Macedonia being violated but for the West to have followed the wrong policy thus far is no excuse for us perpetuating our folly.

Partition's time has come.

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Honours for First Lady, a 'great natural resource'

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in line and wait, then the First Lady was ushered inside and walked along the receiving line like a President at a rugby international.

Arranged on a set of steps at the top of the hall were the photographers, who were told not to step out of line and not to bump into the piano. They couldn't see very much, until Hillary finally walked towards them, looking up and into a stained glass window.

The photographers lurched forward, but not quickly enough for a man from the White House, who whipped a blue nylon rope out of his briefcase, chucked it to a man on the other side, then pulled it taut in front of them. He could have been lassoing a steer.

A taxi-driver told us he knew one of the waitresses working at the event, and she had been told not to wear black tights or a skirt above the knee. "Would have been the other way around for Bill!" he chuckled.

The rain belted down before the procession from the Quadrangle to the Conferring Hall. The band of the Western Command sheltered under a chestnut tree and played a Spanish Gypsy dance. But they couldn't



● Celia Larkin: representing the Taoiseach's Constituency Office

drown out the noise from the protesters down the way, reminding us how wonderful it is to live in a democracy.

Then somebody started playing the bagpipes. But you could still hear the protesters. Luckily, the rain stopped just in time for the procession, which moved through the college grounds at a snail's pace. Members of the university and the city council processed gravely in their colourful robes behind the city sword and mace.

The VIPs walked in a small group

some distance behind, and behind them, looking distinctly undonnish, walked the Secret Service. A man and a woman, both with earpieces, chewing gum and in black teacher's gowns.

Inside, seasoned Hillary watchers, people who claimed to have met her on lots of occasions, said that she wasn't travelling with such a large entourage yesterday. That she wasn't as perfectly prepared for the occasion as she would be normally. For example, where was the man who goes everywhere with her carrying the box containing The Speech?

Perhaps that may be why she didn't receive a standing ovation at the end of the two ceremonies. Bertie Ahern's partner Celia Larkin, who was seated in the front row, made an attempt to rise to her feet as the final applause began, but they remained rooted to their seats around her, so she sat down again.

Celia attended officially as the "representative from the Taoiseach's constituency office", which would have been very handy for anyone from Dublin Central who happened to find themselves around campus yesterday. They could have asked her to request the boss to make representations for them.

PMs to hold further talks on deadlock

By Desmond McCartan

TONY Blair and Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern will meet in London tomorrow to sustain their joint effort to find a compromise formula to end the arms impasse.

Mr Blair, who was returning to Britain later today after attending a prize-award ceremony in Germany, and Mr Ahern will co-host further talks with the UUP, SDLP and Sinn Fein.

But officials cautioned against expectations of an imminent breakthrough, saying there was a hope that more progress could be made.

The Taoiseach was due in Britain this week for a separate speaking engagement in Leicestershire.

Both prime ministers made only limited headway when they chaired discussions with the parties

at Number 10 last Thursday.

Since then, Mr Blair has had separate talks with UUP leader David Trimble and Sinn Fein's Gerry Adams.

In the Commons yesterday, UUP MP Ken Maginnis challenged Mr Blair to give an unequivocal assurance that there would be no attempt to impose an Executive with Sinn Fein in the absence of decommissioning.

Mr Maginnis condemned the nomination of what he termed "the godfather of terrorist godfathers", Martin McGuinness, for an Executive post by Sinn Fein.

He urged the Prime Minister to confirm there would be "no question" of allowing Sinn Fein to take up its posts until it had met its obligations.

Mr Blair said forswearing violence was a condition of joining the Executive.

But he stressed that the current peace process was the best way forward.

THE FIRST LADY'S ULSTER VISIT

BERNIE REAGAN, Thursday, May 13.



Sisterhood: Hillary Clinton meets with Assembly members at Parliament Buildings



● Hillary Clinton and Northern Secretary Mo Mowlam applaud children from cross-community schools and groups who were in the audience during the US First Lady's first stop at the start of a two-day visit to the North

IT WAS a scene of biblical proportions. Lightning bolts ricocheted, thunder clamoured and the heavens parted to disgorge so much water it seemed like *The Deluge — the Sequel*.

As competition goes, Hillary Clinton had an ocean's worth to contend with the moment she opened her mouth to speak in Belfast last night. The rain was so persistent, if Noah's Ark had hove into view no one would have been the least surprised.

But was Hillary distracted? Did she hesitate? Not a bit of her.

The First Lady ignored the stormy floor-show flapping around the marquee and sailed through her speech. Admittedly, she pitched her voice a little louder than usual — in fact she was practically yelling above the din from the elements by the end of it — but otherwise she gave her usual polished performance.

We seemed in danger of

By MARTINA DEVLIN

drowning, caught in the drips from a leaky tent, but there was no way Hillary was prepared to be drowned out.

And it won her admirers. One child burst into applause — rather prematurely since Hillary was still in full flow — but her mother hushed the little girl. So instead the child covered her head with sheets of paper outlining the First Lady's Belfast engagements; obviously she didn't feel too confident about the marquee's watertight capacity either.

As the rain lashed down, Hillary announced she'd be planting some trees. There was a gasp of admiration — or was that horror, since if she went outside we would have to trip after her. But the panic subsided when she conducted the ceremony on a patch of earth inside the tent.

Her composure in the face of torrents impressed eight-year-old Connor McQuoid from Dundrum in Co Down. "She's cool," he said approvingly. "She didn't duck or anything at the thunder. I was a bit

scared but she didn't mind." Another group of children were speculating on what might have happened had the lightning struck the tent. "We'd all have been fried up and turned black," remarked one child, with something approaching relish. "Hillary too."

It earned him a singularly malignant glance from one of the Secret Service agents — poised to defend their charge against assassins, fanatics, lunatics and scariest of all, the press, but ill-equipped to protect her from celestial lightning bolts.

The best he could do was produce an umbrella, so large it would have sheltered a family of six and held it over Hillary, escorting her to the presidential limousine. More than a foot taller than her — they're big lads, these Secret Service men, all wearing identikit white raincoats — it's debatable how dry he actually kept her. But whatever hairspray she's using, it works magnificently — not a hair was out of place.

There was no great turnout for Hillary's engagement to dedicate a new play area for

children. Obviously some guests had checked the weather forecast and decided Musgrave Park on a sodden Wednesday evening held limited attractions. Even with Hillary to provide a metaphorical ray of sunshine,

Still, the children made her feel wanted, in fact, a group of them at the front spelled it out with gold cards, holding a letter apiece. "Welcome, Hillary" it read. Their initiative — or at least their teacher's — earned them a smile from the First Lady plus a photo opportunity.

Watching her leave, one of the Playboard workers exclaimed with disappointment. "She didn't use our caravan," complained Joanne. It seems the American organisers specifically requested a caravan laid on furnished with flowers, fruit, water and washroom facilities. Playboard even went to the trouble of providing two types of water, still and sparkling.

They weren't to know that water was the last thing anyone fancied drinking yesterday evening — wasn't it running down our necks, seeping into our shoes and plastered to our heads?

"She goes as I'm sure of it."

last week-end, Thursday May 13

VIP mums share vision for children

THEY may be powerful women from very different backgrounds but US First Lady Hillary Clinton and Princess Anne share a common interest - making the world a better place for children.

Yesterday, the Princess Royal, patron of Save the Children Fund, met the children of Moira to celebrate the opening of a new £1.3million school building after the original was dev-

Reports: GARY KELLY and EMMA FLYNN Pictures: BRIAN LITTLE

astated by a 500lb bomb.

And to symbolise a new, peaceful future for Northern Ireland, Princess Anne met pupils from St Nicholas Primary School, Ardglass which is linked to Moira through the Education for Mutual Understanding programme.

Meanwhile, the US First Lady met children from Cranmore Integrated Primary School and the YMCA play club at the ceremony of a new environmental play area in Musgrave Park to be used by children from all sections of the community.

Speaking directly to the children, Mrs Clinton said that they were the inspiration driving those involved to complete the project.

Hillary looks ahead to 'a bright future'

TO the accompaniment of thunder rolling out of the darkest of skies, Hillary Clinton spoke of a bright new future for the children of Northern Ireland.

First stop for the US First Lady, who arrived in Belfast for a two day visit, was a marquee erected in Musgrave Park to announce plans for the development of a cross community environmental play area.

Speaking at the groundbreaking ceremony for a new chil-

drén's five-acre play area she praised Northern Ireland's politicians for creating the conditions for peace.

"Today, because of the leadership and progress that has brought people together from both traditions and the hard work that has gone into not only the Good Friday accord but all the work since, children are thinking as children should."

Speaking of the bright pictures exhibited on a display board beside the rostrum, she said they were a far cry from the

disturbing images she had seen painted by children during the dark days of the Troubles.

"Children are thinking as children should think. They are drawing pictures of a much brighter future," she told the audience.

The idea behind the play area known as Play-Space is to provide the children of Belfast with access to a safe environment. It is hoped to provide play areas in all 26 district council areas.

Afterwards she spoke to a group of children



HILLARY CLINTON

who had made a model of what they would like to see included in the play area.

The group included 10-year-old Fiona Hamill from Newcastle: "Mrs Clinton asked us about the play park and told us how she used to make models. She said she especially liked the bridge of peace."

While at Musgrave, Mrs Clinton, accompanied by Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam, joined children to plant two trees on the new site.

Later, Mrs Clinton travelled to Stormont to meet the 14 women members of the new Northern Ireland assembly including Sinn Féin's minister-in-waiting Bairbre de Brun who may be the only woman in the power-sharing executive.

She was then accompanied by Lord Alderdice around the building and went to see the Assembly's debating chamber.

Mrs Clinton also had a private audience with the First Minister David Trimble his deputy Seamus Mallon and their wives.

TO A DEGREE



AP
First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton is feted yesterday with an honorary law degree from the National University of Ireland in Galway.

First Lady Hillary's message of hope

By KATY WEITZ

HILLARY Clinton yesterday praised Northern Ireland's politicians for putting hope back into children's lives.

Speaking on a return visit to Belfast, she said the efforts towards winning a lasting peace had brought people from both traditions closer together and now "children are thinking as children should".

Admiring pictures of how they imagined the new PlayBoard Playspace - a five-acre play area in the city's Musgrave Park - she said they were more hopeful for the future.

The First Lady, who was involved in the planning of the project during her visit last September, said there was no better symbol of how well a community was doing than what it was doing for its children.

She said: "As you look at these pictures it is a far cry from some of the

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BACK TO SCHOOL: First Lady Hillary Clinton meets some of the children from Belfast's Cranmore Integrated School yesterday

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AWARDED... Hillary Clinton yesterday with President's Prize winners Sister Noreen Christian and Alastair Kilgore, along with *Irish News* editor Noel Doran, and *News Letter* editor Geoff Martin

Picture: Hugh Russell

President's Prize for workers

By Rosie Uffindell
Social Affairs Reporter

TWO pioneers of cross-community work were awarded the President's Prize yesterday by First Lady Hillary Clinton in recognition of their efforts to build peace and reconciliation.

Sister Noreen Christian, a leading figure in the Currach and Forthspring initiatives straddling the west Belfast interface, and Alastair Kilgore, a worker at Corrymeela for 25 years, were each presented with the gift of a travel programme to the US.

The President's Prize, a joint initiative by the *Irish News* and the *News Letter*, was launched by President Clinton during his first visit to Northern Ireland in 1995.

The prize recognises those who, at grassroots level, have

dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life of their own community and who have also contributed in some way to developing cross-community links.

Noel Doran, editor of the *Irish News*, said: "I am delighted that through the President's Prize we have been able to recognise two individuals who have made a notable contribution to the cause of peace and reconciliation."

Sr Noreen, of the Dominican Order and who has also been awarded an MBE for her services to community relations, said the award was an affirmation of the work being done by many people at an interface level.

And she said she was confident about the prospects of peace for the future.

"Fears and tensions have been

dramatically reduced but the effect on those fears and tensions are still very much deep in our psyche," she said.

"We still need to be encouraged to take risks and to work together to build things together rather than separately."

"There are lots of question marks about the future but I do feel the will and the capacity is there."

Mr Kilgore, now employed as a community support worker with Corrymeela after years devoting his spare time on a voluntary basis to the community, said the award was more than a personal endorsement.

"It is significant that two communities have been awarded this," he said.

"It is a mark of the contribution that cross community

communities have made in the Northern Ireland situation.

"This also endorses the place of ordinary people doing ordinary things."

And he said he was hopeful that ways would be found through the existing impasse.

"At times some of the work is harder because, as we get to a crunch time, people get more entrenched. While some move forward, others are more hesitant."

"So it's about respecting those hesitations but not letting these hold back the trend."

"I am very hopeful that we will find our way together and that we will find ways forward."

As their prize, the two winners will travel to the US in September for a series of engagements and visits over a two-week period.