

THE TRIP OF THE FIRST LADY TO EUROPE

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THE AMERICAS



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Marco Gonzalez tells Mexican soldiers where to look for victims of mudslides caused by massive flooding in the city of Teziutlan.

Mexicans Protest Lack of Flood Aid

VILLAHERMOSA, Mexico—Furious that the government has not done more to help them, hundreds of people in Tabasco's flooded capital clashed with police, who beat and arrested many of them.

President Ernesto Zedillo, who has called the flooding Mexico's worst disaster in a decade, toured the stricken areas on Friday and Saturday and pledged to send more civilian and military personnel to help the victims throughout states along the Gulf of Mexico. "We won't fail you," he promised Saturday.

But in Villahermosa, a city of 465,000 people that is 400 miles east of Mexico City, many were not willing to accept promises. Much of the city has been under water for a week, and the water was rising.

The death toll, according to officials in the affected states, stood at 321. But hundreds more were missing, and unofficial counts by local newspapers—based in part on witness accounts—put the death toll as high as 462.

New Peruvian Prime Minister Named

LIMA, Peru—President Alberto Fujimori named lawyer Alberto Bustamante as his new prime minister in a surprise appointment that followed the resignation Saturday of his top cabinet official.

Fujimori defied political analysts' predictions by overlooking veteran officials to select Bustamante as cabinet chief for the last six months of his term, replacing Victor Joy Way, who was premier and economy minister. The president did not name the new economy chief.

Bustamante, 49, is best known in Peru for defending the Andean nation in cases before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. In July, Fujimori decided to withdraw Peru from the jurisdiction of the court, which is an arm of the Organization of American States.

EUROPE

Berlin Election Returns Show Small Shift

BERLIN—Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's Social Democrats recovered from a string of losses and held their own in local elections in Berlin, according to television exit polls.

The conservative Christian Democrats, led by Berlin mayor Eberhard Diepgen, posted gains in the German capital and remained the dominant party in local government, exit polls showed. At a time when Schroeder's austerity plans have unsettled Germans, Berliners appeared to opt for the more reassuring figure.

Forecasts based on early returns put the Christian Democrats at about 40 percent, a gain of 3 percentage points over the last election four years ago, and the Social Democrats were in second place with just more than 22 percent, virtually unchanged from the last election.

Kremlin Says Yeltsin's Fever Down

MOSCOW—President Boris Yeltsin received hospital treatment for the flu and his temperature was returning to normal, the Kremlin said. The president, who was hospitalized Saturday, has been plagued by health problems in recent years. Each new illness has prompted renewed speculation over whether he is fit enough to lead Russia.

Presidential spokesman Dmitri Yakushkin said that Yeltsin was receiving treatment and his fever was falling, said the Interfax news agency. He did not provide details on the treatment or say when the president might be released from Moscow's Central Clinical Hospital.

First Lady Calls for End to Prostitution

REYKJAVIK, Iceland—First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton issued a call today to end the international prostitution trade during her last stop in a week-long European tour.

Speaking at a conference on women and democracy in Iceland's capital, she decried a system that allows girls to be lured from home with the promise of jobs, "trafficked like drugs across state lines and sold into prostitution."

"We are working to stop trafficking of women and girls in this region and around the world," she said. "No government and no citizen can rest until we stop this modern form of slavery, protect its victims and prosecute those who are responsible."

British Rail Company Loses Safety Role

LONDON—Railtrack, the company that runs Britain's railway infrastructure, will be stripped of its role as overseer of safety following last week's fatal train crash in London, the government said.

"Every company has a responsibility for safety but we do see a conflict of interest here," said Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott, who also holds the transport portfolio.

At least 40 people died in the rush-hour collision on Tuesday about two miles west of London's Paddington Station.

AFRICA

Nigeria to Charge Former Dictator's Aides

ABUJA, Nigeria—Security aides and a son of late Nigerian dictator Sani Abacha are to be charged this week for alleged crimes committed when he was in power, the presidency said.

President Olusegun Obasanjo's spokesman Doyin Okupe said Mohammed Abacha, Hamza Mustapha, former head of the dictator's personal security, and several others would be charged with as yet unspecified crimes.

Local newspapers quoting police sources said the suspects in detention were going to be charged in connection with the killings of some of Abacha's political opponents.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"There is no honest reason for being offshore. Bank secrecy and the offshore money industry have no place in a globalized economy."

Jack Blum,

a money laundering expert who studies offshore havens—Page A1

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HEADLINE: HILLARY CLINTON APPEALS TO END PROSTITUTION TRADE

BODY:

REYKJAVIK, Iceland - First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton issued a call to end the international trade in prostitution on Sunday during her last stop in a weeklong European tour. Speaking at a conference on women and democracy in Iceland's capital, she decried a system that allows girls to be lured from home with the promise of jobs, "trafficked like drugs across state lines and sold into prostitution."

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EUROPE

Train Crash Probe Ordered

LONDON—Searchers hanging from harnesses above deep drifts of ash sifted through the a charred railway car, looking for the remains of victims killed this week when two commuter trains crashed head-on.

Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott announced an investigation into rail safety under Railtrack, the company that owns and operates Britain's formerly nationalized rail service. Rail unions expressed disgust when they learned that some of the train cars involved in Tuesday's crash had been salvaged from another crash two years ago.

Forty people are known to have died when the trains collided two miles west of London's Paddington Station, Scotland Yard said. Police were checking a list of 64 other people who might have been on the train.

Clinton Urges Women to Work Together

REYKJAVIK, Iceland—First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton urged hundreds of female politicians, executives and activists to support each other in their battle for democracy and peace across the world.

"It's good to be reminded that one person can make a difference—one woman's voice, one woman's actions may turn the tide," she said at a conference on women and democracy in Iceland's capital. "Our voices must always be heard, but in order for them to be heard we need to support one another and we need to stand with one another."

Today, Clinton will deliver the keynote speech of the conference—the biggest international event in Iceland since the 1986 summit between President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

THE AMERICAS

Overseer of Police Shot, Killed in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti—A former Haitian army colonel who was to head a government post that oversees the police was shot dead by gunmen in central Port-au-Prince, local radio stations reported.

Jean Lamy, a close friend of President Rene Preval, was traveling in his car Friday evening when gunmen opened fire, Radio Vision 2000 reported. He died shortly afterward of gunshot wounds to the head. Lamy, who was a consultant to Haiti's national police force, had been expected to replace Robert Manuel as secretary of state for public security. Lavalas, a political party founded by former president Jean-Bertrand Aristide, held violent protests in April and May calling on Manuel to resign. Protesters said Manuel was not doing enough to stop rising crime in Haiti.

Illegal Immigrant Boat Sinks; 5 Dead

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala—A boat filled with illegal Chinese immigrants sank Saturday off the Guatemalan coast. Five were killed and 38 were rescued, authorities said.

The shipwreck occurred in the Pacific Ocean off Chiquimula, 70 miles south of Guatemala City. The boat sank during bad weather, Guatemalan immigration spokeswoman Sonia Ortiz said. It was believed the immigrants were headed to Mexico and planned to continue by land from there to the United States. Ortiz said the survivors would be deported.

AFRICA

Sudan's Speaker Gets New Powers

KHARTOUM, Sudan—Sudan's governing party gave the country's speaker of parliament sweeping powers over President Omer el-Bashir, party members said. After three days of deliberations, the National Congress reinstalled Hassan Turabi as its secretary-general, the highest post in the party. It elected el-Bashir, who also is commander of the armed forces and prime minister, to the ceremonial post of chairman.

Killer of Apartheid Architect Buried

JOHANNESBURG—Three friends and a handful of his Greek countrymen gathered to bury Dimitri Tsafendas, the South African parliamentary messenger who stabbed Hendrik Verwoerd, an architect of South Africa's apartheid system, to death in 1966.

Tsafendas, who died of pneumonia at the age of 81, had said that he killed Verwoerd in the Cape Town parliament on instructions from a talking tapeworm in his belly. He was spared execution because of his mental condition.

THE MIDDLE EAST

Explosion Kills Suspected Bomb Maker

NABLUS, West Bank—An explosion in an apartment building killed a Palestinian man whom police suspect had been preparing a bomb. The man had ties to the militant Islamic Jihad group, which has carried out bombings in Israel in hopes of wrecking Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, said a Palestinian security officer.

In the past, militant groups have carried out bombings to mark anniversaries. Islamic Jihad's leader, Fathi Shekaki, was killed on Oct. 26, 1995, in an operation attributed to Israel.

ASIA

Taiwan Urges China to Use Itself as Model

TAIPEI, Taiwan—China should push through democratic reforms using Taiwan as a model so the two can move closer to reunification, Taiwan's president said in the text of a National Day speech released on the eve of the holiday.

President Lee Teng-hui's comments about China were the strongest and most extensive since a devastating earthquake ripped open Taiwan last month, killing more than 2,200 people and demolishing thousands of homes.

Since the disaster, Lee has focused on rescue and rebuilding efforts, and has been reluctant to discuss Taiwan's most recent feud with Beijing in which Lee angered China by insisting that the two sides negotiate their differences as equal states, not as a local government in Taipei answering to a more powerful regime in Beijing.

Taliban Calls Explosion an Accident

KABUL, Afghanistan—An explosion in northern Afghanistan killed seven people and wounded 12 others, the Taliban-run Radio Shariat reported Saturday.

The explosion occurred outside the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif as Taliban soldiers were loading explosives and weapons into a vehicle, according to the radio broadcast.

The Taliban, who rule 90 percent of Afghanistan, said the explosion was an accident and ruled out sabotage. The Taliban are battling their opponents in northern Afghanistan in an attempt to gain full control of the country.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We were jailed and beaten for him when he was the opposition leader, but now that he's in power he has forgotten all his promises. He has turned this into a one-family government."

— Chaudry Mohammed Sarwar,
a deputy mayor of Lahore and a longtime disciple of Pakistani Prime Minister
Nawaz Sharif—Page A29

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HEADLINE: End trafficking in women, says Hillary Rodham Clinton

BYLINE: MARGRET BJORGULFSDOTTIR

DATELINE: REYKJAVIK, Iceland

BODY:

U.S. first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton rounded off a week-long European tour Sunday with a ringing call to end the international trade in prostitution.

"We are working to stop trafficking of women and girls in this region and around the world," Mrs. Clinton told a conference on women and democracy in the Icelandic capital.

"Because what does freedom mean to the one million girls who are lured from home with the promise of jobs and security and instead wake-up in a nightmare, trafficked like drugs across state lines and sold into prostitution?"

To applause, she added, "No government and no citizen can rest until we stop this modern form of slavery, protect its victims and prosecute those who are responsible."

More than 300 delegates, including representatives from the Nordic countries, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Russia and the United States, gave Mrs. Clinton a standing ovation at the end of her address.

It was her most outspoken speech in a week that has seen her address development conferences in Italy, Slovakia and Poland.

Although seeking her own political career, Mrs. Clinton has kept clear of U.S. political issues; the White House says the trip is not linked to domestic politics.

The first lady is expected to be a candidate for a U.S. Senate seat from New York in next year's elections.

She told the Icelandic conference that democratic and economic progress "depend on the progress of women."

All around the world, Mrs. Clinton said, "countless women ... are breaking centuries of silence" in the fight for human and democratic rights she cited Vera Stremkovskaya, a leading human rights attorney from Belarus "who has the courage to speak up even after she has been disbarred," at a time when

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newspapers are being closed, non-government organizations shut down and people are disappearing.

Since arriving in Iceland Friday night, Mrs. Clinton has visited the U.S.-Iceland Defense Force at its Keflavik Base and met with President Olafur Ragnar Grimsson.

On Saturday, poor weather prevented her visiting the Westman Islands, so Prime Minister David Oddson took her on a tour of downtown Reykjavik before she hosted a conference discussion involving speakers from Belarus, India, Northern Ireland, Russia, Trinidad and Kuwait.

Later, she saw the Viking ship 'Islandigur,' which will sail to North America next year to commemorate explorer Leif Ericsson's voyage to the continent in the year 1000.

She also toured the Thingvellir national park and was presented with two Icelandic horses, which will be given to an American school.

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HEADLINE: FIRST LADY URGES WOMEN TO BATTLE FOR DEMOCRACY

BODY:

REYKJAVIK, Iceland - First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton on Saturday urged hundreds of women politicians, executives and activists to support each other in their battle for democracy and peace across the world. "It's good to be reminded that one person can make a difference. One woman's voice, one woman's actions may turn the tide," she told a conference on women and democracy in Iceland's capital. Clinton was addressing about 400 women delegates from the United States, Russia and Northern Europe.

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HEADLINE: Intl women's conference opens in Icelandic capital

BYLINE: By Nikolai Gorbunov

DATELINE: OSLO, October 8

BODY:

The second international conference in the framework of the global initiative "live voices of women" opened on Friday in the Icelandic capital Reykjavik.

It is being held at the initiative of the U. S. president's wife Hillary Clinton and is organised by the Nordic Council, an organisation for cooperation between the Nordic countries, as well as the Icelandic and U. S. governments. The first such a conference of women was held in Vienna in 1997.

Its deliberations are attended by Russian vice-premier Valentina Matvienko and a very representative group of Russian women -- 56 in all. Itar-Tass learnt at the organising committee of the forum that they represent a broad range of women's movement in Russia.

The committee claimed that Russia is represented at international women's conferences for the first time in such numbers.

The aim of the forum is to discuss pressing tasks of cooperation between governments and civic society in an informal atmosphere and without division of its participants by delegations and countries.

Members of non-government organisations and representatives from culture, business and religions arrived in Reykjavik: all those who are described by the notion "civic society".

Speaking at the opening of the conference, Matvienko emphasised that protection of women's rights remains a priority area of Russia's social policy.

In Matvienko's opinion, creation of a society of equal rights and equal opportunities for men and women should go on a par with reforms in the economy, politics and social life. This process is inseparable and should go simultaneously.

In general, it is utterly unrealistic to carry out democratic processes in Russia without women who are in majority in the country. Women's potential and their possibilities should be fully realised when creating genuine democracy in Russia.

"Our country understands this, and this will be the policy for the future,"

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the Russian vice-premier noted.

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HEADLINE: US OFFICIAL EMPHASIZES ROLE OF WOMEN IN EASTERN EUROPE

DATELINE: RIGA, Oct 08

BODY:

US Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott Friday noted that women had been the driving force behind the positive changes in the Eastern Europe and former Soviet republics.

Talbott made this statement at an international conference about role of women held in Iceland, the Latvian president's press service said.

The US official said that the United States would keep supporting the efforts by Baltic and Russian women to improve their respective communities.

The United States would continue to help those women to upgrade their knowledge in banking, business and political science, Talbott vowed.

Latvian President Vaira Vike-Freiberga also addressed the conference and lauded two distinguished women, the US First Lady Hillary Clinton and US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

She praised their "commendable initiative and strong personal commitment" which had brought the participants of the conference to Iceland.

The Latvian president said she was honored to speak on behalf of the three Baltic nations.

"I speak on behalf of women not only from Latvia but also Estonia and Lithuania," she said.

Vike-Freiberga pointed out that during the Soviet rule the equal rights of women had been declared but were never put into practice.

"What the Baltic women actually got was the privilege of doing hard manual labor in Gulag (hard labor camps established in the Soviet Union during Stalin's reign) or holding the most difficult and underpaid jobs," the Latvian president said.

She noted that with the restoration of independence Latvian, Estonian and Lithuanian women regained the right to voice their opinion but their social status had not improved as rapidly as it was expected.

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Typhoon Dan left at least seven people dead, thousands of homes flooded and \$ 2 million in crops destroyed in the Philippines. The typhoon, the 13th to hit the Philippines this year, was moving toward Taiwan and southeastern China with sustained winds of 74 mph.

EUROPE: Hillary Clinton pleads for cultural support

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, visiting Italy, urged more support for museums and cultural institutions in the developing world. She goes to Iceland today for a speech on women and democracy.

MIDDLE EAST: U.S. drops bombs of concrete on Iraq

U.S. warplanes have been dropping bombs filled with concrete and not explosives on Iraqi installations to minimize civilian casualties. The 2,000- to 3,000-pound laser-guided bombs still cause damage, said Lt. Col. Michael Waters of Operation Northern Watch, the allied force patrolling a no-fly zone over northern Iraq.

Palestinian prisoner release is delayed

A group of 151 Palestinian prisoners who were supposed to be freed today will remain locked up after a dispute between Israel and the Palestinians over which people to release.

COMING UP

After being detained in England for nearly a year, former Chilean dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet will learn today whether he will be ordered extradited to Spain to stand trial on torture charges.

A Turkish court granted lawyers for Kurdish rebel leader Abdullah Ocalan two more weeks to prepare an appeal of his death sentence and said the hearing will be Oct. 21.

President Clinton meets with Quebec separatist Premier Lucien Bouchard today, the first meeting between a U.S. president and a separatist premier from Quebec. Clinton will open his visit by inaugurating the new \$ 37 million U.S. Embassy in Ottawa, followed by a meeting with Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

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HEADLINE: Itar-Tass world news in-brief for Friday, October 8

BODY:

BRUSSELS -- No message from Aslan Maskhadov to NATO's new Secretary of General George Robertson has yet been received at NATO headquarters. NATO officials have only heard about Maskhadov's appeal for help from news agencies, a responsible Alliance official said in response to an Itar-Tass question. Mediation in the settlement of local conflicts is not a NATO function. It is obvious that NATO does not engage in mediation, it is rather something for the United Nations or the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe to do.

BERLIN -- German General Klaus Reinhardt as of October 8 assumed the command of the International Forces in Kosovo (KFOR), a spokesman for the Ministry of Defence of the Federal Republic of Germany announced here on Friday. The new commander will head KFOR until next spring.

SEOUL -- Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and External Trade of the Republic of Korea Sun Joon-Young will be flying to Moscow on Sunday to take part in regular consultations of the two countries' diplomats. Informed sources in Seoul told Itar-Tass that during the course of the meetings in Moscow, a wide range of questions concerning bilateral relations and international issues, including the situation around the Korean peninsula will be discussed. The parties will also exchange information about the state of affairs in their respective countries.

OSLO -- A second international conference has opened in the capital of Iceland Reykjavik within the framework of the global initiative "Women's Live Voices." The conference is held on the initiative of U. S. President Bill Clinton's wife Hillary. It is organised by the Nordic Council and the governments of Iceland and the United States.

TOKYO -- Another incident occurred on Friday at a nuclear energy site in Japan, which has not yet fully recovered from the shock caused by a powerful radiation discharge at the Tokaimura nuclear fuel manufacturing facility. The Kyodo Tsushin news agency reported with reference to anonymous informed sources that "a small radiation leak" was registered at the centre for the utilisation of low radioactive waste in Rokkasho in Aomori prefecture in the northeast of Japan's main island of Honshu.

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ANKARA -- Turkish security forces launched another major operation designed to liquidate militants of the outlawed Kurdish Workers party. Twenty-eight rebels were killed in Bitlis province in southeast Turkey, the Anatolian news agency reported. One government soldier was killed in the clash. Fighting continues in the region. Chief of the General Staff Huseyn Kivrikoglu declared that the struggle against the Kurdish Workers party will go on until the last terrorist is rendered harmless.

BUDAPEST -- Festive events with the participation of Hungarian socialists began in Budapest on Thursday evening to mark the 10th anniversary of the foundation of the Hungarian Socialists party, the most influential opposition force in the country.

ISLAMABAD -- Prime Minister of Pakistan Nawaz Sharif demanded in stern words that the leadership of the Taliban movement liquidate terrorist training centres in the Afghan territory controlled by the movement.

ABUDHABI -- Israel is expanding the scale of military actions in Lebanon. Israeli warplanes performed eight flights over Lebanon and Israeli artillery and naval boats kept shelling South Lebanon. These military actions are clearly beyond the boundaries of usual repressive actions against the Lebanese resistance movement and the Islamic Hesbollah organisation.

ISLAMABAD -- Foreign mercenaries, including from Chechnya, are taking part in the Afghan war on the side of the Taliban movement. Troops of the anti-Taliban Northern Alliance have captured several Chechens and Pakistanis who fought on the side of the Islamic regime. The Pakistani news agency NNI reported with reference to Radio Teheran that Ahmad Shah Masood's units captured tens of foreign mercenaries, among whom four were from Chechnya and nine from Pakistan.

AMMAN -- Iraqi leader Saddam Hussain sent a message to the U. S. President proposing to begin peaceful dialogue without preliminary conditions. The document also reflects Baghdad's readiness to play a prominent role in the Middle East Peace Process.

LONDON -- A court in London ruled that Augusto Pinochet may be extradited to Spain and thus recognised that the demand of the Spanish court for the extradition of the former Chilean dictator who is accused of crimes against humanity is lawful.

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HEADLINE: First Lady says that development must respect local culture

BYLINE: CANDICE HUGHES

DATELINE: FLORENCE, Italy

BODY:

Under the thin veneer of a global culture, people are striving to assert their individuality, and do-gooders who ignore this do so at the peril of failure, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton said Thursday.

Speaking at a conference on culture and economic development, Mrs. Clinton applauded efforts to link the two. Culture, she said, is not a 'luxury.'

Echoing the theme of the conference, she said culture can be an engine of economic development, a way to create jobs by fostering tourism, investment and social progress.

Offering what she called 'a few modest suggestions,' Mrs. Clinton urged more support for museums and cultural institutions in the developing world, programs that involve young people in cultural preservation and ones that help cultural treasures remain in their communities.

The increasingly homogenous global culture can create 'consumers, not citizens,' she said, and the backlash to that culture can sometimes be violent. Drawing on her experiences as a world traveler, she said, 'I see the desire of so many to try and assert their identity against the mass culture fueled by globalization.'

Mrs. Clinton warned that development projects risk failure unless they 'reflect the lives and traditions of the people they serve.'

'We must bring a new cultural literacy and cultural respect to all our development strategies,' she said.

Italy was the third stop on a four-nation tour that takes Mrs. Clinton to Iceland on Friday to give a speech on women and democracy. The 25-minute speech in Florence was her only public appearance in Italy.

The first lady, who has launched an 'exploratory' candidacy in New York state for the U.S. Senate, also visited Slovakia and in Poland, where she spoke at another development conference.

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Warsaw, 5th October: Hillary Clinton, the US president's wife on a brief visit to Warsaw Tuesday [5th October], expressed her country's support for the democratic and economic changes taking place in Central and Eastern Europe and the Baltic republics.

We must act together to make the reforms work, she told the Partners in Transition international conference held to sum up the decade of transformations in the former eastern bloc. The US wants to be such a partner, she added.

Mrs Clinton recalled her first visit to Poland in 1996 when she toured Warsaw and Cracow. In her opinion, the changes that have taken place in this country prove that democratic and free-market reforms are a success. She believes that Poland has scored successes not only in the economy, but also in political life.

The US first lady's speech closed the conference which was sponsored by the US Agency for International Development USAID and the US German Marshall Fund. The next conference will be held in Sofia, Bulgaria.

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The White House says the trip is not linked to domestic politics, and in this supreme city of art, Mrs. Clinton passed up what might have been a golden opportunity to comment on artistic expression a subject in which her possible potential opponent, New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, is now deeply embroiled.

Giuliani has blasted the Brooklyn Museum of Art for an exhibition he deems sacriligious, in part because it includes a black Madonna embellished with elephant dung, and cut off city funding.

Florence may boast more Madonnas per capita than many other places in the world, but Mrs. Clinton confined her remarks here to the rather drier realms of development policy.

She has already said, however, that while she doesn't approve of the Brooklyn exhibit, it is wrong to strip funding from the museum because of it.

In the afternoon, streets were closed off near the U.S. consulate after a guard there spotted a suitcase behind a garbage bin. Bomb squads were called in and blew up the suitcase, which turned out only to contain paper, according to U.S. officials.

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BODY:

Hillary Rodham Clinton began a European trip yesterday by stopping at the newly opened Lauder-Morasha Jewish School in Warsaw, where she and the school's director, Helise Lieberman, listened to a student, Bartek Szmiglielski, read in Hebrew. Mrs. Clinton also met with the Polish president, Aleksander Kwasniewski, and spoke with women entrepreneurs. She will continue on to Slovakia, Italy, and Iceland. / AP PHOTO

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In Poland, First Lady Backs Free-Market Reform Despite the Pain for Some

By PETER FINN
Washington Post Foreign Service

WARSAW, Oct. 5—Marking 10 years of often-painful transition in post-Communist Europe, Hillary Rodham Clinton said today there was no alternative to continued democratic and free-market reforms in Central and Eastern Europe, but she acknowledged that change has been painful for some segments of society that pine for a return to the old order.

"Senior citizens are asking what good are free markets when our hard-earned pensions are worthless," said Clinton, speaking here at a regional conference sponsored by the U.S. Agency for International Development and the German Mar-

shall Fund of the United States. "Workers are asking what good is democracy when the closure of our factories has left us without jobs and the skills to gain new opportunities." But, she added, "I know people have not lost faith or given up. They understand that reform is the answer to all of these problems."

Clinton, who is planning a bid for the U.S. Senate from New York next year, is visiting Poland, Slovakia and Italy before traveling to Iceland to deliver a speech on women and democracy. White House officials said the trip had nothing to do with domestic politics or the cultivation of ethnic constituencies in New York.

"She'll be continuing her work as an ambassador of the United States," White House press secretary Joe

Lockhart said in Washington. He said the trip focuses on "democracy in Europe, and the many programs that she's worked so hard on," including women's rights and economic empowerment.

In Warsaw, Clinton met with a group of female entrepreneurs at a textile factory and opened a new Jewish school that is funded by the U.S. philanthropist Ronald Lauder. At the school, Clinton said, the children who sang "Shalom" to her were a testament to the revival of Jewish life in Poland, which saw much of its pre-World War II Jewish population of 3 million people exterminated in the Holocaust. There are now about 20,000 Jews living in Poland.

She also met with Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski and

Prime Minister Jerzy Buzek.

The first lady's trip comes as Buzek's Solidarity-led government is at the lowest levels in the polls of any postcommunist government, with 24 percent support. The government has been criticized for allegedly botching the introduction of ambitious reforms this year, particularly in education and health care.

Without mentioning the troubles of the Solidarity government, Clinton said that the experience of the United States shows that nation-building is a slow, multigeneration process. "We have been striving to perfect democracy for 223 years," she said. "It took us more than 10 years to draft our constitution, almost 90 years to rid our nation of slavery, almost 150 years to give

American women the right to vote, and even longer to ensure that all of our citizens are equal under the law."

Clinton compared the travails of the emerging democracies with the biblical flight of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. "Oftentimes, at moments of great change, it is tempting to turn back," she said. "When Mo-

ses came down with the 10 Commandments, he was met by people who said this is too hard. . . . Let's go back to slavery." But, she said, "The path of reform may be long and it may be rocky and the goals may not be reached in the next decade or even the decade after that, but it is still worth the journey."

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Turkey Arrests 8 Kurdish Rebels Who Surrendered in Peace Move

ANKARA, Turkey, Oct. 5 (AP) — A court today formally arrested eight Kurdish rebels who surrendered to Turkish troops last week in an attempt to show that a call for peace by the guerrillas was genuine, the news agency Anatolia said.

The defendants appeared before a court in Van, a southeastern city, after four days of questioning at a paramilitary police station in neighboring Hakkari Province. They were jailed in the southeastern city of Mus, Anatolia reported.

A lawyer for the group, Kenan Sidar, was not present during the questioning and said he had no information on the rebels' health. Suspects can be questioned without their lawyers present under an antiterrorism law. The lawyer said he would visit the five men and three women on Wednesday.

They crossed into Turkey on Oct. 1 to try to show that the rebels were serious about ending the 15-year war in the southeast, a conflict that has killed 37,000 people. The rebels declared a unilateral cease-fire a few months after their leader, Abdullah Ocalan, was captured in February.

The eight are the first to lay down arms under an amnesty law that grants lenient punishment to rebels who surrender. They were arrested on charges of membership in an illegal organization.

It was not clear whether the group would benefit from the amnesty, which excludes rebel leaders. The group was carrying peace letters from the command of the Kurdistan Workers Party.

The military, which vowed to fight the group to the end, has crossed into neighboring northern Iraq to hunt the rebels. Unconfirmed reports said 30 rebels had been killed.

Mr. Ocalan, who has been tried and sentenced to death for separatism, faces a new trial in December, Anatolia said. A state security court sentenced him to death in June for leading an armed campaign for autonomy since 1984. His appeal starts on Thursday in Ankara.

Prosecutors have found a case filed in 1980 against Mr. Ocalan and 100 followers, including his former wife, Kesire. The group was accused of armed robbery, murder and separatism in another southeastern province, Sanliurfa.

Although several cases against Mr. Ocalan were merged for his trial in June, the 1980 case has to be tried separately, because it involves crimes before 1984, when the state security court system was set up.

Hillary Clinton in Poland

WARSAW, Oct. 5 (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton, here to attend a regional conference on changes since the end of Communist rule, met today with the Polish President, Aleksander Kwasniewski, visited a new Jewish school and spoke with Polish businesswomen. Today was the first day of her four-nation European visit, which will include stops in Slovakia, Italy and Iceland.

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HEADLINE: Mrs. Clinton Praises Slovakia

BYLINE: ANDREA LORINCZOVA

DATeline: BRATISLAVA, Slovakia

BODY:

Praising Slovakia as a model of democracy for the region, Hillary Rodham Clinton returned to this former communist country Wednesday to meet its leaders and the reformers who helped put them in office.

Mrs. Clinton also underlined U.S. support for Slovakia and its continued move toward democracy and relayed President Clinton's wish to visit here next year, though no concrete plans have been announced.

After brief meetings with Slovakia's president and prime minister, Mrs. Clinton renewed her contacts with pro-democracy organizations she had met with during her first visit here three years ago. At the time, the activists were struggling to oust the authoritarian regime of former Premier Vladimir Meciar.

The first lady applauded the groups' success, noting the country is now a front-runner for European Union membership.

'I'm very confident that Slovakia will continue to lead the way,' she said at a round-table discussion, 'and that Slovaks will see, as we see, the extraordinary contribution you have made, not only to your country, but to the future of democracy in Europe and around the world.'

She encouraged Slovaks to keep up their fight for human rights and lauded their success as a model for other countries in the region struggling to induce democratic reforms, such as Croatia, Belarus and Serbia.

Speaking after a meeting with Premier Mikulas Dzurinda, Mrs. Clinton encouraged his government to continue to improve the situation of Slovakia's minorities, a clear reference to the country's 600,000-strong Hungarian minority, as well as Roma or Gypsies.

She also paid tribute to Jewish Slovaks by visiting a 17th century Jewish cemetery and a retirement home where she met with Holocaust survivors. During World War II, some 60,000 Jews were sent to concentration camps from Slovakia. Today only about 5,000 Jews remain.

On Tuesday, Mrs. Clinton visited Poland, where she met President Aleksander

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Kwasniewski in Warsaw. After Slovakia, Mrs. Clinton continues to Italy and Iceland, where she will take part in a conference on women and democracy.

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U.S. first lady to praise democratic efforts in Slovakia

By MELISSA EDDY= Associated Press Writer=

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia (AP) Hillary Rodham Clinton arrived on her second visit to Slovakia today to praise the efforts of several pro-democracy organizations who helped oust the former authoritarian regime.

Mrs. Clinton is to meet Slovak President Rudolf Schuster and Prime Minister Mikulas Dzurinda, who have brought Slovakia closer to Europe, following five years of authoritarian rule.

On the first lady's initial visit to Slovakia three years ago, she met only with pro-democracy groups, who were struggling against the regime of then-Prime Minister Vladimir Meciar.

During this trip, she plans to applaud the groups' efforts and to work in bringing about the changes that have made Slovakia a leading candidate for European Union membership.

On Tuesday, Mrs. Clinton visited Poland, where she met with President Aleksander Kwasniewski and focused on women's rights and economic development in Eastern Europe.

She met with female entrepreneurs at a textile factory, where she praised Poland for leading the way in economic reforms among the nations of the former Soviet bloc since communist rule collapsed 10 years ago.

After Slovakia, Mrs. Clinton continues to Italy and Iceland, where she will take part in this year's Vital Voices conference focusing on women's participation in democracy.

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HEADLINE: Mrs. Clinton Praises Slovakia

BYLINE: MELISSA EDDY

DATELINE: BRATISLAVA, Slovakia

BODY:

In her second visit to Slovakia, Hillary Rodham Clinton today praised the democratic changes she said have taken place in this small central European nation and reiterated U.S. support.

Speaking after a meeting with Premier Mikulas Dzurinda, Mrs. Clinton encouraged his government to work on behalf of Slovakia's minorities, a clear reference to the 600,000 ethnic Hungarians in the southeastern part of the country.

Dzurinda and President Rudolf Schuster are credited with having brought Slovakia closer to Europe, following five years of authoritarian rule by Dzurinda's predecessor, Vladimir Meciar.

"Many of you know the contribution Slovak Americans have made to the United States ... and the role all citizens play in building a strong future," the first lady said.

She also praised the completion of a bridge across the Danube River linking Slovakia and Hungary a statement, she said, that the country wants to be connected to Europe.

"I know very well (that) the spirit and character of the Slovak people will demonstrate absolutely that Slovakia is ready to take its rightful place in Europe," she added.

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Hillary Clinton praises democracy in Slovakia

By Robin Shepherd

BRATISLAVA, Oct 6 (Reuters) - U.S first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton on Wednesday praised what she called the extraordinary changes in Slovakia since a reformist coalition government came to power after elections just over a year ago.

The new Slovak government has made strenuous efforts to end the isolation into which the country was plunged under former Prime Minister Vladimir Meciar.

Clinton said she hoped her husband would visit Slovakia next year to see the changes for himself. ``It is amazing to think how different things were just three years ago,' ' Clinton said in reference to her last visit to Slovakia in 1996.

At that time, Slovakia was reeling from a series of blows to its fragile post-communist democracy. The most shocking was the 1995 kidnapping of the son of the president, a bitter foe of Meciar, who was beaten up and dumped in neighbouring Austria.

An Austrian court strongly suggested that Meciar's security services (SIS) had been behind the kidnapping and the new government this year launched criminal investigations against senior SIS officials.

Clinton later made a trip to the tomb of a famous Rabbi, Chateam Sofer, and visited a Jewish retirement home where she was accompanied by senior members of the Jewish community and stopped to chat with residents.

Clinton is widely expected to run in an election of her own, possibly for the Senate against New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. New York has a large Jewish community.

Apart from her meeting with Prime Minister Mikulas Dzurinda and President Rudolf Schuster, the centrepiece of Clinton's visit was a round table discussion with non-governmental organisations.

She echoed the view of political scientists that the role of these unofficial groups in mobilising voters in the Slovak elections was a model of how ``civil society' ' can bolster democracy.

Applauding the efforts of OK' 98, one of most prominent organisations at the time, she said a lesson had been given to the region as a whole and even to the United States.

``The kind of outpouring from activists that created OK' 98 was a very important lesson to people both in nearby countries who are still struggling to unify their own opposition as well as people very far from here,' ' she said.

She said the 84 percent election turnout was ``...a very, very great accomplishment...We struggle in the United States, where people have taken our liberty and freedom for granted, to reach even one half of the electorate that will take the trouble to vote in our election.' '

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HEADLINE: Hillary Clinton to wind up "Culture Counts" conference

DATELINE: FLORENCE, Italy, Oct 6

BODY:

US First Lady Hillary Clinton is expected to highlight her country's position on the impact of culture on economic development at a conference that will end here Thursday.

The conference, in the hometown of Dante, the author of the Divine Comedy, and Michelangelo, was called to help find a joint strategy for the economic development of the world's poorest countries by increasing cultural resources.

The meeting, organized by the Italian government in cooperation with the World Bank and UNESCO, was to identify individual countries that should be among the first to be assisted.

Guidelines would establish a link between cultural initiatives and social cohesion, economic development, jobs and education including appropriate training of younger generations.

The First Lady will address the "Culture Counts Conference on Financing, Resources, and the Economics of Cultural and Sustainable Development," in Florence on strategies to support culture and sustainable development on Thursday at 11:00 a.m. (0900 GMT).

She was expected to arrive at Pisa airport west of Florence late Wednesday afternoon where she was to be welcomed by the US ambassador to Italy, Thomas Foglietta and Florence officials.

In the evening Clinton was to dine as a guest of the Mazzini family's Villa Medici in Fiesole, on the hills overlooking Florence.

Her husband, President Bill Clinton, will be in Florence on November 20-21 for a conference on the "Third Way" in politics, social affairs and economics.

The president is to attend a gala at Pisa's elite Scuola Normale university in the company of one of its former students, Italian President Carlo Azeglio Ciampi.

The four-day cultural meeting, divided into nine sessions, six seminars and 18 working groups, was opened by Italian Foreign Minister Lamberto Dini and World Bank president James Wolfensohn on Monday.

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Dini pledged in his opening speech that Italy would provide more funds to develop its vast cultural heritage, in cooperation with the World Bank.

Italy's decision "is an answer to a precise strategy and is to be seen as an example, a laboratory and an incentive for other countries," Dini had said.

"The interdependence between culture and development is a fact," said Dini. "In today's world with its rapid changes, culture is at the center of (economic) growth and communication."

Speaking on the last day, Clinton is to address the conference along with United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) director general Federico Mayor and Italian Culture Minister Giovanni Melandri.

The US First Lady was in Slovakia Wednesday after visiting Poland to express support for democracy movements promoted by Bratislava's fledgling pro-western government.

In Poland, Clinton called on central European countries to continue market reforms, and visited a Jewish school where she hailed what she said will be a revival of Jewish life in central and eastern Europe.

She will fly to Iceland after attending the Florence conference.

In Reykjavik, Clinton is to address a "Conference on Women and Democracy at the Dawn of the New Millennium" to encourage the full participation of women in all aspects of political and economic life.

The Reykjavik conference will provide an opportunity for women from Russia as well as Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania to partner with US and Scandinavian leaders in government and private sectors to enhance economic opportunities and political participation.

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HEADLINE: Hillary hails Slovak democracy, sees example for Serbs

DATELINE: BRATISLAVA, Oct 6

BODY:

US First Lady Hillary Clinton on Wednesday welcomed the democratic progress made by Slovakia's fledgling pro-West government since taking power last year, saying it could be an example for neighbouring states such as Serbia.

After talks with Slovak leaders she said that Bratislava, which is now fighting to catch up with the frontrunners among EU membership candidates, can soon take "its rightful place in the front ranks of Europe."

"We applaud the move towards democracy and openness that this government, and the election that brought it to power, demonstrate," she said after talks with premier Mikulas Dzurinda.

"I am hopeful that the opposition in neighbouring countries may take a signal from what has been done here in Slovakia," she said. "You are an inspiration and a model."

Speaking later at a meeting of Slovak non-governmental organizations, she cited Croatia, Belarus and Serbia as countries which could perhaps learn from Slovakia's example.

"Many are looking to you from other countries, and I am told that you are now reaching out to citizens in Croatia, Belarus and Serbia and elsewhere, because they also need your assistance in helping to make the real transition to democracy, to a vibrant civic society," she said.

Clinton last visited Slovakia in June 1996, when it was still under the government of authoritarian and anti-European premier Vladimir Meciar, ousted by Dzurinda's pro-EU government in September 1998.

Meciar, widely blamed for delaying Bratislava's progress towards EU accession, stood for presidential elections earlier this year in an attempt to reclaim some power, but was beaten by the pro-West Schuster.

The United States openly criticized Meciar when he was in power, and made no secret of its satisfaction at Dzurinda's and Schuster's voting success.

Slovakia is among five ex-communist countries in the so-called "second wave" of EU candidates -- the others are Latvia, Lithuania, Bulgaria and Romania --

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which are hoping to be given the green-light for EU entry talks at the Union's December summit in Helsinki.

Clinton backed Bratislava's aspirations.

"I know that the spirit and character of the Slovak people, if allowed to continue moving forward, will demonstrate absolutely that Slovakia is ready to take its rightful place in the front ranks of Europe," she said.

The US First Lady, on the second leg of a four-nation trip, meanwhile said that President Bill Clinton could visit next year.

"It is something that he would look forward to with great anticipation, and I hope can be arranged next year," she said.

The US First Lady was due to leave Bratislava later in the day bound for Florence, Italy, where she is due to address a conference on culture and sustainable development.

She arrived in Slovakia from Poland, where she called Tuesday on central European countries to continue market reforms, and visited a Jewish school where she hailed what she said will be a revival of Jewish life in central and eastern Europe.

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HEADLINE: A VISIT TO POLAND ;
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BODY:

Hillary Rodham Clinton began a European trip yesterday by stopping at the newly opened Lauder-Morasha Jewish School in Warsaw, where she and the school's director, Helise Lieberman, listened to a student, Bartek Szmiglielski, read in Hebrew. Mrs. Clinton also met with the Polish president, Aleksander Kwasniewski, and spoke with women entrepreneurs. She will continue on to Slovakia, Italy, and Iceland. / AP PHOTO

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HEADLINE: HILLARY CLINTON ENCOURAGES SLOVAKIA TO CONTINUE IN REFORMS

BYLINE: TAM

DATELINE: BRATISLAVA, Oct 6 ; (TAM)

KEYWORD: 'Slovakia USA Clinton'

BODY:

American first lady Hillary Clinton, who met with Slovak Premier Mikulas Dzurinda and Slovak President Rudolf Schuster in Bratislava today, encouraged Slovakia to continue in reforms and congratulated it with its current progress toward democracy.

She said she was glad to see Slovakia playing an important role in the region and Europe again.

She also expressed delight over the effort to get minorities involved in the life of the country and to improve their relations with Slovakia. She mainly praised Dzurinda for the recently signed agreement on the renewal of a bridge across the Danube linking Sturovo, Slovakia, and Ostrihom, Hungary, which she compared to U.S. President Bill Clinton's vision of a "bridge to the 21st century".

Clinton also highly estimated the role of Slovak non- governmental organisations. She said they presented a model that should be followed by all countries in Europe and even in the whole of the world.

Slovak NGOs contributed a great deal to the regime of former premier Vladimir Meciar in last year's parliamentary elections and to the idea of building true civic society.

"I know very well (that) the spirit and character of the Slovak people will demonstrate absolutely that Slovakia is ready to take its rightful place in Europe," Clinton said.

Clinton also said she hoped her husband would be able to visit Slovakia next year.

Before the current five-hour visit to Bratislava Clinton visited Poland. From Slovakia she is to travel to Italy and Iceland. She is expected to return from her tour of Europe on Saturday.

CTK National News Wire, October 6, 1999

The last time she visited Slovakia was in July 1996, when she called on the then Meciar's government to respect democracy.

In November, on the tenth anniversary of the overthrow of the Communist regime, Bratislava is to be visited by U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

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HEADLINE: First lady encourages East European leaders

SOURCE: Journal Sentinel wire reports

DATELINE: Warsaw, Poland

BODY:

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, who is considering a run for the U.S. Senate, urged East European leaders Tuesday to stay the course on painful economic reforms.

"The path of reform may be long and may be rocky, the goals may not be reached in the next decade or even a decade after that, but it is still worth the journey," Clinton told leaders from the region attending a conference on political and economic change since the end of communist rule.

Clinton was on the first day of a trip that also includes stops in Slovakia, Italy and Iceland.

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Kandilli Observatory said the quake's epicenter was at Marmaris, 470 miles south of Istanbul. Most people in the resort were asleep when the magnitude 5.2 quake hit at 3:53 a.m. At least six aftershocks followed.

Poland: First Lady tours E. Europe

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton urged East European leaders to stay the course on painful economic changes. "The path of reform may be long and may be rocky . . . but it is still worth the journey," she told the Partners in Transition Conference in Warsaw. Clinton, who will leave Poland today with stops in Slovakia and Italy en route to Iceland, returns to Washington on Sunday.

Mexico: 100,000 flee flooding

The Mexican government declared a state of emergency in four states where the worst flooding in 40 years has killed at least 34 people and forced the evacuation of more than 100,000 others. Mudslides and flooding in the rugged mountains of Puebla state killed at least 24 people, state officials said. In the state of Tabasco, residents were alarmed by reports of crocodiles up to 8 feet long roaming the flooded streets of the capital, Villahermosa.

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worst nuclear accident, in which at least 49 people were exposed to radiation last week.

*** Japanese firm vows to aid nuclear victims ***

TOKYO -- A Japanese company promised Tuesday to pay damages for the victims of the country's worst nuclear accident, which exposed 49 people to radiation and forced hundreds of thousands of others to stay indoors. Government investigators again searched the offices of the plant's operator, JCO Co., to look for evidence of wrongdoing behind Thursday's disaster, which sent three workers to the hospital. Police searched the JCO plant in Tokaimura, 70 miles northeast of Tokyo, and its Tokyo headquarters today.

*** Mrs. Clinton attends East Europe seminar ***

WARSAW, POLAND -- Hillary Rodham Clinton, who is considering a run for the U.S. Senate, urged East European leaders Tuesday to stay the course on painful economic reforms. "The path of reform may be long and may be rocky, the goals may not be reached in the next decade or even a decade after that, but it is still worth the journey," Clinton told leaders from the region attending a conference on political and economic change since the end of communist rule.

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U.S. first lady to promote democracy on trip to Poland

By ANDRZEJ STYLINSKI= Associated Press Writer=

WARSAW, Poland (AP) Despite Hillary Rodham Clinton's nascent campaign for the U.S. Senate, White House officials say the first lady's trip to Europe that began today has nothing to do with politics.

In Poland, Mrs. Clinton met with President Aleksander Kwasniewski in Warsaw. She also focused on women's rights and economic development in Eastern Europe.

The first lady met with female entrepreneurs at a textile factory, where she praised Poland for leading the way in economic reforms among the nations of the former Soviet bloc since communist rule collapsed 10 years ago.

After Poland, Mrs. Clinton goes on to Slovakia, Italy and Iceland.

Mrs. Clinton is the likely Democratic candidate for one of New York's Senate seats in next year's election. New York politicians have made Italy a traditional campaign stop because of a large constituency of Italian Americans.

But White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said Monday that the trip did not aim to draw voters at home.

``She'll be continuing her work as an ambassador of the United States,'' Lockhart said. The trip focuses on ``democracy in Europe and the many programs that she's worked so hard on.''

In Warsaw, Mrs. Clinton toured the Caterina women's wear factory with its owner, Maria Sobiech, and met other female business owners.

``It is particularly exciting for me to start the day with a meeting with entrepreneurs who happen to be women,'' she said.

The factory, which employs about 100 people, was chosen for the visit because it received technical help from the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Mrs. Clinton said that in the 10 years since economic reforms began, the percentage of female employers in Poland has risen to 39 percent from 5 percent.

``It is an explosion of women-owned businesses,'' she said.

The first lady was to hold talks with Foreign Minister Bronislaw Geremek and Prime Minister Jerzy Buzek. She also was to meet students at the new Lauder Morasha Jewish school in Warsaw.

Mrs. Clinton also was scheduled to deliver a speech on civil society and democracy to leaders from Poland and other countries at the Partners in Transition conference, which aims to assess political and economic change in the region.

Poland has generally won high marks from the West for its progress in the post-communist era, but the government's popularity ratings have been plunging recently as it struggles with more painful economic reforms.

On Wednesday, Mrs. Clinton will make brief stops in Slovakia and Italy en route to Iceland for this year's Vital Voices conference, focusing on women's participation in democracy worldwide.

She returns to Washington on Sunday.

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HEADLINE: U.S. first lady promotes democracy in trip to Poland

BYLINE: ANDRZEJ STYLINSKI

DATELINE: WARSAW, Poland

BODY:

U.S. first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton told Polish children at a new Jewish school Tuesday they had "chosen hope over despair" and could expect a brighter future under democracy.

Mrs. Clinton, who is considering a run for the U.S. Senate in New York next year, visited the Lauder-Morasha School in Warsaw on the first day of a quick four-nation European tour.

"Here in this new building filled with the colorful and clear voices of children ... you have chosen hope over despair, healing over pain," Mrs. Clinton told the pupils, seated on soft gym mats in a large room. "You have chosen a future of freedom and justice."

The first lady also met with Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski and toured a female-owned textile factory, where she praised Poland for leading the way in economic reforms in Eastern Europe since the collapse of communism.

In the afternoon, she delivered a speech on civil society and democracy to leaders from Poland and other countries at the Partners in Transition conference.

"The path of reform may be long and may be rocky, the goals may not be reached in the next decade or even in decade after that, but it is still worth the journey," she said. She pledged continuing U.S. support for further democratic and market reforms in the region.

Sponsored by the U.S. Agency for International Development and the German Marshall Fund of the United States, the conference gathered officials from the region to assess 10 years of political and economic transformation since the end communist rule.

Despite Mrs. Clinton's nascent Senate campaign, White House officials have said her trip had nothing to do with U.S. politics.

"She'll be continuing her work as an ambassador of the United States," White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said Monday. The voyage also includes

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stops in Slovakia, Italy and Iceland.

At the new Jewish school, one of three being dedicated this month in Poland, Germany and Austria by the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation, Mrs. Clinton was greeted by children singing 'Shalom, Shalom.'

She watched 9-year-olds take a Hebrew lesson in a freshly painted classroom decorated with their drawings of the sun and trees.

'Thank you very much for letting me see and hear for myself the energy and the hopefulness that this school represents. Shalom, and I hope to return again,' Mrs. Clinton said.

Earlier, she toured the Caterina women's clothing factory with its owner, Maria Sobiech, and met with other female business owners.

'I was interested in Poland because it was Poland that led the way in 1989 and it is Poland that continues to lead the way,' Mrs. Clinton said.

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Hillary Clinton applauds Polish decade of change
(updates, adds detail on visit to school, quotes)

By Sean Maguire

WARSAW, Oct 5 (Reuters) - U.S. first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton on Tuesday marked a decade of economic and cultural revival in Poland by visiting a new Jewish school and applauding female entrepreneurs on their business success.

Mrs Clinton sat in on classes in the Lauder-Morasha School, which teaches Jewish culture and Hebrew to children from the Polish capital's tiny Jewish community. The school has just moved to a new campus built with U.S. donations.

"When I listened to you sing your song of peace I thought how hard you work to make sure that your voices are heard in today's Poland," Clinton said, referring to the Hebrew song Hevenu Shalom Alechem the children sang when she entered.

"Those voices also reflect the dedication of your teachers to ensure the tradition which has enriched Poland for centuries will continue to enrich it now and into the next century."

Poland was home to 3.3 million Jews, Europe's largest community, before World War Two but Nazi German genocide wiped out 90 percent of the community.

A post-war pogrom and bouts of anti-semitism by Poland's communist authorities reduced the Jewish population to an estimated 10,000 now.

Mrs Clinton is expected to run for a seat in the U.S. Senate for New York state, which has a large Jewish community.

The elementary school, one of only two Jewish schools in Poland, has more than 160 students this year against 18 when the school was founded five years ago.

DECADE OF SUCCESS

Mrs Clinton was visiting Poland, at the start of a five-day European trip, to help mark a decade of sweeping economic and political change since communism fell in 1989.

She told a businesswomen's forum that the United States would give continued support for post-communist states struggling with economic development and held the entrepreneurs up as examples of the initiative needed to build future success.

"There are more women-owned businesses creating jobs than in any other sector of the economy," she said after touring a clothes factory. "Your efforts are the engine that is driving Polish growth," she added.

Female-owned businesses have grown to 39 percent of the total from five percent at the end of the communist period 10 years ago, she told the businesswomen, who run successful steel, cosmetics, marketing, language and business advice firms.

She congratulated Poland on its growth over the last 10 years, its enthusiastic embrace of political freedom and on the emergence of a new middle class.

"Poland is a testimony to the fact that democracy and free market reforms do work when decisively implemented," she said.

She was also expected to thank Poland for its backing for NATO's campaign in Kosovo in meetings with government leaders, in what is the first visit to the country by a top U.S. figure since the country entered the Western defence alliance in March.

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She then visits Iceland to address a conference on women's issues.

(additional reporting by Wojciech Moskwa)

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Hillary Clinton applauds Polish businesswomen

WARSAW, Oct 5 (Reuters) - U.S. first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton congratulated successful female entrepreneurs in Poland and visited a new school for Jewish children on Tuesday at the start of a five-day European trip.

Mrs Clinton told a forum of businesswomen that their initiatives were the bedrock of the country's future success and said she wanted to deliver a message of continued U.S. support for post-communist states struggling with economic development.

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One of them gave her an impromptu Polish lesson to illustrate the successful teaching methods she had learned from American consultants. Mrs Clinton smiled but shied away from tackling Polish pronunciation.

She later visited a Jewish school to inaugurate a new campus built with U.S. donations. She came to applaud the revival of Jewish life in Poland through the community's children, she said.

The school educates 165 children from the Polish capital's tiny Jewish population. Some 3.3 million Jews lived in Poland before most were murdered in Nazi German genocide during World War Two. Some 10,000 Jews live in Poland now.

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HEADLINE: Hillary hails Jewish revival in central Europe

DATELINE: WARSAW, Oct 5

BODY:

US First Lady Hillary Clinton visited a Jewish school in Warsaw Tuesday at the start of a four-nation European tour, and hailed what she said will be a revival of Jewish life in central and eastern Europe.

"This school is very important to you but also for other reasons - your songs of peace show how hard you have worked to make your voices heard in today's Poland," she said.

"Jewish life and Jewish schools will revive throughout eastern and central Europe," she added at the school, founded in 1994 with funding from a foundation set up by Ronald Lauder, former US ambassador to Vienna.

While visiting classrooms the First Lady was presented by a 10-year-old pupil with a painting of a piece of sweetbread eaten by Jews on the sabbath.

"The Jewish traditions which have enriched Poland for centuries will again enrich Poland in the next century," she said.

Clinton recalled how she had visited the site of the Warsaw Ghetto and the Auschwitz Nazi death camp during a visit in 1994. "We should never forget what happened," she said.

Earlier in the day she held talks with ex-communist Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski and his wife Jolanta.

After Poland Clinton was due to travel on to the Slovak capital Bratislava on Wednesday, Florence on Thursday and then Reykjavik.

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HEADLINE: HILLARY CLINTON DECLARES U.S.'S SUPPORT FOR TRANSFORMATIONS

BODY:

Warsaw, Oct. 5: Hillary Clinton, the U.S. president's wife on a brief visit to Warsaw Tuesday, expressed her country's support for the democratic and economic changes taking place in Central and Eastern Europe and the Baltic republics.

We must act together to make the reforms work, she told the Partners in Transition international conference held to sum up the decade of transformations in the former eastern bloc. The U.S. wants to be such partner, she added.

Mrs Clinton recalled her first visit to Poland in 1996 when she toured Warsaw and Cracow. In her opinion the changes that have taken place in this country prove that democratic and free-market reforms are a success. She believes that Poland has scored successes not only in the economy, but also in the political life.

The U.S. First Lady's speech closed the conference which was sponsored by the U.S. Agency for International Development USAID and the U.S. German Marshall Fund. The next conference will be held in Sofia, Bulgaria. (ag)

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HEADLINE: Hillary Clinton begins visit to Poland

DATELINE: Warsaw

BODY:

U.S. First Lady Hillary Clinton met Tuesday with Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski at the start of a five-day tour of Europe.

During her stay in Warsaw, President Bill Clinton's wife was also due to confer with Prime Minister Jerzy Buzek and Foreign Minister Bronislaw Geremek.

She also planned to attend a conference on the transformation in central and eastern Europe and visit a Jewish school in the Polish capital.

From Poland, Mrs Clinton travels to Slovakia, Italy and Island. dpa ms

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Mrs. Clinton meeting with leaders of Poland, Slovakia

WASHINGTON (AP) First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will meet with the presidents of Poland and Slovakia at the beginning of a trip that will also include stops in Italy and Iceland, her office said Monday.

New York politicians have traditionally considered Italy, Ireland and Israel valuable foreign stops, since those countries have large natural constituencies in New York City and elsewhere in the state. But the White House said Monday that Mrs. Clinton, the likely Democratic candidate for Senate in New York next year, is going abroad only as an ambassador of the Clinton administration.

``She'll be continuing her work as an ambassador of the United States,'' White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said. The trip focuses on ``democracy in Europe, and the many programs that she's worked so hard on,'' he said, including women's rights and economic empowerment.

Mrs. Clinton will meet separately Tuesday with Polish Prime Minister Jerzy Buzek and President Aleksander Kwasniewski in Warsaw.

She will also speak to students at a Warsaw school and to female workers at a textile factory.

Mrs. Clinton also meets separately with the president and prime minister of Slovakia during a visit to the capital, Bratislava, on Wednesday. She will attend a meeting of organizations that work alongside governments to promote democracy worldwide.

After a brief stop in Italy, she'll go to Iceland for this year's Vital Voices conference, focusing on women's participation in democracy worldwide.

At last year's gathering in Montevideo, Uruguay, Mrs. Clinton told 1,000 women from throughout the hemisphere that women can make democracy and prosperity spread more widely and deeply than ever.

Mrs. Clinton will return to Washington on Sunday.

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HEADLINE: Italy to spend more on culture, with World Bank aid

DATELINE: ROME, Oct 4

BODY:

Italy will provide more funds to develop its vast cultural heritage, in cooperation with the World Bank, Foreign Minister Lamberto Dini told an international conference that opened in Florence Monday.

Italy's decision "is an answer to a precise strategy and is to be seen as an example, a laboratory and an incentive for other countries," said Dini.

A closing speech by US First Lady Hillary Clinton on Thursday is to wind up the conference on the impact of culture on economic development.

It was organized by the Italian government, the World Bank and UNESCO.

Dini said Rome contributed about 2.5 million euros (2.7 million dollars) to a working group set up by the Washington-based World Bank to highlight influences between culture and economic development.

"The interdependence between culture and development is a fact," said Dini. "In today's world with its rapid changes, culture is at the center of (economic) growth and communication."

Dini also warned Europe not to repeat mistakes of the past.

"One of the evil spirits that haunted Europe was a tendency to mistake its own culture for world culture; if Europe wants to set an example for the modern world, it must respect others and open up to others," he said.

World Bank president James Wolfensohn, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) director general Federico Mayor and public figures from Italy and other countries are attending the four-day conference.

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HEADLINE: Conference on East European reforms opens in Warsaw

BYLINE: By Valery Rzhevsky

DATELINE: WARSAW, October 4

BODY:

An international conference opened here, which is devoted to the tenth anniversary of the reforms, started in Central And East European countries. It is attended by top-ranking officials from countries of the region. A Russian delegation is led by Alexander Yakovlev, special representative of the Russian president.

Speaking at the opening of the conference, Polish Prime Minister Jerzy Buzek said that the socio-economic reforms in Poland had become a success thanks to the creation of a democratic system, accompanied by a free market-based economic system and adjusted to changes in the international situation. He reminded that the developments of August 1980 had triggered transformations in Central Europe. It is at that time that the disintegration of the totalitarian system had begun, initiated by massive protest actions of the working people of Poland.

The conference is expected to be addressed on Monday by Bulgarian President Peter Stoyanov and Polish Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Leszek Balcerowicz. On Tuesday the conference, organised with the assistance of the U. S. International Development Agency, will be attended by Hillary Clinton, the wife of the U. S. president.

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Clinton's Puerto Rico Policy Bombs in More Ways Than One

By JOSE FUENTES

Many commentators have observed that in deciding to offer clemency to 16 convicted Puerto Rican terrorists, President Clinton did not adequately consider the perspectives of any of the victims of their organization, the FALN (a Spanish acronym for Armed Forces of National Liberation). But that's not all the president seems to have overlooked. He also failed to consider how his actions might harm relations between the people of Puerto Rico and their fellow American citizens in the 50 states.

The people of Puerto Rico have not been immune from the FALN's campaign of terror. In 1975 a bomb detonated in a restaurant in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, killing a six-year-old child and wounding several other diners. And a senior FBI official believes that the FALN may be responsible for more recent bombings in Puerto Rico as well as in Chicago.

Even more surprising to me was that the FALN terrorists received clemency as a group. A full exoneration of a criminal group—rather than just individuals—is, to my knowledge, unprecedented in modern American history. I fear that this may set a troubling new standard. Other terrorist organizations may view this clemency offer as a weakening of American resolve. What appeared to some as an act of mercy might have the unintended effect of actually increasing the danger to U.S. citizens.

Much of the recent discussion surrounding the clemency decision has focused on the suspicious timing in light of Hillary

Clinton's political aspirations, on Vice President Gore's conspicuous silence on the issue and on the unanimous counsel of senior law-enforcement officials against the release of the terrorists. Largely absent has been the voice of the Puerto Rican community.

I fear President Clinton may only have succeeded in igniting resentment and suspicion against the Puerto Rican people—by fueling the assumption that we all supported the clemency decision. Most of us did not. And we do not want to give our fellow Americans the mistaken impression that our sympathies lie with terrorism. Mr. Clinton needs to know that Puerto Rico stands with the U.S. against terrorism—and we emphatically reject any insinuation to the contrary.

Generations of goodwill between Puerto Ricans and Americans on the mainland may be seriously harmed unless there is a change of direction from the White House. While the decades since World War II have witnessed countless nations seeking self-determination, Puerto Rico stands as a notable exception. In repeated referendums over the years, Puerto Ricans have consistently rejected independence (an option favored by less than 3% of Puerto Ricans in the most recent vote, last year) and strongly favored maintaining our strong ties with the U.S. Although Puerto Ricans are divided almost equally between proponents of full statehood and advocates of maintaining our current status as a commonwealth, an overwhelming majority agrees in shunning independence.

And we do not take our relationship with

the U.S. for granted. Thousands of Puerto Ricans have served in the U.S. military this century, and many of them paid the ultimate price in defense of freedom. These solemn sacrifices have been described as the "blood tax" proudly incurred by Puerto Rico to protect and promote American ideals. Furthermore, in the century since

By pardoning FALN terrorists, President Clinton may have given the impression that most Puerto Ricans support terrorism and independence. We don't.

the U.S. took control of Puerto Rico, we have grown from abject poverty to robust prosperity and now have one of the very highest levels of per capita income in Latin America. In short, we consider the U.S. as a benevolent administrator rather than an overbearing parent.

Now Mr. Clinton is on the verge of unraveling these strong bonds on two fronts. Besides his untimely clemency decision, he continues to avoid taking action on another matter of deep concern to Puerto Ricans.

Puerto Rico's goodwill towards the U.S. received a jolt when a Navy jet's practice bomb inadvertently killed a civil-

ian on our island of Vieques in April. This was a tragedy waiting to happen. Our vibrant relationship with the U.S. has been strained in recent years by the Navy's continued insistence on practicing bombing missions in close proximity to American citizens living and working on this island—a practice that has no clear military rationale.

This recent accidental death gave Mr. Clinton an opportunity to reverse course and end these unnecessary bombing practices. Instead, he formed a commission to study a situation that has already been studied enough and now demands action.

Months after the fact, and weeks after its due date, the commission has yet to even issue its report. Now Mr. Clinton is in a difficult position. After the public relations pummeling he took on the clemency case, the last thing he wants to do is make any high-profile decision regarding Puerto Rico. It seems unlikely that the commission will take the right and proper step of recommending that the Navy cease its harmful training practices on Vieques. Many observers fear that Mr. Clinton will merely rubber-stamp the commission's report, and the Navy practice bombings will probably continue. If the Navy persists in using Vieques for target practice, an unprecedented outburst of civil disobedience could erupt from frustrated Puerto Ricans.

Many Puerto Ricans find themselves questioning their faith in President Clinton's political judgment following the unfortunate focus on the FALN and the current inaction toward Vieques. We wish to reassure Americans on the mainland of our consistent affection for—and loyalty to—the U.S. I only hope that the clemency of FALN terrorists does not cause the American people to lose faith in their fellow citizens on Puerto Rico.

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First Lady addresses NaFFAA

New York City — Hailing the sacrifices of Filipino veterans, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton told a convention of the National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA) last weekend that she supports "full benefits" for those who fought for the United States in World War II.

The administration has

promised to include \$5 million in the next budget to cover full health benefits for as many as 1,200 Filipino veterans with service-connected disabilities.

In a speech at NaFFAA's third annual convention held in New York City, Mrs. Clinton said, "There are many Filipino

Americans who have fought bravely alongside American soldiers for freedom and democracy, and I hope that



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First Lady, Hillary Clinton Rodham Clinton addressing the delegates of NaFFAA at the Hilton Hotel and Towers, New York city during its 3rd annual convention.

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our country pays them the tribute that they deserve.

She added, "I not only want to thank these veterans, but I want to mention it is important that they be given the full benefits that they earned by their service." She said the Clinton administration supports fully funding "100 percent health services to those service-connected disabled Filipino veterans who currently only receive 50 percent of what other vets do." Mrs. Clinton also expressed support for the efforts in Congress on behalf of the veterans by Reps. Bob Filner (D-Cal.) and Patsy Mink (D-Hawaii).

The gathering, dubbed the Third National Filipino American Empowerment Convention, was aimed at encouraging as many as 3 million Filipinos and Filipino Americans in the United States — by NaFFAA's estimate — to play a more active role in American cultural, economic and political life.

"Our theme, Filipino Americans Leading the Way to the New Millennium," affirms NaFFAA's vision of a community actively engaged in all aspects of American society," the association said.

"Mrs. Clinton's presence in the NaFFAA convention affirms that we are a political force in this country. We finally have gotten our act together," Loida Nicolas

Lewis said.

Mrs. Lewis, a prominent Filipino American businesswoman, heads NaFFAA's Eastern Region and hosted this year's convention. She is chairman and CEO of TLC Beatrice International Holdings, Inc., a multinational food company.

"Indeed, we are building the pillars of an infrastructure by which the lives of Filipino Americans will be truly empowered," said Alex Esclamado, the national chairman of NaFFAA. "Through NaFFAA today we are making certain that our present concerns are addressed and that the future of our children and the generations to follow becomes far better than ours is today."

Esclamado voiced special appreciation for the organizing role of Mrs. Lewis in preparing and hosting the convention and credited her for the appearance of the First Lady, Hillary Clinton.

Philippine Ambassador to the U.S. Ernesto M. Maceda saluted NaFFAA's leadership. He said that with NaFFAA leading the way, Filipino Americans and their organizations will become a powerful minority in this country.

In his speech, Maceda assured convention delegates that many more Filipino Americans would be running for public office, as well as for seats in civic

organizations such as Parent Teacher Associations, "because we have arrived."

"To be a good leader, you have to be a good follower," he said. "We should accept responsibilities. With NaFFAA's leadership, like Alex Esclamado, Loida Nicolas-Lewis and Jon Melegrito, Filipino Americans will be more visible and active in this country," Maceda added in his speech last Friday.

One of the keynote speakers at the convention was Sen. Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.), an 18-year veteran of the House of Representatives who was elected to the Senate last year. Schumer has been active in the passing of gun-control legislation and sponsored the Hate Crimes Prevention Act, which would allow federal authorities to prosecute such offenses.

Hate crimes have become an issue in the Filipino American community with the recent murder in California of Joseph Ito, a postal service worker, by a white-supremacist gunman. Ito, 39, was shot to death Aug. 10 after the gunman wounded five people, including three children, at a Jewish community center in Los Angeles.

In her speech, Mrs. Clinton extended condolences to the family of Ito. The murder "was not only a blow against him and his family," she said. "It was a blow against Filipino Americans and Americans who know one of our

pieces of unfinished business as we end this century and begin the next is to ensure we indeed are one America..."

NaFFAA's Executive Director Jon Melegrito said delegates appreciated the First Lady's speech and stood ready to support politicians who promote Filipino American interests like equity for Filipino veterans.

"NaFFAA is a national organization designed to promote the influence of Filipino Americans in the political and socioeconomic spheres of this country," Melegrito said. "Our goal is to involve everyone in the U.S. political process, to be active in both political parties and be engaged in promoting issues that will further enhance our participation in mainstream America."

Noting that she was the first White House inhabitant "who has visited the Filipino American community at one of your events," Mrs. Clinton extolled the service of Filipino Americans "at the highest level of government."

"We are very proud of the fact that we have more Filipino Americans serving as senior advisers to the president...and the government than have ever been there before," she said. She mentioned the White House physician, Dr. Connie Mariano, who she said is "the longest-serving White House physician, and in my opinion, hands down the best."

Mrs. Clinton, who turns 52

on October 26, is running for the U.S. Senate from New York. Referring to the recent rejection of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty by the Senate's Republican majority, she accused the Republicans of failing to pursue U.S. international leadership.

"That was a very sad day in the history of the United States Senate," she said. "The United States must continue to look outward. We have a stake in what goes on in the rest of the world. It is important that all of us raise our voices against this trend towards isolationism that I see among the Republicans in the Congress who would turn their backs and turn America's back on people who need our support and partnership."

Pat Ganio, a 79-year-old World War II veteran and president of the American Coalition for Filipino Veterans (ACFV), said, "Mrs. Clinton's speech gave life to the veterans seeking justice for the last 53 years." Ganio, who had the chance to talk to Mrs. Clinton after her speech, said that he begged Mrs. Clinton to ask the president to follow up a commitment on compensation benefits for Filipino American veterans.

Ganio said the First Lady assured him that she will tell the president "I know your problems," Mrs. Clinton confided to Ganio.

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Θα ήθελα ἐπὶ πλέον να ευχαριστήσω εκ βάθους καρδίας τους πολυτίμους αδελφούς μου αγίους Αρχιερείς, τον ευσεβὴ κλῆρον και τον πιστόν λαόν δια την θερματάτην υποδοχὴν που μου ἐπεφύλαξαν και την περίσσειαν αγάπης που μου ἐπεζωψίλευσαν. Επίσης θα ήθελα να εκφράσω εγκάρδιους ευχαριστίας και προς την Εκκλησίαν της Ελλάδος καθώς και προς την Ελληνικὴν Πολιτείαν δια την ὅλην θερμὴν συμπαράστασιν και δια την ἐδὼ παρουσίαν των δι' ἐκλεκτῶν ἀντιπροσώπων. Τέλος αι ευχαριστίας μου ἐπεκτείνονται και εις όλους τους ἐκλεκτούς εκπροσώπους της πολιτικῆς ηγεσίας των Ηνωμένων Πολιτειῶν της Αμερικής που με τιμούν με την παρουσίαν των, καθώς και όλους τους φίλους που συμμετέχουν εις την ιερὰν αὐτὴν τελετὴν, τους ἐπισήμους θρη-

σκευτικούς, πολιτικούς, κρατικούς, ακαδημαϊκούς και λοιπούς ηγέτας.

Με την ευκαιρίαν της σημερινῆς ἀναλήψεως των καθηκόντων μου, θα ήθελα με ὅλην μου την αγάπην και την τιμὴν που αισθάνομαι ἀπέναντί σας, να υπενθυμίσω ἐν συντομίᾳ ὡρισμένα βασικά θέματα, τα οποία ἔχουν σημασίαν δια την πορείαν μας εις τα ἔτη που ἀκολουθοῦν. Θα περιορισθῶ εις τρία τα οποία εἶναι ἰσως τα πλέον σημαντικά και αποτελοῦν θεμελιώδεις προτεραιότητας της ζωῆς της Εκκλησίας μας.

Η ΠΙΣΤΙΣ

Το πρῶτον εἶναι το θέμα καλλιέργειας και ἀναπτύξεως της Ορθόδοξου πίστεώς μας, την οποίαν ως κόρην οφθαλμοῦ διατηρεῖ ἀπαράρακτον το Οικουμενικόν Πατριαρχεῖόν μας. Εἰδὼ πρόκειται δια μίαν πίστιν με την οποίαν η Εκκλησία μας ζει και ἐργάζεται ἐπὶ εἰκόσιν ολοκλήρους αἰῶνας. Μίαν πίστιν ἣ οποία ἔδωκε εις τον κόσμον ἑκατομμύρια ἀληθινῶν χριστιανῶν,

ἑκατομμύρια αγίων και μαρτύρων. Μίαν πίστιν, την οποίαν υπερήρσαν μέχρι θανάτου, διεφύλαξαν και μας παρέδωκαν ἀκεραίαν και καθάραν οι μεγαλοφρεεῖς Πατέρες και οικουμενικοὶ διδασκαλοὶ της Εκκλησίας. Μίαν πίστιν, ἣ οποία ἐδημιούργησε μίαν θαυμαστήν παράδοσιν, εις την οποίαν με ἄκραν διάκρισιν και πλήρη ἐλεγχον ἐχρησιμοποιήθησαν και ἐνεσώματώθησαν στοιχεῖα και ἀπὸ την Ελληνικὴν πολιτιστικὴν κληρονομίαν.

Αὐτὴ ἡ Ορθόδοξος πίστις υπήρξε πάντοτε και εἶναι και σήμερα βασικὴ προτεραιότης μας. Δια τον λόγον αὐτόν και τα ἐρωτήματα τα οποία τίθενται ἐνώπιόν μας κατ' αὐτὴν την ιερὰν στιγμὴν εἶναι πολλά: Πόσον ἔντονα και βαθὰ ἔχομεν συνείδησιν αὐτῆς της Ορθόδοξου πίστεως; Πόσον ἔχομεν δεσμευθῆ ὡς άτομα και ὡς σύνολον εις το Ορθόδοξον χριστιανικόν πιστεύματός μας; Πόσον γνωρίζομεν την ουσίαν αὐτῆς της πίστεως ὡς δυνάμειος ἀλλὰ και ὡς γνώσεως; Ὡς δυνάμειος ζωῆς ικανῆς να ἀλλάξῃ τον ἄνθρωπον και τον κόσμον, ικανῆς να μετακινήσῃ ἄρη και να κἀνὴ τα ἀδύ-



κοινωνική συγκρότηση, την βιοτεχνολογία, την πληθυσμιακή έκρηξη, την σύγχυση των ιδεών και την συνεχή τεχνολογική επανάσταση. Η Ελληνική Ορθόδοξη εκκλησία μας εδώ εις τας Ηνωμένες Πολιτείας, ως Εκκλησία αγάπης και φιλανθρωπίας χωρίς όρια, ως Εκκλησία διακονούσα τον άνθρωπον, δύναται να παίξει σημαντικόν ρόλον εις την ιερωτάτην προσπάθειαν υποστηρίξεως του ανθρώπου και συμβολής εις την επίλυση των πνευματικών προβλημάτων τα οποία θα ορθωθούν ενώπιόν του εις τα χρόνια που έρχονται. Εδώ η απεριόριστη, σοφή και αστείρευτη αγάπη της Εκκλησίας γίνεται ισχυρότατον στοιχείον αντιμετώπισεως του μέλλοντος, ό,τι και αν επιφυλάσσει το μέλλον αυτό.

Οροψυχία

Επιτρέψατέ μου να επιστημάνω, και να κατακλείσω με αυτό, ένα τρίτον σπουδαιότατον θέμα, το οποίον εν συνδυασμώ προς τα δυο προηγούμενα πρέπει να αποτελέσει επίσης άμεσον προτεραιότητά μας. Πρόκειται δια το θέμα της ενότητος και ομοψυχίας του εκκλησιαστικού αλλά και του Ομογενειακού μας σώματος.

Ας ενθυμηθούμε τί εξήγησε ο Κύριος εις την περίφημον αρχιερατικήν προσευχήν προ του Πάθους Του από τον Πατέρα δια τους πιστούς: Τήρησον αυτούς εν τω νόματί σου ίνα ώσιν εν καθώς ημείς (Ιωαν. 17, 11). ... ίνα πάντες εν ώσιν, καθώς συ Πάτερ εν εμοί καγώ εν σοι ίνα και αυτοί εν ημίν εν ώσιν ίνα ο κόσμος πιστεύσῃ ότι συ με απέστειλας (Ιωαν. 17, 21). Και ο Απόστολος Παύλος, παρεκάλει εντόνως τους πιστούς να ζουν ανεχόμενοι αλλήλων εν αγάπη, σπουδάζοντες τηρείν την ενότητα του Πνεύματος εν τω συνδέσμω της ειρήνης. Διαιτί; Διότι είμεθα εν σώμα και εν Πνεύμα καθώς και εκλήθημεν εν μά ελπίδι της κλήσεως ημών. Εις Κύριος, μία πίστις, εν βάπτισμα. Εις Θεός και Πατήρ πάντων και δια πάντων και εν πάσιν ημίν (Προς Εφεσίους 4, 1-6).

Αυτήν ακριβώς την επιτακτικήν ανάγκην της ενότητος και της μεταξύ μας ειρήνης αισθανόμεθα χρέος να τονίσωμεν. Χωρίς φόβον και δειλία, καλούμεθα αδελφοί μου, να παραμερίσωμεν οιαδήποτε διαφοράν, παρεξήγησιν ή σύγκρουσιν που ενδέχεται να δημιουργούν αποστά-



Από αριστερά: Χ. Κλίντον, Κληρίδης, Νιώτης, Παντερμανλής, Κατσάρος και Αγγελόπουλος.

σεις μεταξύ μας. Αποστάσεις που κλονίζουν την ενότητα και φυγαδεύουν την ειρήνην του Θεού. Τίποτε δεν πρέπει να θέτει εις κίνδυνον το θεϊόν δώρον της ενότητος και αρμονίας της ομοψυχίας και της κοινοτικής μας ειρήνης.

Ως λαός και ως Εκκλησία έχομεν όλας τας προϋποθέσεις δια να οικοδομήσωμεν εις το μέγιστον δυνατόν μίαν ενότητα δυναμικήν και ακλόνητον, δια να είμεθα και να μένωμεν εν σώμα, εν πνεύμα, μία ψυχή, μία θέλησις. Εις την περίπτωσίν μας η συνέχισις της προσπάθειάς δια την ενότητα και την ειρήνην είναι το θαυμάσιον έργον εις το οποίον μας καλεί σήμερα ο Θεός. Μας καλεί εν όψει των μεγάλων στόχων που διανοίγονται ενώπιόν μας. Το μέλλον, το εγγύς και το απώτερον είναι ο μεγάλος προορισμός μας και το μέλλον οικοδομείται επί της ενότητός μας.

Μιας ενότητος και αρμονίας, η οποία πρέπει να καλλιεργηθή εις πολλά επίπεδα και διαφόρους μαρφάς εντός της Ιερής Αρχιεπισκοπής και της Ομογενείας γενικώτερον. Πρέπει να καλλιεργηθή ως ενότης και αμοιβαία κατανόησις και συνεργασία μεταξύ των γενεών, δηλαδή μεταξύ των νέων, των ωρίμων και των ηλικιωμένων. Πρέπει να καλλιεργηθή ως ενότης και αρμονική συνεργασία μεταξύ κλήρου και λαού. Πρέπει να καλλιεργηθεί ως ενότης μεταξύ των νεοφερμένων Ελλη-

νοαμερικανών μεταναστών και των Ελληνοαμερικανών της τρίτης ή και τετάρτης γενεάς. Πρέπει να καλλιεργηθή ως ενότης και δεσμός αδιάσπαστος και δημιουργικός μεταξύ του λαού της Ομογενείας και του λαού της Μητρός Ελλάδος.

Η πολυδιάστατος αυτή ενότης δεν εξαντλείται εις το πλήρωμα της Ιερής Αρχιεπισκοπής μας, αλλά σπινθίζεται και διασφαλίζεται οργανικά ως ενότης αδιάσπαστος και ζωγόνοσ με την Μητέρα Εκκλησίαν, το Οικουμενικόν μας Πατριαρχείον. Ως ενότης, η οποία δια του Οικουμενικού μας Πατριαρχείου επεκτείνεται και εις τον ευρύτερον κύκλον των εδω Ορθοδόξων Εκκλησιών δια να εναγκαλισθή τελικώς όλον τον κόσμον.

Όλοι μαζί, υπό την πνοήν και δύναμιν του Θεού, καλούμεθα σήμερα να συνεχίσωμεν την δημιουργικήν πορείαν μας. Να την συνεχίσωμεν εις τας φωτεινάς λεωφόρους εις τας οποίας μας οδηγεί η αγάπη και η σοφία του Θεού. Πρόκειται δια μίαν πορείαν δυναμικής πίστεως, απεριόριστου αγάπης και ακλόνητου ενότητος, η οποία εις κάθε βήμα θα μας κάνει να επαναλαμβάνωμεν τον εξαίσιον ύμνον της Αποκαλύψεως με τον οποίον αρχίσωμεν: Η ευλογία και η δόξα και η σοφία και η ευχαριστία και η τιμή και η δύναμις και η ισχύς τω Θεώ ημών εις τους αιώνας των αιώνων. Αμήν. (Αποκάλυψις Ιωάννου 7, 12).



The First Lady arriving at the Cathedral, welcomed by presvytera Nikki and Dean Fr. Stephanopoulos and Elias Kalukundis, president.

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Hillary Rodham Clinton addressing the huge gathering at the Waldorf.

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by Jim Golding



Ημερομηνία: 18 Σεπτεμβρίου 1990. Η φωτογραφία απεικονίζει την τελετή της ενθronιστικής εκδήλωσης του Αρχιεπισκόπου Δεμετρίου στην εκκλησία της Αγίας Τριάδας στην Νέα Υόρκη. Ο Αρχιεπίσκοπος Δεμετριος είναι ο κεντρικός πρόσωπος της εικόνας, καθισμένος στο κέντρο της ορχήστρας. Η φωτογραφία είναι η πρώτη σελίδα του άρθρου.



Η φωτογραφία απεικονίζει τον Αρχιεπίσκοπο Δεμετριο και την Πρώτη Κυρία Χίλλารี Κλίντον να ανταλλάσσουν ένα θερμό χαιρετίσμα κατά τη διάρκεια της τελετής.

NEW YORK - The Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria, including the balconies, seats about 1,200 persons.

The Sept. 18 enthronement luncheon for Archbishop Demetrios exceeded all expectations as an overflow crowd of some 1,650 persons packed the facility in one of the hotel's most heavily attended events ever.

It also overwhelmed the Archbishop, who commented during his remarks that the faithful's show of support and love was "not just a glass of water, but a flood to last a lifetime."

Numerous speakers offered His Eminence their greetings and congratulations, each closing with the words "axios!, axios!, axios!"

Among them was first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, who called Archbishop Demetrios' enthronement "a very significant occasion for our country." Mrs. Clinton noted that she had observed many at the cathedral who were deeply moved by the procession. "A wave of emotion swept from end of the cathedral to the other because you brought us a message of unshakable love, faith and unity," she said.

"It is not only a fitting message for the Greek Orthodox Church of America, it is a fitting message for our country and our world. The work that lies ahead of you and continues the work of your very distinguished predecessors, is work that is critical in defining who we are as Christians, who we are as Americans."

She continued, "I thank you for entering into it with a spirit of faith and love and unity and I know that, on behalf of the president and myself and so many others, we wish you and the Church you love and serve, well- but we also ask that in your mission of love and unity, that your words resound far beyond the Orthodox community - that they may be used to stretch out helping hands, especially to our young, so that all of us have that same sense of commitment to a hopeful future, to the next century of the coming millennium."

The first lady concluded, "It is an honor for me to have been here with you, to have met those who are supporting you in your work, to have heard your words and to be part of welcoming you to America."

Interrupting the program, His Eminence rose to thank Mrs. Clinton and "to convey the greetings of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew."

U.S. Sen. Paul Sarbanes of Maryland recalled His Eminence's arrival on Sept. 16 "to gusty winds and furious rain, but he made it through and, the next day, the sun shone, it was calm and peaceful, and everyone was looking forward to the new day."

The senator told His Eminence that "we're prepared to march with you in dynamic faith, and unlimited and unbreakable unity," and expressed hope that the Archbishop's ministry will serve as "the opportunity to stand with dignity and pride in the midst of pluralism and at the same time to further our Orthodox faith and our Greek heritage, to bring limitless love translated in the service to humanity and in the course to have a unified, dynamic and grateful Orthodox Church."

U.S. Sen. Charles Shumer of New York, welcoming His Eminence to the state, said: "It gives me profound sense of joy to look at the faces here, at the distin-

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of 'Eternal' Relationship



DAIS GUESTS with His Eminence hear the national anthem at the start of the entronement luncheon.

guished audience, thousands who are proud and pleased and so gratified that a leader as gifted and as spiritual and as strong and as kind as you, has arrived in New York to be enthroned as the new Archbishop of America and is seeking your inspiration today."

Archbishop Iakovos, as patriarchal representative, rose to the podium amid a standing ovation from the jubilant audience.

In a brief, but heartfelt message, the former head of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese said to Archbishop Demetrios that "with a heart full of gratitude to God and joy for His blessings to select and designate you, beloved Archbishop Demetrios, as the spiritual father and shepherd of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese in the United States, we greet your entronement as a beginning in the life of our Church in America."

He continued: "You have been enthroned in the first month of the new ecclesiastical year, the month when we in our Church are called to live, move and act in the spirit of God; more specifically as recalled by St. Luke: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he hath joined me to preach the Gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them what are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.'"

Metropolitan Demetrios of Sebastia, director of the Patriarchal office of His All

Holiness, began his comments with praise for Archbishop Iakovos "who shepherded the flock of Christ in this hemisphere for nearly four decades."

In his tribute to Archbishop Demetrios, the Metropolitan said that His Eminence, "besides being a distinguished ecclesiastical and academic figure, is more importantly a genuinely spiritual man...a man of cultivated soul, a person rich in the things of the spirit."

He continued: "The Church now calls upon him to undertake a very difficult work: to lead God's people in a materially wealthy, yet spiritually impoverished, period of history, to the attainment of joy, genuine joy, the joy that Christ gives, the joy of salvation. We of the Orthodox faith know that there can be no true joy without enduring the Cross, however much the men and women of today choose to ignore this truth, preferring instead to live as if they have already attained the Resurrection."

Master of ceremonies, CBS News anchorwoman Thalia Assuras, read messages of congratulations from President Clinton, Vice President Al Gore and U.S. Sen. Olympia J. Snowe of Maine.

Other speakers included Metropolitan Iakovos of Krinis, on behalf of the Holy Eparchial Synod (see full text on p. 6); Bishop George of New Jersey, John Catsimatidis, National Council of



First Lady HILLARY CLINTON speaks at the entronement luncheon for His Eminence.

Churches General Secretary the Rev. Dr. Joan Campbell, Greece's ambassador to the U.S. Alexander Philon, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore William Cardinal Keeler, Greece's Deputy Foreign Minister Gregorios Niotis, Metropolitan Maximos of Serres and Nigrita representing the Church of Greece, and President of Cyprus Glafkos Clerides.

In his closing comments at the luncheon, Archbishop Demetrios told the overflow crowd: "it is impossible to convey my immense gratitude. You have strengthened my heart and determination to serve the blessed and beloved people of the Archdiocese."

He continued: "We have been together for seven hours, but we're going to be together and work together far beyond these seven hours. We're going to be together from here to eternity."

"Reaffirming our commitment of the Church to Christ, together we are going to offer an appreciation of the past and its value to those who seem to have only a present, with no past or future."

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Clintons' Mortgage Deal Ends Fund-Raiser's Role

By JOHN F. HARRIS
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President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton announced yesterday they have obtained an adjustable-rate loan from PNC Mortgage Corp. of America for the suburban New York house they plan to live in after leaving the White House—without having the Democratic Party's top fund-raiser guarantee the loan.

Unlike the controversial earlier arrangement, the new financing, as described by White House officials, is a fairly conventional 30-year mortgage. The \$1.3 million loan has an interest rate of 7.5 percent for the first three years, followed by a floating rate tied to Treasury bills. The Clintons are putting 20 percent

down on the \$1.7 million Chappaqua house. They will go to closing on Nov. 1, allowing Hillary Clinton to become for the first time a resident of the state where she plans a 2000 Senate campaign.

When the Clintons bought the house, they received a loan through Bankers Trust, when Democratic fund-raiser Terence McAuliffe guaranteed it by putting an equivalent amount of cash as collateral in a Bankers Trust account.

Although the Clintons said the loan was approved by the Office of Government Ethics, it prompted criticism from people who said McAuliffe's help amounted to an improper gift.

PNC Mortgage is a subsidiary of PNC Bank Corp. (formerly Pittsburgh National Bank). Unlike Bank-

Clintons close deal for house

NEW YORK — President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton became New York homeowners yesterday with the closing of the real estate deal on their house in Chappaqua.

The closing on the \$1.7 million home was completed yesterday evening at the Manhattan law firm of Battle Fowler, said Dean Bender, a spokesman for the Westchester County real estate firm that handled the transaction. The Clintons were not present.

to a pet cause of his. Its site (www.pizzahut.com) links users to New York City's site (www.ci.nyc.ny.us), which features Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani's picture and opens the door to his home page.

The site says it is donating \$100,000 to the Administration for Children's Services, an agency Mr. Giuliani created to promote children's "safety."

Pizza Hut was linking directly to a news release touting the contribution, but after a call Friday from The Washington Times, it apparently severed the link.

Pizza Hut spokesman Jay Allison defended the link, saying it was solely intended to promote its "Big New Yorker Pizza."

The ad caused "a good, healthy increase" in sales and had no connection to Kenneth Langone, co-chairman of Mr. Giuliani's exploratory campaign's finance committee and a board member of Pizza Hut's parent company, Tricon Global Restaurants Inc., he said.

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Partisan pizza?

Pizza Hut, which recently denied its ad spoofing first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's Senate run was designed to help her opponent, is steering visitors to his Web site and has donated money

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NEW HOME: The Clintons closed on their \$1.7 million house in Chappaqua, N.Y., giving Hillary Rodham Clinton a New York residence for her likely Senate race.
► The race for the New York Senate seat continues to be tight. A New York Times/CBS Poll found New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani has 46% support to the first lady's 42%. Clinton led by 9 points in March.

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One Hillary Is Enough

Hillary Clinton has a new mortgage, thank heavens. The New York Senate race doesn't need another controversy about the Clinton family finances. Things are complicated enough right now, what with the debate about elephant dung in the arts and the ongoing investigation into exactly what Rudy Giuliani thinks about raising the minimum wage.

The Clintons defused the mortgage issue when they dropped the idea of having a rich friend guarantee their loan. Now they're going to pay 7.5 percent interest on a 30-year adjustable mortgage, just as you or I would, should you or I ever suddenly get a yen to own a \$1.7 million, 11-room, fully loaded Colonial in an upscale suburb. This is a pretty fancy pad for a Senate candidate. Perfectly reasonable for a retiring President and First Lady, but Mrs. Clinton is planning on occupying two roles throughout the year 2000.

Let's face it, that's one role too many.

New York has more experience than most places in what happens when a woman in politics fails to draw a clear line between her identity as a candidate and her relationship to a politically connected spouse. Geraldine Ferraro never seemed to grasp why it was a bad idea for her to run for the Senate while serving as an officer in her husband's real estate business. As a result, she wound up trying to explain away the \$340,000 a pornography publisher paid to lease space in one of the family buildings. (Memorably, Mrs. Ferraro said she and her husband had been pursuing a strategy of "raising the rent in order to get them out.")

Jeanine Pirro, recently the New York Republican Party's Woman Most Likely to Succeed, is trying to extricate herself from the problems

of her husband, Albert, who was indicted last spring for tax evasion, despite his attempt to avoid prosecution by secretly taping conversations with his accountant, who also happens to be his brother. Ms. Pirro has attempted to portray herself as no more sophisticated about family finances than Beaver Cleaver's mom, an effort that might be easier if she were not Westchester District Attorney.

We've learned at least one clear lesson from all this. If you're a candidate for elected office, you can't rely on a spouse's money or political muscle to propel your career, and then distance yourself when it suits you. ("I don't make the money. I'm in public service," said Ms. Pirro, who drove around in a Mercedes that her husband is now charged with deducting as a business expense.)

Hillary Clinton crossed that line when her husband's top fund-raiser agreed to guarantee the family mortgage. Now she's unraveled that conflict. But she still wants to be able to travel to Israel as First Lady, tell the Jewish voters of New York what she and the Prime Minister talked about, and then reserve the right to distance herself if the administration takes a position on the Mideast that's unpopular here. That's too many identities for the public to juggle, and it would take a White House far more coordinated than this one to keep things straight.

If Mrs. Clinton wants to run for the Senate, she should cut her First Lady duties to the minimum. The line isn't as hard to draw as it might seem. You stick to jobs with a low degree of public interest and high potential for boredom. Feel free to host dinners for visiting dignitaries, especially those from countries not widely represented in the New York electorate. Skip the trips abroad. Keep a low profile at Christmas-tree-lighting time.

It's surprising how often the nation has managed to get along without a First Lady. Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson made the Top Ten Presidents list as widowers. James Monroe presided over the Era of Good Feeling while his wife stayed in her room, sulking because she'd been forced to move to Washington. Nearly half of our chief executives have governed without the assistance of the kind of on-the-go helpmeet we've been primed to expect as part of the presidential package. Some of the absent First Ladies were ill, others kept to themselves out of shyness or depression. Americans saw very little of Ida McKinley, a rather gloomy invalid who was subject to fits. When Mrs. McKinley had a spell during White House dinners, her husband covered her head with a napkin. Chances are, the President's guests weren't all that disappointed when he arrived at the table alone.

The Clintons' challenge is a bit more upbeat: Downsize Hillary's Washington role to a cameo appearance, and find some furniture to put in all those rooms in Chappaqua. □

Downsizing
the First
Lady's job.

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PLANE TRUTH: When Bill and Hill move to this Chappaqua house, others may get their air traffic. *NY Post Daily Bulletin*

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Clintons switch to standard mortgage

Opt to turn down
 loan from friend

By Barbara J. Salfr
 THE WASHINGTON TIMES

President Clinton and Hillary
 Rodham Clinton have arranged a
 conventional loan for their \$1.7
 million home after backing away
 from a much-criticized deal with
 their chief fund-raiser.

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 House announced yesterday.

Spokesman Jim Kennedy said
 the Clintons will make a \$340,000
 down payment on the five-bed-
 room house. The loan will have an
 interest rate of 7.5 percent for the
 first three years. After that, it will
 be set at 2.75 percent over the one-
 year rate for Treasury bills.

He said the Clintons switched
 financing because "this particular
 mortgage product made the most
 sense for them." He would not
 comment on whether they also
 were swayed by ethics complaints.

While some critics applauded

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• Hillary underscores health care
 issue in New York speech. A4

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the move, others deemed it a politi-
 cal decision made in part to help
 Mrs. Clinton's all-but-official run
 for the Senate. Mr. McAuliffe, who
 engineered the strategy of reward-
 ing the 1996 campaign's big donors
 with White House sleepovers, is
 now chief fund-raiser for Mr. Clin-
 ton's presidential library and for
 Mrs. Clinton's Senate run.

"Clearly, they made a political
 calculation that this makes more
 sense," said Larry Makinson, di-
 rector of the Center for Responsive
 Politics. "Hillary Clinton is going
 for the Senate in New York is going
 to have enough trouble without
 having any kind of ethical ques-
 tions raised about the place she
 happens to be living."

When the Clintons announced
 last month they would take a \$1.35
 million cash-loan guarantee for
 their five-year balloon mortgage

from friend Terry McAuliffe, it
 drew criticism from watchdog
 groups and Republicans.

A conservative group chal-
 lenged the loan by filing a com-
 plaint with the Federal Election
 Commission, saying it constituted
 an illegal contribution to Mrs.
 Clinton's Senate campaign.

Fred Wertheimer, of the non-
 profit group Democracy 21 called
 it "a dangerous kind of act" that
 creates "an appearance problem"
 and a "potential conflict problem."

Mrs. Clinton's campaign spokes-
 man, Howard Wolfson, defended
 the loan arrangement, in which
 Mr. McAuliffe deposited \$1.3 mil-
 lion in cash in an account at New
 York-based Bankers Trust, as "per-
 fectly legal and appropriate."

Mr. Clinton defended it as "a le-
 gitimate business arrangement"
 and personally attacked an oppo-
 nent who filed a lawsuit challeng-
 ing its legality.

Larry Klayman, who filed the
 suit for Judicial Watch, said the

new mortgage arrangement "is as
 illegal as the first deal."

"Being \$5 million in debt, the
 Clintons can not qualify even un-
 der the criteria of PNC Mortgage
 Corporation," he said.

Natalie Scholberg, spokesman
 for the company, said no special
 deal was made for the Clintons.

The company's on-line mort-
 gage calculator shows that the
 Clintons could get a \$3.5 million
 30-year loan on the \$504,109 in-
 come they reported for 1998.

While the tool does not take
 debts into consideration, some say
 Mr. Clinton can reap millions
 easily as soon as he leaves office.

"When you are looking at selling
 a house to a president, you are not
 looking at what his income is to-
 day," Mr. Makinson said. "He is not
 going to have any income problems
 for the rest of his life."

PNC Mortgage is based in Illi-
 nois. It is a subsidiary of PNC Bank
 Corp., formerly Pittsburgh Na-
 tional Bank.

Clintons Get New Loan For House

Latest Deal Isn't Tied To Wealthy Friend

By DAVID STOUT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 — President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton have secured new financing on the house they are buying in Chappaqua, N.Y., the White House said today, enabling them to drop an earlier loan arrangement that had come under sharp criticism.

The new loan, for \$1.36 million, is in the form of a 30-year adjustable-rate mortgage with an annual interest rate of 7.3 percent for the first three years, said Jim Kennedy, a White House spokesman. After the first three years, the rate will be set at the one-year Treasury bill rate plus 2.75 percentage points, he said. The current Treasury bill rate is just under 5.5 percent.

Asked whether the Clintons obtained new financing so they could cancel a much-criticized arrangement they had with a prominent Democratic Party fund-raiser, Mr. Kennedy said: "I'm aware of that speculation. Once they had the initial contract, a number of different mortgage companies came forward with different options. This one made the most sense."

Mr. Kennedy said the loan is from PNC Mortgage, a subsidiary of the PNC Bank Corporation of Pittsburgh. The Clintons are to make a down payment of \$340,000, or 20 percent of the purchase price of \$1.7 million, and are to close on the deal on Nov. 1, Mr. Kennedy said.

He said the party fund-raiser, Terry McAuliffe, has no role in the loan from PNC Mortgage. When the Clintons decided to buy the white-shingled, five-bedroom Chappaqua house in September, Mr. McAuliffe agreed to guarantee a mortgage with \$1.35 million of his money as collateral. That mortgage was to have been with Bankers Trust Private Banking, a unit of Deutsche Bank, and its initial interest was calculated at just over 6.3 percent.

Mr. McAuliffe is a good friend of the Clintons and is raising millions of dollars for their legal defense fund and for a Presidential library to be built in Little Rock, Ark. The First Couple's eagerness to accept his help brought criticism from Republicans and public-interest groups who said the arrangement smacked of special treatment and might constitute an illegal gift.

The Clintons' move to Westchester County will clear the way for Mrs. Clinton to run for the Senate from New York State, as she seems likely to do. Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, who has been widely mentioned as her likely Republican opponent, had questioned the propriety of the arrangement with Mr. McAuliffe, signaling that the issue would be a hot one in a campaign against Mrs. Clinton.

Mr. Kennedy said that when the Clintons decided they wanted the house in Chappaqua, their situation was like that of other couples who fall in love with a house and know they must make a solid offer quickly or risk losing out. "They had a very short time to put together the financing," Mr. Kennedy said.

But in other ways, the Clintons' situation is hard to compare with those of other people their age. While they list slightly more than \$1 million in assets, they have about \$5 million in legal bills, a debt that might make it hard for other couples in their 50's to qualify for a mortgage.

On the other hand, former Presidents of the United States have been able to command lucrative speaking fees and big book advances. And both Clintons are lawyers.

Before Mr. McAuliffe offered his help, the Clintons sought financial aid from former Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin and two former White House chiefs of staff, Erskine B. Bowles and Thomas F. McLarty Jr., who declined to help, according to several people familiar with the couple's house-hunting.

Principal and interest payments on a 30-year mortgage at 7.5 percent are just over \$9,500 a month, exclusive of taxes and insurance. The taxes on the Chappaqua house are estimated at \$26,000 a year.

Mr. Kennedy said several lending institutions had offered their services to the Clintons after the flurry of publicity about the house in Westchester. The PNC Bank Corporation advertises itself as one of the biggest financial-services organizations in the country. It says that PNC Mortgage provided more than \$6 billion to more than 43,000 borrowers in 1997.

"Buying a home is one of the biggest financial decisions you'll ever make," PNC Mortgage tells prospective borrowers on its web site.

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Clinton Defends Friend's Role in House Purchase

President Clinton yesterday defended his reliance on a top Democratic Party fund-raiser to help him and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton buy a house in suburban New York as "a legitimate business arrangement." And he said he understands why other wealthy friends would have shied away from offering similar help, out of legitimate fear that they would be "dragged around" through political and legal controversy.

In a brief appearance before reporters, Clinton said he accepted help from friend Terence McAuliffe—who agreed to guarantee the Clintons' \$1.5 million mortgage by placing an equal amount of his own money in an account with Bankers Trust—only after receiving assurances from the Office of Government Ethics that the assistance "did not constitute a gift under federal law."

Aides have said the same thing previously, but yesterday was the first time Clinton has addressed the controversy. He also confirmed that he is considering getting out of the McAuliffe-backed loan in favor of a more conventional mortgage before the Nov. 1 closing.

Former White House chief of

staff Erskine B. Bowles had backed out of a plan to help with the house financing, and the New York Times recently reported that former treasury secretary Robert E. Rubin signaled through intermediaries that he did not want to help.

Asked about these people yesterday, Clinton declined to comment specifically, but then added, "I think some people didn't want to do it because they know they live in a . . . Larry Klayman political press world in which what's true is not as important as whether you can be dragged around, you have to spend a lot of money you don't have or you'd rather not spend for reasons that have nothing to do with anything that's real."

Judicial Watch, run by Clinton antagonist Larry Klayman, has sued the Clintons, McAuliffe and Bankers Trust over the loan, claiming it is an illegal gift.

"It seems that the president is a bit testy these days after 38 scandals and an impeachment proceeding," Klayman told the Associated Press. "Mr. Clinton's defensiveness and personal attack on me is because he knows that Judicial Watch will hold him accountable legally."

—John F. Harris

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Hillary files her statement of candidacy

'Not an official announcement,' yet

By Barbara J. Saffir
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

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Hillary Rodham Clinton became a full-fledged Senate candidate in the eyes of federal election laws yesterday.

She filed her statement of candidacy with the secretary of the Senate — a move that transforms her "testing-the-waters" campaign into one that can launch a media blitz like an announced candidate and raise money for both the primary and general elections.

Howard Wolfson, Mrs. Clinton's campaign spokesman, said filing the form is "another important step forward" in her so-called exploratory campaign but it "is not an official announcement" of her candidacy.

No timetable is set for her verbal declaration, he said, although she has planned a flurry of fund-

raising events over the next few weeks, including a "Broadway for Hillary" birthday party on Oct. 25.

Mrs. Clinton's paperwork filed with the Senate secretary is automatically relayed to the Federal Elections Commission.

Filing with the FEC "allows her to raise money up to \$2,000 per each individual," Mr. Wolfson said.

Experts say the murky arena of

campaign-finance law generally just permits "exploratory" campaigns to raise \$1,000 per individual for the primary election.

Mrs. Clinton signed the candidacy form herself Sunday before heading to Europe for a weeklong trip. Her campaign treasurer, William J. Cunningham III, signed her July 6 statement of organization, which was delivered to the FEC personally by campaign attorney

Lyn Utrecht in front of a gaggle of TV cameras.

This time around they mailed the statement to the secretary of the Senate, as candidates typically do. It will be forwarded to the FEC.

When officials there received it at 10:30 a.m. yesterday, Mrs. Clinton was in Italy. That sparked new cries of "carpetbagger" from her likely Republican opponent, New York City Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani. Mr. Giuliani and others have criticized the first lady for running in a state where she has never lived.

"This is symbolic of her campaign that she takes such a significant step while she is on foreign soil. Not only is she not in New York, where presumably she is running, she is not even in America," said Bruce Teitelbaum, Mr. Giuliani's campaign spokesman.

Mr. Giuliani filed his statement of candidacy in April, but he also has not set a timetable for his "official" declaration.

Until the candidates or their parties file nominating papers to get on the ballot in New York state — which is expected sometime next summer — they are not considered "legal candidates" by the Federal Communications Commission.

Once they file the papers for ballot placement, FCC regulations would then require TV and radio stations to provide equal access for the candidates, said Bobby Baker, the chief of the FCC's office of political programming.

This week, Mrs. Clinton launched her first e-mail attacks against Mr. Giuliani.

In two electronic news releases blasted across the country, Mr. Wolfson said that the first lady supports the "bipartisan Norwood-Dingell Patient's Bill of Rights [that] gives patients the full right to sue their HMOs in state courts."

In the past, Mrs. Clinton's campaign has used public e-mail solely to distribute her daily campaign schedules.

Mr. Teitelbaum said Mr. Giuliani will not take a stand on the issue until "Mrs. Clinton gets back in the United States."

Mrs. Clinton returns to the White House Sunday, following a trip to Poland, Slovakia, Italy and Iceland. She is heading to Iceland

today, where she will address a conference on women and democracy.

The latest poll shows the Senate race has tightened, with Mr. Giuliani and Mrs. Clinton now in a statistical dead heat.

A New York state poll by Marist College's Institute for Public Opinion, released yesterday found that 46 percent of voters surveyed favor Mr. Giuliani and 42 percent

prefer Mrs. Clinton — a difference within the poll's 4 percentage point margin of error.

The poll of 702 registered voters was conducted Sunday and Monday.

In last month's Marist poll, Mr. Giuliani was leading Mrs. Clinton 49 percent to 40 percent.

"It is going to be a long campaign and undoubtedly a very close race," Mr. Teitelbaum said.

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UPS won't ship guns on ground; air delivery OK

Action expected to raise costs for firearms industry

By Timothy Burn
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

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United Parcel Service Inc. has told the gun industry that it will no longer allow ground deliveries of handguns, a move the Atlanta-based company said is intended to help keep guns from getting into the wrong hands.

UPS will only provide Next Day Air delivery of handguns, a decision area gun dealers said leaves them scrambling to find other ways to get handguns to market and is certain to raise the cost of shipments throughout the industry.

The policy shift poses another hefty financial burden for the gun industry, which already faces mounting lawsuits by municipal governments and individuals over the cost of gun violence.

Many in the gun industry were skeptical of UPS'

motives, with some suggesting the move was political and others wondering whether the world's largest package delivery company is just looking for a way to make more money.

UPS said the decision was made to protect the company and help reduce crime.

"This issue is really about making sure that we do everything we can to protect the public," said UPS spokesman Tad Segal.

UPS said it has had problems in the past with some of its ground package handlers stealing parcels containing handguns. But Mr. Segal would not say how large the problem was.

Gun industry representatives said the policy change, which takes effect on Monday, is certain to raise the cost of handguns since UPS handles more than 75 percent of the gun-delivery business.

Currently, most companies take delivery of handguns through UPS' ground service, which can take up to five days. In that time, Mr. Segal said, a parcel of guns can be handled by several UPS employees, increasing the risk of theft.

UPS' next-air service, gets packages to their intended location much faster and with fewer people involved. But overnight shipments can cost up to \$25 more per gun, according to industry estimates.

UPS will continue to accept ground shipments of long guns, shotguns and rifles, which are harder to conceal.

Some in the industry question UPS' motives for making the change, and area gun dealers said they will have to pass the increased cost on to customers.

"Any way you look at it this is going to result in a dramatic increase in the cost of getting the product to market," said Steve Schneider owner of Atlantic Guns in Silver Spring.

"UPS is penalizing our industry for their inability to maintain security at their facilities. Absolutely, we will have to look elsewhere for a shipper."

Gun companies may have trouble finding a new shipper to their liking.

The U.S. Postal Service only allows ground shipments by law enforcement agencies or between licensed gun distributors and dealers. It does not allow individuals to send guns back to manufacturers through the postal service for repairs, a large part of the gun delivery business.

Another UPS rival, FedEx, a unit of Memphis, Tenn.-based FDX Corp., already requires that handguns be shipped through its fastest, and more expensive, priority overnight service.

One major shipper, RPS, a Pittsburgh-based FDX subsidiary, allows ground shipments of handguns and is already fielding calls from gun companies seeking new delivery contracts.

RPS spokesman Betsy Momich said handguns are a small portion of the company's business. But she said RPS will evaluate its policy and consider tightening restrictions if it gets a flood of new business from the UPS decision.

Smith & Wesson, a Springfield, Mass.-based gun maker, has shipping contracts with several companies including UPS. It plans to assess the impact of UPS' decision before deciding whether to shift its business to other companies.

Like many in the industry, one Smith & Wesson representative was skeptical of UPS' motives for changing its policy.

"I think this is a business decision. When they ship guns on the ground they have to get a signature from an adult. That's not the case with most other packages, and I think they just want to get paid for the extra work," said Smith & Wesson spokesman Ken Jorgenson.

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*Suits Allowed in Insurance Denials
— G.O.P. Leadership Defied*

By ROBERT PEAR

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HINDU-FIRST PARTY WINS SOLID VICTORY IN INDIA'S ELECTION

MORE DURABLE RULE SEEN

Wide Centrist Coalition Led by
Group Has Clear Majority
of Seats in Parliament

By CELIA W. DUGGER

NEW DELHI, Oct. 7 — The verdict of some 300 million Indian voters was announced today: The Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party, once seen as the ugly, anti-Muslim face of Hindu revivalism, won a clear victory as the leader of a centrist coalition of 21 parties that appears likely to offer India its most durable government in several years.

And the Congress Party, the once dominant, now faded political force that had desperately hoped to make a comeback under Sonia Gandhi, torchbearer of the Nehru-Gandhi dynasty, was handed the most humiliating defeat it has ever suffered since India gained its independence from Britain in 1947.

The Bharatiya Janata Party did not actually increase the number of seats it holds in Parliament, but it made several smart new alliances with rising state-level parties that produced the coalition's larger majority. By late tonight, the party and its allies had won 261 seats, well past the bare majority needed among the lower house of Parliament's 543 elected seats. And they were expected to pick up a couple more by the time counting is done on Friday.

In exchange for its allies' support, the Bharatiya Janata Party has promised that it will not pursue the agenda that has enraged the hordes of Muslims and separatists alike. That agenda included building a Hindu temple on the site of a 19th-century mosque in Ayodhya that Hindu militants tore down with sledgehammers and explosives in 1992.

The previous incarnation of the Hindu nationalist-led coalition had lasted for 13 months until April, when a temperamental former movie star, Jayalalitha Jayaram, ranked the 18 votes of her regional party out from under it and caused the Government to fall.

This time, the alliance, which is expected to form a new government next week, will have enough votes to survive even if a couple of its more cautious partners pull out.

This extra measure of breathing

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Tributes and Visits

Last night, for the first time in more than 50 years, a President appeared publicly with the much-investigated trusters' union, as President Clinton attend-

ed a tribute in New York for its president, James P. Hoffa. Mr. Clinton also appeared before a gay rights group, the Empire State Pride Agenda. Page A24.

BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

YANKEES 3 TEXAS 1
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STILL ONE-SIDED The Yankees dominated their first series against the Texas Rangers in the American League playoffs.

CLEVELAND 11 BOSTON 1
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BAO TO WORSE One day after their ace pitcher, Pedro Martinez, was injured, the Red Sox were clobbered in Game 2.

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Sweden, the Welfare State, Basks in a New Prosperity

By EDMUND L. ANDREWS

STOCKHOLM — At a time when world leaders are fascinated by the United States' economic success and its credo of less government and low taxes, Sweden seems to be defying gravity.

This is still, after all, a country where government consumes nearly 60 percent of the national income, far above the 32 percent share in the United States. Taxes and wages are among the highest in the world. Draining a sluggish worker is, in nearly all cases, legally impossible.

And the Swedes are proud of it. When Prime Minister Goran Persson introduced his budget plans in mid-September, he promised that "Sweden will consolidate its position as a leading welfare nation." He even pledged to create another entitlement: the right of every person who turns 65 to retain a personal assistant.

Yet this largely unrecruited welfare state is one of Europe's most vibrant economies. And after nearly three decades of sluggishness in which the output per person slumped from the third-highest in the world to 16th, just behind Italy, the Swedish economy is in the midst of a powerful transformation.

Sweden's recent boom is in part a cyclical recovery from back-to-back recessions. But it also reflects a wider pattern in Europe and a particularly nuanced reaction to the robust United States economy of the 90's. For even as

Sweden, like many countries in Western Europe, is continuing to preserve traditional European social programs, it has also been embracing entrepreneurship and unrestricted competition.

While the Government continues to finance health care, education and many social services, Sweden has deregulated industries from telecommunications to airlines and banking.

As a result, its companies and high technology have flourished. Indeed, much of the growth here is coming from businesses that did not exist 10 years ago. Information technology and service companies have eclipsed traditional manufacturers as the main source of new jobs.

"It is mostly a cyclical upswing, but it is more than that," said Anne Wille, chief economist of the Swedish Federation of Industry. "It is also a breakthrough of the private service sector — the new networked economy."

Growth for 1999 is now projected at 3.8 percent, far faster than Europe as a whole and close to the recent growth rate in the United States. Foreign corporations from Ford to Microsoft are pumping billions of dollars into the country. The Government, which five years ago carried a deficit equivalent to 11 percent of the gross domestic product, now has

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Bush Challenges the Orthodoxy But Is Still a Devout Conservative

By RICHARD W. STEVENSON and FRANK BRUNI

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7 — For as long as George W. Bush of Texas has been describing himself as a "conservative conservative," Republicans and Democrats alike have wondered whether the phrase was a call for a flexible new ideology or an effort to put a friendly face on an essentially unchanged philosophy.

Mr. Bush's public statements, including his denunciations of his party's focus on wealth, suggest a willingness to use his commanding position in the Republican Presidential race to challenge some of the party's assumptions about what it stands for.

But as he starts to take positions, particularly on prominent issues like taxes and economic policy, Mr. Bush is by no means abandoning the basic conservative principles that have defined the party at least since the Reagan Administration.

Mr. Bush is clearly trying a delicate balancing act, seeking to retain the faith of the Republican Party's conservative base even as he courts the moderate voters he would need to win the general election. And beyond political positioning, Mr. Bush's lack of specificity may also reflect the

early stage of the campaign when candidates are still formulating policy positions, as well as some debate within his campaign about how far he should tilt in either direction.

"It's still a work in progress," said William A. Nozick, an economic adviser in the Reagan Administration who is now chief man of the Cato Institute, a conservative research organization in Washington.

On the campaign trail and in meetings with his policy advisers, Mr. Bush emphasizes a traditional conservative belief in the power of free markets and is as enthusiastic as any Reagan-era supply-sider in calling for tax cuts.

His economic advisers, many of whom served in the Reagan and Bush Administrations, are drawn from centers of orthodox conservative thought like the Hoover Institution at Stanford University and the American Enterprise Institute, a research organization in Washington.

The advisers' basic thrust remains reducing marginal tax rates, a step that cuts tax bills proportionally more for the wealthy, who pay the

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Fen-Phen Maker to Pay Billions In Settlement of Diet-Injury Cases

By DAVID J. MORROW

The American Home Products Corporation agreed yesterday to pay \$1.75 billion in total to thousands of people who contend they were injured by taking the popular diet pill combination fen-phen.

Under the settlement — one of the largest ever in a product liability case — people who used one of the diet drugs for 60 days or less would be eligible for \$30 to \$60 prescription refunds, while those who have a heart valve injury could receive as much as \$1.5 million.

While executives and industry analysts hailed the agreement — which came after months of negotiations and whose terms were widely expected — as a way for the company to put an embarrassing problem behind it, yesterday's agreement does not shield American Home Products from all fen-phen liabilities.

Some six million people took the diet drugs Pondimin, American Home Products' brand name for fenfluramine, the "fen" in fen-phen, and Redux, a similar drug.

The drugs were hailed earlier in the decade as miracle pills for obesity, as an alternative to pure diet and exercise. Diet centers actively promoted the pills to the obese and even to people who wanted to lose a few pounds. In 1996, doctors wrote 18 million prescriptions for the two drugs.

But in September 1997, the company removed the drugs from the market at the request of the Food and Drug Administration after studies linked them to heart valve damage. Pondimin and Redux depressed appetite, while the other drug in the combination, phentermine, increased the rate at which calories were burned. Doctors at the Mayo Clinic reported heart valve defects in the summer of 1996.

Since the drugs were pulled off the market, some 6,500 lawsuits encompassing 11,000 people have been filed.

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Across the U.S., Universities Are Fueling High-Tech Booms

By CAREY GOLDBERG

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Oct. 7 — Behind Kendall Square, 50-odd former factories along a narrow waterway of the city have been transformed into a high-tech hub.

Behold it from, say, the muddy lot where Biogen Inc. broke ground this week on a new six-story laboratory. Within view lie the butterscotch-colored Genzyme building, the construction site of the coming Amgen building and a new complex housing smaller companies with typically futuristic names like Mitotix and Dyax and Variagenics, all new in the last few years, most connected in some way to two neighbors: the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard.

"Biotech as far as the eye can see," Janice Bourque, executive director of the industry's Massachusetts Biotechnology Council, proclaimed with a bit of broad-brush artistic license.

The much-trumpeted "knowledge" (or information, or innovation) economy has its own geography, and it consists of much more than Silicon Valley. Across America, high technology is creating localized booms like the one in Kendall Square, which is home to companies not only in the biotech sector but also in software and related fields.



The groundbreaking for yet another biotech center in Cambridge, Mass.

And if there is one never-absent factor at work on these silicon corners, experts say, it is the proximity of a research university slugging from ivory tower to revving economic engine. Indeed, the university is an increasingly powerful force in the

author of two books on high-tech locales and associate vice president of Boston University, which is building a major biotechnology center of its own in Boston's South End.

A gunpowder keg in more ways than one, as universities and their communities, from Washington State to Georgia, strive for economic horsepower, a host of fresh questions are being raised about what a university is doing should be, and what happens if the pursuit of money competes with the pursuit of knowledge. Other concerns arise as well, from congestion around the campus to the high potential that high-tech booms like Boston's first one, on Route 128 a quarter-century ago, can always fizzle.

But to many, such concerns pale beside the possible benefits shown in research like the comparative study issued this summer by the independent Milken Institute, in Santa Monica, Calif.

That study found that the fast-growing high-tech sector was increasingly "determining which metropolitan areas are succeeding or failing." In Milken's analysis, high-tech activity could explain 65 percent of the difference in economic growth among various metropolitan regions.

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patients access to emergency care and medical specialists, would let them appeal coverage decisions to an independent board and would prohibit H.M.O.'s from retaliating against doctors who fight for the needs of their patients.

The bill would also make it easier for patients to sue health plans in state courts.

"Since 1974," Representative Norwood said, "managed-care insurance plans have enjoyed a near-total immunity from any legal accountability for injuring and killing the citizens of this country for monetary gain. No thinking, feeling American can agree to let that stand."

Another Republican who voted for the Norwood-Dingell bill, Representative Merrill Cook of Utah, said: "If Americans have the right to sue for a damaged fence or an unsafe toy, they should have the right to sue if their life or health has been endangered. Doctors already face liability, but often their decisions are forced upon them by an insurance plan. It's only fair that insurance plans be held to the same accountability."

However, Mr. Hastert said, "Under the Norwood-Dingell legislation, trial lawyers will be given unprecedented rights to sue at any time for any reason."

Representative Thomas J. Bliley Jr., Republican of Virginia, said, "Patients need care, not courts." The same lawyers who sued tobacco companies and gun manufacturers are planning to file lawsuits against H.M.O.'s and employers who provide health benefits to their employees, Mr. Bliley said.

The House bill defining patients'

rights was bundled with a bill, passed on Wednesday, to create tax breaks to help individuals and small businesses buy health insurance. Republicans support the tax breaks, which could cost more than \$40 billion over 10 years, but the President and other Democrats said the benefits would go mainly to a small number of healthy, affluent people.

Conservative Democrats expressed concern about these costs. But Mr. Clinton relieved some of the concern when he said he would not sign any legislation "unless its costs are fully offset by the conference committee."

Today's vote was a rare triumph of bipartisanship in a House chamber that has been torn by partisan strife for more than four years.

Mr. Norwood, a dentist, has spent that same period fighting the leadership of his party and a well-financed coalition of insurance companies and businesses of all sizes to gain support for his bill. In a House where the outcome of most votes is clear before they are taken, today was unusual in that no one could confidently predict the outcome.

When Dr. Norwood's victory arrived, it came in a rush, with nearly one-third of his fellow Republicans supporting the bill. Lawmakers piled up "yes" votes so quickly that a majority was reached in the first five minutes of the 15-minute voting period. Cheers went up as the tally in favor of the bill passed 218.

Nine of the 12 House Republicans from New York, all 6 Republicans from New Jersey and 1 of the 2 Republicans from Connecticut, Christopher Shays, voted for the bill, as did 206 Democrats and 1 independent. Two Democrats, Collin C. Peterson of Minnesota and Virgil H.

Goode Jr. of Virginia, joined 149 Republicans in opposing the measure.

The Norwood-Dingell bill was supported by many consumer advocates and labor unions. But doctors and nurses made the difference. The American Medical Association lobbied hard for the bill. And Representative Greg Ganske, Republican of Iowa, a surgeon, was a tireless champion of the legislation.

Doctors have rebelled against the constraints of managed care because they feel that H.M.O.'s have

Lawmakers rebuff Republican leaders on managed care.

compromised their decision-making and their professional autonomy.

Earlier in the day, by a vote of 238 to 193, the House rejected a bill offered as an alternative by the Republican leaders. Twenty-nine Republicans joined almost all the Democrats in opposing the bill, written by Representatives Tom Coburn of Oklahoma and John Shadegg of Arizona, both Republicans. The Coburn-Shadegg bill would have provided patients with a limited right to sue H.M.O.'s in Federal court.

The measure that the House did pass today would pierce the shield of immunity provided to many H.M.O.'s by a 1974 law, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

Under this statute, courts have repeatedly rejected lawsuits that relate directly to the administration of claims under an employee-benefit

plan. But in the last two years, judges have become more receptive to lawsuits seeking damages from H.M.O.'s on the theory that the quality of care was inadequate.

Almost every provision of the House bill, including the right to sue, has been enacted in some form by one or more states.

The House and Senate bills address similar issues. But doctors and consumer groups prefer the House version because it applies to more people and sets more stringent standards.

Both bills say that if an H.M.O. denies a claim for benefits, the patient could have the decision reviewed by an independent panel of medical experts.

Under the House bill, if a health insurance plan tries to control the costs of prescription drugs by establishing a list of recommended medications, it must allow patients to get other drugs that are medically necessary. The Senate bill has a narrower provision.

The House bill also stipulates that H.M.O.'s must pay the routine costs of care for patients who enroll in certain clinical trials testing drugs. The comparable Senate provision applies only to clinical trials of anticancer drugs.

Both bills would prevent health plans from interfering with a doctor's ability to discuss all treatment options with patients.

Under the House bill, consumers in a group health plan could, for an additional premium, buy coverage allowing them to use doctors outside the network of physicians established by their health plan. The Senate bill has a similar requirement, but many employers would be exempt.

HINDU-FIRST PARTY WINS SOLID VICTORY IN INDIA'S ELECTION

MORE DURABLE RULE SEEN

Wide Centrist Coalition Led by
Group Has Clear Majority
of Seats in Parliament

By CELIA W. DUGGER

NEW DELHI, Oct. 7 — The verdict of some 360 million Indian voters was announced today: The Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party, once seen as the ugly, anti-Muslim face of Hindu revivalism, won a clear victory as the leader of a centrist coalition of 24 parties that appears likely to offer India its most durable government in several years.

And the Congress Party, the once dominant, now faded political force that had desperately hoped to make a comeback under Sonia Gandhi, torchbearer of the Nehru-Gandhi dynasty, was handed the most humiliating defeat it has ever suffered since India gained its independence from Britain in 1947.

The Bharatiya Janata Party did not actually increase the number of seats it holds in Parliament, but it made several smart new alliances with rising state-level parties that produced the coalition's larger majority. By late tonight, the party and its allies had won 294 seats, well past the bare majority needed among the lower house of Parliament's 543 elected seats. And they were expected to pick up a couple more by the time counting is done on Friday.

In exchange for its allies' support, the Bharatiya Janata Party has promised that it will not pursue the agenda that has raised the hackles of Muslims and secularists alike. That agenda included building a Hindu temple on the site of a 16th-century mosque in Ayodhya that Hindu militants tore down with sledge hammers and crowbars in 1992.

The previous incarnation of the Hindu nationalist-led coalition had tottered along for 13 months until April, when a temperamental former movie star, Jayalalitha Jayaram, yanked the 18 votes of her regional party out from under it and caused the Government to fall.

This time, the alliance, which is expected to form a new government next week, will have enough votes to survive even if a couple of its more quixotic partners pull out.

This extra measure of breathing

room — while not large — may give Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee, a grandfatherly-looking moderate in the Hindu nationalist party, the strength to tackle some of the stickiest issues that face this nation of 1 billion people.

Mr. Vajpayee, 72, has said he will try to bring India and Pakistan, neighboring nuclear powers now almost completely estranged, back to the bargaining table, as well as to improve the performance of the economy in India, where 300 million people live in abject poverty.

Mr. Vajpayee himself is a complex, ambiguous figure. He has professed great admiration for India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, who was the Congress Party leader and a confirmed secularist. And he has described the destruction of the mosque in Ayodhya — an act for which many blamed other leaders of his party — as a blunder.

But for more than three decades Mr. Vajpayee has also been a stalwart of the Hindu nationalist party, and his kindly face and mild temperament have made acceptable the rise of a party that, in religiously diverse India, has pursued the idea that Hinduism should define the national ethos.

It was also Prime Minister Vajpayee who decided last year that India should break an almost 25-year-old moratorium and conduct underground nuclear tests, a move that inspired Pakistan to respond in kind. This year he went on a peace-making trip to Pakistan, then acted forcefully to battle Pakistan-supported forces that occupied Indian territory in the disputed state of Jammu and Kashmir.

Mr. Vajpayee himself made no public remarks today. And the Congress Party's president, Mrs. Gandhi, never stepped outside her fortress-like compound. Instead, the spin cycle of Indian politics played out in marathon sessions on state television and the private Star TV network, as officials from the alphabet soup of political parties gabbed endlessly.

Congress Party leaders, some of whom had been claiming even on Wednesday that theirs would be the single largest party in Parliament, worked hard to put the best face on their loss. They pointed out that the party had won at least eight seats in India's largest state, Uttar Pradesh, where they had been completely wiped out in the last election, and had won decisively in the states of Karnataka and Punjab.

But nothing could disguise the Con-

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Analysis

Whose Majority Is It, Anyway?

Health Care Vote Shows House Democrats Are in Driver's Seat

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Yesterday's stunning House rejection of the Republican leadership's health care proposals provides the strongest evidence yet that the GOP has ceded the legislative agenda to the minority for now, yielding time and again to initiatives pushed by a combination of Democrats and rebellious, moderate Republicans.

Legislation that has dominated the House in recent months—gun control, campaign finance reform, managed-care revisions and a looming increase in the minimum wage—are traditionally Democratic issues. Meanwhile, the issue most strongly associated with Republicans—sharply cutting taxes—quickly faded when President Clinton vetoed the GOP-backed \$792 billion tax reduction package last month.

Even Republican presidential front-runner George W. Bush has shown little deference to his party's House leaders. He recently denounced their plan to delay tax credit payments to the working poor and depicted them as too negative and anti-government.

All this has rattled rank-and-file House Republicans,

leaving some to concede that Democrats are virtually calling the shots and doing a better job of reading public sentiment.

"Could one argue the Democrats are driving the agenda in the House? Yes, but that could mean the Democrats have some ideas people back home seem to like," Rep. Mark Sanford (R-S.C.) said yesterday. He said yesterday's action proved that House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert (R-Ill.) is willing to hold votes on important issues even when he is unsure of victory.

Democrats can scarcely mask their pleasure with the woes of a House hierarchy that spearheaded Clinton's impeachment last December.

"The bills we're trying to pass are ones that are widely accepted and very popular with the American people," said House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt (D-Mo.) yesterday. "We are happy to finally get something done."

With only a five-seat House majority, it is hardly surprising that Republican leaders have struggled to

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win passage of contentious bills. But the GOP leadership has compounded its problems by taking a reactive approach on some issues: Many of the Republicans closely involved in the health care debate complained privately, for instance, that Hastert waited too long to throw his support behind what they considered to be a more palatable form of HMO regulation.

"I think they probably wished they would have gotten involved a lot sooner," Rep. Ray LaHood (R-Ill.) said of the leadership.

More fundamentally, some analysts said, Republicans have stood by as Clinton and mainstream Democrats responded to a growing public appetite for HMO reforms, modest (if any) tax cuts and tighter restrictions on gun sales.

"Ultimately what is shaping this confrontation is the perception, even among the less ideologically extreme Republicans, that in fact the president has occupied the most favorable ground on the major issues that are up," said Thomas Mann, a congressional authority at the Brookings Institution.

As Clinton has pushed the Democratic Party toward the political center, Mann said, congressional Republicans were left with few high-profile issues except tax cuts. And this year, with the economy booming and unemployment at record lows, few voters are putting tax cuts atop their wish lists.

"The move to the center really came on issues of welfare and crime and balanced budgets," Mann added. Then, as the public grew increasingly unhappy with managed-care companies, he said, House Republicans were slow to react. "We've long known there was a strong majority for the Dingell approach to patients' rights," he said, referring to the Democratic-sponsored plan that House GOP leaders unsuccessfully tried to stop.

Frank Luntz, a Republican pollster with close ties to former speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.), said he was stunned by how many GOP House members voted for the Clinton-backed HMO measure yesterday. "That says to me a lot of Republicans are trying to save themselves rather than save the party," Luntz said, "and that does not bode well for party unity next year."

Republican leaders say they are

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not being given enough credit for their successes this year. House Republican Conference Chairman J.C. Watts (Okla.) said in an interview that issues such as campaign finance reform and health care aside, the leadership had already racked up legislative victories on tax cuts and military and education spending matters.

"If one is comparing Democrats to Republicans, we're still ahead on the scoreboard, probably 20 to 3,"

Watts said. "Our big battle is to protect Social Security. I think we're still in very good shape."

To some extent, the leadership's decision to hold votes this fall on campaign finance reform, managed care and the minimum wage represents a calculated strategy to dispose of these issues by year's end, so they will not be caught up in election-year politics.

"When the speaker took over, he said that he would entertain legislation from both sides of the aisle and would do so in a fair way, and

he's kept his word," said Hastert spokesman John Feehery.

Just yesterday, for example, Rep. Rick Lazio (R-N.Y.) announced that a group of moderate Republicans and conservative Democrats had agreed on a plan to combine tax breaks with an increase in the minimum wage, and would introduce a bipartisan bill next week. The measure would boost the current \$5.15-per-hour standard by a dollar over three years, according to informed sources. Lazio said it includes \$35

billion in tax cuts, which amounts to a 2 to 1 ratio between tax relief and the cost of the increase to private employers.

It remains unclear whether Democrats and liberal Republicans will accept the Lazio proposal. Rep. Jack Quinn (R-N.Y.), the leading GOP advocate for a wage increase, said the plan "seems pretty cluttered to me."

But the announcement signaled that the House is likely to take up the thorny political issue before it adjourns for the year.

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Clinton Readies Forest Protection Initiative

Directive Would Shield 40 Million Acres

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The Clinton administration, determined to establish a significant conservation legacy, will announce next week an initiative to protect as much as 40 million acres of national forest land from commercial development.

The move will take the form of a directive from President Clinton to the U.S. Forest Service to prepare an environmental analysis of how to best conserve the agency's inventory of "roadless" or undeveloped areas in scores of national forests across 35 states, according to sources inside and outside the administration. Much of the acreage is in the West, concentrated in the Rocky Mountain states and California.

The scale of the proposal would make it one of the most significant land preservation undertakings in U.S. history, extending protection to an area equal in size to Virginia and West Virginia combined.

By comparison, the nation's total inventory of congressionally designated wilderness parcels set aside over the past 35 years since passage of the Wilderness Act is a

little more than 100 million acres. The entire national forest system comprises 192 million acres.

"If done right, this would be a legacy to rival Teddy Roosevelt's," said Nathaniel Lawrence, a senior attorney with the Natural Resources Defense Council.

"This could be truly historic," agreed Ken Rait, director of an environmental consortium known as the Heritage Forests Campaign. "America's open spaces and wild places are shrinking day by day and this would be an incredible and historic move to save these places for future generations."

Forest protection advocates believe preservation can be accomplished administratively without congressional approval, just as the Clinton administration devised an overall resource protection plan for national forests in the Pacific Northwest to protect endangered species.

"They are doing through a regulatory process what they can't do legislatively," said Michael Klein, a spokesman for the American Forest and Paper Association. "They don't have the votes, so they are

doing an end-run around Congress to jam this elitist policy down the throats of the American people." The administration plan would involve preparation of an environmental impact statement with different land management options, selection of a "preferred alternative" and then issuance of a final record of decision. The result would be subject to legal challenge, and could be overturned by Congress.

"If the Clinton administration is seeking a legacy with this announcement, it will be a legacy on the cheap because they haven't done the heavy lifting to find a balance between competing views on resource management," said Sen. Frank H. Murkowski (R-Alaska).

It is not clear what specific activities would be permitted on the lands in question. But it is likely the administration will aim to give the Forest Service's roadless areas significant protection as wild lands. That designation would not prohibit as many kinds of activities as would designating the forests wilderness areas in which logging, mining, construction of structures and all motorized equipment are banned.

"The obvious things to focus on are the most harmful activities: road-building, logging, mining and off-road vehicles," said Lawrence.

"How much of that they bite off is an open question."

A White House official said yesterday that the timing for announcing the proposal and some of the substantive details are still under discussion. "There are several options under consideration," said the official. "There have been no final decisions." The Forest Service, under chief Michael P. Dombeck, has been moving toward broad prohibitions on road construction and logging in areas that are still roadless. In March, the Forest Service imposed an 18-month moratorium on road construction across 33 million acres of

forest while the agency develops new policies on managing its vast network of roads, which totals 380,000 miles—eight times the length of the interstate highway system. And last February, in a speech in Missoula, Mont., Dombeck said, "It is my expectation that in the future we will rarely build new roads into roadless areas, and if we do, it will be in order to accomplish broader ecological objectives."

The significance of the pending White House announcement—which could be made by Clinton next Wednesday during a visit to the George Washington National Forest in Virginia, a senior White House official said—is that it puts the president's imprimatur on the development of a conservation policy for roadless areas and sets that policy review in motion.

Keeping wild forest parcels free of roads is considered by many conservationists to be the key to protecting them. Transportation corridors disrupt wildlife, facilitate logging and other commercial activities, and degrade pristine areas through erosion and other effects. Roadless areas also tend to be important refuges for imperiled animals such as grizzly bears.

But the nation's remaining roadless areas also contain some of the Forest Service's most commercially valuable timber stands. Any attempt by the White House to take administrative action to close millions of Forest Service acres to the timber industry will be strongly opposed by the industry and its congressional allies.

Western Republicans from states, such as Idaho and Montana, that have not yet resolved their Forest Service wilderness area selections might also view the action as the creation of de facto wilderness and a usurpation of congressional authority.

The political sensitivity of the issue is evident as senior administration officials continue to debate how broad a net they should cast. A key unresolved question, for example, is whether to include the Tongass National Forest in Alaska in the environmental review.

At 17 million acres, the Tongass is the nation's largest national forest, and in many ways its most controversial. The environmental community believes that excluding it from the roadless areas review would undermine the credibility of the entire proposal. But including it would likely infuriate Sen. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), the chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

At the same time, excluding it could hand former New Jersey senator Bill Bradley an environmental issue to use against Vice President Gore as they compete for the Democratic presidential nomination, because Bradley has a record of advocacy on behalf of the Tongass and has recently been endorsed by one national environmental group.

Asked whether the Tongass will be included in the White House initiative, a senior White House official said yesterday: "There's a whole range of options there that we haven't worked out."

"These guys are getting cold feet on the Tongass," said Matt Zencey, who heads up a pro-Tongass advocacy group, the Alaska Rainforest Campaign. "It's another example of where people have had high expectations for Gore and he doesn't meet them. It allows Bradley to run to his left on the environment."

The Tongass was left out of the 18-month road moratorium, as were about two dozen other forests that also have recently updated their long-term management plans or are covered by the Clinton administration's Pacific Northwest forest plan. It is expected that the Pacific Northwest forests would be included in a proposed scientific review.

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Clinton Tour Hits 2 Blocs On 1 Street

A Tribute to Hoffa, Then to Gay Rights

By ADAM NAGOURNEY
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President Clinton came to New York yesterday to pay tribute to two political constituencies that had proved central to his electoral success — labor unions and gay rights advocates — and now loom as critical to the political future of Mr. Clinton's wife and his Vice President.

In the course of two hours, and in the space of two city blocks, Mr. Clinton spoke at a dinner in honor of James P. Hoffa, the president of the teamsters' union, and moved on to a fund-raising dinner for New York's most prominent gay rights group, the Empire State Pride Agenda. In both places, Mr. Clinton drew an exuberant reaction from audiences.

"Thank you for making New York the biggest, strongest union city in America," he said to the cheers of labor leaders. When Mr. Clinton, the first President since Franklin D. Roosevelt to appear so publicly with the much-investigated teamsters' union, mentioned the guest of honor's name, he was overwhelmed by shouts of "Hoffa!"

Labor and gay rights organizations have proved to be reliable parts of Mr. Clinton's political base. But given the extent to which those groups have been the subject of Republican attack over the past 10 years, Mr. Clinton's appearances suggest the freedom he feels as he approaches the end of his second term, and his evident interest in helping Vice President Al Gore, who is running for President, and Hillary Rodham Clinton, who is all but running for the Senate from New York.

After Mr. Clinton left the dinner, Mr. Hoffa, the son of the teamsters' leader Jimmy Hoffa, told the audience, "I got a good idea speaking to the President: Why don't we all get together and back Hillary Clinton as Senator for the state of New York?"

Mr. Clinton drew cheers from the audience at the Hilton Hotel as he shook hands with Mr. Hoffa, who has been a leading opponent of an immediate endorsement of Mr. Gore in the Presidential election.

"One of the things that I wanted to do when the Vice President and I came into office was to change the way that America thought about labor," Mr. Clinton said. "I was so sick and tired of more than a decade of people trying to make unions the whipping boy of whatever it was that was wrong with America."

One issue of special concern to his audience was the North American Free Trade Agreement and its call to allow Mexican trucks to be driven in the United States. Mr. Clinton indicated that he shared that concern.

From there, Mr. Clinton moved to the annual dinner of the Empire State Pride Agenda at the Sheraton, a block west on 53d Street. Mr. Clinton has over the years turned to gay rights organizations for campaign contributions, but in this case, he was the draw rather than beneficiary. Organizers said the dinner would raise \$1 million for lobbying and political candidates.

He was escorted to the stage by Senator Charles E. Schumer, Democrat of New York, to a three-minute standing ovation.

"I am indebted to you because I happened to be President and seek this job at a time when you are raising these issues, and you gave me a chance to make a contribution," Mr. Clinton said. "You made me a better President and you made me a better person."

Mr. Clinton's speech was his third appearance as President in a public setting before a gay rights group, and was testimony to the growing influence of gay voters in New York.

"At our second annual dinner, we were wondering if David Dinkins would show up," said Jeff Sorof, the co-chairman of the organization, referring to the former New York Mayor. "This is quite a change."

Mr. Clinton also did what he typically does on his visits to New York: raise money for the Democratic Party. He addressed a \$500,000 fund-raiser for the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.

The President appeared in New York alone. Mrs. Clinton was in Italy. Mr. Gore was in New York, but he and Mr. Clinton did not cross paths.

Mr. Clinton attended the dinner for Mr. Hoffa just four days before the A.F.L.-C.I.O., which includes the teamsters, holds a convention in Los Angeles, where several union leaders are urging an endorsement of Mr. Gore over Bill Bradley, the former Senator from New Jersey.

Mr. Hoffa has urged other labor leaders to hold off on an endorsement to see whether the Administration will give assurances on trade barriers and other matters. Mr. Hoffa hopes to persuade the Government to end its decade-long supervision of the union, which has been imposed to end corruption. Federal officials say the 1.4 million-member union is significantly cleaner after a decade of supervision.

The dinner was sponsored by the Labor Research Association, a consulting group that advises unions.

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Congress and White House Compromise on Elements of Spending Measure

By TIM WEINER

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7 — In the first sign of a break in a bitter standoff, the White House and Congress compromised on changes in a \$82 billion spending bill tonight.

The talks between President Clinton's budget number-crunchers and members of Congress on a bill for veterans, housing, space exploration and other agencies led to additions of 60,000 housing vouchers for working-class families, \$100 million for NASA and \$115 million for business enterprise zones and community development programs.

That money would be offset by cuts in housing and urban development programs.

A White House official called the talks "the first significant development" in what has been a virtual standoff between President Clinton and Republicans in Congress over nearly \$600 billion in spending bills. The talks lifted the President's veto threat and appeared to clear the air for future negotiations.

In the midst of its budget battles, Congress has found the money for seven luxury aircraft for the Pentagon's top commanders. The cost of obtaining and operating the aircraft over 20 years comes to about \$1 billion, according to the Pentagon, which never formally requested the money.

A Pentagon spending bill allows the military to buy a 737-300 jet and lease six smaller executive-class Gulfstream V jets to ferry commanders from base to base, said senior members of the House Appropriations Committee's military panel.

The cost of leasing the Gulfstream jets is about \$50 million a year. They would serve the nation's nine top-ranking military commanders-in-chief, eight of whom are based in the United States. They now are flown in Boeing 707's. The cost of buying the 737, which seats 126, is \$63 million. It is for Gen. Anthony Zinni of the Marine Corps and his successors at Central Command, which has headquar-

ters in Tampa, Fla., and is responsible for the Middle East.

No one in Congress was sure today exactly how much money is in the Pentagon spending bill for the 2000 fiscal year, although it appears to be about \$268 billion, not counting a separately approved \$1.8 billion military pay raise. That would be an increase of more than \$17 billion over the 1999 fiscal year, the biggest such spending increase for the military in 15 years.

Senior House and Senate negotiators approved the Pentagon bill in a closed-door conference on Wednesday night. But their colleagues were still requesting that money to be added to the bill on Wednesday afternoon, and their aides were still writing the bill this evening.

The two most senior House members at the conference, Representatives Jerry Lewis, Republican of California, and John Murtha, Democrat of Pennsylvania, said today the bill included \$467 million for further research and development of the

Army's Comanche helicopter, which has been plagued by cost overruns and technical problems and is on course to become the most expensive helicopter in history.

"It's a question whether that baby can fly," Mr. Lewis said. The Comanche program, a \$37 billion project to

A virtual standoff over money shows signs of easing.

build 1,292 helicopters, will consume more than half of the Army's budget for aircraft when the aircraft start rolling off the assembly line nine years from now, the Army concedes.

Mr. Lewis and Mr. Murtha confirmed that the Senate majority leader, Trent Lott of Mississippi, had

persuaded the House to add \$375 million for an aircraft carrier to be built in his home state. "We try to take care of leadership whenever we can," Mr. Murtha said.

Mr. Murtha said the Air Force would never be able to build 339 F-22 jet fighters, as it plans. The House-Senate conference approved \$2.5 billion in research and development money for the aircraft, but insisted that prototypes pass stringent flight tests before the \$200 million jet goes into full production.

"We're not ever going to build the numbers they want to build," Mr. Murtha said. "They'll be lucky if they'll be able to get two wings — that's about 140 airplanes."

The Pentagon wants to build three new types of fighter jets — the F-22, the Joint Strike Fighter and an improved F-18 — for \$350 billion. Mr. Murtha described this as "a \$350 billion problem" that cannot be solved without cutting costs or greatly increasing military spending.

Apart from the \$17 billion increase

for the Pentagon, many of the other spending bills for Government agencies are being cut or frozen by Congress. The military spending increase, combined with caps, or spending limits, enacted in 1997, is creating intense pressure for Congress to dip into surplus Social Security funds, which it has pledged to protect, in order to finance Government agencies.

Republicans are now weighing new across-the-board spending cuts in domestic programs to protect the Social Security surplus.

In other legislative action, the Senate tonight passed, by a 73-to-25 vote, a \$91.7 billion spending bill for the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education departments. The bill includes \$18.5 billion drawn from a projected budget surplus for the 2001 fiscal year. That is more money than Congress ever has spent with advance appropriations in a single year, much less a single bill. President Clinton has vowed to veto it.



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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

Today the Senate passed a spending bill that woefully shortchanges America's children. The Senate Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriation bill fails to make vital investments in our nation's children. It undermines the commitment we made last year to hire quality teachers and reduce class size in the early grades. It underfunds after-school programs and such important efforts as the GEAR UP mentoring program.

If this bill were to come to me in its current form, I would veto it. I have already sent Congress a budget for the programs in this bill that provides for essential investments and is fully paid for. I urge Congress again to work on a bipartisan basis to develop legislation that truly strengthens public education and other key national priorities.

This bill is a catalog of missed opportunities and misguided priorities. I am particularly disappointed that the Senate defeated a common-sense measure to make schools accountable for results. The Bingaman-Reed-Kerry amendment would have set aside funds for states to turn around failing schools. By rejecting it, the Senate lost a chance to make accountability more than just a slogan. The Senate also rejected amendments to increase the number of qualified teachers in high-need districts and to help states improve the quality of their teaching forces.

The Senate properly rejected two wrong-headed amendments that would have hurt workers. One would have barred implementation of the ergonomics rule so key to safeguarding worker health. The other would have barred enforcement of the Davis-Bacon

law in natural disaster areas, a law which assures workers appropriate wages.

While the Senate did make important strides by committing to increase child care funding next year, the bill underfunds many other efforts, including public health priorities in preventive and mental health, programs that give millions of Americans better access to health care, and critical social services for vulnerable families. The bill also does not provide aid to families caring for elderly or ill relatives through the Family Caregiver initiative. Even worse, in expressing support for an across-the-board cut in all discretionary programs, the Senate has shown its unwillingness to address America's needs in a responsible and comprehensive way.

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Trump to form panel to explore presidential try

Committee will give him advice, including how to get on all ballots

By Tom Squitieri
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump will form a presidential exploratory committee, a step intended to help him decide by January whether to seek the White House.

"I know what needs to get done (to get elected president), and I'm able to get it done," the New York real estate developer and casino operator said Thursday.

Trump, 53, is considering whether to seek the Reform Party nomination. He probably would face conservative commentator Pat Buchanan, in what likely would be a highly charged contest.



By Mary McCormack AP

Trump: Likely to face conservative commentator Pat Buchanan

Formation of an exploratory committee permits him to collect contributions for a possible race. Trump, however, said Thursday that his committee will focus on giving him advice, including how to get on the ballot in the 30 states where the Reform Party has no official status.

Roger Stone, Trump's political adviser, said formation of the exploratory committee "protects his options," helps to organize volunteers already calling to help and aids in contacting Reform Party officials.

In a taped appearance on CNN's *Larry King Live* on Thursday, Trump said he would use his own money for the race but would not reject the \$12.6 million in federal matching funds the Reform Party is entitled to, based on founder Ross Perot's vote totals in 1996.

Trump dined Thursday night in New York with Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura, the Reform Party's highest elected official.

Ventura wants Trump to seek the Reform nomination, in part to block Buchanan.

A Schroth and Associates Poll last weekend of 500 people nationwide who voted for Perot in 1996 gave Buchanan 32% of the support for the party's nomination and Trump 29%. The poll has a margin of error of +/- 4.4 percentage points.

"The polls have come out incredibly well," Trump said. "Based on this, and the support of Jesse and other people, we're going to give it very serious consideration."

Political veterans have expressed skepticism.

"Do I believe people will flock to his banner? The answer is no," former New York mayor Ed Koch, a Democrat, said.

Koch also said Trump is "a great merchandiser of his name" and "you can't sell him short. He can always surprise you."

Perot's top adviser, outgoing Reform Party Chairman Russell Verney, met with Buchanan on Wednesday in Texas to discuss his possible race. Buchanan was hoping for the public support of Perot, but a planned conversation between the two men has not taken place.

"Mr. Perot and Mr. Buchanan decided it was not appropriate," Verney said. "Ross is going to remain silent throughout the nominating process."

Buchanan's decision might hinge on whether he can raise \$4 million from his supporters, according to a fundraising letter written by Bay Buchanan, his sister and chief strategist. She said the \$4 million is needed to hire staff and perform other steps needed to collect enough signatures on petitions in the 30 states where the Reform Party is not on the 2000 presidential ballot.



By To Beis AP

Ventura: Governor wants Trump to seek the Reform nomination

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Fed rethinks when to impart changes in how it's leaning

By Beth Belton
USA TODAY

Amid concerns of misleading markets, the Federal Reserve is reassessing its new policy of announcing any bias toward future actions immediately after policy meetings.

Apparently responding to intense internal debate and outside criticism, Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan has appointed a seven-member task force to review the Fed's 5-month-old practice of announcing any change in its leaning, or bias, on future interest rate policy.

The creation of the task force, to be headed by Fed Vice Chairman Roger Ferguson, was disclosed in the minutes of the Fed's August policymaking session, released Thursday.

In the past, changes in the Fed's bias toward future actions made at a policymaking meeting were not known until the release of the minutes of that meeting six weeks later.

The Fed changed the practice in an effort to become more open. But the change seemed to be creating confusion among investors and fueling market volatility, experts say.

After Tuesday's meeting, the Fed said it had not changed interest rates but was tilting toward raising them in the future. Stock and bond prices sank.

Investors interpret the bias as a forecast of what policymakers will do in the future, while the Fed uses the bias as a consensus-builder, says James Annable, chief economist of Wingspan Bank.com.

For example, a policymaker who wanted to raise rates might agree to hold them steady if the bias were changed toward raising rates later.

Task force members include Fed Governors Edward Kelley, Laurence Meyer and Edward Gramlich, and Fed bank Presidents Michael Moskowitz, Robert Parry and William Poole.

Fed grand jury indicts Frankel

By Tom Lowry
USA TODAY

NEW YORK — A federal grand jury indicted rogue Connecticut money manager Martin Frankel on Thursday. The charges: wire fraud and money laundering for allegedly embezzling more than \$200 million from seven Southern insurance companies.

The indictment is the first step toward extraditing Frankel, 44, to the U.S. The Toledo, Ohio, native, who fled to Europe in May, has been held in a prison in Hamburg, Germany, since his capture at a swank hotel there Sept. 4.

Frankel's mysterious disappearance from his estate in Greenwich, Conn., prompted an international dragnet by law enforcement agencies for the financier who once boasted of his Vatican connections.

The indictment accuses Frankel of controlling a "racketeering enterprise."

State insurance regulators say Frankel told the insurance companies that hired him that he was investing policyholders' money in government bonds. In reality, authorities say, he wired the money to U.S. and offshore bank accounts.

Federal prosecutors in Bridgeport, Conn., overseeing the case declined comment Thursday night. Thomas Dennis, the chief federal public defender in Hartford assigned to represent Frankel, was unavailable for comment.

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An intimate awards dinner

Robert and Blaine Trump arrive from New York.



Honoree Aretha Franklin (center) arrives at the White House with her sister, Erma Franklin, and her son, Teddy Richards II.



Talk about a low-key evening: Wednesday's White House soiree honoring this year's winners of the National Medal for the Arts and Humanities — an intimate dinner for 130 — had medalist **Steven Spielberg** and wife **Kate Capshaw** talking about the next day's car-pool chores.

The Spielbergs, of course, have a jet plane to get them home in time to meet their obligations, but that is hardly the sort of glittery moment associated with the mansion in formal dress.

Few politicians and almost no spellbinding names of stage and screen fame were present. An unusually high number of New Yorkers were on the guest list, however, including Reps. **Nita Lowey** and **Louise Slaughter**, both of whom got a kiss in the receiving line from hostess and potential Senate candi-

date **Hillary Rodham Clinton**. Local arts invitees included National Symphony Orchestra Music Director **Leonard Slatkin**.

Noted folk singer and honoree **Odetta** praised the "graciousness" and style of the evening, for which the menu was keyed entirely to autumn tastes and colors, and an electrifying post-dinner performance by Japanese-American violinist **Midori**.

Arts honoree **Norman Lear** bagged it all in

favor of introducing Warren Beatty at a Hollywood banquet. Illness prevented political philosopher and honoree **John Rawls** from attending the affair in the State Dining Room.

Mr. Spielberg, who was cited for his humanitarian deeds, said in passing that he had yet to tackle the 18-minute film project to be shown at the White House-sponsored millennium evening on the Mall Dec. 31. He and his wife expect to be "home in bed, on either the West or the East coast," he said.

Earlier in the day, before **President Clinton** handed out medals and praise to 18 accomplished Americans and one institution — the Juilliard School in New York — at an awards ceremony in DAR Constitution Hall, the filmmaker asked honoree **Aretha Franklin** for an autograph, and she surprised him by requesting his in return. Just like everyday folks.

"As we look to the new century I hope that as time goes on we [Americans] will be known more and more for things beyond our wealth and power, that go to the wealth and power of our spirit. In so far as that happens, that will be because of you and people like you," Mr. Clinton said in a dinner toast served up with a glass of California's Pride Mountain Viognier.

Mrs. Clinton dined with no fewer than five of the awardees — **Jim Lehrer**, **August Wilson**, **Garrison Keillor**, Mr. Spielberg and philanthropist **Irene Diamond** — while Mr. Clinton made do with only three: academician and historian **Michael Kammen**, Odetta and scholar **Jacquelyn Dowd Hall**, who long ago recorded the fledgling politician for her Southern Oral History Program.

— Ann Geracimos



Photos by James H. Brantley/The Washington Times

President Clinton welcomes guests to the arts and humanities awards dinner as Hillary Rodham Clinton greets filmmaker and medal recipient Steven Spielberg and his wife, actress Kate Capshaw Spielberg.

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Art herstory

White House has been resisting cultural assault so far

WASHINGTON — I am delighted to report that the next occupants of the White House will not have to spend their first few months giving the place a thorough cultural cleaning — tossing out bovine metallic junk sculpture nudes, incandescent David Hockney La-La-Land landscapes or Andy Warhol transsexual triptychs to restore the mansion to its traditional Federalist Period glory.

Despite nearly seven years of Bill and Hillary residence — amazingly — I can report that the White House still seems pretty much intact.

I had feared it was going to be utterly otherwise — Rothkos in the Red Room, Warhols in the washroom and pink flamingos on the South Lawn.

It's been my observation that Hillary Rodham Clinton is to art what she has been to health-care-system rescue plans — or for that matter, to her own wardrobe.

In 1994, don't you know, I was among a handful of arts scribblers invited to join Hillary and National Gallery of Art Director J. Carter Brown on a tour of a once-elegant First Ladies' Garden established by Edith (Mrs. Theodore) Roosevelt.

Hillary had transformed this pleasant bower into what she proclaimed as the White House Sculpture Garden, installing there not only the most bovine metallic junk sculpture nude I'd ever gaped at but what looked like piles of haulage from vacant lots all over Hammond, Ind.

Later, over refreshments in the East Room, she gave us a stern, steady-eyed lecture on aesthetics — treating us rather like culturally ignorant imbeciles who wouldn't know which end of a de Kooning to hang upwards (probably true), while vowing to replace a lot of the fuddy-duddy Federalist stuff with cutting-edge modern art.

As she had recently brought in an interior decorator from Arkansas to hang plastic drapes with dolphins on them in an upstairs Lincoln bedroom, I could only shudder in unhappy anticipation, a shudder I gave voice

Michael Kilian

to in the public print.

I was not, as you might imagine, invited back to see if my worst fears were realized. But I assumed they would be and that we'd have to wait for Ernestine Bradley, Tipper Gore or Laura Bush to restore White House ambience to a Jacqueline Kennedy level of quality and grace.

But I've had a chance to see now I was wrong, courtesy of Brown's Ovation cable TV arts network, which has produced a half-hour video tour of the current state of White House art — conducted by Brown, who serves as chairman of Washington's Fine Arts Commission, and, lo, Hillary herself.

At the beginning of the show, "A National Treasure: The White House Art Collection" (to be telecast at 7 p.m. Monday), Hillary still had me fearing the worst. She walked on screen wearing a metallic yellow pantsuit of the sort you might find at a Terre Haute 40th high school reunion.

And it was a little annoying to hear the Park Ridge, Ill., drapery daughter lecturing Brown, who had advised Jackie Kennedy on art, about John Singer Sargent's technique.

But I was overjoyed to see, as she pantsuited from room to room, that she's hardly touched anything yet, though the dreadful sculpture garden is still daringly present, her only additions to the White House public rooms are two marvelous paintings: Georgia O'Keeffe's "Bear Lake" and Henry Ossawa Tanner's "Sand Dunes."

Of course, Hillary just had to say she was pleased by "Bear Lake" not because it's great art but because it's by a "woman artist" (a term that would have had O'Keeffe crawling the wall), and to extol Tanner not as a brilliant 19th Century painter but as "an African-American artist."

Upstairs, she did show off a couple of imponderable abstractions by Willem de Kooning and Wassily Kandinsky — nice, but certainly inappropriate for the tradition set by Mrs. Kennedy et al. Luckily, they're tucked



Hillary Rodham Clinton and J. Carter Brown look at Gilbert Stuart's portrait of George Washington on their tour of White House art.

away in the private third-floor family quarters, where only Hollywood movie stars, rich campaign contributors and visiting Chinese businessmen are allowed to tread.

Probably the tackiest thing Mrs. Clinton has done to the White House has been to reupholster all the chairs in the Blue Oval Room with huge presidential seals on both seat and back, making them look like souvenirs on sale at, say, a Planet Hollywood gift shop — though I suppose they go well with the dolphin drapes.

But I still worry. Mrs. Clinton, mind, was one of the first to defend the Brooklyn Museum of Art's right to display sliced dead pigs as art, and she and Bill still have until the year 2001 to do with the White House what they will.

Asked by Brown where she got her interest in sculpture, she told an anecdote about her first date with Bill, in which he took her to the Yale University art museum to see some sculpture. It was closed, but she said Bill was able to wheedle his way into the place by promising that he and Hillary would pick up all the museum's trash before taking in the show.

As a consequence, she said, "Sculpture is a big part of our relationship."

Not to speak of trash.

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CLINTONS' FUTURE HOME: President Clinton said some of his wealthy friends wouldn't help with the \$1.7 million purchase of a home in Chappaqua, N.Y., because they didn't want to get "dragged around" in questions about the financing. Presidential friend and top fund-raiser Terry McAuliffe pledged \$1.3 million to guarantee the Clintons' mortgage, but the Clintons reportedly are negotiating a conventional mortgage that wouldn't require someone to guarantee the payments.

The Clintons haven't even bought the house yet, but would-be neighbors got a peek at the future Wednesday when two dozen protesters marched in front of the house to protest U.S. policy toward East Timor. "It's going to be 30 times worse when they move here," said Ken Kosyk, who lives on the next block. "It's aggravating to the town as a whole. But what can you do?"

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DOING GOOD BY PARTYING WELL

Rock's Leading Lights Make Fireworks at the White House

By DENISE L. BROWN
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Long live the music. Let it live because B.B. King still plays that guitar the way blues and electricity run through his fingers. Because Eric Clapton is the greatest living rock guitarist. Because Sheryl Crow was once a music teacher and they called her Miss Crow. Let it live because Al Green—the Rev. Al Green—got the holy ghost. Because Lenny Kravitz

is so fine in his leather and Afro, singing vintage rock-and-roll.

Let it live because the thrill isn't gone, and the White House believes in rock-and-roll, and can jazz and did so at Saturday afternoon's Concert of the Century. The concert on the South Lawn, a year in the making and presented by cable TV's VH1, brought together some of the greatest performers of the past 40 years to "save the music" in public schools.

The VH1 Save the Music Foundation has sponsored instrument donation drives,

supported teachers who have fought to keep music programs alive in schools, and raised millions of dollars to organize and save music programs in big-city schools across the country. Last year President Clinton, the rock-and-roll president who has said he was inspired by Elvis Presley, donated one of his own saxophones to a student in a District school, and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton issued a call to help bring, and save, music and



Melissa Etheridge
blues great B.B. King
benefit at the White
House, left, Lenny Kravitz, right.

White House Rock: Summit of the Stars

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arts education for schoolchildren. A long list of stars came to town Saturday to play the music and save the music.

Stretch limos lined up along Pennsylvania Avenue, which is usually closed to traffic. Local teenagers watched the show live on cable at 4 p.m. and then gathered outside the White House, trying to steal a look at the stars. But there were no star sightings.

Still, the fans held out hope. They pressed their faces to the cold iron gates and called names. The White House glowed from a distance, as if it were having a house party.

Near the Rose Garden, music legends, actors and actresses, members of Congress, video program staffers and teachers gathered under a big white tent that should have melted from the force of the music.

"All of us here have the same goal: to put music back into our schools," Hillary Clinton said. Thanks to VH1's campaign, the first lady said, "so many children have instruments to play and the confidence to go as far as their talent and dreams will take them."

Clapton opened the show with a sultry rendition of "Ramblin' on My Mind." Then Grammy winners Clapton and Kravitz teamed up for "All Along the Watchtower." Kravitz went on to perform "Fly Away."

A long list of music and acting greats followed. They included rock giants John Fogerty and John Mellencamp; Gloria Estefan and 'N Sync, who performed with students from the East Harlem Violin Program; country star Garth Brooks in a big blue hat and jeans; Melissa Etheridge; and the Paul Shaffer Band, which seemed able to back up anybody.

They each were introduced by a Hollywood star: Angela Bassett, Robert De Niro, Calista Flockhart, Gwyneth Paltrow, Sarah Jessica Parker, Keri Russell, Kevin Spacey and Meryl Streep.

The actors didn't seem to be acting when they looked into the cameras and thanked their music teachers for teaching them patience and rhythm, and egging them on. A brown-haired Paltrow said dreamily, "When I think back on my education, I'm right back in class..." Estefan thanked teacher Roberta Guaspari and her students from the East Harlem Violin Program, saying: "Saving music is not about one concert. It is an ongoing story we can't afford to end."

Despite all this goodwill under one tent, the show never turned saccharine even when music's best



Gloria Estefan joins 'N Sync on the South Lawn of the White House.

joined hands at the show's end and sang, "This land is your land, this land is my land."

Earlier, Spacey had introduced a legend: "We are honored this evening to have among us not only the president of the United States and a possible senator, but we also have a king. This man not only sings the blues, he is the blues. The thrill is not gone."

And B.B. King appeared. It seemed as if his great body had molded itself around his electric guitar all these years. King and Clapton teamed up, singing "The Thrill Is Gone." Afterward, King patted Clapton's shoulder and said, "You get better all the time, young man."

Then King called on Etheridge to join him, and they performed "When Love Comes to Town."

When VH1 President John Sykes thanked the Clintons for their work on behalf of public education, he gave the president a signature B.B. King electric guitar. Clinton again thanked his music teachers. "I don't think I would have become president if it hadn't been for school music." And somehow you believed him.

Clinton, who has turned a space in the White House into a sound-proof music room, where he collects music and instruments, also thanked the performers: "We respect and honor them for their talent and for what they have given us

tonight. I respect them so much I left my saxophone in the White House."

Clinton, in cowboy boots, rocked like he believed in rock-and-roll, clapping and singing along as Garth Brooks sang "American Pie."

Bye, bye, Miss American Pie.
Drove my Chevy to the levee, but the levee was dry.
An' them good ol' boys were drinkin' whiskey and rye
Singin' "This will be the day

that I die, this will be the day that I die."

It was teacher and preacher Al Green who almost brought the tent down, singing a spiritual by the late Sam Cooke. In a champagne-colored raw silk suit, he sang the civil rights anthem "A Change Is Gonna Come."

He sank to his knees. And the crowd rose.
Maybe the music had saved the mortal souls.

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Star musicians play it by heart

VH1 concert
gathers icons
for education



Robert De Niro: The actor urges a hand for a teenage gospel choir that sang with John Mellencamp.

By Kitty Bean Yancey
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — Just as Sheryl Crow was strumming her guitar and singing "Are you strong enough to be my man?" Bill Clinton strode unannounced into the Friday night rehearsal for VH1's *Concert of the Century*.

The music-loving chief executive had hugs for Crow, Gloria Estefan and Garth Brooks, all on the bill at Saturday's all-star show in a tent on the South Lawn of the White House. The two-hour concert to spotlight the importance of music education in schools also drew Eric Clapton, B.B. King, John Fogerty and more.

High-profile actors such as Robert De Niro, Kevin Spacey, Meryl Streep, Calista Flockhart, Angela Bassett and Gwyneth Paltrow introduced the performers and reminisced about musical moments in their education.

The concert, which aired live on VH1 and may be rebroadcast, produced some dream-team pairings, including guitar icons Clapton and King on *The Thrill Is Gone*.

"You got better all the time, young man," King, 74, deadpanned after the two finished.

Clapton and Lenny Kravitz paired on *All Along the Watchtower*; 'N Sync and Estefan joined for their No. 1 hit, *Music of the Heart*, from the upcoming movie of the same name. Backing them were Harlem



Having some fun: Sheryl Crow greets President Clinton on Friday night after he slipped into rehearsals for VH1's *Concert of the Century*, which was on the South Lawn of the White House.

music teacher Roberta Guaspari, on whom the film is based, and her student violinists. The film was screened at the White House later.

During the concert, a cowboy-hatted Brooks, whose *In ... the Life of Chris Gaines* rock album is not his usual barn-burner on the charts, was performing in his own persona, "Not Chris Gaines."

His pull-out-the-stops rendition of *American Pie* had the cowboy-booted president on his feet to lead a standing ovation.

Another crowd favorite was the Rev. Al Green, who warmed up backstage by clapping his hands together like the Energizer Bunny and ended up on his knees onstage, wringing every ounce out of Sam Cooke's *A Change Is Gonna Come*.

The people-watching was just as good in the audience, where a currently brunette Paltrow sat with beau-of-the-moment Guy Oseary, an executive with Madonna's Maverick Records. 'N Sync's members bobbed their five heads in unison while Kra-

vitz performed his raucous *Fly Away*, heard on Nissan TV ads.

Kravitz showed up for Friday rehearsals in torn jeans, with a stud in his pierced nose. "I thought I'd put on a suit and do the right thing — then I decided, no, just be myself."

Like other participants, he relished teaming with fellow stars.

Clapton said he came because "B.B. was here, and then they asked me to do a Robert Johnson song, 'Ramblin' on My Mind.'"

As for the concert cause, "I don't know anything about the charities. ... Oh, it's about education? OK."

When he was a child in Britain, "I learned to play *Grooveslaves* on the recorder, but I wasn't taught anything about the history of music. ... The history of blues and R&B would have been good. I think the funny thing about this country is you have it in your back yard, and most people don't know anything about it."

The evening's focus on a serious issue had lighter moments. Introducing Green, *Sex in the City*'s Sarah

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'River' dancer Lenny Kravitz, left, and Al Green duet on "Take Me to the River."



From the heart: Gwyneth Paltrow, left, with Meryl Streep, who plays Roberta Guaspari in 'Music of the Heart.' N Sync and Gloria Estefan join in the finale, "This Land Is Your Land."

Jessica Parker quipped that "he provided the soundtrack to no small amount of adult education" with hits such as Let's Stay Together.

At a VIP dinner thrown by Miramax Films, studio honcho Harvey Weinstein talked of getting the "inspirational" film *Music of the Heart* (opening Friday) marketed via a splashy White House evening. Thank Hillary Clinton and her interest in music education, he said.

As the stars exited the Occidental Grill for the White House, screams erupted. The young girls tailing 'N Sync all over Washington had just had another sighting.



The greatest: Boxing champ Muhammad Ali mingles with guitar icon Eric Clapton at a White House reception before the Saturday afternoon concert.

Photos by Nicole Miller

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East Room enthusiasm: President Clinton and wife Hillary show their delight after photographer Annie Leibovitz, right, announces she'll vote for Hillary.

A White House night for New York's shooting star

WASHINGTON — Not many celebrity photographers get a White House reception — complete with tubs of jumbo shrimp — to mark a new exhibit, but Annie Leibovitz did.

The 50-year-old, whose show celebrating women of the 20th century opened Wednesday at the Corcoran Gallery of Art, was toasted by the Clintons in the East Room Tuesday.

Hillary Clinton, who posed for one of the portraits in the show, lauded Leibovitz's depictions of womanhood — from famous faces to coal miners to battered wives. The evening took a political turn when Leibovitz responded: "Mrs. Clinton, may I use this occasion to say I am one of many women in New York who are voting for you" in that much-talked-about Senate run.

Among the New Yorkers who jetted down for the evening: Vogue edi-

tor Anna Wintour, who hosted a Corcoran reception for Leibovitz before joining her on the podium at the White House event.

Vogue announced a donation of \$25,000 to the Vital Voices initiative to aid women around the world. But what partygoers really wanted to know was: Where was Wintour's love, Shelby Bryan, the monk and married Democratic bigwig for whom she left her husband? Not there.

The dual fetes drew a mix of Washington, New York and Hollywood, including Robert Duvall, Lauren Hutton, Larry King and wife Shawn Southwick King. Washington powerhouses who viewed their Leibovitz portraits included Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

By Kitty Benn Yancey

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Beautiful people in vogue at Corcoran party for Annie Leibovitz

By Kevin Chaffee

Savvy locals knew it was going to be a New York kind of night even before they spotted Lauren Hutton, Patti Smith and Susan Sontag among the sleek fashion-

istas at Vogue magazine editor Anna Wintour's party for photographer Annie Leibovitz at the Corcoran Gallery of Art.

"Lots of skinny women wearing very high heels," sniffed one observer at Tuesday's jam-packed affair, while others commented on the attire of the men, whose long

hair and severely tailored double-breasted suits were a marked departure from the "dress for success" ideal on Capitol Hill.

Even policy wonks took notice of the imported guest list. "A lot of black on black," said inveterate citizen activist Fred Wertheimer, who stood near the upstairs bar watching the swirl of seemingly alien creatures air-kissing and elbow-hugging their way through one of the city's most hallowed arts demances.

In the nearby galleries where "Women," Miss Leibovitz's spectacular exhibition of 70 photographs of American women, was on display, the atmosphere verged on the surreal when some of her local subjects found their portraits hanging on the wall.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright didn't seem to mind when she discovered her photograph (showing her on the phone in her office) next to an imperious-looking Jerry Hall nursing baby Gabriel Jagger with one breast fully exposed. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, however, whose picture with fellow Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was suitably august, did a double take when her amused husband, John, pointed out the nearby image of Jennifer Miller, a nude and bearded New York performance artist.

"Very... interesting," Justice O'Connor said, her eyes quickly darting to a larger-than-life-size head farther down the wall. "Look, now there's Barbara Bush. Barbara Bush I know."

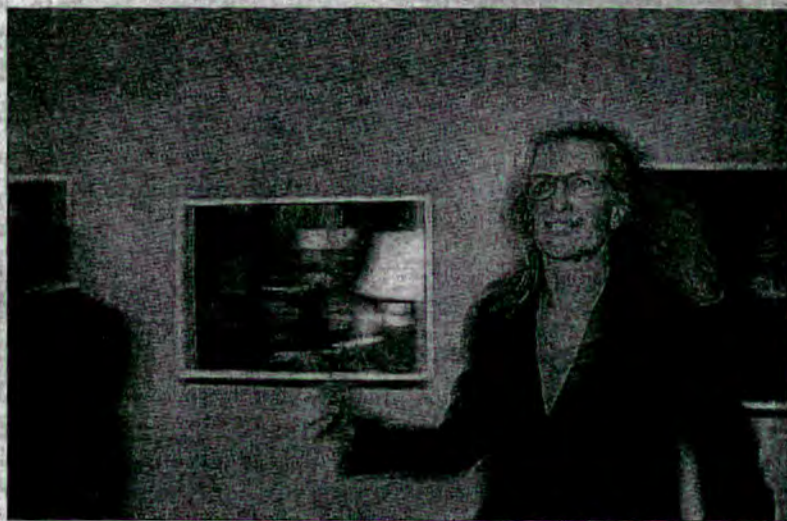
Whether Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala and Katharine Graham knew or cared that working photogra-



President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton react appreciatively as Annie Leibovitz endorses Mrs. Clinton's New York Senate campaign. Above: Madeleine Albright chats with coal miners Shelley Hyde and Linda Hosmer, who appear in the photograph behind them.



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Photos by Janet R. Bentley/The Washington Post
Annie Leibovitz walks through the exhibition of her photographs of American women at the Corcoran Gallery of Art Tuesday night. Below: Corcoran Director David Levy welcomes Vogue editor Anna Wintour

phers were furiously snapping them at the entrance—directly in front of a giant shot of voluptuous rap artist Lil' Kim in a see-through blouse and blond streetwalker wig—was anybody's guess.

"I wanted to show as much variety as possible," Miss Leibovitz said of the mix, explaining that a crazy quilt of "juxtaposition" in the hanging was an integral part of her effort to portray American women from a broad spectrum of society at the end of the millennium.

After an hour at the Corcoran, there was a general exodus to the White House, where President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton hosted Miss Leibovitz at a second, supposedly more exclusive reception attended by at least 400 guests. (Sensitive to perceptions that the party was a payback to the photographer and Miss Wintour for putting Mrs. Clinton on the cover of last December's *Vogue*, the White House co-billed the event to honor a State Department women's initiative called Vital Voices.)

The chockablock throng squeezed into the State Dining Room for

drinks and hors d'oeuvres and later into the East Room, where Miss Leibovitz and Miss Wintour got the full treatment, similar to that received by visiting heads of state, when the Clintons escorted them through the parted crowd as the Marine Band played "Hail to the Chief."

"Thank you for capturing the simple truth about people," the president said to Miss Leibovitz, suggesting that "the stunning gifts of this great artist" were comparable to the great Walker Evans' ability "to capture the faces of the Depression."

"She has burst onto the national awareness," Mrs. Clinton added, to portray American women in "all of our strength, our youth, our whimsy and sincerity."

When the artist replied, it was less to discuss her work than to reciprocate: "May I use this occasion to say I am one of the many women in New York who are rooting for you," she said to Mrs. Clinton as the crowd roared in approval.

By then, even the fashionistas were ready to go. There was just enough time to make the last shuffle to New York.



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The Photographer's Thousand Points of View

At the Corcoran Gallery, Annie Leibovitz's Uneven 'Women'

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Annie Leibovitz at last night's party with the president and Anna Wintour.

A Picture-Perfect Party

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The smell of Celebrity hung in the air like a strong and slightly oppressive perfume. That happens whenever New York fashionistas descend on Washington trying hard to look interested in the locals, tongue firmly in chic. Descartes had it wrong: I'm famous, therefore I am. Last night's occasion was the

party hosted by Vogue Editor in Chief Anna Wintour in honor of photographer Annie Leibovitz. The festivities began at the Corcoran Gallery of Art, where "Women," an exhibit of the photographer's portraits, opens today. The second half of the soiree took place in the East Room of the White House, where President Clinton, Hillary

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Annie Leibovitz is a Norman Rockwell of our time—which may say more about our time than it says about Leibovitz, whose show "Women" opens today at the Corcoran Gallery.

As Rockwell was once, with his paintings in the Saturday Evening Post and a thousand other magazines of a lost America, Leibovitz at 50 is our most famous commercial artist, with three decades of mind-kneading photographs: photo spreads, journalism and covers for Vanity Fair, Vogue and Rolling Stone, advertisements for American Express, the Gap, the dairy industry (the milk mustache series) ... on and on.

As for what this says about our time, Rockwell painted a nation that believed it could be saved by God.

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Toasting Annie Leibovitz

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Rodham Clinton and Madeleine Albright said extremely nice things about women in general and Leibovitz in particular.

"We are celebrating Annie and her show and her photographs," said the first lady, who called the exhibit "spectacular." The two go way back—Leibovitz photographed Clinton for *Vogue*, and accompanied her on a tour of Africa. "A lot of people were really worried because she was a celebrity and a star," Clinton told the standing-room crowd of 500. Need she say that within mere hours the shooter had won everyone over with her warmth and professionalism? Nay.

The guest list included Albright, writer Susan Sontag, Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Lt. Gen. Claudia Kennedy, The Washington Post's Katharine Graham and rocker Patti Smith—all of whom could stand next to their portraits for one of those surreal life-imitates-art moments.

Albright was pleased. "I like it," she said, smiling. "I usually don't like pictures of myself, but Annie was great. What worked on this is that we were talking. It's three-dimensional instead of two-dimensional."

"I've lost weight since that picture was done," Kennedy blurted out. Then the three-star Army general laughed at herself. "Women!"

Famous names arrived to see the famous faces: fashion designers Narciso Rodriguez and Barry Kieselstein-Cord; Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, actor Robert Duvall and model Lauren Hutton.

The rest of the crowd... well, they looked as if they were about to be Somebody's any second now.

Five unassuming exceptions were the female coal miners from Alabama, who paid their way to Washington for the opening and received an ovation as they stood near their group portrait. "I had no idea of what it would look like," said Jean McCrary, a 62-year-old miner who retired in August. Leibovitz, she said, understood them—which may be part of her genius as a photographer.

The guest of honor was immediately recognizable: careless blond hair flying every which way, glasses, somber black coat befitting a Calvinist (John, not Klein). Leibovitz is now a bigger celebrity than most of her subjects and was mobbed from the minute she entered the Corcoran reception. "I'm already inundated!" she said to a reporter before being swept away by admirers. "I'll be around."

Wintour, by contrast, wore a black short-sleeve top, striped pastel sequined skirt and black mules. She looked very soigne, but then the great thing about being the edi-

tor of *Vogue* is that you can wear anything and people assume you're drop-dead chic.

To the delight of some and the dismay of others, Wintour was not accompanied by her billionaire beau, J. Shelby Bryan. The lovebirds unceremoniously dumped their respective spouses earlier this year to pursue True Love, which caused a few eyebrows to arch.

Bryan is a big-money contributor to the Democratic National Committee and close to both the president and first lady. So is his soon-to-be-ex, Katherine, who reportedly received a condolence call from Clinton when news of the split spilled out.

The British-born Wintour has been a regular on the shuttle to Washington since co-hosting a 1996 breast cancer benefit here honoring Princess Diana. She became *thick* close with some of Washington's biggest names, who are now trying to gracefully ignore that nasty divorce business.

One of those big names is Hillary Clinton, who was the subject of a cover story in last December's *Vogue*, shot by... oh, never mind.

So it was really no surprise when the White House was the setting for a reception honoring Leibovitz last night—even though reporters were slightly taken aback that a for-profit entity like *Vogue* had landed Washington's prime real estate for a party venue.

"I think we do a variety of events with people," said White House spokesman Joe Lockhart, answering queries at yesterday's news briefing. "Well, we think it's a cause that celebrates important work, whether it be an artist's photographs or a musician's songs. If we believe it's something that we can get behind, we're happy to do it."

The happiest person of all may have been Leibovitz.

"There is no higher honor than to be in this house tonight with my family and friends," she said. "It is truly a mitzvah for my parents." Then she turned to the first lady. "Mrs. Clinton, may I use this occasion to say I'm one of the many women in New York who are voting for you."

Then Albright came onstage and said nice things about the show. She went on to say nice things about President Clinton, who said even more nice things about women and photographers.

One guest stared at her watch. Enough, already. She wanted to catch the 9:30 shuttle back to New York. The White House was great, she said in that distracted, underwhelmed-by-fame kind of way. She leaned back with a tiny sigh.

Would've been a great picture.

Staff writer Annie Groer contributed to this report.

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family and character. In the latter-day fading of those verities, Leibovitz has celebrated our belief that we can be saved instead by fame, uniqueness and personality.

Like Rockwell, she's more famous for her work than for her personality. What you think about are her subjects, imagination and craft.

You think of her older pictures of Whoopi Goldberg in a bathtub of milk, a naked John Lennon huddled against a precocious Yoko Ono before he was shot to death, model Lauren Hutton mostly naked and immersed in Mississippi mud, John Belushi standing by a nighttime road like a hitchhiker you pass by—a figure whose story you don't want to hear because the ending might include you: Robert Penn Warren with his bare old-man's chest, Clint Eastwood looking foolish wrapped in rope on the set of a western. (Her men have tended to look more troubled than her women— weaker, vaguer, more endangered. Is that part of our time, too?)

And like Rockwell, she's at her best when she's over the top, giving us hyperreal photographs that are like framed theme parks, like advertisements for a reality we want to believe in—even though in Leibovitz's work the reality may be depravity, shallowness or doom. Rockwell supplied a demand for optimism and correctness, while Leibovitz has catered to the mayfly pessimism and irony of an age that values hipness. Both have understood their markets, and the America of their time. You find yourself rooting for them.

So you want Leibovitz's show at the Corcoran to be better than it is.

There are about 70 pictures of women here—famous, infamous, unfamous, rich, poor, dignified, foolish.

Among the famous are: Hillary Rodham Clinton, Gloria Steinem, Katharine Graham, L'il Kim, Endora Welby, Joni Mitchell, Courtney Love, Toni Morrison, Barbara Bush, Betty Ford, Patti Smith, Madeleine Albright, Christiane Amanpour, Gwyneth Paltrow, Martina Navratilova, Martha Stewart, Oprah Winfrey, Drew Barrymore and three of the Flying Wallenards. Then there are: teachers, farmers, soldiers, a washerwoman, a mountain biker, two victims of domestic violence, a law professor, a go-go dancer and so on.

They are strong, assertive, confident, muscled, busy, enduring, patient, intelligent, dignified, aristocratic, wise, determined and beautiful, though seldom mysterious and rarely sexy.

Encountered separately inside a magazine, each of these pictures might look good. Witness the examples in the November Vogue. Assembled here in the show, and in the accompanying book, they come to have a disappointing deadness. Such is the affection that Leibovitz inspires, though, that you keep giving her the benefit of the doubt.

So what if the picture of the first lady looks like an advertisement for something; maybe for the fountain pen she holds as she appears to study a type-written document on a porch at the White House? Or her gold-rimmed coffee cup? Isn't the commercial slickness here forgotten when you look at writer Jamaica Kincaid, slightly puzzled inside a picture of charming improvised formality based on the looping of a garden hose? And isn't the flatness of the Kincaid picture compensated by the bizarre beard and mustache on the naked performance artist Jennifer Miller? From the neck up she looks like a 19th-century dandy patronizing a New Orleans cathouse with floored red wallpaper. From the neck down, she looks like



Spelling it out: A portrait of AIDS activist Rebecca Denison.

the staff. Why did Leibovitz take this picture? As art? Propaganda? Document? Shock value?

You want to ignore your suspicions that if these prints were any smaller—the smallest is 3 by 4 feet, the biggest nearly 6 by 8—they would lose a lot of their impact and revert to the androgynous gloom of the book.

You want to ignore the seams—the pictures are so big that Leibovitz and Washington gallery owner David Adamson had to paste his Iris prints of them together, and even a team of painting conservators couldn't brush in enough color to keep some subjects from looking as if a sniper were watching them through cross hairs: the beautiful and ironic odyssey of performance artist Karen Finley, for instance.

You want to ignore a conceptual tremor induced by the strain of looking at a show assembled from work done variously as art, document, testament, illustration or journalism.

Rebecca Denison, head of an AIDS organization, is painted dark brown with words written in white: "wife."

daughter, courage, pain, we remember," "Becky," "Katie," "love." Her fists are painted red, as if they were boxing gloves. The picture seems a relic of the confrontation politics of the '70s, of the days when anger was a virtue and an entitlement.

Haydee and Sahara Scull, twins and painters in Miami Beach, hold hands and wear identical yellow dresses and hats in a picture that Diane Arbus could have turned into a little vision of horror. But Leibovitz, with happier heart, turns it into a celebration of everything from color film to middle age to sisterhood. And are we supposed to find something in common between the painters and the AIDS woman, or any of the other pictures in the show?

Leibovitz has worked hard to make the show a statement with rhythm and meaning. In her New York studio, she built a model of the Corcoran's second-floor galleries and moved tiny pictures from wall to wall. She achieved the best possible hanging of what feels like a one-woman group show, or a collection of illustrations for a story that hasn't been written yet.

Yet, taken by themselves, these pictures keep failing to transcend something. What's holding them down? Technique? Intent? Printing? Subject matter? Vision?

Then you look at Ila Borders winding up to throw a baseball in a vast twilight of clouds and distant trees, and you know you're looking at a whole picture that stands by itself, no questions asked, the seams forgotten—art.

Sometimes Leibovitz cooperates in the pose—the picture of dancer Terese Capucilli gets its primal drama from fingers and face tightened with fight-or-flight ferocity. Leibovitz holds it all together with perfect little touches of red bordering cloth to one side, speckling Capucilli's skirt and lipstick on her mouth.

Sometimes she subverts the pose—why that scatter of chairs behind Betty Ford, and why the scatter of expression on her face?

Sometimes you don't know who's in charge: Model Jerry Hall elected to wear gold lamé slippers, an ankle bracelet and a fur coat while she nurses Gabriel, her son with Mick Jagger, and gives the camera the glance of an indignant old call girl. Hall must have

Mark Seliger's Pictures of Pop

Annie Leibovitz's first big Washington show was at Goun-
da Gallery in 1984.

That was when she was still most famous for her work on *Rolling Stone*, the portraits and journalism from a world defined by a rock sensibility.

When she left Rolling Stone, Mark Seliger was one of the photographers who would keep alive her tradition of punkish grandiosity, starting in 1987. Now he's got a big, bright show at Govinda Gallery too, opening tomorrow.

Two rooms of mostly 16-by-20-inch prints show us with market celebrities: Jerry Seinfeld costumed as the Tin Man; Sean Lennon in silver suit, snapping his fingers on some pastry-pink and blue set of a boardwalk; Bruce Springsteen in four days' growth of beard, and a look that comes rushing out of the picture to ask the sad, wise and eternal New Jersey question: Whaddya YOO lookin'at?

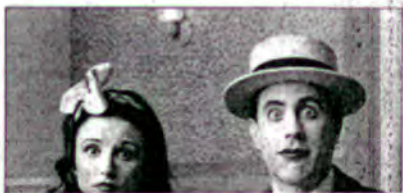
Seliger has the knack of showing people the way you think they are. Or maybe he shows them the way you think they think you think they are. In any case, there's a tone to this show that reminds you of people at a Halloween party congratulating each other on their costumes: Keith Richards

graduating class other on their costumes: Keith Richards whose mere face is pirate regalia, Drew Barrymore in a skimpy scouting outfit looking sweetly fatalistic as a group of Boy Scouts ties her up; Neil Young as the genial, soulful slob hero of rock-and-roll endurance; Jennifer Aniston gallivanting through a sunset wheat field and wearing nothing but a transparent scarf; Sean Penn with cigarette.

Technique is front and center. Just the sheer amount of the lighting and set-building creates the confectionary universe that we like to imagine our fave raves inhabiting in an ongoing rampage of play nastiness and ironic playfulness. Seliger takes your shopworn expectations and waxes them up, paints the tires black and Armor-Alls the seats like a car detailing shop.

Much fun.

—Henry Allen

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JOHN LEO

If you doubt that ideas have consequences, consider what happened to one very bad idea that came out of the 1960s — children's liberation.

As the civil rights movement broadened to include women and gays, children, too, were depicted as an oppressed minority in need of liberation. Radical feminists like Shulamith Firestone thought women and children were both victims and natural allies in the war against the patriarchy. Popular writers like John Holt, author of "Escape From Childhood," deplored the legal, social and psychological oppression of the young. "Young people's liberationists" viewed parental protectiveness as an ideology of control. One overheated legal scholar wrote that laws pertaining to teens looked like laws about runaway slaves.

But in America, ideological nonsense rarely just disappears. More often it is modified and adopted by assorted experts, then inflicted on the public by lawyers and bureaucrats. "Ready or Not," a strong new book by Kay Hymowitz, a fellow at the Manhattan Institute, argues this is what happened to the extreme philosophy of child liberation. It seeped into mainstream thinking as skepticism about childhood and a feeling government should step in to free children from the "social captivity" imposed by parents and schools.

One sign of this mainstreaming was a proposal by Harvard law professor Laurence Tribe to declare childhood "a semi-suspect classification." Another was the series of law articles published by Hillary Rodham in the mid-1970s proposing legal

Parents as spectators

rights for children against parents, including "decisions about motherhood and abortion, schooling, cosmetic surgery, treatment of venereal disease, employment" and other matters. Miss Rodham's views were not particularly radical. They simply reflected where children's-rights advocates were heading. The view of children as autonomous rights-bearers was putting heavy pressure on traditional views of family and child-rearing.

Miss Hymowitz argues that as child-liberation ideas entered the mainstream, they hardened into a philosophy she calls "anti-culturalism" — the idea that socializing children and attempting to mold the character of the young is a wrongful use of power by the strong against the weak. Children should develop independently of the prevailing culture and even in opposition to it. This idea is radical, because it forbids what all cultures have assumed they must do: transmit cultural values from one generation to the next.

Miss Hymowitz demonstrates how widely this improbable philosophy has managed to spread. "Anti-culturalism," she writes, "is the dominant ideology among child development experts, and it has filtered into the courts, into the schools, into the parenting magazines, into Hollywood, and into our kitchens and family rooms."

"Anti-culturalism" boils down to the notion children should be allowed to develop on their own. In

this view, parents and schools should stimulate and encourage, but otherwise stay out of the way. The emergence of the moral self must not be quashed by what Harvard psychologist Carol Gilligan calls the "foreign voice-overs of adults." Children are not to be raised, but simply allowed to grow.

The philosophy owes something to Jean-Jacques Rousseau's famous tenet that people are good, while

Children should develop independently of the prevailing culture and in opposition to it.

society is bad. It reflects traditional American ideas about individuality and independence, and it is influenced by the current postmodern idea that all values are biases that cannot be imposed on other people.

Anti-culturalism has swamped the schools with fuzzy concepts such as "discovery learning," "thinking strategies," "learner-centered math" and "learning to communicate mathematically" (as opposed to learning how to come up with correct answers). The assumption is that the child's innate drive to learn is so powerful the traditional curriculum can be discarded. So educators tell us self-directed

schoolchildren make meaning for themselves, under the watchful eye of teachers who don't really teach, but function as facilitators.

This is the reigning view of the school establishment. A study by the Public Agenda research group found only 7 percent of education professors think teachers should be conveyers of knowledge; 92 percent believe teachers should just "enable students to learn on their own."

Miss Hymowitz thinks anti-culturalism explains why bad schools fight so tenaciously to hold onto failed programs. They are more deeply interested in ideology than in results. She probably underestimates the strength of the current counterattacks against anti-cultural education, including testing for teachers, the turn against social promotion, and the heavy new emphasis on content and standards.

Her bleak view of what anti-culturalism has done to child-rearing seems more justified. The idea children are inherently good and will develop morally all by themselves is out of sync with news about Columbine and increasingly violent crimes by 8- and 9-year-olds. Miss Hymowitz thinks anti-culturalism is producing disengaged children and Seinfeld-like "postmodern post-adolescents" who can't seem to grow up. This may be the natural result of a theory calling for parents to be moral and cultural bystanders in the lives of their children.

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