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## Palestinians Criticize Israel During Mrs. Clinton's Visit

By WILLIAM A. ORME Jr.  
RAMALLAH, West Bank, Nov. 11 — In a return visit to Palestinian territory today, Hillary Rodham Clinton was acclaimed anew as a champion of Palestinian nationhood, and then listened with visible discomfort as her hosts at a health care function here excoriated Israel for its alleged toxic contamination of Palestinian air and water.  
Going furthest of all was Suha Arafat, the wife of the Palestinian Authority president, who contended that the Israeli military had used carcinogenic crowd-control gases in Gaza and the West Bank.  
"Our people have been subjected to the daily intensive use of poisonous gas by the Israeli forces, which have led to an increase in cancer cases among women and children," Mrs. Arafat asserted.  
Her comment sparked an uproar in Israel, with opposition legislators demanding a retaliatory halt to planned West Bank troop withdrawals. Prime Minister Ehud Barak issued his own denunciation.  
"These comments have no connection to reality," the prime minister's office said. "Poisoning the public atmosphere does not help in bringing about success in these negotiations," the statement added.  
On the second day of her tour in

the Middle East, Mrs. Clinton, the first lady and presumptive senatorial candidate, who has tried hard to avoid such controversy, was unavoidably in the middle of it all.  
The day began peaceably enough, with a Jerusalem breakfast with Nava Barak, the prime minister's wife, and Reuma Weizman, the Israeli president's wife. With her daughter, Chelsea, and the Baraks' daughter Michal, Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Barak viewed new exhibits and laid a wreath at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial and museum.  
After her foray into Palestinian territory, she returned to a cordial but uneventful celebrity's welcome at the Western Wall in the Jewish quarter of Jerusalem's Old City. Stopping in Ramallah to announce a \$3.8 million United States-financed maternal care program, Mrs. Clinton was greeted with the message: It takes an independent state to raise a healthy child, Palestinian officials insisted. Calling "the legacy of three decades of Israeli occupation" one of environmental despoliation and rampant disease, they argued that only sovereignty and Israeli withdrawal would allow Palestinians to remedy their medical problems.  
Mrs. Clinton, in remarks at the opening of the program here, had herself stressed health care needs in the West Bank and Gaza.



Hillary Clinton, left, and Suha Arafat, the wife of the Palestinian Authority president, in Ramallah yesterday after Mrs. Arafat accused the Israeli military of using cancer-causing gas in Gaza and the West Bank.

But she had devoted most of her address to the peace negotiations that were renewed here in Ramallah this morning. "This visit is particularly meaningful to me because today the Palestinian and Israeli people are at a crossroads, ready to take the hard decisions necessary for a just and lasting peace," she said.  
Then, Mrs. Clinton sat mute as public health professionals alternated attacks on Israel with praise for her 1998 remark favoring an event-

al Palestinian state.  
"I would like to remind you of the words that you said to Israeli and Palestinian children," said Jihad Mashal, the Palestinian health minister.  
Mrs. Clinton stated last year that it was "in the longterm interests of the Middle East for Palestine to be a state, and for it to be a state that is responsible for its citizens' well-being, a state that has responsibility for providing education and health care

and economic opportunity to its citizens, a state that has to accept the responsibility of governing."  
The statement has been viewed as a political problem in New York. And it created a sensation among Palestinians, who had never heard such high-profile American approvingly link the terms "state" and "Palestine."  
The remarks made by Palestinian officials today touched off even more criticism hours later, with Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani's aides in New York chiding Mrs. Clinton for confronting Mrs. Arafat. The fallout prompted Mrs. Clinton's office to issue a statement: "What was said today in Ramallah is an example of why the president at Oslo urged the parties to refrain from making inflammatory charges or engaging in excessive rhetoric and to deal with any issues at the negotiating table."  
Mrs. Clinton's other statement on sovereignty, her letter to Orthodox leaders in New York in July supporting Jerusalem's status as Israel's "eternal and indivisible" capital, seemed unfamiliar to Palestinian officials in Ramallah today.  
Yet they reiterated their Palestinian demand for a state incorporating Israeli-annexed East Jerusalem, including all of the Old City.  
"The next time I hope we will host you in our homeland in our capital,"

## Giuliani Denounces the Way a Hillary Clinton Ad Was Financed

By ADAM NAGOURNEY  
Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani denounced Hillary Rodham Clinton yesterday for authorizing a New York television advertising campaign that promoted her expected Senate candidacy, and which was largely financed with unregulated corporate and labor contributions. Mr. Giuliani described it as another example of campaign finance abuse by the Clintons.  
But even as he denounced the practice, the mayor pointedly declined to say that Republicans would not do the same thing on his behalf.  
The Clinton advertisement, being broadcast in upstate New York markets this week, is being paid for by an independent Democratic committee using mostly so-called soft money, the largely unrestricted contributions that can be made to committees under federal election law and are supposed to be used for general

party-building, not specific candidates.  
Although the 30-second ad clearly promotes Mrs. Clinton, whose face appears repeatedly, and it includes film supplied by her media adviser, it is paid for by the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee and the New York State Democratic Committee, not Mrs. Clinton's exploratory committee.  
National Republicans have been raising money over the last six months in anticipation of a similar effort on behalf of Mr. Giuliani, and the mayor yesterday refused to forswear the use of soft money altogether.  
Still, he repeatedly criticized his likely opponent yesterday, suggesting that she was evading federal campaign finance laws and recalling how President Clinton and his advisers had helped to devise a similar tactic to circumvent limits on political contributions limits when Mr.

Clinton ran for re-election in 1996.  
"The use of soft money has been made into an art form by Clinton campaigns," the Republican mayor said. "And very often, you know, the finger is pointed at Republicans, but there's nothing like what was done in the last Clinton presidential campaign — money from China, money from elsewhere, money raised on telephones in the White House."  
The Federal Election Commission gave wide berth to soft-money campaigns last year. And last month, for the fourth year in a row, Senate Republicans blocked a vote to ban soft money.  
Mrs. Clinton's advisers rejected Mr. Giuliani's complaints yesterday and said they had no intentions of either picking up the cost or pulling the current advertisement off the air.  
"It is perfectly legal," said Harold M. Ickes, Mrs. Clinton's senior political adviser.

# I'M IN!



## Hillary says she'll run

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## I'M IN

# HILLARY SAYS,

## Heeds advisers & tosses hat in ring

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton yesterday stopped "listening" and started talking — announcing she is officially running for the U.S. Senate.

"It's time to get moving and get started," Clinton said. She declared her candidacy after coming under growing pressure from concerned leaders in her party, including state Democratic boss Judith Hope, state Comptroller Carl McCall, and Rep. Charles Rangel (D-Manhattan).

With a rising sense of alarm over Clinton's political gaffes and fears that she may not run, top Democrats in recent days urged her to make the announcement, move to New York soon, and hire a top-notch campaign staff if she is serious about taking on Mayor Giuliani.

The unsolicited, tough-love advice apparently hit home.

Clinton uttered the magic words at the United Federation of Teachers headquarters in Manhattan after union head Randi Weingarten playfully asked, "Is it yes, or is it no?" — without needing to say what "it" was.

"The answer is yes," Clinton said, as cheers went up from several dozen teachers and union officials in the audience.

Sources said advisers over the weekend told Clinton — who has been traveling in the Mideast

By GREGG BIRNBAUM and ROBERT HARDT JR.

and Europe for the past two weeks — that she should take the plunge.

"Good, I want to," the first lady replied, sources said.

"We wanted to settle the minds of any doubters," a top adviser said.

"The next two steps for us are more of what we have been doing: continue fund-raising and get her in front of the right audi-



**STORM CLOUDS:** The Post reported Hillary's Mideast fiasco and her rejection by New York voters.

ences, which will dispel the outsider image."

A more formal, balloon-dropping, band-playing announcement is planned for sometime early next year.

The first lady also said she expected President Clinton to campaign extensively on her behalf in New York next year.

Asked about The Post poll on Sunday showing



53 percent of New York voters don't want her to run despite her months-long "listening tour" of the state, Mrs. Clinton huffed, "I don't pay attention to those polls."

In a lengthy press conference after her announcement, she fielded a barrage of questions about her failure to respond quickly to controversial charges by Yasser Arafat's wife last week on the West Bank.

The first lady said she did not react to Mrs. Arafat's claim that Israel had poisoned Palestinian women and children at the time it was made because she didn't want to provoke an "international incident."

"I was offended by her comments," the first lady said. "They were false, baseless and should not have happened."

Mrs. Clinton dodged a question about her prior support for a Palestinian state, saying that should be left to the negotiating table.

Meanwhile, she is taking steps to whip her much-criticized campaign organization into shape, tapping Democratic operative Bill deBlasio as her campaign manager and moving toward consultant David Doak as her media guru, sources said.

Giuliani's campaign manager, Bruce Teitelbaum, called Mrs. Clinton's statement a "non-announcement."

"What happened today was an announcement about a press conference to announce that she intends to announce next year," Teitelbaum said. "Sounds like more political double talk to me."



**LOVEFEST:** Manhattan Beep Virginia Fields hugs Hillary Clinton after her announcement. N.Y. Post: Susan May Tell

## Vague but poised

### 1st lady survives an Apple ordeal

**MESSAGE:** A minus.

At a carefully scripted and slightly awkward event, Clinton brushed away most — but not all — of the doubts that she will run. Some critics won't be satisfied until she stages the more traditional, balloon-dropping candidate's announcement and moves into her Chapin house.

**DAMAGE CONTROL:** B minus.

Her comments should end most of the sniping from within her party and allow her fund-raising machine to plow ahead by reassuring potential donors. But Mrs. Clinton damaged herself by playing a guessing-game about her intentions with New Yorkers over the last few months.

**APPEARANCE:** B plus.

The first lady was unruffled and fairly relaxed in the face of a barrage of tough questions about her support for a Palestinian state, the use of "soft money" to help her cam-

paign, and even one about Monica Lewinsky. She sounded confident when she discussed her candidacy, but some observers detected a little hesitation.

**VISION:** C minus.

Mrs. Clinton failed to lay out an agenda, ducked many questions, and didn't take a position on some key issues. At the United Federation of Teachers headquarters, where she held the news conference, the first lady squirmed when reminded about her backing of higher teacher-competency standards in Arkansas.

**FUTURE:** Incomplete.

An announcement that she's running doesn't overshadow the fact that Mrs. Clinton still trails Mayor Giuliani in the polls and her unfavorable rating is at an all-time high. The real work of running an effective campaign is just starting.

Gregg Birnbaum



## 'Poison' Suha is at it again

By ROBERT HARDT JR. and ANDY SOLTIS

The State Department yesterday blasted Suha Arafat for expanding her charges that Israel was trying to poison Palestinians.

Spokesman James Rubin said Mrs. Arafat's latest comments were "baseless... outrageous and inflammatory" charges "that only serve to provoke the situation."

Suha, the wife of PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, outraged Israelis during a West Bank visit by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton on Nov. 11 when she said Israel was systematically using gas to poison Palestinian women and children.

At the time, Rubin called the accusations "baseless" but also said they raised the kinds of issues that should be dealt with in negotiations with Israel.

But on Sunday Suha enlarged on her comments in an interview with the Saudi satellite channel Orbit.

She said Israeli insecticide factories at Gaza Strip settlements were spilling toxic waste into the territory and contaminating beaches and water.

Palestinian children had contracted cancer because of "poisonous water and gases directed toward us by Israel," she said.

Mrs. Clinton, who came under fire after the initial Suha comments, said last night of the new charges: "I am outraged and she's just wrong."

"She has continued to make false and inflammatory statements that are provocative and I believe harmful to the peace process."

**OH, NO!** Suha Arafat's latest blast had Hillary "outraged" yesterday. AP



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# 'THE ANSWER IS YES'

PHOTO PRESERVATION



**COUNT HER IN:** First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton enters the U.S. Senate race yesterday — with a little push from teachers-union chief Randi Weingarten.

Reuters

## Strong statement was only way to slow downslide

By ROBERT HARDT Jr.

Hillary Clinton shifted her sputtering Senate campaign out of neutral yesterday simply by saying aloud what her aides have been whispering for months.

Until yesterday's announcement that she will be announcing, Mrs. Clinton easily had the worst month of her quasi-campaign — suffering political body blow after body blow.

"It got to the point where we couldn't let all this speculation distract from the issues," one top adviser to the first lady said.

"It was time to stop the negative momentum and we needed to

### ANALYSIS

make a strong statement after the Mideast trip," said another adviser.

First, state Democrats were pummeled by GOP officials for using unregulated "soft money" to fund what was essentially a Hillary Clinton campaign commercial upstate.

The first lady's trip to the Middle East became a fiasco after she appeared on the West Bank and sat silently as Yasser Arafat's wife accused the Israelis of poisoning Palestinian women and children.

Then, small fissures began emerging within the Democratic Party. City Councilwoman Ronnie Eldridge — a strong liberal voice — said Mrs. Clinton should get out of the race.

Another well-known Democrat privately revealed to some colleagues that he was close to following Eldridge's lead.

And just hours before Mrs. Clinton's announcement, Carl Kruger — an obscure Democratic state senator from Brooklyn — was surprised to be mobbed by reporters at a press conference where he announced he was backing the mayor.

Another statement Mrs. Clinton

made yesterday was publicly uttering the words "Rudy Giuliani" for the first time.

"We wanted her to get it out of the way or it would have slowly become a big deal," one aide explained. "It says that we're at a new stage in the race and it's his turn to make clear his intentions."

The announcement also will help her fund-raising efforts — probably the most successful aspect of the Clinton campaign.

"There were still people holding back because they didn't want to give until they knew for sure," one adviser said. "Political action committees for unions typically

don't give to an undeclared candidate."

Downsides to declaring?

"The only possible disadvantage right now is that it gives the press license to hit harder," one aide said. "But, frankly, you can't hit much harder."

While several of her aides could easily recite the strategies behind her pseudo-announcement, none could explain what finally drove Mrs. Clinton to cross New York's political Rubicon.

"As I watched her today, I was asking myself the same question — because I know what's ahead of her," said one aide, referring to the grueling 11 months and 15 days before the election.



## REAL POLITICS

Eric Pooley

## Rumors of Her Demise

A whispering campaign, hotly denied, has Hillary dropping her Senate bid

**N**EW YORK POLITICIANS LIKE TO THINK OF THEMSELVES as gimlet-eyed operators who can handle the most treacherous terrain. Racial flare-ups, ethnic rivalries, battles between cop and civilian, upstate and downstate, Mayor Rudy Giuliani and just about everyone else—that's what makes New York politics a special kind of fun. Which is why, all over the state last week, one could hear the pols snorting over Hillary Rodham Clinton's West Bank fiasco. They couldn't believe that the First Lady would flunk such an easy test—sitting in silence while Suha Arafat, the wife of the Palestinian leader, accused Israel of using cancer-causing poison gas on Palestinian women and children. Suddenly the Democrats who had cheered her "exploratory" bid for a New York Senate seat were groaning about how badly she had screwed up—and wondering if she could cut it as a candidate.

Here comes the fun part. Some of those Democrats got so spooked that they spent the week spreading the rumor that Clinton was going to quit the race before she formally entered it. By trafficking in that gossip, they were inadvertently helping their archenemy, Giuliani—the Republican who is Clinton's likely rival for the seat. For months, the idea that Clinton would drop out had been the subject of a Republican whispering campaign spread by miscellaneous kibitzers and Giuliani operatives. They hoped it would be a self-fulfilling prophecy; maybe it will. Clinton's poll numbers have dropped, and Giuliani is spending some \$600,000 on an upstate ad campaign designed to damage her further. (If she doesn't run, he won't feel pressured to—there's no glory for him in beating, say, Representative Nita Lowey—so he could shoot for a job like Governor, one more suited to his head-banging style.) The Democrats should have known better than to repeat the rumor. Maybe Clinton wasn't the perfect candidate they had imagined, but she was the best they had. And maybe they weren't as smart as they thought, either. After all, they just got used by Rudy again.

Some Clinton aides concede that Hillary was depressed by the Arafat incident. But they say she is in the race to stay. "If people think a few bad days are going to make her pout and go home, they don't know who they're dealing with," says one. The advisers insist that internal polls taken since the incident suggest it hasn't hurt her, even though Jews make up about 12% of the state's electorate. She remains where she has been, about 5 points behind Giuliani. Her advisers were against her making the state visit to Israel—avoid uncontrollable situations is

the first rule of campaigning—but she went anyway. Once there, she felt she had to go to the West Bank to avoid playing favorites in the peace process. And when she got sandbagged by Arafat, Clinton couldn't denounce her on the spot without precipitating a bigger crisis. "Most people don't blame her," says an aide. "Those that do were Giuliani voters already. And hey—at least Yasser didn't show up."

That's looking on the bright side. But the fiasco is important for more than what it does to the Jewish vote; it's important for what it says about Clinton's instincts. A nimble candidate would have found a way to respond quickly. And a strong campaign manager might have talked her out of the visit. But Clinton has no manager and is her own strategist. Faced with howling tabloids, she retreated behind the haughty protective screen of her First Ladyhood. "It is unfortunate," she sniffed, "that there are any questions about what was a very straightforward occasion." A First Lady can get away with that kind of arrogance; a candidate can't. As she told a friend not long before her West Bank visit, she has been in the wheelhouse for all 10 of her husband's campaigns, but "it's different when you're the candidate."

A New Yorker close to Clinton describes the problem this way: "She can't stay way up in the clouds. She's got to come down." But she remains distant, shielded by her old, fierce band of loyalists (former chief of staff Maggie Williams has

come back from Paris to help). Remaking herself won't be easy, especially in a year when the press is busy gauging each candidate's authenticity. So far, her attempts to turn herself into a New Yorker have been amateurish. When the Chicago native proclaimed herself a closet Yankees fan, when the Methodist disclosed her Jewish roots, when the advocate for poor children came out in favor of milk price supports—these moves made her seem craven, ham-fisted. When the progressive copied her husband's tactic of using party soft money to finance early TV spots, she looked no better than he. And when Bill Clinton granted clemency to a group of Puerto Rican terrorists—a move that some of Hillary's key Latino backers had lobbied for—she was silent at first, then condemned the move, angering the very interest group she was pandering to. Smooth.

Like him or not, Giuliani is who he is. Which may be part of the reason the mayor, despite growing Rudy fatigue, now leads Clinton among such crucial voter blocs as suburbanites and women. The numbers will change, her advisers promise, after she declares her candidacy and moves to the state early next year. But sometimes you wonder whether Clinton should start believing those rumors.



IN THE 'HOOD: Hillary outside her new Westchester County house





Hillary Rodham Clinton with VH1 President John Sykes & Sean Penn

scene+heard **BENEFIT**



Inside the Thomas-Donahue penthouse



Ricki Lake & Amber Valletta

## fun-raising

*Hillary has a ball at a ... campaign kickoff?*

To run or not to run? That was the question on everyone's mind at a cocktail-party benefit for Hillary Rodham Clinton held at the Fifth Avenue penthouse of Marlo Thomas and Phil Donahue. "I'm not going to make any announcement tonight," the First Lady said of her all but confirmed Senate bid, "but I can tell you I'm having a great time—and I'm ready for all that lies ahead."

Among those helping to kick off her (presumed) campaign's fund-raising

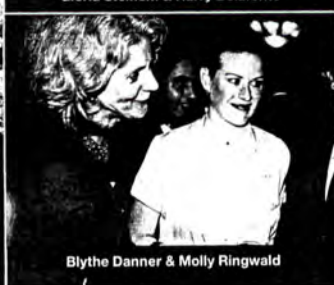
efforts were co-host Kathie Berlin, as well as Sean Penn, Blythe Danner, Harry Belafonte, Gloria Steinem and *The Blair Witch Project*'s Joshua Leonard. "Look at that cake," said Amber Valletta, pointing to a New York State-shaped confection on a nearby table. "She's definitely running. And I hope she wins." "Hillary's such a strong, smart woman," said Ricki Lake, fresh from an appearance on *The Late Show with David Letterman*. "She represents me and my issues." "I'm waiting and watching," added Michael Bolton, hoping, like so many of the Clinton supporters in the room, that the suspense would soon be over. "She's got what it takes." —Leslie Marshall



Co-host Marlo Thomas



Gloria Steinem & Harry Belafonte



Blythe Danner & Molly Ringwald

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Armen Kachaturian



## REVIEW &amp; OUTLOOK

## Hillary in November

A year from now we will know not only the name of the next President, but the winner of what is predicted to be the most hotly contested Senate race in decades: the New York heavyweight bout between Mayor Rudy Giuliani and First Lady Hillary Clinton. One problem that Mrs. Clinton faces as she does her roadwork across New York State is that political professionals looking at the stats are already placing bets against her.

This slippage may largely explain why Mrs. Clinton has been touring Israel this week, professing it is all in her capacity as First Lady. Mrs. Clinton began the political season as a famous candidate preparing to run in a state so liberal that Bob Dole failed to carry even one of its 31 Congressional districts. A March CBS/New York Times poll found her with a nine point lead over Mayor Giuliani, and a February Quinnipiac College poll, showed her with an 18 point lead. Both polls tend to overestimate the size of New York City's share of the ultimate statewide vote and thus favor Democrats. That's why recent trendlines in both polls showing a Giuliani lead are causing headaches in the First Lady's camp.

The new Quinnipiac College poll shows Mr. Giuliani with a five-point lead, a 23 point turnaround from its poll in February. The latest CBS/Times poll, taken late in October, also shows Mr. Giuliani with a five point lead and an electorate whose mind is remarkably made up. A year before the election, the number of undecided voters is only 3% after "leaning" voters are asked to choose. Without "leaners" the undecided vote is still only 8%.

Mrs. Clinton's standing with voters has fallen consistently. Her favorable rating was a healthy 52% in the March CBS/Times poll; now her 37% favorable rating is exceeded by her unfavorable rating. The pardon for Puerto Rican terrorists backfired spectacularly. Mrs. Clinton's advisers decided it wouldn't be prudent for her to attend even one of the Yankees' World Series games for fear of embarrassing "Bronx cheers," according to Barbara Olson, the author of a new Regnery biography of Mrs. Clinton, "Hell to Pay." Ms. Olson was chief investigative counsel for the Whitewater Committee headed by Rep. William Clinger, and finds Mrs. Clinton deeply involved in the Administration's scandals.

The hard-edged Mr. Giuliani also enjoys no holiday with voters, and an-

other highly hyped racial incident could damage him. Still, his favorable rating has climbed five points since March, despite the Diallo police shooting and the usual incidents of mayoral pique. The latest Zogby poll finds him winning 29% of Democrats, a third of Hispanics and a plurality of the Jewish vote. The Brooklyn Museum flap has solidified his standing with the state's Conservative Party and helped increase his lead upstate to 25 points in the Zogby poll. The First Lady's "listening tours" appear to have had limited effect. "So far people in the suburbs have deaf ears," one Democratic poll told *George* magazine this month.



Making book on Hillary's run

Indeed, the state's media appears to be wearying of the endless staged "listening" events. WRRN-TV in Kingston, N.Y., announced last month it "will no longer cover" her tour until she declares herself a candidate and grants interviews. Whitney Radio, which operates two stations in Westchester County, says it will no longer send reporters to her "staged events."

Her long expected announcement that she's running has been delayed until after New Year's. This caused Rep. Charles Rangel, a Hillary fan, to explode in frustration: "I don't understand it. Either you're in or you're out." Last week's U.S. News & World Report quotes the First Lady's handlers as saying that "non-stop fund-raising has put her in a foul mood." They also say she feels that New York contributors are "too demanding." That last thought is especially interesting, in light of how many times the Clintons have come to New York to tap these people.

We have long believed that the First Lady would probably pull out of the race at the last minute, just as Bill Clinton declined to enter the 1988 Presidential contest when he took a cold, hard look at the facts. Ms. Olson quotes Democrats who say the First Lady's real ambition is to "run something big." Ms. Olson suggests the World Bank, to which "she could be appointed without having to go through either the nastiness of a Senate confirmation process or the untidiness of a popular election."

There is of course Robert Kennedy's victory in the 1964 Senate race. But that victory came only a year after his brother's tragic death and with the help of Lyndon Johnson's 69% statewide victory in an era when coattails were real. Mrs. Clinton won't have coattails to hold onto. She will have only herself, and the Clinton legacy.



### **Hell to pay**

Richard Carlson, former director general of the Voice of America and past president and CEO of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and his wife, Patricia, will host an invitation-only book party in their McLean home next Sunday for Barbara Olson's "Hell to Pay: The Unfolding Story of Hillary Rodham Clinton."

The House of Representatives' chief investigative counsel for Travelgate and Filegate, Miss Olson presents in her book evidence that the woman who could become New York's junior senator is also implicated in a criminal investigation.

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# Ex-prez Bush misses people, not politics

George Bush guested last week on my TV show. The ex-president had some thoughts in a variety of areas, so here goes: "I don't miss being president at all. I miss very much the people I worked with at the White House, from the staff to the ushers — everyone. But I don't miss the nitty-gritty of politics at all."

"I stay abreast of issues, I talk with friends like Colin Powell and Brent Scowcroft all the time, but I'll tell you, Larry, there's nothing more important than my family. They come first. . . . I have a great deal of admiration and respect for Sen. John McCain. Sure, he's running against George W., and that's my son. But nevertheless, I have nothing but the highest regard for him."

"Not many people know this, but I served under his father, Adm. John McCain, in World War II. I might add, it was way under! And by the way, I think Sen. McCain's book about his family (*Faith of My Fathers*) is a treasure. . . .

"If asked by my kids for help, political or otherwise, I'm always there, but Jeb and George don't need me. They're two very smart young men, and I'm very proud of them. I ache for them when things don't go well, but they really know how to stand on their own. . . .

"Pat Buchanan is a sad story to me. I never took his statements against me personally. After all, that was politics. But things he's been saying lately, I'd have to say ex post facto the Republican Party is better off. . . .

"The toughest job a vice president has is remaining loyal to his president while keeping his own self intact. I always told President Reagan what I thought about a situation when I was asked, but I always stood by him, no matter how the decision was made."

"I can understand the difficulty Vice President Gore had when the president had all those problems. Thank God, I didn't have to deal with anything like that concerning President Reagan. . . .

"There is no way to comprehend the loss of a child. I miss Robin all the time. When she died at age 3 of



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Larry King's People

This column appears every Monday.

leukemia, we thought our world would end. But we do go on, and I see her in my granddaughters all the time."

"With all the advances we've made in medicine, childhood leukemia is now highly curable. So if we had them then, she'd be around now telling her brothers where to get off."

## King's things

The Palm restaurant comes to the very hot area of Tysons Corner, Va., with an opening in nearby McLean on Tuesday night. The famous power dining spot in 16 cities, including Washington, was founded in 1926 and now is a third-generation, family-owned restaurant company. . . .

Barbara Olson's highly critical book, *Hell to Pay: The Unfolding Story of Hillary Rodham Clinton*, is officially published today by Regnery, known for right-leaning offerings. The now-familiar TV figure really gives it to the first lady. This could hardly be called an objective work, but Olson strikes her points forcefully and raises questions that will need answering. Some of her sources, for instance *The American Spectator*, could hardly be deemed totally factual resources. That right-wing chronicle is not high on the Clintons' reading list. . . . Congratulations to my CNN colleague Bernard Shaw, who'll be inducted into *Broadcasting & Cable's* Hall of Fame tonight. . . .

Despite recent problems in the skies, I remain comfortable in flight. I don't know, the older I get, the better I handle it. Maybe it's fate, or I'm mellowing, or maybe it's fatherhood."

Larry King Live airs nightly on CNN and is simulcast on the Westwood One radio network.

## BORN TODAY

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|-----------------------------------|----|
| Jockey Angel Cordero Jr. ....     | 57 |
| Actor/singer Leif Garrett .....   | 38 |
| Playboy CEO Christie Hefner ..... | 47 |
| Singer Patti Page .....           | 72 |
| Singer Bonnie Raitt .....         | 50 |
| Newsman Morley Safer .....        | 68 |

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**Hillary's choice**

An old flame from first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's college and law school days says she wanted an ambitious man in her life, reported the Associated Press.

"I never stated a burning desire to be president of the United States. I believe that was a need for her in a partner," David Rupert says in an excerpt from Gail Sheehy's new book, "Hillary's Choice."

Mr. Rupert met the future first lady in 1968 when they were summer interns working for congressmen in Washington.

It wasn't her charm or beauty that hooked him, but something else: "She did have those big ugly glasses. The hair was pulled back. But what I found attractive was the mix of her character, her intellect and a physical attraction. And we laughed," Mr. Rupert told the wire service.

Their three-year relationship ended in 1970, shortly after she met a Yale law classmate from Arkansas named Bill Clinton.

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**W**HOOPEE, everyone's confirming **Hillary's** confirming the Senate race. Kid-dies, did not mother tell you this? Did not one year ago Jan. 8, mother first break this Page One headline? Did not this past June, the beginning of the summer, six months after the entire whole human world daily and hourly jumped on my scoop, did

not I re-confirm, re-state, re-an-nounce this?  
Thank you. You're welcome. I am frankly getting tired of all of you.  
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## Hillary and the Democrats

**T**hey're trying to change the subject. Harold Ickes, also known as Hillary Clinton's brain, went on television on Sunday and demanded that Rudy Giuliani promise New Yorkers he would serve a full six-year term as senator.

Howard Wolfson, also known as Hillary Clinton's mouth, ordered Rudy Giuliani to "tell the people of New York whether he is running."

James Carville, also known as Hillary Clinton's id, declared his intention set up "the Committee to Combat Thuggery" to "take on all of these thugs in the Giuliani campaign." That's exactly the same threat Carville issued at the beginning of the Year of Lewinsky, only then it was directed at independent counsel Kenneth Starr.

Michael Tomasky of New York magazine and Joe Conason of the New York Observer, also known as Hillary Clinton's bootlickers, have decided that the "thuggery" Carville so reviles is the devilish work of this newspaper, which has somehow hypnotized the rest of the press into questioning the seriousness of Hillary's candidacy.

Hillary is never so sympathetic as when she is seen to be a victim, and those who

wish her to be senator are apparently intent on casting The Post as her victimizer.

It's flattering. Thanks, guys. But no amount of Sunday talk-show jabber or boneheaded commentary can change the fact that the campaign in crisis here is not Rudy Giuliani's. After all, the mayor has a day job, he lives in New York state full time and may be the least sneaky politician who ever lived.

The campaign in crisis is Hillary Clinton's. Her recent declaration that she "intends" to run was made necessary not because of Giuliani's jabs or bad press coverage, but because Democrats were growing restless and uncomfortable.

Hillary made her staged pseudo-announcement before the United Federation of Teachers the other week after senior Democrats — like state Comptroller H. Carl McCall — made public their concern about a candidate whose response to a significant slide in her poll numbers was to give Mrs. Suha Arafat a hug and two kisses after Suha accused Jews of gassing Palestinians.

Mrs. Clinton did what she had to do to avoid a meltdown in her Democratic support. That's the truth. Everything else is the purest spin.



## Media Notes

# Can't Say Anything Nice? Then Say It Anonymously.

By HOWARD KURTZ  
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To get beyond the official line that a presidential candidate walks on water and everything is just grand, journalists often find themselves granting anonymity to aides and handlers.

But why on earth should one contender's strategists be allowed a veil of secrecy to beat up on a rival candidate? Isn't that what campaigns are in the business of doing? Are reporters simply rolling over for a colorful quote?

Time magazine, for instance, allowed an operative for Vice President Gore to take a shot at Bill Bradley's health plan: "Big and bold is fine," says an adviser to Al Gore. "Big and bold and unrealistic is not." What made this particularly odd is that the same issue contained an interview in which the vice president himself assailed his Democratic opponent.

"It's something we ought to be more careful about," says Time Managing Editor Walter Isaacson. "We ought to think about it more."

If you have Al Gore attacking [Bradley], why do you have an anonymous aide attacking him?

Time has plenty of company.

■ Reuters: "Forbes has really dwindled as a threat. His message was fresh and exciting in 1996 but is not this time around," said one senior Bush aide.

■ The New York Times: "'Once people know what this guy's record is, they'll realize Bradley's not what he claims to be,'" said one senior official in the Gore campaign."

■ The Washington Post: "'If your message is I'm not political and I'm authentic and I'm an outsider and I have big ideas, well then, that's the bar you set for yourself and you have to live up to it,'" said one Gore campaign official."

Ceci Connolly, the author of that Post story, says: "I'm well known in the campaign for fighting with people and screaming at them to be on the record. This is the culture we're now operating in, and way too many people only want to talk on background." She says the quote in question shed light on the Gore camp's approach and did not accuse Bradley of being "a thief or a murderer."

Newsweek's Howard Fineman penned this sentence about Bradley: "He's having it both ways, but eventually he won't have it either way," vows a top Gore aide. Fineman says that did not amount to a "substantive attack" on Bradley.

"I think it's good to get them to explain to me what their strategy is, and if I have to do that on condition of anonymity, I'm glad to," Fineman says. "If someone's going to make an attack, I think they should have to stand behind it. . . . Admittedly, it's a fine line."

## Beating the Drumm

Maureen Drumm, the star of Bradley's first campaign ad, feels unfairly maligned by the media.

In the commercial, Drumm says that "my daughter is alive today" because of Bradley. Several reporters, including this one, described the ad as misleading. Drumm has lupus and her first two children had complications after birth. But only her third child was born after Bradley helped pass a law requiring insurance coverage for 48-hour hospitalization for new mothers; Drumm says she would have been afraid to have the child otherwise, although it turned out the girl had only a case of jaundice.

"It's shocking to me because I didn't expect it," Drumm says of

the coverage. "To me this is fact. I'm kind of being treated like a politician. I'm not the candidate. I was really kind of blind-sided. . . . I don't appreciate people insinuating that I'm making this up or that these are lies."

The stories, of course, have criticized the Bradley campaign, not Drumm. Still, the 34-year-old Philadelphia housewife has called some of the journalists, such as ABC's George Stephanopoulos, to complain about their criticism.

"I may have put myself in this situation by doing the ad, but I'm a novice about this. Now I understand why people have a hard time going into public service."

## Hollywood Confidential

Some Washington area moviegoers leaving the film "The Insider" have been handed a flyer asking them to call an 800 number.

Callers are asked a series of automated questions about the movie, which recounts how "60 Minutes" spiked a 1995 interview with whistleblower Jeffrey Wigand, a former executive at Brown & Williamson Tobacco.

"Based on how events were depicted, do you believe Brown & Williamson Tobacco threatened Jeffrey Wigand or his family with physical harm?"

"Do you have a more favorable or less favorable impression of Brown & Williamson Tobacco?"

It's hardly a surprise that the company paying for the poll—though this is never disclosed—is Brown & Williamson. The flyers are also being distributed in New York, Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis, Louisville and Macon, Ga.

B&W spokesman Mark Smith says the poll is designed "to try to figure out the extent of the damage we've received as a result of this movie." He says Disney's Touchstone Pictures has "stepped over the line in this docu-drama by using our name and the name of our chief executive, who is now dead."

Referring to a scene in which Wigand, under pressure, finds a bullet and threatening note in his mailbox, Smith notes that the FBI believed there was probable cause that Wigand placed the bullet and note there himself, and found evidence suggesting the note may have been typed on his computer. "We did not threaten Jeffrey Wigand in any way—we did not trail him, we did not put anything in his mailbox," Smith says.

A Disney spokeswoman replies that the survey "is set up so that it can be skewed by Brown & Williamson and others in the tobacco industry to generate the desired outcome." She adds that "The Insider" does not defame the company and "conspicuously disclaims any known connection between Brown & Williamson and the threats against Mr. Wigand." In fact, a general disclaimer at the end of the three-hour film—some scenes of which are simply made up—says nothing about Wigand.

## Millennial Surprise

The New York Post has never made any secret of its disdain for President Clinton—and, increasingly since the Senate campaign began, for his wife.

But it was still a surprise to see

the president and Hillary Rodham Clinton described as "evil" last week. Really, really evil. Right up there with Hitler.

The occasion was the tabloid's online poll—totally unscientific, since it includes only computer users motivated enough to respond—which asked, among other things, about the most evil people of the last 1,000 years.

Adolf Hitler took the honors with 1,664 votes, and second place went to a write-in candidate: Bill Clinton. Then, after Joseph Stalin, Pol Pot and Josef Mengele, was the sixth-place winner, Hillary Clinton, with 765 write-in votes.

Tough crowd.

"We were pretty surprised," says Acting Editor Xana Votunes. "They were all legitimate votes as far as we could tell." She calls the online poll "a bit of lighthearted fun. I hope nobody takes it too seriously."



# 'Most Involved' Vice President Disengages

By CECI CONNOLLY  
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When a dozen environmentalists met with Vice President Gore last week, high on their list of questions was strip mining. But instead of providing information, the No. 2 man in government asked *them* for an update.

It was similar when Gore was asked by reporters about the clemency granted to imprisoned Puerto Rican nationalists. "I had zero involvement with that," said President Clinton's deputy.

For seven solid years, Al Gore bet his political future on being the "most involved vice president in history." But now with the first votes of the 2000 election just two months away, Gore is—to use one of his new favorite expressions—"dissing" the job that brought him within 18 paces of the Oval Office.

"Running for president of this country is far more important than being the best vice president I can

possibly be," he says in a none-too-subtle declaration of independence.

From decisions as simple as wardrobe to matters as complicated as abortion, Gore is cutting his ties to Clinton. Part of the shift is evolution, Gore contends, noting: "I have to win this on my own." But Gore's abandonment of a role he fought so hard to carve out is a stark illustration of how much he fears his understudy role—and his ties to the impeached president—are harming his own presidential ambitions.

"He thinks about it almost every day," said one former aide, referring to Gore's frequent worrying about the Clinton impact. After months of feeling dispirited, Gore is now emboldened to shed his day job and the requisite loyalty that goes with it.

If he and the boss publicly disagree, "So be it," Gore declares.

Yet the split will require finesse not usually associated with the man best remembered for "no controlling legal authority." For even as Gore begins to make policy breaks with the Clinton administration, he is eager to share credit for its accomplishments and he expects to rely on the perks of incumbency to keep his political operation humming through the cash-starved spring. Gore advisers already have said he will use

official government announcements and trips to keep a high profile and generate good will.

"It's a problem that goes back to Martin Van Buren," said Rutgers University political scientist Ross Baker. "Sitting vice presidents have to have tremendous agility; you don't want to destroy the platform that allows you to make the reach [to the presidency], but you don't want to be bound to the platform."

From his very first meeting with Clinton in 1992, Gore has been keenly aware of the understudy trap called "vice presidentialitis." In return for helping Clinton win, the Tennessee senator negotiated a weekly lunch with the president, office space in the West Wing and a seat for his staff at the National Security Council.

As he began preparing for his own

presidential campaign in late 1998, Gore settled on a Rose Garden-style strategy modeled after Clinton's 1996 victory. He would remain vice presidential, standing behind a lectern with the official seal making pronouncements on the latest good news from the federal government.

He surveyed flood damage in Tennessee, laid a wreath at the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s grave, delivered \$29 million in emergency relief to California and stood beside Clinton as the president greeted foreign dignitaries. And on every trip the vice president made, his staff distributed inch-thick briefing books itemizing "President Clinton and Vice President Gore's accomplishments" in a particular state.

"He envisioned a governing version of this campaign where he could 'VP' his way to the presiden-

cy," said one Gore ally, who expressed frustration that Gore for months refused to engage rival Democrat Bill Bradley.

Today, Gore spends virtually all of his time away from Washington, and has moved his headquarters to Nashville. When Gore describes the joy of hitting the campaign trail, he invokes the imagery of freed slaves, telling audiences he is "unshackled."

He skipped the last Cabinet meeting, takes daily shots at Bradley and has not eaten lunch with Clinton since Aug. 10. In family circles, the Monica S. Lewinsky scandal and resulting "Clinton fatigue" in the nation are known simply as "The Problem," said two people close to the Gores.

Earlier this month, Gore invited the Cabinet to his home to explain his new approach. He told the group he had "gotten into bad habits as vice president . . . had gotten too cautious because he wanted to always be seen as supporting administration goals," said one official who attended the session.

Publicly, Gore says the shift is all about speaking directly to voters.

"I started connecting with people who were willing to teach me about their dreams and hopes for the country," he said last week, campaigning

on the West Coast. "And the easiest thing in the world for me is to give a spontaneous answer from my heart."

At times, Gore still displays the awkward formality that has given him a reputation for stiffness. But increasingly in recent weeks, he is more confident, more relaxed and much more willing to project his own personality.

"I've always thought the vice president would really shine once he got out from underneath the shadow of vice president," said Rep. Jay Inslee (D-Wash.), who campaigned with

Gore last week. "He has been an exceptional vice president in part because he is an incredibly adept team player. But now the country is willing and eager for him to come forward and show his own flag."

Last week, Gore did just that, first touting the virtues of anti-trust laws to a skeptical group of Microsoft employees and later taking exception with Clinton's willingness to accept limits on abortion rights advocacy overseas in return for nearly \$1 billion in dues to the United Nations. "I do not favor bargaining away any critical policy aspect of a woman's

right to choose," Gore said.

Inslee applauded Gore's maneuvering as courageous and smart: "He picked the right time and the right place and the right issues."

But some supporters worry Gore has difficulty striking the proper balance between being his own man and reaping the benefits of Clinton's policy successes.

White House aides and other Clinton advisers say the president believes—as do many on his team—that Gore is blundering by seeming to run away from Clinton's record. They suggest that there is no escap-

ing any political burdens brought on by his association with Clinton and the potential rewards can be realized only if he touts those achievements—and states convincingly how he can build on them.

"It's idiotic," said one Democratic strategist close to the White House. "He's got all the negatives no matter what; he might as well take advantage of the positives."

Even a top Gore strategist acknowledged it will be difficult next spring to wage a campaign through pseudo-official events after having spent the previous months trying to convince voters he is the former vice president.

The shift back to the initial Rose Garden approach "will certainly be more jarring," this person said.

But others in the Gore camp say the un-vice presidential approach is a question of timing—and now is the time to run for the top job. As his former political director Karen Skelton put it: "For everything there is a season; this is the vice president's winter as a warrior."

Staff writer John F. Harris contributed to this report.



## Rudy launches art attack on Hill

JUST as we're hearing well-sourced reports that Hillary Rodham Clinton will take herself out of the Senate race if her poll figures go down the toilet, Mayor Rudy has made his firmest declaration to date that he's in.

"With every passing day, the excitement builds about the pending U.S. Senate contest here in New York that will pit me against Hillary Clinton," Giuliani writes in his latest appeal for money. "I'm actively preparing for this race in many ways, and am pleased to provide you with this latest update of what we're doing."

"What we're doing" seems to be showing Hillary just how viciously politics is played in New York. Rudy refers to her "endorsement to fund the vile exhibit at the Brooklyn Museum with

taxpayer money," despite its aggressive attacks on the Catholic faith. "If that weren't bad enough," Rudy adds, "the exhibit also includes pieces glorifying pedophiles!"

He throws in her "long silence and flip-flop" over her husband's decision "to free 16 Puerto Rican terrorists who only a short time ago brought horror and devastation to the streets and sidewalks of New York."

The interesting thing here, I think, is that Giuliani stresses it will be a fight to the death between him and Hillary. I still believe that if she drops out, so will he. He doesn't want to give Public Advocate Mark Green a year's City Hall incumbency, and would be far happier running for governor in 2002.



### Hillary's finances

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton sent voters another signal that she plans to run for the Senate in New York when she filed her financial disclosure form with the U.S. Senate records office yesterday.

Mrs. Clinton submitted the form for her exploratory campaign at 5:08 p.m.

Mrs. Clinton's disclosure, which does not mention her husband by name, shows that her blind trust is worth between \$1 million and \$5 million, whereas the joint form only needed to show that it was valued at more than \$1 million.

It also narrows down the amount of their legal liabilities; their bills for Williams & Connolly and Skadden, Arps, Slater, Meagher & Flom will cost them between \$2 million and \$10 million, instead of just "more than \$2 million."

Likely foe Rudolph W. Giuliani said in Washington yesterday that his mayoral disclosure forms provide more detail than the Senate's form.

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# Hillary's Palestinian friends

## Electoral politics change everything

By Evan Gahr

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton is expected to snub Yasser Arafat during her visit to Israel (scheduled to begin Nov. 10). The *Forward* reports that "the first lady will eschew a trip to the Gaza Strip during" her visit, "flouting a State Department recommendation that she meet with Yasser Arafat."

Of course, Mrs. Clinton is snubbing Mr. Arafat more than 10 years after she sent money his way when she headed a New York City-based foundation. To this day, Mrs. Clinton has yet to give an honest accounting of her role in funneling the PLO money. Perhaps she can find a few moments among her packed schedule in Israel to come clean.

Don't hold your breath.

Today, Mrs. Clinton, who recently voiced support for Jerusalem as Israel's capital, likes to pretend she is the reincarnation of Golda Meir. But let's remember her background. How did Mrs. Clinton behave long before she had reason

to ingratiate herself with the Jewish voters who can help elect her New York senator?

In 1987 and 1988, Mrs. Clinton, never one to stay home and bake cookies, served as chairman of the New World Foundation on Manhattan's posh Upper East Side. Under Mrs. Clinton, the Foundation funded virtually every left-liberal group imaginable, such as the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES) and the conspiracy-mongering Christic Institute. (Call it Hillary's trickle down economics for the radical chic set.)

Anyway, the New World Foundation also gave \$15,000 to the Somerville, Mass.-based Grassroots International. This unabashedly anti-Israel outfit was funding two PLO groups on the West Bank: the Union of Palestinian Working Women's Committees and the Union of Palestinian Medical Relief Committees, both affiliated with the communist Palestinian People's Party, a PLO constituent member. Despite the ostensibly humanitarian goals of these groups, it's well to note that money is fungible. Even money given for legitimate humanitarian efforts frees other money for terrorism.

Moreover, the grant was pre-

Oslo, before the PLO supposedly renounced terrorism and adopted a "moderate" stance. That shouldn't surprise anyone. Mrs. Clinton has long traveled in the kind of circles that view America and Israel with equal contempt. Just as many of her comrades posited a morale equivalence between the Soviet Union and the United States, they put Israel and the PLO on the same level. In any event, when the PLO grant came to light in 1992, Mrs. Clinton and her spokeswoman offered "explanations" that were positively, well, Clintonesque in their distortions and evasions. Mrs. Clinton's press secretary told the *Forward* that she did not vote on the grant. From the organization's chairman, that's a pretty unbelievable argument.

In a subsequent interview with reporters for Jewish newspapers, Mrs. Clinton subsequently claimed that the grant was made for a "specific project in South Africa [anti-apartheid work]. If the money was diverted, I knew nothing about it." Not exactly. The New World Foundation's donation was a general purpose grant. Contrary to Mrs. Clinton's spin there was no need to divert any money. Moreover, the New World Foundation knew of its beneficiaries' Middle East endeavors, accord-

ing to both organizations. Grassroots has said the New World Foundation was "entirely aware of who we support. We never hide the fact that we work with Palestinian organizations on the West Bank."

Still, Mrs. Clinton would do well to answer some obvious questions. Was the grant a good idea or bad idea? These are hardly complex or trick questions. Given her history it's hardly surprising that Mrs. Clinton last year called for a Palestinian state last year and put the United States on the side of Mr. Arafat and at odds with Israel on a matter intended for future negotiation. In early 1996, according to a *Wall Street Journal* article, she even allowed a pro-Hamas group to "draw up the Muslim guest list" for her reception marking the end of Ramadan.

Recently, of course, Mrs. Clinton has endeavored to distance herself from her pro-PLO past. This July, the *Forward* broke the story that Mrs. Clinton, in a carefully worded letter, told an Orthodox Jewish group that she favors moving the United States embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

This is more than the transparent posturing of an election hungry politician. In the Clinton administration, black is white and white is black. Now, it's Mrs. Clinton's turn to say one thing and do another. Today, Mrs. Clinton keeps Mr. Arafat at a distance in a just one of many ruses intended to maintain her faux pro-Israel pose. But if the snub bothers Mr. Arafat he can cry all the way to the bank.

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## Hillary plans fall visit to Israel

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First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will take a break from her listening tour of New York this fall to travel to Israel for a conference on violence, an Israeli newspaper reported yesterday.

Clinton was invited to the conference by Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak's wife during a visit to Washington with her husband earlier this month, the newspaper Yedioth Ahronoth reported.

While their husbands held state talks, Naza Barak and Hillary Clinton reportedly had a long discussion about the impact of vio-

lence on society and among children.

A spokesman for Mrs. Clinton could not confirm the Israeli report yesterday.

A trip to Israel could boost Mrs. Clinton's Senate ambitions in New York, where she has faced stern criticism from Jews over her stand on Palestinian self-determination.

The Israeli prime minister met with Mayor Giuliani during a stop in New York last month, when the two talked about the city's crime-reduction strategies.



# In Scenes Of Tumult, Moroccans Bury King

By JOHN M. BRODER  
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RABAT, Morocco, July 25 — Marching under a merciless sun through streets thronged by hundreds of thousands of mourners, President Clinton and President Jacques Chirac of France led an assemblage of dozens of kings and princes, presidents and prime ministers for the burial of King Hassan II of Morocco today.

A gun carriage bore the King's coffin, which was draped with a thick black blanket embroidered with verses from the Koran, and members of the royal court chanted Muslim liturgy and the Moroccan national anthem.

As the funeral procession moved slowly through Rabat, Morocco's capital, the multitudes chanted "God is great," wailed and waved flags and scarves.

At times the surging crowds appeared to press in on Mr. Clinton, Mr. Chirac and other dignitaries following the King's coffin, giving rise to Secret Service concerns about the President's safety.

Joe Lockhart, the White House press secretary, said Mr. Clinton was well protected by the Secret Service and was determined to take part in the procession "as a mark of respect" to the late King and his successor and as a statement of support to the Moroccan people.

Former President George Bush, who also made the three-mile walk, said that he was "not at all concerned" about his own safety and that he believed that Mr. Clinton "did exactly the right thing."

The King's coffin was preceded by a gilt carriage carrying the new Moroccan ruler, King Mohammed VI. The carriage was drawn by four white

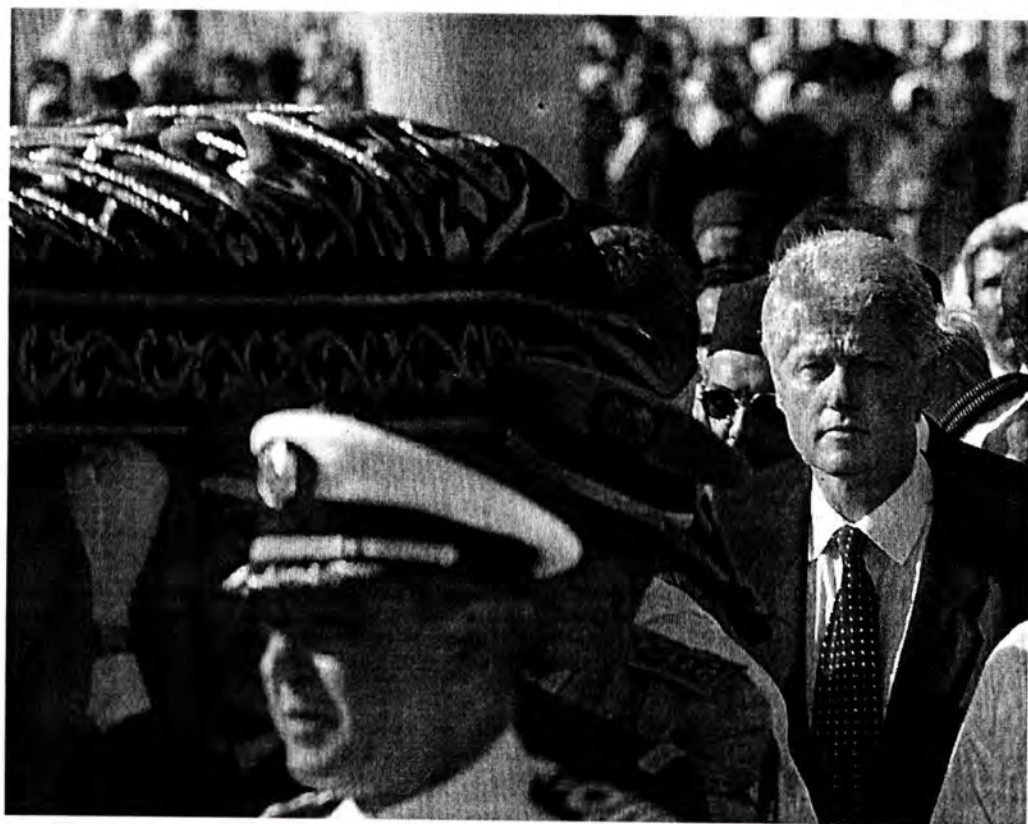
## Syria's leader stays at home, so no meeting with Clinton is held.

horses and was accompanied by military honor guards in colorful uniforms.

It was the second time in less than six months that world leaders had gathered to mourn the passing of an epoch-making Arab monarch. The death of King Hussein of Jordan in February after a 47-year reign produced similar scenes of public mourning and impromptu meetings of heads of state.

Virtually all Moroccan businesses were closed today in observance of the King's death, which came Friday after four years of deteriorating health. But the work of diplomacy continued as leaders conducted unscheduled conversations between their funeral duties.

The scenes outside the capital were almost as extraordinary as those in Rabat. To pay their last respects, thousands of people made their way by foot along a highway that had been closed to all but official traffic. Some had begun their journey as far away as Casablanca, 60



Pool Photo by Agence France-Presse

President Clinton walking behind the coffin at the funeral of King Hassan of Morocco in Rabat yesterday. The crush of the crowd was so great that the Secret Service grew concerned about the President's safety.

miles to the south.

"He was like a father," said Youssef Mohammed, 25, who said he would walk all the way to Rabat if necessary to say farewell to the late King.

As they awaited the beginning of the funeral procession from the royal palace to the burial ground, Prime Minister Ehud Barak of Israel and Yasir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, were seen in an animated discussion with Mr. Clinton in a room in the palace.

An anticipated meeting between Mr. Clinton and President Hafez al-Assad of Syria did not happen, however. Mr. Assad remained in Damascus. Mr. Clinton did not meet with the Syrian officials who attended the funeral. "He certainly would have if he had seen them, but we didn't see them," said Samuel R. Berger, the national security adviser.

Mr. Clinton had brief discussions with a series of other leaders, but Administration officials said that they were not particularly substantive, given the nature of the event and the large number of people involved. Aides said that Mr. Clinton encouraged Mr. Barak and Mr. Arafat to continue their efforts at resolving Israeli-Palestinian disputes, but did not offer specific formulas for achieving progress.

Russia was represented by Yegor Stryoyev, the President of the Russian Senate. President Boris N. Yeltsin attended the funeral of King Hussein in Amman in February, but he was obviously frail at the time.

Dennis Ross, the Administration's special coordinator for Middle East negotiations, said the most noteworthy aspect of today's gathering was that it brought the Israeli Prime Minister in contact with Arab leaders in an atmosphere lacking in the tension that has long marked Israel's relations with its neighbors.

"Barak mingled easily with all leaders there; you didn't see barriers," Mr. Ross said. "That is in no small part a tribute to King Hassan and what he represented."

Before leaving Rabat, Mr. Clinton held short private meetings with Mr. Arafat; Abderrahmane Yousoufi, the Prime Minister of Morocco; and Abdelaziz Bouteflika, the new President of Algeria.

The rapidly assembled American

## World leaders at the funeral take the opportunity to pursue diplomacy.

delegation included the First Lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton, and the Clintons' daughter, Chelsea. Mr. Bush and two former Secretaries of State, Warren Christopher and James A. Baker 3d, also flew here aboard Air Force 1 to attend the rites.

They were met at Rabat's military airport by Prince Moulay Rachid, the 29-year-old brother of the new King.

Mrs. Clinton was accorded a rare honor for a woman of an audience with the new King. She also paid a condolence call on the King's widow and other women of the family.

The President and Mrs. Clinton met with the new King for about five minutes after paying respects to the body of the late King, which lay in state in the ornate throne room of the Royal Palace.

In Muslim societies, women are strictly segregated from men at religious observances, particularly funerals.

Mrs. Clinton had been a guest of the King during a visit here in April. She said today that she was happy to return to Morocco, "but sorry that it is for such a sad occasion."

Mr. Clinton cut short a weekend of recreation and fund-raising in Aspen, Colo., to attend the funeral. The President's weekend began with a memorial service for John F. Kennedy Jr. in New York on Friday.

In remarks to staff members of the American Embassy here after the funeral, the President said that the late King had been known as the "great survivor," having outlasted most of the enemies who had fatal designs on him.

But Mr. Clinton said that description did not do the King justice because he did not merely survive, but used his reign to improve the lives of his subjects and build ties with other Arab nations and with Israel.

"He was never embittered by the dangers he faced and over time he grew in wisdom, stature and standing in the world, and as he grew, so did Morocco," the President said.

Mr. Clinton said he had confidence in the new King and had told him this afternoon that he expected that the partnership between Morocco and the United States "will only grow stronger."

King Hassan served as a bridge between Israel and Egypt in the secret diplomacy leading up to President Anwar el-Sadat's path-breaking visit to Jerusalem in 1977 and the Camp David accord of 1978.

King Hassan was the Arab world's longest-serving monarch, having ruled for 38 years that were marked by half a dozen coup attempts, social upheaval and economic progress for many of Morocco's 29 million citizens.

Mr. Clinton said that the deaths this year of King Hassan and King Hussein represented the passing of an old order and expressed optimism that their successors would continue their legacy of moderation and recognition of Israel.

"I think the important thing is that Morocco has been a model of reconciliation within the country and a model of partnership and friendship for peace in the Middle East," he said. "And I think that direction will continue."

King Hassan was buried alongside the onyx tomb of his father, King Mohammed V, who died in 1961, in a massive mausoleum designed by Vo To An, a Vietnamese architect, and built beginning in 1962.

The burial chamber is surrounded by a white marble pavilion covered with a roof of typical Moroccan green tiles. The ceiling of the chamber is formed of intricately carved mahogany covered with gold leaf fashioned by hundreds of craftsmen from throughout Morocco.

The entombment of King Hassan was attended by a small group of male family members, courtiers and Muslim foreigners, including Mr. Arafat. The sound was piped outside to tens of thousands gathered in the pavilion, and Moroccan television cameras recorded scene inside for the millions of Moroccans watching in their homes.



# Royal funeral in Morocco

## Clinton huddles with Arafat, Barak

By Steve Holland  
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RABAT, Morocco — President Clinton marched behind the casket of Morocco's King Hassan yesterday and conducted some behind-the-scenes diplomacy, holding a three-way meeting with Palestinian President Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak.

Mr. Clinton, the first U.S. president to visit Morocco since Dwight D. Eisenhower, said King Hassan was among a generation of Middle Eastern leaders committed to peace that included Jordan's King Hussein, who died early this year, and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who was assassinated in 1995.

This generation, he told U.S. Embassy personnel, "brought this region to the turning point we now face. The opportunity for lasting peace is now at hand."

In a sign of respect for King Hassan, Mr. Clinton agreed to a Moroccan request to march at the front of the procession following King Hassan's casket as it was driven through Rabat to a mausoleum for burial.



**Paying their respects:** Chelsea and Hillary Clinton enter the mausoleum for the burial of King Hassan, who died Friday at 70.

Many among the emotional, chanting crowd — estimated at 2 million by Moroccan television — surged toward the casket to try to touch it, creating a nightmare for Secret Service agents.

They locked arms to try to keep Mr. Clinton from being trampled. He still got jostled when mourners surged into the procession at a few points along the route.

Mr. Clinton's national security adviser, Samuel R. Berger, made the walk too and afterward said the security situation was "a little bit dicey" but that Mr. Clinton wanted to do it as a sign of respect for the Moroccan people.

Rep. Benjamin A. Gilman, New York Republican and chairman of

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the House International Relations Committee, said he had been worried about the president's safety because "we were all hemmed in" when people surged to touch the casket.

"At a couple of points the crowd broke through," he said.

But former President George Bush, who also walked the route, said he was "not at all" concerned about his own safety. "I think the president did exactly the right thing," Mr. Bush said.

Before the funeral, while in a large room at the Royal Palace where world leaders here for the funeral mingled, Mr. Clinton, Mr. Arafat and Mr. Barak talked for about five minutes.

It was the first such three-way meeting since Mr. Barak took office on July 6 promising to reinvigorate the Middle East peace process.

"I'm very optimistic," Mr. Clinton was quoted as having told an Israeli woman who inquired about the peace process during the day. "We just have to give it more time."

Mr. Berger said Mr. Clinton talked to Mr. Barak at length and asked Mr. Arafat to join them. He said the discussion was cordial and not specific.

"It was about the opportunity that existed now, the desire that Prime Minister Barak expressed to work with the Palestinians on the basis of respect and trust," Mr. Berger said.

Mr. Clinton was to hold a private meeting with Mr. Arafat later last night.

Mr. Barak and Mr. Arafat had postponed a peacemaking summit planned for Saturday night at the border between Israel and Gaza so

they could attend the funeral of King Hassan, a longtime behind-the-scenes peace broker in the Middle East.

The Israeli leader, who is to hold formal negotiations with Mr. Arafat tomorrow, has said he wants the Palestinian leader to agree to postpone part of the U.S.-brokered Wye

River land-for-security deal while a final peace accord is negotiated.

Palestinians have been cool to the idea, saying they want signed peace deals carried out in full. Mr. Clinton has urged Mr. Barak to implement the Wye deal, but has asked Mr. Arafat to listen to the prime minister's ideas.

## Dancing welcome planned for America's First Lady

Thirawat Khamthita  
Chiang Rai

Provincial authorities are ready for Hillary Clinton's visit to Chiang Rai on November 24.

Chiang Rai Governor Vicharn Chaiyanant said the American president's wife will be given a traditional welcome with local dance at Chiang Rai airport on Sunday.

More than 1,200 students from Damrongrat Songkhroh school and local people in Lanna dress will gather for the *Bai Sri Luang* ceremony.

Later, Mrs Clinton is to visit Mae

Chan Vitthayakhom school and meet students under the "Tomorrow's Thai Women" Project in Ban Jor Pa Kha and Ban Dharmajarik in Mae Chan district.

Under the project, Usaid, Chiang Mai University and provincial officials have offered scholarships and occupational skill training courses for poor youngsters in Mae Chan, Mae Sai and Phaya Mengrai districts since 1994.

Chiang Rai police chief Pol Maj-Gen Sunthorn Boonchiang said he had ordered local police, Border Patrol Police and military officers to provide security.



# Clinton reverts to role of first lady for visit to Israel

## Some complain trip is extension of Senate run

By Kathy Kiely  
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TEL AVIV, Israel — In her own country, she's a big-league politician, out campaigning and raising big bucks for herself. Here in the Middle East, Hillary Rodham Clinton has reverted to a more traditional role as goodwill ambassador.

"I'm here as the first lady of the United States... and to further deepen and strengthen the already strong bonds between our countries," Clinton said today at a breakfast meeting with Nava Barak, the wife of Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak. Both women have an opportunity to foster worthy causes "because of the positions of our husbands," Clinton told an audience Wednesday at Tel Aviv University.

Most of the Israeli media are viewing the trip by Clinton — who took pains to point out that it's her fifth visit to the Jewish state — as an extension of her not-quite-official U.S. Senate campaign in New York, where the Jewish vote could be key.

"The race for the Senate runs via the Western Wall," is how Israel Channel One put it on its popular evening broadcast, referring to Clinton's political aspirations and Jerusalem's sacred prayer site.

As if to combat that impression, Clinton will be spending most of the time on her government-paid trip to Israel and Jordan on the types of issues and appointments that are normally the lot of political wives.

She will have breakfast meetings with Nava Barak and Reuma Weizman, wife of Israel's president, Ezer Weizman. She also might meet with Suha Arafat, wife of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Clinton's schedule includes stops at programs for women and children, visits to hospital units and an event devoted to historic preservation.

She does not plan to meet with reporters. Some members of the Israeli media are interpreting that decision as an effort to avoid making a gaffe in a region that is, as one local news commentator put it, "a minefield" of religious and racial antagonisms.

Several years ago, Clinton infuriated some Israelis — and the nation's



In Tel Aviv: Hillary Rodham Clinton shares the stage Wednesday with a participant from ELEM, an Israeli-U.S. program that works to assist troubled youths.

supporters in the USA — by expressing support for a homeland for Palestinians, who claim as their own much of the territory now occupied by Israel. In the incident, she said Palestinians should eventually have a "functioning modern state."

Nonetheless, Clinton's hosts appear delighted to have her.

"For us, a visit by the first lady of the United States is a very important visit," Leah Rabin, widow of assassinated Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, told reporters.

She said she "personally feels a very great friendship" for both Clintons and added "I wish her good luck" with the Senate race.

Across town at a shelter run by ELEM, an Israeli-U.S. program that

tries to assist troubled youths here, 18-year-old Ohad Bikovsky echoed Rabin's sentiments.

"I don't care if the reason she does it is to get votes," said Bikovsky, one of two program participants selected to meet Clinton.

Bikovsky, who has two silver studs under his lip and a barbed nose ring, told reporters his facial adornments have been toned down considerably since the days when he drank a bottle of vodka a day and his friends called him "Metalface." He said he appreciates the attention Clinton is bringing to the program that saved him, no matter the motivation.

"If this is going to help ELEM in some way, it's OK," he said, "because ELEM has helped us."

# Partisan Buzz Greet First Lady in Israel

By LEE HOCKSTADER  
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TEL AVIV, Nov. 10—Having visited Italy and Ireland already this year, Hillary Rodham Clinton touched down today in the third "I" on New York's traditional ethno-political map, sweeping into Israel with a packed two-day itinerary.

On paper at least, Clinton's visit to Israel, her fourth as first lady, is an official trip that has nothing to do with her probable Senate candidacy in New York next year.

Her schedule, much of it as the guest of Nava Barak, wife of the Israeli prime minister, is crammed with speeches, functions and tours—more or less standard fare for an active first lady's visit to the Holy Land. Neither the address she delivered at Tel Aviv University today on combating youth violence, nor the speech on Middle East peace she is to give Thursday commemorating the birthday of the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, is overtly political.

Yet with the election for the Senate seat she is expected to seek less than a year away, much of what Clinton does is presumed to be political. And whatever her intention, there was no escaping the buzz of partisan politics audible even before her arrival.

The commotion started last week with a suggestion in the Israeli media—almost certainly false—that Clinton had declined Nava Barak's invitation to visit Jerusalem's Western Wall, Judaism's most sacred spot. That item swiftly found its way into New York's tabloid press, prompting scathing commentary from small right-wing Jewish groups that already regard Clinton with barely concealed contempt.

And today New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, the presumed Republican candidate, pointed out that he, too, has been to Israel—twice. "Both times I was there I went to the West Wall," he said.

True, as of last Friday, Clinton did not plan to go to the wall, which she visited in 1994. But amid the fuss in New York, her handlers found room for it on her Thursday schedule.

"Every move she makes is subject to very intense political calculus and also intense political spec-

ulation," said a sympathetic Israeli official. "She's damned if she does and damned if she doesn't."

Likewise, the minor tempest over the Clinton schedule's omission of plans to visit Palestinian-controlled territories. Lest that be interpreted as a snub, her staff squeezed in a lightning visit to the West Bank city of Ramallah. There, as the guest of Palestinian first lady Suha Arafat, she will present a U.S. government grant for refurbishing mother-and-child health clinics.

New York has a sizable Jewish electorate and Clinton has already found that the Middle East is a political hot potato.

Last year, when she expressed her support for an independent Palestinian state, some Jewish groups were incensed. This year, when she embraced the Israeli position that Jerusalem should be the united and undivided capital of Israel, and that the U.S. Embassy should be moved there from Tel Aviv, she was accused of pandering to Jewish voters.

Both positions went beyond U.S. policy, which holds that Palestinian statehood and the status of Jerusalem are matters for the two sides to negotiate.

Beyond politics, Clinton's trip here is heavily concentrated on children's, women's and health care issues, all of which are among her long-standing interests. Accompanied by Nava Barak, she toured a counseling center for troubled youngsters today, spoke on fighting youth violence and was the guest of honor at a dinner this evening hosted by Israel's first couple.

Clinton's speech touched a nerve in Israel, where a number of sensational killings this year have grabbed newspaper headlines and prompted Nava Barak to lead a national campaign against youth violence. As she has in the past, Clinton stressed the responsibility of the entertainment industry for inspiring acts of violence.

Clinton is to deliver another speech Thursday, this one on Middle East peace. In addition to the planned visits to the Western Wall and to Ramallah, she is also scheduled to visit Yad Vashem—Israel's main Holocaust museum, a pediatric clinic and a women's health center. Her schedule then takes her to Jordan.



BY BETH FREEMAN—ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Hillary Clinton Faces Scrutiny on Israel Trip

Israeli first lady Nava Barak embraces Hillary Clinton, whose official visit to the Holy Land is being examined for its political significance before her expected Senate bid in New York next year. See story, Page A38.



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# Mideast Political Web Entangles First Lady

By LEE HOCKSTADER  
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RAMALLAH, West Bank, Nov. 11—As a probable candidate for the Senate, Hillary Rodham Clinton has heard plenty on her "listening tours" of New York. But she had to come halfway around the world, to the Palestinian city of Ramallah, and really get an earful.

At a grant-giving ceremony today, Clinton listened politely as Suha Arafat, the outspoken wife of the Palestinian leader, delivered a scathing attack on "the Israeli authority's occupation" of the West Bank, saying it resulted in the poisoning of Palestinian air, water and ground with toxic substances, contributing to cancer and other diseases.

Considering that Clinton's detour to the West Bank came during a two-day visit to Israel, Arafat's remarks seemed awkward for the first la-

dy. They may also provide fodder for New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, Clinton's likely opponent in the New York Senate race, who has courted Jewish voters for years.

The episode cast a spotlight on the two hats Clinton wears these days. As first lady, she was practically duty-bound during her four-day Middle East trip to call on the Palestinians, who are partners in a peace process promoted by the United States. But as a presumed candidate in New York, with its critical Jewish vote, she declined—even in a Palestinian-controlled city—to repeat the call she made last year for an independent Palestinian state.

The result was that no one seemed happy. Israelis were furious at Arafat's remarks. Palestinians were disappointed that Clinton was mum on statehood. Some American Jews criticized Clinton for not condemning Arafat's comments, and Clinton issued a pithy statement afterward:

"What was said today in Ramallah is an example of why the president at Oslo urged the parties to refrain from making inflammatory charges or engaging in excessive rhetoric and to deal with any issues at the negotiating table."

The incident in Ramallah overshadowed other items on Clinton's itinerary, including a tour of Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust museum, a speech on Mideast peace and a visit to the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site.

In her trip to the wall, her second as first lady, she was warmly received by several hundred Israelis and tourists, many of them Americans. Her head covered by a broad-brimmed black straw hat in the style of religious Jews, she paused in front of the 2,000-year-old wall and bowed her head. Then, with her daughter Chelsea and her host, Israeli First Lady Nava Barak, she worked the

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## In West Bank, First Lady Balances Two Roles

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crowd, delighting most onlookers but annoying a few. "You can't concentrate too much on your prayer with her here and her big entourage," said Yossi Pieprz, 20, a Jewish student from Brooklyn. "If she wants Jewish votes, she should stay in New York."

After Ramallah, Clinton may do just that.

On entering the conference hall, Clinton responded with a tight smile when asked if she still supports establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

When she endorsed that position last year—a position that went beyond the policy of her husband's administration—she created a sensation. Palestinians cheered but many Israelis were dismayed. They suspected it reflected President Clinton's personal opinion, despite U.S. policy that statehood is up to the Israelis and Palestinians.

The First Lady has never repeated the remark. And she declined to do so today even though it was clear the Palestinians were dying to hear it. All three Palestinian speakers, including Arafat, mentioned statehood and independence. One, the health minister, reminded her that "the words you have said [last year] entered the hearts of every Palestinian."

But Clinton would not be moved, saying only that she hopes for "a better future for the Palestinian people."

"We expected more; that's for sure," said Jihad Meshal, a Palestinian health official who was among speakers at the event marking a U.S. grant to help mother-and-child health centers.

Still, it was Arafat's remarks on the "heavy legacy" of Israel's occupation of the West Bank that generated the most heat. Without mentioning specifics, she condemned "the daily use of toxic gas" and chemicals by Israel, charging it has fouled 80 percent of water supplies in Palestinian areas and led to higher incidences of cancer.

Arafat, who spends most of her time in Paris, visits Palestinian areas infrequently. When she speaks publicly, her comments are often blunt. In the past, for example, she has criticized corruption in the Palestinian Authority, run by her husband, Yasser Arafat.

Her remarks today, to an audience of journalists, Palestinian dignitaries and "Mrs. Clinton, my dear friend," caught Palestinian officials off guard and unable to furnish an immediate explanation. Israeli officials denounced her comments. They have "no relation to reality," the prime minister's office said.

Some American Jews focused criticism on Clinton. "By remaining silent in the face of a vicious anti-Israel blood libel, she gives the impression she tolerates such outrageous, Nazi-like statements," said Morton Klein, head of the right-of-center Zionist Organization of America.



BY STEVE HACKETT/REUTERS—AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE

Hillary Clinton kisses Suha Arafat on arrival in the West Bank. The first lady kept an awkward silence amid Arafat's incendiary remarks on Israel.

## Pruden on Politics

By Wesley Pruden



### A pandering lesson for Hillary Clinton

It's not easy being Hillary Clinton. Not everyone was born with two left feet.

The first lady tripped over three of them yesterday in Ramallah, on Israel's West Bank, where she took a break from pandering to Jewish voters in New York to pander to the Palestinians. You can't blame Mrs. Clinton if she thinks she was sandbagged — car-bombed may be more like it — by her Palestinian friends.

Her hostess at the moment, Suha Arafat, wife of the famous statesman Yasser Arafat, accused Israel of running an Auschwitz-like operation to kill Palestinian women and children.

Mrs. Arafat knows better, of course, but she probably thought Hillary wouldn't mind because Hillary is so accustomed to her own husband telling fanciful lies.

"Our people have been submitted to the daily and intensive use of poisonous gas by the Israeli forces which have led to an increase in cancer cases among women and children," Mrs. Arafat said, at the dedication of a health program funded by the United States.

Israel, she said, her expression giving no hint of embarrassment for telling such a whopper, contaminates 80 percent of the water used by Palestinians. They do this, she said, with "chemical materials."

Mrs. Clinton did not nod in affirmation, nor smile sympathetically, and she probably had trouble keeping her jaw from dropping into her lap. But neither did she tell Mrs. Arafat what a lie and insult it was. Reuters, the British news agency, noted mildly: "The reference to gas offended sensitivities in Israel, home to the largest community of Nazi Holocaust survivors in the world."

Well, yes, you could say that. The Arafat mis-sus drew swift condemnation from Prime Minister Ehud Barak, who is, as we speak, engaged in intense "peace" talks with her husband. More process than peace, to be sure, but you have to wonder why Mrs. Arafat's husband hasn't told his wife to put a cork in it until he extracts whatever he can from the Israelis.

"These comments have of course no connection to reality and it would have been better if they would have never been said," Mr. Barak's office said, trying not to curdle the process. "It would be preferable if the Palestinian side would bring its positions to the negotiating table. . . . Poisoning the public atmosphere does not help bringing about success in these negotiations."

You can't blame an Arafat for taunting Jews any more than you can blame an alligator for eat-

ing small children, and although the Palestinian leader did not rush out to say, "Yassir, that's my baby," neither did he run out with an apology. If he's really serious about reaching an agreement for lasting peace with Israel, he would have sent his wife home to clean up the kitchen and make the beds.



Hillary Clinton

## The Washington Times

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Hillary, who keeps putting off saying whether she will run for the Senate in New York, where a lot of Jewish voters are less tolerant of studied insults than she is, has to wonder what happened to gratitude. No one has been more forthcoming with support for establishing a "fully functioning modern state" for the Palestinians than she, and as much as she needs Jewish voters she has been willing to tell them, in the interests of the Palestinians, to stuff it.

This, like Suha Arafat's outburst, has made a husband's lot not a happy one. Mr. Clinton managed to nudge her in line, apparently with some difficulty, and she has been a more or less dutiful wife since then. Sort of. Trying to make it up to angry Jewish voters, she told an Orthodox Jewish group that she supports Israel's position that Jerusalem, the holy city to Muslims and Jews (as well as to Christians) is the nation's "eternal and indivisible" capital. That's not quite the official U.S. position, either. The American embassy remains in Tel Aviv.

As soon as she could flee from playing kissy-face with Mrs. Arafat, the first lady went to the Wailing Wall (with a lot to wail about). Following Hebrew tradition, she put a written message in a crevice of the perimeter wall of the biblical Jewish Temple, which devout Jews believe will make sure the prayer gets to heaven. Then she laid a wreath at Yad Vashem, the memorial to the 6 million Jews who died in the Holocaust.

Mrs. Arafat's insult to the memory of the 6 million was so brazen that it can't be explained away as the chance remark of an ignorant wife trying to make points for her husband. The Palestinians are much more sophisticated than that, and such a remark was surely calculated to be a slap across the face of the Israelis, and to mollify Yasser Arafat's red-hots who are as suspicious of processed peace as any Israeli hard-liner. Hillary should take it as a needed lesson in how pandering is really done.

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## Arafat's wife has surprise for Hillary

### Palestinian says Israelis use gas on women and children

By Deborah Camiel  
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RAMALLAH, West Bank — First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, considering a New York run for the U.S. Senate, found herself yesterday in the middle of a West Bank political minefield.

With Mrs. Clinton at her side, Suha Arafat, wife of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, said in a speech that Israel had been systematically using gas to poison Palestinian women and children.

"Our people have been submitted to the daily and intensive use of poisonous gas by the Israeli forces which have led to an increase in cancer cases among women and children," Mrs. Arafat said at the dedication of a U.S.-funded health program.

She also said Israel contaminated about 80 percent of water sources used by Palestinians with "chemical materials."

Mrs. Clinton sat stone-faced on hearing the remarks. The reference to gas offended sensitivities in Israel, home to the largest community of Nazi Holocaust survivors in the world.

The Palestinian first lady's remarks drew swift con-



**Warm welcome:** First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton kisses Suha Arafat, wife of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, during a visit to the West Bank yesterday.

demnation from Prime Minister Ehud Barak, the Israeli leader who is engaged in intense peace talks with her husband.

"These comments have of course no connection to reality and it would have been better if they would have never been said," Mr. Barak's office said.

"It would be preferable if the Palestinian side

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would bring its positions to the negotiating table. ... Poisoning the public atmosphere does not help bringing about success in these negotiations," it said.

Mrs. Clinton has yet to announce her candidacy in the race for U.S. Senate seat from New York. If she enters, it will likely pit her against New York City Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, a Republican who has garnered strong Jewish support in the past.

The first lady has ground to make up with Jewish voters. Last year, she raised eyebrows in the U.S. Jewish community by saying Palestinians should eventually have a "functioning modern state."

She has since followed the U.S. policy line that Palestinian statehood should be resolved as part of a final peace accord between Israel and the Palestinians.

Last July, she took a significant step toward mending any wounds with American Jews by echoing, in a letter to a New York-based Orthodox Jewish group, Israel's bedrock position that Jerusalem is its "eternal and indivisible" capital.

After meeting Mrs. Arafat, Mrs.



Suha Arafat introduces Hillary Rodham Clinton in Ramallah, West Bank, yesterday. Mrs. Arafat said Israel has used gas on women and children.

Clinton visited Jerusalem's Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site, accompanied by Mr. Barak's wife, Nava.

Following a Jewish tradition, Mrs. Clinton placed a written message in one of the crevices of the perimeter wall of the biblical Jew-

ish Temple. Devout Jews believe the act ensures one's prayers or wishes reach heaven.

She also laid a wreath at Yad Vashem, Israel's memorial to the 6 million Jews killed — many of them in gas chambers — in the Holocaust.

# What's

*Many believe that a crumbling marriage is behind the outrageous remarks of the Palestinians' first lady*

By URI DAN  
Post Correspondent

**J**ERUSALEM — When Suha Arafat, 36, made a speech in front of Hillary Clinton last week accusing Israelis of gassing women and children, it was the second extraordinary public gesture she'd made this year.

The first occurred at the end of the summer, when she returned to the Gaza Strip from a four-month stay in Paris. The Palestinians' first lady made a bizarre declaration of independence. She broke off relations with her mother, Raymonda Tawil — and with her entire family.

To the Arab world, the announcement was stunning.

Raymonda Tawil, Suha's powerful, beautiful mother, is the mirror-image of her daughter: an outspoken, political presence married to an older, wealthy man.

It was Raymonda who strongly encouraged her daughter to marry Arafat, and who has backed the controversial union, which has created divisions within Arafat's own ranks.

That the daughter should shut out the mother months before making an inflammatory speech that could jeopardize the Middle East peace process, shows that Suha's loyalty to her husband is bordering on the desperate.

Recently, tongues have been wagging about what Suha's long stay in Paris this summer really portended. The Arab press began speculating about the rocky state of the Arafat marriage, noting the Palestinian leader hardly ever stayed at home with his wife and

4-year-old daughter, Zahawa, named for Arafat's mother who died when he was only 3.

A macabre joke began making the rounds that Arafat was astounded one day when he was brought little Zahawa. Thinking the curly-haired little girl was brought to him for a simple "photo opportunity," Arafat supposedly exclaimed: "Who is this baby?"

Suha Arafat brushed off the rumors in the same dismissive way she has dealt with criticism, that she, a wealthy West Bank Christian (who converted to Islam) with a Western education should not be the wife of the leader of the Palestinian Liberation Organization. Arafat is 34 years her senior.

"From the first day I got married . . . the media has been talking about the friction between us, and this is the tax every person who is in the limelight should pay," Suha told an Arab weekly when she arrived home after her four-month stay in Paris.

"Yes, Arafat is provocative. But when we quarrel, we also laugh. They gossip about me, that I have a muzzel on my mouth."

"So look at me — have I got it?"

Indeed, Suha has always stubbornly ignored the advice of her husband's aides to be more cautious, less open — arguing instead for the rights of women, and health care for women and children. She regularly lambasted the corruption she saw in the newly created Palestinian Authority as she resigned herself to the vagaries of a political life.

These are actions of which her mother



Mrs. Clinton is introduced by Suha Arafat during the first lady's recent controversial visit to the West Bank.



# with Mrs.

— were they still on speaking terms — would be proud. But now, Suha is bent on proving herself on another front — loyalty to her husband. "Suha needs her own independence," Raymonda told an Israeli newspaper. "It's the first time we've lost contact with her."

Born here, Suha grew up in an affluent and political household.

Her mother, Raymonda Chawa of Ramallah, was raised in a rich Palestinian family and became a well-known and provocative journalist frequently placed under house arrest by the Israelis.

Suha's father, Daoud Tawil, a wealthy banker, was already an elderly man when he married the vivacious writer.

Raymonda became one of the most outspoken critics of the "Israeli occupation" when Israel took over the West Bank and Gaza Strip in 1967 — and she confounded her enemies.

According to sources who knew Raymonda then, she would argue bitterly with military authorities, but charmed the officers with her beauty and personality.

"She played with them," said one of the sources. "Smiling from time to time, or being angry — they didn't know how to handle her!"

Raymonda also became the good friend of a rival of Yasser Arafat's: Farouk Kadoumi.

Raymonda and her husband moved to Paris in 1985, and at age 18, Suha studied there, living with her mother and elder sister, who married the PLO representative in Paris, Ibrahim Sous.

When Suha finally met the middle-aged Palestinian leader during a trip to Amman, she was working as a free-lance journalist based in Paris.

Arafat was smitten, and hired the beautiful blond young woman to do public

# Arafat?

Suha Arafat with her daughter, Zahawa. According to gossip, Yasser Arafat did not recognize his own child, recently, prompting speculation about the state of his marriage.



relations for the PLO in Tunis, Tunisia, where she nominally converted to Islam.

But it was Raymonda who really pushed the budding romance, sources said.

"She told [Suha] to marry the revolution," one source said.

Despite the difference in ages — one that paralleled that of her own parents — Suha kept working for, and falling in love with, Arafat in the city of his exile, where he was sent in the wake of the war in Lebanon.

They married secretly in 1990. For a while, Suha lived in a different shadow: that of her secret husband.

Arafat's aides were all against the union, complaining about the difference in cultures and religions, and the difference in ages.

Arafat became enraged at the gossips, taking one of his most loyal men, Mahmoud A-Natour — known as Abu Tayeb — and tossing him out of the inner circle.

Ironically, Natour headed the elite "Force 17" security unit — the same unit that now guards Suha and also watched over First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton during her recent disastrous visit to Ramallah.

Through all the years of the marriage, Raymonda kept close tabs on her daughter, sources said — and capitalized on her daughter's surname in a way that has been hugely embarrassing to the Arafats.

Suha's mother even has her daughter's name on her fund-raising stationery in Paris.

Sources say Arafat has told his wife that this has to stop.

All of which goes some way to explaining both Suha's declaration of independence from her mom — a move that would have certainly delighted Sigmund Freud — and her jab at Israel in front of Mrs. Clinton, a dig more than likely sanctioned by Arafat himself.

Oddly, there has been no word from the Palestinian leader on the subject.

When Israeli P.M. Ehud Barak complained to Arafat about his wife's remarks on Sunday night, Arafat "said not a word, just sat there tight-lipped," said one source.

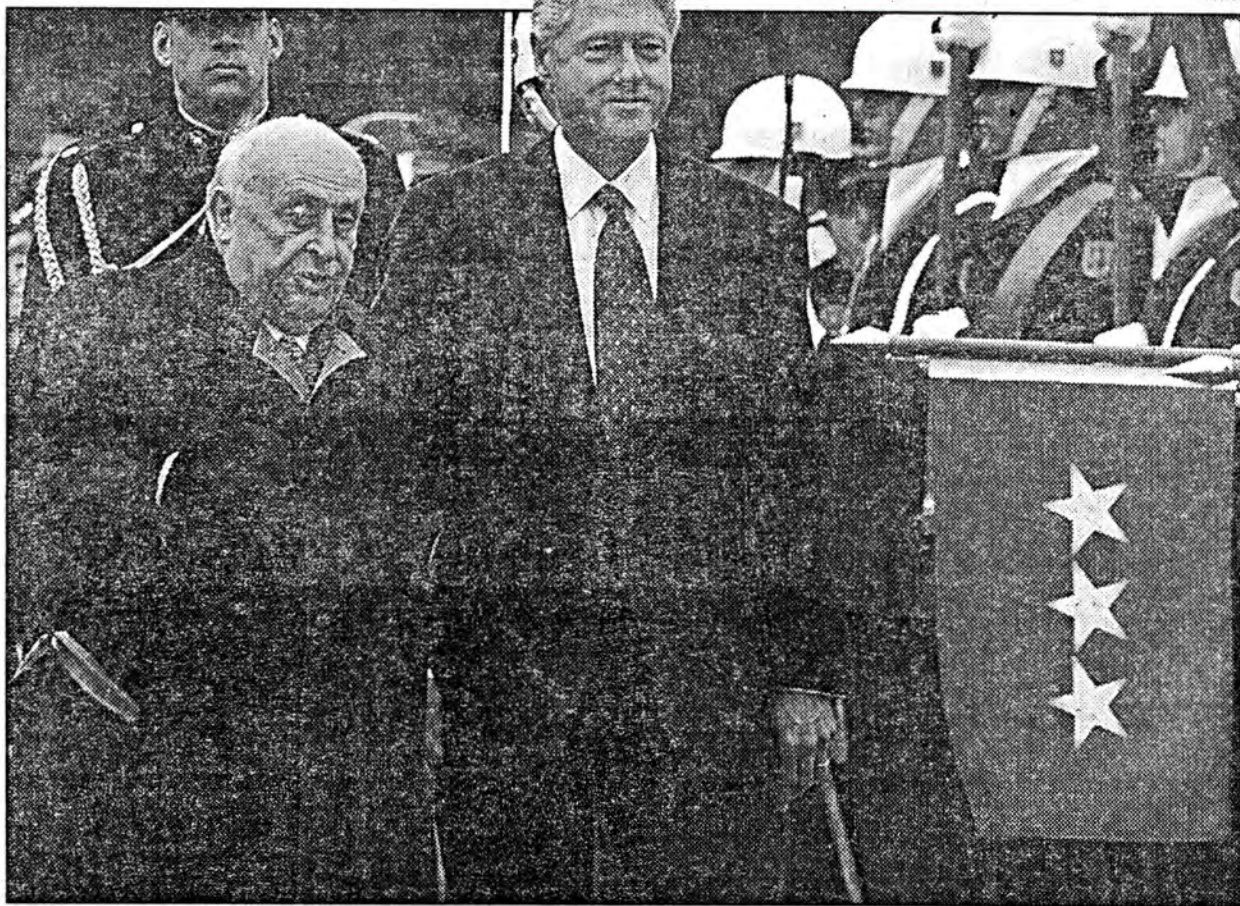
"He will let Suha make her way, completely independent from the giant shadow cast by her mother," the source said.

It has been an odd coming out, the sources in Jerusalem add. Odd indeed.



As a gesture of loyalty to her husband, Yasser Arafat, Suha Arafat (above, right) declared recently she has severed all links with her mother, Raymonda Tawil (above, left).





**TROOP REVIEW:** Turkish President Suleyman Demirel leads President Clinton past his country's soldiers.

AP

# Clintons on tragic Turkish tour amid earthquake's destruction

By DEBORAH ORIN

Washington Bureau Chief

President Clinton and wife Hillary today travel to a Turkish tent city for earthquake victims as experts warn it would take a miracle to find any more survivors of the country's latest killer quake.

Rescuers say three nights of temperatures in the teens probably killed many trapped in the rubble of Friday's disaster, which claimed at least 450 lives and came on top of the giant August earthquake in which more than 17,000 died.

Fear of a third quake has kept many

survivors sleeping outdoors or in their cars.

Clinton pledged more U.S. help — the tent city in Dogu Kista 60 miles east of Istanbul was mostly built by U.S. Marines after the August quake and was being paved yesterday in preparation for the presidential visit.

Clinton began his state visit to Turkey yesterday in Ankara by praising the country as a loyal ally and Balkans peacemaker. But he also delivered a gentle chiding, saying: "There still is far more to be done" on human rights and democracy.

Turkish President Suleyman Demirel acknowledged: "There is torture. But torture is not a state policy. Torture is a crime."

While in Turkey, Clinton is slated to meet tomorrow with Russian President Boris Yeltsin and lobby for an end to Russia's use of force in Chechnya — a plea he has made before with no success.

Clinton National Security Adviser Sandy Berger has stressed that it's "wrong" for Russia to use force in Chechnya against rebels who are intermingled with civilians, though it "has the right to protect

its territorial integrity."

Clinton and Yeltsin are both slated to attend a meeting of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in Istanbul.

After that, Clinton heads to Greece Friday for a state visit that still promises to be messy though it was postponed nearly a week and scaled down to less than 24 hours to avoid anti-U.S. protests.

Yesterday it was revealed that Greek police disarmed a time bomb at a Ford dealership in Athens that they suspect was linked to Clinton's visit. Protests are still planned and striking garbage collectors threaten to leave Athens swamped in smelly debris.

Mrs. Clinton — whose solo Mideast trip last week created a political disaster when she sat mum while Yasser Arafat's wife claimed Israel uses poison gas — today is slated to play a less visible role, following her husband's schedule.

Despite the earthquake, the Clintons and daughter Chelsea were greeted in Turkey with full military honors — and a dinner featuring fish kebabs, lamb with eggplant puree and Turkish delight.



**LIGHT MOMENT:** Hillary and Chelsea Clinton share a laugh with National Security Adviser Sandy Berger before a speech by President Clinton yesterday.

Reuters



## Hillary's kiss

When it comes to playing the politician, Hillary Rodham Clinton is proving herself no less a master of word games than her husband. Though she wants to go down in history as a liberated woman, the only liberating she was doing on her trip to the Middle East last week had to do with separating words and actions from their meaning.

After a meeting with Suha Arafat, Mrs. Clinton hugged and kissed the Palestinian leader's wife. Perhaps it's protocol, but this awkward embrace comes after Mrs. Clinton told a New York-based Orthodox Jewish group last July that Jerusalem should be Israel's eternal and indivisible capital—a view with which Palestinians take violent exception. That's not to say that Mrs. Clinton would revert to her previous position that the Palestinians should have their own modern state (for which they want Jerusalem as their capital). After all, that was her view only last year, and people change.

But there's more. Mrs. Clinton sat stone-faced as Mrs. Arafat used the meeting, which was a dedication ceremony for a U.S.-funded health program, to rail against Israelis for leaving a "heavy legacy," and accused them of using poison gas on Palestinian women and children. Mrs. Clinton's pacifism during the speech did not earn PR points from the Jewish population, said state Assemblyman Dov Hikind from Brooklyn. And she'll desperately need all the

support she can get from the Jewish community to win the senatorial seat for New York.

How would Mrs. Clinton reconcile her affection for Jewish voters with her presence during Mrs. Arafat's anti-Israeli rant? With word games. After the rant, Mrs. Clinton explained, "I later learned that there were other translations or interpretations of the comments that were not apparent or known to us earlier and, of course, if they were more inflammatory and baseless that would cause greater concern," Mrs. Clinton said, according to a Reuters report. Apparently she still isn't sure if they were derogatory.

Back in New York, her potential senatorial competitor Rudolph Giuliani was not impressed with the explanation. He wouldn't have even shown up at such a party, he said, but if he had, he would have given Mrs. Arafat a piece of his mind. "I certainly wouldn't have embraced the person that said it—hugged them and kissed them," he said.

Maybe Mrs. Clinton needs a definition for the word "kiss," or a lesson from her husband on using public displays of affection to win voter points. Or perhaps she needs a new interpreter who could explain to her what the Arabic meaning of "is" is. If she can't stand on her own for two days in the Middle East, where will she stand for the people of New York? It's time for Mrs. Clinton to throw out the vocabulary lessons and to tell people what she really means.

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## Mrs. Clinton's Missteps

Many a candidate in New York has tripped over the hazardous emotional terrain of Israel and the Middle East peace process. Hillary Rodham Clinton faces a special problem in addressing the subject because of her confusing roles as first lady, administration defender and undeclared Senate candidate. The difficulty cropped up in a different area over the summer when she first endorsed and then opposed President Clinton's pardon of several Puerto Rican nationalists. Last week it emerged again with her handling of the subject of Israel's treatment of the Palestinians, an issue that drew fire from her presumed opponent, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. The electorate will have plenty of opportunities to weigh such political exchanges. For now, Mrs. Clinton needs to move quickly to clarify her views on Israel to voters who seem perplexed about where she stands.

The furor over Mrs. Clinton's trip was sparked by her visit to the West Bank city of Ramallah, where Suha Arafat, the wife of Yasir Arafat, used a joint appearance with her to attack past Israeli policies toward the Palestinians, including what she alleged was the use of toxic gas on civilians. Mrs. Clinton's advisers said the simultaneous translation at the meeting had not made it clear that Mrs. Arafat was doing anything more than making a

routine comment about past grievances. A more adroit diplomat, however, might have been alert to the highly charged atmosphere and weighed in with something distancing herself from the comment. Mrs. Clinton did not do so until that night, after the controversy was in full boil.

More important to voters than the tactical clumsiness are her substantive positions on Israel, the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Middle East peace process. She has sown uncertainty with past comments endorsing a Palestinian state and later supporting the idea of Jerusalem as Israel's capital, a position the White House says can be settled only by the peace negotiations.

Some of Mrs. Clinton's problems may be sorted out when she gets a campaign manager and a larger staff to handle the policy issues that any Senate candidate needs when running.

The Senate race is sure to have its ups and downs for both sides. But in order to mount a competitive campaign, Mrs. Clinton has to reassure New Yorkers that reversals and vacillations are the errors of a novice candidate, rather than typical of her approach to foreign policy. Since she is running on her own, she needs to project a consistent vision that is separate from the administration that will pass from the scene at the end of next year.

## The Mayor and the First Amendment

On matters large and small, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani seems deaf to free-speech concerns. For more than a year, the mayor has imposed tight restrictions on the use of New York's City Hall steps for public demonstrations, ostensibly for security reasons. On Sunday, Councilwoman Christine Quinn was told by police guards that she could not hold a press conference on the steps, even though she was there with fewer than a dozen community members to draw attention to the killing of a young gay man in his apartment in Harlem. Only after she called Council Speaker Peter Vallone to intervene was she allowed to hold the press conference.

Under current rules, no more than 50 people are allowed in rallies on the steps. All groups are supposed to obtain permits from the police. But surely there is something wrong with rules that require elected Council members to get permission to hold a press conference at their place of work. The rules raise constitutional questions because they exempt some events sponsored by the city, thus giving the administration the ability to discriminate in favor of certain kinds of speech.

Mayor Giuliani's record on First Amendment rights looks worse with every new court ruling

against him. Last week, Federal District Judge Allen Schwartz ruled that his administration had improperly retaliated against Housing Works, an AIDS service organization, by making it ineligible to receive federal grants controlled by the city. The judge found that the actions violated the First Amendment rights of Housing Works, which has been a vocal critic of the mayor's AIDS policies.

Two weeks ago, Federal District Judge Robert Sweet ruled that the manner in which the city decides on requests for temporary commemorative street signs was arbitrary and violated free-speech rights. Two days before that, another federal judge, Nina Gershon, ruled that the mayor's efforts to withhold funds from the Brooklyn Museum and to evict it from its building were unconstitutional censorship.

Mr. Giuliani is still fighting a lawsuit, also brought by Housing Works, to end the restrictions on rallies at the City Hall steps. The case is in court before Federal District Judge Harold Baer, who has already rejected an earlier rule that limited demonstrations to 25 people. If Mr. Giuliani loses again on this case, it will add another judicial rebuke to his First Amendment record.





Kevin Lamarque/Reuters

President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton; on the first day of a state visit to Turkey, were welcomed by President Suleyman Demirel and his wife, Nazmiye, far left, to his official residence in Ankara yesterday.

## On Visit, Clinton Nudges Turkey on Rights

By MARC LACEY

ANKARA, Turkey, Nov. 15 — President Clinton praised Turkey's democratic progress in a speech to its Grand National Assembly today even as he gently nudged the country to strengthen its adherence to human rights.

On his first day of a state visit here, Mr. Clinton was clearly trying not to offend his hosts. Even as he raised the delicate issue of human rights violations, Mr. Clinton reassured Turkish lawmakers that he was doing so as a friend and that the United States has grappled with such problems itself.

"Keep in mind, I come from a nation that was founded on the creed that all are created equal," Mr. Clinton said. "And yet when we were founded, we had slavery, women could not vote, even men could not vote unless they owned property."

He continued: "I know something about the imperfect realization of a country's ideas. We have had a long journey in America, from our founding to where we are. But the journey has been worth making."

As Mr. Clinton spoke about the need for greater tolerance of free expression, police were arresting scores of people staging an unapproved protest of his visit.

Mr. Clinton, who won applause for his restrained remarks, made no mention of a State Department report released this year that complains of "serious human rights

**A concession that U.S. democracy isn't perfect either.**

abuses" in Turkey, including killings and torture by Turkish police and security officials.

President Suleyman Demirel said today, speaking to reporters: "It is impossible to say that there is no torture in Turkey. There is torture. But torture is not state policy. Torture is a crime."

In meetings with the country's leaders, Mr. Clinton highlighted Turkey's strategic importance because it straddles both Europe and Asia. He also strongly backed Turkey's effort to join the European Union.

He also commiserated with Turks about the deadly earthquakes that have struck the country in recent months.

"Since the cold war ended, we have learned something quite wonderful," Mr. Clinton said, speaking of the American ties with Turkey. "We have learned that our friendship does not depend upon a common concern with the Soviet Union, and that in fact, in the post-cold war era, our partnership has become even more important."

Mr. Clinton repeatedly mentioned Turkey's difficult position geograph-

ically. It is ringed, he noted, by neighbors such as Iran, Saddam Hussein's Iraq and Yugoslavia — countries that are "either actively hostile to democracy and peace, or struggling against great obstacles to embrace democracy and peace."

That makes Turkey's role in ensuring regional peace all the more important, he said.

"A pessimist might foresee a dark future," Mr. Clinton said. "A Middle East with the peace process shattered. Saddam's aggression unchecked. Democracy collapsed in the Caucasus in Central Asia. Extremism and terror spreading across the region. More violence in the Balkans. Military coups. Unstoppable nuclear tensions in Pakistan and India."

But Mr. Clinton said there is another more optimistic vision — "one that requires a strong Turkey playing its rightful role at the crossroads of the world."

With a light rain falling, Mr. Clinton led a wreath-laying ceremony this morning at the mausoleum for Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the revered founder of the modern Turkish state. And he was honored at a state dinner at the Presidential Palace.

Relieving long-standing tensions between Turkey and Greece is one of the prime goals of Mr. Clinton's trip. After attending a security conference in Istanbul on Wednesday and Thursday, Mr. Clinton will visit Athens to urge the Greeks to set age-old animosities aside.

# Clinton urges Yeltsin to try mediation in Chechnya

## Summit chiefs are concerned about civilians

By Laurence McQuillan  
USA TODAY

ISTANBUL, Turkey — As the Russian military offensive in Chechnya intensifies, President Clinton and European leaders are pressuring Russian President Boris Yeltsin to accept help from international mediators offering to find a peaceful resolution to the crisis.

On the eve of today's start of a two-day summit of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Russian forces stepped up their assault in the Russian republic in an effort to crush rebels seeking independence from Moscow.

Clinton and many of the other leaders attending the summit have been concerned about the growing number of civilian casualties and refugees in the conflict.

"The president will discuss our concerns" during private talks with Yeltsin today, National Security Adviser Samuel Berger said.

He dismissed complaints by Yeltsin that the West was guilty of outside interference in Russia's internal affairs. "The international community has every right to be concerned" because of the high cost in civilian casualties, Berger said.



By Tim Sloan, Agence France-Presse

**Sightseeing before summit:** The Clinton family tours the site of the ancient Greek city of Ephesus, which is in modern-day Turkey, on Wednesday.

Yeltsin told reporters on arrival here: "I hope everybody will understand that Russia's acting in Chechnya in accordance with international, civilized rules and norms." He said he would try to change Western views, and Russia's Interfax news agency quoted him as saying, "I hope common sense will prevail with those who have not been

ready for that so far."

On a visit to Moscow, the head of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, Sadako Ogata, said U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan was worried about Chechnya but understood the need to fight terrorism.

Ogata said the United Nations is ready to help an estimated 200,000 refugees who have fled the fighting.

Many are in the impoverished neighboring province of Ingushetia.

During the summit, the 54-member OSCE is expected to amend its charter to include a provision that would establish the organization's right to become involved in trying to settle a conflict within a nation, provided that country asked for its help.

Berger said OSCE involvement in settling the Chechnya crisis "will be discussed over the next few days," but he acknowledged that Russia has "not accepted the idea at this point."

Moscow insists it is on the verge of a victory in the breakaway republic that makes concerns about a prolonged bloodbath unfounded.

The international pressure to end the conflict comes at a politically sensitive time in Russia, which holds parliamentary elections next month.

The war is popular with many Russians, who blame bombings in Moscow on Chechen separatists.

In another development creating a strain in relations with Moscow, Clinton will witness the signing of an agreement among Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey today that will create oil and natural gas pipelines.

Russia has bitterly opposed the move. It fears that the agreement will undermine the nation's access to energy resources in the Caucasus.

Clinton is on a 10-day trip that includes stops in Turkey, Italy, Greece and Kosovo. On Wednesday, the president, his wife, Hillary, and their daughter, Chelsea, toured the ruins of the ancient Greek city of Ephesus, which is in present-day Turkey.

On another diplomatic front, Clinton met with Israeli Prime Minister

Ehud Barak for the second time this month. Officials said there was no sign of progress in the Israeli leader's quest to restart peace talks with Syria. Clinton met last week in Oslo, Norway, with Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Also, Greek police said they won't allow anti-American protesters near Clinton when he visits Athens this weekend. The police said protest marches will be kept away from the president's entourage when he visits Greece for less than 24 hours Friday.

Clinton had planned a more elaborate visit, but last weekend, he decided to delay and shorten the trip after Greek authorities said they would allow leftist protesters to march to the U.S. Embassy.

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BY ERIC GIBSON—ASSOCIATED PRESS

During their tour of Ephesus yesterday, the Clintons pause in front of the Library of Celsus, built in A.D. 117.

## *First Family Time-Travels Back Three Millennia*

By CHARLES BABINGTON  
*Washington Post Staff Writer*

EPHESUS, Turkey, Nov. 17  
President Clinton came to a 3,400-year-old town today and found that some things never change: Communities ask the government for money, people quarrel over religion, and sailors leave graffiti about sex. The president, his wife and their daughter toured the magnificent ruins here, once part of the Roman Empire's third-grandest city (after Rome and Constantinople), and now a sprawling archaeological sampling of mosaics, arches and columns that hint tantalizingly and somewhat forlornly at its past grandeur. Cleopatra, Alexander the Great, Saint Paul and perhaps the Virgin Mary lived here, as did some of the finest archi-

See EPHESUS, C8, Col. 1

# In Turkey, a Ruined City's Lure

EPHESUS, From C1

itects and craftsmen of the Greek and Roman empires.

The first family viewed Ephesus (pronounced EF-i-sus) with understandable awe, although the president's face at times had traces of a vacation-weary husband being dragged to yet another site by his wife and daughter. Perhaps, in his presidency's waning days, the symbolism was too stark: Empires, monuments and politicians rise, and empires, monuments and politicians inevitably fall, fade away and are largely forgotten.

Whatever his thoughts, Clinton kept them mostly to himself, listening intently to his tour guides and musing only a little when reporters were within earshot. "Amazing," he said as he approached a double arch that included a likeness of Medusa, meant to keep away evil spirits.

Clinton is spending 10 days in southeastern Europe and Asia Minor, including five days in Turkey. On Thursday he'll attend the summit of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, and he'll make numerous speeches and appearances before heading home.

Today, however, was devoted

mainly to sightseeing in Ephesus, founded around 1400 B.C. as a trading post on the Aegean shore. Over the centuries it was colonized by the Greeks, exalted by the Romans, burned by the Goths and finally abandoned by people who no longer could use it for trading because its harbor filled with silt.

Paul, the New Testament's famous letter writer, came here in A.D. 52 to convert the residents to Christianity. Local silversmiths soon rioted and ran him out of town because his proselytizing hurt their business selling likenesses of the town's favorite pagan goddess, Diana.

Legend holds that John, one of the 12 Disciples, brought the Virgin Mary here to live out her days after Christ's crucifixion, and Ephesus remains an important pilgrimage site for that reason. At least one Israeli town also claims to be Mary's burial site, so archaeologists step gingerly around the subject in this Islamic nation, preferring marble to myth.

"We don't talk about Mary," said Julie Pearce, a Turkish-based American archaeologist who conducted a tour today for Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright and others, shortly before the Clintons' walk-through. "It's gotten us in trouble before."

If Mary's sojourns are lost in the mists of time, some of Ephesus's artifacts seem strikingly modern. Take, for example, the stone tablet letter the Clintons strolled by on their way to the Library of Celsus.

It seems an earthquake had damaged Ephesus's walls, and the locals asked Rome's emperors for help—block grants, no doubt—to rebuild them. As the government dithered,



The first family strolls through ancient Ephesus, a major trading port that declined after silt clogged its harbor.

Ephesus's leaders tried to reassure their constituents of their continued diligence by posting a copy of the letter—in the form of chiseled marble tablets—sent to prod the Romans.

It was classic—or classical—bureaucratise: "You inform that income [from private estates in particular cities and the land owned by the state], and the assets provided for the renewal of walls were insufficient," began the two-millennium-old letter. Any G-12 federal employee today would recognize it as a

Hellenistic way of saying, "Don't give me that 'revenues are tight' baloney."

A little farther down the Street of Curetes, tour guide Beyhan Oner pointed out some graffiti to the Clintons, a carving in the marble pathway of a left foot and a woman wearing a crown. Oner explained that the graffiti was helpfully left to tell ancient sailors that the town's brothel was ahead and on the left. In fact, the Clintons had stopped a few minutes earlier at the "House of Love," but reporters were kept at a

sufficient distance to prevent them from learning how much detail, if any, the guides offered on the spot's legacy.

Graffiti wasn't the only antique nuisance that today's politicians could readily appreciate. As Oner explained that the Romans used lead pipes to carry water in Ephesus until they realized it made them sick, Hillary Rodham Clinton, who is planning a Senate bid from New York, nodded.

"So," she said, "they had lead poisoning back then."



## Prime Minister Calls Hillary Clinton a Friend of Israel and Her Trip a Success

By AMY WALDMAN

Prime Minister Ehud Barak of Israel offered an unprompted defense of Hillary Rodham Clinton yesterday, telling a group of American Jewish leaders in New York that her recent trip to the Middle East had been "highly successful" and had advanced the peace process.

Mrs. Clinton had been criticized by some Jewish groups in the United States for her handling of the trip, particularly for sitting silently during a visit to the West Bank while Suha Arafat, the wife of the Palestinian leader Yasir Arafat, accused Israel of using toxic gas in the region.

Mr. Barak's comments came as he answered questions after a speech at the Helmsley Park Lane Hotel at the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the largest umbrella organization of American Jewish groups. Mr. Barak volunteered that he had read "a lot of criticism" about Mrs. Clinton in the aftermath of her visit to the West Bank. He wanted to make clear, he said, that her trip to the Middle East was "a highly successful, highly moving visit."

"I believe the first lady's visit to Israel contributed to the peace process in spite of this incident," he said, and added, "May I tell you frankly as prime minister of Israel that myself and all my successors will always wish to have two such friends as the Clintons in the White House."

Mrs. Clinton, who has sometimes had disputes with American Jewish voters over her views, was roundly

criticized by some Jewish groups in America for not immediately denouncing Mrs. Arafat's remarks about poison gas. The first lady did so later, but her delayed reaction prompted criticism, and a Republican Jewish group is planning to begin running a television advertisement this week criticizing Mrs. Clinton over the visit.

While Mr. Barak's statement of support yesterday was not surprising — he has close ties to the Clintons and has shared campaign consultants, including James Carville, with them — it came at an important period for Mrs. Clinton in her expected race for United States Senate against Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, the prospective Republican candidate, who has enjoyed popularity among Jewish voters.

Howard Wolfson, the spokesman for Mrs. Clinton's exploratory Senate campaign committee, said yesterday that he was gratified by Mr. Barak's statement. "We appreciate the prime minister's comments," he said. "It speaks volumes about the first lady's commitment to a safe and secure Israel."

Bruce Teitelbaum, the director of the mayor's Senate exploratory committee, declined last night to comment on Mr. Barak's remarks.

Mr. Barak is popular among New York Jews, and his speech, the second to Jewish leaders this weekend, was warmly received. As expected, he extensively discussed the peace process, reiterating his commitment to moving forward with negotiating a

"final status" agreement with Israel's neighbors.

"Everything must be put on the table," he said. "Settlements, borders, refugees, the nature of the Palestinian entity, economic relations, security relations, everything."

But he said such an agreement could not be founded on documents alone, but "should be based on the military might of the Israeli Defense Force, our strategic capability, a unique alliance with the United States and a growing economy."

Apparently in an effort to broaden the dialogue with American Jews beyond the peace process, Mr. Barak dwelt at length on the need to strengthen Israel's economy, and on the country's socioeconomic stresses. Recent statistics revealed record unemployment in Israel, and a gap between the rich and poor second only to that in the United States in the developed world.

Noting that Israel had just been through a deep recession, Mr. Barak said that it needed to develop its high-technology sector to increase jobs. The country, he said, had to pursue deregulation and privatization to allow economic growth and had to deal with "very urgent" social needs.

Mr. Barak also paid a visit to Cardinal John O'Connor at his residence yesterday afternoon, traveling eight blocks down Fifth Avenue in a security-laden motorcade. The two met for about 45 minutes at the prime minister's request, said the Roman Catholic archdiocese.



Pool photo by Moshe Milner

Prime Minister Ehud Barak of Israel met with Cardinal John O'Connor in New York yesterday. He also praised the Clintons in a speech.

# Clinton, a Renaissance Guy, Paints the Globe Bright

By ROGER COHEN

FLORENCE, Italy, Nov. 21 — It was a long wait, particularly long because the bathrooms were placed off limits for security reasons, long enough even for the Champagne and the caviar canapes to run out, but when President Clinton arrived he quickly wowed a glittering audience with visions of a juster world.

The setting was New York University's Florentine retreat, Villa La Pietra, complete with Donatellos. So it was perhaps inevitable that the president should turn to the fruitful ferment of the Renaissance to illustrate his conviction that a similar era of enriching inventiveness is now being driven by the Internet and a global economy.

It is late in the presidency, a time when history books come to mind. And it was clear throughout a two-day conference on "Progressive Governance" that began on Saturday night at the Villa La Pietra that he sees an important part of his legacy in the reinvention of center-left politics he has called the Third Way.

The central themes of Clintonian Third-Wayism have become familiar: fiscal discipline in the place of tax-and-spend profligacy; investment in education and new technologies; opportunity for all and responsibility from all.

The vindicating American statistics were liberally showered on Europeans still struggling to generate some growth: lowest unemployment in 30 years, lowest poverty rate in 20, first back-to-back budget surpluses for 40.

"We have, in addition, a much greater opportunity to spread the benefits of this renaissance more broadly than it could have been spread 500 years ago," Mr. Clinton said, adding that achieving this "requires us to go beyond the competing models of Industrial Age politics."

Lionel Jospin, the French prime minister who still has a penchant for the socialist ideas that grew out of the Industrial Age, among them the notion that socialism must be critical of capitalism, was not impressed.

Back resolutely turned, he declined even to look at Mr. Clinton, keeping his chair pointed in the other direction, toward the somewhat bemused visage of Chancellor Gerhard Schröder, who prefers to call his updated social democracy the New Middle.

Whatever you call the reinvented left, the French do not seem to like it much. Such newfangled gatherings as this Florentine get-together tend to be seen by French Socialists as an audacious trans-Atlantic attempt to



President Clinton, on a tour of southern Europe, listened to Prime Minister Massimo D'Alema of Italy yesterday. The scene was a conference in Florence on "Progressive Governance for the 21st Century."

take over their preferred global forum, the Socialist International, where Mr. Clinton's Democratic Party does not tread.

Roberto Benigni, the Oscar-winning director of "Life is Beautiful," had no such qualms. Celebrities, of course, are part of the new left's vote-winning package, not least in Hollywood, so Mr. Benigni was there to hear about social democracy's new politics of empowerment and opportunity.

To the evident astonishment of Mr. Blair, he leapt into Mr. Clinton's arms, showering the president with kisses. A slightly red-faced Mr. Clinton then introduced the British prime minister, who shook the Italian actor's hand. Life is indeed beautiful when the Third Way leads to Florence.

## A Reticent First Lady

So beautiful that John Sexton, the dean of the New York University School of Law, could not resist calling the dinner "a quintessentially global moment," before announcing that the "New York University Global Law School Leadership Award" would be presented to Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Mrs. Clinton rose, walked toward

the podium, accepted a small plaque, smiled for the cameras — and said nothing. A few words from the first lady had been anticipated, and in this land of graciousness, her silence did not go unremarked.

"She thought it would be presumptuous to say anything in front of so many world leaders, and also for her to be the only first lady to speak," said Sidney Blumenthal, an adviser to the president. But some present suggested that the fracas over her recent meeting in Israel with Mrs. Arafat had inclined Mrs. Clinton to see wisdom in silence.

Among the other first ladies present was Cherie Blair, whose unexpected pregnancy at the age of 45 has inspired the German popular press to urge the Chancellor — childless despite four marriages — to follow the Blairs' example. Doris Schröder, who has opted not to move to Berlin from Hanover, was conspicuous by her absence.

At a meeting much concerned with the aging populations of Europe and the United States — Mr. Clinton pointed out that during the next 30 years the number of people over 65 in America would double — the Blairs were complimented by the European Union Commission president, Romano Prodi, for their "heroic efforts" to bolster the active population.

But while agreeing that many challenges like aging populations are shared ones, Europeans and Americans opted to differ over their models of society, with Mr. Prodi saying that Europe must reform but also defend "its social model" and what he called the greater justice and equity of the European welfare state.

## Globalism Is Kicked Around

There is an optimistic view of globalization among center-left leaders and there is a pessimistic one. The optimists, and they include Mr. Clinton and Mr. Blair, say that if the opportunities created by a global economy are well managed, they will benefit mankind and eventually advance equality.

"If you give people access to tech-

nology, a lot of smart people figure out how to make a lot of money," Mr. Clinton said, adding that this would be just as true in Africa as it has been in the United States.

The pessimistic school, or at least the cautious one, was led here by Mr. Jospin, with some support from Massimo D'Alema, prime minister of Italy, and the Brazilian president, Fernando Henrique Cardoso, whose country suffered a battering from global financial panic too recently to feel confident.

"There are still huge divides within nations and among nations, and we have to meet this challenge of inequality," Mr. Jospin said today, arguing that modern global capitalism engendered more inequality than the capitalism of the early part of this century. "We have to accept a networked world, but not a world dominated by networks, because then it would be dominated by private interests."

It was Mr. Clinton's turn to look skeptical. Private interests, of course, are what make America tick.

The president and Mr. Blair argued passionately that so long as workers' rights, the environment, and ideals of inclusiveness are not forgotten while an open, global economy is promoted, the fruits of wealth will one day be spread wide.

So long, the president insisted, as fiscal conservatism prevails. "Part of the liberal left program is now to balance the budget," Mr. Clinton said. "We are now the parties of fiscal discipline, because that brings interest rates down, creates jobs, lowers interest rates on mortgages and car loans, and so helps ordinary people."

The post-cold-war world of the left really has changed: fiscal tight-fistedness, the argument now goes, actually helps the poor. Turning to Mr. Cardoso, the president added, "If we all run a surplus, that makes it that much cheaper for Enrique to get money in Brazil."

Simple, really. If only everyone on the center-left understood. But, to judge by the meeting here, not everyone gets Clintonomics.





### Tour concludes

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton is greeted by Sigridur Duna Kristmundsdottir, director of the Women and Democracy Conference, before giving a speech in Reykjavik, Iceland. She was to return home yesterday.

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# Hillary puts campaign on hold during Europe trip

By GREGG BIRNBAUM

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton yesterday began a weeklong breather from the New York campaign trail as she set off on a globetrotting trip.

Clinton's official visit to Poland, Slovakia, Italy and Iceland will continue until Sunday, and she won't return to New York's rough-and-tumble politics until sometime next week, said Howard Wolfson, her campaign spokesman.

Wolfson said he had no concerns that the first lady would lose momentum for her anticipated run for the U.S. Senate during her absence.

Pollster John Zogby agreed, saying Clinton was close enough in the polls to her potential Republican opponent, Mayor Giuliani, that a little time off would not hurt.

"It's still very early in the race. Very little could happen during the week," said Zogby, whose survey last month found Clinton trailing Giuliani 48 percent to 44 percent.

The first lady last stumped in New York on Thursday and Friday, touring a small rural hospital in Massena near the Canadian border and meeting with business leaders in nearby Watertown.



**GLOBETROTTER:** Hillary Rodham Clinton will visit four countries in seven days. AP

In Europe, she will deliver speeches, meet with national leaders and tour schools and other sites with the goals of encouraging economic opportuni-

ties for women, preserving the world's cultural heritage and fostering civic participation, according to her office.

She planned to be in Poland today, calling on the country's president at his palace in Warsaw and later stopping by a Jewish school.

Clinton has been a frequent flying first lady, touching down in over 70 countries since her husband took office in 1993. She has made 25 solo trips.

A U.S. State Department official reportedly put the cost to the taxpayers of Clinton's most recent trip at between \$3 million and \$7 million. She is flying on a government-owned aircraft and has a number of staffers with her.

Republicans and watchdog groups have attacked her for using taxpayer-funded aircraft and White House employees for her Senate campaign appearances and political fund-raisers, but Clinton's aides say they will reimburse the government for any political expenses.



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First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton this week travels to Poland, one of the most Catholic countries in Europe, just days after defending a Brooklyn museum that is displaying a feces-smeared portrait of the Virgin Mary.

After spending Monday and Tuesday in Warsaw, where she was scheduled to meet with Poland's president, prime minister and foreign minister, the first lady heads to Bratislava, Slovakia and Florence, Italy, both of which also boast large Catholic populations.

The trip was scheduled long before the controversy erupted last week over "Sensation," the British art exhibit at the Brooklyn Museum of Art that features the Virgin Mary portrait, which is also adorned with pornographic magazine cut-outs of women's, uh, private parts. While denouncing the exhibit itself, Mrs. Clinton defended the museum, which has come under fire for using tax dollars to display art that many Catholics consider deeply offensive.

New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani has ordered the city to withhold further funding, a stance that many pundits considered politically wise in the mayor's expected battle with the first lady for the Senate seat. As if to second the political soundness of Giuliani's decision, the U.S. Senate voted unanimously for a measure rebuking the museum.

But an early poll suggests fewer than a third of New Yorkers have sided with Giuliani. Unfazed, the GOP mayor promptly congratulated himself for bravely championing the cause of an important "minority" in the state. He has taken the case to court, where he has lost nearly all of his earlier First Amendment battles.

Those who dismiss Giuliani as certain to lose this case as well are looking at it from a legal standpoint, not political. From a political perspective, Giuliani may stand to gain even more if he loses this court fight because he can continue to rail against those who use tax dollars to offend Catholics. It also provides him with another ongoing issue against Hillary as the Senate race heats up.

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# Baggage From Clinton's Trip?

## N.Y. Democrats Hint of Tension Between First Lady's Roles

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NEW YORK, Nov. 16—Hillary Rodham Clinton's missteps during a Middle East trip this week have provoked a new round of questions from top New York Democrats over whether she has the political skills to mount an effective Senate campaign, with some questioning whether she should be in the race at all.

Both Judith Hope, the state Democratic chairwoman, and H. Carl McCall, the state comptroller and highest vote-getting Democrat, have spoken out on the issue this week, acknowledging that the tension between Clinton's competing roles as first lady and Senate candidate is not healthy for her candidacy.

Pointing to her relatively poor standing in the polls and the absence of momentum in her campaign, former White House aide George Stephanopoulos, now an ABC News commentator, described on a Sunday talk show what he called "a lot more whispering right now about can she get out of the race." He added: "There's a lot more people in the Democratic Party now who wish she would."

While other analysts downplay or

dispute such dynamics and say it is still very early—she has not even officially announced—it is clear that Clinton's campaign is laboring beneath the weight of the first-lady-inspired celebrity that once seemed sure to buoy it. And all the while, her likely Republican opponent, Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, has been able to collect her missteps as campaign fodder.

The latest stumble on Clinton's road to the Senate began even before her Middle East visit. The trip was scheduled months in advance by the White House, but Clinton's campaign staff—fearing unforeseen events—did not want her to go, a source said. She already had been to the Middle East on four different occasions.

But she went, traveling to Israel and the West Bank in her role as first lady. On Thursday, in the West Bank city of Ramallah, Clinton sat silently while Suha Arafat, wife of the Palestinian leader, lambasted Israel for what she said was the use of "poisonous gas" on Palestinians and the subsequent increased cancer rates among women and children. It took until the next day for Clinton to respond, calling the remarks "inflammatory."

Here in New York, some Jews were outraged both by Arafat's statements and by Clinton's tepid response. And some wondered why, considering the potential to ignite controversy among the Jewish electorate, which is 12 percent of the vote, she made the trip.

"She was in situation that is always fraught with difficulty," McCall said in an interview Monday night on the NY-1 cable channel. "The thing is, if you're going to be a candidate, then you don't put yourself in those kinds of situations. You focus on doing the things that you have to do as a candidate."

Hope was quoted Monday by the Associated Press joking that Clinton needs to "give up her day job" and put a cot in the new Clinton house in Chappaqua to be a full-time candidate. Hope said today that those remarks were taken out of context, saying in a telephone interview that she believes Clinton has been a "very strong candidate."

Still, she acknowledged that the roles of first lady and Senate candidate are not necessarily compatible and that Clinton, with the Democrats in tow, is in uncharted political territory. Clinton, for instance, was initially silent on her husband's offer



First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton is introduced by Suha Arafat, wife of Palestinian leader, who then made her remarks.

of clemency to Puerto Rican terrorists in late summer. But when Republicans criticized the offer as a vote-getting ploy for his wife, she came out against the clemency, angering Democratic allies among New York Puerto Ricans.

"There are no primers on how to do this," Hope said of the unique mix of first lady as candidate. "We al-

ways understood that it will bring special challenges, and sure enough it does. But I'm certain she is equal to them."

That prominent Democrats would speak publicly about their candidate's vulnerabilities struck political analyst Mitchell Moss as itself indicative of party worries.

"What's occurred now is that the

Democrats who were so eager to have Mrs. Clinton run are now clearly worried about her ability to win," said Moss, director of the Taub Urban Research Center at New York University. "There's an underlying current which is now becoming more vocal, which is that perhaps the audition has revealed all kinds of problems in this candidacy."

# Clinton Tours Quake-Ravaged Sites in Turkey, Meets Victims

■ **Disaster:** President lends moral support to residents of tent city near Izmit as he takes firsthand look at recent devastation.

By JAMES GERSTENZANG  
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ISTANBUL, Turkey—On a day of unrelenting rain and raw human misery, President Clinton on Tuesday promised the frightened people of an earthquake-ravaged city in western Turkey, "We will stay with you and work with you."

The president was driven along roads lined by battered buildings and ambled down the brick lanes of the Dogukisla tent city near the city of Izmit for a firsthand look at the physical and emotional devastation that two earthquakes and numerous aftershocks have wreaked on Turkey since August.

As a muezzin called Muslims to midday prayers, Clinton poked into one tent, then another, sharing hot coffee with the earthquake victims and asking if they are prepared for the cold of winter.

For Clinton, the visit was an overseas version of a course he has followed assiduously in the United States: lending a visible dose of presidential sympathy in the aftermath of tragedy.

So, much as he viewed the devastation in South-Central Los Angeles after the riots in 1992 while a presidential candidate, spoke to San Fernando Valley residents two days after the 1994 Northridge earthquake and comforted tornado victims throughout his presidency, Clinton walked among those uprooted by an August temblor.

Afterward, the president, accompanied by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and their daughter, Chelsea, told the residents, "We could imagine what our lives would be like if such a thing were to happen to us, as we have seen it happen to families in the United States."

"Keep your spirits up, keep the smiles on your children's faces, keep helping the people who lost their loved ones in the earthquake," he counseled, "and know that together we will get through this to better days."

The Aug. 17 earthquake centered in  
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## TURKEY: President Tours Sites

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Izmit, about 60 miles southeast of Istanbul, killed an estimated 17,000 people and displaced as many as 400,000 others. Last week's earthquake in Duzce, about 120 miles southeast of Istanbul, killed 547 by government count, and the fear of yet another quake is pervasive.

Clinton said 88 countries had sent aid to Turkey after the temblors, with the United States contributing \$14.5 million worth of assistance in the immediate aftermath. On Monday, Washington announced the additional donation of 500 large tents to provide winterized shelter for 10,000 people.

At the Dogukisla camp, about 9,000 people are living in 1,200 green military tents donated by the United States. The U.S. military houses 10 GIs in one tent; in Turkey, as many as 20 people are living in each.

One tent was lighted by two bulbs and inhabited by 17 members of the extended Gencenler family, who shared seven mattresses and two small sofas. Rugs had been placed on the brick-paved surface that served as the floor. Two powerful space heaters cut through temperatures that hovered around 40 degrees. A television set was flipped off as Clinton arrived.

"What is the most difficult thing about living in this tent?"



Agence France-Presse

President Clinton holds a Turkish child in the Dogukisla tent city.

Clinton asked. A woman living there, a baby in her arms, replied: "The hard days of winter. And the humidity in the tent. The heat makes a lot of humidity."

At a tent used as a kindergarten, a hand-painted sign, in need of a spell-check, read: "Welcome to Clinton. I love you." Nearby, the Clintons posed with children in a tent where a gym class had been underway. And for long seconds as he plunged into a crowd, Clinton held a baby tightly and pressed a pale cheek to his own.

Parents in the camps and U.S. officials who have worked there reported that children in particular are wary about returning to homes that have been damaged in the temblors. And when the new

quake struck last week, sending shocks to the tent city 60 miles distant, "it really shook people up emotionally," said Valerie Guarnieri of the U.S. National Security Council.

Reaching Istanbul in the afternoon, the Clintons toured the cavernous Hagia Sophia, built in the 6th century. Once a church, later a mosque and now a museum, the marble and mortar structure is a symbol of Turkey's role at the crossroads of great civilizations.

The first family also visited the 17th century mosque of Sultan Ahmet I, known in the West as the Blue Mosque for its pale blue interior tiles. Adhering to custom, they padded shoeless across the carpeted floor.



#### MARC LACEY

ISTANBUL, Nov. 17 — President Clinton's state visit to Turkey has featured plenty of official meetings, dinners and speeches. But it has not been all work and no play.

With time to spare before a European security meeting attracts the leaders of more than 50 nations here on Thursday, the president has taken in many of Turkey's cultural gems. Earlier in the week, he removed his black cowboy boots and walked in stocking feet across the carpet of the spectacular Blue Mosque, a high point in Ottoman architecture built on the orders of the Sultan Ahmet I in the early 1700's. "I'm so honored to be here," Mr. Clinton said softly to Imam Emrullah Hatipoglu, the imam of the mosque, who welcomed the president, his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, and daughter, Chelsea.

He descended into the Underground Palace, a dimly lit cistern that was featured in the James Bond movie "From Russia With Love." The Byzantines had constructed it to store the city's water supply. There, he walked past dozens of stone columns as the soft rhythmic tones of an ancient Turkish flute created a haunting atmosphere.

Today he strolled in the marble ruins of Ephesus, where one of the Seven Wonders of the World — the Temple of Artemis — was built in 550 B.C. With security officials perched in the surrounding hills, the president paused to admire the grassy Upper Agora, once a marketplace and public square, and Trajan's Fountain, which dates from A.D. 102.

#### Miracle Cure? No, Thanks

Although Mr. Clinton is an engaged tourist, gazing intently at artifacts and offering observations to his tour guides, he also has shown that he has his limits.

In the old city of Istanbul on Tuesday, Mr. Clinton signed the guest book at the Hagia Sofia, a cavernous museum built as a Christian cathedral in A.D. 360. In 1453 it was converted into a mosque after the Ottoman conquest of Constantinople,



The Clintons strolled the marble ruins of ancient Ephesus yesterday, in advance of a European security meeting to begin Thursday in Istanbul.

the Byzantine name for Istanbul.

But Mr. Clinton, in dark slacks and a black leather flight jacket, took a pass on a tourism ritual at the museum. Legend has it that if one presses one's thumb into a special spot on a stone column, the restorative powers of St. Gregory the Miracle Worker go into effect. Mr. Clinton walked on by.

#### Traveling Lighter

One of the officials who has been frequently at Mr. Clinton's side during his state visit to Turkey is Samuel R. Berger, the president's national security adviser. Make that a new slimmed-down version of Mr. Berger. Thanks to a special diet that

he did not want to go into, Mr. Berger has lost 35 pounds in recent months. So svelte is he now that he and his wife had run out to Saks Fifth Avenue a few days before the trip to have his suits altered.

During the confrontation with the Senate over the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, Mr. Berger joked to Trent Lott, the Senate majority leader, that he would fast until the Senate approved the agreement. Mr. Lott, a Mississippi Republican, told Mr. Berger he would likely not eat again — and the Senate went on to defeat the pact soundly.

#### They Gush, He's Grateful

Mr. Clinton's trip to Turkey, longer

than previous visits by Presidents Bush and Eisenhower, has given him gushing coverage in the local press and some interesting mementos. He received handmade clay sculptures from several young earthquake victims, a prestigious state award from President Suleyman Demirel, a Bible verse on parchment from Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and a watercolor scene of boats along the Bosphorus from the American-Turkish Business Council. Mr. Clinton said he would treasure them all, and would hang the painting in his new New York home.

Just as heartwarming have been the banner headlines praising Mr. Clinton for his efforts to strengthen ties between the United States and Turkey and advocate Turkey's admission to the European Union. "Politicians, academicians, labor unions and the public were very happy to hear from the U.S. president how vital Turkey will be for the whole world in the next century," said an article in the English-language Turkish Daily News. In Sabah, one of the country's largest dailies, a screaming headline over a story on Mr. Clinton's speech to the National Assembly called the president: "Like a Turk."

Further down on the front page, however, was a related story that left one member of the White House press corps red-faced.

"Like an American," said the headline, which was coupled with two photographs of a female reporter with her legs extended over the seats in front of her during the National Assembly session. The photo captain called her a "miniskirted journalist" and poked fun at her relaxed posture during the official proceedings.

What the paper left out is that a delay in Mr. Clinton's speech meant that American reporters were treated to well over an hour of parliamentary debate on some rather contentious topics — all in Turkish, of course. And that a closer inspection would have shown other correspondents in the pack with their feet on the floor but their eyes shut.

#### Reporter's Notebook

## In Turkey, Clinton Is, for the

## Moment, the Hero Adored

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## CAL THOMAS

One is tempted to compare the kiss offered by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton to Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat's wife to the kiss Judas gave Jesus when he betrayed Him in the Garden of Gethsemane — but the analogy breaks down because both Mrs. Clinton and Suha Arafat are betraying Israel.

In a statement nearly as outrageous as those made by Holocaust deniers, Suha Arafat claimed: "Our people [the Palestinians] have been submitted to the daily and intensive use of poisonous gas by the Israeli forces which have led to an increase in cancer cases among women and children." She also asserted that Israel has contaminated water sources with "chemical materials." Those Israelis are so clever. They can poison air and water in ways that affect only Palestinians, while Jews escape harm. Following an outcry by Israeli Prime Minister Ehud

## Sealed with a kiss

Barak and some Jewish leaders in the United States, Mrs. Clinton belatedly issued an objection to Mrs. Arafat's remarks. Too little, too late.

At this point in the so-called "peace process," it wouldn't matter if Yasser Arafat were captured on videotape acknowledging he has no intention of living up to any agreement and that his ultimate objective is to use the negotiations to weaken Israel to the point where it won't be able to withstand a final assault from armed Palestinians and Israel's Arab neighbors. Mr. Arafat, in fact, has made numerous statements in which he has strongly hinted at or openly stated these objectives, but the Europeans, Americans and the United Nations merely blink, since they want the issue to go away. They don't care if



Israel disappears in the process. There are peace prizes to be awarded and legacies to be ensured.

Facts no longer matter. Newsweek reported last week that the National Security Agency

learned it was Yasser Arafat who supplied the weapons for the 1983 bombing of the American Embassy in Beirut in which 241 U.S. Marines died. No matter. President Clinton lobbies for \$400 million in aid to the PLO on top of an initial \$500 million that has never been properly accounted for, amid reports it was misspent.

Clergy appointed by Mr. Arafat at Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem regularly preach sermons calling for the "liberation" of all the land, pre-1967 Israel included, in a Jihad that is "the responsibility of all Muslims." Various media controlled by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) accuse Israel and the West of employing Nazi tactics against them, which is ironic given the Nazilike rhetoric of many PLO leaders and Arab states against Jews and the West.

Terrorists responsible for the deaths of innocent Israelis and visiting Jewish civilians are praised on

PLO TV as saints and heroes. This year's Palestine Prize for Culture will go to Abu Daoud, mastermind of the 1972 Olympic bombing in Munich that killed 11 Israeli athletes.

This is not the behavior or language of people who want to make peace with their neighbors. This is the behavior and language of war, the objective of which is the complete annihilation of the Jews and eradication of the state of Israel. The only way "peace" negotiators can continue with this sham is by ignoring the words and actions of those negotiating in bad faith. The PLO negotiators think they are carrying out Allah's will and that it is legitimate to lie about their intentions to the pagan and secular infidels on the Israeli and American side.

Islamic extremists are taking advantage of secularists in the Israeli and American governments and pragmatists like Bill Clinton who wants a "legacy" in foreign affairs that he hopes will cover up

his notorious domestic affairs. If the Jews have to die, who cares? They've died before. We'll just build them another museum.

We see Israeli soldiers yanking fellow Jews from "settlements" and hear Mr. Barak speaking of a ghetto-type fence to keep Israel's enemies out. But neither evictions of Jews from land nor fences will protect Israel. Fences, in fact, have been used in the past to contain Jews in order to kill them more efficiently.

As for kissing the target for destruction, Judas wasn't the only one to employ the tactic. The Mafia has long done the same, kissing the one selected for death. With Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Arafat smooching each other, we have a new scenario. The one who is about to die is not present. Her name is Israel.

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WASHINGTON AND THE WORLD

# Clinton will have warning for Yeltsin

Chechen crisis  
eroding support  
within the West

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USA TODAY

ISTANBUL, Turkey — President Clinton plans to warn Russian President Boris Yeltsin on Thursday that Russia's military crackdown on rebels in Chechnya is eroding Western support for Yeltsin's government.

Clinton will urge Yeltsin to accept international mediation to resolve the crisis, according to a senior U.S. official with knowledge of the president's plans. The White House is not contemplating any attempt to cut off financial aid to Russia out of fear that such an action would do too much damage to that nation's fragile economy and democracy. Also, much of that aid is aimed at helping Russia dismantle its nuclear arsenal.

Clinton is on a 10-day trip that includes stops in Turkey, Italy, Greece and Kosovo. The president's private meeting with Yeltsin will take place in Istanbul during a summit of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

Yeltsin has complained about Western interference in his efforts to end the violence in Chechnya, where rebels have been fighting for full independence from Russia. Some Russian officials have accused Washington of trying to diminish the Kremlin's role in the rebellious Caucasus territory in order to have greater



By Sefa Ozkaya, Hurriyet, via AP

In Izmit, Turkey: President Clinton plays with 7-month-old Erkan Isik on Tuesday at a tent city. About 9,000 survivors of an August earthquake live at the camp.

influence in the oil-rich region.

Clinton plans to urge Yeltsin to consider allowing the OSCE to serve as a mediator in the conflict, which has produced from 200,000 to 300,000 refugees. Since the end of the Cold War, the OSCE has been expanding its efforts to defuse any brewing crisis in Europe.

Yeltsin enjoys broad support at home for his clenched-fist approach in Chechnya, in part because deadly bombings in

the heart of Moscow have been blamed on Chechen rebels.

On another diplomatic front, Clinton will confer with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak today in an attempt to build momentum to advance the Middle East peace process. Clinton met last week in Oslo, Norway, with Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Tuesday, near Izmit, Turkey, Clinton picked his way past mud puddles at a

temporary encampment to see firsthand how thousands of homeless survivors of an August earthquake are making do.

He promised continued U.S. money and supplies for rebuilding. "We in the United States will do everything we can until your lives have returned to normal," Clinton said after a rain-drenched tour of the tent city of Dogukisla.

At the camp, 9,000 people are living two families to a tent on former farm fields now reinforced with paving stones.

Most of the refugees came from nearby towns destroyed or heavily damaged in the 7.4-magnitude quake that hit Aug. 17; an estimated 17,000 people died.

After visiting several families inside their tents and touring a makeshift school, Clinton stood on a wooden platform to address camp residents. They applauded when he noted that the U.S. military provided most of their tents. He said the United States is sending 500 more tents to help house victims of a second major quake, which hit last week.

"We know that we will get through this to better days," Clinton said. His wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, and their daughter, Chelsea, joined the president at the camp.

Clinton told Turkish officials Monday that he was weighing additional support for earthquake relief in light of the suffering caused by the second quake, centered only about 45 miles from the epicenter of the August quake. The death toll from Friday's quake was at least 547.

Later, in Istanbul during a luncheon address, Clinton trumpeted the growing trade relationship between the United States and Turkey. Trade between the nations totals \$6 billion annually.

## Quake relief for Turkey



By J. Scott Applewhite, AP

Homeless kids: President Clinton, joined by Hillary Rodham Clinton and daughter Chelsea, visits a relief camp Tuesday in Izmit. The children lost their homes to an earthquake in August. Clinton trip, 12A.



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# Hillary's Not the Only Loser

The blood libel may have hurt the Palestinian cause more

HILLARY Clinton wasn't the only big loser in the uproar over Suha Arafat's poisonous accusations in the West Bank last week. Suha's husband, who dreams of White House pressure to bring Israeli concessions to reach a final Israeli-Palestinian agreement, may find himself a victim of the understandable ire of Hillary's husband.

The political damage the first lady inflicted on herself is considerable — though it has little to do with the Jewish vote, which has the most direct interest in what happened in the Middle East. Those who feel strongly on both sides of the Israel-PLO issue have already taken sides in the Clinton-Giuliani matchup, and Hillary's stumblebum performance isn't like to change many minds.

But it may well make a difference among those who are either on the fence (not many, say the polls) or are sympathetic to Hillary but waiting to be convinced that she'd make a good senator. For these "soft" supporters, Mrs. Clinton's incompetent handling of the Arafat furor has to be a slap in the face: Where, they must be asking, is that incredible genius with the master political instincts who's been waiting all these years to come into her own?

What Hillary displayed in her 72-hour comedy of tragic errors was enough to unnerve even the most rabid supporter: a total inability to think on her feet or even to come up with a coherent response to a direct provocation without first consulting with dozens of aides and advisers.

This was not the Hillary who, we've been told since 1993, is the secret brains of the Clinton family, privately pulling the strings and directing policy behind the scenes at the White House. This was a political fish out of water, at a complete loss for what steps she should take until someone else tells her what to do.

Unless this is a misguided effort by Mrs. Clinton's campaign gurus to soften her hard-bitten image, what we saw last week is the real Hillary



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at work. If so, there is no earthly reason why she should be running for senator, let alone be anointed as the Democratic Party's uncontested standard-bearer in New York.

Some of Hillary's more sycophantic backers suggest that her long-delayed and deliberately muted response to Suha Arafat's blood libel (the term being used by Israelis across the political spectrum) was unavoidable, given her responsibilities as first lady. State Democratic head Judith Hope pinpointed the problem when she spoke of the "increasing awareness that there is an incompatibility" between being the

***Hillary was representing her husband and her country as she sat through Suha Arafat's diatribe and then embraced the PLO leader's wife.***

president's wife and a candidate for office.

But Al Gore isn't letting his responsibilities as vice president — elected, unlike Mrs. Clinton, by the voters — stand in the way of his own presidential campaign: He has abandoned his role as administration cheerleader and is taking the president to task for cutting a deal on America's U.N. dues.

The biggest problem for Hillary is that her major failing in Ramallah wasn't as a politician but specifically as first lady. She was representing her husband and her country as she sat stone-faced through Suha Arafat's diatribe and then embraced the PLO leader's wife. The 12-hour delay before she managed even a tepid response was America's delay, and her inability, even days later, to offer

little more than a mild reproach to "inflammatory rhetoric" became America's deaf ear, as well.

That's precisely the lack of moral conviction and basic common sense that raises serious questions about a candidate's fitness for office. And that may be what hurts Mrs. Clinton the most — not so much the outrage, but the evolving sense among the average voter that there's something seriously missing here, that substance takes a back seat to style. Or, in Walter Mondale's immortal question to Gary Hart, "Where's the beef?"

The Palestinians, meanwhile, still may not realize how badly Suha Arafat has hurt them. In the first place, they've finally focused attention on the horribly inciteful anti-Israeli and anti-Jewish rhetoric that pervades every aspect of Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority. Israeli officials have been screaming till they're blue in the face about these outrageous charges. Now, perhaps, someone in Washington will listen.

Actually, Bill Clinton *was* listening, and he was furious — so much so that he vented his famously volatile temper on the Palestinians and demanded a public apology for having publicly humiliated his wife. But Arafat's aides have publicly regretted only the timing of Suha Arafat's remarks — not their content.

With Clinton pushing for a final Mideast agreement with which to erase the stains on his legacy, Arafat will find that, for now at least, he doesn't hold any political markers in this White House. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak's wife, in sharp contrast, gave Hillary the most gracious and politically helpful welcome imaginable — and Bill Clinton is not a man who forgets insults.

It certainly was a week worth waiting for — one in which Hillary Clinton and Yasser Arafat both shot themselves in the foot.

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# Clinton pledges more aid to Turkey

U.S. to ship tents for harsh winter

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THE WASHINGTON TIMES

ISTANBUL — President Clinton yesterday toured a rain-drenched tent camp in western Turkey and pledged to aid victims of a massive Aug. 17 earthquake that killed 17,000 people.

"I know this is a time of great uncertainty for you, especially since another earthquake just hit not too far from here," Mr. Clinton told survivors in the town of Izmit, 60 miles east of Istanbul.

"We will stay with you and work with you," Mr. Clinton said. "Know that together we will get through this to better days."

Mr. Clinton, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and their daughter, Chelsea, toured the tent city of 9,000, sipping coffee and listening to the survivors' stories.

In one tent the Clintons visited the Genceler clan, a family of 17 who live on seven mattresses and two small sofas.

"What is the most difficult thing about living in this tent?" Mr. Clinton asked.

"The hard days of winter and the humidity in the tent," said a woman who held a baby in her arms.

In another tent, the Clintons met the Yoldas, a family of five, including 7-year-old twin girls. The girls' father, Ismaiel Yolda, a paper-factory worker, told the Clintons he was struck by a falling beam during the August earthquake and was hospitalized.

"Everything we had is gone," he said.

Mr. Clinton, standing on a makeshift stage of boards, told survivors the United States provided most of the 1,200 winterized tents in the community. He said America will soon provide 500 additional tents that could house another 10,000 people.



A family waves from their temporary home in a tent in Izmit, Turkey, as President Clinton arrives to visit victims of the Aug. 17 earthquake.

The death toll has now reached almost 550 from Friday's earthquake in and around the town of Duzce, 115 miles east of Istanbul. Mr. Clinton chose not to visit the site of Friday's earthquake because he did not want to disrupt recovery efforts, aides said.

The cold rain heralds the beginning of the winter season in western Turkey, a concern for rescue workers who want to make sure the families stay warm. Relief agencies have distributed electric heaters to families who live in the tents.

After touring the tent city, Mr. Clinton flew to Istanbul, the ancient city that served as capital of both the Byzantine and Ottoman empires.

Mr. Clinton urged Turkish and Greek cooperation during a luncheon address to the Turkish Business Council.

"We now have a genuine opportunity for fundamental and enduring reconciliations between your two lands," Mr. Clinton said, noting how Greeks and Turks helped each other following recent earthquakes in each land.

The Clintons later made time for

sightseeing in Istanbul, a crossroads of Christian, Byzantine and Muslim history known for extraordinary ancient sites such as the Great Palace of the Ottoman Sultans and the Hippodrome, where chariots raced in the Byzantine era.

Mr. Clinton, the first lady and Chelsea appeared awed as they toured the Hagia Sophia Christian cathedral of Constantinople from 537 A.D. until 1453, when the conquering Ottomans turned it into a mosque.

The Clintons also toured an enormous underground water cistern built in 532 A.D. and Istanbul's ornate Blue Mosque, built in 1616.

The Clintons, bowing to Islamic custom, slipped out of their footwear as they entered the mosque, notable for its interior of blue tile and its six minarets. They padded in stocking feet across a giant prayer rug that measures 174 feet by 167 feet.

A wailing Moslem call to evening prayers echoed in the distance as the Clintons left the mosque and returned to the presidential motorcade.

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## Blood Libel Against Israel: No Big Deal to Hillary Clinton

•Congratulations to you for your truthful headline "Shame on Hillary" (Nov. 12). And congratulations to your superb columnist Steven Dunleavy for revealing the hypocrisy and duplicity of Hillary Rodham Clinton's visit to the Western Wall ("First lady is also the first hypocrite").

Her cowardly, blatant silence in the face of Suha Arafat's "blood libel" will prove to New Yorkers just what type of senator they would have if they elected this carpetbagger who doesn't possess the moral fiber to object to outrageous lies against Israel.

**Shifra Hoffman**

Victims of Arab  
Terror International  
Brooklyn

•Both the editorial "Mrs. Clinton and the Blood Libel" and David Bar-Illan's column "Hillary's Deafening Silence" (Nov. 12) point out the craven nature of Hillary Rodham Clinton, the pre-Senate First Traveler.

There can be no excuse, as David Bar-Illan wrote, for Hillary's silence when ridiculous, dangerous remarks about Israel are deliberately lobbed. How could the world not react with fury at the inflammatory remarks of Arafat? People of good will everywhere must be appalled.

**Marion D.S. Dreyfus**  
Manhattan (via e-mail)

•I am outraged and nervous that a potential candidate for the

New York Senate race has the audacity to embrace the wife of a known murderer. What exactly was Hillary Clinton thinking?

Suha Arafat's words hit the cord of mistrust Israelis have for Palestinians in regard to a peace process. Every step the Israelis try to make toward a bona fide peace, there is some type of obstacle to block its results. This time it came from the wife of the one who is trying to pursue peace. For the first lady to sit there emotionless and then embrace Suha Arafat undermines the accomplishments of the president and the Middle East leaders in the peace talks.

At least Mayor Giuliani had the courage to tell Yasser Arafat to leave Radio City Music Hall a few years ago. At least the mayor is the type of person who does not try to find his Jewish roots just get the Jewish vote and then turns around to embrace someone who attacks the Jewish people.

**Alfonso C. Stabile**

City Council Member  
Ozone Park

•With her silence in the presence of the recent blood libel perpetrated by Mrs. Arafat, one must conclude that Hillary Clinton got tired of being Jewish.

**David Sugarman**

Bennington, Vt. (via e-mail)



# Hill's trip turning into balancing act

In a late addition to her Middle East travel plans, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton tomorrow will visit a Palestinian city on the West Bank and may meet with Yasser Arafat's wife, officials said yesterday.

The first lady, who arrives today in Israel for a two-day stay, will balance her politically sensitive schedule by attending a maternity health-care event in Ramallah before

By Uri Dan in Israel,  
Robert Hardt Jr. in  
Washington, D.C., and  
Gregg Birnbaum in N.Y.

she goes to the Western Wall, a site sacred to Jews.

Clinton, who last year spent the day with Arafat and his wife, Suha, when she toured the Gaza Strip, is not expected to meet with Arafat, who is in Europe.

But it is possible the first lady will meet Suha Arafat or other Palestinian figures, such as Hanan Ashrawi, a well-known Palestinian Authority leader, officials said.

Before she left for Israel, Clinton joined a group of

congressional Democrats in Washington to press for the president's proposal to reduce prescription-drug costs for people on Medicare.

The first lady stood beside Rep. Pete Stark (D-Calif.) as he blasted Mayor Giuliani for huddling with pharmaceutical company bigwigs who oppose the prescription-drug plan.

"If the Republican mayor of New York can go to a fund-raiser today to get money from the pharmaceutical industry, if the Republican leader of the Senate can be taking pork home to Mississippi but not give us five cents to help seniors, then we know where the trouble lies," Stark said.

In Washington, Giuliani met with about 40 health-care industry executives, including at least two pharmaceutical company honchos. But counter to Stark's claim, the mayor's fund-raiser was not sponsored by the drug-makers.

Giuliani said of the Democratic attacks, "I am not going to respond to their agenda. I have learned not to do that sucker-punch. I generally follow a rule: I don't let the other side set the agenda."

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## Hillary Clinton can fill dual roles in visit to Israel

By Kathy Kleiy  
USA TODAY

JERUSALEM — First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton arrives here today for a four-day Middle East trip rife with symbolic and political implications.

Clinton has been in Israel four times, always with President Clinton, never as a politician in her own right.

She is visiting Israel and Jordan in her official capacity as first lady, so U.S. taxpayers will underwrite her trip to the Jewish state and to Jordan.

Clinton's status as an all-but-declared Senate candidate has raised inevitable speculation about the trip's impact in New York, whose large Jewish vote is perennially wooed by political hopefuls. New York state is roughly 10% Jewish, and New York City is about 20% Jewish.

For a candidate seeking election in New York, a trip to Israel is "almost an obligatory vis-



Clinton: Has conflicts as first lady, possible Senate candidate

it," says Mitchell Moss, a New York University professor who follows local politics closely.

Clinton's status as first lady provides certain advantages, but it also will pose some complications for her on this visit.

### Israeli army evicts defiant settlers

MAON FARM, West Bank — Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak made good today on his promise to dismantle a settler outpost whose residents had refused to leave voluntarily.

Hundreds of Israeli troops moved onto the Maon Farm about 3 a.m. today and began removing the settlers by force.

The 300 people who had come to the barren hilltop outpost to support the four families living there offered spirited but non-violent resistance as each one was carried away.

Women and young children were led away in tears by female soldiers, and dozens of medics were on hand to deal with any injuries.

Fires burned in several places where the settlers had tried to halt the advance of the oncoming troops. They sang the Israeli national anthem as they were carried away.

The evacuation of Maon Farm was Barak's first major test in his efforts to reach a peace deal with the Palestinians.

By Matthew Kalman

Unlike most candidates, she can't simply appeal to a single voting constituency. She must be careful to avoid undermining the U.S. government's ef-

forts to broker a peaceful end to generations of conflict between the region's Arabs and the Israelis.

As a representative of her

husband's administration, she will meet with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and his wife, Nava. She will be making an equally high-profile visit to the Palestinian community of Ramallah, where she is likely to meet Yasser Arafat, the wife of Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat.

Another example of the potential pitfalls awaiting Clinton: She's expected to visit the Wailing Wall, an almost obligatory pilgrimage for VIPs visiting Jerusalem. However, a stop by the first lady could raise eyebrows in diplomatic circles because the site is in Israeli-occupied East Jerusalem, territory the Palestinians claim.

The Clinton administration's official position is that the status of Jerusalem will be determined in the final round of peace talks that began Monday.

Contributing: Matthew Kalman in Israel

## WASHINGTON

# Clinton's expect peaceful visit to Ireland

By Richard Willing  
and Mimi Hall  
USA TODAY

President Clinton, tossed like a cork in a sea of world and personal problems, arrives today in Northern Ireland, of all places, for a welcome respite.

Clinton's welcome, while more subdued than the outpouring of warmth that greeted him when he visited in December 1995, is likely to be friendly and free of references to the falling ruble, fallen interns and other problems that recently have beset him.

"He deserves to be greeted as the best friend this province has ever found outside these islands," said the *Belfast Telegraph*, in an editorial prepared for the eve of Clinton's arrival.

Both Catholic and Protestant politicians in the divided province credit Clinton with applying the political and economic pressure that has brought both sides close to forming a power-sharing government.

"He steered a middle course; we owe him a lot," said

Malachi Curran, a pub owner of Catholic and Protestant descent who helped negotiate the power-sharing agreement last April. A coalition government based on the agreement is scheduled to begin meeting this month.

Clinton arrives on the heels of good news that he helped create. On Wednesday, David Trimble, chief officer of the new government and leader of the largest Protestant party, issued an unprecedented invitation to Sinn Féin leader Gerry Adams to join talks aimed at organizing the government.

Adams, whose party is affiliated with the Irish Republican Army, had been cut out of previous face-to-face meetings because of Trimble's objections to Adams' IRA connection.

A day earlier, Adams had denounced political violence as a "thing of the past, over, done with and gone."



Clinton: On third visit to N. Ireland

Clinton is scheduled to meet with Trimble, deputy chief officer Seamus Mallon and British prime minister Tony Blair. He'll give speeches to Northern Ireland's new governmental assembly, elected after the April accord, to a citizens' group in Belfast and

to reconciliation workers in Armagh.

Arriving a day ahead of her husband, Hillary Rodham Clinton on Wednesday called Northern Ireland's women a quiet catalyst for the Belfast peace agreement but said they must play a bigger role in politics for real reconciliation to take root.

"It was women whose whispers of 'Enough!' became a torrent of voices that could no longer be ignored," she told 600 women's activists, community workers and politicians at a conference called *Vital Voices: Women in Democracy*.

"It is up to you, the women of Northern Ireland, speaking out whenever injustice arises, to point out opportunities, to face up to challenges and to speak for those who are still voiceless," she said.

After her speech, Hillary Clinton attended a reception in her honor in Belfast City Hall along with the outgoing U.S. ambassador to Ireland, Jean Kennedy Smith.

She was staying overnight at Hillsborough Castle southwest of Belfast as a guest of Mo Mowlam, Britain's first female secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

Today, the first lady planned to open a playground for Protestant and Catholic children in an underprivileged part of Belfast, then appear with her husband for his keynote speech.

The Clintons will also help dedicate a memorial to 28 people killed in Omagh on Aug. 15 by a renegade element of the IRA. The first lady said the visit would be to "pay tribute to those who were murdered by the enemies of peace."



# Hillary off to Israel as Jewish vote wavers

## Denies taxpayer trip tied to Senate race

By Barbara J. Saffir  
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, who needs Jewish votes to triumph in her expected New York Senate race, plans to fly to Israel Tuesday — her first solo trip there.

Polls show Mrs. Clinton has not held on to an early lead as a Democratic candidate backed by Jewish votes. But the first lady's spokesman said her taxpayer-paid trip is not connected to her \$25 million campaign against New York City Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani.

"It is a visit she had planned to make earlier this year but had to postpone because of the Israeli election," Marsha Berry said.

Mrs. Clinton is averaging less than 50 percent support from Jewish voters.

"That is not a good sign for Hillary. Traditionally, the Jewish vote should be 70 to 75 percent Democratic historically," said John Zogby of the Zogby Group International poll.

Visiting Israel could increase Mrs. Clinton's Jewish support.

"At the very least" it will help her "hold" onto the support she has now, Mr. Zogby said.

"A trip to Israel is mandatory. . . . She could not afford not to do it," he said. "It is a way that New York candidates bond with Jewish vot-

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ers. It is expected of them."

Mr. Giuliani has visited Israel twice in the past few years, but he has no plans to travel there during this race, his campaign spokesman Bruce Teitelbaum said.

Mr. Zogby said the "important" Jewish vote typically accounts for about "12 or 13 percent of the total" turnout in New York general elections, where the candidates could face each other if they definitely decide to run. Israel also has become a high-profile issue in Mrs. Clinton's and Mr. Giuliani's "exploratory" campaigns.

Right now, the first lady is virtually tied with her likely GOP oppo-

nent for Jewish votes in the Oct. 18 Zogby poll. She trails him 46 percent to 43 percent — a statistical dead-heat when the 4 percentage-points margin of error is considered. She also trails Mr. Giuliani 51 percent to 40 percent among all voters, the figure that obviously counts the most.

Mrs. Clinton was beating Mr. Giuliani among New York's Jewish voters in last month's poll by Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. She captured 53 percent to his 38 percent — a healthy margin "but not by the kind of numbers a Democrat would like to have running statewide in New York," said Lee M. Miringoff, the poll's director.

Democratic Sen. Charles E. Schumer had about 70 percent support from Jewish voters when

he beat Republican Sen. Alfonse M. D'Amato in New York last year, Mr. Miringoff said.

Among all voters in the poll, Mrs. Clinton captured 42 percent compared with Mr. Giuliani's 46 percent — another statistical dead heat.

Democratic strategist Mark Mellman said he expects Mrs. Clinton's numbers to improve before next year's election.

"There is no question the first lady is extremely popular among the Jewish community in New York," he said. "She is going to get enough of the Jewish vote to win the race. Exactly what that is is frankly unclear at the moment."

When Mrs. Clinton visits Israel as first lady, she will have two full days to appeal to Jewish voters. She leaves Tuesday night.

On Wednesday, Miss Berry said, the first lady plans to speak at a conference on children and violence sponsored by the University of Tel Aviv. The next day, she will speak at a dinner lecture. After that, she heads to Jordan and then to Greece to join President Clinton.

Mr. Miringoff said the first lady's trip and all her other extensive foreign and domestic travel could "complicate" matters for her.

"It underscores the fact for voters that she is not from New York," he said. "The carpetbagger issue is still very much alive and kicking here in New York."

In March, Mrs. Clinton spent two weeks touring the Middle East. She visited Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia, but canceled a trip to Israel "because of the election,"

according to a White House statement issued at the time.

Israel already has become a major campaign issue although neither it nor Mrs. Clinton are mentioned in the first TV ad of the campaign, which Mr. Giuliani launched yesterday in the battleground region of upstate New York.

Featuring black and white shots of the Empire State Building and the Statue of Liberty, the 30-second ad says Mr. Giuliani has created 341,000 jobs, cut taxes \$2.4 billion and led 510,000 off welfare.

Mr. Giuliani already has come out in support of freeing convicted Israeli spy Jonathan Pollard. Mrs. Clinton said she is waiting for the White House to review the case before she will take a public stand.

She irritated some Jewish voters

when she declared that Palestinians deserve a separate homeland.

The first lady differed with her husband and the State Department's official view when she told an Orthodox Jewish group that she considers Jerusalem "the eternal and indivisible capital of Israel."

In her unprecedented position as the first spouse of a sitting president to possibly run for the Senate, Mrs. Clinton has appealed to Jewish leaders in ways that ordinary candidates could not.

In July, she helped host a state dinner at the White House for Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak. About 500 guests — double the number who typically attend — were invited, including many powerful leaders in New York Jewish political circles.



**SCHMOOZING & AMUSING:** Hillary shares a light moment with teens at a youth center near Tel Aviv. AP

# Rudy boosters taunt Hillary in Israel

Hillary Rodham Clinton may run, but she can't hide from the supporters of Mayor Giuliani — even in Israel.

As the first lady arrived at Tel Aviv University to deliver a speech yesterday, four Americans studying in Israel flashed banners reading, "American Jews Support Rudy Giuliani" and, "Giuliani for Senate."

Israeli security whisked them away.

The taunts come as a new poll back home finds Clinton losing ground to her likely Senate opponent.

"She needs the vote and she'll do whatever she needs to do to get it," said one of the protesters, Bill Weissman, 19, who criticized Clinton's stance on Israel as inconsistent.

But when the first lady visited a counseling center for troubled youths in Kfar Sava, north of Tel Aviv, one of the teens she met with said he didn't mind if the trip had campaign overtones.

"I don't care if the reason she does it is to get votes, as long as the goal — helping troubled teens — is achieved," said Ohad Birkovsky, who sported a large tattoo, a nose ring and two chin studs.

Clinton, on a two-day visit to Israel with daughter Chelsea, was careful not to sound too much like a candidate even as she courted a key constituency.

By Uri Dan in Jerusalem  
and Gregg Birnbaum in  
New York

She sounded themes that have been central to her public life, saying, for example, that youth violence was a scourge that afflicts both Israel and the United States.

"We do have to teach our children to reject the path of violence and embrace tolerance," she told a Tel Aviv University audience that included Prime Minister Ehud Barak and his wife, Nava.

Mrs. Barak introduced Clinton as "our dear friend," and Hillary later called Mrs. Barak a "real friend."

The first lady's visit comes as a new poll shows her support is slipping among key voting groups and she now trails Giuliani, her expected opponent if she runs for Senate, by 5 percent.

The Quinnipiac College survey showed that Mrs. Clinton's popularity has been gradually eroding over the last nine months, while the New York mayor continues to make gains.



**HOORAY FOR MOM!** Chelsea Clinton applauds mom at Tel Aviv University. AP

Giuliani leads by 47 to 42 percent in a poll conducted last week, compared with 46 to 43 percent last month.

In a troubling trend for the first lady, she is viewed less favorably by women (39 percent, compared with 61 February) and men (29 vs. 46 percent).

Clinton is slightly ahead among Jews — 46-43 percent.

"It's been a slow but steady climb for Giuliani, matched by a slow but steady drop for Mrs. Clinton," said Maurice Carroll, director of Quinnipiac polling.

## THE WORLD REPORT

## Clinton finds playing dual role a stretch

## Goals of first lady, candidate can conflict

By Kathy Kiely  
USA TODAY

AMMAN, Jordan — It isn't common for an American politician to use the White House as a springboard to the Senate, and Hillary Rodham Clinton showed last week that it isn't necessarily going to be easy.

The first lady left here Saturday, concluding the last official trip she is expected to make before declaring her intentions in the New York Senate race.

She spent four days in the Middle East, then left to join President Clinton in Turkey.

She created a furor in New York with her delayed and diplomatically measured reaction to a verbal attack in her presence by Palestinians against their Jewish neighbors. The rift was particularly ironic because Republicans initially attacked her trip as a taxpayer-subsidized effort to curry favor with Jews, who make up 10% of New York's population.

Instead, Clinton's visit, which coincided with the resumption of Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, showed how her duties as

a presidential ambassador can work against her best interests as a candidate.

She is almost certainly the only Senate hopeful who has to clear her public statements on foreign affairs with the White House and the State Department. That's one reason it took Clinton so long to react after Suha Arafat, the wife of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, publicly lectured her about the need for a Palestinian state and accused Israeli authorities of using toxic gas against Palestinians. Arafat apparently was referring to tear gas used against demonstrators.

"As first lady, Clinton's behavior was fine, but as a senatorial candidate from New York, she is held to a different standard," Mitchell Moss, a New York University professor who is an expert on local politics, wrote in response to an e-mail from USA TODAY. "A senator from New York is supposed to be a forceful advocate for Israel, not just a supporter of the peace process."

Clinton's likely Senate opponent, New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, attacked the first lady for exchanging a kiss, a traditional greeting in the Arab world, with Suha Arafat. Giuliani also questioned Clinton's decision to visit Ramallah, a Palestinian-controlled town on the West Bank of the Jordan River. The territory was cap-

tured by Israel in 1967.

But just before leaving Jordan, Clinton struck back. When a reporter asked her whether Giuliani was "demagoguing" on Ramallah, her response was measured but pointed.

"I've tried to represent the United States and the president and to represent the strong commitment we have in the United States to the peace process," Clinton said. "And I would hope that every American would support these extraordinarily difficult undertakings now going on."

U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner, a Brooklyn Democrat, said the Ramallah incident won't have much impact on the Senate race because it's likely to loom large only to a small segment of Jewish voters: those who don't support making concessions to the Palestinians.

Clinton tried to make up for her silence in the days following the Ramallah incident. She told reporters that Arafat's comments were "unfortunate" and "inflammatory" and said the Palestinians' allegations against the Israelis were "baseless."

Clinton got a formal, public apology from Saeb Erekat, a top Palestinian official.

In Amman, Jordanian Queen Rania escorted Clinton everywhere, urging audiences to "give a warm welcome" to her "very special guest."



In Amman: From left, Chelsea Clinton, Hillary Rodham Clinton and Jordan's Queen Mother Noor pray at King Hussein's tomb Saturday.



**First  
Lady  
silent in  
face of  
'blood  
libel'  
on Israel**



Hillary Clinton yesterday kisses Yasser Arafat's wife, Suha, who accused Israeli officials of using poison gas against the Palestinians.

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## HILLARY DEAF



**KISS OF DEATH?** Hillary Clinton's embrace of Suha Arafat and her failure to challenge charges that Israel gassed Palestinians could come back to haunt her. AP

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's brief visit to the West Bank yesterday ignited new Middle East tensions when she sat silently as Yasser Arafat's wife accused the Israelis of gassing Palestinians.

Mayor Giuliani, Clinton's likely Senate opponent, blasted her inaction — and the first lady last night issued a statement trying to minimize the fallout.

The incident began in Ramallah when hostess Suha Arafat, with Clinton by her side, stunned the first lady and infuriated Israeli offi-

By Uri Dan in Ramallah  
and Gregg Birnbaum in  
New York

cials with a shocking claim that the Jewish state had systematically used toxic gas to poison Palestinian women and children.

"It is important to point out here the severe damage caused by the intensive daily use of poison gas by the Israeli forces in the past years which has led to an increase of cancer cases among Palestinian women and children," Arafat said.

At an event to announce a \$4 million U.S. health grant, Arafat also charged that Israel had contaminated about 80 percent of water sources used by Palestinians with "chemical materials."

Clinton sat stone-faced during the remarks, which she listened to as they were translated from Arabic. She also was expressionless when another Palestinian official said provocatively that he looked forward to seeing her soon in the state of Palestine and "its capital city of Jerusalem."

A spokesman for Giuliani quickly leapt on Clinton for not responding.

"I can't believe that Mayor Giuliani would have sat idly by and said nothing," said Giuliani political aide Bruce Teitelbaum.

"I can say with a great degree of certainty that Mayor Giuliani would have responded to that kind of rhetoric swiftly and firmly."

Clinton issued a short statement last night from Jordan, saying, "What was said today in Ramallah is an example of why the

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## LISTENING TOUR

## TO ATTACK ON ISRAEL

Mum during  
poison gas'  
charge by  
Mrs. Arafat

resident [had] urged the parties to refrain from making inflammatory charges or engaging in excessive rhetoric and to deal with any issues at the negotiating table."

Officials believe Yasser Arafat must have OK'd his wife's speech and the Israel-bashing tone of the entire event.

Suha Arafat's comments about poison gas — in a country filled with Holocaust survivors — were immediately blasted by Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, who is involved in intensive peace talks with Yasser Arafat.

"These comments have of course no connection to reality and it would have been better if they would have never been said," Barak's office said in a statement.

"Poisoning the public atmosphere does not help bring about success in these negotiations."

American Jewish leaders didn't fault her for ignoring Suha Arafat's charges, but said she should strongly condemn them now that her West Bank visit is over. "I would like to see the first lady address the comments," said Malcolm Hoenlein, head of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. "They can't be allowed to stand unanswered."



**TOP HEAVY?** Hillary, at the Western Wall with Chelsea yesterday, may have trouble wearing one hat as first lady, another as candidate. AP

## First lady is also the first hypocrite

APOLOGIZE to readers, because I have absolutely run out of adjectives to describe the basic moral decadence of the Clinton gang — and I'm not talking about the Oral Office.

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, as we all know, is a felong Yankee fan.

And I graduated cum laude from Yale as a rickshaw mechanic.

We know that she is part Jewish and I am part Taoist.

We know she had nothing to do with Whitewater and Travelate.

And I have never had a glass of beer pass my lips.

But yesterday was serious

stuff. There she is in Ramallah and she listens to Suha Arafat, wife of Yasser Arafat, talking about Israel using gas to poison Palestinian women and children.

Jews have this thing about poison gas.

"This was an incredible blood libel from Mrs. Arafat. But perhaps that can be expected," a friend in Israel told me last night.

"Mrs. Clinton was sitting there quietly and placidly. She was as quiet and placid listening to incredible, ridiculous stories about poison gas as she was when she heard about that woman, Monica."

The cynicism abounds.



**STEVE DUNLEAVY**

Hillary Clinton had gone from Yad Vashem, a memorial to Holocaust victims and took a 20-minute ride to Ramallah — into the heart of former Palestinian terrorists.

She sat "placidly and silent" as the world heard for the first time a monstrous accusation about poison gas. She then got back in her car, dodging reporters, and went to the Western

Wall in Jerusalem.

I can't find a more extreme word than hypocrisy. But isn't it downright evil to troll for a vote here and a vote there, here a vote, there a vote, everywhere a vote, vote?

Which takes us to a story written by Evan Gahr in The Washington Times, which revealed that in 1987 and 1988, Mrs. Clinton served as chairwoman of the New World Foundation on Manhattan's Upper East Side.

"The foundation funded virtually every left-liberal group imaginable," Gahr reports.

This foundation gave \$15,000 to Grassroots International, a "unabashedly anti-Israel outfit

funding two PLO groups on the West Bank."

That is the measure of Hillary Clinton, who recently told us she backed the creation of a Palestinian state and then, when her handlers gasped, told us that Jerusalem always should be the capital of Israel.

She applauds her nitwit husband's push to free 16 Puerto Rican terrorists who left cops without legs and eyes and children without fathers — and then tells us 48 hours later she disagrees with him.

Will the real Hillary Clinton please stand up?

Even standing, she would still look like a moral dwarf. She was trained well.





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ARCHBISHOP DEMETRIOS exchanges a warm greeting with First Lady Hillary Clinton.



## ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

# Enthronement Luncheon Marks Beginning of 'Eternal' Relationship

by Jim Golding

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 occasion. "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."



DAISY GUESTS with His Eminence hear the national anthem at the start of the enthronement luncheon.

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



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 to 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 reach out helping hands, especially to the young, so that all of us have that same sense of commitment to a hopeful future, 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 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 called His Eminence's arrival on Sept. 10 "to gusty winds and furious rain, but made it through and, the next day, when it shined, it was calm and peaceful, and everyone was looking forward to the new year."

The senator told His Eminence that "you'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 city, said: "It gives me profound sense of joy to look at the faces here, at the distin-

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 enthronement 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



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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."



## MICK MOLONEY RECEIVES HIGHEST HONOR

By Kerry L. Bryan

Mick Moloney's phone rings all day long. But there is one telephone call he will never forget, that call he received last May in his Germantown home from Dan Sheehy, director of Folk Arts Program at the National Endowment of the Arts (NEA).

Sheehy called to inform Moloney that he had been awarded a National Heritage Fellowship, one of only 13 persons nationwide to be chosen this year.

The NEA Heritage Fellowship is the highest honor that can be conferred upon a folk artist in the United States.

The NEA is a federal agency founded in 1965 to promote and preserve the arts and humanities in this country. Its Folk Arts Program was established in 1977.

The Fellowships are the direct result of the vision and tenacity of Bess Lomax Hawes, who became director of the Folk Arts Program in 1975 and served in that role for the next 15 or so years.

Moloney said, "Bess Hawes comes from a family with a long history of affirmative action on behalf of the folk tradition. (Her father John Lomax, her brother Alan, and she were all highly respected folklorists and musi-

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First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton congratulates Mick Moloney on being awarded a National Heritage Fellowship in Washington, D.C.

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cologists.) She came up with the idea of the National Heritage Awards to honor American folk artists, in much the same way as Japan honors what they call their 'National Treasures.' Some other countries have similar programs, but America had nothing of its kind in place."

Since coming to Philadelphia from Ireland in 1972, he has probably contributed more than any other single person to the resurgence of Irish music and culture in the United States. In his myriad roles of musician, performer, media consultant, teacher, scholar, archivist and organizer, Mick has been involved in countless projects. He has helped found many Irish festivals and other folk institutions, including Philadelphia's Ceili Festival, the Smithsonian Bicentennial Festival of

American Folklife, Irish Week at the Augusta Heritage Center in Elkins, West Virginia, and the Folklife Center at International House in Philadelphia.

A multi-instrumentalist and singer, he has performed on or produced over 50 recordings and was cofounder of the Greenfields of America, that unique and popular line-up of great Irish musicians and dancers. He has also mentored many younger musicians, some of whom have gone on to become some of the biggest names in the current Irish music scene - Seamus Egan, Joannie Madden, Eileen Ivers, and Michael Flatley.

He played a central role as musician, musical producer, and consultant for the 1995 acclaimed documentary, *Out of Ireland*. He also contributed to the music of the 1998 PBS film *The Long Journey Home*.

Holding a master's degree and a doctorate, Moloney has taught Irish Studies at numerous universities, including Villanova and the University of Pennsylvania. His enthusiasm and humor as well as the depth of his knowledge are evident whenever Moloney addresses an audience, whether in the formal setting of a classroom or in ad lib commentaries both on and off the stage.

The other twelve 1999 recipients included the following: Frisner Augustin, Haitian drummer from Brooklyn, N Y; Lila Greengrass Blackdeer, Ho-Chunk Indian basketmaker and needleworker from Black River Falls, WI; Shirley Caesar,

African-American gospel singer from Durham, NC; Alfredo Campos, horsehair hitcher from Federal Way, WA; Mary Louise Defender Wilson, Dakotah-Hidatsa Indian storyteller from Shields, ND; Jimmy "Slade" Godbolt, tap dancer from Hanson, MA; Ulysses "Uly" Goode, basketmaker from North Fork, CA; Bob Holt, Ozark fiddler from Ava, MO; Zakir Hussain, North Indian tabla drummer from San Anselmo, CA; Elliott "Ellie" Mannette, steel pan builder and player from Morgantown, WV; Eudokia Sorochaniuk, Ukrainian weaver from Pennsauken, NJ; and Ralph W. Stanley, master boatbuilder from Southwest Harbor, ME.

The 1999 Heritage Award Fellows were brought together in Washington in late September for almost a full week of special events, including the official award ceremony and a concert featuring all 13 recipients.

Moloney recounted some of the activities of that week: "Over the weekend all the awardees came in from all different parts of the country. Sunday night we had a reception where everyone was introduced and each said a few words. There were all these extraordinary characters, some of whom were just overwhelmed to be there. There was a such a variety, from some of us who were very used to performing in public to some of the crafts per-

sons who had never before been out of their own locality."

"It was quite an amazing coming together, kind of an affirmation of the diversity of America - you got that sense right away, that these were very different kinds of people representing very different kinds of traditions. One thing held it all in common - everyone cared deeply and had devoted their life to what they

did."

On Monday there were preliminary rehearsals for the Thursday night concert in the 1,500-seat Lisner Auditorium at George Washington University, as the concert was to be a very complex production.

The formal awards ceremony took place on Tuesday, September 28 at 10:30 a.m. in

the Gold Room in the Rayburn Office Building. NEA Chairman and folklorist Bill Ivey read citations and introduced each recipient individually. Moloney remarked, "I've known him for years, so it was almost surreal to be there and hear him reading out my citation."

Then Hillary Clinton arrived. She gave a speech about the importance of folk arts and the National Heritage Awards before meeting individually with each Fellow. Moloney described her as "very poised, very appropriate, and very clearly a passionate supporter of the arts."

That night there was a big banquet at the top of the State Department building, a magnificent setting where all the heads of state who come to Washington are received. Moloney commented, "It was all very classy. It was amazing to see folk arts celebrated in such an appropriate way, right up there with anything else that would be celebrated at the highest level. It was an amazing affirmation of the changing position of traditional arts and folklore in American consciousness and also the official recognition of its importance."

The importance of Irish culture in America also received special recognition, for "Mick Moloney and Friends" was the only act asked to perform at the Wednesday morning presentation by President Clinton of the Medal of the Arts and the National Humanities Medal, a ceremony parallel to the National Heritage Awards.

Those "Friends" included a phenomenal line-up of Irish musical talent: flutist Jack Coen

(1991 National Heritage Fellow); Fr. Charlie Coen, concertina player and *sean nos* singer; fiddler Liz Carroll (1994 National Heritage Fellow); singer/guitarist and recording artist Robbie O'Connell; piano accordionist Jimmy Keane (first American to win five consecutive All Ireland titles; virtuoso guitarist Zan McLeod; uilleann piper Eliot Grosso, still in high school but already wowing audiences with his performances; step dancers Donny Golden (1995 National Heritage Fellow) and his sister Eileen Golden.

Wednesday night Moloney and his group had their major sound check at the theater, followed by full rehearsal Thursday afternoon. That evening's concert featured each award winner being interviewed on stage about his or her life and works. Then the artists would either talk about their works or perform.



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Moloney explained, "They choreographed the presentation almost like a Broadway show with very elaborate lighting and video projection, especially for the crafts people who got equal time with the performers. As they were interviewed on stage and as they were talking about their works, there were slide projections on the screen, images of their creations so that the audience was drawn into their world."

The week was a convocation of 13 extraordinary artists. Moloney enjoyed meeting all of them, but was particularly drawn to Bob Holt, the Ozark fiddle player.

"I spent a lot of time talking to him during the week. Bob represents Ozark mountain fiddling which is directly related to Irish fiddle playing. There were fid-

dlers in the Irish community in Appalachia, mostly eastern Tennessee and Kentucky who had supported the Union cause during the Civil War. There was so much hostility towards them after the war that they moved out to the Ozark Mountains... Bob Holt came from that community. All of his fiddling style and a lot of his tunes are echoes of the Irish traditions dating back to 18th century migrations, both from the north and south of Ireland. I found it fascinating. Appalachia is one step removed from Ireland, the Ozarks are two."

To sum up the week, Moloney remarked, "It was a time of great dignity. We were all so honored to be there, there was a real sense of occasion. It was such an overwhelming honor to receive the Fellowship that I am still processing it. It's so massive, so extraordinary. As time goes on I'll be able to reflect more upon it."

But knowing Mick, those reflections will be an interstitial process as he goes on to tackle a host of new challenges. Currently he is at work finishing several books and recording projects. He is also looking forward to teaching at NYU for the spring semester when he will be taking the place of the music department chairman while he is away on sabbatical. And then there are all those songs to be sung, all those tunes to be played...

We of the Irish-American community and all appreciators of folk art will continue to benefit from Mick Moloney's energetic and passionate commitment to the promulgation of traditional Irish music and culture. Thanks, Mick, and congratulations!



*The First Lady in Chappaqua*

THE CLINTONS

## Home at Last

**A**FTER THE WHITE House, where will Bill and Hillary Clinton call home? Touring their new house in Chappaqua, N.Y., last week, Hillary said she hadn't "really talked" to her husband about whether it would be his primary residence, leading to speculation that Bill might make Arkansas his official home to avoid paying New York's steeper taxes. "I haven't made a final decision," the president said on Wednesday. "I hope it will be mine," he laughed when asked again later in the week about the Chappaqua house, adding "that'll be my primary residence." But he'll be in Arkansas "a lot," he said, and plans to build an apartment in his presidential library there.



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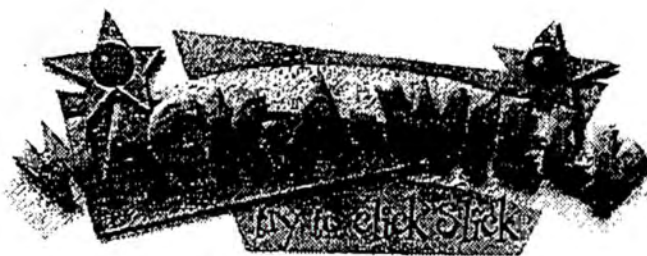
### Second home

An Arkansan house shopping in New York has stirred up the Manhattan press. No, not her. She's not an Arkie, remember?

The home buyer is Warren Stephens, CEO of Stephens Inc., who, according to the *New York Observer*, is close to wrapping up a deal to buy a townhouse on East 65th Street between Madison and Park Avenues.

The acquisition prompted some New York speculation that Stephens was somehow act-

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### No more whacks

■ Seeking information on a federal court case recently, an *Arkansas Times* reporter went to the website of the Western District of the U.S. District Courts in Arkansas. Down at the bottom of the home page, beneath the information about the chief judge of the District and the chief clerk, the reporter saw a link that said "On the lighter side..."

He clicked on it idly, wondering what their honors offered in the way of humor. He got a surprise.

He was into something called "Parodyville." One of Parodyville's attractions was a game called "Wack-A-Willy." Cartoon images of President Clinton's head protrude from cartoon holes. The player tries to whack the president with the cursor, and when he does, the president's head vanishes and is replaced by a cartoon balloon that says "Sucker!"

Another page sells T-shirts bearing a picture of Clinton and the caption "Liar Liar Pants on Fire." Another, a parody of a news service article, purports to show a 40-foot tall facade of Monica Lewinsky's face on the east wing exit of the White House, with President and Mrs. Clinton leaving the White House through Lewinsky's open mouth.

The reporter called the court clerk, Christopher R. Johnson, who said he hadn't seen what the reporter described, but would check the website immediately and call back. He did, a few minutes later, and said that the link had been severed. He said that many humorous links are available through the Internet, and his office signed up two or three months ago. He hadn't looked at it lately, and was surprised to see what was on there. The link was supposed to contain nothing political and nothing off-color, he said. "I appreciate your calling me," Johnson said. "If I'd seen it earlier, I would have stopped it earlier."

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ing in concert with Hillary Rodham Clinton, such as by buying a place that would be leased to her, or some such. "This has nothing to do with the Clintons," said Stephens. Not that a disclaimer was particularly needed, given that his politics tend to run in a more conservative, generally Republican, direction. Stephens said he and his wife had long wanted to own a place in New York to use when they were visiting and to entertain. "So we just did it."

The *Observer* said the recently renovated 1876 townhouse will sell for a bit under \$8 million.

### Coming to town

The Clinton Presidential Library design team will be in town for a series of planning meetings Sept. 1 and 2. Folks on hand will include architect James Stewart Polshek, museum designer Ralph Applebaum and David Peterson, the federal official who oversees all president libraries.

BY ERIC E. HARRISON  
ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

**If you can't Beatty them, join them**  
Warren Beatty, who played a senator crazy enough to speak the truth in the movie *Bulworth*, has said he's considering running for president in 2000. (One thing's for certain, Warren: Ronald Reagan's actor-to-president shoes still haven't been filled.)

"It's no secret that I am a liberal Democrat," Beatty says. "I have some very strong feelings, the most important of which at the moment is campaign finance reform because its tentacles reach into every other issue. I fear we're getting closer to a plutocracy than we want to, and I believe that deep down the people want to do something about that." Of course, many people already think political candidates come from Pluto.

## Down-home New York

**P**eople magazine reports, "Even when he is in trendy East Hampton, N.Y., President Clinton looks for some down-home barbecue."

Turtle Crossing is catering a Saturday fund-raiser at the home of lobbyist Liz Robbins. That's the same East Hampton restaurant that catered a fund-raising gala for Clinton last year at the home of Alec Baldwin and Kim Basinger.

The barbecue may be good, but down-home? The menu suggests otherwise.

A slab of ribs is \$20. A whole barbecue chicken is \$12. And that's a la carte.

At Sim's in Little Rock — which Clinton frequented when he lived here — a whole chicken is \$6.75, and that includes bread.

Turtle Crossing calls its cooking Southwestern and it features more than barbecue. It has things on its menu that Sim's probably never has considered, like freshly made mango salsa by the pound, for \$12, and a \$5 fruit crisp for dessert.

## Welcome to the Motel Lewinsky

**T**ime was when men south of the border depended on Spanish fly to liven up their lovemaking. Today, it

seems, they only have to whisper the word Lewinsky.

A no-tell motel in Mexico has taken the name of President Clinton's former hot tamale.

Motel Lewinsky opened for business a few months ago near Veracruz in the town of Cardel. Already a sign outside promises that guests will experience *sus mejores momentos* — their "best moments" — during their stay, however brief it is.

There's no word whether copies of the Starr report are on the night stands instead of Gideon Bibles.

In other Lewinsky news, a Weight Watchers representative says the former intern won't be lending her name to company advertisements.

There was talk that Lewinsky would join Sarah Ferguson as a mouthpiece for the dieting empire.

Howard Rubenstein says the company "is absolutely not talking to Monica Lewinsky." Not that Weight Watchers management is put off by Lewinsky's personal history.

"When you have a spokesperson who's as good as Fergie, you don't look for another one," Rubenstein says.

But he adds, "We would be glad to enroll Monica in a class."

Various wire services contributed to this report.

## HOT TIP? QUIRKY STORY? LIVELY TALE?

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## Quote of the DAY

**"She's been through it all. Just about any horrible man situation, she's lived through it. She has a Ph.D. in the life of hard knocks."**

— A friend of Gennifer Flowers, whose new online advice column, tentatively called Ask Gennifer, will debut in a month



# House-hunting Clintons get to buy with a little help from their friend

BY SUSAN ROTH  
ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

WASHINGTON — With financial help from a longtime friend and fund-raiser, the Clintons have signed a contract to pay \$1.7 million for a five-bedroom house in the leafy New York suburb of Chappaqua.

The Clintons are making a down payment of \$350,000, just over 20 percent of the price of the house, with money from their blind trust. But with assets of just over \$1 million and legal bills of more than \$5 million, they could not have bought the house without help from Terry McAuliffe, a close friend and prominent Democratic fund-raiser.

McAuliffe is personally guaranteeing the loan. See **HOUSE**, Page 15A



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anting their \$1.35 million mortgage from Bankers Trust Co. with cash. His collateral will be held in a separate account for five years, when the Clintons will have to refinance the mortgage and McAuliffe's money will revert to him with interest. Such "balloon mortgages" often offer a lower rate than traditional mortgages.

The White House said the mortgage rate is not yet set, but it will be a variable-adjustable rate that can change every six months, depending on the market. The rate will be 1 point above the London Interbank Offered Rate, the rate that most reputable international banks charge one another for major loans.

That rate is now 5.52 percent. If the Clintons were to lock in at that rate, they would pay interest at 6.52 percent and start with monthly payments of between \$7,000 and \$8,500, depending on whether they pay some principal in addition to their interest payments. The monthly amount falls under the Clintons' desired maximum of \$10,000 a month.

White House spokesmen said the McAuliffe arrangement had been cleared through the Office of Government Ethics, which is independent of the executive

McAuliffe's guarantee would not be considered a gift under federal reporting laws and would not have to be listed on the Clintons' annual financial disclosure report.

The Clintons' first private home since 1982 is a 5,232-square-foot white Dutch colonial built in 1899. It has a pool and a barn in back that serves as a garage.

Situated at the end of a cul-de-sac called Old House Lane in the upscale community of Chappaqua, the picturesque former farmhouse comes with 1.1 acres and a tax bill of nearly \$26,000. It was listed at \$1.675 million and shown for only three days last month.

The Clintons are to close on the house Nov. 1, though they may not have much to move into it because most of their furniture belongs to the White House.

Thursday's announcement helps pave the way for Mrs. Clinton's expected run for the U.S. Senate from New York state. She is required to be a resident of the state by Election Day next year, but aides have urged her to establish residence as soon as possible to tamp down carpetbagger accusations.

The first lady has said she wanted to move to New York after

leaving the White House in 2001, regardless of whether she runs for the Senate.

McAuliffe — a former investment banker who made a fortune in home building, telecommunications and title insurance — is an important member of the Clintons' inner circle, politically and personally.

He was national finance chairman of the 1996 Clinton-Gore campaign and co-chairman of the inauguration that followed. He heads the effort to raise \$125 million for the Clinton presidential library to be built in Little Rock and advised the first lady when she was first considering a run for the Senate from New York.

McAuliffe is also one of three fund-raisers soliciting other big spenders for the Clinton Legal Expense Trust, and he donated \$10,000 — the annual maximum — during the trust's first six months

in business.

After the 1996 election, Clinton asked McAuliffe to be chairman of the Democratic National Committee. McAuliffe turned him down, in part, it was said, because of the dispute over fund raising and the record amounts collected by McAuliffe, among others. A well-publicized McAuliffe memo urged the president to meet with many contributors who later proved to be embarrassing.

But McAuliffe remained a close friend of the first couple and was often among the president's weekend golf foursomes. A native of Syracuse, N.Y., he has been with the Clintons nearly all this week during their vacation in upstate New York.

Chappaqua, a hamlet in the town of New Castle, is in the center of politically strategic Westchester County. The village represents a kind of borderline be-

tween upper and lower Westchester, with ultrawealthy, Republican-leaning rolling estates to the north and more densely developed, racially diverse, majority Democratic communities to the south.

The couple who sold to the Clintons, Jeffrey and Cheryl Weisberg, have supported Republican candidates in the past. In 1996, Jeffrey Weisberg gave \$3,500 to the Republican County Committee.

Residents say Chappaqua's highly educated, professional population, a mostly white and Asian mixture of Democrats and Republicans, tends to be active in town affairs. The hamlet's high taxes support services such as trash removal and a renowned school system that features small classes and a wide variety of

course offerings.

The village has just a few stores; most residents travel a few miles to neighboring Mount Kisco for supermarket shopping, services and upscale boutiques.

With the county airport nearby and a railroad commute of well under an hour into Manhattan, Chappaqua has become more and more desirable in recent years, especially since it has maintained its wooded feel and larger house lots of mostly two acres.

Longtime residents complain that newer, younger homeowners are more affluent and snobbish, snapping up million-dollar houses with newfound stock-market wealth.

*Information for this article was contributed by The Associated Press and Bloomberg News.*



FOREIGN  
TRAVEL

## Clintons May Have Taken Step to Buying House

By LISA W. FODERARO

WHITE PLAINS, Aug. 31 — President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton appeared today to be in the final stages of negotiating to buy a house in Westchester County, a rambling Dutch Colonial in the picturesque hamlet of Chappaqua.

The Westchester Multiple Listing Service, a computerized roster that gives the status of properties for sale, indicated today that the house, at 15 Old House Lane, was under contract, according to a broker not involved in the deal. But the roster did not suggest who the intended buyer was.

The real estate broker who has worked with the Clintons on their house search, Kathy Sloane of Brown Harris Stevens in Manhattan, said tonight that she had no information on whether a deal had been completed.

But the Clintons, stopping off in Westchester on Saturday between visits to Martha's Vineyard, Mass., and the Hamptons, saw only one

house, the 110-year-old home in Chappaqua, and they spent two hours inside. And people who have followed the couple's quest said they were very close to working out an agreement to buy the 11-room house, which was listed at \$1,695,000.

Typically, home buyers sign a contract with conditions they must meet, including qualifying for a mortgage. In the Clintons' case, security could be one of those conditions, and rumors swirled today that the Clintons were also trying to buy an adjacent piece of land so the Secret Service could provide better security.

Mrs. Clinton, who is widely expected to run for the United States Senate from New York, has been looking at houses in Westchester for weeks. This month, she was joined by her husband and their daughter, Chelsea, on a tour that took them to Pound Ridge, in the pristine and still semirural northern part of the county, and to New Rochelle, in the more congested

south.

The house in Chappaqua would place the Clintons in the county's dead center, giving them speedy access to the Westchester County Airport, in Harrison, and a relatively quick commute to New York City.

Chappaqua is known for its beautiful old houses, its gently rolling landscape and its school district, considered one of the top public districts in Westchester.

But Chappaqua is just south of Westchester's horse country, where movie stars and industrialists have sought privacy in recent years on giant estates in towns like Bedford and Pound Ridge. Chappaqua is certainly wealthy and prestigious, but it is more squarely suburban in spirit, with many two-career couples commuting to Manhattan.

If Mrs. Clinton decides to run for the Senate, she has to establish a New York residence by Election Day 2000.

The other houses the Clintons looked at were on larger properties,



James Estrlin/The New York Times

The Clintons are said to be close to a deal to buy this 11-room, 5,200-square-foot Dutch Colonial in Chappaqua in Westchester County.

ranging from two to seven acres. This house has just 1.1 acres, a fact that may account for the speculation about their efforts to purchase adjacent land.

The 5,200-square-foot house has

appealing historic details, including fat white columns on the ground floor, French windows and a traditional gambrel roof. It sits on a quiet cul-de-sac, shielded from view by fir and maple trees.



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Hillary Clinton viewed this house in Edgemont, N.Y., this week as she continues house-hunting.

## Another White House for Clintons?

From the Washington Post

NEW YORK—Westchester County is beautiful. It's rich. It's got tons of golf courses for him and lots of accomplished, professional and politically connected women like her.

But of all the qualities that recommend this place as the new home of Hillary Rodham Clinton and her husband, surely this has not escaped their attention: Westchester has picked every winner in statewide elections for 20 years.

As Westchester goes, so goes New York. As she "explores" a bid to represent New York in the U.S. Senate, Clinton has focused her house search on this affluent suburban area north of New York City.

The Clintons have decided they want to live in Westchester, the White House says, though how they will afford it and whether they'll rent or buy apparently have yet to be fully ironed out. On Thursday the first lady viewed a home in a surprisingly less posh part of Westchester than expected.

"They have several options they're looking at, and they're actively pursuing them," says Marsha Berry, Mrs. Clinton's spokeswoman.

"There are no decisions that have been made," says Kathy Sloane, a broker from Manhattan-based Brown Harris Stevens who has known the Clintons for several years and is advising them in their house search.

Clinton, for her Senate bid, has to become a New York resident by next year's election day. But she has said she is eager to find a place soon—perhaps to dispel the "carpetbagger" label

thrown at her by those who resent her non-New Yorker status.

But like much else surrounding Clinton's possible Senate bid and her life after she leaves the White House, the house hunt is a secretive affair. So any sightings of Clinton in the region produce outbursts of speculation and bubblets of news such as the one that's gripped the tiny hamlet of Edgemont, in the town of Greenburgh, over the past few days.

Clinton viewed a \$1.7-million house on 2.5 acres there—which sounds pretty splendid until you consider the thing that has Edgemont tongues a-wagging: that the house makes no sense for a woman of Clinton's ilk because, though it can't be seen from the street, its driveway empties onto a busy thoroughfare, Ardsley Road.

"It is a traffic jam," says a bewildered observer who did not want to be identified. "Everybody that knows Edgemont is saying, 'I can't believe there!'"

Edgemont is the most expensive section of Greenburgh, but it's got none of the multimillion-dollar cachet of neighboring Scarsdale or North Salem. Clinton reportedly liked those far northern portions of the county, home to such celebs as David Letterman, Christopher Reeve, Glenn Close and Mariah Carey.

That Clinton has chosen Westchester makes sense, of course, to Susan Tolchin. She's the spokeswoman for the Westchester County Executive Andrew J. Spano, and she giggles and says things like, "Where else would you live after you lived in the White House? There's no place else."

NEW YORK POST, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1999

## New landmark

THEY haven't even moved in yet, but **Bill and Hillary Clinton** are already causing their

neighbors grief. The New Castle newsletter (named for the township which encompasses Chappaqua) reports that the Chappaqua village board recently voted to ban parking on Old House

Lane, the block-long cul-de-sac where the Clintons have bought a five-bedroom house. Apparently the dead end street has become as busy as Fifth Avenue with gawkers who want to see Bill and Hill's new digs. Neighbors are going nuts, and the board has promised "No Parking" signs will go up.

THE WASHINGTON POST

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1999

■ **Hillary Rodham Clinton** toured her new Chappaqua, N.Y., house yesterday, but declined to confirm that it will be her husband's primary residence. "I haven't really talked to him about that," the Associated Press quotes her as saying.

— Associated Press Wire



**West Bank visit:**  
First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton greets Suha Arafat, the wife of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, on Thursday at a health-care event in the town of Ramallah.



By Sven Nackstrand, Agence France-Press

## Challenged in the West Bank

### First lady hears appeal: Support Palestinian state

By Kathy Kiely  
USA TODAY

**RAMALLAH, West Bank** — Hours after dining with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak at his home in Jerusalem, Hillary Rodham Clinton was greeted here Thursday by Palestinians who asked her to help make the ancient "city of three religions" their capital.

The unexpected and uncomfortable "listening tour" she got in this Palestinian-controlled town on the West Bank of the Jordan River could create complications for the first lady's expected bid for the U.S. Senate next year in New York, where the Jewish vote is important.

Palestinian officials used a health-care event, where Clinton came to announce a U.S. grant, as a forum to urge her support for what Suha Arafat, wife of Yasser Arafat, called "the dream of a Palestinian state."

Suha Arafat, whose husband was out of the region, blasted Israeli officials for leaving the Palestinians "suffering" and with a "devastated infrastructure." She also said that the Palestinians are suffering higher rates of cancer and other diseases because of "the daily use of toxic gas by Israeli authorities," a reference to tear gas used against demonstrators.

Other speakers were equally pointed. "I hope that the next time you visit us, we host you in our homeland of Palestine, in the capital city of Jerusalem," Palestinian relief official Jihad Mashal said.

The status of Jerusalem is among the most sensitive issues in the Israeli-Palestinian peace talks now under way. Regarded as a holy site by Christians, Muslims and Jews, Arab East Jerusalem was largely off-limits to Jews from 1948 to 1967, when it was captured by the Israelis.

Clinton did not react to Arafat's remarks. Several hours later, her office issued a statement: "What was said today in Ramallah is an example of why the president urged the parties to refrain from making inflammatory charges or engaging in excessive rhetoric and to deal with any issues at the negotiating table."

The United States does not officially recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. At the outset of her all-but-declared Senate campaign this summer, the first lady said in a letter to prominent New York City Rabbi Mendell Ganchrow that she considers Jerusalem "the eternal and indivisible capital of Israel."

In May 1998, the first lady made international headlines when she told Arab and Israeli students that "it would be in the long-term interest of the Middle East for Palestine to be a state."

In welcoming the first lady, Palestinian Health Minister Riad Zouhri pointedly recalled the incident, saying that Clinton's words "have entered into the hearts of every Palestinian."

Clinton sidestepped the specifics of the demands, focusing instead on the need for the peace talks to succeed. Calling the talks a "difficult undertaking," Clinton said the Palestinians could count on a strong U.S.-Palestinian relationship "as you move forward on the path to peace."

Afterward, Mashal said most Palestinians were disappointed at the first lady's remarks for not restating her 1998 comments on Palestine. "We expected more, and that's for sure," he said.

He insisted the Palestinians had no intention of embarrassing the first lady. Asked whether he thinks their appeal might hurt her campaign in New York, where Jews make up 10% of the population, Zouhri said: "I hope not. After all, the American people from my point of view have started to be more realistic, even the Jews."

The Palestinians' words prompted a sharp response from Barak's office, which condemned "the inappropriate things said today by Palestinian personalities" and said they have "no connection with reality."

Later, delivering an annual address named in honor of assassinated Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Clinton urged Israelis to press ahead with peace talks "until this holy land freely flows not with blood and tears, but with milk and honey."

Referring to Rabin, killed by a Jewish extremist Israeli after a peace rally in 1995, she said, "The only way to honor him properly is to finish the job he started, and there has never been a better time to do that than now."

She will spend today and Saturday in Jordan before flying to Ankara, Turkey, to join President Clinton, who is making his own foreign trip.

# Hillary and Suha 'POISONING THE WELLS'

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By MITCHELL DANOW

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**N**EW YORK — First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton was detoured into a political minefield during her trip to the Palestinian self-rule areas.



**Hillary Clinton**

Clinton, considering a run for a New York seat in the US Senate, had tried to keep the focus on youth and social issues.

But Suha Arafat, the wife of the

Palestinian Authority president, thrust Clinton into controversy when she accused Israel of poisoning the Palestinian population.

"Our people have been submitted to the daily and intensive use of poisonous gas by the Israeli forces which has led to an increase in cancer cases among women and children," Arafat said last week.

She also claimed that Israel had contaminated 80% of Palestinian water sources with "chemical materials."

Critics, including Jewish political leaders in New York, were soon lashing out at Clinton for sitting stone-faced during Arafat's accusations.

She was also criticized for kissing Arafat at the end of the Nov. 11, event in the West Bank town of Ramallah, where she presented a US grant of some \$4 million for the creation of prenatal care centers.

Israeli officials immediately rejected the claims and accused Arafat of incitement. Said Cabinet member Haim Ramon:

"These baseless accusations of

Suha Arafat are the only thing poisoning the relations between the two peoples."

One day later, during a visit to Jordan, Clinton issued a criticism of Arafat's remarks, saying inflammatory remarks could damage the peace process.

"Everyone who supports this effort toward resolving the outstanding issues among the parties should refrain from inflammatory rhetoric and from baseless accusations," Clinton said last Friday.

She also suggested that she did not respond immediately to Arafat's comments because they were not as harsh in the English translation she had heard.

**T**he incident in Ramallah provided Clinton's likely opponent in the Senate race, New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, with an opportunity to score points with the city's Jewish voters.

According to a recent poll, Clinton and Giuliani are in a dead heat for the New York Senate seat.

Giuliani said last Friday that if he had been invited to the West Bank event, "I don't think I would have been there."

And if he had gone, Giuliani added, he would certainly have objected to Arafat's comments.

"I certainly wouldn't have embraced the person that said it — hugged them and kissed them," the mayor said.

Other Clinton critics put the focus on her lack of an immediate response to Arafat's accusations.

"I hope that Hillary gets out of the race," said New York Assemblyman Dov Hikind, a Jewish political leader in Brooklyn.

"To listen to this kind of horrible, anti-Semitic rhetoric and not say anything is immoral. It's cowardice. And it makes it very difficult for the Jewish community to support her."

The Zionist Organization of America "condemned" Clinton for saying "nothing to dispute Mrs. Arafat's blood libel against Israel."

Arafat was also targeted for criticism both in Israel and the US.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak demanded that the Palestinian Authority prevent incitement and condemn Arafat's remarks.

The White House also weighed in.

"I think the remarks that were made yesterday were inconsistent

with the spirit of the agreement the leaders made to provide for a constructive and positive atmosphere to move forward in this peace process," presidential spokesman Joe Lockhart said last Friday.

Palestinian officials, meanwhile, made attempts at damage control, saying Arafat had not intended to embarrass the First Lady and mixed up her words.

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat expressed regret for the remarks, telling Reuters that Arafat had intended to say "tear gas" instead of "poison gas."

**T**he first lady's trip to Israel went more smoothly for her. Clinton visited the Western Wall, and the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial, where she laid a wreath.

Her other stops during her two-day visit to Israel included a counseling center for teens in Kfar Saba, the Sha'are Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem and the Rabin medical center in Tel Aviv.

Before departing last Friday for Jordan, the next stop on her Middle East tour, Clinton gave a lecture at the Rabin peace center in Tel Aviv.

## Statement by the President aboard Air Force One En Route to Ankara, Turkey - November 14, 1999

The Secretary General of the United Nations has just informed me that President Clerides of Cyprus and Turkish Cypriot leader Denktash have accepted an invitation to start proximity talks in New York on December 3. The goal of the talk is to prepare ground for meaningful negotiations leading to a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem.

The talks will be held under U.S. auspices. They will go forward without precondition. They will focus on the substantive issues that divide the parties. The United States will work closely with the Secretary General to ensure that the talks are productive.

This summer, the United States took the lead in calling on the United Nations to convene Cyprus talks. Ever since together with our European allies and the U.N., we have been intensively engaged in an effort to bring the parties back to the negotiating table after stalemate of more than two years. I am pleased that these efforts - including my meeting with Turkish Prime Minister Ecevit at the White House, Secretary Albright's conversation with President Clerides, and a month of shuttle diplomacy by my Special Envoy, Al Moses - have helped to produce this result.

These Cyprus talks can bring us one step closer to a lasting peace. A negotiated settlement is the best way to meet the fundamental interests of the parties - including real security for all Cypriots and an end to the island's division.

The Cyprus problem has been with us for far too long. It will not be resolved overnight. But today we have new hope. I ask the parties to approach this opportunity with good faith - and the determination to build for all people of Cyprus a future that is brighter than the past.

## President Clinton visits Greece

President Bill Clinton will visit Greece for the first time tomorrow, November 19, 1999, following a meeting of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. His trip originally was scheduled for November 15.

Originally scheduled for November 13, the trip was postponed "because of the need for additional time before the visit will be used productively to ensure the best possible organization of Mr. Clinton's visit," Greek Minister of Press and Media Dimitris Reppas said.

"This is a very important trip for both countries. Greece is a Nato ally with very close ties to the U.S.. We have common economic, political and security interests with Greece. Not to mention the deep historical bonds between the Americans and the people of Greece," a White House announcement said.

Greek Foreign Minister George Papandreou said the Greek government believes that Mr. Clinton's visit to Greece is an opportunity to promote and defend the country's interests.

He said that the steadfast target of Greek foreign policy is safeguarding peace, stability and democracy.

Speaking at Georgetown University earlier this month, Mr. Clinton said "probably the most difficult challenge is building a permanent peace in the region of the Aegean, the achievement of real reconciliation between Greece and Turkey, and bridging the distance between Europe and the world of Islam."

Mr. Clinton said "When I am in Greece, I am going to speak about the vital role Greece is playing and can play in Europe. . .the world's oldest democracy is a model to the younger democracies of the Balkans, a gateway to their markets, a force for stability in the region. The one thing standing between Greece and its true potential is the tension in its relationship with Turkey. Greece and Turkey, ironically, are both our Nato allies. They have served together with distinction in the Balkans.

"Their people helped each other with great humanity when the terrible earthquakes struck both lands earlier this year. This is a problem that can be resolved. Eventually it will be solved, and I intend to see that the United States does everything we possibly can to be of help."



# The press, Mrs. Clinton and the truth

Hillary Rodham Clinton's failure to react to Suha Arafat's speech in Ramallah last week should not have surprised anyone. Clinton has been an enthusiastic supporter of Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian "revolution" ever since she entered public life. Like many of her political associates in the US and their Peace Now counterparts in Israel, she perceives the PLO not as a vanguard in the war against Israel's existence but as a true liberation movement.

Serving as chairwoman of the New World Foundation in the 1980s, Clinton directed contributions to PLO-affiliated groups. In the White House, she entertained pro-Hamas American-Muslim groups, received gifts from them and spoke at their functions. Her advocacy of a Palestinian state in May 1998 was surprising only because it exposed the administration's true sympathies and undermined its position as honest broker.

Nor is Clinton alone in her pro-Palestinian "tilt." Many in the American media, and practically all mainstream Israeli journalists, not to mention the trendy "new historians," are her kindred souls. Even former Labor hawks now feel, like her, more comfortable with the corrupt, despotic and ruthless leadership of the PA than with the "settlers" or the haredim.

Only against this background can one understand the Ramallah incident and the dismal failure of the media to fathom its meaning.

THE COLD facts were plain enough. Clinton went to Ramallah to avoid making the impression that the trip was aimed at pandering to the New York Jewish vote. The visit, billed as "official" and subsidized by the American taxpayer, had to be balanced.

Mrs. Arafat greeted her with a speech prepared by Yasser Arafat's office. It contained vicious, baseless and irrational charges against Israel that amounted to a blood libel. Suha Arafat said Israel used poison gas against the Palestinian population, which caused the death of women and children from cancer and other

horrible diseases, and that Israel poisoned 80% of the water used by Palestinians.

Clinton had her earphones on, listening to the simultaneous translation. As Arafat began reciting Israel's genocidal crimes, Clinton nodded in approval. Then her face froze into a polite smile. When Arafat finished, she hugged and kissed her, uttering not one word of criticism. Only after the White House alerted her to the unfavorable reaction to her conduct did she issue a statement. It did not refer to Suha Arafat but commended President Clinton's plea to all sides (including the US!) to refrain from provocative statements.

Clinton later explained the delay by stating that the simultaneous translation was "unclear" and "incomplete."

But most of the journalists present listened to the same translation, and they all heard Arafat's charges. Reuters correspondent Deborah Camiel was particularly accurate in her report, but most other reporters, too, seemed to have no trouble with the translation. Correspondents for CNN, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The New York Post*, Knight Ridder and others got it right.

TO BE SURE, some reporters tried to help Arafat by explaining that she probably meant tear gas, and others tried to help Clinton by reporting that she sharply rebuked Arafat when in fact she never referred to her by name.

If there was any serious distortion, it appeared in newspapers that drastically edited the wire service reports to suit their politics.

*The International Herald Tribune*, for example, published a drastically curtailed AP story which described Clinton's statement from Petra the next morning not as a response to the Arafat speech but as criticism of "Palestinian officials" for "pushing the issue of statehood into the spotlight."

The first reference to the speech came only in the fourth paragraph: "Suha Arafat ... used a speech introducing Mrs. Clinton to criticize

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David Bar-Ilan

environmental and health damage that, she asserted, had been caused by tear gas and other means to control crowds during Israel's occupation of Palestinian lands."

The story even distorted the Israeli reaction, describing it merely as "saying such issues should be placed on the negotiating table." It ignored the government's statement that such comments have "no connection to reality" and that they "poison the public atmosphere."

Saeb Erekat could not have given it a better spin.

But while the distortion and omission of facts was minimal, most reporters tried to control the damage by giving Arafat's remarks an environmental spin.

After all, almost everyone is guilty of pollution: from smokers who disregard the health hazard they pose to others, to industrial plants that contaminate rivers.

In turning this spin, foreign journalists were helped by *Ha'aretz*, which headlined its front-page story "Suha Arafat: Israel polluted air and ground in the territories."

Environment Minister Dalia Itzik unintentionally reinforced this impression by inviting Suha Arafat to inspect the incalculable environmental damage caused not by Israelis but by the reckless and anarchic practices of the Palestinian Authority.

Only a few in the media realized that what Arafat said had nothing to do with environmental pollution. Among them were *The New York Post*, *Washington Post* columnist George Will (appearing on ABC-TV's *This Week on Sunday*), *New York Daily News* columnist Sidney Zion, and *Washington Times* columnist Cal Thomas.

Unlike most other journalists, they understood that Suha Arafat's speech was just the latest install-

ment in a systematic, calculated campaign of blood libels.

THE ZIONIST Organization of America has compiled a litany of these libels. Following are a few examples:

On March 16, 1997, Yasser Arafat's representative to the UN in Geneva, Nabil Ramlawi, lodged a formal complaint accusing "the Israeli authorities" of injecting 300 Palestinian children with the HIV virus.

In June of that year, Abdel Hamid al-Qudsi, deputy minister of the PLO's Palestinian Authority Ministry of Supplies, declared: "Israel is distributing food containing material that causes cancer and hormones that harm male virility and also spoiled food products in the Palestinian Authority's territories in order to poison and harm the Palestinian population."

"We absolutely feel that it is an organized plan and conspiracy which is under the auspices of the Israel Defense Forces. This is a planned and initiated war against the Palestinian people."

Six months later, Maher al-Dasouqi, director of the Palestinian Authority's Committee for Consumer Protection, declared in Arafat's official newspaper, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*: "Citizens must be vigilant regarding chocolate from England, especially Cadbury's, which is very popular in Palestinian markets, since the milk used in the production of all types of [Cadbury's] chocolate was infected with mad-cow disease."

"The sale of this chocolate is forbidden in England, but it was smuggled into the Palestinian regions by Israeli merchants ..."

Last year, the same paper quoted Arafat's consumer-protection chief: "Israel floods our markets with hundreds of thousands of food products unfit for human consumption ... the purpose of which is to spread disease, debility and slow death in the Palestinian body ... Children are the main target of this plan."

Earlier this month, on November 9, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* charged that "Israeli chemical companies are

using the Palestinians and their land for experiments ... deciding according to the results if these chemicals should be marketed in Israel."

And commenting on Suha Arafat's speech in *Al-Hayat* last week (November 15), columnist Fuad Abu Hadjila wrote: "We understand the American position ... in defending Israel and its right to oppress our people and murder them with poison gas, since these gases and most of the murderous Zionist technologies originate in American industry."

TO PINPOINT the progenitor of these blood libels, it would be necessary to go back to the Middle Ages, when Jews were accused of causing the Black Death by poisoning the wells.

But the media have deliberately ignored this campaign of antisemitic incitement. The charitable explanation is that they have sacrificed truth and professional integrity for the sake of the peace process. It is probably also the excuse for failing to put the Suha Arafat story in context.

The media have even failed to notice that the PA, refusing to apologize to Israel, proffered an apology only to Hillary Clinton - not for the antisemitic calumny, but for any embarrassment the speech might have caused her.

The press is not alone in this obtuseness. Neither the Israeli government nor the administration seems willing to recognize that the only governments that propagate and encourage antisemitism today are the Arab regimes. For some unfathomable reason, these regimes are never criticized, let alone censured, for a crime deemed totally unacceptable by civilized society.

Is there a racist double standard at play? Are Arab regimes expected to act as if they are living in the Middle Ages?

Are they too immature to be held responsible for their actions?

To answer these questions all one has to do is imagine the reaction in Israel and abroad had Suha Arafat's words been uttered by, say, Joerg Haider or Pat Buchanan.



## Albright plans trip to Mideast to help final-status talks

By NAOMI SEGAL

*Jewish Telegraphic Agency*

JERUSALEM—U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright plans to visit Israel and the Palestinian self-rule areas next week to push the final-status talks forward.

Her planned visit comes as Israeli and Palestinian negotiators continued their talks aimed at reaching a final peace agreement.

Word of the visit also came amid reports that former South African President Nelson Mandela is trying to arrange a summit between Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Syrian President Hafez Assad.

During the latest round of final-status talks, held Monday near Jerusalem, the Palestinian delegation presented their Israeli counterparts with a letter protesting continued Jewish settlement activity and stating that the negotiations would not be able to move forward if the activity does not stop.

The Israeli negotiators promised to pass the message on to Barak.

The two sides are working toward a February deadline for a framework agreement on such issues as final borders, Palestinian refugees, Jerusalem and Jewish settlements.

Even as Israel and the Palestinians continued to discuss these issues, they remain deadlocked in a dispute over the next Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank.

The withdrawal, which was slated to have been carried out Nov. 15, was held up after Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat rejected the redeployment maps.

Israeli officials maintain that they alone will determine which areas are transferred. The Palestinians are demanding a say as well.

On Sunday, Barak told his Cabinet that the final-status talks have entered their most critical phase and that the next 10 to 12 weeks would determine what would be achieved.

A day later, he reiterated his stand on one of the final-status issues, declaring that no Palestinian refugees would be allowed to return to Israel under a final peace agreement.

He also said negotiations would determine how many refugees would be allowed to resettle in the Palestinian self-rule areas.

Barak's remarks appeared directed at recent statements by a Labor Party legislator to allow up to 100,000 Palestinians to return to Israel.

"I chose to make this clear, because in recent months, despite the fact that I have stated this from the day I became head of the Labor Party, I saw there are people who think differently," the premier said.

"I do not intend to deal with every statement by a member individually, but I reiterate, refugees will not return to Israel."

Meanwhile, Israel Radio reported that Mandela has been trying to get Barak and Assad to meet at a session hosted in Amman by Jordan's King Abdullah.

While Mandela is keeping a low profile on the subject, Israel is sending mixed signals. Foreign Minister David Levy welcomed the initiative.

Mandela is refusing comment.



# Clinton speech angers Israelis

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RAMALLAH, West Bank — Palestinians pushed the statehood issue into the spotlight yesterday during a visit by Hillary Rodham Clinton, triggering an angry response from Israel and potentially complicating the first lady's efforts to court Jewish voters back home.

During a two-day visit that ended last night, Clinton largely managed to steer clear of controversy, visiting hospitals and a youth-counseling center, delivering speeches and making symbolic pilgrimages to Israel's Holocaust memorial and to the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site.

But tensions flared during her single foray into the West Bank.

At a ceremony in Ramallah intended to commemorate a \$3.8 million U.S. grant for health care in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's wife used a speech introducing the first lady to rail against environmental and health damage she claimed was caused by tear gas and other methods of suppression during Israel's 30-year occupation of Palestinian lands.

"It is important to point out here the severe damage caused by the intensive daily use of poison gas by the Israeli forces in the past years which has led to an increase of cancer cases among Palestinian women and children," Soha Arafat

said. Arafat also referred to Palestinian statehood aspirations, speaking of the desire for an "independent state on our native soil."

Other speakers, including Palestinian Health Minister Riad Zanon, then urged Clinton to remember her own earlier expressions of support for a Palestinian state.

"It goes without saying that we want her to stick to her original words," Zanon told reporters afterward.

At one point, Dr. Jihad Mashaal, the director of one of the private Palestinian groups receiving the grant, looked directly at the first lady and said: "Next time, I hope we host you in our state of Palestine and in its capital, Jerusalem."

Jerusalem's status is hotly disputed, with Israel claiming sovereignty over the entire city and the Palestinians seeking to make the traditionally Arab sector the capital of their future state.

The issue is supposed to be settled in negotiations between the two sides that began earlier this week.

The first lady appeared unruffled during the remarks, with no change in her expression or posture.

But Israel reacted with irritation.

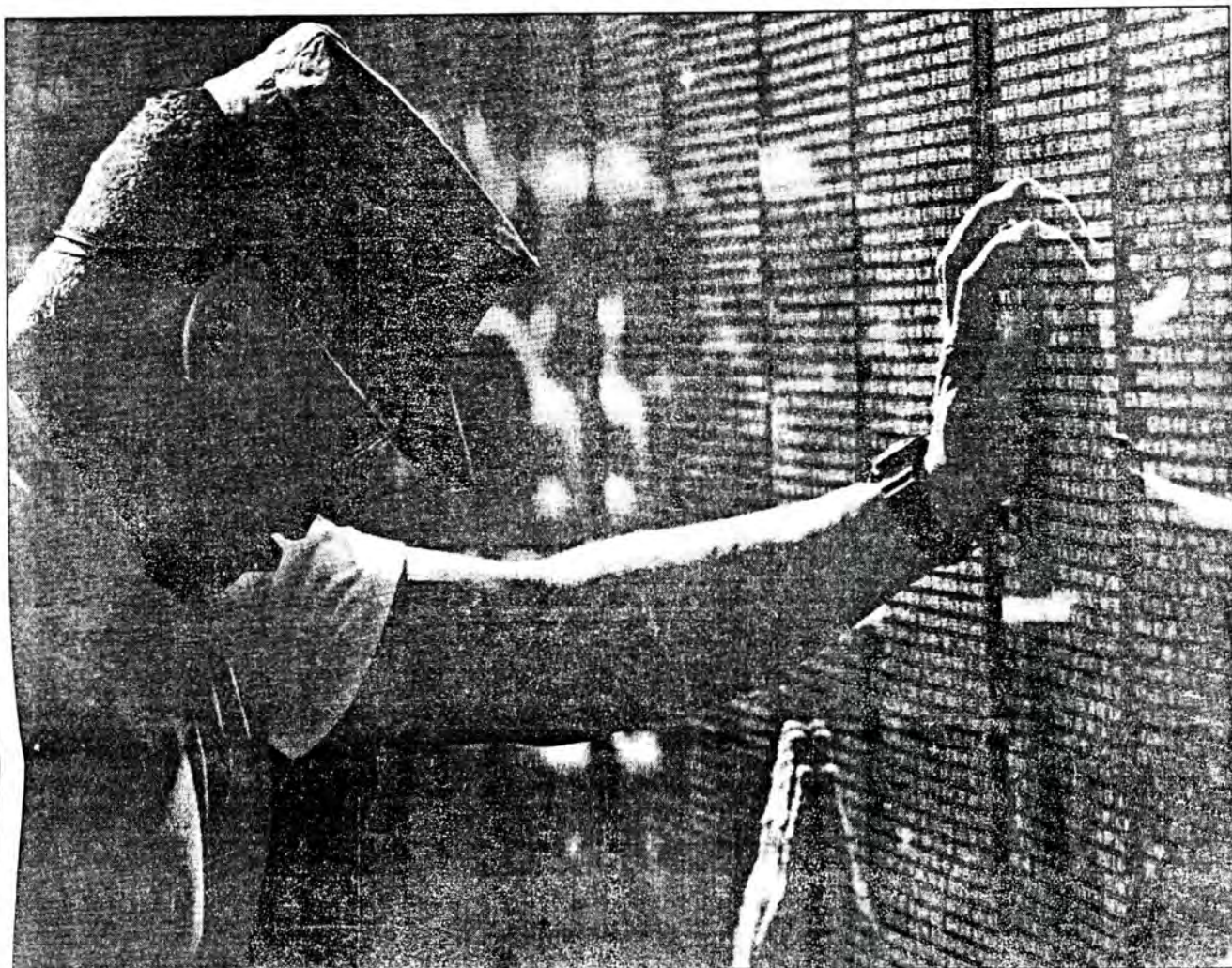
A statement from the prime minister's office said Israel "bitterly condemns the inappropriate statements" made by Arafat and the other Palestinian officials.



AP Photo/Jacqueline Larma

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton looks up at the Western Wall, accompanied by daughter Chelsea, and Nava Barak, wife of Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak. During a two-day visit to Israel, the First Lady attended a ceremony with a controversial Palestinian speaker causing bitterness with Israeli officials.





AP Photo/Rick Storz

Ron Gallo, of Covina, Calif., touches the name of a friend killed in the Vietnam War during Veterans Day ceremonies yesterday at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Moving Wall at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, Calif. The moving wall is a half size replica of the Vietnam Wall in Washington, D.C., and is one of three walls that tour the country.

# Nation honors veterans

## Clinton: 'We owe them a debt we can never repay'

By KEVIN GALVIN  
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ARLINGTON, Va. — Under gray skies at Arlington National Cemetery, President Clinton paid tribute yesterday to the nation's war dead. "We owe them a debt we can never repay," he said.

A chilly wind kept the American flags waving in the porticoes of the amphitheater where Clinton spoke to about 800 veterans and their families after laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

Clinton highlighted a new military spending bill as proof of his commitment to "the best-trained, best-equipped, best-prepared" military in the world. He also announced the remains of three Korean War MIAs would be

returned to U.S. soil by last night.

A military honor guard lined the driveway as the president's motorcade entered the cemetery and passed by rows of plain white headstones. Ceremonial canon blasts reverberated off the nearby hills.

"When the 20th century began, the headstones that stand in silent formation on these beautiful hills covered fewer than 200 acres," Clinton said. "Today, at century's end, they cover more than 600 acres."

"Hundreds of millions of people in the United States and around the world sleep in peace because more than a million Americans rest in peace. Here, and in graves, marked and unmarked, all across the world," he said. "Today we come again to

say we owe them a debt we can never repay."

The Veterans of Foreign Wars honor guard, dressed in white, marched to the front of the audience as the U.S. Army Band played a martial tune. The tuba players' sheet music blew away when they struck up "Battle Hymn of the Republic," but the rain that threatened to mar the ceremony never fell.

Clinton singled out for recognition Capt. Earl Fox, a retiring Coast Guard medical officer who is the last World War Two veteran on active duty, and Heather Renee French, the reigning Miss America and daughter of a disabled Vietnam veteran, who has championed the cause of homeless veterans.

"We thank you for what you're

doing," Clinton told French. "We must not rest until we have done everything we possibly can to bring them back into the society they so willingly defended."

In the same vein, Clinton stressed the importance of recovering those soldiers left behind or still listed as missing after U.S. campaigns abroad.

"I am very proud to announce today that we have successfully recovered the remains of three more United States servicemen lost during the Korean War. They're coming home tonight," the president said to a burst of applause. "But we must not waver in our common efforts to make the fullest possible accounting for all our MIAs, for all their families to have their questions answered."



# HILLARY'S DEAFENING SILENCE

New York's would-be senator said nothing while Suha Arafat uttered anti-Semitic ravings



ISRAEL WATCH  
DAVID  
BAR-ILLAN

**W**HAT Hillary Rodham Clinton heard yesterday in the Palestinian Authority city of Ramallah was not the kind of thing one hears in polite society. Sitting next to Yasser Arafat's wife Suha, she listened intently to the simultaneous translation as the Palestinian first lady delivered a blood libel against Israel. When asked about it by the media, the American first lady kept silent.

There was no mistaking the intent and seriousness of Mrs. Arafat's words. They were part of prepared speech in Arabic delivered intently before the local and foreign press. Nor could there be any doubt about the implications of her charge.

"For years, our people have been subjected to a daily, intensive use of poison gas by the Israeli forces, which has led to

an increase in cancer and other horrible diseases among women and children ... Israel has [also] chemically contaminated about 80 percent of water sources used by Palestinians."

To point to the irrationality of such charges is both superfluous and irrelevant. One assumes that Mrs. Clinton knows that under Israeli rule, the Palestinian population enjoyed access to the best medical care in the Middle East, and that average life expectancy increased by 25 years.

She must also know that Palestinians and Israelis in this tiny country breathe the same air and drink the same water, and that even Satanic Israel has not yet developed a poison gas that can target only women and children. But rationality has

no more to do with this outburst than it did with the medieval charge that the Jews caused the Black Plague by poisoning the wells from which they themselves drank.

What makes this obscene diatribe worthy of

note is not that it is irrational, but that it is part of an all too consistent pattern of Big Lie fantasies emanating from Arafat.

A few years before Oslo, Arafat called a special news conference to an-



nounce an important discovery. The ancient first century coin engraved on the Israeli 10 agora coin, he told the stunned audience, is actually Israel's expansion map, which shows that Israel intends to capture Egypt, Jordan, half of Saudi Arabia, Eastern Iraq and Southern Syria.

At another time he claimed that the two blue stripes on the Israeli flag represent the Nile and the Euphrates — the borders of the intended Israeli empire.

It was hoped that the Oslo reconciliation would also increase Arafat's acquaintance with reality. But in February 1996 he told foreign diplomats and various groups of visitors to Gaza that an Israeli band of former army officers supplied Islamic organizations with the explosives used by suicide bombers to kill Israelis. This shadowy organization, said Arafat, was patterned after the OAS (the secret French army organization that tried to thwart peace with Algeria) and headed by Ehud Barak.

At the time, then-prime minister Shimon Peres

attributed these charges to ignorance and lack of sophistication. But the hundreds of hours Arafat has spent with Israelis and Jewish leaders in the almost four years since then have obviously not helped much. Just last week he charged that "the Israeli mafias," not Palestinian terrorists, had placed the pipe bombs which injured 30 passersby in the Israeli town of Netanya.

Nor has anything changed in the Palestinian Authority. The anti-Semitic tone in the Arafat controlled media recall the hate propaganda of the 1930s, and the schoolbooks still preach the elimination of Israel.

Mrs. Clinton is known for her Palestinian sympathies. She arranged contributions to PLO causes in the 1980s. And as first lady she called for the establishment of a Palestinian state and entertained extremist Muslim groups associated with the terrorist Hamas organization.

She came to Israel in the hope of persuading Jewish voters in New York that she is also pro-Israel. Letting Mrs. Arafat's anti-Semitic blood libel pass without protest is not the way to do it.

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## Mrs. Clinton and the Blood Libel

**H**illary Clinton's deliberate silence yesterday in the face of outrageous anti-Israeli lies spoken by Yasser Arafat's wife was unworthy not only of a prospective U.S. senator, but of a first lady as well.

At a ceremony in the Palestinian-controlled city of Ramallah, Mrs. Clinton sat stone-faced as Suha Arafat, wife of the PLO leader, publicly accused Israel of the "daily and intensive use of poison gas" against Palestinian women and children. She then accused Israel of having contaminated 80 percent of the Palestinians' water sources by the use of "chemical materials."

Not once did Mrs. Clinton react to these slanderous accusations. Not in front of Mrs. Arafat, nor hours later while delivering a speech in Tel Aviv. In fact, the first lady's security detail whisked her away to keep reporters covering her trip from asking any questions.

Prime Minister Ehud Barak quickly put Mrs. Arafat's lies in their proper context, saying angrily that they "have no connection to reality" and should be "bitterly condemned." But from Hillary Clinton, there

was only silence.

We can only imagine the consternation in the Clinton camp. The first lady's pollsters must be hard at work conducting emergency focus-group sessions in order to determine whether Hillary should defend Israel against the ridiculous charges that it deliberately uses murderous gas and chemicals against women and children.

That Mrs. Clinton could not bring herself to disassociate herself from Suha Arafat's monstrous lies is shameful. Remember, this is an "official" trip, paid for completely by your taxpayer dollars, and Mrs. Clinton was representing the government and people of the United States.

We can understand why Mrs. Clinton might not have wanted to create an embarrassing public incident by rebuking Suha Arafat for statements that are horrifyingly redolent of the original anti-Semitic blood libel (which accuses Jews of trying to kill non-Jewish children).

Silence is not acceptable in the face of such infamy. That's something for all New Yorkers to remember as the Senate campaign gathers steam.





## Hil to See Western Wall

### First Lady's decision was closely watched

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**H**illary Rodham Clinton will visit the Western Wall during her visit to Israel this week — contrary to earlier reports that she would skip Judaism's holiest site, her spokeswoman said last night.

Though it appears the First Lady — who will likely pursue a Senate seat — is bowing to criticism from Jewish groups, her spokeswoman Marsha Berry said Clinton still had not firmed up her plans on the eve of the trip. Clinton, she said, decided "over the weekend, I suspect," to go to the Western Wall.



By AP  
First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

The First Lady is not scheduled to meet with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat or the Palestinian Authority, but Berry added, "The schedule is not complete."

If she doesn't meet with the Palestinians, that is likely to draw Arab ire.

Earlier yesterday, Leah Rabin, the wife of assassinated Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, said Clinton "does not have to prove her admiration for Israel.... In my eyes, Israel does not have as dedicated friends as the Clintons, and she does not have to visit the Western Wall in order to prove it."

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, a friend of Mayor Giuliani's, the First Lady's likely rival for a U.S. Senate seat from New York, said a true friend of Israel would not think twice about making a pilgrimage to the Western Wall.

Last year, the First Lady angered Jewish leaders in New York when she met with Arafat in the Gaza Strip and said the Palestinians would get their own state. This year, it's the Palestinians who are angry.

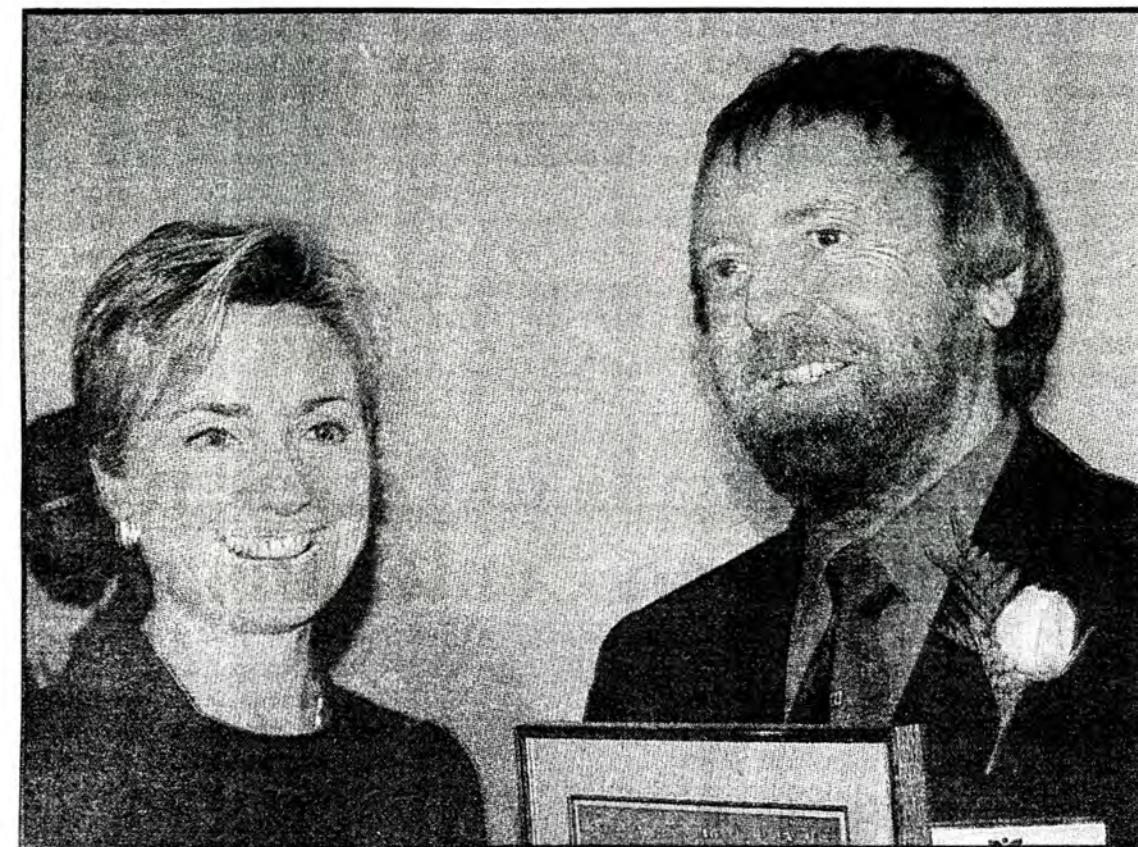
"She cannot ignore one side," said Hanan Ashrawi, one of the Palestinian Authority's leaders.

The First Lady and her daughter, Chelsea, arrive in Israel today and are expected to spend 36 hours in the Jewish state before heading to Jordan.

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## MICK MOLONEY RECEIVES HIGHEST HONOR

By Kerry L. Bryan

Mick Moloney's phone rings all day long. But there is one telephone call he will never forget, that call he received last May in his Germantown home from Dan Sheehy, director of Folk Arts Program at the National Endowment of the Arts (NEA).

Sheehy called to inform Moloney that he had been awarded a National Heritage Fellowship, one of only 13 persons nationwide to be chosen this year.

The NEA Heritage Fellowship is the highest honor that can be conferred upon a folk artist in the United States.

The NEA is a federal agency founded in 1965 to promote and preserve the arts and humanities in this country. Its Folk Arts Program was established in 1977.

The Fellowships are the direct result of the vision and tenacity of Bess Lomax Hawes, who became director of the Folk Arts Program in 1975 and served in that role for the next 15 or so years.

Moloney said, "Bess Hawes comes from a family with a long history of affirmative action on behalf of the folk tradition. (Her father John Lomax, her brother Alan, and she were all highly respected folklorists and musi-

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First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton congratulates Mick Moloney on being awarded a National Heritage Fellowship in Washington, D.C.

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ologists.) She came up with the idea of the National Heritage Awards to honor American folk artists, in much the same way as Japan honors what they call their 'National Treasures.' Some other countries have similar programs, but America had nothing of its kind in place."

Since coming to Philadelphia from Ireland in 1972, he has probably contributed more than any other single person to the resurgence of Irish music and culture in the United States. In his myriad roles of musician, performer, media consultant, teacher, scholar, archivist and organizer, Mick has been involved in countless projects. He has helped found many Irish festivals and other folk institutions, including Philadelphia's Ceili Festival, the Smithsonian Bicentennial Festival of

American Folklife, Irish Week at the Augusta Heritage Center in Elkins, West Virginia, and the Folklife Center at International House in Philadelphia.

A multi-instrumentalist and singer, he has performed on or produced over 50 recordings and was cofounder of the Greenfields of America, that unique and popular line-up of great Irish musicians and dancers. He has also mentored many younger musicians, some of whom have gone on to become some of the biggest names in the current Irish music scene - Seamus Egan, Joannie Madden, Eileen Ivers, and Michael Flatley.

He played a central role as musician, musical producer, and consultant for the 1995 acclaimed documentary, *Out of Ireland*. He also contributed to the music of the 1998 PBS film *The Long Journey Home*.

Holding a master's degree and a doctorate, Moloney has taught Irish Studies at numerous universities, including Villanova and the University of Pennsylvania. His enthusiasm and humor as well as the depth of his knowledge are evident whenever Moloney addresses an audience, whether in the formal setting of a classroom or in ad lib commentaries both on and off the stage.

The other twelve 1999 recipients included the following: Frisner Augustin, Haitian drummer from Brooklyn, N Y; Lila Greengrass Blackdeer, Ho-Chunk Indian basketmaker and needleworker from Black River Falls, WI; Shirley Caesar,

African-American gospel singer from Durham, NC; Alfredo Campos, horsehair hitcher from Federal Way, WA; Mary Louise Defender Wilson, Dakotah-Hidatsa Indian storyteller from Shields, ND; Jimmy "Slyde" Godbolt, tap dancer from Hanson, MA; Ulysses "Uly" Goode, basketmaker from North Fork, CA; Bob Holt, Ozark fiddler from Ava, MO; Zakir Hussain, North Indian tabla drummer from San Anselmo, CA; Elliott "Ellie" Mannette, steel pan builder and player from Morgantown, WV; Eudokia Sorochaniuk, Ukrainian weaver from Pennsauken, NJ; and Ralph W. Stanley, master boatbuilder from Southwest Harbor, ME.

The 1999 Heritage Award Fellows were brought together in Washington in late September for almost a full week of special events, including the official award ceremony and a concert featuring all 13 recipients.

Moloney recounted some of the activities of that week: "Over the weekend all the awardees came in from all different parts of the country. Sunday night we had a reception where everyone was introduced and each said a few words. There were all these extraordinary characters, some of whom were just overwhelmed to be there. There was a such a variety, from some of us who were very used to performing in public to some of the crafts per-

sons who had never before been out of their own locality."

"It was quite an amazing coming together, kind of an affirmation of the diversity of America - you got that sense right away, that these were very different kinds of people representing very different kinds of traditions. One thing held it all in common - everyone cared deeply and had devoted their life to what they

did."

On Monday there were preliminary rehearsals for the Thursday night concert in the 1,500-seat Lisner Auditorium at George Washington University, as the concert was to be a very complex production.

The formal awards ceremony took place on Tuesday, September 28 at 10:30 a.m. in

the Gold Room in the Rayburn Office Building, NEA Chairman and folklorist Bill Ivey read citations and introduced each recipient individually. Moloney remarked, "I've known him for years, so it was almost surreal to be there and hear him reading out my citation."

Then Hillary Clinton arrived. She gave a speech about the importance of folk arts and the National Heritage Awards before meeting individually with each Fellow. Moloney described her as "very poised, very appropriate, and very clearly a passionate supporter of the arts."

That night there was a big banquet at the top of the State Department building, a magnificent setting where all the heads of state who come to Washington are received. Moloney commented, "It was all very classy. It was amazing to see folk arts celebrated in such an appropriate way, right up there with anything else that would be celebrated at the highest level. It was an amazing affirmation of the changing position of traditional arts and folklore in American consciousness and also the official recognition of its importance."

The importance of Irish culture in America also received special recognition, for "Mick Moloney and Friends" was the only act asked to perform at the Wednesday morning presentation by President Clinton of the Medal of the Arts and the National Humanities Medal, a ceremony parallel to the National Heritage Awards.

Those "Friends" included a phenomenal line-up of Irish musical talent: flutist Jack Coen

(1991 National Heritage Fellow); Fr. Charlie Coen, concertina player and *sean nos* singer; fiddler Liz Carroll (1994 National Heritage Fellow); singer/guitarist and recording artist Robbie O'Connell; piano accordionist Jimmy Keane (first American to win five consecutive All Ireland titles; virtuoso guitarist Zan McLeod; uilleann piper Eliot Grosso, still in high school but already wowing audiences with his performances; step dancers Donny Golden (1995 National Heritage Fellow) and his sister Eileen Golden.

Wednesday night Moloney and his group had their major sound check at the theater, followed by full rehearsal Thursday afternoon. That evening's concert featured each award winner being interviewed on stage about his or her life and works. Then the artists would either talk about their works or perform.

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Moloney explained, "They choreographed the presentation almost like a Broadway show with very elaborate lighting and video projection, especially for the crafts people who got equal time with the performers. As they were interviewed on stage and as they were talking about their works, there were slide projections on the screen, images of their creations so that the audience was drawn into their world."

The week was a convocation of 13 extraordinary artists. Moloney enjoyed meeting all of them, but was particularly drawn to Bob Holt, the Ozark fiddle player.

"I spent a lot of time talking to him during the week. Bob represents Ozark mountain fiddling which is directly related to Irish fiddle playing. There were fid-

dlers in the Irish community in Appalachia, mostly eastern Tennessee and Kentucky who had supported the Union cause during the Civil War. There was so much hostility towards them after the war that they moved out to the Ozark Mountains... Bob Holt came from that community. All of his fiddling style and a lot of his tunes are echoes of the Irish traditions dating back to 18th century migrations, both from the north and south of Ireland. I found it fascinating. Appalachia is one step removed from Ireland, the Ozarks are two."

To sum up the week, Moloney remarked, "It was a time of great dignity. We were all so honored to be there, there was a real sense of occasion. It was such an overwhelming honor to receive the Fellowship that I am still processing it. It's so massive, so extraordinary. As time goes on I'll be able to reflect more upon it."

But knowing Mick, those reflections will be an interstitial process as he goes on to tackle a host of new challenges. Currently he is at work finishing several books and recording projects. He is also looking forward to teaching at NYU for the spring semester when he will be taking the place of the music department chairman while he is away on sabbatical. And then there are all those songs to be sung, all those tunes to be played...

We of the Irish-American community and all appreciators of folk art will continue to benefit from Mick Moloney's energetic and passionate commitment to the promulgation of traditional Irish music and culture. Thanks, Mick, and congratulations!





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ARCHBISHOP DEMETRIOS exchanges a warm greeting with First Lady Hillary Clinton.



# ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

## Enthronement Luncheon Marks Beginning of 'Eternal' Relationship

by Jim Golding

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."



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



N. Manginas

First Lady HILLARY CLINTON speaks at the enthronement luncheon for His Eminence



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-

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 enthronement 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



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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."



# If It's Monday, This Must Be Turkey

## The Most Traveled President Is Clinton, by a Frequent-Flier Mile

By MARC LACEY

ANKARA, Turkey, Nov. 14 — As a candidate in 1992, Bill Clinton criticized President George Bush for excessive globe-trotting. But in his nearly seven years in office, Mr. Clinton has taken more foreign trips, spent more time overseas and assembled larger and costlier entourages than any president before.

He has been to summit meetings, and seen big game in Botswana. He has held tête-à-têtes with heads of state and strolled the Great Wall of China. He has visited troops in Bosnia and viewed Michelangelo's masterpieces in the Sistine Chapel.

"There are a few places still left on the list he hasn't been," Joe Lockhart, the White House press secretary, remarked recently. "And we have 15 months to rectify that."

When Air Force One touched down late tonight in Ankara, President Clinton began a trip through southern Europe that will eclipse Mr. Bush's last remaining travel distinction, the record for number of nations visited by an American president.

Until now, Mr. Bush had visited more countries than any other president: 60 stops in just four years. Mr. Clinton will knock Mr. Bush off that perch in the days ahead.

After a state visit in Ankara, Mr. Clinton will fly to Istanbul for a security conference. Then he is off to a meeting on progressive governance in Florence; a state visit to Greece; the first-ever stop by an American president in Sofia, Bulgaria; and a visit to American troops stationed in the Yugoslav province of Kosovo.

By the trip's end just before Thanksgiving, Mr. Clinton will have stopped over the course of his presidency in 63 nations, many of which have never before been host to an American president. Mr. Clinton, according to State Department historical records, was the first United States chief executive to set foot in Botswana, the first to stop in Kuwait and the first to visit Denmark, Slovenia and South Africa.

Already, Mr. Clinton has left the United States more often than any other president. His visit to Oslo last week for events commemorating the death of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was Mr. Clinton's 44th overseas trip, almost as many sojourns as Mr. Bush and Ronald Reagan amassed in their combined three terms. And, according to White House records, Mr. Clinton has already spent nearly 200 days out of the country, considerably more time than any predecessor.

Presidential travels can focus the spotlight on countries that often feel ignored. "We don't expect a magic wand," said a Bulgarian official in Washington. "But if President Clinton pats us on the shoulder, he may give a signal to private businesses to start looking at us."

The cost of the trips has riled some of Mr. Clinton's detractors on Capitol Hill. In the course of just over three months in 1998, the president's trips to Chile, China and six African countries cost an estimated \$72 million, according to a recent study by the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress.

The total number of officials and others who traveled at government expense in connection with the three trips exceeded 2,400 people, excluding Secret Service agents, the accounting office report said. Although the report did not directly compare Mr. Clinton's entourage with those of past presidents, administration officials say presidential travel has grown more elaborate and complicated over the years.

Ten advance teams traveled to Africa in the months leading to Mr. Clinton's visits in Ghana, Uganda, Rwanda, South Africa, Botswana and Senegal. The bulk of the \$42.8 million cost for the Africa trip — the longest trip to the continent by any American president — fell on the Defense Department, which flew 98 airlift missions to deliver vehicles and other equipment from various locations in the United States and Europe. The

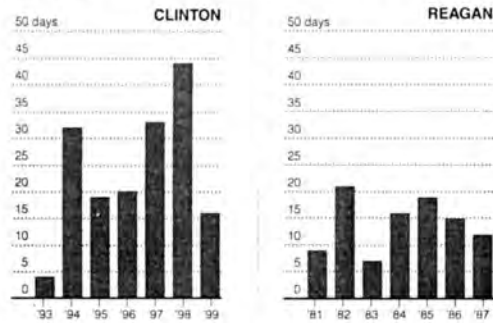
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### Traveling Man

President Clinton has logged more days abroad than any other American president. How he compares to Ronald Reagan, the last two-term president.

Number of days spent out of the country each year, for the first seven years in office



Source: U.S. State Department

The New York Times

Pentagon also provided 13 Army and Marine Corps helicopters in Africa and set up temporary medical evacuation units in five countries.

"I encourage people to go and see the world," said Senator Craig Thomas of Wyoming, one of the Republicans who asked for the cost accounting of the president's travel. "I am not an isolationist. I don't expect him to pack his own lunch or use frequent flier miles. But I expect this president and all presidents not to be excessive about the cost."

Presidential aides say that travel costs are high for good reasons and that overseas visits benefit the United States economy more than they sap the treasury.

"There is a high cost of providing physical security to the president when he's overseas and providing secure communications," Mr. Lockhart said. "We are the lone remaining superpower in the world. The president needs the ability to handle any crisis any time, anywhere. That comes at a cost."

"The kind of engagement around the world that the country deserves does cost money," Mr. Lockhart added, "but I think the president believes that it's money well spent."

The makeup of Mr. Clinton's en-

tourages has been scrutinized from the start. On his first overseas trip to Japan and Korea, he briefly considered taking his mother-in-law; his daughter, Chelsea, and three of Chelsea's teenage friends. He traveled with his personal secretary, Betty Currie, to Africa shortly after she testified before the grand jury investigating him. His aides studiously avoided taking any United States businessmen along to China during controversies over campaign contributions and technology transfers.

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton has traveled considerably. Of her 51 trips to such far-flung countries as Nepal, Iceland, Morocco and Uzbekistan, 23 have been solo ventures (with an entourage but without the president). She will travel along for part of the trip through Europe, and advisers said both her schedule and the president's had to be meshed while planning the complicated, politically sensitive itinerary.

White House aides point out that political opponents have found ulterior motives just about every time Mr. Clinton's Air Force jet has left United States airspace.

His first trips in 1993 — to Canada, Korea and Japan — were seen as efforts by the young president to





He is in Turkey now, but before President Clinton flew to the farthest reaches he headed for nearest Newark. Khour Bui/Associated Press

## Botswana? Done that. Slovenia? Been there. Istanbul? Next up.

show that he really could handle foreign affairs. The barrage of travel early in his second term was written off as the beleaguered chief executive's trying to escape investigations back home. Now, with the end of his presidency growing near, Mr. Clinton is said to be on a farewell tour.

"There is always an inclination for a president to want to say goodbye to his peers around the world, and I think that's the phase we're in now," said Marlin Fitzwater, press secretary to former Presidents Bush and Reagan. "Also, he is becoming less relevant. If no one pays any attention to him here, he can go overseas and find that everyone cares."

Mr. Fitzwater remembers candidate Clinton's urging Mr. Bush to stay home more often. "It's time for us to have a president who cares more about Littleton, N.H., than

about Liechtenstein, more about Manchester than Micronesia," Mr. Clinton said back then.

White House aides say Mr. Clinton's real point was not Mr. Bush's travel schedule but his seeming lack of focus on domestic policies. Balance is essential, Mr. Clinton's advisers say, pointing to the trip that the president sandwiched in between Oslo and Athens this month — an antipoverty tour with a domestic focus and stops no more exotic than Newark and Hartford. (It was his second such tour this year.)

And although the current trip will allow the president to see some prime tourist draws, advisers say it is full of serious foreign policy pursuits. The trip's goals, said Samuel R. Berger, Mr. Clinton's national security adviser, are nothing less than "promoting stability in the Balkans, democracy in Serbia, reconciliation in the Aegean, a settlement on Cyprus, peace in the Caucasus and integration of Russia into the global community."

Despite all his travel, Mr. Clinton does not appear overly jet-lagged. On his travel wish list in the year 2000, aides say, are trips to southern Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, Africa and Europe.

Yet there are limits even for a president with a gasped-up jet at his beck and call. Diplomacy can sometimes interfere with desire.

Mr. Clinton postponed a trip to India and Pakistan after dueling nuclear tests in those countries and now faces the sticky question of whether to visit the region in the wake of last month's coup d'état in Islamabad.

"The president has wanted to visit the region for some time, and he continues to want to do so," Mr. Berger said. "The coup in Islamabad complicates that situation, but at this point no decisions have been made."

Mr. Clinton also bypassed Nigeria during his 1998 tour of Africa to protest the military leadership there, although he welcomed the newly elected president, Olusegun Obasanjo, to the White House last month.

Political considerations have also prevented President Clinton from touching down in Havana, where Fidel Castro has frustrated the United States for 40 years. "I hope someday we'll all be able to travel to a democratic Cuba," Mr. Clinton said at his very first presidential news conference, on March 24, 1993.

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# Hillary's Jewish Cabinet

*Who's got the first lady's ear as she struggles for Jewish votes in Senate race?*

**H**illary Rodham Clinton's delicate dance with Jewish voters continued this week.

The good news for her campaign: Israeli Prime Minister **Ehud Barak** gave her an enthusiastic thumbs-up, coming just short of endorsing her unannounced Senate candidacy while praising her conduct during a foray into the West Bank that exposed her to Palestinian anti-Israel propaganda.

The bad news: She faced a new scandal regarding a Boston fundraiser hosted by attorney **Robert Crowe**, who has worked on behalf of Swiss banks refusing to pay claims to Holocaust survivors; a pro-Republican Jewish organization launched a TV spot that raps her for embracing **Suha Arafat** and urges her to "stand up for Israel, stand up for the truth."

And Councilwoman **Ronnie Eldridge**, a Democrat who represents one of the city's most liberal districts — the Upper West Side — urged her to drop out of the race.

A new poll by the Zogby Group shows Clinton's Jewish support remains solid, even

rising slightly after the controversy. But she clearly has her work cut out for her in capturing the two-thirds of Jewish votes observers say a Democrat needs to carry New York state. Consulting with Democratic insiders and other sources, *The Jewish Week* identified a cadre of confidantes on whom Clinton will depend to accomplish that task.

## POLITICAL MEMOS

ADAM DICKTER



**Karen Adler**, a Manhattan real-estate developer, was national Jewish coordinator of the 1992 Clinton-Gore campaign, but her relationship with the Clintons dates back to the 1980s, when she served with them on a Democratic leadership council pushing for moderate progressive policies formed after the Carter administration. A board member of the trans-denominational CLAL-National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, chair of UJA-Federation's Legacy Fund and a congregant of B'nai Jeshurun on the Upper West Side, Adler was named director of the General Services Administration's Northeast and Caribbean region before returning to the private sector in September 1997.

"I speak to her pretty frequently," said Adler of Clinton. "There is a range of people she talks to."

But one insider said Adler has emerged as one of Clinton's most loyal and called-upon allies. "There are a number of people on the list, but none are as close to [Clinton] personally as Karen Adler," said a Democrat knowledgeable of the campaign, who said Adler is one of a handful of Jewish advisors who participate in the daily conference calls convened by Clinton's exploratory committee. Others include communications consultants **Mandy Grunwald** and **Maria Romash**. Grunwald, who lives in Washington, has advised the Clinton campaigns as well as Sen. **Daniel Patrick Moynihan**.

Romash, of Maryland, is deputy campaign spokesman for Vice President **Al Gore**. Another participant in the calls is the deputy White House chief of staff, **Maria Echaveste**, a Mexican American who has converted to Judaism, making her a twofer as an adviser. "She travels in both Hispanic and Jewish circles," said an insider.

**Peggy Tishman**, a former UJA-Federation president and Clinton booster, is available to provide a window into the organizational



Israel Policy Forum leader Jack Bendheim offered advice on Hillary's recent Israel trip.

world. For a younger perspective, Hillary can look to **Jody Schwartz**, a partner in the law firm of Wachtel Lipton who recently chaired the General Assembly of the United Jewish Communities. Schwartz is a board member of the Israel Policy Forum, which was formed to gather support for the Oslo Accords in the

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**Legacy for Hillary**

Citing the legacy of Jacqueline Kennedy in saving the historic

buildings of Lafayette Square in the early 1960s, Hillary Rodham Clinton is being called on to save the Tariff Commission Building, called the most historic building in the nation's capital after the White House and the U.S. Capitol.

Don't know where it is?

Try Seventh Street, between E and F streets NW. There you will find one of the country's oldest federal buildings, listed on the National Register of Historic Landmarks.

Mrs. Clinton has been approached by the Downtown Cluster of Congregations to have the General Services Administration, the building's landlord, act immediately to resolve water damage, neglect and vacancy issues.

# Hillary Clinton's Favorite White House Traditions

Special  
Report

By Nancy Lloyd



The First Lady and Buddy enjoy walks together. "He loves to chase yellow tennis balls," says Mrs. Clinton. Last year's official White House Christmas card (below).

How do you turn a big White House into a home, sweet home? That was one of the challenges facing First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton when she and her family took up residence at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in January 1993. "The White House didn't have a kitchen table. There are formal dining rooms on two floors, but we wanted a kitchen table," recalls Mrs. Clinton. "So we transformed a butler's pantry into a kitchen, and we start our day by eating breakfast there."

This morning routine gives her a chance to catch up with the White House staff, "who are devoted to caring for this house and the family that lives here," she says. "After six years of being here, we're so comfortable with everybody and we feel so much at home that we get up, have breakfast and talk to the people who work here to find out what's going on." These chats aren't limited to White House business. "The butlers buy me a lottery ticket every week," she chuckles, adding, "Someday we're going to strike it rich and then the butlers and I are all going to retire."

With Chelsea a junior at Stanford University and 3,000 miles from Washington, and the First Lady and the President both traveling extensively, having family time has required some creativity. "When we're all in town we spend as much time as we can together. We try to have meals together. It takes a little extra effort [coordinating] schedules so that you don't fill your time up and then have none left for family."

The glass-walled, sunny solarium on the third floor is their favorite room for spending time together; it's where

Washington-based writer Nancy Lloyd is a FC contributing editor. This is her fourth interview with the First Lady.

God is good and God is great and we thank Him for this food.

By His hand we are all fed. Thank you, Lord, for our daily bread.

Mrs. Clinton remembers saying this grace when she was growing up.

they eat meals, play board games and watch television. "It's a really bright, cheerful room set on top of the house, so it has a great view of the Washington monument. It's also where the Kennedys had a little nursery school for Caroline and where President Johnson's daughters would bring their dates late at night. And it's where President Reagan recuperated from his gunshot wounds."

In addition to "a constant stream of friends and family coming for visits so that we don't feel isolated," Mrs. Clinton has found other ways to make the most famous address in America feel distinctively their own. "We have a lot of our belongings—family photos, pieces of furniture and books—that are important to us on the second and third floors."

And they go all out to celebrate special occasions and holidays. "Thanksgiving is a real family time for us," she says. "We have a very traditional meal. It's the way I was raised."

As a child, Mrs. Clinton's mother taught her to cook a turkey with all the trimmings. "We'd also have my favorite bread stuffing (see recipe, page 45), green vegetables, whipped potatoes covered with gravy and butter, a cranberry mold and always a relish tray," she recalls. "When Chelsea was a little girl, I spent a lot of time in the kitchen with her. When we were in the governor's mansion in Little Rock, we never had help on weekends, so we'd always cook then."

"At Thanksgiving we would bake cranberry bread and pumpkin pie. We love pumpkin pie." An old family recipe? "It's off the Libby's can—nothing special, but it tastes good!" While living in the White House, Chelsea gets to hone her culinary skills by watching the White House chefs in action. "She's interested in that," says her mother.

The First Family celebrates Thanksgiving not at the White House, but at Camp David, the Presidential retreat in









The Christmas Tree in the Clintons' residence (left). The First Lady consults with Chief Floral Designer Nancy Clarke about centerpieces. Clarke suggests using warm water when arranging flowers. "The plants can drink it more easily," she says.



"I've enjoyed living here enormously and I've had a great time, but we know it's going to end. I was thinking about that with a lot of nostalgia recently because living here has been such a wonderful privilege."

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tence. "We don't pay as much attention to our teenagers as they need. We have to think about how to do it better. It's hard for a lot of adults to know exactly how to interact with their kids and to be part of their lives. It takes a lot of effort."

"It's easy to get discouraged if you're rebuffed. You want to do something with your teenager, and if your teenager says 'No' the first time, you may not ask again. Then you don't stay involved or ready to be part of her life. It's very important and we all have to pay more attention."

Mrs. Clinton questions if the current TV- and movie-rating systems are working. "Adults have to be more willing to enforce the standards. Kids get dropped off at malls and go to movies by themselves. Lots of times, parents don't even know what they see and there's no adult supervision to talk them through it. That's true with television, too."

"We're a long way from the days when there was one TV in a house and the whole family watched the same program and you had to contend with what your parents thought about it or what your brother thought about it. Now kids watch TV in isolation, often alone in their own rooms, or they go to movies with their peers. I think we do have to do a better job of trying to protect our children from things they may not be ready to experience."

How did Mrs. Clinton keep the lines of communication open with her teenage daughter? "There isn't any magic formula. It's just something you have to work at all the time because children change and their interests change and their friends change. And their challenges change, so you just have to be really aware of what's going on in your child's life...that means kind of hanging around and being there whenever the opportunity arises that they may want to talk about it to you."

On November 1st the White House will celebrate its 200th birthday. In honor of the occasion, Mrs. Clinton has written a behind-the-scenes book, *An Invitation to the White House: At Home With History* (Simon & Schuster). "We've highlighted the historic aspects and talked about White House entertaining from state dinners to family birthday parties. We've included recipes that represent the American cuisine that we've served here," says Mrs. Clinton.

The First Lady has replaced many meat courses traditionally served in the White House with more vegetarian fare, such as grilled and marinated vegetables, with an emphasis on seasonal and nutritious foods. "We also include flavors from all over the world," says White House Executive Chef Walter Scheib.

Mrs. Clinton has been an active preservationist and—as a way of leaving her mark on the White House—has incorporated more American style into the great old building. "We've redone many of the rooms including the State Dining Room and the Blue Room and acquired artwork, too—the first work by an American 20th-century woman, Georgia O'Keeffe, and a first work by a noted African-American artist, Henry Ossawa Tanner. I'm very proud that the people who come here feel both a part of history and very welcome as guests and participants in the making of history."

"I've enjoyed living here enormously and I've had a great time, but we know it's going to end. I was thinking about that with a lot of nostalgia recently because living here has been a wonderful privilege," reflects the First Lady. ■

## Pumpkin Bread

### The President's Favorite Holiday Treat

Sometimes this bread is served as a cake by covering it with a coconut or cream-cheese frosting.

Makes: 12 servings.

Prep: 30 minutes.

Bake: at 350° for 1 hour.

2 cups all-purpose flour  
2 cups sugar  
2 teaspoons baking soda  
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon  
1 teaspoon ground cloves  
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
½ teaspoon salt  
1 cup vegetable oil  
4 eggs, slightly beaten  
2 cups solid-pack pumpkin puree (not pie filling)

1. Heat oven to 350°. Grease and flour 10-inch tube pan.

2. Sift together flour, sugar, baking soda, cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg and salt into large bowl. Make well in center; pour in oil and eggs. Beat on low speed until well blended. Add pumpkin; continue beating until completely mixed in. Turn batter into prepared pan.

3. Bake in 350° oven 1 hour or until top springs back when lightly pressed with fingertip or wooden pick inserted in center comes clean.

4. Cool cake in pan on wire rack 15 minutes. Turn out onto wire rack; invert. Cool.



The computer-animated comedy is expected to make at least \$225 million over

record business overall. From Friday to Sunday, movies brought in an estimated \$160 million, 20% more than the record set

by *Toy Story*. *Sleepy Hollow* made \$16.8 million, down 37%, and *Pokemon: The First Movie* dropped 43% to \$7.1 million. Final numbers are due today.

Estimate Source: ADI/Entertainment

# COVER STORY

## Deconstructing Hillary's passion for Bill, politics

### Psychological biography joins publishing rush

By Bob Minzesheimer  
USA TODAY

Before she wrote about our universal fears in *Passages* and before she wrote psychological profiles of our politicians, Gail Sheehy wrote *Lovesounds*, a psychological novel about an unfaithful husband.

The marriage in her only novel was unable to survive infidelity, Sheehy says, unlike the real-life marriage she analyzes in her book out this week, *Hillary's Choice* (Random House, \$23.95). It's part of a publishing rush that soon could fill an entire shelf with biographies of first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Parts of Sheehy's book read like the notes of a marriage counselor, grist for a *Ladies' Home Journal* inquiry: "Can This Marriage Be Saved?" Or, to ask the most burning political question of the year: "Why does she stay with him?"

"Hillary's addiction is Bill," Sheehy writes. "He is her only rebellion, the one thing she can't logically explain."

She believes in "moral absolutism." He is the "ultimate relativist." He never worries about money. She never feels they have enough.

She does all she can to change him. He's "always going to need lovin' so bad he could never be fully good." His pattern is one of "seduction and betrayal." She flies into a rage when the betrayal is too outrageously overt. He "adds to his pattern another element: repentance."

She is an enabler: "Every addict or alcoholic needs one." He is the classic philanderer, "like a little boy



who comes back after being bad and looks for Mother's forgiveness. Hillary provides it."

So it goes for an author who writes, "The story of the Clinton presidency has always been the story of the Clinton marriage."

Other White House couples have staged their personal soap operas, but privately. Their dirty laundry wasn't aired until they left office, often after they died.

Not so for the Clintons, which helps explain why no other sitting first lady has triggered as many biographies, books such as *The Seduction of Hillary Rodham* and *Big Sister Is Watching You*.

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Left by Stan Honda, Agence France Presse; above, Random House



**Passage to politics:** Gail Sheehy, above, examines Hillary Clinton through her friends.

"The story of the Clinton presidency has always been the story of the Clinton marriage."

— Gail Sheehy in *Hillary's Choice*

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gnitive performance. Nor d it provoked any psychological or behavioral problems, such as aggression. Those findings underscore public-health recommendations for all Americans over age 2 to follow a heart-healthy diet that contains about 30% fat, says Nancy Ernst, a nutritionist at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute in Bethesda, Md. For parents struggling to put a healthy diet on the dinner table each night, Ernst suggests that the most important aspect of the heart-healthy diet is to

ratchet down on saturated fat, which is found in meats, dairy products and rich baked goods. Saturated fats raise blood-cholesterol levels more than other fats do.

To do that, she advises parents to read the labels on foods. Public-health experts advise keeping saturated fat to less than 10% of total calories.

Such a diet doesn't ban rich treats that kids love, such as a full-fat ice cream cone. It just means that a scoop of the fatty stuff has to be offset with lower fatty foods the rest of the day, Ernst says.

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# Former staffer's suit says Hillary had active 'Filegate' involvement

## Computer manager claims Livingston acted as her agent

By George Archibald  
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

A White House computer manager who was transferred to the Treasury Department amid job discrimination claims has accused first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton of using a key "Filegate" figure as her personal agent.

In a sworn affidavit filed yesterday in U.S. District Court, Sheryl L. Hall said Craig L. Livingstone, the former White House personnel security chief who improperly obtained hundreds of FBI files of former Reagan and Bush administration appointees, was among "the small group of White House staffers who acted as Mrs. Clinton's agents."

Mrs. Hall, 50, now a GS-15 computer manager at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, has filed a lawsuit against Mrs. Clinton in the U.S. District Court in Alexandria accusing the first lady and nine White House political appointees of job harassment and reprisals.

The 15-year government computer supervisor claims the retribution against her over the past five years followed her refusal to load political campaign contribution information in files of individuals listed on the White House Office Database (WHODB).

The affidavit was released yesterday by the conservative legal group Judicial Watch, which is assisting Mrs. Hall's lawsuit and also represents a group of former Republican White House employees in a separate lawsuit that seeks damages for privacy violations and other wrongdoing in the Filegate case.

Larry Klayman, chief counsel

**"I and other White House staffers understood that Craig Livingstone was brought to the White House by Mrs. Clinton."**

— Sheryl L. Hall,  
in a sworn affidavit

for Judicial Watch, said Mrs. Hall's affidavit was submitted yesterday in the Filegate case pending before U.S. District Judge Royce C. Lamberth in Washington "because it shows Hillary Clinton's direct involvement in matters concerning Filegate."

Mrs. Clinton and other top White House officials have previously denied in sworn court depositions and testimony before House and Senate investigating committees that the first lady had any involvement in Filegate abuses or Mr. Livingstone's work at the executive mansion.

The White House yesterday declined to respond to Mrs. Hall's allegations. Her affidavit says: "I and other White House staffers understood that Craig Livingstone was brought to the White House by Mrs. Clinton and that Mr. Livingstone spoke for Mrs. Clinton. Consequently, to oppose a request or instruction from Livingstone was to oppose Mrs. Clinton."

Mrs. Hall also said Mrs. Clinton actually ran the White House during Mrs. Hall's tenure there from

October 1992 until her transfer Friday.

"Based on my personal observations and experience, as well as my interaction with numerous White House staffers, it was clear to me that Mrs. Clinton had operational control of the White House, including but not limited to the hiring and firing of personnel," the affidavit states.

Mrs. Hall said "a coterie of individuals," including Maggie Williams, Mrs. Clinton's chief of staff, and Marsha Scott, director of White House correspondence, "acted as [the first lady's] agents. Mrs. Clinton acted through these individuals and instructions from them were to be acted upon as if they came directly from Mrs. Clinton. This was also Mrs. Clinton's reputation at the White House."

In November 1993, Miss Scott "described to me the political nature of some of the information Mrs. Clinton wanted the WHODB to maintain, such as tracking individual's campaign contributions and the political functions for which Mrs. Clinton intended the [computer] software to be used," she says in the affidavit.

"I tried diplomatically to express my reservations about whether U.S. government employees and ... resources could lawfully be used, without violation [of] the Hatch Act, for what appeared to me to be political activity. Ms. Scott replied that I should use my 'imagination' to circumvent the Hatch Act."

"It was stated to me, both orally and in writing, that this was the highest priority of the president and Mrs. Clinton, and that Mrs. Clinton needed the WHODB database for the 1996 campaign."



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# outlook

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## Sound advice from the First Lady

**WOMEN IN POWER:** After seeing Thailand's child prostitution problems first-hand, US First Lady Hillary Clinton met a group of leading Thai women to discuss their efforts to help their less fortunate sisters and share tips about women's empowerment

SANITSUDA EKACHAI

**T**ake it from Hillary — if you want to strike a balance in your life, dare to talk about power.

Women, said the wife of the man regarded as the most powerful person on earth, United States President Bill Clinton, are squeamish about discussing power publicly because they believe it is unwomanly and threatening, and doing so may backfire.

But such self-restraint is only part of the social mechanisms that help keep women silent. "For women cannot advance in life without having power over oneself to make one's choices," said the US First Lady whose full name is Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Mrs Clinton was responding to Thailand's leading female politician Khunying Supatra Masdit who asked for some tips about how working women can balance the often competing demands of work and family.

The question came up during a round-table discussion between the First Lady and a group of leading Thai women who have been working for the betterment of Thai women in various fields.

"You're a role model for women around the world," praised Khunying Supatra, who made a name for Thailand as convenor of the landmark Forum of Non-Government Organizations which was held at the same time as the United Nations Women's Conference in Beijing last year. "Since you've done an extraordinary job



United States First Lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton with a group of Thai women leaders. From left: director of the Gender Development Institute Dr Suteera Thomson; Thailand's first female governor Khunying Charatsri Teepirach; founder of the Emergency Home Nun Khunying Kanittha Wichiencharoen; editor of Dichan magazine Mrs Tipwadee Pramoj; secretary-general of the Palang Dharma Party Mrs Sudarat Keyuraphan; president of Toshiba Thailand Khunying Niramol Suriyasat; chairperson of the Thai Environmental and Community Development foundation Khunying Chodchay Sonhondanich; politician Khunying Supatra Masdit; Mrs Clinton; wife of US ambassador Mrs Melinda Itoh; vice-president of

tent. After the establishment of the Emergency Home by Khunying Kanittha Wichiencharoen 16 years ago, only a few other refuges have opened but they are mostly small and unknown.

As better education eases the influx of Thai girls into the sex trade, Mrs Clinton was told about the increasing cross-border trafficking of women.

According to feminist lawyer Naiyana Supapung, many ethnic girls are sent to other countries and cannot return because they don't have the documents to prove their nationality.

Mrs Siriporn Skrobaneek of the Foundation of Women also urged Mrs Clinton to see what the United States and other international mechanisms can do to help combat the international sex trade.

But can politics help tackle women's problems? This will be difficult when only five per cent of MPs are women, according to Sudarat Keyuraphan, secretary-general of the Palang Dharma Party.

"Thai women are still hesitant about entering politics feeling they are unready," she said adding that the Women in Politics Institute has been set up to encourage more women to enter politics.

Mrs Clinton responded: "People come to me all the time and ask: 'How can you stand politics?'"

Defending democracy, Mrs Clinton said it was more likely to produce women public leaders than other political systems. "There is a built-in advantage for women. And if women



Mrs Clinton was glad to respond. "Balance is something I have given a lot of thought recently: how a woman can balance her life; how to define her life in the personal, public, and professional ways that she chooses," said the First Lady, adding that it is difficult to define balance as it constantly changes with one's different phases in life.

Whatever it is, she stressed that education and job opportunities remain the important tools to empower women so they can gain over control their lives and make responsible choices without which balance is impossible.

But the champion of women's rights cautioned that women should look beyond concerns of juggling family and work.

"There's another balance: The balance of power which a woman should be able to claim in her workplace," she said.

There is also the balance of power between the genders. When society tilts to one side and robs women of their voice, the First Lady said, the imbalance causes problems.

While Thailand suffers a negative image worldwide as a hub of child prostitution, Mrs Clinton has helped bring some balance during her visit by focussing on our efforts to redress the problem.

In Chiang Rai, she reviewed a programme at a school to encourage young girls to further their studies instead of dropping out and facing the risk of being exploited as child labourers or prostitutes.

In Chiang Mai, she visited a home

for hilltribe girls forced to work as prostitutes many of whom end up dying of Aids.

The First Lady said she was impressed by the joint efforts of non-government organisations and the government in tackling the problem of child prostitution as it was "a model for the rest of the world."

In Bangkok, Mrs Clinton met with leaders of women groups at the Sala Luk-khun Nai building at the Grand Palace to hear what they were doing to ensure women's rights and empower their less fortunate sisters.

Veteran women's rights advocate and advisor to the Pan Pacific Southeast Asian Women's Association Thanpuying Sumalee Chaitikavanij talked about the importance of having a woman's voice in the drafting of the new constitution by fielding women candidates to be elected as drafters.

Dr Suteera Thomson, director of the Gender Development Institute, talked to the First Lady about the successful 'send-a-postcard' campaign to pressure MPs into inserting an equal rights clause in the constitution.

Nakhon Nayok governor Khunying Charatsri Teepirach, Thailand's first female governor, spoke about the province's efforts to improve women's education.

"In 1993, only 23 percent of girls continued studying after compulsory education," she said. "Now, it is 85 percent. And we are planning to

achieve 100 percent in a few years."

In addition to this, Nakhon Nayok was declared a non-child prostitution province last year.

Mrs Clinton said she totally agreed with Khunying Niramol Suriyasat, president of Toshiba Thailand, that education and job creation are the best tools to empower women.

"An educated woman not only benefits herself, but also her family and the community," the First Lady said.

Mrs Kirana Sumawong, president

of the Women Lawyers' Association of Thailand, told Mrs Clinton, who is also a lawyer, about the association's legal clinic for women and legal education programmes for rural women.

"Many have lost their property because they signed their names on a piece of blank paper unknowingly," she related.

Meanwhile, environmentalist Khunying Chodchoy Sophonpanich talked of her Magic Eyes campaign to raise public awareness about the environment as well as the rights of the

"There is a built-in advantage for women. If women can work across party lines, it will be good for both women and politics."

Hillary Rodham Clinton  
United States First Lady on democracy

"We must realise that women can make a difference in non-elected ways. They should be encouraged to get involved and support each other in that endeavour."

on other ways for women to achieve change



**BULLFIGHTING:** Spurred on by alcohol and youthful bravado, audience members become participants in Colombia's bizarre bull festivals

## Amateur hour

features



# Clinton to cement US-Thai relations

Monday, November 25, 1996

NATIONPHOTO/CHAIWAT PUMPUANG

## First lady given warm welcome in Chiang Rai

YINDEE LERTCHAROENCHOK  
JUANITA WILLIAMS  
The Nation

US President Bill Clinton arrives in Bangkok tonight for an historic visit during which he will see a different Thailand from the one which greeted former presidents Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon when they visited in the 1960s.

The visits by the two previous American presidents, in 1966 and 1969 respectively, were aimed at strengthening relations crucial to the US' involvement in the Vietnam War.

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Clinton's visit is, to the contrary, intended to reassure Thailand and other Southeast Asian countries of America's commitment to Asia and the Pacific, where peace now largely prevails and political ties have become more intertwined with business relations.

Thai and US diplomats said the brief visit to Bangkok is an opportunity for him to show America's interest in Asia and boost trade with Thailand. During his stay, Clinton will be made aware that the occasional economic friction between the two countries has not soured bilateral ties.

Thailand and the US remain trusted and reliable friends and can work towards mutual prosperity, global peace and stability.

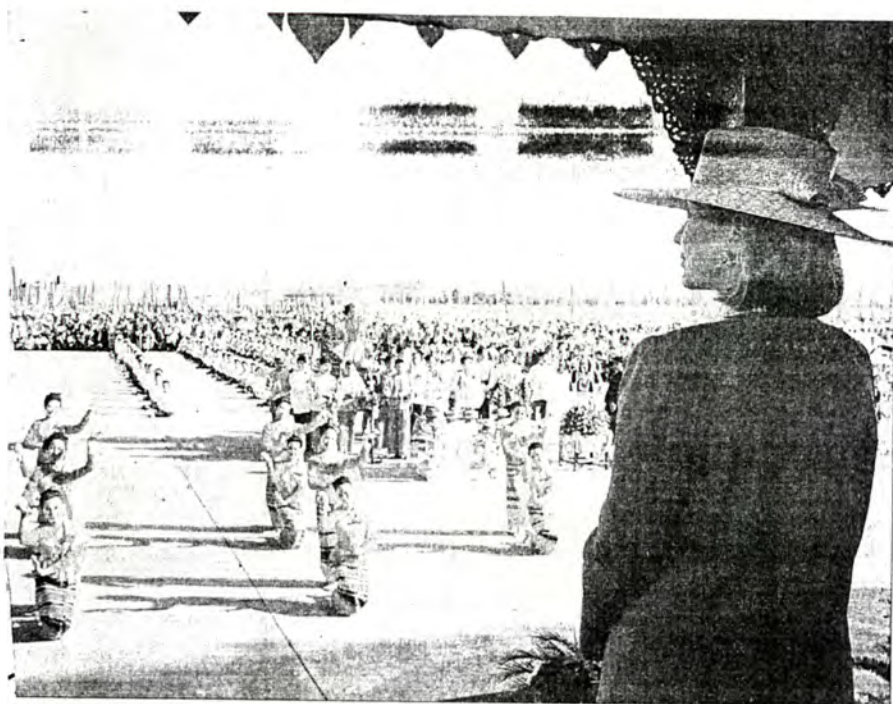
Clinton will outline his administration's policies towards Asia, especially Southeast Asia. The statement will touch on the long history of bilateral relations and cooperation in political, economic, security and social interests.

It will also reiterate the US commitment to Asia and the Pacific and comment on transnational issues of bilateral and global concern, including drugs, international crime and terrorism, and the universality and principles of democracy and human rights.

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Hillary Clinton speaks to students at the Maechan Wittayakhom School in Chiang Rai after her arrival in Thailand. The school is a participant in the Thai Women of Tomorrow project.



First Lady Hillary Clinton watches as a northern Thai classical dance is performed on her behalf during a welcoming ceremony at Chaing Rai Airport yesterday. She arrived for a brief visit and headed for Chiang Mai later in the day.

## Clinton to stress US-Thai security ties

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Yesterday in Manila, Clinton and Chinese President Jiang Zemin opened a new chapter in Sino-US relations by agreeing on a framework for summitry over the next two years (See A9).

Clinton and his wife Hillary, who flew in yesterday for a tour of northern Thailand, have a busy schedule during their brief stay. They will be guests of Their Majesties the King and Queen on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the King's Accession to the throne. In addition to an audience tonight with the King and Queen, they will host a state banquet for the American couple tomorrow morning. The US president has a tight schedule during his one-day stopover. After meeting the prime minister in the morning, during which an agreement on the reduction of double taxation will be signed, Clinton will receive an honorary doctorate from Chulalongkorn University.

Clinton's arrival was hailed with enthusiasm from students, their parents, and the Thai Ambassador to Thailand William Brown and Thailand's Ambassador to the United States.

First Lady expressed her delight at the beauty and grace of the dancers who performed for her at Chiang Rai international airport.

Her visit to the northern city was full.

Her first stop was Mae Chan Wittayakom School. The school is a participant in the Thai Women of Tomorrow project.

The TWT programme is aimed at combatting child prostitution by providing education beyond the sixth grade for girls and teaching them ways to make a living other than the sex trade. The TWT offers training in vocational areas such as gem cutting and sewing.

The president's wife is an avid supporter of children and women's rights and has singled out poverty, lack of education, and prostitution as major examples of the exploitation of women and children.

She told the students how impressed she was with Chiang Rai, especially the beauty and warmth of the people. She also declared the students were "examples and pioneers in Thailand and throughout the world" for making decisions for themselves about their futures.

"When a young woman is educated, a family prospers. When a young woman has a good and decent job, a family prospers. When a family prospers, a country prospers," she said.

The first lady visited three young women who participated in TWT, and their families. She met them at Jaw Pa Kha village, a predominately Ahka village, where one of the young women lives.

She said she was impressed by the women's achievements and also by the support their families and villages gave them in education. She said she applauded their

far-sightedness in educating girls and turning away short-term benefits that could have been gained through exploitative means.

Although the US president's wife is regarded as an international voice for women, one of the mothers in Jaw Pa Kha village raised the question of establishing a similar programme for boys. The mother cited the high unemployment rate in the region.

The first lady's final stop on her whirlwind tour of Chiang Rai was Dhamajarik village, located down the hill from Jaw Pa Kha. There she was greeted by the village head and presented with a hand-crafted silver bracelet, a Yao style purse, pillow cases, a key chain, and a table cloth.

She then walked along the dirt road, met villagers and looked at their wares.

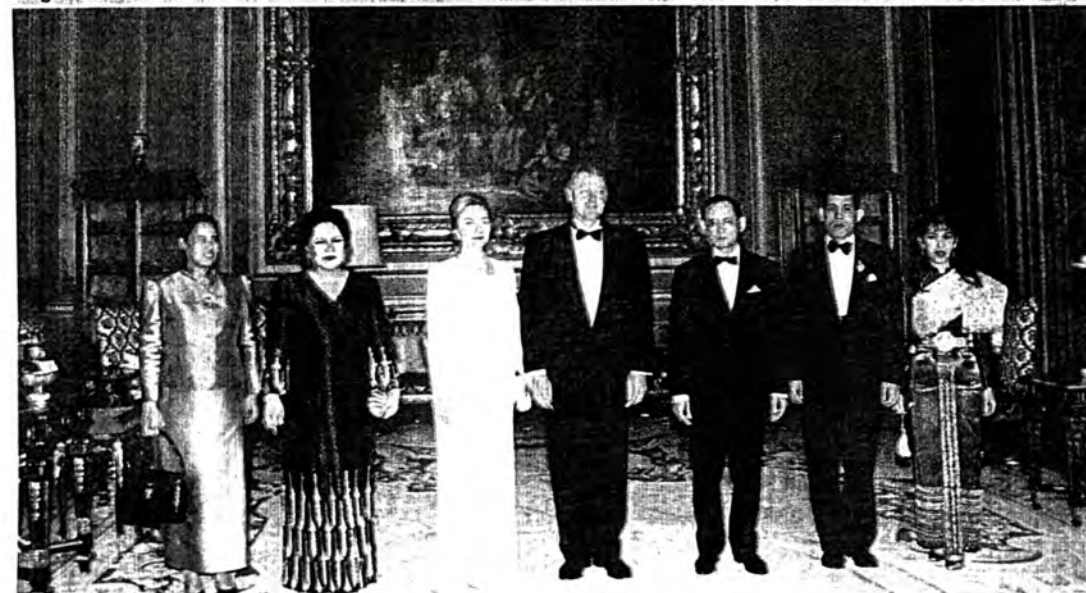
The mostly Yao village was advised of her pending arrival a week-and-a-half earlier.

Although they were excited about the visit, some were shy and tried to hide in the shadows of their stalls. But one inhabitant was easily spotted. A little boy had donned a pair of Groucho Marx glasses, was spotted by Hillary Clinton and had his photo taken with her.

She complimented the people of Dhamajarik on their jewellery and craft skills. But members of her entourage were more taken by this than she was: they bought souvenirs, including many lacquered boxes and a Yao style hat.



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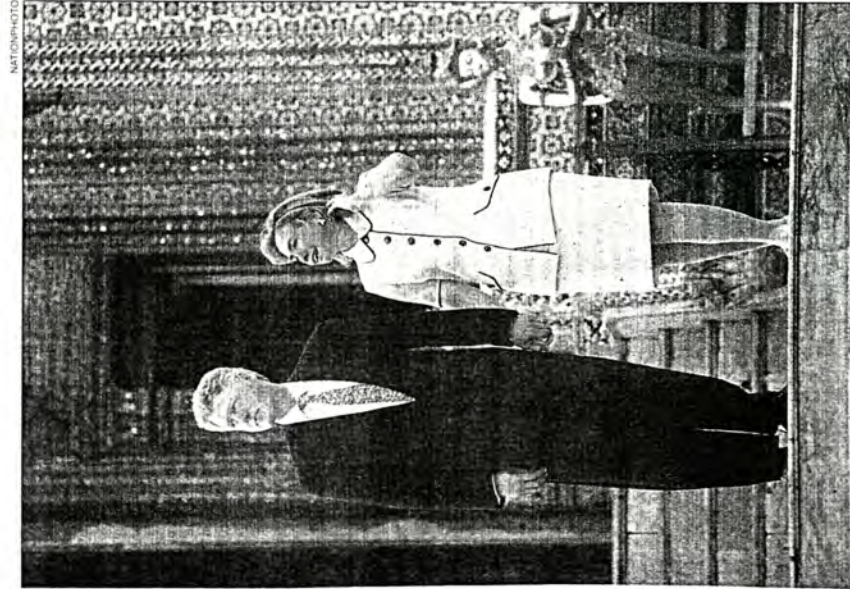




# THE NATION

THAILAND'S INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

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The Clintons tour the Temple of the Emerald Buddha yesterday afternoon before attending a state banquet hosted by Their Majesties the King and Queen in honour of the two American guests.





Hillary Rodham Clinton shows J. Carter Brown a 1797 Gilbert Stuart portrait of George Washington during filming of a tour of the White House art collection for the cable network Ovation.

# First lady plays host to TV viewers on tour of art at the White House

By Carl Hartman  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Americans who might never have the chance to stroll through the White House can join first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton on a televised tour of its varied art collection.

The half-hour look at the collection, which includes four multi-million-dollar paintings by Paul Cezanne, often called the father of modern art, premiered Monday on Ovation, a cable TV network devoted to the arts.

There's also a Georgia O'Keeffe work that the artist kept with her until her death, a portrait of Pres-

ident Theodore Roosevelt by John Singer Sargent — and the pick of anything the first family wants to borrow from the national museums.

On the show, which Ovation will carry three more times this month, Mrs. Clinton is accompanied by J. Carter Brown, chairman of the U.S. Fine Arts Commission and head of the network. The show has a potential audience of 16 million households.

The first lady emphasizes her enthusiasm for bringing modern art to the White House.

"I think we were the first ever to hang a De Kooning, for example, or a Kandinsky," Mrs. Clinton says. "In our private quarters, they fill the space of this very long center hallway that goes from the east to the west end of the second floor."

Willem de Kooning was a Dutch-born artist who became prominent among American abstract painters and died in 1997. Wassily Kandinsky, one of the first abstractionists, died in 1944.

Mrs. Clinton points proudly to the sculpture garden outside the corridor leading to the East Wing of the White House, where thousands of visitors see it on regular tours.

On view when the tour was recorded for Ovation were the works of modern French sculptor Auguste Rodin and Americans he influenced.

It made the first lady think of a modern British sculptor with a personal meaning for her as a law student at Yale, where she first met President Clinton.

"There was this wonderful Henry Moore — a seated woman — long admired and in part loved because it marked our first date,"

Mrs. Clinton recalls on the show. "Sculpture is a big part of our relationship."

Mr. Brown points out what may be the most valuable part of the White House collection.

"This Cezanne landscape, with its blocky chunkiness, prefiguring cubism, is one of eight paintings by the artist... bought early on by an adventurous American collector before Cezanne became revered as he is today," Mr. Brown says.

Charles Loeser left them to the U.S. government.

"President Truman felt the National Gallery should show them, as they were not by an American artist," Mr. Brown says. "Mrs. [Jacqueline] Kennedy was not long in office, however, before she called the gallery and asked to see them, and as a young staff member, I was assigned to hang a selection of them in this house."

Many of the paintings have historic as well as artistic significance. Mr. Brown cites the portrait of George Washington by Gilbert Stuart, which hangs in the East Room and is sometimes seen on TV when presidential news conferences and public events are held there.

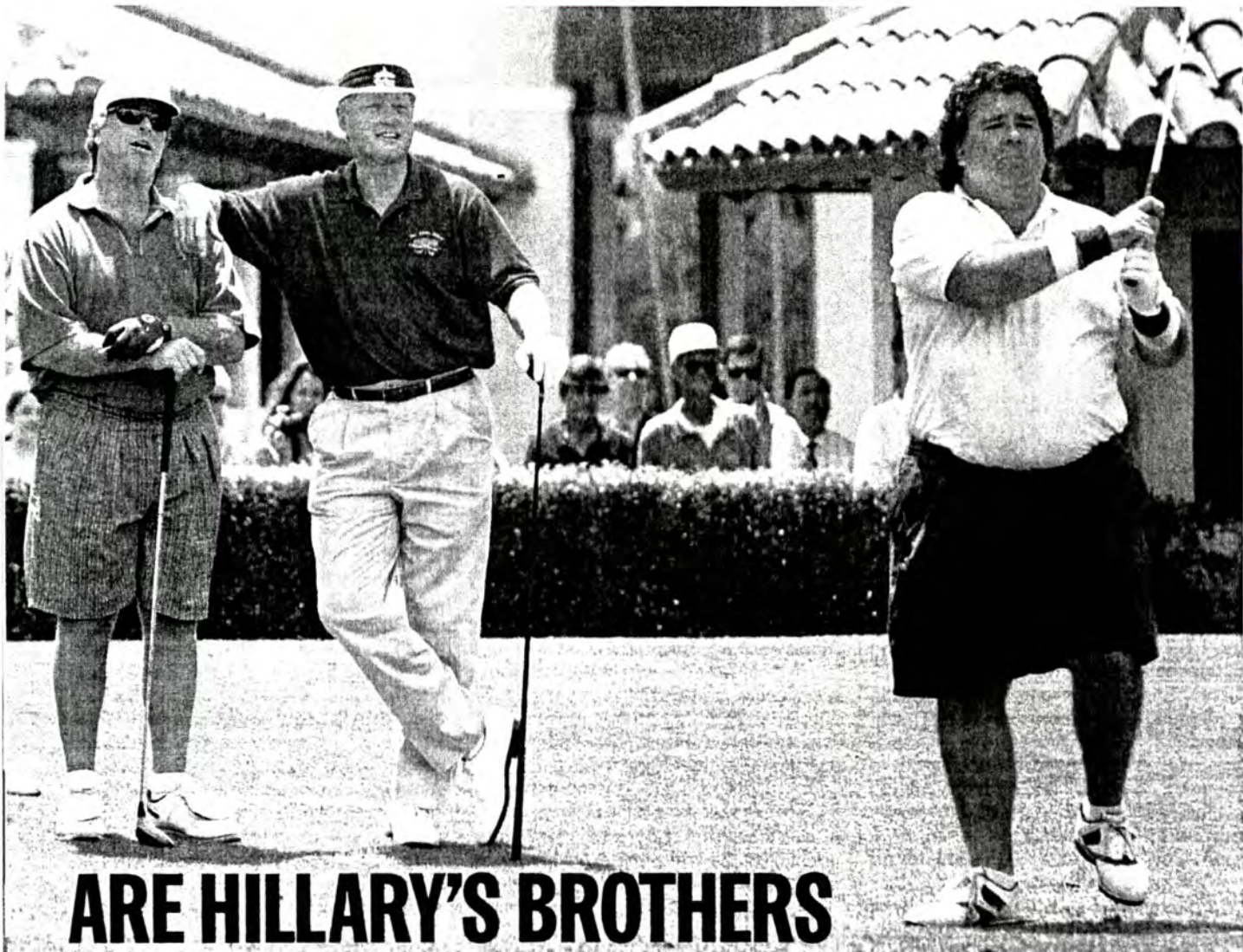
Mr. Brown notes that the Washington portrait was the only major item left from the original White House. First lady Dolley Madison rescued it when British forces burned the city in 1814.

Mrs. Clinton cites a Stuart portrait in another room — of Mrs. Madison herself.

"One of my favorite predecessors," Mrs. Clinton says, "who not only was first lady to her husband, but was the hostess for Thomas Jefferson.... She was quite a modern woman."

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# ARE HILLARY'S BROTHERS DRIVING OFF COURSE?

Hugh and Tony Rodham are Bill Clinton's in-laws, a connection that's brought them pain and gain

By VIVECA NOVAK and JAY BRANEGAN

**T**HEY'RE KNOWN AS "THE BOYS." SO close have Tony and Hugh Rodham been to their sister Hillary Rodham Clinton that they tagged along on the Clintons' 1975 honeymoon. Always overshadowed by their high-wattage sibling, they began a new chapter in their lives when Bill and Hillary moved to the White House. Was it a blessing or a curse, this kinship to the Leader of the Free World?

"It can go both ways," said Tony Rodham, who divides his time between Florida and Washington. "There's some wonderful things that have happened to me because of my relationship with Hillary and Bill, and there's been some really terrible things that have happened to me."

Usually it is the President's side of the family that attracts unwanted publicity—

Roger Clinton, Neil Bush and Billy Carter come to mind. But in the two-for-one Clinton presidency, the First Lady's brothers have joined in the tradition. Some of their misadventures are known. Now TIME has uncovered new examples of the brothers' asking for—and receiving—White House meetings with top Administration officials on behalf of their business associates, including a scheduled drop-by visit from the President himself. So far, the Rodhams don't seem to have made much money from their White House connections, but their sister's expected run for the U.S. Senate means their business dealings could provide more fodder for the Clintons' many political foes.

By all accounts, Hillary's two brothers are colorful, likable men. At 45, Tony has a job history that includes stints as an insurance salesman, a prison guard, a sort of cable-service repo man (during which he

AT PLAY Tony, left, and Hugh, right, tee off with Clinton in Coral Gables, Fla., in 1996

drew gunfire at Chicago's Cabrini-Green housing project) and a private investigator. Five years ago, he married Nicole Boxer, daughter of California Senator Barbara Boxer, in an elegant Rose Garden ceremony. His big brother Hugh, 49, a bearlike man who once played football for Penn State, served as a Peace Corps volunteer and spent more than a decade as an assistant public defender, including several years defending clients in Miami's pioneering drug court (started by local prosecutor Janet Reno, whom Hugh commended to his brother-in-law for Attorney General).

The brothers for several years shared a bachelor pad in Coral Gables, Fla., but their first major business venture together was a \$118 million plan to grow and export hazelnuts from the former Soviet republic of Georgia. This seemed attractive in light of a booming Western demand for hazelnut-flavored confections. Along with Stephen Graham, Tony's sometime partner and an occasional advance man for Mrs. Clinton, the brothers flew to Georgia in August to look over the operation.

The first sign of trouble appeared when Georgian officials got upset that the group



was going straight to Batumi, a stronghold in the western region of the country ruled by political potentate Aslan Abashidze, a powerful rival to Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze, a U.S. ally. White House officials urged the group to make a stop in the Georgian capital of Tbilisi first and meet with Shevardnadze, which they did. The meeting "was absolutely great," said Tony. "He promised to help us." Then the group spent eight days in Batumi meeting with Abashidze, as well as with hazelnut farmers, the Orthodox bishop and others who feted them for the huge investment they were expected to bring.

The Rodhams had tumbled into the byzantine world of post-Soviet politics. According to Tony, Abashidze never exploited his newfound connection to the White House. But Shevardnadze sympathizers say Abashidze, who enjoys support from Georgia's much feared neighbor Russia, seized on the visit of President Clinton's in-laws to suggest that he had a seal of approval from the U.S. government in upcoming parliamentary and presidential elections. In fact, just after the Rodhams left, according to Georgian news reports, Abashidze trumpeted "the possibility of political support rendered to him by U.S. President Bill Clinton" and said the U.S. branch of the hazelnut investment firm would be located "next to the White House." The Rodhams' trip culminated with Tony's flying to Rome to become godfather to Abashidze's new grandson.

National Security Adviser Sandy Berger, who feared the Rodhams were being manipulated by Shevardnadze's foe, told the brothers in September that they should dump the hazelnut deal. The Rodhams resisted. The White House tried again, and according to officials, this time the brothers backed down. But in a recent interview, Tony would say only that he's "restructuring" the venture and complains that he and Hugh are victims of a pro-Shevardnadze disinformation campaign. Tony wouldn't say whether he had money invested in the venture or was acting on behalf of others; Hugh said he has no money at stake and was simply the company's lawyer.

The hazelnut imbroglio wasn't Tony's first dip into murky foreign political waters. In 1997, sources tell TIME, Tony—working as a consultant for a company trying to do business in Russia—arranged a White House meeting for Moscow's pow-

erful Mayor Yuri Luzhkov. Rodham was working for Gene Prescott, who was involved in IBN, a start-up that wanted to bring "smart" credit-debit cards to Russia and was hoping for the support of Luzhkov. Prescott knew Luzhkov wanted to meet with Clinton and asked Tony if he could set it up, according to Tony. Former White House officials tell TIME that this was touchy business; Luzhkov, a potential successor to Russian President Boris Yeltsin, has been accused of having links to Russian

Russia desk at the White House, at the NSC, as anybody in this country can do," said Rodham in an interview. But is it possible his request was treated differently from the way it might have been if his name were, say, Jones? Indeed, another prominent American working in Russia relations, who asked not to be named, made a similar call on Luzhkov's behalf and had no luck at all.

If Tony Rodham's business dealings might benefit from some scrutiny, the same might be said about some of his business

associates—like a Georgian wheeler-dealer named Vasili Patarkalishvili. He was the one who thought up the smart-card and hazelnut ventures. Patarkalishvili has had other brushes with controversy. In the early 1990s he opened Liberty Bank, ostensibly to operate in Georgia and the U.S. But in 1994 the Comptroller of the Currency issued a warning that the bank was not authorized to operate on American soil. The bank shut down in the U.S. Now Patarkalishvili and several partners are being sued by two men who claim that Liberty, IBN and several other enterprises amounted to a Ponzi scheme in which they lost hundreds of thousands of

dollars. And they claim in the suit that one of the partners, Robert Kay, told them Tony Rodham and President Clinton "were behind the [IBN] project and that Clinton was going to approach Russian President Boris Yeltsin personally" to support it. Kay and Patarkalishvili could not be reached for comment; Rodham denies saying anything that would lead to such a statement, or knowing about Liberty Bank's problems.

And what of brother Hugh? He too appears to have discovered that being a First Brother-in-Law has its advantages. He left the Miami public defender's office and ran in 1994 in a doomed-from-the-start bid to unseat popular Republican Senator Connie Mack. He then parlayed his family fame into a radio show.

It was Hugh's involvement, despite his having little relevant experience, with a group of plaintiffs' lawyers fighting Big Tobacco that led to his most high-profile public castigation, this one from the President's foes in Congress. The lawyers' massive class action against cigarette makers on behalf of injured smokers was dismissed in 1996. But the attorneys, known as the Castano group, elbowed their way into separate ongoing negotiations between the cigarette companies and state attorneys



**WHEELING AND DEALING** The brothers met with Georgian President Shevardnadze while working on a plan to grow and export hazelnuts

■ **THE WHITE HOUSE** told the two to quit their hazelnut deal in the former Soviet republic of Georgia for fear it could hurt U.S. foreign policy

■ **TONY ARRANGED** a White House visit for a controversial Russian politician to benefit a business venture

■ **HUGH DREW FIRE** for his role in negotiating a potentially lucrative tobacco settlement, and he is now targeting the gun industry

mobsters. Recently he had been involved in a dispute with an American businessman who was subsequently found murdered in Moscow. That it was Tony who was requesting the meeting with Luzhkov made things very uncomfortable for Berger, according to someone familiar with the episode. But on a Saturday in April 1997, when few people would notice, Berger agreed nonetheless to meet with Luzhkov, and Clinton arranged to come by.

Was Rodham using his pull to line his own pocket? Rodham says he had no money invested in IBN, although he was paid by Prescott, a Florida hotel owner, for his work on the company's behalf. "I called the



general, who had their own lawsuits going against the tobacco firms. How did these lawyers manage to get involved? Largely because of Hugh's presence, others in the settlement talks said. "We felt we had to keep [the Castano lawyers] because of Rodham" and his famous kin, said one of the attorneys representing the states. Hugh helped arrange some White House meetings for some of the negotiators with deputy White House counsel Bruce Lindsey and others. And the Castano group won a potentially lucrative provision in the \$368.5 billion settlement that could have awarded them millions in fees from an arbitrator. Ultimately, Hugh and the Castano lawyers came up empty-handed after the settlement foundered on Capitol Hill.

But not before the Senate Republicans made an issue out of Hugh's role. His name was invoked on the floor as a symbol both of rich trial lawyers (though he had yet to become one) and of the G.O.P.'s arch-enemy, Bill Clinton. A Republican dubbed him "the \$50 million man," an inflated estimate of what Rodham might have made from the deal. Hugh maintains, and at least one other lawyer confirms, that he and his law partner Gary Fine were invited into the original Castano class action by a Pennsylvania lawyer who was an old friend—and they paid a \$100,000 admission fee for the privilege. "It was totally unforeseen, when we joined... that there would be any connection with politics," Hugh said in written responses to TIME.

But Hugh stands to do well if the Castano group prevails in suits the lawyers have filed on behalf of five cities against the firearms industry—the new frontier of class-action litigation. Sources tell TIME that Hugh was one of several lawyers who began negotiating a possible settlement with a gun-industry trade group earlier this year. Robert Ricker, former head of the group, said Hugh helped arrange a White House meeting in early May with Lindsey, domestic-policy adviser Bruce Reed and others. "He took me aside once and told me he'd... filled [the Clintons] in on the status of the talks," says Ricker. "He was a serious player." And Hugh and several of the other Castano lawyers still meet from time to time with Clinton Administration aides on the gun issue, a White House source said.

Tony says he and Hugh are no Billy Carter. When he's approached by those who want to exploit his family ties, Tony says, "I tell them to take a hike. I don't do business that way." But the brothers themselves might be well advised to hike away from a few more business opportunities. When you're related to the White House, a deal isn't always just a deal. ■

## VIEWPOINT

Matthew Cooper

# The Search for Authenticity

After Clinton, candidates want to be real. Are they?

**W**E KNEW THERE WOULD BE A "YUCK!" REACTION TO BILL CLINTON THIS election season. We just didn't know exactly what it would be. After all, as the cliché goes, every election is a reaction to the previous President—and that goes double when the guy has problems defining the word is. The conventional wisdom last year was that America would react to Clinton by choosing a leader who put rectitude above all else. But that hasn't happened. The Man to Beat, George W., has made clear that he was once "young and irresponsible." For a while, it seemed that the reaction to Clinton might be ideological. Nope. Lots of candidates—Gore, Bush—are hugging the middle, Clinton-style.



**Reaction:** In 2000, voters crave candor, not Clintonesque spin

So how is America, or at least those who have begun to follow the race, responding to Clinton's dissembling? The answer is a search for authenticity. We want our pols real, genuine. Phony is out. Look at Lamar Alexander. This year, unlike in '96, he skipped the plaid shirts and the exclamation mark, but the artifice still rankled. He's gone, as is Elizabeth Dole with her syrupy smile. G.O.P. consultant Frank Luntz says he's never seen such low tolerance for packaging.

Of course, being spontaneous requires careful preparation. When Bush tells reporters that there is still time to "screw it up," is it a rare moment of self-doubt or mere spin to lower expectations? I suspect the latter. John McCain's I-tell-it-like-it-is demeanor is compelling, but Senate colleagues think he's hiding his red-faced temper. Gore has explicitly said he's "throwing away" his prepared text. To broadcast his soul searching, he has released his Vietnam letters. His campaign has even leaked Gore's handwritten text of an ad to show he's not consultant driven. For his part, Bill Bradley wants to radiate authenticity. Each time he takes to the podium, reading glasses perched halfway down his nose, he's tacitly shouting, "I'm not slick!" Bradley, who endlessly practiced jump shots, seems as studied as ever.

And so the line between real and authentic gets harder to discern. With Gore, it varies from moment to moment. When he chirps about devoting his life to "change that works for working families," he is just spewing a contrived phrase. But for what it's worth, I think I saw a bit of the real Al Gore a few years ago when I interviewed him about the environment. The session was supposed to last 15 minutes. It went on for 90 as Gore talked about ozone depletion, at times pulling out charts like a college professor. His passion seemed pretty real, to me at least. At some point in this campaign, though, he decided not to sound wonky—which is probably a mistake if you are, in fact, a wonk. Instead of posing, Gore might follow Gray Davis. As California's Lieutenant Governor, Davis was in a similar bind—second banana, dull, familiar. Instead of feigning charisma, Davis ran for Governor last year as, well, dull and experienced. He won.

Of course, authenticity, even if you stumble upon it, may be overrated. The late literary critic Lionel Trilling noted that authenticity was a relatively modern idea. Until the Romantic era, you were not supposed to reveal your true self to the world. Now, that's all we're supposed to do. But think of our fearless World War II leaders. What if F.D.R. had let it all hang out about his physical pain, or Winston Churchill had talked through his depression? Keeping things to yourself isn't the worst thing for a candidate, a leader—or the rest of us. ■



# President Clinton honors Aretha Franklin with medal

by Earl Calloway

Several weeks ago, President Clinton presented Soul Queen Aretha Franklin with the National Medal of the Arts and made these remarks.

"The Reverend C.L. Franklin, then pastor of Detroit's New Bethel Baptist Church, was a powerful, emotional preacher. But one Sunday in 1954, it was the heavenly voice of a 12-year-old that brought the congregation to its feet. The voice belonged to his own daughter, Aretha, the woman now idolized throughout the world as the Queen of Soul," Clinton said.

"No matter where she has traveled, Aretha has never left behind the sound of those Sundays in church. You could hear it ranging over four full octaves when she sang Dr. King to Heaven and in electrifying performances at inaugural celebrations.

"You can hear it in every one of her nearly 50 albums, and I am so grateful that she has allowed me to hear it time after time here at the White



President Bill Clinton presents the National Medal of the Arts to Aretha Franklin.

House," Clinton said.

"Aretha's voice once was designated a natural resource of the State of Michigan. She will probably never know how many people whose lives she has enriched, whose hearts she has

lifted, how many people she gave a spring in their step that would not have been there, and brought sunshine to a rainy day and tenderness to a hardened heart."

Franklin was extremely excited because it was one of the most thrilling moments in her life and career.

Recently, this writer received an advanced copy of her book *Aretha: From These Roots*, published by Villard books.

It was one of the most interesting autobiographies I have ever read. That book about Aretha never left my hands until I finished it. My purpose was to review the book, however, the released official version never reached me.

Miss Franklin's recollection of her life, involving her father, revealed that he was the most tremendous love of her life and no other ever came close to fulfilling her heart as he did. She told about her romance frankly, but it wasn't a trashy, sordid experience.



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## New Friendship

In Washington D.C. recently, President Olusegun Obasanjo led a high powered Nigerian government delegation to a three-day working session with their U.S. counterparts. Here, President Bill Clinton, stresses their new friendship while his Nigerian colleague listens.



President Bill Clinton receives Tanzania's President Benjamin Mkapa during the latter's state visit to the United States.



## *President Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton Award Aretha Franklin 1999 National Medal*



President Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will award the National Endowment for the Arts' 1999 National Medal of the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities' 1999 National Humanities Medal at a ceremony at D.A.R. Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C.

The NEA's National Medal of Arts honors individuals and organizations who are deserving of special recognition by reason of their outstanding contributions to the excellence, growth, support and availability of the arts in the United States. The NEH's National Humanities Medal honors individuals or groups whose work has deepened the understanding of the humanities, broadened citizens engagement with the humanities, or helped preserve and expand Americans' access to important humanities resources. Recipients of both the National Medal of Arts and the National Humanities Medal are selected by the President of the United States. Each year, the NEA and the NEH seek nominations for the awards from individuals and organizations from across the country. The NEA's National Council of the Arts and the NEH's National Council on the Humanities, both Presidentially appointed advisory bodies,

recommend highly qualified candidates for consideration by the President.

The 1999 Awards Recipients For National Medal of Arts are: Irene Diamond, Arts Patron, New York, NY; Aretha Franklin, Singer, Birmingham, AL; Michael Graves, Architect, Designer, Princeton, NJ; Odetta, Singer, Music Historian, New York, NY; The Juilliard School, Performing Arts School, New York, NY; Norman Lear, Producer, Writer, Director, Advocate, Los Angeles, CA; Rosetta LeNoire, Actress, Producer, Bronx, NY; Harvey Lichtenstein, Arts Administrator, New York, NY; Lydia Mendoza, Singer, San Antonio, TX; George Segal, Sculptor, North Brunswick, NJ; Maria Tallchief, Ballerina, Highland Park, IL.

The 1999 National Humanities Medal recipients are: Patricia M. Battin, Librarian and conservator, Washington, DC; Taylor Branch, historian of the civil rights era, Baltimore, MD; Jacquelyn Dowd Hall, scholar of the New South, Chapel Hill, NC; Garrison Keillor, radio host and author, St. Paul, MN; Jim Lehrer, journalist and TV news anchor, Washington, DC; John Rawls, political philosopher, Lexington, MA; Steven Spielberg, filmmaker, Los Angeles, CA; August Wilson, playwright, Seattle.



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**O**n November 9, 1999, President Clinton joined Congress in honoring all nine members of the Little Rock Nine with Congressional Gold Medals. The group was honored in Recognition of their selfless heroism in the cause of civil rights when they integrated the Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1957. President Clinton hosted the event at the White House in the East Room. Pictured, (left to right): Front row The Little Rock Nine: Terrence Roberts, PhD; Elizabeth Eckford; Gloria Ray Karlmark; Thelma Mothershed Wair; Minnijean Brown Trickey; Carlotta Walls LaNier; Melba Patillo Beals; Jefferson Thomas; Ernest Green; and President William J. Clinton. Back row Senator Tim Hutchinson (R-Ark.); Senator Blanche Lambert-Lincoln (D-Ark.); Sen. Dale Bumpers; Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.); Rep. Richard Gephardt (D-Mo.); Sen. Thomas Daschle (D-S.D.); Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert (R-Ill.); Education Secretary Richard Riley. Credit. (Sharon Farmer, The White House).



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## Clinton aide rips 'negative' TV spots

By TOM TOPOUSIS

TV ads attacking Hillary Rodham Clinton's embrace of Yasser Arafat's wife were blasted yesterday by the likely Democratic Senate candidate's top aide, who claimed the ad was orchestrated by Mayor Giuliani.

"New Yorkers are accustomed to the negative campaigning of Rudy Giuliani, but this is a really low blow," fumed Clinton campaign spokesman Howard Wolfson on ABC-TV's "This Week."

"What I'm saying is: these are the mayor's ads in ... effect and he ought to take them down," said Wolfson.

The ads, paid for by the Republican Jewish Coalition, excoriate the first lady for kissing and hugging Suha Arafat after a speech earlier this month in the West Bank in which Mrs. Arafat accused Israel of poisoning Palestinians.

Giuliani's campaign chief, Bruce Teitelbaum, insisted that the mayor had "no connection to the ads whatsoever."

Matt Brooks, a spokesman for the Washington-based coalition, said the ad campaign was intended to remind Jews about Mrs. Clinton's missteps during a state visit to Israel. He denied that Giuliani was involved with the ad campaign.

Mrs. Clinton, meanwhile, came under fire for a TV ad campaign paid for by state Democrats that calls upon New Yorkers to get behind a Clinton Senate campaign.

"It's the height of hypocrisy for the Clintons to complain given their questionable use of soft money and the pro-Hillary ads that are currently running and paid for by the state Democratic Party, but done in coordination with the Clinton campaign," said Teitelbaum.

Wolfson said the ad coordination between the party and the Clinton campaign was legal.