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stain the reputation of my kids," Huckabee said.

The *Free Press* column did not identify which son allegedly was involved.

Huckabee's attorney, Kevin Crass of Little Rock, said both sons sued because by not giving a name, the *Free Press* injured the reputation of both.

Free Press publisher Dorothy "Dotty" Oliver of Little Rock did not return telephone calls Wednesday. A person answering the telephone at the *Free Press* said Oliver's attorney, R. David Lewis of Little Rock, has advised her not to make any more comments.

Lewis attended the news conference but would not comment about the suit.

On Tuesday, Oliver told the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* that she defended the column, which was headlined "Arkansas Media Sucks." She also said she had sources at Parkview High School in Little Rock who would back up the story.

David Huckabee, 18, graduated last year from Parkview High School and now attends Arkansas State University in Jonesboro. John Mark Huckabee, 22, graduated from high school in Texarkana and is expected to graduate in December from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia.

The author of the column, Jack Page of Little Rock, attended Huckabee's news conference. Page, who also is president of the Arkansas chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, stood by his story.

"I'm surprised about this whole attention," Page said. "The whole incident only warranted one sentence in a half-page article. ... We never attacked his son. The attack was on [the governor] for covering up for it. The attack was on him and the Arkansas media for not finding out the truth on this and many other stories having to do with the war on drugs."

The lawsuit was filed about a week after Huckabee spokesman Jim Harris criticized the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* for reporting that the governor's daughter, Sarah, 16, allegedly was among a group of students who skipped school. Harris said he has concerns "that when Bill Clinton was governor, [his daughter] Chelsea was considered off-limits and that rules are changed for the Huckabees."

Last summer the *Democrat-Gazette* reported that David Huckabee and another boy were fired from jobs at a Boy Scout camp after the killing of a stray dog.

Huckabee said Wednesday that he knew that by filing the lawsuit and calling the news conference he was drawing attention to an allegation against one of his chil-

dren that had received little to no attention.

But Huckabee said a Little Rock television station recently began making calls about the allegation. And he said someone called David Huckabee's boss and told him about the allegation.

"When those kind of things happened, it took it out of the realm of being an obscure little story in a free tabloid and it gave it legs that I knew we had to deal with or it could come back to haunt him," Huckabee said.

Also at the news conference, Huckabee said that Oliver called his chief spokesman, Rex Nelson, on Tuesday.

In that conversation Oliver told Nelson that the Democratic Party had allegedly offered to pay the *Free Press* to investigate the story, the governor said.

Huckabee, who said that he didn't believe the Democratic Party would offer to pay the tabloid to investigate the story, added that he believes the Democratic Party has "higher levels of integrity."

Glen Hooks, executive director of the state Democratic Party, said Wednesday that he has never spoken to Oliver. He also said no one at the Democratic Party made such an offer.

"It seems like the governor's whole lawsuit is about an unfounded rumor, and here he is throwing out an unfounded rumor," Hooks said. "That kind of amazes me."



About those ground troops

And our revisionist-in-chief

AS THE passage of time shrouds memory and obscures fact, our president and nominal commander-in-chief may get away with devising his own personal history of the latest Balkan War. Naturally he will play the part of both Patton and Clausewitz, tactical genius and strategic thinker. To do so, of course, he'll have to dodge some pointed questions, mainly about his failure to deploy a decisive number of ground troops before or even during the conflict.

The world will never know how many casualties, military and civilian, Albanian and Serb, might have been avoided if air power had been backed up by troops on the ground. Could the war have been ended sooner if all the resources of the Allies, not just air power, had been ready to go?

Michael Short, the Air Force general who commanded the war from the skies, has an answer: Yes.

The lieutenant general doesn't say so directly—civilian control of the military and all that—but that's what he was saying in so many words the other day. Listen:

"This conflict was unlike others in that we did not have a ground element to fix the enemy, to make him predictable, and to give us information as to where the enemy might be. Certainly we were not allied with the KLA, but the fact that they were in the field and having some success made the Yugoslav army come out and fight and try to blunt their offensive. They could not stay under cover. And once they moved, or fired their artillery, our strikers learned where they were and could go in for the kill."

In short, there *was* a ground war in Kosovo, and the Kosovars fought it—as best their outnumbered and outgunned but never outfought little army could.

In lieu of NATO troops, Kosovo's guerilla bands acted as a *de facto* "ground element." And according to General Short, that made the difference.

THESE ARE the sort of details that tend to get lost in our president's ever more sweeping claims about "the right war fought the right way," but they provide some insight into how things really worked. And things seem to have worked out successfully despite, not because of, NATO's curious strategic decisions. Or rather indecisions. Like announcing from the very first that it didn't intend to commit ground forces—a bit like a chess player telling his opponent he would never move his queen. That was clearly a political, not a military, decision—and not a sound one.

No ground troops? Very well, said NATO commanders like General Short, we'll find our own. And they did—in the Kosovars, poor devils. Recruited from Albanians around the world—waiters and busboys who had taken refuge in Italy or England or America, young execs who would really have rather been trading stocks, and the motley crew of psychos and patriots, thugs and heroes who are attracted by any war. They came when called, this uneven collection of fighters from a nation dispersed, and they stood and fought. They held the hilltops, acting as live bait to draw the Serbs' armored battalions into the open, where they could be smashed by NATO's strictly air war.

In the post-game phase of this less than splendid little war, much ink has been spilled about the KLA's Marxist leanings, its scandalous past, and whether it might wield too much power in an autonomous Kosovo. Fine. Now is the time to worry about the KLA, and NATO's diplomats seem to be doing quite well at it, thank you. (The KLA is now giving up its heavy

weapons, just as it promised to do. Yes, there's some dickering over specifics. There always is. But there's little doubt that NATO is in control of the KLA's storehouses of weapons. And in this case possession can be nine-tenths of diplomacy. It just will take some time to sort things out. It always does.)

But in war—even a 78-day mini-war—it's important to keep something more basic uppermost in mind. Like victory. And as the Arabs say, the enemy of our enemy is our friend. If the Kosovars were lucky to have us, we were lucky to have them.

After all, the Western democracies made friends with Our Fighting Russian Allies, too, when Hitler invaded Russia. It wasn't necessary to confuse Stalin with a Jeffersonian democrat (though the more gullible on the left did) in order to rush to his aid.

It was none other than Winston Churchill, the bolsheviks' fiercest critic, who commented early on in the Second World War that, if Hitler had invaded Hell, he would have found some way to put in a few good words for the devil, too. Doubtless on the sound principle that the enemy of our enemy is our friend. Once victory was achieved, there would be time to sort things out.

AS FOR this Great Debate over whether ground troops should have been used, it turns out to be as slippery as a Clinton apology. NATO had 'em all along—on loan.

Every debate about the past is also a debate about the future and how to prepare for it, for history is philosophy taught by example. The history of this war is more like military science taught by trial and error. What a pity our boy president waited to take his ROTC course till now, when real lives were at stake and real suffering was inflicted. This was no field exercise and, despite every warning, the West was caught by surprise. In response to Slobodan Milosevic's heartless war-by-refugees, Cadet Clinton had only air power. It proved enough, thanks to a ragtag army of Kosovars, but at what a cost.

One would like to think that our slow-learning commander-in-chief will not make this mistake again. He's supposed to be a quick study, but Slobodan Milosevic has been allowed to get away with his Balkan Wars for seven years now without being definitively defeated. Only his people—and others—have paid the terrible price. And he is still a wanted man on the loose.

Our cadet commander might note that ground troops could still prove an effective deterrent in the Balkans. For there is no end to Slobodan Milosevic's self-destructive impulses. And his army is still intact. He might turn it next on Montenegro's democratic government, for that province stood fast against his threats during the war.

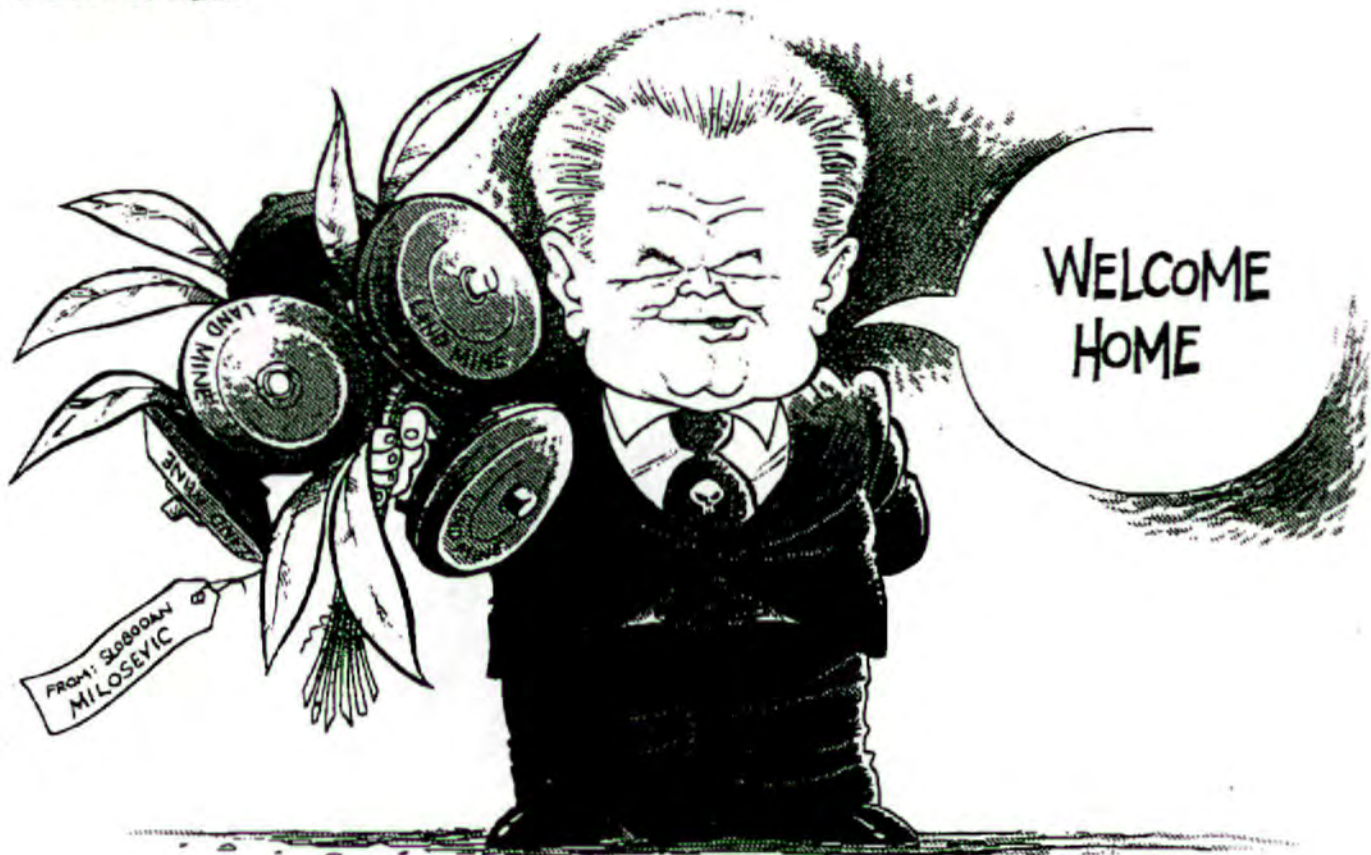
What, he wouldn't dare? Just as the Russians wouldn't dare rush in and occupy the airport at Pristina?

The West has been regularly surprised by the course first of the war and now of the peace. We can hope for the best, but the way to assure it is to prepare for the worst. If NATO had taken a firm stand in Bosnia, one might not have been necessary in Kosovo.

For there is no bloody folly Slobodan Milosevic is incapable of, as the world should have learned by now. Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia . . . he has managed to lose them all by now, but not without bloodshed. By all rights Kosovo should now be headed for independence, and Montenegro may want no part of any Greater Serbia, either. The Montenegrins may prove Comrade Milosevic's next victims. At least if the West has no troops poised to defend it. Or have we learned nothing from all this?

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FORGET-ME-NOT BOUQUET

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Some long and winding roads

U.S. Transportation secretary in city to name 16 national trails

By Don Hopey
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Sixteen trails, some with long histories, others with no pasts but bright green futures, have been named National Millennium Trails.

Designated trails well-trod through history include the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail from St. Louis to the Columbia River in Oregon, the Colonial-era Freedom Trail in Boston, the Unicoi Turnpike, a 68-mile pathway of Cherokee tribes through the Great Smoky Mountains, and the Appalachian Trail, a 2,150-mile footpath from Georgia to Maine.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater will announce the designations at the second international Trails and Greenways Conference in Pittsburgh tomorrow.

Among those on the list but in various stages of development are the North Country National Scenic Trail, which will connect 160 state parks from New York to North Dakota; the East Coast Greenway, planned to connect 15 states and almost every major city on the Eastern seaboard; and the 6,500-mile, sea-to-sea America Discovery Trail.

The Millennium Trails program, a joint project of the White House Millennium Council, the U.S. Transportation Department and the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, is designed to spark the creation and enhancement of trails across the United States.

"Transportation is about more than asphalt, concrete

and steel. It's about people," Slater said in a statement released by his department.

"The National Millennium Trails connect our nation's landscape, heritage and culture, and demonstrate our national commitment to improving the quality of life for all Americans."

In addition to the National Millennium Trails, the program will designate 52 Millennium Legacy Trails — one in each state, plus Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia — before the end of the year.

Other trails of local importance will be designated Community Trails 2000.

No Pittsburgh or Pennsylvania trails are on the national list, but Linda McKenna Boxx, president of the Allegheny Trail Alliance, said a strong candidate for the state's Legacy list is the 230-mile trail linking Pittsburgh to Cumberland, Md., along the Monongahela and Youghiogheny rivers.

"Through the Millennium Trails project we are building and maintaining trails that tell the story of our nation's past and will help to create a positive vision for our future," Hillary Rodham Clinton said in the statement. "The 16 trails Secretary Slater designated are all visionary projects that define us as Americans."

Other trails on the national list include the Cascadia Marine Trail, a water trail following the inlets and coves of the Washington coastline that were part of a Native American trade system; the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail, a 1,200-mile route from the Mexican border to San Francisco; The Underground Railroad, multiple routes from the South through Pennsylvania and the East to Canada; the Civil War Discovery Trail, which identifies and thematically connects battlefields and military routes; and the 938-mile Iditarod National Historic Trail, a frontier trail connecting remote Klondike gold rush settlements in Alaska.

Also, the Great Western Trail, along the spine of the Rocky Mountains from Canada to Mexico; the Hatfield-McCoy Trail System in West Virginia and several surrounding states; the Mississippi River Trail, a bicycle route from Minneapolis to New Orleans; and the International Express route, following the No. 7 train through various immigrant and ethnic neighborhoods in Queens, N.Y.

NEWS ABOUT TAKING A HIKE



Detroit Free Press

The White House plans to announce Saturday 16 National Millennium Trails. The announcement will be made in Pittsburgh at the international Trails and Greenways Conference, organized by the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy.

The trails list is to encourage Americans to plan for up to 2,000 trails. Fifty trails were submitted for consideration. The winners:

1. EDITORIAL NATIONAL TRAIL: 938 miles through Alaska, ending at Nome.
2. CASCADIA MARINE TRAIL: Water trail in the Pacific northwest.
3. JUAN BAUTISTA DE ANA TRAIL: 1,200 miles from Mexican border to San Francisco.
4. GREAT WESTERN TRAIL: Canada to Mexico along the spine of the Rockies.
5. MISSISSIPPI RIVER TRAIL: In the works. Follows the Mississippi from New Orleans to Minneapolis.
6. LEWIS AND CLARK TRAIL: The 1802-1804 route from St. Louis to the Pacific.
7. CIVIL WAR DISCOVERY TRAIL: Connects battlefields.
8. VIGGO TWISPER: 68 miles in east Tennessee; 1,000 years old.
9. UNDERGROUND RAILROAD: Numerous escape routes by slaves

that included lines to Detroit and, eventually, Canada.

10. APPALACHIAN TRAIL: 2,000-mile path from Georgia to Maine.

11. BETHLEHEM-SECOY TRAIL: In the works. About 2,000 miles of trails through coal-mining states centered on West Virginia.

12. EAST COAST GREENWAY: The Atlantic Coast from Maine to Florida.

13. FREEDOM TRAIL: Connects 15 sites in Boston.

14. NORTH COUNTRY NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL: New York to North Dakota through seven states, including Michigan.

15. INTERNATIONAL EXPRESS: Route in Queens, N.Y., through immigrant neighborhoods.

16. AMERICAN DISCOVERY TRAIL: In the works. A meandering 6,600-mile path, coast-to-coast.

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AROUND THE WORLD

NEW DELHI, INDIA

Pakistan tries again for talks with India

Pakistan called for efforts to avert a wider war Thursday as India launched air strikes against guerrillas on its side of the military control line in the Himalayan region of Kashmir.

"I invite the government of India to adopt the way of reconciliation," Pakistan's official APP news agency quoted Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif as saying. It was the third time in a week that Pakistan has suggested talks.

Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee said there are no plans for an assault into Pakistan.

But India has said there can be no peace talks until the hundreds of infiltrators retreat behind the Pakistan side of the control line. Pakistan says it has no control over the militants.

STOOL, SWANEE

Gorilla park to reopen

Volcanoes National Park, home to half of the world's rare mountain gorillas, will reopen next month for the first time since civil war forced its closure two years ago, park officials said Thursday.

About 300 of the gorillas live on the forested volcanoes in the park, which is on Rwanda's northern borders with Uganda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Another 300 mountain gorillas inhabit nearby Bwindi National Park in Uganda, where eight foreign tourists were killed by Rwandan Hutu insurgents in March.

SKYPO

China to add 12 million

million people this year reaching about 1.26 billion in 2000, the Xinhua News said Thursday.

China has set a goal keeping its population at 1.3 billion by 2000 and in 1970s has restricted marriages to having one child.

With 20 percent of the world's population but 7 percent of its arable land, "has no choice but to control population growth," said Xueyuan of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

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Hatfield-McCoy named Millennium Trail

Southern West Virginia's Hatfield-McCoy Recreational Trail on Thursday was named one of the nation's 16 **Millennium Trails**, designed as a White House initiative to "honor the past and imagine the future."

The Hatfield-McCoy trail system, which makes use of existing access roads formerly used to serve the mining, logging and oil and gas industries, would be open to all-terrain vehicles, off-road motorcycles, mountain bikers and horseback riders.

Preliminary mapping by the federal Bureau of Land Management has identified about 2,000 miles of trail in Boone, Lincoln, Logan, McDowell, Mingo, Wayne and Wyoming counties.

The Millennium Trail designation, announced by U.S. Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater, "puts us on the map. It gives us more impetus toward making the Hatfield-McCoy Trail a reality," said Nick Rahall, D-W.Va., who has obtained nearly \$850,000 to plan and begin its development.

The trail system has also received \$750,000 in state Lottery funds, and the Parkways Authority has earmarked \$250,000 for the project.

"We have the potential to do with this trail system and the counties it runs through what whitewater rafting did for Fayette and Raleigh counties," Rahall said.

The Transportation Department has allocated \$5 million to start development of the **Millennium Trails**.

"The opening of these trails will unveil a world of new opportunity for Southern West Virginia," said Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., who also pushed for the designation. "Jobs will be created with the additional lodging, restaurant and rental facilities that will be needed to handle extra tourists using the new trail system."

While the first segments of the trail are not expected to open to the public until spring or summer of next year, a series of preliminary events involving invited groups will be held along about 300 miles of trail this summer and fall.

Snowshoe opens outdoor adventure area

Snowshoe Mountain resort, the state's biggest ski area, has opened its new Outdoor Adventure Program to provide more recreation options for fair-weather visitors.

The program includes an Outdoor Adventure Park, with a skatepark for skateboarders and inline skaters, a climbing wall, a ropes course, a BMX and mountain bike park, a playground, a sporting clays area, a flyfishing school and walking and jogging trails.

A backcountry cabin that sleeps 12 has also opened along Cheat Mountain Ridge Trail, a unit of the resort's hiking trails system.

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HEADLINE: Hatfield-McCoy trail to receive federal funds

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Tourism in southern West Virginia is getting a boost from Washington.

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Rodney Slater is expected to announce Saturday that the Hatfield-McCoy Trail, a web of recreational paths winding through seven counties, is among 12 trails designated as part of a national project called **Millennium Trails**.

The 2,000-mile proposed network in West Virginia, Virginia and Kentucky - along with 52 other sites and 2,000 local trails projects - will receive \$5 million in federal funding.

The U.S. Transportation Department did not identify the trails. But Rep. Nick Rahall and Sen. Jay Rockefeller, both D-W.Va., announced Thursday that the Hatfield-McCoy Trail would be among those recognized by federal officials.

"It gives us bragging rights," Rahall said. "It really puts us on the map."

Rockefeller said the designation would bring "tremendous attention to the Southern part of our state."

The trails will be highlighted by a Millennium Trail marker and be the focus of festivals celebrating the trails. The **Rails-to-Trails** Conservancy, a private group, also will create a database of trail projects on the Internet.

Promoters of the Hatfield-McCoy Trail say it will draw much-needed tourist dollars to Boone, Lincoln, Logan, Mingo, McDowell, Wayne and Wyoming counties.

The first 300 miles of the recreation trail are scheduled to open on a trial basis this summer.

Beginning in late July, six events are scheduled to provide a test for trail enthusiasts.



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Under Vouchers, Status Quo Rules

In a Decade, Programs Haven't Improved Public Education or Ruined Its Finances

By Kenneth J. Cooper

Washington Post Staff Writer

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It seems like the perfect parable for advocates of school vouchers: A wealthy benefactor offers to pay private school tuition for any pupil wishing to flee "the worst public school" in Albany, N.Y. In response to the exodus of one in five of its students, the school hires an energetic new principal and adopts a curriculum reputed to help low-income students.

School voucher advocates have been quick to point to Giffen Elementary School as evidence that their market-oriented approach will unleash competitive forces that stimulate public schools to improve. According to the theory, failing public schools will lose students, and with them tax revenues, prompting them to become better and more efficient in order to survive. Giffen represents "the first time we've seen wholesale changes in response" to vouchers, said Brian Backstrom, who administers the Albany program.

But Giffen, it turns out, makes a poor case study in educational competition. Because of a New York state law placing a floor on state aid for each district, Giffen didn't lose any money as a result of the voucher program. In addition, Giffen, which has long had high student turnover, already has gained more students through families moving into the neighborhood than it lost through the voucher program. Officials at the school say its efforts to improve aren't a result of competitive pressure but a response to the embarrassment of being named the city's worst school.

The school vouchers movement gained momentum earlier this week when Florida Gov. Jeb Bush (R) signed into law the first statewide program aimed at improving failing schools. And yesterday the Ohio legislature voted to restore a Cleveland program that had been struck down on a technicality by the state supreme court last month.

But a decade into school voucher experiments in cities across the country, there is still little evidence to support the underlying theory--first articulated by Milton Friedman in the 1950s--that economic competition will force public schools to get better. At the same time, there's also little evidence for voucher foes' prediction that the programs could destroy public school systems.

To date, experiments with public vouchers in Milwaukee and Cleveland and with privately funded programs in 40 other cities have been too small to cause the effects predicted by those on either side of

the voucher debate. In addition, in cities such as Albany and Milwaukee, state laws or local politicians have prevented public schools from losing money to voucher programs, insulating the schools from the consequences--good or bad--of competition.

"There's not been enough of a mass movement out of a public [school] system to create change," said Fritz Steiger, president of CEO America, an Arkansas-based clearinghouse of private voucher programs.

"There's talk of big, significant change," said Frederick M. Hess, a University of Virginia professor who has studied voucher programs. "There's zero evidence of that in Milwaukee, Cleveland and Edgewood," an impoverished district in San Antonio with a private voucher program.

Private vouchers, generally funded by business leaders and usually called "scholarships," pay most of the tuition for low-income students in such cities as Albany, San Antonio and the District to attend any private school that will admit them. But so far private benefactors have donated enough money to lure only a tiny percentage of any district's students to private schools.

Sponsors of private vouchers recognize limits on the contributions available to support their programs and say their goal is to create models that could build a case for larger systems of government-financed vouchers. Virginia Gilder, for example, the New York benefactor who put up several hundred thousand dollars for the Albany scholarships, conceded that generosity like her own could never match government as a potential source to pay private school tuitions.

"You cannot have private philanthropy compete with that," Gilder said. "We can set an example."

Government voucher programs are more controversial because of legal disputes over the constitutionality of public funds going to religious schools and because they potentially could take more money away from public schools. Private vouchers reduce funding indirectly by reducing enrollment, which is one of the factors that determines state assistance; with government vouchers, the full state aid for each individual student follows him or her to the private school. (Public schools are also beginning to face economic competition from charter schools, which are public but are managed outside of local bureaucracies.)

But the government-funded voucher programs in Milwaukee and Cleveland are still relatively small in scope. Moreover, state officials have made efforts to prevent these programs from draining funds from public schools, resulting in a lack of evidence on the possible impact of educational competition. (Older government voucher programs in Maine and Vermont don't exert competitive pressure on public schools, because their purpose is to pay private school tuition for students in rural areas where there is no public school.)

The oldest and largest public voucher program with a market-oriented bent is in Milwaukee, where the number of students attending private

schools at public expense jumped to 6,000 from 1,500 after the Supreme Court last year declined to review the constitutionality of the state allowing vouchers to be used for tuition at religious schools.

Even with the quadrupling of voucher students, Milwaukee's public school system lost fewer than 6 percent of its 106,000 students. The enrollment decline did cost the district \$26 million, the amount of state aid delivered to private schools for tuition. But the district was let off the hook: The school board compensated for the financial loss by raising property taxes, not by cutting the budgets of schools that lost pupils.

And although Milwaukee doesn't keep track of which schools the voucher students have abandoned, it appears that the program has drawn relatively small numbers of students from many of Milwaukee's 157 schools, diffusing the potential competitive impact on any one school.

"I don't think there's a predominant public school where they're coming from," said Sister Virgine, principal of Urban Day School, a popular destination for voucher students. "They come from all over the city. It's one here, one there."

In Cleveland, about 3,700 students used public vouchers to attend private schools in the last academic year, a decrease in public school enrollment that cost the district nearly \$9 million in state funds. But a spokeswoman for the Cleveland schools indicated that the district absorbed the loss in its \$600 million budget without major difficulties and noted the offsetting effect of overall district enrollment increasing from 74,000 to 77,000 since the voucher program began three years ago.

The Edgewood district in San Antonio does grudgingly acknowledge some competitive impact from its private voucher program, possibly because the anticipated loss of about \$4 million in state aid this fall represents a larger proportion of its \$86 million budget. To offset the loss, the district has delayed school roof repairs and begun to reduce staff by attrition.

Edna Perez-Vega, spokeswoman for the Edgewood schools, said the district has increased efforts to communicate with parents about academic offerings and accelerated implementation of a remedial program for underachieving ninth-graders.

"In some ways, we have become better marketers this year," Perez-Vega said. "It has encouraged us to pursue more aggressively our secondary reform program we had been working on."

But such steps have not impressed Steiger, who described the Edgewood school board as unresponsive and resistant to educational reform. "I think it's too early to see substantial changes, but I think you're going to see some as more students leave," he said. "Competitive forces are going to kick in."

Hess of the University of Virginia said that scale will ultimately make the difference in districts where a voucher program operates. "It has to be big enough to be actually threatening," Hess said. "You actually

have to threaten people with extinction."

School Choice

The highlighted states contain private voucher programs. Wisconsin and Ohio already have publicly funded voucher programs, and one is scheduled to begin in Florida.

Key events

1971

The Supreme Court rules that public funding is permissible to private schools if it has a secular purpose, neither promotes nor restricts religion and avoids creating "excessive government entanglement with religion."

1990

Wisconsin legislators approve a school voucher program in Milwaukee that provides funding for students' tuition at nonreligious private schools. In 1995, the program is expanded to include parochial schools.

1991

An Indiana businessman offers to pay half the tuition for as many as 500 children so they can attend the school of their parents' choice. Other private voucher programs soon follow.

1995

The Ohio legislature passes a voucher program for the city of Cleveland that pays for private and parochial school tuition.

1999

In April, the Florida legislature approves the first statewide voucher program, which will pay for students in failing public schools to attend other public, private or parochial schools.

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Hil's Plane Politics Foes hit N.Y. flights at taxpayers' expense

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WASHINGTON

Hillary Rodham Clinton's critics yesterday demanded she repay the cost of using military jets for her jaunts to New York while she was mulling a Senate run earlier this year.

"Right now, it's just a free lunch for her at the taxpayers' expense," said Stuart Roy of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, which is considering filing a complaint with the Federal Election Commission.

The Clintons will fly into New York separately on Monday to see the Broadway play "The Iceman Cometh" and attend a fund-raiser, but will share the same flight home.

The First Lady's next solo visit is set for July 7, when she will announce the formation of her exploratory campaign committee at the upstate farm of the man she hopes to replace, Sen. Daniel Moynihan.



Hamburg NEWS
**GOPers to Hil: No
free ride.**

The First Lady's spokeswoman, Marsha Berry, confirmed a Daily News report that Clinton will keep using government jets for her political trips, as recommended by the Secret Service for security reasons.

The campaign will repay some of the Air Hillary tab — estimated at between \$4,600 and \$7,200 an hour — for future trips. But Berry said her previous visits will not be reimbursed because they were "official" White House trips.

Chuck Lewis, executive director of the Center for Public Integrity, a nonpartisan watchdog group, said that because Clinton was considering a Senate bid, "It's not a crazy thought to suggest that she might need to reimburse the government for part of that."

Gary Nolan, a radio talk-show host who leads Conservatives for Effective Leadership, demanded she reimburse taxpayers for what he called her "Blonde Ambition Tour."

"Your political meanderings are costing hardworking American taxpayers thousands of dollars each time you fly for free. Pay it back!" he said.

Meanwhile, upstate Republicans were buzzing angrily about a comment a Clinton adviser made to the Daily News this week that the First Family shouldn't vacation in "fly-infested Adirondacks Park."

"She wouldn't have to worry. Our black flies are pretty particular about who they bite," sniffed Newcomb Town Supervisor George Canon.

Berry said she does not believe the First Lady thinks the region is fly-infested.

With Thomas M. DeFrank

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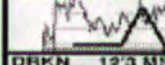
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"Save America's Treasures" Gifts Announced

Standing in the Longfellow House Library at a podium decorated with a festive "Save America's Treasures" banner, Hillary Rodham Clinton announced gifts totaling \$305,000 to preserve the House's collections. These generous donations came from both corporations and private individuals in response to "Save America's Treasures," a national public-private initiative which directs funds to our nation's most urgent preservation cases.

In response to President Clinton's 1999 budget proposal, Congress appropriated \$30 million for a Millennium Fund to "Save America's Treasures," which would be administered by the National Park Service and allocated for preservation projects of national significance.

"Save America's Treasures" aims also to stimulate parallel private efforts to preserve our heritage. The National Trust for Historic Preservation is leading the effort by moving individuals, foundations and corporations to participate by serving on the Millennium Committee to Save America's Treasures, chaired by Hillary Clinton.

The first lady announced that the Fidelity Foundation of Fidelity Investments gave \$75,000 to the Longfellow House for collections processing and another \$50,000 as a challenge match for conservation. Rising to the challenge grant and collectively donating \$80,000 were Peter and Carolyn Lynch, Ann and Graham Gund, Steve and Barbara Grossman, David Rockateller, and Barnes and Noble Bookstore.

Since the December 5th announcement, the Longfellow House has received an additional \$5,000 from the Friends of the Longfellow House and hopes to meet the full challenge in the near future.

Hillary Clinton Pays Historic Visit to the House

Not since Martha Washington has a first lady (or future first lady) crossed the threshold of the Longfellow House, but on December 5, 1998 Hillary Rodham Clinton came as part of a national tour to "Save America's Treasures," an effort to publicize and raise funds for historic sites in need of restoration.

The tour also included stops in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Queens, New York. At each site, the first lady announced private-sector contributions to help with the restoration projects. The Longfellow House was the first of four stops in the Boston area that day.

During her two-hour visit to the House, Mrs. Clinton took a private tour, addressed an audience of about fifty in the Longfellow library, and enjoyed the recitation by fifteen fifth-graders of "Paul Revere's Ride."

As the first lady entered the House, she remarked to Site Manager Jim Shea that she had visited the Longfellow House as a Wellesley student and felt particular pleasure in returning to Cambridge and the his-



toric house she had known years ago. Mrs. Clinton was intrigued to learn that although Martha Washington had spent four months at the House during the Revolutionary War, she was the first sitting first lady to visit the House.

Accompanied by Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Robert Stanton, the recently appointed first African-American Director of the National Park Service, and Susan Eisenhower, historian and head of the Millennium Project, Mrs. Clinton toured the House with Jim Shea as guide. In Longfellow's study, Mrs. Clinton spontaneously paused to stand in front of and place her hands on Longfellow's desk in order to contemplate the poet's experience. In the dining room she viewed a letter from George Washington written from the House in 1776, drawings by the Longfellow children, a daguerreotype of the poet and his family, and other objects especially displayed for her.

Despite the protests of the secret service, Mrs. Clinton insisted on seeing the archives stored in the basement, although this was not part of the scheduled tour. Senator Kennedy urged the first lady to see not only the extensive treasures and the

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site's potential as a research center, but also the dangerous proximity of these treasures to the furnace.

After the tour the first lady addressed a rapt audience in the library and lauded Senator Kennedy's commitment to the Longfellow House and his role in getting her there. She also acknowledged his leading role in obtaining \$1.6 million in federal funding for the House. "He didn't just talk about offsets and line items," she said. "Instead, he recited 'Paul Revere's Ride' by memory."

Mrs. Clinton referred to a number of things she had learned from the tour of the House, and she commented on the commitment and knowledge of the Longfellow House's staff. Joking about Jim Shea's enthusiasm for the site, she said, "I thought Jim Shea was going to levitate."

In her speech culminating in the announcement of donations, Mrs. Clinton noted the authenticity and importance of the site. "With Washington's coming here, with Martha Washington's actually living here for six months, this truly is one of the most important original sites that shows what it means to be an American and what it took to create the United States of America."

Robert Pinsky, Poet Laureate of the United States, spoke of the importance of the arts, but instead of reading a poem himself, he turned the program over to a group of fifth-graders from the New School in Cambridgeport. They presented a dramatic reading with solos and choruses of Longfellow's poem "Paul Revere's Ride," which they had studied in depth.

"We all clapped," said Frances Ackerly,

Friends of the Longfellow House board member, "but Hillary Clinton got up and moved across the room to be near the children. She clapped and really looked at them. She was so focused on the children."

Afterwards the students presented the first lady with a book

of "Paul Revere's Ride" they had made and illustrated. And Mrs. Clinton asked that her photograph be taken with all the children.

Other parts of the program in the library included remarks by Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Robert Stanton, and National Park Service Site Superintendent Rolf Diamant. "This is the most important moment in the history of the Longfellow House in this century," Diamant noted in his introduction of the first lady.



Jim Shea and Mrs. Clinton at the poet's desk

After the Longfellow House visit, the first lady headed for the African Meeting House on Beacon Hill. As Mrs. Clinton and Senator Kennedy left the House, television video cameras caught the first lady emoting to the senator, "It was so much fun."

Reflecting on the visit, Jim Shea was struck by the first lady's genuine enthusiasm for the House. "She exclaimed over the 1844 wallpaper and said several times this was 'the most authentic place.' Also, she was very interested in Longfellow's grandson, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow Dana, who was the first unofficial curator here from 1917 to 1950, and his interest in Russian theater, culture, and politics. But most of all, she really understood the context and high integrity of this place and how unique this house is."

"She absorbed an amazing amount in a brief tour," Shea said. "She didn't give a prepared speech, and she was able to include immediately so much of what she had learned. She expanded upon her observations during the tour and the significance of what she had been shown." He paused for a moment. "You know, I think the place that excited her most was the basement."



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Mrs. Clinton names spokesman for Senate race panel

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton has named the top aide to New York Congresswoman Nita Lowey as spokesman for her committee to explore a race for a New York U.S. Senate seat, the spokesman said Sunday.

"I'm thrilled at the possibility of her running for Senate and look forward to helping her any way I can," said Howard Wolfson, Lowey's chief of staff.

Lowey, a Democrat, had been expected to run for the Senate seat being vacated by retiring New York Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan until Mrs. Clinton made known her interest in the seat.

Wolfson, who said he began his new assignment Saturday, said Mrs. Clinton's White House press staff will continue to speak for her on White House business while he would deal with issues related to the New York Senate race.

Mrs. Clinton will formally establish early next month an exploratory committee to raise money for a possible run, Wolfson said. He said it was too early to say whether he would remain as spokesman for a formal campaign by Mrs. Clinton.

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First lady hires Schumer campaign veteran

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By MARC HUMBERT= AP Political Writer=

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton on Saturday tapped a veteran of fellow Democrat Charles Schumer's winning 1998 Senate campaign to be press spokesman for her own Senate exploratory committee.

"I've been very lucky to help (Rep.) Nita Lowey and Chuck Schumer and I'm very excited about the possibility of assisting Hillary Clinton," Howard Wolfson said.

In a statement, Mrs. Clinton said she was "delighted that Howard will be joining the exploratory effort. His winning experience with Nita Lowey and Chuck Schumer and his knowledge of New York will be invaluable as I consider a run for the Senate."

Wolfson, who served as communications director for Schumer's winning run against three-term Republican incumbent Alfonse D'Amato, has been Lowey's chief of staff since 1995 and was her press secretary for two years before that. He took a leave from his job with the congresswoman from Westchester County to work on the Schumer campaign.

"After the rough and tumble of last year's campaign, I know that Howard is prepared for any future challenge," Schumer said Saturday.

Mrs. Clinton has said she will announce her exploratory committee early next month as she continues to prepare for an expected run for the Senate seat being vacated next year by New York Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan. She faces no major opposition for the nomination. Lowey had considered running for the Senate seat herself, but bowed out in favor of Mrs. Clinton.

The race is being eyed on the Republican side by New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Rep. Rick Lazio of Long Island, among others.

Wolfson's appointment is the second announced by Mrs. Clinton's exploratory effort. Earlier, Gabrielle Fialkoff was chosen to head the first lady's fund-raising. Fialkoff ran the money-raising operation last year for New York City Council Speaker Peter Vallone in his unsuccessful Democratic bid for governor. Before that she had raised money for Moynihan's campaign committee.

Wolfson, 32, is a native of Yonkers and a graduate of the University of Chicago.

His New York expertise should help Mrs. Clinton, who has never lived or worked in the state and is already under attack from Republicans as a carpetbagger. Her top adviser for the exploratory effort is Harold Ickes, a former White House deputy chief of staff and veteran of New York's political wars. Ickes played a major role in President Clinton's 1992 presidential run and his successful 1996 re-election effort.

As communications director for Schumer's campaign, Wolfson was part of a small circle of advisers that developed the "too many lies for too long" theme employed against D'Amato, in response to charges thrown at the then-Brooklyn congressman.

The campaign guru of the Schumer team was veteran New York Democratic operative Hank Morris, one of a handful of election experts under consideration for the same role with Mrs. Clinton.

Wolfson said he would officially begin work for Mrs. Clinton's exploratory committee in early July. That is when she is to begin a campaign-like swing across traditionally Republican upstate New York.

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Bereuter Plan For U.S. Trail Gets a Boost

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Rep. Doug Bereuter's quest to create America's first coast-to-coast recreational trail, which would pass through Nebraska and Iowa, got a boost Friday from Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The first lady and Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater are to designate 16 National **Millennium Trails** today, including the American Discovery Trail that the Nebraska Republican has sought to formally establish throughout the 1990s.

"Through the **Millennium Trails** project we are building and maintaining trails that tell the story of our nation's past and will help create a positive vision for our future," Clinton said in a statement Friday.

She said the trails are "visionary projects that define us as Americans."

Thursday, Bereuter reintroduced a bill establishing the American Discovery Trail. He had 39 co-sponsors, including Rep. Bill Barrett, R-Neb. If approved by Congress, the trail would cost about \$360,000 to set up and about \$200,000 a year to maintain with signs and other markers.

Bereuter spokeswoman Carol Lawrence said Friday that "we were quite pleased" the trail was included on the first lady's list, which will help its case before Congress.

The American Discovery Trail would stretch from the Delaware coast through Ohio, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado and on to Point Reyes National Seashore in California.

It would be a link to other north-south trails, such as the Appalachian Trail and the Pacific Crest Trail, Bereuter said in recent testimony before a Senate committee.

It also would be the first to bridge rural and urban trails.

"This multiuse trail by itself creates a national system of connected trails and links large cities with majestic forests and remote desert landscapes," Bereuter told the committee. "Along the way, it provides access to countless historic, cultural and scenic landscapes."

In Nebraska, the trail begins in Omaha after crossing Veterans Memorial Bridge and follows sidewalks, existing paved paths or roadway shoulders winding behind Henry Dorly Zoo, through the Old Market, heading west past Nebraska Furniture Mart, by Bauermeister Prairie and on to Louisville.

Then, generally following the Platte River, it would pass through Lincoln, York, Grand Island, Kearney, North Platte, Ogallala and into Colorado.

In Iowa, the trail would pass through Des Moines, Cedar Falls, Cedar Rapids, Iowa City, Waterloo

and Davenport.

Bereuter noted that just 68 miles of the 6,365-mile proposed trail are on private property. His bill prohibits the federal government from taking private property to set up the trail.

Among others, the first lady and the transportation secretary also were to designate trails: around Puget Sound in the Northwest; in the Rocky Mountains; the Lewis and Clark expedition route; the Underground Railroad used by African-Americans to flee from slavery in the South; a Civil War path linking battlefields, military routes and historic sites; and Paul Revere's ride.

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Y2K PUTS MEMPHIS ON BIKE TRAIL MAP

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The Clinton administration today will announce plans to mark a national bicycle route along the Mississippi River from Minneapolis to New Orleans through Memphis.

Rep. Harold Ford Jr. (D-Tenn.) said Friday that the Mississippi River Trail will be one of 16 National **Millennium Trails** for hiking or biking selected by the Department of Transportation and a private group, the **Rails to Trails Conservancy**. First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater are scheduled to make the formal announcement in Pittsburgh today.

The 2,160 unbroken miles of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail also will be designated a Millennium Trail as will a 68-mile "Unicoi Turnpike" marking the trail that the Cherokees and the first European settlers used to traverse the mountains of East Tennessee.

Communities along the trail will receive a Millennium Trail marker. The Department of Commerce is planning to promote the trails. And the American Hiking Society is planning events around the trails for the first weekend in June 2000.

The Department of Transportation has budgeted \$5 million for the program but also is inviting states to apply to use some of their federal highway funds for the trails.

Also to be designated are:

- A 1,200-mile Spanish exploration trail from the Mexican border to San Francisco.
- A water trail along Puget Sound.
- The "Freedom Trail" linking 15 historic sites in Boston.
- A trail tracking the 3,700 miles of the Lewis and Clark expedition from Missouri to Oregon.
- An East Coast Greenway along the Atlantic Ocean.
- An Underground Railroad trail along the multiple routes slaves took to freedom.
- An International Express route connecting ethnic neighborhoods in the Queens borough of New York City.
- The Civil War Discovery trail connecting major battlefields and military routes.
- A 938-mile trail following the path of the Klondike Gold Rush.
- A Great Western Trail following the spine of the Rocky Mountains through five states.

-- A 4,600-mile North Country National Scenic Trail linking 160 state parks, forests and wildlife areas from New York to North Dakota.

-- The Hatfield-McCoy trail in West Virginia and surrounding states.

-- An American Discovery Trail linking existing trails, rail- lines, and country roads in one 6,500-mile path.

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SR woman puts worldly talents to use for first lady

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By SUSAN SWARTZ
Staff WriterWho: Rosemary Straley
Age: 60

Rosemary's babies: The Hillary Clinton Fan Club, Hillary Clinton Reading Program for young children, and the George Straley Foundation, which provides start-up money for women-owned businesses in developing countries.

Education: Undergraduate and graduate degrees from Stanford University, doctorate in education administration and planning in developing countries from Harvard.

"In my career I had to be apolitical. Now I don't have to."

The term fan club makes Rosemary Straley wince and so sometimes she amends the Hillary Clinton Fan Club to the Hillary Clinton Support Network. But the beige T-shirt with the first lady's likeness and a variety of Hillary buttons seem permanently attached to Straley's body.

"Wearing the T-shirt is how we get members," she said.

As coordinator of the Sonoma-Marin chapter of the fan club, Straley also christened a new project for Sonoma County preschoolers with the first lady's name: the Hillary Rodham Clinton Reading Program. The program, which she runs with her friend Susan Moore, will likely outlast the fan club but stay true, said Straley, to its namesake's dedication to early childhood education.

The program, honored earlier this year by the Volunteer Center of Sonoma County, sends 53 volunteers to 22 preschool and

Head Start sites, paired organizations like the Medical Alliance, several churches and Mujeres Unidas with different centers and provided a \$10,000 grant for new books, many in Spanish.

In the fall, Clinton singled out the Sonoma-Marin club and its reading program at a Democratic fund-raising gala at the St. Francis Hotel.

Straley organized the local fan club chapter, which currently has 578 members, in 1995, a few years after leaving a long career in government and international consulting. One chapter wasn't enough, however, and she went on to help start 28 other California chapters.

"In my career I had to be apolitical," she explained. "Now I don't have to," although she likes to point out that the fan club is not all Democrats or women, and that one in Southern California has a Republican businessman for a co-

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Santa Rosa resident Rosemary Straley is coordinator of the Sonoma-Marin chapter of the Hillary Clinton Fan Club and founder of a Sonoma County reading program for preschoolers.

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ordinator.

Straley was running her consulting firm out of Washington, D.C., planning to go to Turkey to work on a World Bank project in 1991 when she met retired Empire Poultry Co. owner Walt Straley of Santa Rosa. They were both vacationing in Japan and a week later rendezvoused in New York City. He proposed to her inside Tiffany's jewelry store, bought her an emerald ring and convinced her to give up the world for Santa Rosa.

With degrees from Stanford and a doctorate from Harvard, Straley started her career as a Peace Corps volunteer in Ghana, ran a Peace Corps program in Cameroon and worked with such agencies as the National Advisory Council for Women's Educational Programs, UNESCO, the U.N. Development Program, the U.S. Agency for International Development, the U.S. General Accounting Office and the Department of Health Education and Welfare.

Shortly before meeting her future husband, a friend asked, "How many more career mountains are you going to climb? Why don't you try a relationship for a while."

Their wedding reception was in the National Press Club in Washington, and Straley moved West where she quickly faced the fact that, "I couldn't continue international work from Santa Rosa."

The fan club, which she discovered when she saw a T-shirt on a docent at the DeYoung Museum, was a way of using her organizing talents. "I consider myself a catalyst," she said.

Ruth Love, national founder of the Hillary Clinton fan club, a retired school teacher in Silver Spring, Md., said, "We're very fortunate to have Rosemary. She has an unusual background and is so skilled in leading people and coming up with ideas."

The fan club doesn't have meetings but is focused on "supporting Mrs. Clinton and whatever she is advocating," said Straley who almost always uses the formal "Mrs. Clinton."

The club enabled Straley to do a little of what she loves best, "working with children and pushing women along." But what Straley does next is as up in the air as that of her role model.

At age 60, the over-achiever said, "My parents are in their 90s.

I have at least 30 more years of activity. It will have to be something international and dealing with girls and women."

One will be helping to encourage women-owned businesses in developing countries which she and her husband have started doing through the George-Straley Foundation. The two travel extensively around the world researching projects in which to put seed money. A recent one is a batik tie-dyeing cooperative in Ghana.

Straley grew up in Glendale, daughter of a Methodist minister, who, after retiring, got on a motorcycle with Straley's mother and toured the United States raising money for Jimmy Carter's Habitat for Humanity.

"I didn't come from money and security," she said. "I'm still a Peace Corps volunteer at heart," she insists, even though she now drives a Mercedes and lives in the Fountaingrove area of Santa Rosa.

The house has enough walls to hold art objects from some of more than 100 countries Straley has visited. Her office — dominated by a life-size cut-out cardboard version of the first lady, a copy of John F. Kennedy's rocking chair, several photos of her with the first lady and walls of plaques and certificates from government service — is known as "the Hillary Room."

What happens to the fan club's 170 chapters, including 11 international groups, if Hillary Clinton runs for a Senate seat from New York is still an open question, said organizer Ruth Love.

"We're asking all the chapter coordinators to poll their members to see what they want to do," said Love, who also plans to ask Clinton herself what she wants from her fans.

"We've never been a fund-raising organization," said Love, "so there's no money to contribute to a campaign. Of course, we could get our New York chapters to get out the vote."

Straley said, "I can understand why Mrs. Clinton may want to get out of Washington," but she personally hoped to see her in a global post, "something like ambassador to the United Nations, the head of UNICEF or the World Bank."

As for President Clinton's messy personal scandal, Straley doesn't say much except that "Mrs. Clinton has tremendous focus and she stays the course." Asked if her allegiance to her husband saved the presidency, she said, "Without her, he wouldn't still be there."

Republicans	41%
Democrats	41

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress and the Democrats in Congress are handling their jobs?

	Approve	Disapprove
Democrats in Congress	46%	46%
Republicans in Congress	40	53

In general, do you feel that the laws covering the sale of firearms should be made more strict, less strict or kept as they are now?

More strict	62%
Kept the same	31
Less strict	6

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More strict	62%	65%
Kept the same	31	28*
Less strict	6	5

Which party do you think can do a better job of reflecting your views about gun control -- the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

Democratic party	44%
Republican party	41

	Now	May
Democratic party	44%	42%
Republican party	41	39

Mixed feelings about Hillary Clinton and the Senate

Most Americans say they would not vote for Hillary Clinton if they lived in New York state, although 69 percent say she is qualified to be a U.S. senator. Forty-five percent say they would vote for her if they lived in New York. Fifty-six percent of all Americans have a favorable view of

the first lady, down nine points from early March.

As you may know, there has been some discussion of Hillary Rodham Clinton possibly running for the Senate in New York next year. Even though you may not live in New York state, I'd like your opinion. Suppose you lived in New York state, would you vote for Hillary Rodham Clinton for senator or not?

Yes	45%
No	52

Regardless of whether you would vote for her or not, do you think Hillary Rodham Clinton is qualified to be a U.S. senator, or don't you think so?

Yes	69%
No	29

I'd like to get your overall opinion of some people in the news. As I read each name, please say if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of this person or if you have never heard of him or her. How about Hillary Rodham Clinton?

	Now	March
Favorable	56%	65%
Unfavorable	42	31

Most Americans trust Bill Clinton more than the Republicans in Congress when it comes to handling Social Security and Medicare. About one in five call for a complete overhaul of both systems while another four in ten say that both systems need major changes.

Who do you have more confidence in when it comes to handling the following issues -- President Clinton or the Republicans in Congress?

	Medicare	Social Security
Clinton	55%	50%
GOP	38	42

Which of the following statements best represents how you feel about Social Security?

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Poll: Giuliani tops Mrs. Clinton among likely voters

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By MARC HUMBERT= AP Political Writer=

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) A statewide poll reported Monday that New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, with strong support in the politically-crucial suburbs, is leading Hillary Rodham Clinton in a possible matchup for next year's U.S. Senate race.

The latest poll, from Zogby International, had Republican Giuliani the choice of 50 percent of likely voters surveyed to 40 percent for the first lady. A May poll from Zogby had Giuliani at 49 percent and Mrs. Clinton at 44 percent.

Both are eyeing the Senate seat being vacated next year by Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

Other statewide independent polls relying on those registered to vote, but not necessarily considered likely voters as with the Zogby poll have generally had Mrs. Clinton with a slight lead or with the race being a statistical dead heat.

A May poll from the Quinnipiac College Polling Institute had Mrs. Clinton the choice of 48 percent of registered voters to 42 percent for Giuliani. An April poll from Marist College's Institute for Public Opinion had Mrs. Clinton at 44 percent and Giuliani at 43 percent among registered voters questioned.

The Senate election is still more than 16 months away and polls this far in advance are considered little more than a reflection of name recognition.

The Zogby poll did show Giuliani with strong support in the suburban counties surrounding New York City, the home to many former city residents and a key battleground in close statewide elections. In that region, the mayor led the first lady, 63 percent to 31 percent.

"In the suburbs, there is a sense that Rudy is the guy who made the city work," Utica-based pollster John Zogby said.

Asked about the poll results, a spokesman for Mrs. Clinton's fledgling organization said, "November 2000 is a long way off and Hillary Clinton is focused on listening to people, not polls."

There was no immediate response from the Giuliani camp.

Zogby's telephone poll of 705 likely voters was conducted June 26-28 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

On Monday, as Mrs. Clinton joined the president in New York City to help raise money for the national Democratic Party, her advisers continued to make preparations for her upstate foray next week.

Mrs. Clinton, after announcing formation of her Senate exploratory committee, plans to strike off across upstate New York next week for a three-day stint. After a visit to Moynihan's rural home near Oneonta on Wednesday, she will head to Cooperstown and wind up in Albany for a Friday evening fund raiser for Rep. Michael McNulty. In between, according to advisers, will plenty of chances for her to talk to New Yorkers about what is on their minds.

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Hillary to get packing

Starr is no aid to Giuliani, Hoosier to leave Hill, he's no Bush '92

BY MARIANNE LAVELLE

Paris's chic boutiques may be fine places for a first lady to shop, but New York Democrats want candidate **Hillary Rodham Clinton** closer to Fifth Avenue. They're saying that Clinton can't run from afar—not from France, where she was touring last week, and not from the White House. "She can't do this on the shuttle," says Westchester County Democratic chief **David Alpert**. "She needs to be a real presence here in New York. This race should be treated like the Iowa caucus." An early, aggressive statewide campaign, of course, would mean physical separation from the president. But this is a sacrifice Hillary appears willing to make. According to some of the first lady's advisers, her move to the Empire State is in the works. "She should be here by the fall," says one operative with whom she regularly consults. "Everyone will understand if she has to go back to Washington for a NATO summit or something like that. . . . But there's no doubt that she'll leave the White House early."

Unhelpful Starr

New York Mayor **Rudolph Giuliani** will have to wait to see what final salvo Independent Counsel **Kenneth Starr** may launch at Giuliani's most likely Senate race opponent. Contrary to some published reports, Starr deputy **Edward Page** says no decisions have been made on whether to file one last report. **Hillary Clinton** played such a prominent (though apparently undictable) role in Starr's

probes that New York GOP types were salivating to get their hands on any dirt. But Page says Starr's office has not even decided whether the report should focus on Hillary. One thing is certain, says Page. June 30, the day the independent-counsel statute is due to die, will be "a normal working day" in Starr's office.

'Indiana wants me'

Rep. **David McIntosh** of Indiana is virtually certain to leave the House and run for Hoosier State governor in 2000. The word has shaken the GOP on Capitol Hill, which is losing a leader of the 1994 "Republi-

can revolution" and a sure seat. The National Republican Congressional Committee, facing a battle to maintain the party's six-seat majority, has already begun prospecting for candidates to fill the unanticipated vacancy. Those close to McIntosh indicate he may announce his intentions as early as July.

Sizing them up

President Clinton and his senior advisers may have been traveling to Geneva, Paris, and Cologne, but they had their eyes on Iowa and New Hampshire. They were watching the official presidential campaign rollouts of Vice

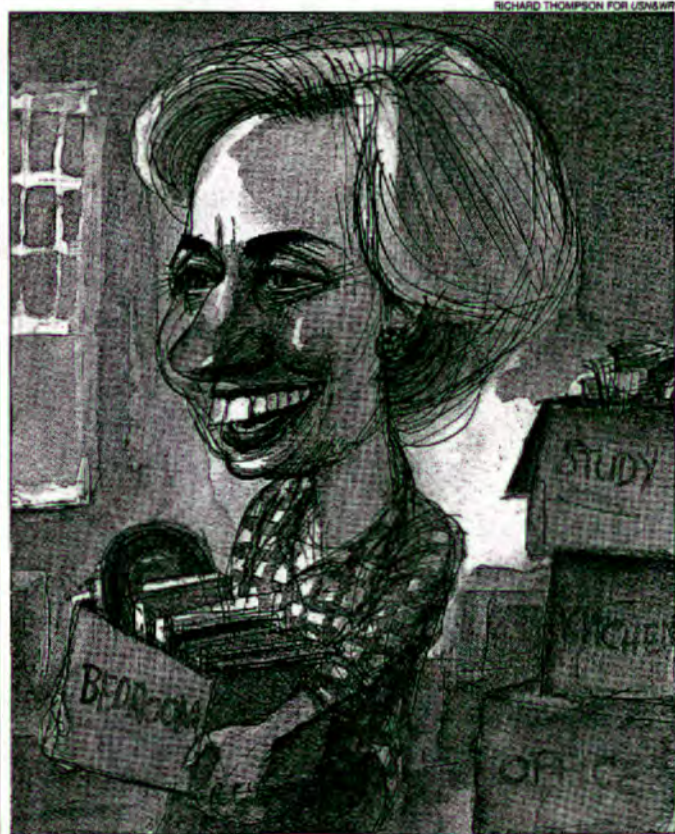
President **Al Gore** and Gov. **George W. Bush** with concern. Clinton advisers, some of whom were architects of the successful Clinton-Gore 1992 campaign against Bush's father, say that "W" will be a whole different ballgame. "It's clear that he's a good campaigner, and that's bad for us," one said. No matter how much Gore retools his image, White House aides think the vice president can't match personalities with the affable Texan. But they insist Gore will be able to overcome Bush on the issues; they particularly are betting that on gun control Bush is more in step with the Lone Star State than with the rest of the country.

Opponents invited

George W. Bush will meet privately this week with the 115 House and 20 Senate Republicans who have already endorsed his unofficial presidential campaign. Rep. **Roy Blunt** of Missouri and Sen. **Paul Coverdell** of Georgia, both top party leaders, are coordinating the Capitol events, which will no doubt strain relations with other GOP presidential candidates. "We'll send invitations to McCain and Smith, but I don't think they'll attend," says a Coverdell aide, referring to presidential candidates Sens. **John McCain** of Arizona and **Bob Smith** of New Hampshire. Ditto Rep. **John Kasich** of Ohio.

Golly, Boutros!

One visitor to a Washington bar spotted State Department spokesman **Jamie Rubin** in a corner, paging avidly from index to text of a new hard-cover book. A polite peek at



Clinton won't be waiting to box away her White House memories.

Some straight talk for Rudy G

How to remedy ignorance and stupidity

This is another of those open letters. This one goes to Mayor Rudy Giuliani of New York City.

Dear Your Honor:

My sources tell me you'll take your chances with culture shock and come down here on the 27th of July to raise money.

We both know you don't need to come to Little Rock for funds. We both know this is a publicity stunt, a commentary on Hillary's presuming to run for the Senate in your state, and an excuse for many of our Clinton-haters—and Lord knows we've got a few, and they've got more experience than the rest—to amuse themselves by parting with some of their money to the cause of beating her.

Clinton-hating can have those kinds of irrational manifestations—giving money to a socially liberal New York Republican to try to spite Bill and Hillary—and you may as well exploit it for a day.

I have no particular regard for Hillary, failing as I do to consider staying with a philanderer for power a virtue, and failing as I do to see any particular public policy accomplishment on her resumé. She's tackled schools in Arkansas and the national health care system—a couple of real success stories, don't you think?

As for you, I must say that as Republicans go, your variety—the New York variety, the socially liberal and tough-on-crime variety, this modern-day incarnation of Rockefeller Republicanism, which through Winthrop did more than Bill or Hillary Clinton ever did to reform Arkansas politics—is a darned sight better than the Gingrich variety or the Buchanan variety or the Quayle variety.

So I thought I'd help you out with some advice for your visit and your campaign in general.

Though no one down here can vote for or against you, it would be polite of you, and it might spare you general criticism, if you



John
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would take the time to know a little something about us. It might cushion the exploitation, or at least the appearance thereof.

For example: On the day news broke that you might be coming here for a fundraiser, you said on WCBS Radio News that you were looking forward to getting down to Arkansas, especially to that "Whitewater River."

Would you mind at this point if I called you ignorant and stupid?

I call you ignorant because there is no Whitewater River in Arkansas. There is a White River. Whitewater was the land development of the McDougals with the Clintons as partners, a belly-up endeavor that, as best Ken Starr can determine, entailed no illegal action by either of the Clintons.

I call you stupid because there is nothing clever or advantageous to you in bringing up Whitewater. Starr blew his investigation with transparent partisan zeal and sickened the nation to the very subject.

So your geography is bad and your political instincts are worse. Your sense of humor is as yet undetected.

Now, a few facts:

- The location of your \$500-a-plate luncheon will be the Capital Hotel, which is owned by the Stephenses, investment bankers who've made billions though not on Wall Street. They're Dole Republicans. Some of them might be at the luncheon.

- One of your hosts, Lt. Gov. Win Paul Rockefeller, comes from a long line of

prominent New Yorkers. Perhaps you're familiar. Be nice to him. The other, Gov. Mike Huckabee, is a Southern Baptist preacher with whom your cultural disconnection will be so great that you'd best not even deal with him at all.

- Some locals plan to take you on a tour. Please understand that the River Market is our best effort at urban revival. Try to put Soho, Tribeca, Alphabet City and Brooklyn Heights out of your mind, and say something nice. The Old State House was just improved and reopened. You could say it's a wonderful building and that if Bill Clinton's done nothing else right, he's made a splendid choice of location for announcing his candidacy and claiming victories. The Excelsior Hotel next door is no invitation for a Paula Jones joke. Resist the urge.

That brings me to my final point. Would you like to know what would get you beat against Hillary? Meanness, that's what. Republicans have a problem with it.

It's why your pal Al D'Amato got beat. It's why Newt Gingrich is gone. You are said to be inclined toward it, and I don't doubt it after hearing that you canceled that magazine's launching party at the Brooklyn Navy Yard after learning the inaugural issue would have Hillary on the cover.

Case in point: The altogether decent fellow doing most of the advance work on your trip, Richard Bearden, former executive director of our state Republican Party, was heard in the last days of last year's general election campaign saying the incumbent Democratic congressman in this district was about to experience a "thermonuclear" attack ad campaign from Republicans that would turn his own mother against him.

Ask somebody how that race turned out.

John Brummett's column appears every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

News

Meeting to Address Options for Group Managing Niobrara

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It's coming down to crunch time on the Niobrara River.

Officially, the National Park Service was given 60 days to decide whether to appeal a judge's June 15 ruling that the agency gave too much authority to the local Niobrara Council for managing the 76-mile Niobrara National Scenic River east of Valentine, Neb.

So principle players in the drama will gather at the Park Service's Midwest Regional Office on July 13 to work through the options: appeal the judge's decision, rewrite the management plan to meet court requirements, or seek legislation to allow the existence of the Niobrara Council.

"Everyone is vigorously assessing the alternatives," said Paul Hedren, superintendent of the Park Service's Niobrara-Missouri National Scenic Riverways office in O'Neill, Neb.

If the agency decides to appeal, it will be up to the U.S. Justice Department to file the appeal within 30 days, just before the 60-day deadline.

Meanwhile, the council is moving forward, Hedren said. The 15-member body, made up of local landowners, county board members, outfitters, and state and federal officials, recently hired an executive director, who is expected to go to work about July 1 at the council's Valentine office.

The council has worked to establish a code of conduct for river users, post signs and install toilets along the river.

The Park Service has been ordered to stop following the existing plan, Hedren said. The agency has argued that the Niobrara Council and an advisory commission were sanctioned under the 1991 act by which Congress designated the Niobrara National Scenic River. Because much of the land along the river is in private hands, Congress encouraged state and local involvement in the river's management.

If the players decided to push for a federal law establishing the Niobrara Council, there would be precedent, he said. A similar council was created under federal law on the Upper Delaware River, another scenic stretch. The Park Service, however, has not argued for or against such a move.

The agency's overriding goal, Hedren said, is "to recapture where we were two weeks ago. Where we were was good."

Prairie Management

As easy and free as prairies appear to be, establishing, restoring and managing them can be tricky.

There are seeds to choose, weeds to eliminate and natural regimes to maintain, sometimes with the use of fire. But for the private landowners dealing with prairies, it's not easy finding someone who

knows how to conduct a prescribed burn.

David Breyfogle of Luverne, Minn., said that was why, two years ago, he started the Prairie Stewardship Project, a company aimed at helping landowners plant, restore and maintain prairie.

The company isn't alone. Natural Habitats Unlimited Inc. in Gretna also plants, restores and maintains prairie. But Breyfogle offers the additional service of managing burns, along with other maintenance options such as grazing or mowing plans.

Breyfogle, by day a prairie specialist with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, earlier this spring did several small burns to control invading trees - elms and boxelder - on a 30-acre tract near Blair. Breyfogle is a native of Mondamin, Iowa, and his wife, Barrie, originally is from Blair.

Breyfogle said he has led more than 100 burns without incident. He's a certified fire boss for the Minnesota agency and the Nature Conservancy.

Each burn has a plan. Burning to get rid of invading Kentucky bluegrass or brome grass at the wrong time, for example, can make the problem worse.

So far, he said, there hasn't been much demand for his services. "I think there's a lot of need," he said, "but people just don't know where to turn."

Millennium Trails

Nebraska Gov. Mike Johanns is scheduled to nominate a Nebraska hiking-biking trail by July 12 for inclusion in a national program celebrating the millennium.

A Millennium Legacy Trail will be named in each state, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, said Larry Voecks, recreational trails manager for the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

A committee is working on recommendations for the governor to consider in making the nomination.

The program was started by Hillary Rodham Clinton in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Transportation as part of the national celebration of the millennium.

The program provides for three categories of recognized trails. There will be 12 National **Millennium Trails**. Nebraska doesn't have anything in the running in that category, which will involve well-established routes such as the Appalachian Trail.

The second category is the 52 Millennium Legacy Trails, which will be announced in August. The selected trails will be those that meet the mission of honoring the past and envisioning the future, Voecks said. The trails also must provide future benefits to people in the state and must bring groups and individuals together in support of it.

Nebraska could have as many as 15 trails that could be designated in the third category, the Community 2000 Trails.

The 52 Millennium Legacy Trails would receive recognition, including trail markers with the White House Millennium Council logo and inclusion in maps and trail celebrations, Voecks said. There also is some potential for trails to receive additional funding.

"It's a promotional thing for trails," Voecks said.

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The First Pretender

By Richard Cohen

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"You think Buffalo's too obvious?"

"Yes," I replied.

"How about Long Island?"

"Okay, but North Shore," I said in mock seriousness.

We were talking, of course, about where Hillary Clinton could or should live when she moves to New York state and pretends to be a New Yorker. The person I was speaking with was not one of the first lady's advisers, but it is not too much to say that he advises those advisers. I advised him that Buffalo would seem a patently political choice. Also, it's cold in the winter.

Now, though, the search has shifted from a residence to a vacation spot. We are told it cannot be Martha's Vineyard, where the Clintons have vacationed in the past, since it is not in New York state. It cannot be, either, the Sodom-and-Gomorra-ish Hamptons because they bespeak all that is morally decadent in America: movies, records, books, magazines and arugula salad. The Hamptons send the wrong message.

So attention has been paid to the Adirondacks, the foresty-primeval wilderness of New York state. This is a wild and wonderful area, so pristine that even the ascetically inclined Bill McKibben lives there, but it is sort of famous for its flies and for the fact -- beyond dispute -- that it is not on the water. What's more, Steven Spielberg doesn't live there -- and, given the alleged fly situation, who could blame him?

One is tempted to say, "Enough!" In fact, I will. What we have here is the unauthentic search for authenticity. It is well known that Hillary Clinton does not live in New York state and never has. It is further well known that, given her druthers, she prefers to vacation on Martha's Vineyard. Why all this play-acting? Why this pretense that the voters of the Empire State will not notice that she has not been one of them -- and that all will be forgiven if, perhaps, she spends a bit of August swatting flies while canoeing on Saranac Lake?

It's hard to say whether these leaks about the Clintons' vacation and residence plans reflect serious thinking within the White House or whether they reflect nothing more than the prattling of people

pretending to have inside info. But two things have to be said. The first is that nobody's denying anything; the second is that this sort of thing is typical of the Clintons, at least of the one named Bill. Too often, he finds his convictions in the polls. He inhales oxygen and exhales insincerity.

Dick Morris, the former first pollster and campaign consultant, recounted in his book how he tried to get the Clintons to shun the Vineyard for a Western camping vacation since that played better in the polls. Clinton responded with commendable sarcasm -- "What if I hike, set up my campsite, and go fishing but don't catch anything? Will that be OK?" -- but he did not go to the Vineyard that year. The president, saying he was "a big national parks person," went west. For enough votes, he would have said he was a big Bert Parks person.

It's not known whether Hillary Clinton has polled as to where she should vacation or live. It is known, though, that she strains credulity in attempting to portray herself as, well, sort of a New Yorker. She always was a Yankee fan, she asserted recently. That's odd. She grew up in Chicago, once confessed to being a Cubs fan. Now she says that she always felt an obligation to root for an American League team as well. Sure.

Around the same time, Mrs. Clinton said she had been to Elmira, the town in New York where Mark Twain summered and now lies buried. Funny. No one could remember her ever being there -- and in Elmira you would notice. Turns out, she passed through on a family trip some 40 years ago -- or so she says.

But why bother to say anything? Why this compulsion to be someone she's not? No one would expect her to be a Yankee fan or know anything much about Elmira. A D'Amato-ish talent for knowing every sewer commissioner is not what the voters expect of Clinton anyway. What they should expect is a woman who knows who she is and is not afraid to be that person. Instead they are seeing a parody of the prepackaged politician, her husband's wife down to the last lip bite of insincerity. What kind of person is she, anyway? What does she believe?

Where should Hillary Clinton live? Where should the Clintons vacation? The answers are easy: She should live where she wants and vacation where she likes and stop trying to be anyone other than herself.

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Clinton, Giuliani tied in N.Y. Senate race -poll

By Ellen Wulforst

NEW YORK, June 30 (Reuters) - First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, poised to announce formally the creation of a committee to explore a 2000 run for the U.S. Senate in New York, is in a virtual dead heat with her likely opponent, New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, according to a poll released on Wednesday.

A Quinnipiac College Polling Institute survey of 1,131 registered voters in the state found that Clinton was preferred by 46 percent of respondents and Giuliani by 44 percent, with a margin of error of 2.9 percent. The poll was conducted June 22-28.

The poll marked the first time Clinton, a Democrat, has not led Giuliani, a Republican, since Quinnipiac began testing the hypothetical Senate race in early February.

The shift came among voters upstate, where Clinton possessed a 12-point lead in February and Giuliani now owns a 13-point lead, said Quinnipiac spokesman Maurice Carroll.

With Clinton showing solid support in New York City and Giuliani strong in the suburbs, "upstate is clearly the battleground," Carroll said.

Clinton plans to kick off a four-day tour of upstate New York next Wednesday, the day after she is slated to file papers officially creating an exploratory committee that enables her to raise campaign funds.

Her upstate tour includes scheduled stops in Oneonta, Cooperstown, Utica, Syracuse and the state capital, Albany.

Neither Clinton nor Giuliani officially has declared their expected candidacies. But Giuliani already has been raising money and travelling the country soliciting Republican Party support.

The seat is being vacated by the retiring Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, a Democrat.

According to the new poll, Clinton holds a lead of 52 percent to 38 percent among female voters, while Giuliani leads by the identical margin among male voters.

The poll showed 40 percent of New Yorkers had a favourable opinion of the first lady, compared with 33 percent for Giuliani.

More voters said Clinton, rather than Giuliani, had the personality to be an effective senator, but said they thought Giuliani understands the issues and problems facing New York state better than Clinton.

"In the character trait where we saw the biggest difference, familiarity with New York's needs, Giuliani outpoints Clinton overwhelmingly," Carroll said.

The Quinnipiac Polling Institute is based in Hamden, Connecticut.

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NY Post: Hillary using fed workers

NEW YORK, June 30 (UPI) Hillary Rodham Clinton is reportedly using the White House communications director and two staffers working for Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle to help prepare a Web site for the July 6 launch of her Senate exploratory committee.

A White House spokesman and an aide for Daschle tell the New York Post it is legal for the government employees to help with the first lady's campaign as long as they put in a 40-hour week for their main jobs.

The Post reports the Hillary 2000 site is not open to the public yet, although the section for credit card contributions is ready to go.

A June 25 memo obtained by the Post says a substantial amount of the Web site should be written by White House communications director Ann Lewis and media consultant Mandy Grunwald.

The memo also says some pages must be translated into Spanish and ``vetted by several N.Y. Puerto Ricans.''

When asked by the Post why Clinton wanted Puerto Ricans rather than other members of New York's diverse Hispanic community to review the Web pages, her campaign spokesman Harold Wolfson said, ``It was not meant to be exclusive.''

The Post also reports the Secret Service has checked a 17-acre mansion in North Salem, Westchester, as a possible residence for Mrs. Clinton and her family.

Clinton reportedly has her eye on the 18-room mansion just north of New York City that went on the market this spring for \$3.8 million.

It belongs to Democrat-supporter and Wall Street executive James Kohlberg.

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Hil Meets With Pros

Political experts helping her decide on run

By KENNETH R. BAZINET
Daily News Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton yesterday met with veteran New York operatives who could form the core of an exploratory campaign committee, sources said.

On the eve of yet another political trip to New York today, aides said Clinton had not made up her mind whether to form an exploratory committee. She spent much of last week discussing the pros and cons while on vacation in Florida with President Clinton.

The exploratory committee would raise money to help pay the cost of her visits to the state. It also would be the first formal step toward seeking the seat being vacated by Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D-N.Y.).



Hamburg NEWS

Hillary Clinton works the crowd at a Gore rally in Washington yesterday.

The Daily News reported last week that the First Lady has begun telling key people that she has decided to run, but her confidants denied any decision has been reached.

"She told me that she has not made a final decision," said her political adviser, Harold Ickes. "She is meeting with people — Hank Morris was here [yesterday]. She is talking to other people about potential positions on an exploratory committee if she does go forward."

Morris was a mastermind behind Democrat Chuck Schumer's stunning victory last year over incumbent Republican Sen. Alfonse D'Amato.

Clinton also talked to Dick Riley, a public relations whiz who has worked for the city Chamber of Commerce and City Council Speaker Peter Vallone (D-Queens).

In addition, the First Lady met with Gabrielle Fialkoff, Vallone's fund-raiser when he ran for governor last year.

Clinton hits town this morning to accept a degree from the City College and later will attend a fund-raiser for the state Democratic Party and an evening reception for Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-Manhattan).

The First Lady yesterday also sought to soothe fears that if she runs, it will leave her little time to help with Vice President Gore's presidential campaign.

"It's a minor thing," said one aide, who conceded there has been tension since the First Lady became a potential candidate. She headlined a rally yesterday aimed at luring female votes into the Gore camp.

Also yesterday, independent prosecutor Kenneth Starr won a rare victory when three federal appeals court judges reinstated charges that presidential pal Webster Hubbell lied to conceal his and Clinton's work on an Arkansas land development deal.

Clinton has said she barely remembers anything from the deal. Hubbell, a former top Justice Department official, will go on trial Aug. 9.

With Joel Siegel

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Some in New York Question Hillary Clinton's Chances (Washn)

By Ellen Gamerman= (c) 1999, The Baltimore Sun=

WASHINGTON When Hillary Rodham Clinton sets foot in New York, she generates the kind of hyperactive buzz usually reserved for Hollywood starlets at the Oscars. But if the first lady is finally getting her pink taffeta moment, it is not without complications.

Already, some New York political operatives are worrying that the victory glitter surrounding her has lost some of its luster.

Clinton, who is steadily moving toward a race for the Senate from New York, hardly seemed concerned Wednesday as she basked in the celebrity glow on a daylong visit to New York City.

The trip her 10th since rumors started flying this year about her possible campaign was marked by chants of "Run, Hillary, Run" at the City College graduation and the embrace of Democrats at a congressional fund-raiser.

Though she could back out at any point, signs are clearly pointing to a campaign. The first lady is expected to announce the formation of an exploratory committee by as early as the end of this month after her return from 15 days of foreign travel with the president. Earlier this week, Clinton met with three top New York political strategists in preliminary interviews for a possible campaign staff.

Many New York Democrats are cheering her efforts. But behind the scenes, some veterans of state politics are raising alarms about her future.

"She's got real problems in this race," said Lawrence O'Donnell Jr., who worked on campaigns for Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the retiring New York Democrat whose job is up for grabs next year. "At first she looked unbeatable. But it's hard to get New Yorkers to vote for Democrats. Very hard."

While the city remains solidly Democratic, the mass exodus to the suburbs has created a far more conservative base there. Upstate New York has always been a Republican stronghold, and many Democrats acknowledge that it is no longer enough for a Democratic statewide candidate to win just the city.

Among the other tough questions emerging: Why did the first lady begin with a 20-point lead in the polls when her possible campaign hit the headlines in January, only to lose that edge in what is now neck-and-neck polling with her potential Republican rival, Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani of New York City?

With each passing week, Clinton acts more like a candidate. At the White House on Tuesday, Clinton held a 1½-hour meeting with Hank Morris, the consultant who helped orchestrate New York Democrat Charles E. Schumer's upset victory over former Republican Sen. Alfonse M. D'Amato last year.

The first lady also discussed her possible campaign with Dick Riley, once a spokesman for former New York City Mayor Edward I. Koch. She also met with Gabrielle Fialkoff, the chief fund-raiser for Peter F. Vallone, the New York City Council leader who ran unsuccessfully for governor last year.

But while Clinton has spent hours phoning Democratic professionals and has been told by many that she can win the election she has yet to schmooze ordinary New Yorkers. Their approval is not a given.

"I have had it with her meeting with politicians, potential staff members, political advisers," said John Marino, the former state Democratic chairman. "I want her to meet with real people real fast. She has to get to a town meeting or a coffee klatch or a county fair. She has to meet the real average New Yorkers."

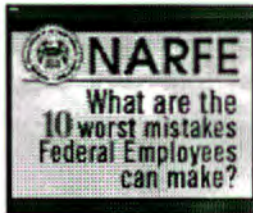
Wednesday in New York City, Clinton acted every inch the candidate. She offered a veiled criticism of Giuliani by urging students to resist those who try to "score political points" by criticizing the schools. Giuliani is locked in a heated feud with the city schools chancellor over the condition of the school system.

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First Lady Moves Closer to Senate Run

By Ron Fournier

AP Political Writer

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton will form an exploratory committee in early July preparing her for a potential Senate campaign in New York, a top adviser said today.

Harold Ickes, who is heading up Mrs. Clinton's political operation, disclosed the first lady's plans after it was reported that Rep. Nita Lowey had decided to seek re-election. Lowey's move leaves the Democratic field clear for Mrs. Clinton to run for the Senate.

"Nita called the first lady, told the first lady that it was clear to her that the first lady was going to run for the Senate and that therefore Nita was going to run for the House," Lowey spokesman Howard Wolfson said.

Mrs. Clinton described the call in a statement: "Today Nita Lowey called me to say that she would be running for re-election to the House. I thank Nita for her support and I look forward to working with her."

Ickes, a former deputy White House chief of staff, said Mrs. Clinton listened to Lowey but did not go into detail about her own political plans.

"I think you can discern (from the conversation) that Hillary is going to press forward and she will be forming an exploratory committee in early July and just keep moving forward," Ickes said.

Later, Ickes said he meant to say that Mrs. Clinton intends to form a committee in July.

He said forming the committee does not necessarily mean Mrs. Clinton will seek the seat. "This is one step at a time," Ickes said. "The initial step forward is to form the exploratory committee and continue to talk to the people of New York."

Advisers have said for days that Mrs. Clinton intended to form the committee, but Ickes was the first to say it on the record. Advisers say it would require a major change of heart for Mrs. Clinton to not launch a campaign after deciding to form the committee.

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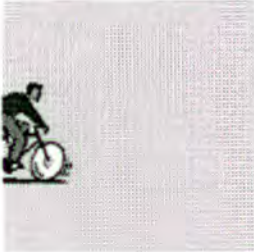


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Outsider wants in

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BY LYNN SWEET WASHINGTON BUREAU



As first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton prepares for a Senate run from New York, the notion of taking the easier electoral path--through her home state of Illinois--never was given serious consideration. You can't blame her for not wanting to wait years for an opening.

Clinton made her 10th visit to New York since the beginning of the year Wednesday and has an upstate swing scheduled for Wednesday. She's off on her own to Italy, Israel and possibly Jordan later this month and come July, she is expected to announce the formation of her exploratory committee.

Right now, most of her travel is on the taxpayers' tab, and an exploratory committee is needed because she can't continue flying to New York and keep up the fiction that it is somehow connected to official White House business.

Clinton wants to go through the buzz saw of a New York Senate run and take deserved criticism as a carpetbagger, her friends say, in large part because of her passion for public service. As in, "public service is the rent you pay for living."

No argument, but where is it written that elected office is the definition of public service? If public service was her goal, then the alternatives that would be available to her after the White House--the CEO of a foundation or an international nonprofit organization--would seem to present her with a high visibility and prestigious platform for her views.

A U.S. Senate perch, by the way, is not as lofty as one may think. When it comes to public service for a member of the Illinois delegation, for example, it means year after year of grueling wrangling for housekeeping items--repair of Lower Wacker Drive; highway, Metra and CTA funding, etc. Is this why Clinton is contemplating a Senate bid? To increase federal highway funding for Long Island?

Being in the Senate means a lot of individual casework, often on frustrating immigration and Social Security problems, with no connection to the larger social and political agendas that seem to have interested the first lady.

It means sending out flags that have flown over the Capitol and getting

school groups VIP tours under the dome. And it means getting constituents tickets for White House tours.

Think about that one.

The problem with running from Illinois, of course, is that there is no early opportunity for Democrat Clinton. Republican Gov. Ryan's term is up in 2002. The seat of Sen. Peter Fitzgerald (R-Ill.), who beat a politically anemic Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun (D-Ill.), comes open in 2004. Fitzgerald might be an easier target than the New York Republicans who are thinking it over, New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Rep. Rick Lazio.

Clinton always has been popular in Illinois even during the worst years of presidential scandal. Running from Illinois would mean she would not have to face the carpetbagging charge, which should not be underestimated as a time-consuming campaign issue that will get in the way of substantive debate over other matters.

She has, when she chooses to use it, an impeccable North Side Chicago accent and a claim to the turf since she lived at 5722 N. Winthrop as a toddler before moving to northwest suburban Park Ridge, where she lived through her college years.

Illinois, unlike New York, has built a history in the last decade of electing women--of both parties--to statewide office. Female candidates do not win statewide in New York.

Clinton's friends downplay but still mention other reasons she is tilting toward making a 2000 run from New York. She does not seek a break to return to a "normal" life. She wants to be elected in her own right. For the first time since she married Bill Clinton and moved to Arkansas, if she becomes a senator, there will be no question what her role will be.

And if she loses New York? It looks as if she will be taking the risk. After all, she can always come back home.

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Hillary Clinton Continues 'Almost' Senate Campaign (New York)

By Michael Grunwald= (c) 1999, The Washington Post=

NEW YORK Almost-candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton continued her almost-campaign in Manhattan Wednesday, taking a veiled shot at a potential rival during a commencement speech, pledging to work for a ``living wage'' during a luncheon with labor leaders, and once again whetting the appetites of New York Democrats without promising to run for Senate.

``I will have something to say about (the Senate race) later,'' Clinton said with a broad smile during her one brief brush with reporters. ``Not today.''

Sources close to the first lady say she is almost certain to run in 2000; she apparently intends to announce the formation of an exploratory committee early next month. The sources expect her to disclose her plans sometime this week to Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., who has said she will run for Senate if Clinton passes up the race. On the not-quite-campaign-trail Wednesday, Democratic insiders who watched Clinton obviously enjoying the media furor over her political future were unanimous in their guesswork: They think she's running.

``It looks like a duck. It quacks like a duck,'' said Rockland County Democratic chairman Paul Adler. ``I think this might be a duck.''

``Women's intuition?'' replied Rep. Carolyn McCarthy, D-N.Y., when asked if Clinton would run. ``Yes.''

Clinton began her day at the City College of New York graduation, calling for tougher educational standards, more resources for early childhood education and a renewed campaign to rebuild dilapidated schools. As students shouted ``Run, Hillary, Run,'' Clinton also dropped a subtle reference to an ongoing public feud between Mayor Rudolph Giuliani (R), who is also considering a Senate run, and his schools chancellor, Rudy Crew. ``We can do this if instead of pointing fingers we roll up our sleeves and pledge to work together,'' she said.

Clinton never mentioned Giuliani by name, but she seemed to distance herself from his sharp criticisms of the city's public education system, such as his proposal to abolish the Board of Education. ``We can never lift up our public schools by tearing them down,'' she said.

Next, Clinton stopped for a \$500-a-plate union fund-raiser for the state Democratic committee at Tavern on the Green, where she worked the small crowd like a seasoned pol, gladhanding officials from Elmira and laughing at everyone's jokes. ``She gets closer and closer and closer,'' said state committee chairwoman Judith Hope, as the crowd broke into cheers. ``And we get more and more and more excited.''

At the luncheon, Clinton emphasized her commitment to several liberal ideals: quality education for all children, health care for all Americans and a living wage that would bring every full-time worker above the poverty line. ``That is an unfinished piece of business in this country,'' she said. ``I pledge that I will work to make that happen.''

It sure sounded like candidate-talk. Some insiders still caution that Clinton could change her mind, that she may suddenly decide that running for office in a state where she's never lived while her husband is leading a war effort is just too weird. But other veteran New York politicians believe it's all over but the announcement. City Council Speaker Peter Vallone, who ran unsuccessfully for governor in 1998, said Clinton has already interviewed several of his campaign aides, including fund-raiser Gabrielle Fialkoff and spokesman David Doak.

``I say she's running,'' Vallone said. ``That's just the way it looks to me.''

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First lady sounds like a candidate but won't say magic words

By BETH J. HARPAZ= Associated Press Writer=

NEW YORK (AP) She looked like a candidate and sounded like a candidate as she shook hands, hugged strangers and made a rousing speech.

But Hillary Rodham Clinton again stopped short of saying the magic words her supporters have been waiting for that she is a candidate for Senate in New York.

"Run, Hillary, run!" students chanted at City College, where Mrs. Clinton began her day-long visit to Manhattan on Wednesday by giving the commencement address.

As she walked through the crowd of 3,000 graduates, she shook dozens and dozens of hands thrust out by cheering students. One man put his arms out for a hug, and she returned his embrace after a moment's hesitation.

The content of Mrs. Clinton's speech to the college calling for more resources and support for public schools was similar to others she has made in a half-dozen recent appearances in New York. But this time her every sentence was met with a roar from the students, most of them black, Hispanic and from working-class backgrounds. And like a candidate on the campaign trail, Mrs. Clinton's cadences grew stronger with every cheer.

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Later, at a fund-raiser at Tavern on the Green for the state Democratic Party, Mrs. Clinton was given a New York Yankees baseball cap by United Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten, the luncheon's guest of honor. Afterwards, the first lady shook hands with patrons at the restaurant and waved to a small cheering crowd of joggers and mothers with strollers waiting near her limousine.

Mrs. Clinton did not refer to her potential candidacy in any of her speeches, but others did. At the luncheon, Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said: "There's no candidacy yet. But Hillary Clinton gets closer and closer and closer and we get more and more excited about the prospect."

Aides to the first lady have said she's on the verge of declaring herself a candidate after several months of deliberations and consultations with experts.

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U.S. first lady makes 10th visit of year to N.Y.

(Adds evening event para 16)

By Ellen Wulforst

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Hillary Rodham Clinton paid her 10th visit of the year to New York Wednesday, looking more and more like a political candidate but still declining to reveal her much-anticipated plans.

"I will have something to say later, not today," the first lady told reporters as she greeted labor leaders and politicians at a state Democratic Party fund-raising luncheon in Manhattan.

While Mrs. Clinton continues to keep mum on whether she will run for the U.S. Senate seat from New York in 2000, her supporters say they are increasingly convinced she will throw her hat in the ring.

"Hillary Clinton gets closer and closer and closer, and we get more excited at the prospect," said Democratic Sen. Charles Schumer, who defeated Alfonse D'Amato last fall to capture New York's other Senate seat.

"And that's true from one end of the state to the other," Schumer said in his address at the event.

Speaking earlier in the day at the City College of New York's commencement ceremony, the first lady was greeted by a crowd of students chanting, "Run, Hillary, Run."

Education was her theme of the day. Mrs. Clinton spoke both at the commencement and the fund-raiser about what she saw as the need to lower the number of students per class, boost early childhood programs, modernize schools, encourage mentoring and keep schools free of violence.

In considering a bid for the Democratic Senate nomination, Mrs. Clinton has been meeting with political experts and campaign strategists. Aides have said she is likely to establish in the coming weeks an exploratory committee, which would enable her to raise campaign funds.

"She's interviewed quite a few people that used to work with me, and I am convinced she is going to run," New York City Council Speaker Peter Vallone said at the fund-raiser.

The \$500-a-plate luncheon was expected to raise about \$50,000, organizers said.

"Every day that she delays an official announcement, I think the chances are better that she will probably do this," said Judith Hope, head of the New York State Democratic Party.

Also attending was Democratic Rep. Carolyn McCarthy, a gun-control activist who ran for Congress after her husband was killed and her son wounded by a gunman on a suburban New York commuter train.

Asked for her answer to the oft-heard question in New York these days of whether Mrs. Clinton will run, McCarthy said with a smile: "Women's intuition? Yes."

The seat coming open next year is that of Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, who is retiring.

The Republican nominee widely is expected to be New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who has been raising funds and traveling the country soliciting support.

Later in her visit to New York Wednesday, the first lady attended a fund-raiser for Democratic Rep. Carolyn Maloney of New York City, who introduced Clinton as "the next senator from the great state of New York."

At City College, Mrs. Clinton was presented with the College President's medal for distinguished achievement.

More than 2,500 students graduated from CCNY, a keystone of education in the city's immigrant and minority communities. More than half of its 12,000 students were born overseas, and the school produces the second-highest number of undergraduate degrees among black students in the nation, aside from historically black colleges.

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Hillary Clinton Moves Closer to Run

By Sandra Sobieraj

Associated Press Writer

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WASHINGTON (AP) -- Taking a big step toward a political race, Hillary Rodham Clinton said today she will form an exploratory committee in July to prepare for a possible campaign for a Senate seat from New York.

"I'm going to open an exploratory committee in July," she said. "And then I'll spend some time -- a lot of time -- in New York listening to people and I'm looking forward to that."

The first lady made her comments in an interview on ABC's "Good Morning America." Her statement confirmed what her top political adviser had said Thursday, that she would form an exploratory committee next month for the seat being vacated next year by Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan. No first lady has ever run for public office.

It is a race that could pit her against the Republican mayor of New York City, Rudolph Giuliani.

"I think exploring New York is a good thing," Giuliani said following a speech in Michigan, stressing that the first lady has never lived in New York. "Maybe she should explore New York a little."

"I should say though, I have supreme confidence that the next senator from New York will be someone from the state of New York," the mayor added.

Formation of an exploratory committee will allow Mrs. Clinton to begin raising money for the race. That means she could begin paying for some of her travel to New York, for polling and other campaign-type expenses. She already has come under fire for making campaign-style trips to New York as first lady, and thus at taxpayer expense.

Formation of such a committee will be seen in political circles as tantamount to a declaration of candidacy.

Harold Ickes, who is heading up Mrs. Clinton's political operation, disclosed the exploratory committee plans after Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., called the first lady to tell her she would seek re-election to the House, leaving the Senate Democratic field open for Mrs. Clinton.

"I told her it seemed clear she was running. ... I wished her well,"

Lowey said. "I told her I would support her enthusiastically."

Mrs. Clinton issued a statement that said: "Today Nita Lowey called me to say that she would be running for re-election to the House. I thank Nita for her support and I look forward to working with her."

Mrs. Clinton also met Thursday with political consultant James Carville.

Asked whether they discussed the New York Senate race, the first lady's spokeswoman, Marsha Berry, said, "They both have a love of politics, so it wouldn't surprise me."

Ickes, a former White House chief of staff to President Clinton, said Mrs. Clinton did not go into detail about her own political plans during the conversation with Lowey.

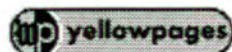
But Ickes added: "I think you can discern that Hillary is going to press forward and she will be forming an exploratory committee in early July and just keep moving forward."

He cautioned that formation of the committee did not necessarily mean Mrs. Clinton would seek the seat. "This is one step at a time," Ickes said. "The initial step forward is to form the exploratory committee and continue to talk to the people of New York."

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Mrs. Clinton Loses Rival in a Race for Senate

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By ADAM NAGOURNEY

NEW YORK -- Saying she was convinced that **Hillary Rodham Clinton** was running for senator from New York, Rep. Nita Lowey abandoned her own bid for the position Thursday, announcing her decision in a telephone call to Mrs. **Clinton** at the White House.

Mrs. **Clinton** made no attempt to dissuade her, and the first lady's aides later said she is likely to form an exploratory committee in July.

"It's clear she is running," Lowey, D-N.Y., said in an interview shortly after her five-minute conversation with the first lady. "It's time for me to move on."

The sequence of events -- starting with a 1:20 p.m. call by Lowey to the White House that had been orchestrated by aides to the two women the night before -- seemed to leave little doubt that the first lady intends to seek the Democratic nomination to run in 2000 to succeed Daniel Patrick Moynihan, a Democrat who is retiring.

Within hours after Lowey, who had presented herself as the fallback Democratic candidate in the race, announced her decision, Harold M. Ickes, Mrs. **Clinton**'s senior political adviser, said that the first lady was "pressing forward" with her candidacy. He said she was likely to take the first formal step of creating an exploratory committee when she returns from a trip to Europe and the Mideast in July.

In Washington, Mrs. **Clinton** issued a short statement that praised Lowey's record as a member of Congress, and hinted at a continued political alliance in the months ahead. "I thank Nita for her support, and I look forward to working with her," Mrs. **Clinton** said.

By design or not, the decision by Lowey effectively forced the hand of the first lady, who has sought to put off giving any firm sign of her intention until early summer. If Mrs. **Clinton** still had serious doubts about making the race, several of her aides said Thursday,

she almost certainly would have advised Lowey to stay on the stage. Lowey said Mrs. **Clinton** said nothing of the sort.

In theory at least, Mrs. **Clinton** could still decide not to run, and Lowey could reverse herself and get back in the race. But associates of both women called the chances of that remote.

Such a move by the first lady would be highly disruptive to the state Democratic Party, leaving it in the lurch at a time when its leaders are already concerned about holding onto the seat if the Republicans run mayor Rudolph Giuliani of New York.

Lowey's withdrawal ended one of the odder political entanglements of recent years. Just last week, Mrs. **Clinton** came to New York to help Lowey raise \$1 million, money that would have financed a Lowey campaign for Senate if Mrs. **Clinton** herself did not make the race.

Some Democrats had begun to suggest that Lowey's willingness to stand back quietly awaiting Mrs. **Clinton**'s decision, applauded at first as a sign of loyalty, could begin to seem weak and even farcical, particularly as Mrs. **Clinton**'s candidacy seemed increasingly inevitable.

That said, there were no indications that Lowey felt any resentment over how she has fared in the public spotlight these last few months.

As a political matter, she is today arguably in a much stronger position than she was at the start of the year, by virtue of having played even a secondary role in such a high profile contest. She has gone from being a little-known representative from Westchester to being a state-wide Democratic figure.

She raised about \$2 million during the last six months, her spokesman, Howard Wolfson, said, probably more than she needs for a re-election race. At the age of 61, she is unlikely to have an opportunity to run again for Senate -- the next Senate race after 2000 is 2004, and that seat is already held by a Democrat, Charles Schumer -- but she is certain to be viewed by Democrats as a stronger contender for governor in 2002.

Lowey had said she would run for the Senate only if Mrs. **Clinton** did not. In an interview, she said that she decided to quit her effort after a week in which Mrs. **Clinton** met with New York political strategists in the White House, and flew to New York to decry the state of the public school system in the city.

"In the past week or so, it was increasingly clear to me that the first lady had decided to run," Lowey said. "It didn't make sense for me to stay in.

"The law of diminishing returns had set in," she said.

Wolfson called Ickes Thursday night to inform him of the decision and arrange the telephone call, which Lowey placed from her district office in White Plains. Lowey's aides said they had no idea how the first lady would respond to the decision, and there was a

real sense of suspense in Lowey's camp.

"I said to her that it was clear to me she was running, and therefore I was going to continue working in the House for re-election," Lowey said, recounting the conversation. "She said, 'I look forward to working with you.'"

In many ways, the timing of Lowey's announcement was less than ideal for Mrs. **Clinton**. She has been enjoying the kind of benefits that come from being a celebrity candidate who has not actually announced for office, drawing tremendous and largely uncritical coverage of her every move. That is likely to change the more she is viewed as a real player on the field.

Mrs. **Clinton**'s advisers said that as a formal matter, Lowey's announcement would not accelerate their own political schedule. "She's just going to push ahead and take this one step at a time," said Mandy Grunwald, the political consultant who was Moynihan's consultant and is expected to play a key role in Mrs. **Clinton**'s campaign.

In Mackinac Island, Mich., where Giuliani was addressing a business group Thursday the mayor reacted to the news of Mrs. **Clinton**'s consideration of an exploratory committee with his standard refrain in recent days -- noting that she was running for Senate from a state where she should never lived.

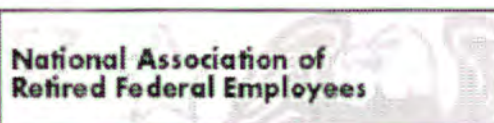
"Maybe she should explore New York a little more," he said. Then, referring to his own political agenda, the mayor said, "I formed an exploratory committee about six weeks ago."

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Clinton on Guns: Blame Congress

By Sandra Sobieraj
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WASHINGTON (AP) -- A testy President Clinton, with pointed finger and pounding fist, rejected suggestions today that he fumbled a golden opportunity to stand tough for gun control.

The sweeping restrictions he would like to see -- including a mandate that people "register guns like they register cars" -- will take years to enact, he said, because he is hamstrung by a Republican Congress "out of touch with the American people."

The president and his wife, Hillary, aimed their anti-youth-violence campaign at family breakfast tables nationwide today, appearing on ABC's "Good Morning America" with 40 teen-agers -- some from schools made infamous by shootings last year -- for a live brainstorming session.

Anchor Charlie Gibson opened the broadcast from the White House Roosevelt Room with a separate interview with the president. The journalist quoted an unnamed Clinton ally as saying the president, after the Littleton, Colo., school massacre, "had a chance to roar and he meowed."

His eyes narrowed and his finger pointed accusingly, Clinton replied: "Look, let's join the real world here. You want to have an honest conversation, let's have an honest conversation. I am the first president who ever took on the NRA. I got my party in Congress to stand with me on the Brady bill. ... Now wait a minute, you talk about roaring and meowing -- then I came forward with this legislation."

Clinton pounded his left fist into his right palm.

"For you to say I shouldn't take what I can get and instead I should ask for things that I am absolutely positive will be defeated in the Congress is quite wrong," he said.

The president narrowly won Senate passage last month of a limited bill requiring mandatory background checks for all transactions at gun shows, then lost a fight to have the House follow suit before its Memorial Day recess.

He has -- as a matter of political practicality, he said -- deferred until later the battle for additional gun controls, such as background checks for explosives sales, increasing from 18 to 21 the legal age for owning handguns and assault weapons and limiting gun



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Clinton said today that the House Republican leadership delayed a gun vote until after the holiday recess in order to give the National Rifle Association time to lobby and water down the legislation.

"I made it clear I want to do this in sequence. I think this is going to take years. The Congress is out of touch with the American people."

Following the president's one-on-one interview in the Cabinet Room, he and Mrs. Clinton sat down with students from Littleton, Springfield, Ore., West Paducah, Ky., Conyers, Ga., and other areas for an uninterrupted discussion of youth violence.

After 45 minutes, the Clintons agreed to scrap their schedules and stretch it another 10 minutes. "We can stay longer," the first lady said. "I want to hear from them."

One student, Albert Smith, questioned the president skeptically. "How spectacular is this legislation and why will it make a difference?" Another student in the discussion was Missy Jenkins, who was paralyzed from the waist down on Dec. 1, 1997, when a classmate opened fire inside her West Paducah high school.

Mrs. Clinton, with apologies for pulling "the nosy mother routine," beseeched kids to ask questions and demand safe surroundings. "If you guys are going to a party make sure there are no guns around," she said.

The first lady also asked students to speak out for tougher gun controls. "There's no reason why a lot of you who are about to be or are already 18 can't let your voices be heard too."

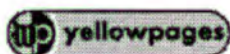
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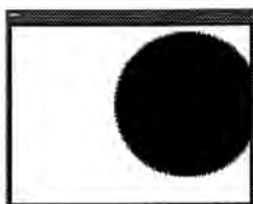
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Clinton on Guns: Blame Congress

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WASHINGTON (AP) -- A testy President Clinton, with pointed finger and pounding fist, rejected suggestions today that he fumbled a golden opportunity to stand tough for gun control.

The sweeping restrictions he would like to see -- including a mandate that people "register guns like they register cars" -- will take years to enact, he said, because he is hamstrung by a Republican Congress "out of touch with the American people."

The president and his wife, Hillary, aimed their anti-youth-violence campaign at family breakfast tables nationwide today, appearing on ABC's "Good Morning America" with 40 teen-agers -- some from schools made infamous by shootings last year -- for a live brainstorming session.

Anchor Charlie Gibson opened the broadcast from the White House Roosevelt Room with a separate interview with the president. The journalist quoted an unnamed Clinton ally as saying the president, after the Littleton, Colo., school massacre, "had a chance to roar and he meowed."

His eyes narrowed and his finger pointed accusingly, Clinton replied: "Look, let's join the real world here. You want to have an honest conversation, let's have an honest conversation. I am the first president who ever took on the NRA. I got my party in Congress to stand with me on the Brady bill. ... Now wait a minute, you talk about roaring and meowing -- then I came forward with this legislation."

Clinton pounded his left fist into his right palm.

"For you to say I shouldn't take what I can get and instead I should ask for things that I am absolutely positive will be defeated in the Congress is quite wrong," he said.

The president narrowly won Senate passage last month of a limited bill requiring mandatory background checks for all transactions at gun shows, then lost a fight to have the House follow suit before its Memorial Day recess.

He has -- as a matter of political practicality, he said -- deferred until later the battle for additional gun controls, such as background checks for explosives sales, increasing from 18 to 21 the legal age for owning handguns and assault weapons and limiting gun

First lady to take next step to Senate

BY JANE FULLERTON
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WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton will take the next step toward a U.S. Senate campaign in New York by forming an exploratory committee next month, her advisers said Thursday.

Advisers acknowledged what has become increasingly obvious in recent days after Rep. Nita Lowey, the New York Democrat who had said she would seek the Senate seat if the first lady did not, announced plans to run for re-election to the House.

That leaves the Democratic field wide open for Hillary Clinton to run for the post being vacated by retiring Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y.

"I think there's a real good chance" she will run, said one adviser.

After months of waiting for the first lady to decide whether to campaign for Senate, Lowey took the initiative Thursday by taking herself out of contention for the post.

Lowey, telephoning the first lady, said it was clear Mrs. Clinton would run for the Senate, so Lowey would run for the House.

Hillary Clinton recounted the call in a brief statement issued by her office.

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Other advisers stopped just short of saying that move was a certainty.

"There's every expectation

that an exploratory committee will be formed," said Lisa Caputo, the first lady's former press secretary.

But Caputo cautioned that forming such a committee did not mean the first lady would definitely enter the race. Rather, she characterized it as an effort "to keep every option open."

Hillary Clinton will be traveling overseas for much of the month of June, first joining President Clinton in Europe for an economic summit before heading off on her own tour of Israel, Jordan and Morocco. So any announcement on the exploratory committee would come in July after she returns to Washington.

A final decision on the campaign is not expected until the fall, advisers said.

Forming an exploratory committee would allow Hillary Clinton to begin fund raising — and to pay for her political trips with campaign funds. Her frequent visits to the Empire State, generally paid with taxpayer funds in her role as first lady, have already begun to draw criticism from New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, the likely Republican Senate contender.

Lowey's decision to clear the way for Hillary Clinton's potential Senate bid came one day after the first lady made her 10th trip to New York this year. She delivered the commencement address Wednesday at City College in New York City, where she was greeted by students chanting, "Run, Hillary, run!"

Earlier this week, the first lady met at the White House with three veteran New York political operatives who could form the core of her political and fund-raising apparatus.

During her trip Wednesday to New York, Hillary Clinton attended a fund-raiser for Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., who defended the first lady, who has never lived in New York, against accusations of carpetbagging. Earlier that day, Republican Gov. George Pataki had said, "I don't think we need somebody from Washington or Arkansas moving to New York to represent us."

Maloney said: "We New Yorkers don't care where you're from. We New Yorkers care about what you can do to continue to build the greatest city, state and country in the world."





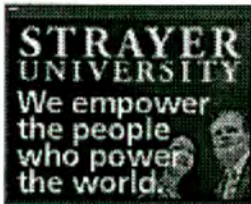
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Following the president's one-on-one interview in the Cabinet Room, he and Mrs. Clinton sat down with students from Littleton, Springfield, Ore., West Paducah, Ky., Conyers, Ga., and other areas for an uninterrupted discussion of youth violence.

After 45 minutes, the Clintons agreed to scrap their schedules and stretch it another 10 minutes. "We can stay longer," the first lady said. "I want to hear from them."

One student, Albert Smith, questioned the president skeptically. "How spectacular is this legislation and why will it make a difference?" Another student in the discussion was Missy Jenkins, who was paralyzed from the waist down on Dec. 1, 1997, when a classmate opened fire inside her West Paducah high school.

Mrs. Clinton, with apologies for pulling "the nosey mother routine," beseeched kids to ask questions and demand safe surroundings. "If you guys are going to a party make sure there are no guns around," she said.

The first lady also asked students to speak out for tougher gun controls. "There's no reason why a lot of you who are about to be or are already 18 can't let your voices be heard too."

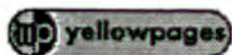
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The \$101,630 Question About Mrs. Clinton's Senate Race

Is \$100,000 Hillary Clinton's standard bribe-fee?

The answer to this question bears quite a bit of relevance to the First Lady's prospective race for a seat in the United States Senate from New York. Most *National Review* readers doubtless remember the revelation that the First Lady had turned a \$1,000 investment in cattle futures into \$100,000 with the aide of Tyson Foods General Counsel James Blair. They may also recall that a *Wall Street Journal* investigation showed that Mrs. Clinton's claims about how she made that money were absurd and incredible. They may even still have knowledge of the First Lady's press spokesman acknowledging that the First Lady's initial accounts of how she made the money were "now inoperative".

Readers may not though know that the First Lady was hired for a \$100,000 fee by an obscure New York State funded think-tank called the National Commission on Education and the Economy whose honorary chair was Mario Cuomo. A 1996 investigation by then State Attorney General Dennis Vacco showed that Mrs. Clinton was retained by the Commission in her capacity as a Rose Law firm partner from 1990-1992 -- at the very time when both Bill Clinton and Mario Cuomo were contemplating maiden runs for the Presidency and soliciting aid from other governors around the country. Interestingly, Cuomo maintains that although he was the honorary Chair of the group he did not know of Hillary's work for the institution - which may have paid Rose as much, or more, than \$173,000. Moreover, Richard Mills, a member of the Board of the group, has said that he has no idea what Mrs. Clinton did for it, and forms submitted by the think tank which were

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supposed to list highly-paid group officers curiously neglected to include the First Lady or the Rose Law Firm. Consequently, it should be no surprise that former state Education Commissioner Thomas Sobol, who signed all state contracts with the Commission, has admitted that he had no idea Mrs. Clinton was being paid *any* amount, no matter whether the sum was the \$101, 630 claimed by the group or the much higher number suggested by state investigators.

And needless to say, the First Lady's press people have never made themselves available to explain what Hillary Clinton did for the money - if anything. When Dennis Vacco's investigation of the group was first noted in 1996, both the First Lady and her counsel, David Kendall, were conspicuously unavailable to answer questions about this matter, and when I called the First Lady's Press Office repeatedly over the past two weeks her spokesmen were again strangely unable or unwilling to provide responses to my questions. Had the First lady even come to New York to work for the Commission? What work had she done? It was impossible to even get the First Lady's press people - taxpayer employed, public employees all - to even provide me a statement saying that the facts with regard to these matters were lost with the passage of time.

I think *NR* readers are, by now, acquainted with the level of veracity characteristic of statements of the First Lady. Something should, perhaps, be said though about Mario Cuomo's integrity. Some may recall that when Cuomo ran against Ed Koch for Mayor of New York back in 1977 that thousands of leaflets appeared on election day reading, "Vote for Cuomo, not the Homo." They may also know that Cuomo later became the Gay Rights Leaders' lapdog and that he has long denied that he had anything to do with that leaflet campaign. As it happens recently I happened to meet one of Cuomo's former top campaign aides. He told me that Cuomo demanded the leaflets be printed *against* the recommendations of his campaign staff, most of whose members correctly realized that such leaflets would help Koch with gay voters, relatives of gay voters and certain heterosexual West Side liberals.

In any respect, one must wonder how the First Lady seriously intends to run for Senate from New York without being able to explain for years at a time what she did to earn vast sums of New York State taxpayers' money - money that wasn't being made available to the average roofer living in Yonkers. In today's edition of the *New York Post* Dick Morris suggests that the First Lady may be raising money which she'll use later for a race in 2004 from her home state of Illinois. Given that a race in New York would require her to explain her thieving from state residents in a place in which she's a carpetbagger opposed by a local boy who's the original Mr. Clean one can't but be curious.

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A Land Mine on the Path From First Lady to Senator

With all the political speculation swirling about whether Hillary Rodham Clinton will run for the Senate from New York, there is a quirky constitutional landmine confronting her that has been overlooked. It isn't a disabling condition, but it could have an important effect on her status in the Senate if she were to be elected. New Yorkers should take special note.

The land mine is something called the Incompatibility Clause, found in Article I, Section 6, Clause 2 of the Constitution. It says: "No person holding any Office under the United States, shall be a Member of

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either House during his [or her] Continuance in Office."

The Supreme Court hasn't had a lot to say on the Incompatibility Clause, presumably because the meaning is hard to miss. The last time it came up was the early 1970s, when Vietnam War protesters used it to challenge the ability of certain members of the House and the Senate to remain members of the armed-forces reserves.

The theory was that service in the reserves constituted holding an office, and under the Incompatibility Clause, the members could not both be officeholders and members of Congress. The lower courts ruled in favor of the challengers, declaring that members of Congress were ineligible simultaneously to serve in the reserves. On appeal, the Supreme Court dodged the merits of the issue on a procedural ground.

The Incompatibility Clause doesn't suggest that a federal officeholder is barred from running for Congress, but it does

indicate that a person cannot serve in both capacities simultaneously. That would be a violation of basic principles of separation of powers.

The question regarding Mrs. Clinton is whether her position as first lady constitutes an "Office under the United States." That issue arose in the context of the administration's health reform task force that Mrs. Clinton chaired in 1993. A group of physicians asserted that the task force was a federal advisory committee and therefore subject to the sunshine provisions that apply to such advisory committees. The Clinton administration countered that the advisory committee law didn't apply because of an exception for groups composed solely of "full-time officers or employees" of the government. It argued that, as first lady, Mrs. Clinton was the functional equivalent of a government officer or employee.

Although noting that the issue was "not an easy one," the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit eventually accepted this argument. It concluded that "Congress itself has recognized that the President's spouse acts as the functional equivalent of an assistant to the President." The Office of the First Lady is established by statute and includes a full-time staff paid for with public funds.

The D.C. Circuit rejected the argument that recognizing the first lady as an "officer or employee" of the federal government could violate anti-nepotism laws. Those prohibit any public official (including the president) from appointing or employing a relative (including a spouse) "in the agency in which he is serving or over which he exercises jurisdiction or control." The court found that the White House wasn't such an "agency," so that the anti-nepotism laws weren't inconsistent with a conclusion that the first lady was a federal officer or employee.

The bottom line for the D.C. Circuit was that Mrs. Clinton was considered a "full-time officer or employee of the government" and therefore her task force did not have to comply with the disclosure rules applicable to advisory committees.

The problem this poses for Mrs. Clinton's potential candidacy for the Senate from New York in 2000 is that, if she is an officer of the federal government, she cannot serve as such an officer and as a senator simultaneously. How is this an issue? Under the 20th Amendment, senators elected in 2000 become eligible to take office after noon on Jan. 3, 2001, when the term of those senators leaving office expires. Under the same amendment, Mr. Clinton's term doesn't expire until noon on Jan. 20, 2001.

Under normal circumstances the incompatibility could be resolved by the federal officeholder's resignation from her office. But in the case of the first lady, that isn't so easy. As the Court of Appeals noted: "How, one might ask, could she [Mrs. Clinton] be removed?" It is possible that the president "could withdraw any or all authority delegated to his spouse," but exactly how that would be done is unclear.

Of course, the president could resign from office early in deference to Mrs. Clinton if she were elected, but that would raise its own set of problems. Should Vice President Gore get to be president for 17 days—or, if he wins the presidential election, 17 extra days—so Mrs. Clinton can take her seat at the same time as the other senators?

Absent a presidential resignation,

however, one can predict a squabble in the Senate, which has the authority under the Constitution to determine the qualifications of its own members. Delay in seating a putative Sen. Clinton until Mr. Clinton leaves office on Jan. 20, 2001, would be a likely scenario in light of the uncertainties associated with the alternatives.

Why might the delay of only a few weeks be of concern to anyone? The answer is Senate seniority—and that's important to New Yorkers.

Unless a special rule were adopted for Mrs. Clinton—and that would disadvantage all other newly elected Democratic senators and would be detrimental to the interest of the citizens of the states they represent—Mrs. Clinton would receive the lowest seniority since she would be the last to take office. That, in turn, could have an effect on her assignment to committees and to her assuming positions of leadership on those committees.

In Tennessee, for example, Sens. Fred Thompson and Bill Frist were both elected in 1994, but Sen. Thompson assumed office a few weeks before Sen. Frist because the incumbent senator left office early. As a result, Sen. Thompson has greater seniority and chairs an important committee while Sen. Frist is working his way up the ranks along with the other Republican senators newly elected with him in 1994.

So, as a result of the intersection of Mrs. Clinton's status as first lady and a little noticed constitutional provision, New Yorkers who might elect Mrs. Clinton as senator in 2000 may face a loss of some seniority for their newly elected junior senator.

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Hillary Clinton

Hillary grabs for her entitlement

Only a fear of losing could stop her

Last week the woman congressman from New York who had been intending to seek the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate called Hillary Clinton and told her she would run for reelection to the House instead.

Let me rephrase: U.S. Rep. Nita Lowey, Democrat of New York, who has actually gotten elected to something, bowed subserviently to a daughter of Chicago's suburbs and a stepchild of Arkansas who married into her political standing and willingly endured a string of indignities to sustain it, and who now presumes at the bitter end of the career of her husband and meal ticket to become her own woman and achieve her long-deferred personal entitlement by having the state of New York put her in the U.S. Senate so she can then become president herself in four or eight years, depending on the interim complication of Al Gore's situation.

One woman bites the dust to serve the needs and aspirations of the apparent modern female icon, whose example blends Tammy Wynette and Bobby Kennedy: Enable him, stand by him, defend him in lawyerly fashion.

Or this: Be stronger than your husband, and maybe as smart, if in a different way, and endear yourself to the liberal Democratic establishment by not giving the anti-choice right wing the satisfaction it would get from your leaving the philandering hypocrite.

Deferred to by Lowey, Hillary promptly announced she would form an exploratory committee in July to take the logical next step toward her now apparently inevitable run for the Senate from the Empire State.

New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, the likely Republican nominee to succeed retiring Daniel Patrick Moynihan, responded by saying he thought it would be a good idea



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for someone from Illinois and Arkansas to "explore" New York, and said he maintained every confidence that a New Yorker would fill the vacant seat from New York in the U.S. Senate.

If you are wondering as I am what commends Hillary for credible consideration as a United States senator, remember that you surely wondered the same thing about Tim Hutchinson and Blanche Lincoln.

I'm thinking that maybe they don't make senators like they used to. But to look at Strom Thurmond you'd think that maybe it's good they don't make senators like they used to.

Maybe there's a good reason we've begun plucking our presidents from governorships and vice presidencies.

Let's examine Hillary's record of public policy. She headed a committee that designed popular school standards in Arkansas in 1983. She headed the board of the Legal Services Corp. during a volatile time in the Carter years. She worked with the Children's Defense Fund. She headed a massive and secretive White House army that concocted a 1,300-page plan presuming to remake the health care industry of America, and was so combative and stubborn that the plan failed miserably without ever warranting even a vote.

So let's examine her personal political skills. She can be charming and funny privately among pals, but she lacks public

warmth or the natural ability to connect with strangers and audiences. She disdains those who disagree with her and assigns them to sinister conspiracies. She hates the media, which happen to maintain their headquarters in New York. She says impolitic things when someone dares to challenge her. She has ethical blind spots about mixing the law, personal finance and politics.

She is an unabashed liberal at a time her husband has smartly moved the Democratic Party into popularity with the pivotal center of American politics.

Lacking accomplishment in policy and lacking natural political skills, she has a chance to get elected to the Senate on the basis of her universal celebrity, but with two provisions: She must run in a state in which celebrity and paid media will suffice for a campaign, not one like Arkansas or New Hampshire in which personal retail politicking matters. And she must run in a state where a noble liberal still stands a chance. New York is such a place.

Let me make one other point, a concession: Hillary also wants to run for the Senate because she is convinced that she is right about public policy and womanhood and convinced that circumstances have intersected to assign her a noble responsibility. In her mind, the world needs this candidacy.

I still think she might back out. The risk of losing is high. I suspect she still must come fully to terms with the chance of going back, rejected, to Washington to pack up with the philanderer and fade with Barbara Bush and Rosalynn Carter into that yonder sunset.

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will -- the different approach to the Palestinians
is certain to be an issue.

For Clinton to win, she's going to need
overwhelming support from voters in and
around New York City -- that's where more
than 1 million registered Jewish voters live.

Clinton wants to focus on domestic issues such
as education and health care.

But already some Democrats are worried that
her views on the Middle East and Palestinian
statehood -- which they argue are not fairly
reflected by one comment that she made two
years ago to a group of Arab and Israeli
teen-agers -- will haunt her on the campaign
trail.

Last week, Clinton said she would form an exploratory committee in July to begin to raise money for the race. The announcement falls one step short of a declaration of candidacy.

Despite the questions about her view on Palestinian statehood, Clinton is believed to enjoy widespread support in the Jewish community, especially among women.

Once Clinton begins direct fund raising next month, officials expect Jewish campaign contributions to pour in. But whether Clinton can overcome charges of "carpetbagger" and convince Jews who have supported Giuliani to cross over and vote for her has yet to be seen.

To be sure, New York has its "yellow-dog Democrats," those who will vote for the Democrat no matter what, as well as its staunch Republicans. Only when Clinton hits the campaign trail will she test the loyalties of Jewish voters who lie in the middle.

Already, Jewish voters are the talk of political consultants who are looking at mathematical ways for Clinton to beat Giuliani if, as expected, he survives a likely primary challenge from Rep. Rick Lazio (R-N.Y.).

Just as Democrats can't win the White House without California, Clinton can't win New York without strong Jewish support, according to a Democratic activist.

"If Giuliani gets 40 percent of the Jewish vote, he wins," said this activist, who has a pessimistic view of Clinton's chances based on the mayor's track record of more than 60 percent support among Jewish voters in his two election victories.

A poll of 748 voters three weeks ago by Zogby International, a New York-based polling firm, showed Giuliani beating Clinton among Jewish voters 50 percent to 36 percent. Among all voters, Giuliani was ahead of Clinton 49 percent to 44 percent, the poll said.

Perhaps with this in mind, some of Clinton's first public events in the next few weeks will target the Jewish community.

A fortuitous coincidence has Clinton traveling to Israel only days before she is set to officially open the exploratory phase of her campaign.

According to a preliminary schedule, Clinton is slated to arrive in Israel on June 24 during a long-planned mission visit to the region. Clinton is also expected to visit the Palestinian self-rule areas, although no details have been released.

While the visit will give the first lady a high profile, she is also planning to step up her Jewish speaking engagements when she returns.

On June 27, Clinton is scheduled to speak to Hadassah's annual convention in Washington and then attend a National Jewish Democratic Council award celebration for Steve and Barbara Grossman. Steve Grossman is the former chairman of the Democratic National Committee and a former president of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

Most likely, she will reiterate to Jewish audiences what she said in April in a speech to the UJA-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York.

Referring to the question of Palestinian statehood, she cited the U.S. administration's position, saying, "We will stand behind any decision made between the parties and we will oppose any unilateral step that prejudices the outcome of negotiations."

But while the first lady "can spin Palestinian statehood away," the Clinton administration's Jerusalem policy "is going to dog her like crazy," a Democratic activist said, on the condition his name not be used.

Just this week, the Clinton administration notified members of Congress and Jewish officials that he would formally waive the provisions of a 1995 law that requires the United States to move its embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

According to participants at a closed-door briefing at last month's policy conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, a top official with the lobbying group cast doubt on Hillary Clinton's support for Israel.

The pro-Israel community can be confident that there will be supporters in New Jersey and Florida, the official said, referring to the open seats where Sens. Frank Lautenberg, a Democrat, and Connie Mack, a Republican, are retiring.

"I wish I could say the same about New York," the official said, in an apparent jab at Clinton.

While no one expects the pro-Israel community to launch a campaign against Clinton, their opposition is a source of concern and irritation for some supporters who say her genuine support for Israel will shine through.

Both the president and Hillary Clinton believe in Yitzhak Rabin's analysis that the peace process is integral to Israel's security, according to Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Reform movement's Religious Action Center.

"If she's elected to the Senate, it's hard for me to imagine a senator more deeply committed to Israel and the special U.S.-Israel relationship and more able to convey that commitment to those feelings to large numbers of Americans," he said.

Still, reservations about her views linger. Several single-issue pro-Israel political action committees do not plan on supporting Clinton unless she renounces her support for Palestinian statehood. In contrast, they said they plan to contribute to Giuliani's campaign.

For its part, the Joint Action Committee, which focuses on Israel, abortion rights and church-state separation, won't weigh in until they see who all the players are, but many individuals in the predominantly women's PAC are supporting Clinton, according to Betsy Sheerr, national president of the group.

Polls show that the Jewish community is more committed to abortion rights and women's rights than any other, Saperstein said.

"The Jewish community will see in Hillary Clinton a true champion," he said.

But critics contend that the first lady's record on domestic issues of concern to the Jewish community is, as one activist put it, "very mixed." This activist cited specifically her role in encouraging the president to sign the 1996 welfare reform law, which eliminated federal entitlement to welfare benefits.

In the area of education, which is already emerging as a focus in New York, Clinton has a long track record.

Giuliani has staked out a position as an advocate of school vouchers, which Clinton adamantly opposes.

Clinton can draw on a long history that includes bringing the Israeli program known as HIPPY -- the Home Instruction Program for Pre-school Youngsters -- to Arkansas.

Clinton sat on the HIPPY board of directors from 1991 until her husband took office in January 1993.

The president of the National Council of Jewish Women, Nan Rich, who was instrumental in bringing HIPPY to this country, believes Clinton "would make a fabulous senator."

"She deserves the opportunity. She's been there for others. Now it's her turn," Rich said.

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The New Yorker

Anybody seen Hillary Rodham?

"SHE DOESN'T bat an eye and she doesn't give an inch," Dan Rather is telling us in his own words, or rather clichés. She also "defines privacy on her own terms," Dan says, whatever that means.

One thing it means is that Hillary Rodham Clinton of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue and definitely not Little Rock, Ark., any more, is running for public office in the most public of places—New York. Or at least she's thinking about thinking about it. Which is enough to get Dan Rather an interview.

It's a Wednesday evening and Hillary Clinton, the first victim, is on prime-time television Q-and-A-ing with "Oh, Dan!" on something called 60 Minutes II. What's that? It seems to be 60 Minutes with Dan Rather as Mike Wallace. Anyway, a Hillary interview with anybody anywhere about anything qualifies as news these days. It's big hint No. 143 that she Just Might Do It. Big hint No. 144: Nita Lowey, the actual New Yorker who was considering a Senate race, won't do it.

Of course everybody's hoping Hillary will. If by everybody you mean (a) writers and talk-show hosts from New York, or (b) Dan Rather. The man was practically auditioning for press secretary.

So let's sum up Miss Hillary's interview for those who have lives and couldn't watch: "Oh, Dan!"

Good stuff. No doubt. Way with words, she has. But what's even more fun than watching Hillary tease Dan is watching New Yorkers watch Hillary tease them. It's more fun than Star Wars, and the verbal sword fights promise to be almost as good. A Hillary Clinton-Rudy Giuliani contest, feud, name-calling and food-throwing match is a made-for-Maureen-Dowd moment. Already, *The New Yorker's* Joe Klein has come to understand what it's really all about. "The more we fantasize about the race," writes Mr. Anonymous, "the more it feels like a government subsidy for wayward journalists. Consider the alternative: meandering through Iowa with Al Gore, stumping with Steve Forbes in New Hampshire? No contest."

We can relate. The prospect of a Jay Dickey-Dewayne Graham debate doesn't exactly get the deadline juices flowing. But this time we politically saturated Arkies can enjoy the show from out here in the bleachers of Fly-over Land. We know the starters, and the managers. A first lady scorned running against the man who took Manhattan by (police) force. It's so grotesquely New Yawk that it's almost Southern.



HERE'S A riddle: The punditry has informed us that Americans are suffering not from scandal fatigue but Clinton fatigue, which is why nobody's interested in Al Gore. We can think of a few hundred other reasons nobody is interested in Al Gore, but okay. Sounds reasonable. Our question: Why, then, the interest in Hillary Clinton, as in Clinton? To date, her accomplishments in this administration include (a) developing a health-care reform plan that enabled the GOP to gain control of Congress for the first time in 40 years, and (b) well, it'll come to us.

Yes, she is big on education. We know this because Hillary tells us so. And she once reformed Arkansas' (it needs reforming again by now.) But she's an old-school reformer. Which means she's against real reform like vouchers—*a.d.* for more federal spending, which ought to go over like a day-old bagel in her newly adopted state, where it was just revealed that two out of three fourth-graders in New York City can't read. This despite the state's laying out some \$13 billion a year on education. Double that amount and—who knows?—maybe three out of three fourth-graders won't be able to tell Spot from Jane.

If there's one thing we should have learned about education by now in this industrialized country with the

highest spending on education and the lowest test scores, it's that money ain't everything. Sometimes it seems almost irrelevant. (Compare New York City's reading scores with Iowa's, or New Hampshire's, or Taiwan's for that matter.) By now we seem to have developed an almost inverse relationship between dollars spent and education improved.

But when it's about the Clintons, it's not about policy. Not any more. Those days are long gone—if they were ever here. The Clintons represented change in '92, not ideas. By '96, they represented good times and high fashion. Then came the Lewinsky Parentheses, and they became cheap entertainment. Now that it's over, they've come to represent expensive entertainment. Soon they'll be the toast of Hollywood East. Why do you think Hillary Clinton launched her campaign-for-something, anything, at the start of the year by appearing on all those hands-over-breasts magazines like *Vogue*? Politics has become a fashion statement, or is it the other way around? Yep, our gal's a corker—and she's about to be a New Yorker.

THE FIRST LADY'S designer hat may not officially be in the ring, but New York's literatti continue to fall all over themselves to produce the Ultimate Hillary piece. James Bennet gave it a go in last Sunday's edition of the *New York Times Magazine*. And he did better than most, managing to come up with one fresh paragraph: "But maybe it is simply time to stop caring so much.

Maybe it is time to leave wondering if the Clintons truly love each other to the historians and focus on the accomplishments, failures and ideas that define his Presidency and would define her Senate race."

That's a noble sentiment and, like many these days, it seems to have no bearing at all on political reality. One might as well expect the Clintons to stop being Clintons. You might as well expect Tom and Daisy Buchanan to shape up and give *The Great Gatsby* a happy ending. For isn't the Clinton legacy their own kleig-lighted lives, not their ideas? What idea did he or she ever represent besides their own upward mobility? Was it the idea that the era of big government is over, or that it's still here? Was it Clintonian normalcy or continuing scandal, and what's the difference?

To start measuring Bill and Hillary now by their "accomplishments, failures and ideas" would seem not just unrealistic but cruel. They're not playing that game any more, if they ever did. Didn't Mr. Bennet watch 60 Minutes II in which Dan Rather played Barbara Walters, and Hillary Clinton played Lady Di?

THERE WAS one interesting moment during Oh Dan's! wet kiss of an interview with First Woman. It was a clip of an earlier 60 Minutes interview with both Clintons. They were on Super Bowl Sunday 1992, and Hillary Clinton was standing by her man as only she can. What she said doesn't matter any more, if it mattered then. But the way she said it brought a smile. Miss Hillary still had a hint of Arkansas twang in her voice then, and it got more pronounced as she got angrier. It was charming. It brought back a real person, a bespectacled young law prof full of feminine fury and her own integrity... but that was long ago and the wench is dead—or at least quietly dropped from the repertoire.

That down-home twang is long gone now. It's been replaced by the perfect pitch of a politician in pre-campaign flirtation. Listen and you can hear how she'd fit into the chorus of Blanche Lincoln and Charles Schumers in the United States Senate. Soon the vowels will begin to take on a certain Westchester gentility. Pay no attention to the ideas behind the curtain. It's the impression, the fashion, the stream of unconsciousness that counts now. It's Politics 2000. It's virtual reality, with the emphasis on virtual.

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Hillary Clinton talks jobs; raises cash for Dems

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By MARC HUMBERT= AP Political Writer=

BINGHAMTON, N.Y. (AP) Prospective Senate candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton told workers at a Binghamton plant Wednesday that the nation has been so successful ``because of people who have been willing to try new things.''

``There are too many people blocked into old thinking ... We are all such prisoners of our past,' ' the first lady said.

While Mrs. Clinton's comment dealt with the high technology work being done at the Lockheed Martin plant she was visiting, they also served to highlight her own thought process on the possible Senate race.

However, some people tried to dissuade her from thinking about running for retiring Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan's seat. About three dozen demonstrators chanting ``Go home'' were waiting for Mrs. Clinton when she left the plant.

Signs saying ``Queen Hillary go home'' and ``Carpetbagger go home'' also were waved at her.

``There are pros and cons and that's just the fact of political life,' ' Mrs. Clinton said in a brief interview with the media.

When asked why she was considering running for New York's Senate seat, she said, ``New York really is the Empire State and is a state that is on the cutting edge of so many changes.''

However, the subject of Mrs. Clinton's possible candidacy never came up during the almost one-hour question and answer session with about 40 plant employees. At the end of her visit to the plant, one company nurse urged Mrs. Clinton to keep working to improve the nation's health care system.

``I intend to,' ' the first lady responded.

It was Mrs. Clinton's 11th visit to New York this year and her first since announcing Friday she would form an exploratory committee to continue preparations for the Senate race her advisers expect her to enter.

The race could pit Mrs. Clinton against Republican New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who formed an exploratory committee in April. Also eyeing the GOP nomination is Rep. Rick Lazio of Long Island.

The first lady's latest New York foray continued later as she turned her attention to the personal campaign finance needs of fellow Democrats. Per-person ticket prices for a Binghamton fund-raiser for Rep. Maurice Hinchey ranged from \$125 to \$500. The larger amount guaranteed a personal visit with the first lady.

On Wednesday evening, Mrs. Clinton was to attend a \$5,000-a-person dinner organized by financial writer Andrew Tobias at a private home in New York City. The event, aimed at gay and lesbian campaign contributors, was expected to raise at least \$200,000 for the Democratic National Committee.

Berry said taxpayers would pick up part of the trip's tab for the Johnson City discussion on the economy while Hinchey's campaign committee and the DNC would pay the rest. She did not have a breakdown of the costs.

The taxpayer financing for portions of Mrs. Clinton's campaign-like trips has already led to criticism. Advisers have said funds raised by the exploratory committee may be used to cover such future expenses.

Mrs. Clinton's decision to visit the Binghamton area as part of her attempt to get a better handle on New York issues she has never lived or worked in the state had some local Democrats giddy.

``I'm thrilled. This is wonderful,' ' Barbara Paoletti, Broome County's Democratic Party chairwoman, said.

Some Republicans thought it was all hoopla for nothing.

``I'm probably the only one who still thinks she's not running,' ' state Sen. Thomas Libous, a Broome County Republican leader, said. He theorized she was flirting with the Senate race ``to take attention off the president and

the war'' in Kosovo.

But former state Democratic Chairman John Burns, a one-time mayor of Binghamton, said he believes Mrs. Clinton is in the race and will run well in the region. In Broome County, Republicans have a slight enrollment edge over Democrats.

``I think she's got a big women's vote around here,'' Burns said. ``I find that the men, Republican men and some Democrats and independents, might be a little standoffish about her. But I think she'll more than make up with women what she'll lose to the men.''

Nonetheless, Burns said the carpetbagger issue being raised by Giuliani and Lazio against Mrs. Clinton is something she has to overcome. The former state party leader said that on a visit earlier in the week to his wife's doctor, the talk quickly turned to the first lady.

``He said, 'The only thing I don't like about her is what does she know about New York?' It was the first thing out of his mouth,'' Burns said.

``It's an issue, but I think she can handle it,'' the former mayor added.

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(UPI Focus)

Hillary to salute New York Yankees

WASHINGTON, June 9 (UPI) Hillary Rodham Clinton has a couple of events in New York and New Jersey ahead, but she plans to rush back home in time to pose for pictures with the world champion New York Yankees.

The first lady has made nearly a dozen trips to New York in recent months, paving the way for her expected announcement that she plans to run for a Senate seat from New York. Hosting a reception for the Yankees should boost her political stock with New Yorkers.

On Thursday, she will visit a public school in Manhattan to announce \$1 million to purchase musical instruments for over 40 New York City public schools. The funds are being donated by VH-1 Save the Music and Time Warner Cable.

Afterward, she plans to travel to New Jersey to attend a luncheon in honor of Rep. Rush Holt, D-N.J., and then will participate in a program on youth violence at the Fisher School in Ewing.

Clinton is keeping her travel bags packed. She will fly to St. Louis to speak at a fund-raiser for House Democratic leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo.

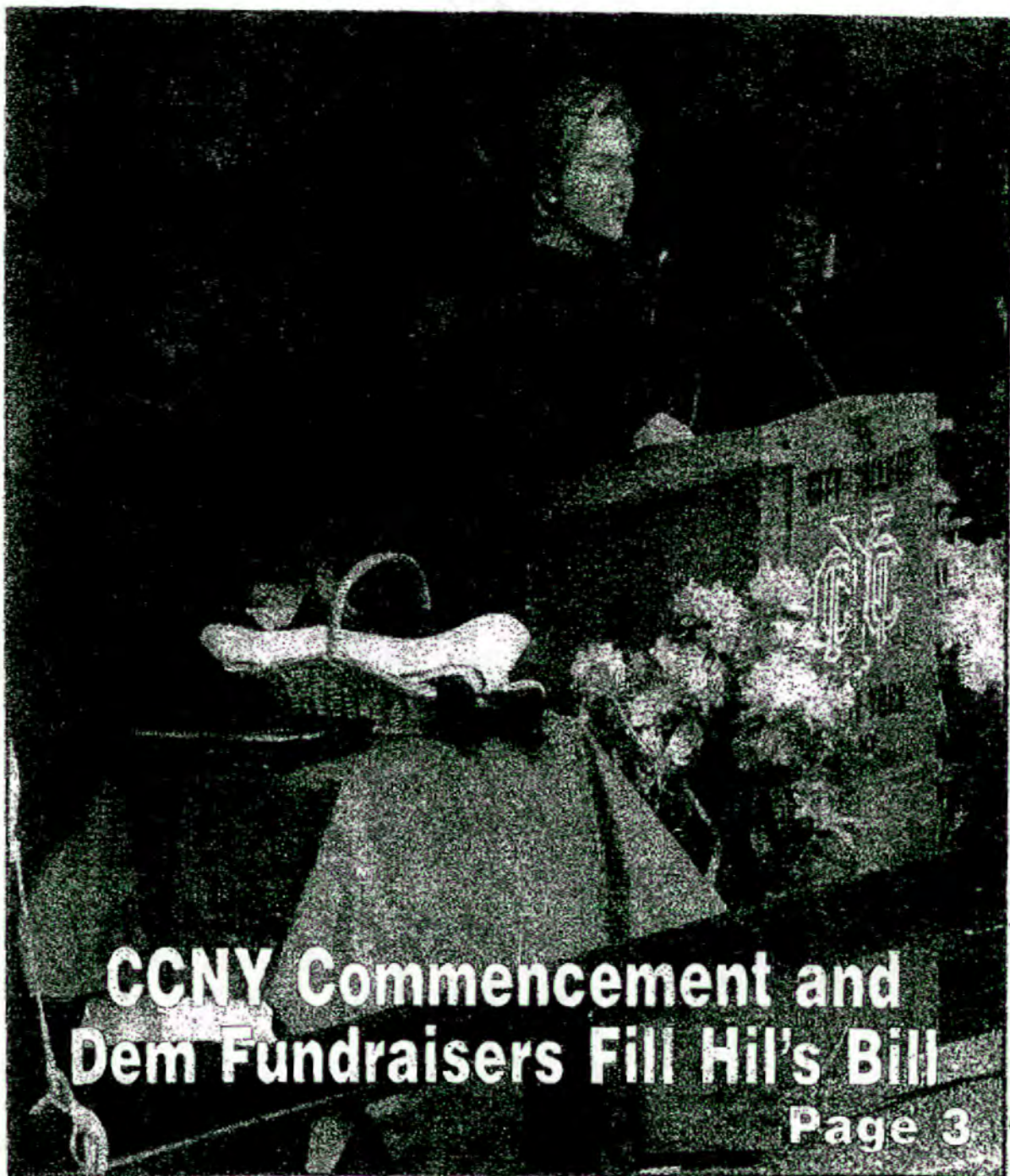
The first lady heads Friday to St. Louis for a fund-raiser for House Democratic leader Richard Gephardt, then Friday evening to Los Angeles, where she joins Tipper Gore at a fund-raiser Saturday morning for Vice President Al Gore.

Mrs. Clinton plans to travel later Saturday to northern California for a Democratic National Committee fund-raiser, then return to Washington in the evening.

The San Francisco Chronicle says the first lady has declined an invitation to join Mayor Willie Brown at the formal kickoff Saturday of his re-election campaign, and instead will spend time with her daughter, Chelsea.

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CCNY Commencement and Dem Fundraisers Fill Hil's Bill

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TOBAGO

By A. J. ALP

Reputed Trinidad drug kingpin, Dole Chadee and his gang of eight, were hanged at the State Prison in Port of Spain last week after a long and costly legal battle to cheat the hangman.

Chadee, 49, and his accomplices were hanged in batches of three which started last Friday and ended on Monday (there were no hangings on Sunday).

Chadee, along with foreman Ramiah, Ramkallawan Singh, Robin Gougual, Russell Sankaran, Bhagwandeem Singh, Elbe Thomas, Stephen Everley and Jay Ramasingh, were sentenced to hang on September 3, 1999, after a trial in the Chaguanas High Court, a few miles off the city of Port of Spain, for killing four members of the Baboolal family, who were shot dead in January 1994 at their home in South Trinidad.

Chadee, reported to be linked to a Colombian drug cartel, was the first to be executed last Friday, followed an hour later by Ramiah and Ramkallawan Singh.

Gopank Sankaran, Bhagwandeem Singh, were hanged on Saturday, followed by Thomas, Everley and Ramasingh on Monday.

The hanging of Chadee brought an end to the era of a man regarded as the Caribbean's most powerful underworld drug lord, who ordered the ruthless killings of a number of people, including a key witness to his murder trial.

It was the first time in history of Trinidad and Tobago that three condemned men were executed on the same day.

The last hanging was Glen Ashby on July 14, 1994. He was hanged 10 minutes before his attorneys received an official copy of a stay of execution granted by the Privy Council. Ashby was executed for the 1987 murder of BWA Pilot, Hemraj Singh in central Trinidad.

The condemned man had lost several rounds of legal battles against the death sentence and against execution when death warrants were read to him on two previous occasions. Petitions to international human rights bodies and the local Mercy Committee were also turned down.

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First Lady keeps her cool in New York City heat

Article and photos by Lani Russell Lewter

Last Wednesday, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton was cool and collected as she faced New York City's oppressive heat and heavy air. The president's wife in town to address City College's Class of 1999 and to raise money for the Democratic Party.

The First Lady was the keynote speaker at City College's 153rd Commencement Exercises on campus in the Lewisohn Plaza on Convent Avenue and 138th in Harlem. She accepted school's President award then rushed off to a fundraiser in Central Park and another that evening on the water's edge.

The First Lady gave the Secret Service a major scare as she marched with the faculty in the procession down the narrow aisle to the dais. City College grads standing to the left and to the right of the aisle eager to touch the First Lady closed in on the narrow passageway attempting to hug the first lady.

Addressing the graduates, who were mostly black and Hispanic and overwhelmingly female, Mrs. Clinton said: "No one wins, especially our

children, if politics stakes up much-needed seats in the classroom. We have to be willing to demand high standards and accountability, but we have to pursue strategies that work, that actually life up the performance of students, enabling all schools to do better, not just score political points."

Small pockets of protests against United States involvement in Yugoslavia erupted, and anti war signs flashed as Mrs. Clinton spoke. Hardly blinking, the First Lady called for "investment in early childhood development programs, preschool programs, Head Start programs."

City College of New York President Yolanda T. Moses presented Mrs. Clinton with the President's Medal for distinguished achievement.

At the Tavern on the Green luncheon, the New York State Democratic Committee honored Randi Weingarten, President of the United Federation of Teachers. At the democratic fundraiser, Weingarten gave Mrs. Clinton with a New York Yankee baseball cap and her support for a senate run. United States Senator Charles Schumer, campaign strategist Bill Lynch, former New York City deputy Mayor under David Dinkins, and New York City Advocate Mark

Green were among the attendees.

At Carolyn Maloney's fundraiser at the Water Club, Mrs. Clinton looked around the room then told the 200 attendees, "This makes me feel right at home. I must confess I take nearly any reason or excuse to come to New York." The fundraiser added more than \$300,000 to Carolyn Maloney's reelection war chest according to Maloney's staff. Looking fresh at the end of a long and hot day in New York, Mrs. Clinton seemed quite at home indeed.

The same blistering day, Borough President C. Virginia Fields braved the heat and addressed the Hunter College's graduate students in. The commencement was the first ever to be held in Central Park in the park's 141-year history. The following morning, Senator Charles E. Schumer was the keynote speaker for Hunter College's undergraduate commencement ceremony also held in Central Park at the SummerStage Theater.

On June 2, New York State Comptroller H. Carl McCall spoke at the Baruch College's graduate commencement held at Lincoln Center. While at Brooklyn College, talk show host Larry King spoke. Yankee Manager Joe Torre and Real Estate Developer Bruce C. Ratner accepted honorary degrees.

June 2 was a busy day with commencement exercises held at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Hostos Community College in the Bronx, York College in Jamaica Queens. The College of Staten Island had its exercises on June 3 as did Queens College and Bronx's Lehman College. Also on June 3 Rev. Calvin Butts, pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem was the keynote speaker at the Borough of Manhattan Community College at Madison Square Garden.

Medgar Evers College held its graduation ceremony on June 5 on campus with Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes, Senior Minister of the Riverside Church in Manhattan speaking.

Still to come are the June 9 commencement ceremonies for New York City Technical College, and Borough of Manhattan Community College Tribeca Performing Arts Center, with Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist and author Jimmy Breslin. Also, on June 11, U.S. Congressman Anthony Weiner delivers the keynote address at Kingsborough Community College.



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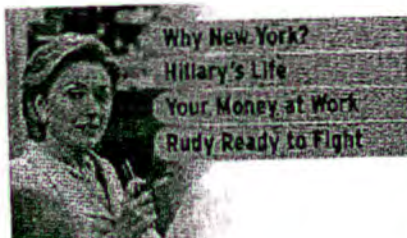
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By [Brian Hartman](#)
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WASHINGTON, June 10 — First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton says she's just having fun, exploring New York while considering a potential Senate candidacy. But she is nearly beyond the point of no return.

On her first visit back to the state since declaring she would form a Senate exploratory committee, the first lady on Wednesday met jeers, sign-waving protesters and tough policy questions about local issues that would make even a native New Yorker sweat.

And her once-soaring poll numbers in the state are returning to earth — bringing her into firing range of expected GOP challenger Rudolph Giuliani, the mayor of New York.

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To say Mrs. Clinton is in for a fight is to understate the case. Last year's Senate race in New York was the nation's meanest, with then-Sen. Alfonse D'Amato and Democrat Charles Schumer bashing each other relentlessly on the airwaves for months. And the notoriously tough New York media certainly aren't going to lay

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York media certainly aren't going to lay down their pens.

But no matter how bad it gets — and regardless of how much she denies having made a decision yet whether to run — Hillary Rodham Clinton will find it more and more difficult to back out of a race in which no Democrat waits in the wings. Democratic Rep. Nita Lowey announced she would rather return to the House next year, leaving no one inside the party in the first lady's way.

Moreover, if she were to drop out now and most assuredly hand the seat of retiring Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan to the Republicans, how could she ever show her face in party circles again?

ABCNEWS.com this week takes a closer look at Mrs. Clinton and the forthcoming New York political battle. Stay with us through Election Day as we follow this race with exclusive coverage from New York and Washington.

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Campaign-Style Trips Covered by Taxpayers

First Lady Hillary Clinton, seen here with New York Senator Charles Schumer, is expected to run for Senate. Her repeated trips to the Empire state have people wondering who is paying the tab for these visits. (AP Photo)

By Josh Fine
ABCNEWS.com

NEW YORK, June 10 — First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton has made 11 trips here this year.

She's hugged babies, met with working parents, and caucused with Jewish groups. She even showed off a New York Yankees baseball cap that a fellow Democrat gave to her. If all this sounds like the makings of a Senate campaign, don't tell that to her staff. According to Mrs. Clinton's office and the White House counsel's office, none of her trips to New York will be billed to her campaign because she hasn't been doing any campaigning.

It's tough to estimate the exact cost of these trips and the White House has not released any dollar figures. But hauling a Secret Service squad and an entourage of official staff around the Empire State on official U.S. government aircraft — usually following on the heels of an advance team that prepares each site visit — doesn't come cheap.

Hillary & The Bill

According to Federal Election Commission law, all "exploratory activity" looking into a congressional candidacy must be billed to an exploratory committee. If a committee doesn't exist, as in the first lady's case, Mrs. Clinton would be billed directly.

So aides say her trips to New York have not been exploratory, but rather "official" and "political." Official trips are done under the auspices of the Office of First Lady and financed by taxpayer dollars.

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Who has been paying for first lady Hillary Clinton's trips to New York? Your tax dollars have covered a big chunk of the costs.

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Office of First Lady and financed by taxpayer dollars. Political trips are those paid for by the Democratic Party, usually when the party believes her presence will help them raise cash for other candidates. Many of her trips to the state, including her most recent visit, have featured both official and political events.

If she were to hold meetings with potential staff, aides say, those trips would be "exploratory." To stay within the law, she has purposefully held those interviews in Washington.

Frequent Flier

But increasingly Mrs. Clinton is coming under fire for her travels through the Empire State. Government watchdog groups say she has crossed the line, even if she isn't breaking the law.

"It would seem that New York has been getting an inordinate amount of the first lady's time," says Charles Lewis of the Center for Public Integrity.

Mrs. Clinton has been to New York eight times in the last seven weeks, including a trip today to a New York City school. She hasn't made more than two trips to any other state all year.

"There's a little bit of disingenuousness by the first lady's staff," Lewis says. "They've tried to portray it entirely as first lady proper, official duties and I think most people and common sense would show that there's a little bit more to it than just the first lady doing her duties."

Splitting the Check

To date, billing for her trips has been split between the taxpayers and the Democratic Party based on the ratio of time spent on political vs. official events. For example, on a recent trip to New York, Mrs. Clinton attended a labor lunch, a fund-raiser for a congressional candidate, and spoke at the graduation for City College of New York.

Two-thirds of that trip was financed by the party, while a third was considered official travel and paid by the government. But even something as innocuous as a graduation speech can be laced with campaign-driven themes, according to C. Boyden Gray, the former White House counsel to President Bush. Gray says once a speech deals with issues that are specific to New York, she is campaigning.

"She'll be making arguments that have nothing to do with the national picture but are local to New York," Gray says. "She ought not to be using White House-paid speechwriters to do those speeches."

Mrs. Clinton recently took the advice of her top advisers and announced that she will form an exploratory committee to avoid further questions about the cost of her trips. That committee can raise money and pay for Mrs. Clinton to campaign in New York. It also can cover charges for past trips — something Mrs. Clinton's staff says will not be

necessary.

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The Empire (State) Strikes Back

Carpetchagging Charges Dog
First Lady's Senate Exploration

Anti-Hillary Rodham Clinton protesters in Johnson City, N.Y., demonstrate against Clinton's anticipated run for a Senate seat in the state. (Michael OKoniewski/AP Photo)

By Gayle Tzemach
ABCNEWS.com

WASHINGTON, June 10 — One question continues to dog first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton as she weighs a bid to become the Empire State's next senator.

What qualifies someone born in Illinois, wed in Arkansas, and steeped in a Washington life to represent New York state?

When she came to visit with workers in upstate New York on Wednesday, a few dozen protesters met her, toting signs with such welcoming phrases as "Carpetbagger Go Home" and "Go Back to Your Village."

Mrs. Clinton seemed to take the criticism in stride, however. Breaking with her usual tradition of staying far from the mass of reporters following her every move, she instead stopped and offered something of an explanation to the question: Why New York?

"New York really is the Empire State and is a state that is on the cutting edge of where we're going in the future," she said.

Republicans Stress Residency

Of course, that kind of answer isn't going to satisfy either of her likely opponents — New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani or Rep. Rick Lazio — for a New York minute.

Though Giuliani initially said he did not think her residency would be a major issue in a potential campaign, he has now launched a full-out assault on the first lady's lack of New York roots.

His fledgling Senate campaign set up a

SUMMARY

Critics take Hillary Rodham Clinton to task for her lack of ties to New York state.

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His fledgling Senate campaign set up a "HillaryNo!" Web site taking a shot at her lack of New York knowledge. And in a recent fund-raising letter, he told supporters, "To me, New York is not a political 'stepping stone.' New York is my life."

Giuliani even traveled to Arkansas, joking of a possible run for office there. And he is scheduled to return to President Clinton's home state for a fund-raiser next month.

Voter Concern Apparent

New York pollsters say Giuliani's "carpetbagger" allegations are meant to tap into voter unease.

"There is a fairly large portion of the electorate that is concerned about the fact that she is not from here," says New York political consultant Joe Mercurio. "I think ultimately it is going to be a real problem for her."

Says pollster John Zogby, "The stakes are very, very high and whatever works as an issue," the candidates are sure to exploit.

An Upstate Battle

Demographics also will complicate her bid. New York City, a cosmopolitan area used to welcoming glamorous out-of-towners, now accounts for only about 27 percent of the state's votes. Hearts will be even harder for Mrs. Clinton to win in upstate New York, a region anything but urban, where the big city's economic boom has yet to trickle down.

Upstate Democrats, however, say Mrs. Clinton can get past the residency issue.

"What she must do is point to the history of senators in New York who have not been longtime residents of the state, like Robert Kennedy and James Buckley, but who made tremendous contributions to the state and the nation," says Steve Jones, a Democratic leader in central New York.

However, say Democratic supporters upstate, that means she has got to get out of Manhattan and up to visit the less-trafficked regions of the state.

"Northern New York remembers people who come and make an appearance and hear the issues and concerns," says Charles Merrell of Lewis County, who recently invited Clinton to a county fair next month.

And Democrats point to the fact that Giuliani, too, runs into problems once he leaves New York City.

"I think Giuliani's reputation in New York will not translate necessarily into a good reputation upstate," says Jones. "While there has been a boom in the economy downstate, we're still in economic downturns upstate."

Celebrity Both Good and Bad

Though the carpetbagging questions are not going away anytime soon, more than a few political

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Mrs. Clinton postpones trip to Israel

WASHINGTON, June 10 (Reuters) - First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton on Thursday postponed a trip to Israel scheduled for later this month because Israeli Prime Minister-elect Ehud Barak is still trying to form a government, her office said.

A statement from her office said the trip was being postponed on the advice of the U.S. State Department and that it would be rescheduled as soon as possible.

"Because Israel is still in the process of forming a government, a visit at this time would be inappropriate. A new date will be set as soon as possible," the statement said.

Mrs. Clinton, who is leaning toward running for a seat in the U.S. Senate, had been scheduled to visit Israel, the Palestinian Authority, Jordan and Yemen in late June after accompanying her husband President Bill Clinton on a European tour.

The trip had originally been scheduled for March but was postponed on the death of Jordan's King Hussein and the Israeli elections.

She still plans to stop in Fez, Morocco, on her way back from the Europe trip, her office said.

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Hillary postpones Middle East trip

WASHINGTON, June 10 (UPI) Because of the timing and on the advice of the State Department, a spokeswoman says Hillary Rodham Clinton is postponing her planned late June Middle East journey to Israel, the Palestinian Authority, Jordan and Yemen.

Marsha Berry, the first lady's press secretary, explained that because Israel ``is still in the process of forming a government, a visit at this time would be inappropriate.'' Berry said a new date for the trip will be set as soon as possible. As a result, Clinton will also be unable to attend the Emerging Democracy Conference in Yemen.

The first lady had planned to break off from the president's trip to Europe next week to fly to the Middle East.

Meantime, she has left up in the air whether she will run for the Senate seat to be vacated by New York Sen. Daniel ``Pat'' Moynihan, a Democrat, although all signs are that she will run.

In an interview on NBC-TV's ``Today Show,'' she denied that she has already leased an apartment in Manhattan to establish residency in the state.

Clinton said that she would be busy in July, indicating that she will hold off making a formal announcement on her expected candidacy until later in the summer.

The first lady was in New York to visit a middle school and promote a \$1 million ``Save the Music'' campaign in the schools, calling for donation of musical instruments. Clinton contributed one of his saxophones to the drive.

She laughed off the many rumors that she had already leased an apartment in Manhattan and that former White House aide George Stephanopoulos had offered her his New York abode.

Clinton has been playing it coy, but has established her ``exploratory committee'' to determine whether she should make the run or will be able to rack up the money needed for a tough campaign.

After attending a fundraising luncheon in New Jersey, Mrs. Clinton was headed quickly back to the White House to attend a reception in honor of the New York Yankees, who captured baseball's World Series championship last year.

Under questioning on NBC, she admitted she was a Chicago Cubs fan having hailed from a Chicago suburb but said she has always been ``enamored'' with the New York Yankees.

Her shifting allegiances brought criticism from Republican National Committee Chairman Jim Nicholson, who noted in a written statement that the first lady rarely attends such sports-related celebrations hosted by her husband, and called her attendance in this case ``a cynical use of the Yankees and a tacky insult to the intelligence of every true Yankees fan.''

The Republican statement, however, mistakenly described the event as a celebration of the Yankees' ``pennant'' victory, which in major league baseball refers to the league championship rather than the World Series championship.

Clinton will hit the road again this weekend, traveling to a fundraiser in St. Louis before going on to California for more fundraising and to spend time with her daughter, Chelsea, a sophomore at Stanford University.

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Hillary Clinton promotes music education

With AP Photos and AM-NY--Mrs Clinton-Yankees

By BETH J. HARPAZ= Associated Press Writer=

NEW YORK (AP) Hillary Rodham Clinton visited an East Harlem school Thursday to applaud VH1's donation of \$1 million worth of musical instruments to the city's public schools.

"I'd rather have young people in a gang called a band than any other kind of gang," Mrs. Clinton told 500 students and teachers in the auditorium of P.S. 72.

She appeared with Chancellor Rudy Crew, jazz great Wynton Marsalis and VH1 President John Sykes, who launched the cable station's "Save the Music" program two years ago. "Save the Music" raises money to buy instruments for schools nationwide and solicits donations from manufacturers and individuals.

It was Mrs. Clinton's first public appearance in New York since confirming last week that she would form an exploratory committee to support a possible run for the U.S. Senate in New York.

Chatting with reporters outside the school, she was asked where she would live when she moves here.

"I don't know," she said. "I don't have any place to live yet."

She was also asked where she might take her summer vacation. "Don't know," she responded. "I'm thinking about all those things."

The first lady, who grew up in Illinois and has never lived in New York, also revealed a growing interest in local sports.

Earlier Thursday, Mrs. Clinton collected used instruments from viewers gathered outside the "Today" show studio at Rockefeller Plaza. One woman donated her grandmother's violin, another gave her recorder and a man donated his sister's clarinet. The instruments will be redistributed to students through "Save the Music."

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In the end, Kennedy won the race by more than 700,000, helped in good part by Johnson's landslide win over GOP presidential candidate Barry Goldwater.

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ANTONIO MORA: Yesterday, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton made her first campaign-style trip to New York since her announcement on Good Morning America last week that she expects to form an exploratory committee for a run for the Senate. While visiting a Lockheed plant in Binghamton, she was greeted by about three dozen protesters, some shouting go home. In an editorial in the local paper was headlined ``Not Senate Material.'' Mrs. Clinton dismissed the protests as a fact of political life.

Joining us now to talk about political life from Washington are Cokie Roberts, the co-host of ABC's This Week, and Margaret Carlson of ``Time'' magazine.

Good morning to you both.

COKIE ROBERTS, ABC News: Good morning, Antonio.

ANTONIO MORA: Cokie, The First Lady has been insulated from criticism this past year because of all of the events. How do you think this first taste of criticism is going to affect her?

COKIE ROBERTS: Well, this is the least that will happen to her in a New York Senate race, a few people saying carpetbagger go home. She's got to know that. She's got to know that the adoring crowds into which she walks in New York now will also have some nonadoring people. That's a mild statement. And that's got to be one of the things that she calculates as she makes her final decision about making this run. It's not going to be a cakewalk by any means whatsoever. It's going to be a very rough and tumble, hard race.

ANTONIO MORA: It is going to get a lot tougher. And, Margaret, there are those who speculate that she has really backed off so much that she hasn't even been reading all the criticism over this past year. Do you think it'll hurt her in any way, that she will have trouble dealing with it?

MARGARET CARLSON, ``Time'' Magazine: Well, nothing could be harder than this last year. The last year's been good training for running for the Senate in New York. One of her problems is if the first question you have to answer is why are you coming here? It keeps you off what you really want to say, and that's what she confronted yesterday.

An opponent that she might not have, but could still have, Rick Lazio, a Congressman from New York, says she needs an exploratory commission committee to find Binghamton, where she was yesterday. And a lot of the stories are about where is she going to live, where are they going to vacation. This is not a good way to start.

COKIE ROBERTS: It was interesting in that Lockheed plant where she was yesterday, someone asked her, according to the reports, why isn't the federal government doing more about mag-lev technology. Now anybody can be forgiven for not knowing what mag-lev technology is. It's magnetic levitation. But New

York has been very concerned about that because it has to do with transportation and getting -- getting goods and people quickly up and down the Eastern seaboard. So that is something that all New York members of Congress know a great deal about.

ANTONIO MORA: She's going to have to be a quick study. I want to stay on the psychology of all this. When the health care initiative crashed, she was able to back off. But at times during her husband's -- particularly the first presidential campaign, she really bristled at criticism. Do you guys think that she's going to handle it well when it really gets into the heavy rough and tumble?

MARGARET CARLSON: Well, as Cokie said, this is the best it will ever be for her. She may think she's campaigning, but she's actually been in a cocoon of protection -- Secret Service, Air Force One. Soon, if she actually declares, she's going to have to be taking the Delta Shuttle and she's not going to have all the protection she now has because she'll actually be a candidate herself. And people expect more -- to know more and to get closer to the candidate than the candidate's wife. So this will be a real awakening.

COKIE ROBERTS: The question of whether she bristles or not is going to be one of the issues in the campaign if she does. But, you know, it's been my experience, Antonio, that when your spouse or children or parent is criticized that you tend to take it harder than if you, yourself, is criticized. I think that's part what have we might see here.

ANTONIO MORA: If I could get a quick answer from both of you, is there anything you think will make her back off from running for the Senate?

MARGARET CARLSON: Only if she plummets in the polls and just sees there's not a way to win.

COKIE ROBERTS: I mean, at this point she'd leave the Democrats high and dry. They do not have another candidate.

MARGARET CARLSON: The Clintons are used to leaving wreckage in their wake, but this would be real wreckage.

ANTONIO MORA: Thank you, Margaret Carlson from ``Time'' magazine and Cokie Roberts from This Week. Thank you both.

When we come back, supermodel Christie Brinkley spreading a little goodwill.

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**Postponement of the Trip
of First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
to the Middle East**

Washington DC - - On the advice of the U.S. Department of State, the trip of First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton to the Middle East, which was to include Israel, the Palestinian Authority, Jordan, and Yemen and which was scheduled for later this month, has been postponed. As a result, the First Lady regrettably will be unable to attend the Emerging Democracy Conference in Yemen.

The trip was originally scheduled for March and was postponed due to King Hussein's death and the pending Israeli elections. Because Israel is still in the process of forming a government, a visit at this time would be inappropriate. A new date will be set as soon as possible.

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observers without a party preference say the first lady can overcome her Illinois roots and win on the issues.

"She can get past it simply because she is supranational, she is a larger-than-life figure," says veteran Democratic strategist Hank Sheinkopf. "She needs to get here and make New Yorkers believe she is real."

Sheinkopf also warns of the downside of her national celebrity.

"People tend to have fixed opinions" of the Clinton name, he says. That means that the best thing going for her — and the worst thing — is that she's first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The Kennedy Precedent

In August of 1964, less than a year after his brother's assassination, Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy decided to move to New York and run for the Senate, despite the fact that he lived in Virginia and voted in Massachusetts.

Like first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, Kennedy faced charges of carpetbagging and protesters urged him to head back to Massachusetts, where his family's political dynasty was created.

And just as Mrs. Clinton's supporters now are doing, Kennedy aides tried then to blunt that criticism by pointing to New York's history of electing leaders from outside the state. Among them: Rufus King, the state's first senator, who originally represented Massachusetts in the Continental Congress.

Kennedy cited King in his acceptance of the Democratic nomination, telling the crowd King "was from Massachusetts. And he served this state well."

But unlike the first lady, Kennedy backers could also counter the out-of-towner charge by stressing RFK's early childhood in New York. (Kennedy was even an altar boy at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bronxville, N.Y.) Kennedy also had the Camelot legend to draw upon, at that time still very much alive and well.

But critics saw Kennedy as a ruthless politician simply looking for fertile land to sow his presidential ambitions. He had, they charged, little real interest in either New Yorkers or their problems. His opponent, incumbent Republican Sen. Kenneth Keating, called Kennedy's effort "the most arrogant campaign New York State has ever witnessed," according to a Kennedy biographer.

And despite both sides' stated ambitions to keep the race clean, the competition wallowed in mud by campaign's end. Allegations of Nazi collaboration, weak commitment to civil rights and disregard for nuclear limitations were exchanged in the campaign's home stretch.

In another similarity to the current situation, polls taken before Kennedy entered the race showed him beating Keating by 52 to 35 percent.

By September, after he entered the race, Kennedy's lead was evaporating. In early October, Kennedy's pollster showed Keating — despite New York's traditional Democratic tilt — had taken the lead.

In the home stretch, though, Kennedy came on strong, buoyed by two days of campaigning with the popular President Lyndon Johnson, who helped bring traditional Democrats back into the party fold.

By the end of October, RFK had regained the lead for good.

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ident's relationship with Monica Lewinsky, a White House intern, led to Clinton's impeachment last year in the House and his eventual acquittal by the Senate.

The law authorizing the appointment of independent counsels to investigate high-ranking administration officials expires on June 30, and despite a series of congressional hearings, there is no move to renew it.

While Starr is not obligated to close his operations with the law's expiration, he has told Congress that he will consider using the date of the law's demise to consider turning over unresolved matters to the Justice Department as the law allows.

But Starr's associates say that while the possibility sounds appealing, it is proving nearly impossible.

"He would like to leave tomorrow," one close associate said, "but he doesn't think he can."

Besides issuing any report, Starr's office still has two trials to prosecute, both involving Webb Hubbell, the former associate attorney general and longtime friend of the Clintons. It would be difficult to turn over the Hubbell trials to the Justice Department for several reasons, said associates of Starr as well as department officials.

The principal problem is that it would present too great a conflict of interest for the department to prosecute its former third-ranking official. Eric Holder Jr., the deputy attorney general, in an April letter to Rep. George Gekas, R-Pa., suggested that the department could appoint a special counsel to handle cases like that of Hubbell if it had to inherit the matter.

But another impediment to such a transfer is that Starr is said to believe that the department has little appetite for the prosecutions. In one case, in which Hubbell is charged with tax evasion, department officials had argued that the case should not have been brought.

The second trial itself could prove a problem for Hillary Clinton. Hubbell is charged with concealing information from federal authorities about the role he and Hillary Clinton played as lawyers in a complicated Arkansas land transaction that was connected to the collapse of a savings and loan institution.

It was not clear whether Starr was suggesting that Hillary Clinton, who was not named in the indictment but was referred to frequently as "the billing partner" in the Rose Law Firm, had done anything improper or illegal.

Yet Hillary Clinton and her actions would inevitably be raised in some fashion at the trial, which is to begin in August. She could even be called as a witness.

Literati light up State Dinner



Associated Press

President Clinton sings "Amazing Grace" with Judy Collins and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton during the State Dinner.

BY JANE FULLERTON
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WASHINGTON — It was a night for literary luminaries to shine as President Clinton hosted a state dinner on Tuesday honoring novelist, playwright and translator turned politician, Hungarian President Arpad Goncz.

The black-tie soiree was the first state dinner for a Hungarian president, and the timing was no coincidence. Earlier this year, Hungary became one of the three newest members of NATO and pledged its support to peacekeeping missions in the war-torn province of Kosovo.

That was the theme throughout the day as Goncz and Clinton met to discuss the air campaign against Serbia — and the efforts to end it.

"The peace of Europe is unthinkable without the peace in the Balkans," Goncz said during his toast to the Clintons in the East Room.

Speaking in his native tongue, he later pointed out that his own country's history offered a unique perspective on what lies ahead for the people of Serbia.

"We are prepared to extend a helping hand to a democratic Serbian government, to the Serbian people, because we know what bombing means from our own experience," Goncz said. "We know what has to be restored — bridges, oil refineries, infrastructure, but primarily and foremost, the belief of the people in the future — the faith in humanity, belief in the willingness of the people to help each other."

In his remarks, Clinton made only a passing reference to the Kosovo crisis, focusing instead on the ties between the United States and Hungary that date back 150 years to when a freshman congressman offered a resolution in support of the Hungarian people's struggle for independence and democracy.

"The congressman was Abraham Lincoln," he said. "The bonds between our citizens, based not only on the large number of distinguished Hungarian Americans in our country, but also on our shared aspirations for freedom and democracy, have very deep roots."

Clinton noted that his Hungarian counterpart taught himself English while

Clintons invite celebrity writers to the White House to entertain Hungary's book-loving leader.

serving six years in prison after Hungary's 1956 uprising against the Soviet Union. Goncz went on to establish a literary career before being elected president in 1990.

So it was fitting that there were more writers among the 180 guests than politicians. Among those writers were E.L. Doctorow, William Styron and Kitty Kelley.

"I have had the honor of having had the president as my translator a number of years ago when he was just a noble dissident," said another of the writers, Susan Sontag. Although she has known Goncz for years, she said, "it's quite wonderful to be greeting him here."

Goncz seconded that view when he greeted Sontag with a bear hug in the receiving line.

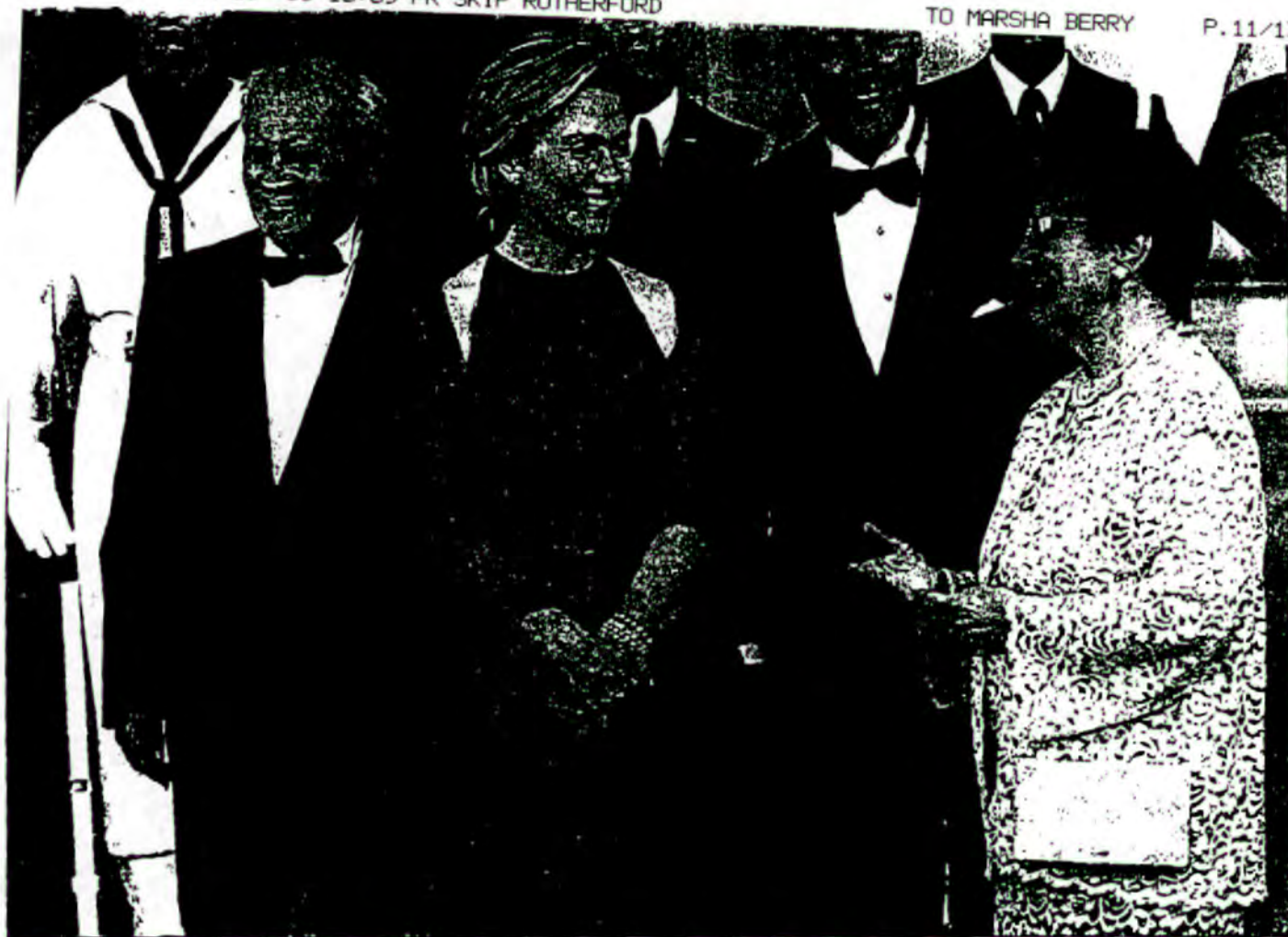
While Goncz' circumstances were unusual, he wasn't the only one who never expected to attend a state dinner.

"I don't think either one of us ever imagined this would happen to us," marveled Arkansas Rep. Marlon Berry, who was attending his first state dinner along with his wife, Carolyn.

But Berry acknowledged that there was some irony in the fact his attendance came only a week after he said Clinton had not done enough for Arkansas during his presidency.

"My comments were offered in the spirit of honesty," said Berry, who had not talked to the president about his remarks. "I didn't offer it as a criticism."

Other guests included protocol chief Mary Mel French of Arkansas, actor



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President Clinton and first lady **Hillary Rodham Clinton** pose for photographs with Hungarian President **Arpad Goncz** and his wife, **Zsuzsanna Goncz**, before the State Dinner at the White House.

Tony Curtis, Cleveland Indians pitcher Charles Nagy and domestic maven Martha Stewart.

Kelley, whose unauthorized biographies include one on former first lady Nancy Reagan, found herself seated at the current first lady's table. But she said her only project right now is a story she's writing for *George* magazine.

On whom?

"I can't say," she said coyly.

When pressed about whether she might someday pen a biography on Hillary Clinton, Kelley said she was among the first lady's fans.

"I think that Mrs. Clinton is probably the most fascinating woman of the 20th century," she said, offering her support for the first lady's potential bid for a New York Senate seat.

On the eve of yet another trip to the Empire State, Hillary Clinton donned a gauzy steel-gray sequined Pamela Dennis gown. Zsuzsanna Goncz wore a floor-length lace gown. Both of their husbands opted for double-breasted tuxedos. Clinton, in particular, looked rested despite having squeezed in a round of golf earlier in the day in the record-breaking heat.

The evening had a summery feel, with the East Room bedecked in shades of emerald and gold. The tables featured

mauve silk tablecloths topped with gold bamboo containers filled with lavender Delilah roses, blue columbine, white peonies and dendrobium orchids. Sprouting from each centerpiece were clusters of purple allium giganteum — a long stem topped with a purple ball of petals that looked like a flower from a Dr. Seuss book.

The menu featured Copper River salmon with portobello mushrooms and pecan-crusted lamb with wilted summer greens and sweet potato flan. For dessert, there was Bing cherry strudel.

After dinner, the guests were treated to a medley of Hungarian folk music provided by the Marine Band Strolling Strings and 12-year-old accordion virtuoso, Cory Pesaturo.

They were followed by singer and songwriter Judy Collins, who performed several of her signature songs — including "Chelsea Morning," the song that inspired the name of the Clintons' daughter.

The evening ended with the Clintons joining Collins on stage for a sing-along, an a cappella rendition of "Amazing Grace."

For Collins, who has known the Clintons for a decade, the opportunity to perform at the White House — and spend



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Hillary and Bill Clinton

the night — offered something of a living history lesson.

"Everybody should come to the White House and take a tour," she said. "The historical connections to almost every country are here. ... The whole sense of what we represent is here."

VIP scorecard: Guess who came to dinner?

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State and official dinners hosted by the Clintons since arriving in office, as reported by *The National Journal*:

6/13/94: Emperor Akihito of Japan
9/27/94: Russian President Boris Yeltsin
10/04/94: South African President Nelson Mandela
11/22/94: Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma
2/09/95: German Chancellor Helmut Kohl
3/15/95: Moroccan King Hassan II
4/20/95: Brazilian President Fernando Henrique Cardoso
7/27/95: South Korean President Kim Young-sam
10/10/95: Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo
2/01/96: French President Jacques Chirac
4/02/96: Italian President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro
5/09/96: Greek President Constantinos Stephanopoulos
6/13/96: Irish President Mary Robinson
2/26/97: Chilean President Eduardo Frei
4/08/97: Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien

10/29/97: Chinese President Jiang Zemin
2/05/98: British Prime Minister Tony Blair
5/06/98: Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi
6/09/98: South Korean President Kim Dae-jung
9/16/98: Czech President Vaclav Havel
10/28/98: Colombian President Andres Pastrana
1/11/99: Argentine President Carlos Menem
2/24/99: Ghanaian President Jerry Rawlings
4/08/99: Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji
5/04/99: Japanese Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi
6/08/99: Hungarian President Arpad Goncz

Who gets invited

A breakdown of guests attending White House State Dinners as reported by *The National Journal*.

■ **Most frequent guests and the number of times they have attended:**
Al Gore: 18
Madeleine Albright: 18

Sandy Berger: 17
Susan Berger: 16
Tipper Gore: 16
Molly Raiser: 14
Warren Christopher: 11
Leon Panetta: 11
Mary Mel French: 11
Thomas McLarty: 11
Donna McLarty: 10

■ **Most frequent musicians and the number of times they have attended:**

Yo-Yo Ma: 3
Clarence Avant: 2
Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds: 2
Denyce Graves: 2
David Perry: 2
Carlo Ponti Jr.: 2
Barbra Streisand: 2
Stevie Wonder: 2

■ **Most frequent writers and the number of times they have attended:**

Kati Marton (wife of diplomat Richard Holbrooke): 3
Maya Angelou: 2
Doris Kearns Goodwin: 2
Richard Goodwin: 2
Betty Bao Lord: 2
Amy Tan: 2

■ **Most frequent business leaders and executives:**
C. Michael Armstrong of AT&T: 3

George Fisher of Eastman Kodak: 3
Louis Gerstner Jr. of IBM: 3
Maurice Greenberg of American International Group: 3
Paul Montrone of Fisher Scientific International: 3
John F. Smith Jr. of General Motors: 3

■ **Most frequent leaders of organized labor:**

John Sweeney: 4
Morton Bahr: 2
Gerald McEntee: 2

By the numbers

Some trivia about White House State Dinners as reported by *The National Journal*.

■ **Number of days before Clinton held first State Dinner:** 509
■ **Number of days before Reagan held first State Dinner:** 37
■ **Average number of congressional Democrats at Clinton's State Dinners:** 8.6
■ **Average number of congressional Republicans at Clinton's State Dinners:** 3.3
■ **Number of Olympic skaters who have attended State Dinner:** 3

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Hillary Rodham Clinton has become a Knicks fan.

First lady slam dunks da Bulls for Knicks

BY LYNN SWEET
SUN-TIMES WASHINGTON BUREAU

NEW YORK—Hillary Rodham Clinton on Thursday proclaimed herself a New York Knicks fan and distanced herself from the Chicago Bulls.

It's a step she had to take if she wants to run for a U.S. Senate seat from New York, which she is considering. The Knicks are wildly popular in New York and are one victory away from being in the finals for the first time since 1994.

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The Bulls are losers, anyway.

"I am a Knicks fan now," she said after she wrapped up an event at an elementary school in East Harlem.

Clinton, a Chicago native, went to Bulls games and gave the impression over the years she had a certain fondness for the team—until she started cutting ties to her hometown and putting down roots in New York.

So what happened to the Bulls?

"What did happen to the Bulls—good question," she said. It's politic to be identified with a winner, and the Bulls ended the season 13-37.

Later Thursday, Clinton, an avowed Cubs fan, hoisted a Yankees hat on her head during a White House ceremony to honor the 1998 World Series champions.

The Clintons have said they will move to New York in 2001 even if the first lady does not run for the Senate. She's been looking around for a home.

"Oh, I don't know, I don't have any place to live yet," she said. "Any ideas from any of you [reporters] are more than welcome."



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Hillary Rodham Clinton stands during the National Anthem at a February 1997 Bulls game. Now she pledges allegiance to the Knicks.

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Hardball time: First lady joins Yankees' fandom

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WASHINGTON—Hillary Rodham Clinton, who grew up rooting for the Chicago Cubs, donned a New York Yankees cap at a White House ceremony Thursday honoring the Bronx Bombers for winning the 1998 World Series.

The first lady, mulling a run for the U.S. Senate from New York, proclaimed herself a Yankee fan since an early age—an American League complement to the National League Cubs, she explained—and added that she is pulling for the New York Knicks as they chase a pro-basketball title.

The keen interest in New York's sports teams by Clinton, who was raised in the Chicago suburb of Park Ridge and has spent most of her adult life in Arkansas, did not go without comment by a potential GOP rival in the Senate race, New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

"I am not disputing that she's a Yankee fan, but I've been to Yan-

kee Stadium maybe a thousand times in my life and I've yet to see Hillary Clinton there," Giuliani said.

The chairman of the Republican National Committee, Jim Nicholson, said Clinton's appearance was "a cynical use of the Yankees and a tacky insult to the intelligence of every true Yankees fan."

During a trip Wednesday to upstate New York, the first lady was met by protesters carrying "Carpenter Go Home" signs.

On a trip to New York City on Thursday, she said: "Now I'm a Knicks fan, absolutely."

On NBC's "Today Show," she explained her allegiance to the Yankees: "The fact is I've always been a Yankees fan. As a young girl, I became very interested and enamored of the Yankees."

She added, "I am a Cubs fan. But I needed an American League team because, when you're from Chicago, you cannot root for both the Cubs and the Sox," she said.



Wearing a New York Yankees cap, Hillary Rodham Clinton watches a White House ceremony Thursday honoring the 1998 champions.

Also Thursday, Clinton postponed a planned trip to the Middle East while Israel struggles to form a new government. The State Department advised against the trip when it became clear Israeli Prime Minister-elect Ehud Barak was having problems forming a government, an official said.

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Hillary Rodham Clinton receives a warm welcome at a fund-raiser for U.S. Rep. Maurice Hinchey on Wednesday at the Holiday Inn Arena in Binghamton.

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Starr Set to Roll With Hil Report

By KENNETH R. BAZINET
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WASHINGTON

Independent counsel Kenneth Starr yesterday rejected suggestions that he would be playing politics if he releases a report on Hillary Rodham Clinton's Whitewater role while she campaigns for the Senate.

Months after President Clinton's Senate acquittal, Starr's investigation was thought to be winding down, but the independent counsel indicated yesterday on "Fox News Sunday" that he plans to issue a final report on his investigation.

There currently are no plans to indict either of the Clintons, but the report could include a "blistering" analysis of the First Lady's involvement in the failed Arkansas land deal, according to The New York Times. Starr refused to disclose the potential contents of the document.



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First Lady Hillary
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"We have made no decisions with respect to the specific contents of the report," Starr said.

He also dismissed the possibility that the report was meant to disrupt a Senate bid by the First Lady.

"We strive mightily while providing public information, public education, to divorce our decisions from politics whatsoever," Starr said.

Spokesmen for Clinton and the White House legal team declined to comment about Starr's potential report.

But her defenders are expected to point out that the last time an independent counsel issued a highly publicized final report — Lawrence Walsh's Iran-Contra findings in 1994 — lawmakers cited their disdain for using it to take a parting shot.

The First Lady's reputation also could be damaged during the upcoming trial of former presidential pal and Justice Department official Webster Hubbell.

Starr will try to prove Hubbell lied to conceal his and Clinton's work on the Whitewater land deal. Hubbell will go on trial Aug. 9. Clinton also must endure having her personal reactions to the Monica Lewinsky sex scandal made public.

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Bob Woodward's new book "Shadow: Five Presidents and the Legacy of Watergate" described the First Lady as reeling from the news of the Lewinsky affair.

"I have to take this punishment," she confided to a friend. "I don't know why God has chosen this for me. But He has, and it will be revealed to me. God is doing this, and He knows the reason. There is some reason."

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Harold Ickes Returns, a Happy Warrior for Mrs. Clinton

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By FRANCIS X. CLINES

WASHINGTON -- With all the cuts and bruises he bears from the Clinton incumbency -- five grand jury summonses and a searing banishment by the president himself -- Harold M. Ickes would seem the last guru in town to be advising Hillary Rodham Clinton on the joys of the political arena.

But here he is, attracting hail-fellow backslaps and waves in a restaurant a block from the White House, a man restored to his combative element as he eagerly maps out the first lady's approach to a Senate run from New York.

"I guarantee that Hillary Clinton will go toe to toe with the best of them," Ickes says as exuberantly as a prize fight corner-man summoned back to the championship canvas. "In any ring, I'd put my money on Hillary."

As he relishes that possibility, Ickes' own passion for politics is glaringly clear, all the way back to clubhouse fights in New York with the likes of the late former congresswoman Bella Abzug, a beloved politician in his memory. "Listen you, I'll mash you into Broadway!" he recalls threatening Ms. Abzug as they exchanged brickbats in the old days.

No less will Mrs. Clinton be up to whatever Abzugian cut-and-thrust might still be required in the streets and rural hamlets of New York, Ickes firmly insists, even against the pugnaciously ambitious Republican contender, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.


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Creatively profane and fiercely partisan, Ickes is a 59-year-old Democratic warhorse and former deputy chief of staff at the White House. Through thick and thin, Whitewater and campaign finance, he labored in the West Wing -- only to be dropped by the president in a power squeeze two years ago as Ickes hoped for the chief of staff's job. Thereafter, as he sought to establish a consulting business, Ickes & Enright, he has been relentlessly summoned and vetted a dozen times by prosecutors and Republican congressional committees searching for administration scandal.

After such rough times, Mrs. Clinton's evolving candidacy is presenting him a note of grand redemption.

"First of all, they're my friends," Ickes said, spiritedly responding to the question of why, after all his travail in associating with the Clintons, he would be there for them now. "I've known them for 25 years," he said, describing them as two of the most progressive and effective Democrats he has known in 35 years of politics.

Years back, he had avoided politics and sneered at Washington power-tripping as the teen-age son of Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes in the Roosevelt administration. He became a dropout who preferred working at the family's bluegrass sod farm in Olney, Md.

"I was running away from my father for years," he admitted, noting he drifted west to become a horse wrangler and get a pilot's license, and then finally went to college at Stanford. There, he signed up for the 1964 summer protest tour against racial segregation in the Deep South, where he lost a kidney in a mob beating. By 1967, at the side of Allard K. Lowenstein, the storied liberal organizer, Ickes was fully hooked, plunging deeply into the Democratic insurgent politics that, in 1968, toppled President Lyndon B. Johnson over the issue of the Vietnam war.

In the years since, he worked for assorted candidates, scuttling about convention halls, raising money and becoming a specialist in campaign law arcana that he refers to as "the incumbents protection act." In a way, Ickes has now come full circle, operating as an unabashed political insider in the capital he once shunned. He and his wife, Laura R. Handman, a lawyer, have a 13-year-old daughter, Charlotte Jane, who attends Sidwell Friends, the exclusive school spurned by the young Ickes (and which Chelsea Clinton attended).

But friendship and ideas, not clinging to power, is the true stuff of politics for him, he maintains. His shepherding of Mrs. Clinton in what he calls her "great adventure" is a matter of abiding friendship, he says, stressing she is deep into the venture, ready to rebut all carpetbagging notions.

"Did you know -- Hillary just told me -- that Orange County is the largest producer of onions east of the Mississippi?" Ickes asked with an innocent grin.

"I told Hillary the only time I would urge her not to run was if I felt she could not deal with the press," Ickes said, admitting concern and foreseeing a "trial period" if she runs, when "the Fourth Estate will

see if she can take the heat."

"It's almost like a hazing period," he said, insisting Mrs. Clinton would weather it favorably.

"She has the chutzpah and the grit," he said with the panache of the wannabe cowpoke. "Even if she loses it will be worth the candle -- for her and her supporters. The cautious side of our nature says, don't do it; the bold says, go for it. You know what? You've got to give her credit: she'll probably go for it."

Swearing happily at the idea, Ickes exulted that all the shared trials and tribulations of the Clinton incumbency might yet prove, for Mrs. Clinton, to be mere roadwork for a match with Giuliani.

"My view?" he said, hunching in like a corner-man before the bell. "Keep her cool. Her initial instinct might be to take him head-on. But I suspect she'll end up feinting, sidestepping, and then coming back at him," he said, flashing a jack-o'-lantern grin as he envisioned his fresh prospect. "As you grow older, you learn to feint more."

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East Side, West Side, our side

It's official now: Hillary's a Yankees fan, so she's one of us.

Hillary says that even though she grew up just outside of Chicago and was always a Cubbies fan, in her heart of hearts since she was a little girl the Yankees have been her secret American League team. Rudy is taking it personally, since he's the self-proclaimed First Fan of the Bronx Bombers.

Where was Hillary, thunders Rudy, when Reggie Jackson hit three homers to win the '77 World Series? Where was she during the championship runs of '96 and '98? Where was she during good seasons and bad seasons? She was never at the ballpark, at least not in New Yawk. Rudy proudly says he was at the stadium, in person, all the time. A real man, a real fan, let's talk Yankee trivia.

Which prompts two questions for De Mayahh: who paid for all those tickets to Yankee Stadium? And what were you doing at the ballpark when you were elected to do the people's business?

Passing the litmus test as to who is the more genuine New Yorker between these two has already surpassed a "Saturday Night Live" routine, and Hillary isn't even an announced candidate yet. We can only imagine where this goes a year from now when one or both are desperate.

Of course Hillary Clinton is a carpetbagger. And what of it? Hillary, carry that carpet bag proudly. It's been to places where Rudy's one-suiter wouldn't be allowed past the Marines guarding the door. Hillary as an equal has spoken with, listened to, exchanged ideas with the most intelligent and influential people in the world. Rudy can offer us a recitation of the Alou brothers' stats. She's world-class, he isn't. Simple as that.

And maybe Rudy's something of a carpetbagger

himself. Every time Rudy Giuliani leaves the compound called New York City and crosses the Yonkers line, he looks as comfortable as if he had chanced on a Pataki family reunion. Upstate seems to bewilder and not amuse him.

So here's another litmus test for real New Yorkers.

Agriculture is New York's No. 1 industry, and dairy farming is its main component. Rudy, this here is called a cow. This is a pail. Those are called udders. Coax out a quart, will you? Who knows, maybe in all those years of dealing with Peter Vallone and the City Council he's learned the technique. The truth is, must of us upstate would fail that test; then again, there are millions living in New York City who have never been to Yankee Stadium and yet consider themselves avid New Yorkers.

Tit for tat, Rudy plans a trip to Arkansas July 27. "It will give him a chance to highlight that Mrs. Clinton is not a New Yorker and he is not an Arkansan," says a prominent Arkansas Republican, Richard Bearden. "He would not presume that he could come down here and say that he could represent our values."

What Rudy is more apt to prove is that he is out of place in both states. Upstate New York is a lot more like predominantly rural Arkansas than most of us would care to admit. Issues relating to rural poor, land use, fading agriculture, small towns, widespread school districts, shrinking tax bases link the two. So do the values that come from rural and small-town life. Who would best represent those -- Hillary, the former First Lady of the Ozarks, or Rudy the Jailkeeper?

Ultimately, litmus tests should mean nothing to us. The U.S. Senate race is not about what we can do for Rudy or Hillary, but what they can do for us. In that regard, there's no comparison. The arena a United States senator fights in is Washington, no matter what state is represented. Hillary knows Washington.

Rudy, we'll give you a hint. It's south of Staten Island.

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Her Carpetbagery Isn't the Real Issue

IN POLITICAL terms the campaign for the office of junior senator from New York stretches from here to near infinity: At a time when voters in every other state have the blessed option of forgetting about the tarnished Clinton presidency and looking ahead with hope, New Yorkers face the grim prospect of not one, but two summers with the Hillary Rodham Clintons as house guests.



Thus far, at least, she is part of a two-fer. So, like it or not, New Yorkers get to witness that penitent in public: A perfect social blatherskite, he smiles; he jest; he exudes confidence. Last week, questioned about his wife's political future at a dinner to raise funds for the Democratic National Committee, the president said he was "looking forward" to being the husband of a senator. His presence lends lusciousness to her appeal to women because it represents an archetypal turnabout, shark into pilot fish, pilot fish into shark. As senator, she would take her turns on "Meet the Press," while he would sit for interviews with feature writers tracking "whatever-happened-to" stories.

But, of course, that is mere speculation. For she has not yet announced her candidacy, which is no oversight. For, as long as she can hold that question in abeyance she travels as first lady and not a candidate, a most economical arrangement for a political frequent flyer. Her travel is one of her husbands perks, and that means the taxpayers pick up the tab. Once she enters the race, her campaign will have to pay for those travels that do not qualify as "official" government business.

Last week, on her 11th trip to New York, she spent the day talking to factory workers in Binghamton, where she came out foursquare in favor of the new, saying the nation has been so successful "because of people who have been willing to try new things." Her candidacy would not qualify. In this state, entertaining a close relative of a president as a candidate for senator is nothing new.

Robert Kennedy had no experience in elective office when he ran and won in 1964. But at least Kennedy's family had an apartment in Manhattan and had real estate holdings all over the city. What's more, as a youngster, he actually lived in Riverdale and Bronxville. In addition, he held a cabinet position in his own right, and when he ran Camelot was very much a fresh image in the public mind. Poor Hillary Clinton grew up in Illinois, and cut her political teeth as the wife of the attorney general and governor of one of the most backward states in the union. And she runs in the shadow of Monicagate, not Camelot.

But don't count her out. Such is the power of celebrity in politics that a far more solid candidate for the office has already been shoved aside. After Clinton's 10th visit to New York, Rep. Nita Lowey (D-Westchester) loyally bit the bullet and announced her withdrawal from the race. For that she earned brownie points from a state party transfixed by the prospect of running a far less qualified, far less deserving candidate.

Beyond celebrity, Clinton offers one strong quality, a knowledge of the politics of identity, of which her husband is a master. When he first took office, he let his administration stagger forward without proper leadership while he sought an exquisite blend of ethnic identities, races, genders and sexual orientations to staff his cabinet and the bureaucracy. He is still at it. In recent days, he took advantage of a Senate Recess to appoint an openly gay ambassador to Luxembourg. And then he ordered all federal law enforcement agencies to tabulate by race everyone stopped or arrested by their officers.

This was designed to appeal to those who contend that racial bias and not experience causes police to stop and arrest more minority citizens than those from the white majority. If the first lady runs, her status as a New Yorker will be irrelevant. The politics of identity cancels out the very notion of a New Yorker. There are only mutually suspicious groups eager to exchange votes for advantage.

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Ickes said he expected Mrs. Clinton to begin making such calls in early July, shortly after she formally creates her Senate exploratory committee.

"There's a lot of money to raise," the first lady's adviser said.

Estimates of the bankroll needed to be competitive in the race for the Senate seat being vacated next year by Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan have ranged from \$15 million to \$20 million.

The race is being eyed on the Republican side by New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, among others. Mrs. Clinton is expected to have no real competition for the Democratic nomination.

Ickes said he wasn't aware of the technical aspects of creating the campaign bank account, but said "legally you can do that prior to actually filing the exploratory committee."

Creation of an exploratory committee allows a prospective candidate to raise and spend money for campaign-like purposes.

Ickes said that heading up Mrs. Clinton's fund-raising operation would be Terence McAuliffe, President Clinton's chief fund-raiser in 1996, and Laura Hartigan, who was McAuliffe's chief deputy in the 1996 fund-raising effort for the president.

Gabrielle Fialkoff, a New York City-based operative who was in charge of raising money for New York City Council Speaker Peter Vallone's unsuccessful run for governor against Republican incumbent George Pataki last year, has been hired by Mrs. Clinton's camp to concentrate on New York fund raising, Ickes said.

Wall Street tycoon Roger Altman, who was deputy treasury secretary during President Clinton's first term, will also be heavily involved in fund-raising work for the first lady, Ickes said.

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Harold Ickes, a former White House deputy chief of staff advising the first lady on her possible Senate race, said he was not certain how much money had already come in.

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Ickes said he expected Mrs. Clinton to begin making such calls in early July, shortly after she formally creates her Senate exploratory committee.

"There's a lot of money to raise," he said.

Estimates of the bankroll needed to be competitive in the race for the Senate seat being vacated next year by Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan have ranged from \$15 million to \$20 million.

The race is being eyed on the Republican side by New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, among others. Mrs. Clinton is expected to have no real competition for the Democratic nomination.

Ickes said he wasn't aware of the technical aspects of creating the campaign bank account, but said "legally you can do that prior to actually filing the exploratory committee."

Creation of an exploratory committee allows a prospective candidate to raise and spend money for campaign-like purposes.

Ickes said that heading up Mrs. Clinton's fund-raising operation would be Terence McAuliffe, President Clinton's chief fund-raiser in 1996, and Laura Hartigan, who was McAuliffe's chief deputy then.

Gabrielle Fialkoff, a New York City-based operative who was in charge of raising money for New York City Council Speaker Peter Vallone's unsuccessful run for governor, has been hired by Mrs. Clinton's camp to concentrate on New York fund raising, Ickes said.

Wall Street tycoon Roger Altman, who was deputy treasury secretary during President Clinton's first term, also will be heavily involved in fund-raising work for the first lady, Ickes said.

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Hillary Rodham Clinton got a look at the HybridDrive, a battery- and diesel-powered bus, at the Lockheed Martin plant in Johnson City after a roundtable discussion with workers. STORY, 5A

For some, Clinton's visit echoes Robert Kennedy's '64 Senate run

BY DON SBARRA

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With picketers jostling and yelling outside and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton talking about making America a better place inside, John J. Burns Sr. couldn't help thinking about a race for the U.S. Senate 35 years ago.

"It's like the Kennedy days have come back," said Burns, who in

of Binghamton and upstate campaign chairman for Senate candidate Robert Kennedy. "I went all over the state with Bobby, and it was just like this: the enthusiastic crowds cheering him on, and the picketers lining the roads and hollering every place we went."

Like so many others listening to the first lady's 20-minute speech in downtown Binghamton Wednesday night, Burns came



First lady connects with workers, voters during 3-hour visit

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Hillary Rodham Clinton did far more than test the political waters in Binghamton Wednesday. She swept through the crowds like someone trying very hard to make a good first impression — like an outsider who wants to be accepted as an insider.

But she didn't have to work hard for acceptance on a day when she brainstormed with workers at Lockheed Martin in Johnson City and ended her three-hour visit rubbing shoulders with the region's high-powered Democrats at the Holiday Inn Arena in downtown Binghamton.

The political themes she explored were predictable. There was no dramatic announcement of a run for U.S. Senate. Smartly dressed in a pink pantsuit, Clinton supplied the expected star power at a fund-raiser ostensibly all about Congressman Maurice Hinchey.

Throughout her visit, Clinton seemed aware that she lacked that hometown advantage and tried to overcome it. She talked about her childhood family vacations in the Adirondacks.



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hands, made eye contact, posed for pictures and talked one-on-one with the dozens of people seeking her attention.

Ticket holders — a crowd of about 300 already high on the first lady and her politics — arrived praising her brains and strength and left

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away all the more convinced that Clinton will enter the 2000 election for the seat being vacated by New York's senior Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan. But Burns was especially taken with the first lady's Kennedy-like praise for America's commitment to easing human suffering and her repeated calls for civic responsibility. "We as citizens have a responsibility.... What will we do?" she said.

"She's got great poise. She's got great delivery. She knows the issues and cares about people. She'll be a very good candidate," said Burns, a former state Democratic Committee Chairman and long-time patriarch in the local Democratic organization.

Ostensibly in town to help raise money for U.S. Rep. Maurice D. Hinchey, D-Saugerties, the first lady peppered her upbeat message with

many of the issues that have helped define her reputation: increasing federal support for public education and school construction, addressing the needs of working families and their struggle to raise children in a two-income economy, and improving employment prospects without sacrificing environmental protections.

"We are all in this together," Clinton said in a theme-like reference applied to several of her points. "We all have a stake in it."

For those listening for the sounds of a candidate in the speech, her concluding words about the greatness of America and the rightness of its stand against ethnic cleansing in Kosovo seemed unmistakable.

"She sounds like a candidate to me," said Gregory T. Quinn, the recently appointed local representative to U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer. "She's more than just passing through town."

Former Broome County Executive Timothy M. Gripen said if Clinton hasn't actually decided to run, it is clear she is getting ready to.

"What we heard was more Hillary Clinton than Hill: the first lady," Gripen said.

The first lady has said she will establish an exploratory committee early next month, clearing the way for her to begin raising money for a campaign, among other things. Matthew J. Hiltzik, deputy executive press secretary for the New York State Democratic Committee, said although it's tempting to conclude a candidacy is in the offing, people also need to remember the importance of promoting America and its citizenry as part of her current job.

"It was a great example of how she represents this country as well as how exceptional a candidate she'd be," Hiltzik said.

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First lady talks economic issues with Lockheed Martin workers

BY ERIKA STUTZMAN

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Though the format was casual, Hillary Rodham Clinton's message Wednesday was clear: The country needs to take advantage of prosperous economic times by looking forward, investing more in research and taking risks by establishing new industry.

Seated on chairs on the concrete manufacturing floor at Lockheed Martin Control Systems in Johnson City, Clinton and about 40 randomly selected workers discussed economic issues. The group, which included U.S. Rep. Maurice D. Hinchey, D-Saugerties, talked for about an hour Wednesday afternoon.

The stop was Clinton and Hinchey's first in Binghamton. It was followed by a fundraiser at the Holiday Inn Arena.

Clinton said new developments, such as those that benefit the environment, can result in job growth — as long as someone is willing to take a chance. New jobs will result from private marketing, public incentives, and "a lot of education and attitude changing," Clinton said.

"We are all such prisoners

of our past," Clinton said. She said too many people think things that benefit the environment, like Control Systems' electric bus, will simply cost too much, rather than seeing the chance to spur job growth.

Clinton also said the government should spend more on research and development.

"We all have a big stake in R&D," Clinton said. "We've got to see into the future."

Clinton said that through better relationships among government, business and higher education, the country would be in a better position to design the next generation of consumer products.

Though the economy was the main topic of conversation, a question asked by employee Valerie Magdich brought Clinton around to a favored topic: health care.

Magdich, a nurse at the plant, asked Clinton what is being done so that more Americans have equal access to medical care.

Clinton said she will continue to work on the issue in Washington. She said a better health care system, one that would cut down the numbers of uninsured, is sorely needed.

"I hope that as a nation, we will try to make these changes in the next couple of years," she said.

Workers said they were satisfied with and flattered by Clinton's visit; the only disappointment for most was that the visit was too brief.

The only hint that the first lady is mulling over a run for Senate was when James Scanlon, Lockheed's Control System's president, handed her a Lockheed Martin sweatshirt.

"Just in case you might want to move north," Scanlon said.

But the will-she, won't-she run question, though never asked by employees, was clearly on their minds.

"I hope she runs," said Cheryl DeMara, a Lockheed Martin employee who lives in Owego. "But I didn't make any decisions on whether I would support her today."

DeMara said the jobs and economic development focus of the meeting was interesting to her as a Lockheed Martin employee, but as a New York citizen, she could have learned a lot more from the first lady.

"It was too short," agreed Tam Pham, an employee from Endwell. "I would have liked a little more time, maybe 15 minutes to talk about New York."

Workers said they were impressed that Clinton lis-

tened rather than lectured.

"She seemed so genuine and interested in what we had to say," DeMara said.

At the end of the session, Clinton walked around the circle shaking hands with each, and pausing for a short conversation with many.

No one was happier in Clinton's choice of a meeting place than Larry Stone, the spokesman for Lockheed Martin in Johnson City.

Faced with the prospect of having his company be in a national spotlight of sorts, Stone said the visit was good publicity for a company looking for workers.

The facility hired about 200 people last year, and is looking to hire about 50 more this year. Like many local firms, they are struggling to find qualified workers.

Control Systems makes electronic systems for defense, civil and commercial markets. One of the products highlighted for Clinton was the HybriDrive, a battery-and-diesel fueled vehicle with very low emissions.

"Kids today have their choice of where they want to go," Stone said. "They may not know about Lockheed Martin, and they're less likely to know about Binghamton, so the attention we could get (from the first lady's visit) is good."

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For 7-year-old with connection, wave and smile will last forever

BY ELIZABETH COHEN

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Amid the crowds of well-dressed onlookers and seasoned deal-makers who paid up to \$500 apiece to attend Congressman Maurice Hinchey's fund-raiser Wednesday, at which Hillary Rodham Clinton spoke, Emily Higgins stood out.

The freckled, gap-toothed 7-year-old could hardly contain her excitement. Emily — the daughter of Susan Kellogg, the Binghamton biologist who went to college with Clinton — spent the morning writing down questions she would like to ask the first lady. Now, at last, she would meet her mother's dormmate. Her mother had given her her purple freshman class beanie to wear, "Hillary will recognize it, it is a Wellesley College tradition," Susan Kellogg said.

And that is exactly what happened. Mrs. Clinton "peeked over the podium and smiled at us," Kellogg said. "And she waved to me!" said Emily.

As of the night before, it wasn't clear if the family — Susan, Emily and stepdaughter Leilani, 22 — would be able to attend Hinchey's fund-



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In a last-minute deal, Emily Higgins, 7, and her mother, Susan Kellogg, were able to attend the fund-raising event Wednesday. Kellogg and Clinton were dormmates at Wellesley College.

raiser, at which Clinton spoke. Kellogg couldn't justify spending the full fee for both daughters and herself. Then, Wednesday morning, she called Hinchey's office and they "struck a deal" as Kellogg put it, that Emily could enter for a reduced fee.

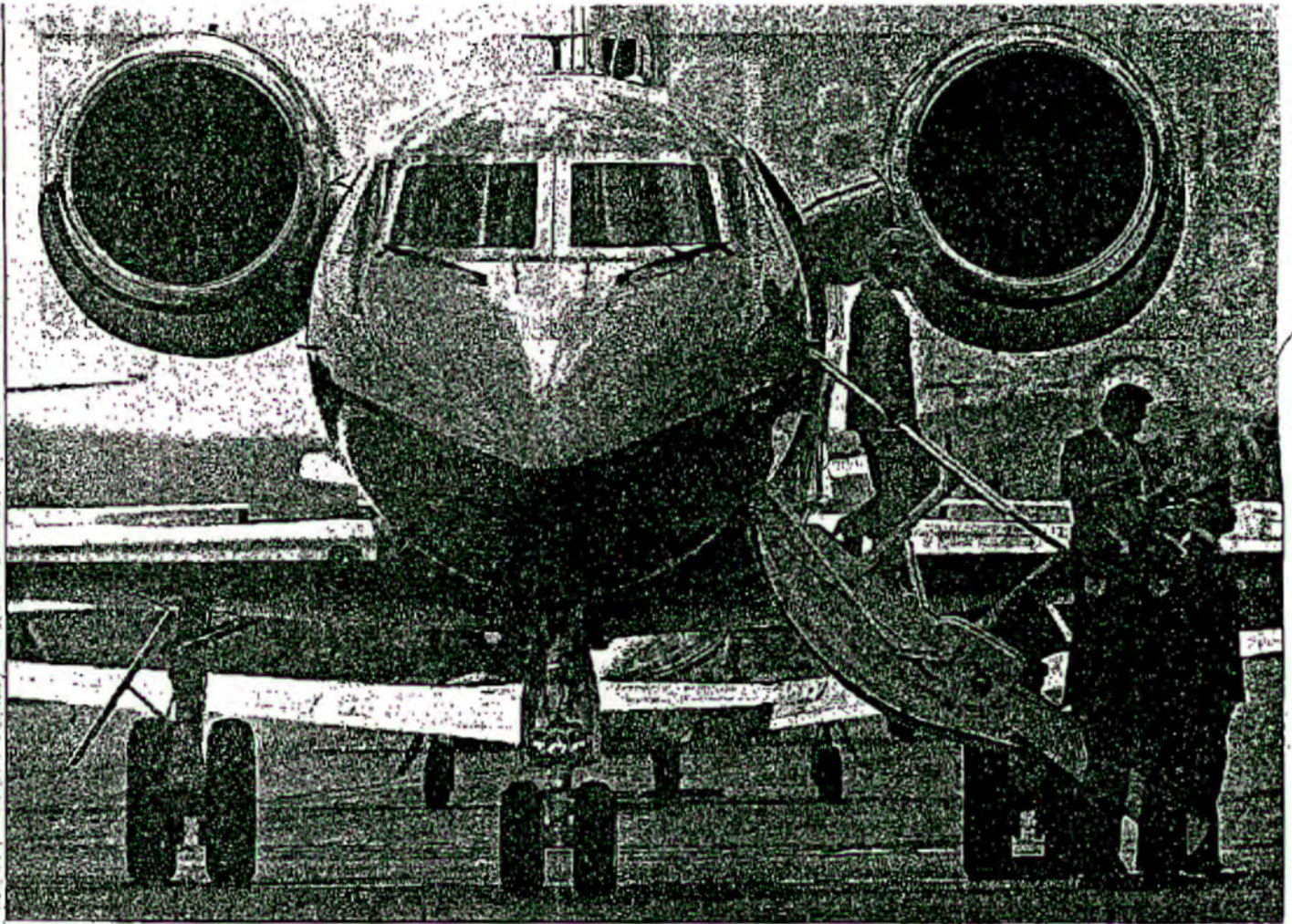
The trio, all dressed up for the event, stood excitedly among the gaggle of reporters and attendees at the affair at the Holiday Inn Arena in Binghamton.

Ultimately, they got a personal audience with Clinton,

which the family said was a dream come true.

Kellogg said Clinton looks basically the same as during their Wellesley days in the late 1960s. She's as committed, in control, confident and as warm as ever, she said. "There was one difference, she looks older, but then we all do," Kellogg said with a laugh.

After they took pictures together, Kellogg asked Clinton what is the best advice she ever gave to Chelsea. "Know yourself," Clinton said, "And practice the golden rule."



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First lady Hillary Clinton exits her plane Wednesday after landing at Binghamton Regional Airport. It was the first lady's first visit to Binghamton and Broome County. Congressman Maurice Hinchey is leading Clinton out of the plane.



First lady Hillary Clinton answers questions during a roundtable discussion with Lockheed Martin workers Wednesday in Westover. She said

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the country needs to take advantage of economic prosperity by investing more in research and taking risks by establishing new industry.