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Giuliani Discounts the Potential Impact of Bush on the New York Senate Race

By ELISABETH BUMILLER

Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani said yesterday that the presumptive Republican presidential nominee and the candidate he endorsed, George W. Bush, would make little difference in the outcome of his United States Senate race, but he added that if the election were held today, "I'd think he'd be a positive."

The mayor's comments, however measured, about the political benefits he might reap from Mr. Bush, were in striking contrast to the view of Hillary Rodham Clinton's advisers, who reacted with something resembling joy to the prospect of the Texas governor at the top of the Republican ticket in New York.

"George Bush was Rudy Giuliani's pick, and now they're joined at the hip," said Howard Wolfson, Mrs. Clinton's press secretary, in what is certain to become a familiar theme. "The mayor will have to explain to New Yorkers why his candidate is anti-choice and pro-gun."

In the days before Tuesday's presidential primaries, many New York Republican officials said the mayor would be in a stronger position in his Senate race if he had Senator John

McCain of Arizona at his side in the fall, when Mr. Giuliani will need Democratic and independent votes to beat Mrs. Clinton. Last week Mr. Giuliani seemed to endorse that view by repeatedly praising Mr. McCain and then spending only two hours in the same room with Mr. Bush, who was in the state campaigning for a day and a half. Mr. Giuliani's advisers admitted they had grown nervous that Mr. Bush's embrace of religious conservatives would alienate moderate Republicans in New York.

Yesterday both Democratic and Republican strategists predicted that Mr. Giuliani would campaign to the political center and rarely appear with Mr. Bush, who in any case is expected to spend little time in a Democratic state like New York that he is unlikely to carry in November. Nelson Warfield, a Republican political consultant, said that such a scenario would suit Mr. Giuliani.

"I'm sure he'll be happy to have him change planes at Kennedy Airport if he's flying somewhere overseas," Mr. Warfield said, "but don't expect him to stand on the runway."

Norman Adler, a Democratic polit-



Edward Keating/The New York Times

Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani said yesterday that George W. Bush could positively affect his Senate race in New York, but played down any link.

ical consultant, added that "the nature of Giuliani's problem is that instead of the presidential candidate carrying him, the presidential candidate will be a monkey on his back."

Mr. Giuliani strongly rejected that view, saying that New Yorkers are often ticket-splitters, as they were in

a 1992 race that elected Alfonse M. D'Amato to the Senate, and that his race against Mrs. Clinton will have a life of its own.

"The Senate election is going to get decided as a Senate election," the mayor said at a news briefing at City Hall. "Just the way it did in 1992,

when Bill Clinton won the state by a million votes and Al D'Amato won the state narrowly. That was an enormous number of votes to have to reverse." Mr. Giuliani added: "There are even theories that go around that New Yorkers will vote for one party for the president and the other for the Senate in order to balance things. That's as interesting a theory as anything else. So I would not be overwhelmed by the thought of who would be better for me, or who would be better for Mrs. Clinton on the ticket."

In the briefing, which served as a mayoral post-mortem on the New York primary, Mr. Giuliani also made a point of praising Gov. George E. Pataki, the man he needs to help him defeat Mrs. Clinton. The governor and the mayor have been feuding for weeks over Mr. Giuliani's refusal to attack Mr. McCain, whose primary losses in New York and elsewhere sent him home yesterday to decide how he should proceed in the race.

"The governor and I have a very, very good relationship," Mr. Giuliani said. "There are times in which our staffs have little disputes with each other."

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Greetings from Chappaqua
MEREDITH OAKLEY

Our correspondent from the lovely New Castle hamlet of Chappaqua, N.Y.--we'll call him K.L.--weighed in the other day after some months of silence.

"It somewhat belatedly occurred to me," K.L. wrote, "that you might enjoy sharing--or is it commiserating?--in our current circumstances. Your old neighbors Bill and Hillary have moved into my neighborhood, beautiful Chappaqua.

"The Clintons' house is one block over, about a 7 iron from my front yard, and the USSS house"--that's U.S. Secret Service--"is on my street, three houses down. So the circus has come to town, hopefully for not too long a stay."

Folks in and around the hills and valleys that stretch from Hillcrest to Riverdale in Little Rock can identify, K.L., since Hillary's mother lives in a tony but cramped area not conducive to the kind of exclusivity that accompanies a presidential visit. Fortunately, the Clintons don't drop by very often.

Hmm, I wonder where one parks a helicopter in Chappaqua. Probably over in Pleasantville, as near to the No. 1 tee as possible so the prez can get right to "work." I wonder, too, if there's any truth to the rumor that Marine One has been renamed Mulligan One. Check it out if you get a chance, K.L.

"When Bill is here, our quiet little street is the parking lot for about 40 cars, police vans, state and local police, and news vans. Traffic gets destroyed and they close the downtown street while the Clintons hop into the deli or Starbucks for breakfast. So about 100 of us miss our train."

Count your blessings, K.L. We're gaining a presidential library but losing our bus service. Park restrooms are on the endangered list, too.

By the way, when the Clintons drop by the deli (would that be the Well Dressed Bagel?) or Starbucks, do they tip? Check it out when you get a chance, will ya? There could be a savings bond in it for some hapless server.

"FYI, the little mentioned reason as to why the Clintons chose Chappaqua is that in the last 10 years, as more Yuppies move up here from New York City, the town has gone from solidly Republican to heavily Democratic, and it is the only northern Westchester town with that demographic.

"The GOP did not even field candidates in last year's election. I guess they feel they would have a better reception here. Everything they do is so calculated."

I swear to you, K.L. figured this out on his own. I never said a word.

"However, we are not totally without resources here, and we may have a few surprises to spring on them, in the spirit of the campaign. I will keep you apprised."

Shucks, K.L., you can't fool me. I know there's a Republican Club in New Castle.

"I understand now that most folks down in Arkansas did not try very hard to tell the rest of America about the Clintons prior to 1992, because you wanted to get them the hell out of your state, but you're all working overtime to correct that error. I sincerely trust that your current efforts to torpedo the Clinton library will not result in it being moved lock, stock and barrel up here as well."

Another crack like that one, K.L.--we most certainly did try to tell

the rest of America, but America wasn't interested--and we'll ship that library to you C.O.D.

"The general consensus, and hope, among residents of Chappaqua is that she will lose [the race for U.S. Senate], or still possibly drop out before the election if her polls don't get better, [they] divorce and both head out of town ASAP."

Speaking of elections, I understand that Hillary cast her first vote as a New Yawkuh yesterday, not for herself--the state's congressional primaries aren't until September--but for fellow fund-raising and Kaffee Klatsch buddy Al Gore. Hope you didn't get caught in the resulting media crush.

I thought it a nice touch, though, that the principal of the elementary school where she voted met her at the door around 7 a.m. and thanked her for coming early. What a friendly place you live in, K.L.!

And, hey, thanks for the offer to make your "Letter From Chappaqua" a semi-regular feature in this space. I'm sure readers would very much enjoy some of that "down-home local color" you mentioned, like the fact that on Monday, Hillary dropped by the Chappaqua Library, just down the road apiece from that Starbucks you mentioned, to get her very own library card.

I know she's a busy lady, and folks might wonder how she ever finds time to read, but it doesn't surprise me. Bill once told me that she did most of her "leisure" reading while riding a stationary exercise bicycle. Since the new home reportedly is being outfitted with a gym, I suppose that much hasn't changed.

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billboard that will soon debut on Interstate 30.

Paper Trails wondered about all those fish that Jesus created out of just a few and then fed to the masses. The readers further point out Luke 24:40-43:

"When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, 'Do you have anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence."

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FAMILY: The Name Game

JENNIFER CHRISTMAN, ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

"What's in a name?" Juliet questions Romeo in Shakespeare's tragedy, implying that monikers don't much matter. Well, that story, set in fair Verona, was penned in 1595.

Some things have changed since then, at least in the fair United States.

Names are quite meaningful to the women who marry and break from the tradition of assuming the husband's name, opting to keep their birth names, add punctuation or assume multiple last names to identify themselves.

With more women establishing careers before getting married, some are reluctant to shed their given names for reasons practical and personal.

Rightfully, they can be. Whereas it was once a given -- and even a matter of law -- that a woman would wear only her husband's surname upon saying, "I do," women in all 50 states have the right to choose what they'd like to be called.

But, to this day, a large majority of women -- about 90 percent, according to American Demographics magazine -- still don their husbands' names as their sole surnames. Of the remaining 10 percent who assume an alternative -- a hyphenated name or a maiden name-cum-middle-name -- only 2 percent choose to retain their maiden names as their sole surnames.

While choosing an alternative last name is legally acceptable, it's sometimes another story socially.

There's no better example than first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton -- the political artist formerly known as Hillary Rodham and Hillary Clinton. In 1978, when Bill Clinton ran for governor of Arkansas, opponents made it an issue that his wife did not take his name, and she was branded an outsider who resisted Arkansas mores. Clinton won that election, but lost the next one in 1980. During his campaign for the 1982 election, Hillary underwent a name makeover, calling herself not only Hillary Clinton, but Mrs. Bill Clinton. He won. Years later, after he secured White House residency, she became Hillary Rodham Clinton.

What's in a name? Plenty.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD CLAIM

The practice of women's taking their husband's name has patriarchal roots, says David Johnson, a sociology professor at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, who has researched this topic with his wife, Laurie Scheuble, a sociology professor at Doane College.

"It was a notion of property," Johnson says. "A wife was property that belonged to the husband, and she took his name. Whether it still means that is hard to say. You don't find many men willing to change their names.

"It's viewed as a woman's thing to change names."

For their research, Johnson and Scheuble have conducted interviews and surveys about attitudes toward women and their names.

"A lot of men are very angry about the fact that women keep their birth names," Johnson says. "They are pretty resistant to it. They interpret it as a woman not loving her spouse. They're not real men if the woman doesn't change her name to his. When you ask them why, 'Well, it's just the way it is. It's a tradition.'"

Women's attitudes, interestingly enough, are not much different.

"The large majority of women, while more tolerant than men of the idea of other women keeping their birth names, say they would take their husbands' names. For a long time there was a view that only women libbers, the extreme feminists who didn't believe in God and country, were the ones who hyphenated. That they were unusual. That's not so much the case anymore.

"There is still, however, a very strong norm out there."

It's not unusual for businesses to address mail to Mrs. and Mr. John Doe, rather than to Jane and John Doe. Wedding, engagement and anniversary announcements in this newspaper's High Profile section also refer to couples using the husband's first and last name, the wife being identified by "Mrs."

Women who decide to keep their birth names or hyphenate often meet resistance from friends and family members who don't approve.

"A lot of times the parents are very strongly opposed to their daughters' not changing their name," Johnson says. "Or in-laws are offended that a daughter-in-law will not take their name. They're not following the conventional way of doing things. Some women take their spouse's name because it would create too much conflict."

PLACING NAME

Conflict wasn't the reason Denise Lindholme took her husband's name. While she is better known to her Little Rock audience as Denise Whitaker of KARK-TV, Channel 4, Lindholme is the name on her passport and other documents.

"When we got married, I made it clear that I was sticking to Whitaker on the air," she says. "That was no big deal for my husband. He expected me to: 'That's your identity.'"

Whitaker -- her mother's maiden name -- has never been her legal name.

The decision to assume her husband's name as her legal one was easy. After all, Lindholme is far easier for people to spell and pronounce than Piwowarczyk, her maiden name.

Connie Fails' situation is somewhat similar. Her name is her business. She's the owner of Connie Fails Original Clothing.

So the decision to keep Fails as her professional name when she was married made sense. Her husband's name -- Singer -- is her legal name.

"Everyone knows me as Fails in my business, and my husband is a very secure guy, so we decided that is the name I would use," she says. "It was just a brief conversation and we never thought about it again. For me, everything is a matter of what feels right in the flow of life, not what is right by tradition and by the book."

She says having two names does have one advantage: "You always know who is calling you and ready to sell you something."

Johnson says it's not unusual for women to adopt "situational" last names for their different roles.

"Whereas some women go by their birth names at the office, they might end up using their husband's name at a PTA meeting or a teacher conference," he says. "There are lots of women who are professors and use their birth names at work, but something else at church. That's one way of resolving the discrepancy of being a single unit."

Holly Meyer -- formerly Holly Lodge -- knows all about such discrepancies.

When she married in 1994, Meyer -- then senior deputy prosecutor

for Pulaski County -- planned to keep her birth name, Lodge. She had a high profile job built on it.

Then things got confusing with bank accounts and credit cards. People started calling her husband Dr. Lodge. So when the couple moved to Heber Springs and she became chief counsel for the Arkansas Department of Human Services, she decided to make a switch to Holly Lodge Meyer. That didn't work either.

"It was way too complicated," she says. "It was a spelling problem. It was a logistical problem. It also sounds like a bad Boy Scout camp. Holly Lodge Meyer. Maybe it's a coincidence that those words sound that way together. It was a nightmare. Plus, I'm not a big feminist. I don't have a particular agenda.

"When you start adding names, people think you've got Hillary Rodham Clinton syndrome and that you've got political motives."

She dropped Lodge and became Holly Meyer. For that year, she says, she also became anonymous: "I would call people I had known for years and they had no idea who I was."

Sometimes they still don't.

"I don't know if people will ever completely adjust," says Meyer, now an attorney in private practice.

For some women, their name is less a professional matter and more a personal one. Little Rock attorney Cathleen Compton was so passionate about her name that she had a stomping fit at a courthouse square over it.

She had changed her name to her first husband's name and wanted to change it back after their divorce in the mid-1970s. The judge wouldn't give her a court order unless her father said it was OK (Compton is a maternal last name). She threw a very public tantrum and eventually got her way.

"I got my name back on that day and I said I will never give up something that is that much a part of myself," she says. "I will not. There was never any question in my mind after that. I would always remain Compton. It is very much a part of my heritage and background. It is very much a part of me."

The Rev. Betsy Singleton Bauer, associate pastor for Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, says turning her birth name into a middle name allowed her to hold on to her heritage while entering a new phase of her life.

"I really liked being Singleton," she says. "We have a large family clan. When we get together, there's pride in that. For 35 years, that is who I was -- Betsy Singleton."

Most people refer to her as Bauer: "Singleton Bauer is such a mouthful and most people gloss over it." In the worship bulletin, she's listed as Betsy S. Bauer.

She says the name issue should be one that both members of a couple feel good about.

"If someone feels very strongly about keeping a name, that person has to ask why," Singleton Bauer says. "And the spouse should ask why. What is going on with them? What are they trying to say? Is it something positive? Each couple should decide what will work for them. It should be a negotiated thing. If it is that big of an issue, there is going to be a power struggle."

Change is happening slowly. While the number of women who opt for an alternative last name is relatively small, the number has increased dramatically from the 1950s and 1960s, and Johnson predicts it will continue to rise.

Perhaps one day soon we'll see scores of men changing their names.

Not likely, says Johnson. Even he is not that liberal. While he respects that his wife wanted to keep her name, Scheuble, he has no plans to go by hers.

"I often get calls for Mr. Scheuble," he says. "I just say there is nobody here by that name."

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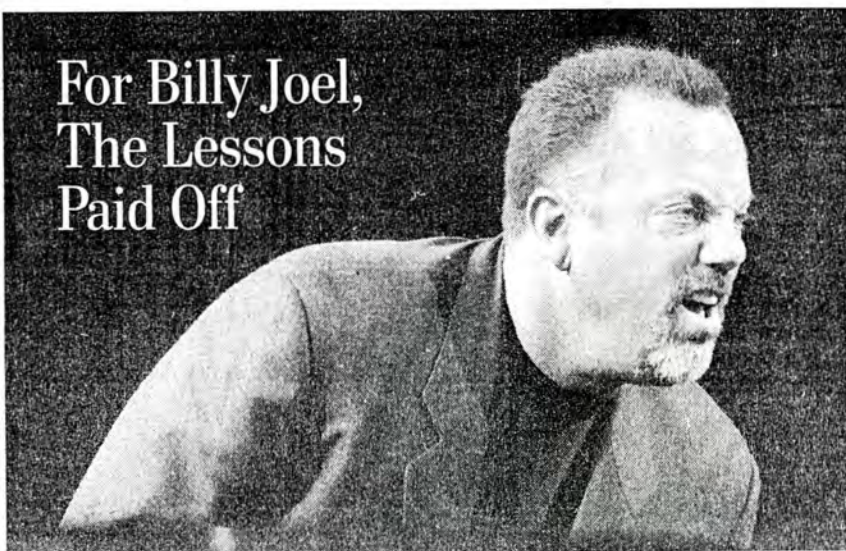
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By Lloyd Grove

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For Billy Joel, The Lessons Paid Off



FILE PHOTO/ BY JOHN McDONNELL—THE WASHINGTON POST

Billy Joel is getting a medal from the Smithsonian.

Today Billy Joel helps the Smithsonian celebrate the 300th anniversary of the piano, and the museum will give him a medal for popularizing the instrument. "I think I was 4 when my mom dragged me off to piano lessons," Joel told us yesterday. "Mrs. **Frances Neiman** was my first teacher. She lived down the street, and she also taught ballet." Misinformed bullies, who thought Joel was wearing tights, regularly beat him up. "That's when I started to learn how to box." But Joel added: "I didn't want to play Beethoven. I didn't want to learn Mozart. I just wanted to rock and make up my own music. And I wanted to meet girls."

On all counts, Joel has been wildly successful. He has become so much a part of the popular culture that his music has taken on a life of its own. He recently watched from the sidelines when his tune "Captain Jack" caused a flap in the New

York Senate race, with New York Mayor **Rudolph Giuliani** slamming **Hillary Rodham Clinton's** campaign for playing the song at her announcement gala—thus allegedly pushing drugs and masturbation. "Did anybody actually listen to the lyrics?" a bemused Joel asked. "Captain Jack's a loser. To try and make a political issue of this when there are so many serious issues is kind of a reach."

Joel just sold his 12-acre East Hampton estate to newlyweds **Jerry Seinfeld** and **Jessica Sklar** for a reported \$40 million. "They're going to love it," Joel predicted. "It's the nicest house I ever lived in." Joel, meanwhile, is renting on Long Island's North Shore while scouting out something permanent. "I wanted to be closer to New York. The older I get, the more I miss the city." He turned 50 last May. "This is a great time of life. . . . Of course, I'm a rich bastard, so that helps."

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Sleepyheads

Looking a tad sleepy, Hillary Rodham Clinton got out of her house in Chappaqua early yesterday and cast her first vote as a New Yorker. Her presidential primary choice was no surprise, the Associated Press reports.

"I voted for Al Gore," said Mrs. Clinton, who moved to this New York suburb to run for the U.S. Senate. "I think he'd be the best president we could have to begin this century."

Mrs. Clinton arrived at 7 a.m. at Douglas Grafflin Elementary School, where she greeted poll workers and Principal Michael Kirsch told her, "We appreciate your coming early." She was the 11th voter at the school, which is about 1½ miles from her new home in Chappaqua.

After casting her vote, which only took 33 seconds, she told reporters, "It was great."

At the very same hour, on New York City's Upper East Side, Mrs. Clinton's Republican opponent, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, cast his vote for Texas Gov. George W. Bush. Arriving at the high school polling place, Mr. Giuliani chatted with another voter, remarking that he isn't even on today's ballot.

While the presidential primary was yesterday in New York, the state's congressional primaries

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are in September. Neither Mrs. Clinton nor Mr. Giuliani faces any major opposition within their own parties.

Clinton's comeback trail

I FOUND IT HARD to believe what the president's recent pollster and Hillary Clinton's current pollster – Mark Penn – was telling us at a Monitor breakfast the other day. To the question, "Will the president be campaigning for the vice president and first lady?" Mr. Penn had answered, "yes." And when asked, "How much?" he said, "some."

Here I asked, "Well, whatever happened to 'Clinton fatigue,' which was supposed to make the president a political liability in this campaign?" And Penn, with a shrug of his shoulders, said that "Clinton fatigue" had disappeared.

I know that the president has been itching to get back on the stump to help his vice president and his wife and, not too incidentally, himself. But, until rather recently, the White House strategists were accepting this judgment from pundits and pollsters: That the farther away Democratic candidates could pull from the president, the better their chances of being elected.

So it was that Al Gore began his campaign with strong criticism of the president's scandalous conduct. Obviously he was trying very hard to disassociate himself from his own enthusiastic words when, only a few hours after impeachment, he'd said that Mr. Clinton was "one of our greatest presidents."

Indeed, Mr. Gore pulled away so much from the president that Clinton became miffed – or appeared to be miffed. Or was it a Clinton-staged reaction to give the appearance of credibility to Gore's claim of a difference between the two of them?

Mrs. Clinton, too, made it clear from the start that it was her campaign for the Senate and she was doing it on her own, keeping her husband in the background on the few occasions he joined her in New York.

But then, in just the last weeks, something occurred. Obviously, Gore has been told it's not political poison to be close to the president. Since the evening he sat behind the president at the State of the Union speech, he has been proudly citing his accomplishments as a part of the Clinton-Gore administration.

And when Mrs. Clinton formally announced for the Senate, there was the president – still in the background but very much a part of the show. And now, well, Penn says Mr. Clinton will be campaigning "some" for his wife.

What's happened? Have we seen another episode of Bill Clinton as the "Comeback Kid?" Has he been able to rehabilitate a presidency that once seemed destined to be permanently disabled by scandal and impeachment?

Well, "rehabilitation" may be too strong a word. But one cannot fail to see that this president has been working tirelessly to rescue his presidency and to erase his negative image.

In foreign affairs, there's been Kosovo, Ireland, the Mideast, and trips abroad (another coming up). Domestically, there's been Clinton's proposals (almost every day) of programs or steps he's taking to try to deal with one problem or another.

Indeed, I have noted that not a day goes by that the president isn't on TV with a speech, some new legislative initiative, an expression of regret, a visit to an area suffering an emergency, something.

Anyone has to conclude that this is a very busy president who simply won't let the scandals destroy his presidency.

Of course, Clinton's critics will say that this show of tremendous, never-ending activity is the way Clinton is changing the subject or trying to change the subject. It could be both: That Clinton is trying to be a good president and also trying to make people forget his disgraceful conduct.

But whether it is a president who is changing his image with substantial acts or with political smoke and mirrors – or with a combination of all that – I think that we have to conclude: This president has somehow escaped a hole which it had seemed he'd never be able to dig out of.

And, furthermore, he has proved he could remain effective – although much less effective than he would have been had there been no scandal and impeachment.

**Godfrey
SPERLING**

**He seems
no longer to be
the skunk
at the
Democrats'
party.**

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The 'Hillary' factor in Mexico

■ Maricarmen Ramírez, wife of a governor, will run for the Senate following her primary win last week.

By Howard LaFranchi

Staff writer of The Christian Science Monitor

MEXICO CITY - She is being called the Hillary Rodham Clinton of Mexico. But her husband, the governor of the central Mexico state of Tlaxcala, prefers another formula. "Perhaps, Hillary," he says with a smile, "is the Maricarmen of the United States."

Maricarmen Ramírez García, wife of Gov. Alfonso Sánchez Anaya, is the first wife of a Mexican governor to step out of a largely decorative and supportive role and seek high political office. Following her victory last week in a party primary, Ms. Ramírez will represent the center-left Party of the Democratic Revolution (PRD) as candidate for a Tlaxcala seat in the Mexican Senate.

As such, she represents both the growing role of women in Mexican politics, and the crucial part women will play in deciding the outcome of presidential and congressional elections this July in Mexico.

Ramírez has faced some of the same criticism that Mrs. Clinton has encountered in her bid for a Senate seat from New York: that she is using her husband's position to elevate herself. On Sunday another female senate candidate, Rosalia Peredo Aguila, from the left-wing Labor Party, called Ramírez's candidacy an "imposition, a family whim."

A longtime nonpartisan activist in Mexico's democratization process, Ramírez counters criticism by saying that Mexican women identify with her evolution. They know firsthand how a macho society works, she says, and feel buoyed by a woman stepping out of her husband's shadow.

"Mexican women know what it means to be the power behind the throne," she says.

Even though the PRD, like other Mexican parties, is committed to putting forward at least 30 percent women candidates, Ramírez acknowledges that it is not an easy goal. In the Mexican Senate, 20 senators of the total 128 are women - not 30 percent, but more than many countries, including the United States.

Ramírez gave up her independent political status two years ago, about the time her husband left the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) - which has governed Mexico for 71 years straight - to become the PRD's gubernatorial candidate.

As governor he has named one of the more "female" cabinets among Mexican states. Four of his state department heads are women, as is his chief of staff. And Ramírez has focused her attention on working with mostly poor rural women in Tlaxcala, to help develop ways to capitalize on the central role Mexican women play in their family's decision-making and financial well-being.

Speaking last week at a forum on



GREGORY BULL/AP FILE

GIRL POWER: The role of women in Mexican politics is growing rapidly. In addition to more ranks of female politicians, women like these Tarahumara Indians of Chihuahua, will play a crucial role in the outcome of July's presidential elections.

women in Mexico's 2000 election process, PRD President Amalia García called that process "empowerment" - using the English term. In Tlaxcala, with some 1 million people and one of Mexico's highest rates of working women - 37 percent - Ramírez has worked to make women's work count more.

"It's simply unacceptable that in a Mexico of 100 million people, about half live in poverty, and 25 million are stuck in extreme poverty," she says. "Women have a central role in changing that."

In the state's towns, Ramírez has worked with 20,000 women to set up micro-business projects - everything from raising rabbits to growing gourmet mushrooms. "We're developing a chain

of women producers getting the training they need to be successful in these new ventures, and marketing their products without intermediaries," says Ramírez.

Rabbit-raising or mushroom-growing may not sound significant, she says, but in a state where malnutrition is a problem, and more than a third of families live on \$8 a day or less, allowing women to find ways to supplement family income becomes a key to addressing other problems. School desertion is also high, for example, as children leave to help support the family. By building their earning power, mothers can make dropping out less necessary.

Another effect of women's "empowerment" is a more active role in politics.

But Ramírez says decades of unfulfilled promises have made women wary of politics. "Women are waiting to see what a candidate and party are proposing, and weighing that against records of past accomplishment," she says.

According to Mexico's presidential campaign organizations, women, along with young people aged 18 to 25, are the swing voters of the 2000 election.

Esteban Moctezuma, general director of the presidential campaign of PRI candidate Francisco Labastida Ochoa, says more voters than ever have already decided whom to vote for - except women.

"Women are more rational.... They are reserving judgment while they consider the issues that matter to them, like the future of their children," says Mr. Moctezuma. Labastida's camp says a TV ad promising English and computer education for all children, plus universal prenatal care, aims largely at women. The PRI hopes the ad attracts women with children in public schools.

Ramírez says women see through the "absurdity" of the TV spot. "It's causing a credibility problem for Labastida," she says. "The rural women who have to go long distances to have their baby don't believe it, and you know what they're saying in Tlaxcala...?"

"They are saying, 'We need to eat first.'"

Mexico's most influential women

■ The following are some of Mexico's most influential women, according to an article in yesterday's edition of Reforma newspaper's weekly magazine. Maricarmen Ramírez García was included in the ranking.

Alejandra Barrios, leader of Mexico City street vendors

Julia Carabias, secretary of the environment, natural resources, and fishing

Amalia García, president of the Party of the Democratic Revolution (PRD)

Elba Esther Gordillo, former leader of the largest union in Latin America

Rosario Green, secretary of foreign relations

Rosario Ibarra de Piedra, two-time presidential candidate and human rights activist

Rosario Robles, mayor of Mexico City

Dulce María Sauri, current president of the PRI

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By JIM FITZGERALD, Associated Press Writer

CHAPPAQUA, N.Y. (AP) -- She came in wearing a golden brooch. She left wearing a red-and-green sticker that said, "I got my library card today."

Hillary Rodham Clinton joined the book crowd Monday during an event-filled hour at the Chappaqua Library, now her local branch. She also read a story to preschoolers, sang with them, checked out a few books for home decorating ideas and ordered three boxes of cookies from an enterprising Girl Scout.

Clinton, the Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate, has a new house about a mile and a half from the library. Director Mark Hasscarl said he invited her to join -- "though the story hour was her idea" -- and her campaign invited the press to watch.

After Clinton picked up her library card and sticker, she perched on a tiny chair in the reading room and read Eric Carle's "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" to 18 kids, all under 6, and their parents.

Holding the book open for all to see, the first lady added occasional commentary to the tale of a caterpillar that chomps its way through one apple, two pears, three plums and more to get ready for its transformation into a butterfly.

"He's as small as my finger!" Clinton said. "Look at what he's eating!"

Afterward, she joined in on songs including "The Itsy-Bitsy Spider" -- complete with hand gestures -- and "Old MacDonald."

After signing a copy of "Goodnight Moon" for a young fan, Clinton repaired to the library's home decorating section and leafed through several books before settling on five to check out, including "Know Your Collectibles," "The Country House" and "Sculpture of the World."

It was while she was browsing that she was approached by Girl Scout Katharine Bierce, of Mount Kisco.

"I checked with the Secret Service man and first he said

wait, and then he said it would be OK," the 11-year-old said afterward. "And then when I asked Mrs. Clinton, she said, 'Oh, sure.'"

One box each of Thin Mints, Do-Si-Dos and Trefoils, costing a total of \$9, will be delivered next month to the Westchester White House. And Miss Bierce has now sold 135 boxes.

As Clinton left the library, she assured the staff, "I'll be back without so many people."

Earlier, Clinton appeared on "Lifetime Live" on the Lifetime cable network and spoke again of how much she enjoys grocery shopping in Chappaqua after seven years in the White House.

"I feel a little like Rip Van Winkle," she said. "There are things I haven't seen before on the shelves."

Asked if she would recommend a career in politics for her 20-year-old daughter, Chelsea Clinton, she said: "Well, I think that will be up to her. I hope she makes the best decision she can."

And while she repeated her support for gun control measures including child-safety locks, she said she would not impinge on hunters and others.

"Nobody wants to take guns away from law-abiding hunters and sport-shooters," she said. "But there are just too many guns in this country that fall into the wrong hands."

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Sending Hate to the Voting Booth

Bill & Hill join the squalid race game



MICHAEL MEYERS

SOME black radicals are calling today's Super Tuesday voting a "white primary" and urging black voters to write in the name of Amadou Diallo as yet another protest against white racism. Most normal Americans who vote, however, will heed their passions and prejudices about issues rather than "race" — because, unlike the race activists (and the pols who pander to them), most Americans don't see themselves as necessarily "white" or "black."

The activists' urgent need for everyone to see everything only in "black" and "white" is why they're furious with the four blacks on the Albany jury that acquitted the four "white cops" who shot and killed Amadou Diallo. To ex-Criminal Court Judge Bruce M. Wright, for example, the black jurors were "blind" and blacks in Albany, in general, are "rather backward, very subservient" and "probably Republicans."

The race activists also give

some whites a pass as honorary blacks: whites like Bill and Hillary Clinton — who this past weekend made race an issue in the Diallo trial even though the jurors didn't see it. The prez said, and Pandering Hillary repeated, that had Diallo been a young white man in an all-white neighborhood, he'd be alive today.

That's the mantra of those pols, white and black, who identify with this black constituency — pols who want to distance themselves from color-blind blacks. Make clear, as Hillary did in Harlem, that the Diallo cops were murderers. Or, as Bill Bradley did before Al Sharpton's groupies, explain that you know all about "white skin privilege."

Yet these white pols, who regard themselves as color-conscious, also see blacks as different from themselves: These whites are the honorary blacks, who are swayed by the wind of the fiery, vituperative racial rhetoric from their black allies, even or especially when it comes in the form of vicious attacks on other blacks — blacks who don't talk, walk or think "black" — blacks who, in the ra-

cialists' eyes, are "blind," "backward, and very subservient." In other words, "Toms."

It meets these white politicians' emotional and practical needs to identify with the "civil rights" menu as fed to them by self-righteous jerks like Jesse Jackson. To such liberals, being black is always being angry, hysterical, and fanatical about "race."

So the Very Black Reverend Calvin O. Butts was just talking black from the pulpit of his Harlem church, after the Diallo verdicts, as he preached from the sermon, "Go to Hell, White Man." And so what if, in apparent contravention of IRS regs, Butts also told his congregants to oppose Rudy Giuliani's bid for the U.S. Senate?

Indeed, all rules of disclosure seem to be off, with massive publicity freely given to the race rabble-rousers as they regularly rail against Republicans Rudy Giuliani, George Pataki and Herman Badillo — but are eerily silent when it comes to criticizing Democrats such as state Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, whose civil-rights enforcement in the field of criminal justice has been disappointing, at best, or Bronx DA Robert Johnson, whose lackluster prosecution



Protesters vent their feelings outside the United Nations after the Diallo verdict.
N.Y. Post: Francis Specker

team gave the Diallo cops their "go home" pass.

That's the real political story behind the meeting last week at the U.S. Justice Department, when Black Democrats — including Reps. Gregory Meeks, Major Owens, Charlie Rangel, Jose Serrano and Edolphus Towns; NAACP boss Kweisi Mfume; ex-Mayor David Dinkins, and mayoral wannabe (Can you imagine?) Al Sharpton — demanded that the feds place the four Diallo cops on trial again — this time on "civil rights" charges.

(Where was the New York Civil Liberties Union, which is usually on the side of criminal defendants' rights? Executive Director Norm Siegel issued a press release accusing the just-acquitted "white" Diallo cops of

having, in the NYCLU's view, "violated" the "federal civil rights of Amadou Diallo.")

The race activists, the elected and unelected, are fired up; and they're distancing themselves from the blind, backward, very subservient four black jurors in Albany, for those jurors' sin was not having understood or considered race as a factor in why Amadou Diallo is dead today.

Bill and Hillary Clinton know more than the jurors do about being black in The Bronx and in America because the Clintons have been carefully schooled by some of their best friends who are black — by race-mongers, like Jesse Jackson, who are blacker than you and I could ever want to be, and whom we can't unelect because we never voted them in. Super.

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By Diane Bondareff, AP

In Queens: Hillary Rodham Clinton, running for Senate from New York, waves from among participants in an early St. Patrick's Day parade.

Clinton says she will march, despite gay groups' exclusion

Hillary Rodham Clinton, running for a Senate seat in New York, confirmed Sunday that she will march in New York City's St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 17, even though it excludes gay organizations. She marched Sunday in an early St. Patrick's Day parade that allowed gay groups to march in the Queens borough of the city. Her participation in the parades has been an issue in the campaign since December, when Clinton told reporters that she would march in the main parade, apparently unaware of the controversy over gays. Mayor Rudy Giuliani always marches in the main parade and says he intends to do so again this year. He was invited to the alternative parade but declined.

Washington Times
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Agence France-Presse

U.S. Senate candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton, center, marches in an early St. Patrick's Day parade Sunday.

First Lady Joins Parade in New York

■ **Campaign:** Senate hopeful Hillary Rodham Clinton gets mixed reception during early St. Patrick's Day event.

From Associated Press

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not? It's a glorious day with a lot of happy people."

A group of hecklers followed her, but she ignored them and the occasional boos from others in the crowd of several thousand people scattered along the parade route.

"Go back to Arkansas, carpet-bagger!" called out Bernie Mulligan, who works for a cable TV company. "She's too liberal. But I like everything about the mayor. I think he's a straight-shooter."

Clinton is running for Senate, and her likely Republican opponent will be Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

Most of the onlookers—some of them holding signs saying "Irish-Americans for Hillary"—clapped and cheered.

"I'm going to vote for her. I think she's great—a woman, a strong woman. She knows the politics," said Susan DiScala.

Clinton was accompanied by a group of Democratic officials that included

city Comptroller Alan Hevesi, Public Advocate Mark Green, City Council President Peter Valone, U.S. Reps. Jerry Nadler and Carolyn Maloney, both of Manhattan.

Earlier Sunday in a speech at Riverside Church in Manhattan, the first lady chastised city officials for refusing to acknowledge problems with the police force in the aftermath of the Diallo case.

Amadou Diallo, an unarmed African immigrant, was shot to death last year by four white officers. The cops were acquitted of murder last month, sparking protests led by activist Rev. Al Sharpton and others.

Giuliani's spokesman Bruce Teitelbaum said that "with the Clintons, politics motivates everything and nothing they do happens accidentally, so it's no coincidence that President Clinton, Mrs. Clinton and Al Sharpton all chose to read off the same script regarding the Diallo case."

Clinton cited Boston and San Diego as places where both crime and racial tensions are down because of good relations between police and citizens.

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Hillary marches with gays in parade

Main St. Patrick's event bans the group

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The Queens parade was billed as the first local "inclusive" St. Patrick's Day event because it allowed a homosexual Irish group, Lavender and Green, to march.

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LETTERS

Hillary's Choice

I'M AN AGING BABY BOOMER, ERST-while feminist and true admirer of Hillary Rodham Clinton's mind who has been vaguely uncomfortable with her run for the Senate ("A Bit of Advice: Don't Go There!" THE LAST WORD, Feb. 14). But I wasn't sure why. Then Anna Quindlen reminded me: it's not our mothers' Senate anymore. The '60s were so exciting, with the promise of wonderful possibilities. Quindlen captures perfectly how I feel about Hillary and our government these days. Now if only Hillary would listen.

JUDY MAAS
CHICAGO, ILL.

AS A COLLEGE STUDENT CONCERNED about the current state of American politics, I read Anna Quindlen's letter to Hillary Clinton with great disappointment. While I agree that politics today lacks the vigor and inspiration that may have pervaded society when Hillary first became interested in the topic during her undergraduate years, I remain convinced that the only way to change our lackluster system is to rejuvenate it with candidates who are intelligent, innovative and dedicated to making a difference. In claiming that Hillary is wasting her talents and intellect by pursuing an elected office, Quindlen dismisses the potential for real change in American politics. Discouraging qualified and potentially effective candidates from running for office is quitting on this country, and furthermore it reduces the number of youthful idealists like me, as cynicism, complacency and inaction consume the bulk of the population.

VANESSA E. VOIZ
ANNANDALE-ON-HUDSON, N.Y.

A BIT OF ADVICE TO ANNA QUINDLEN: how arrogant of you to assume that Hillary or anyone else is too good to be a U.S. senator! I doubt seriously that Hillary and I would agree on many political issues. If she were running in Louisiana instead of New York, the only scenario in which I would vote

for her would be if her opponent were David Duke. I would, however, defend with my dying breath her desire to run for senator. The Senate is not just a collection of individuals but a living, 200-plus-year-old political body. If the subjects in the Senate these days are mundane, perhaps you should take it as a sign of success rather than failure. I would rather have the Senate squabbling over highways than debating war, martial law or economic collapse. Do I think Hillary is a carpetbagger? Yes. Do I have serious disagreement with most of her political positions? Yes. But if she wants to show her patriotism and her desire to serve this great nation by offering the voters of New York a political choice for their representative in the Senate, then I say, "You go, girl!"

ARMAND J. MATHERNE JR.
KENNER, LA.

ANNA QUINDLEN SEES HILLARY Rodham Clinton as a giant—too intelligent, eloquent and well positioned to serve with the "pygmies" and "retail politicians" in the U.S. Senate, which just happens to be the greatest deliberative-legislative body in the world. I come from a small Southern state that has elected Estes Kefauver, Howard Baker and both Al Gores, among other respected citizens, to the Senate in my lifetime. We are currently very competently represented by Bill Frist and Fred Thompson. Neither of these gentlemen is a pygmy when compared with Hillary. Her failures, professional, ethical and personal, certainly do not elevate her above any citizen of this great nation. I do agree that Hillary should not be running for the U.S. Senate from New York, but for reasons that are obviously very different from those offered by Anna Quindlen.

BILLY J. STOKES
KNOXVILLE, TENN.

I'M AN ADOPTIVE NEW YORKER, A LIFE-long Democrat and an admirer of Hillary Rodham Clinton's—and I couldn't agree more with Anna Quindlen's Feb. 14 column. But there's another reason I don't think Hillary should run for the Senate. I don't know many Democrats who are particularly sanguine about voting for her, and I'm afraid she's going to lose. So, not only could she do better works outside the Senate, she's also wrecked the possibility of our electing a qualified New York Democrat (isn't that why Senator Moynihan announced his retirement so early?). As a result, we will have representing the state the man who made the Big Apple safe for the bourgeoisie and the tourists. Yuck.

LAURA HEIMAN
NEW YORK, N.Y.

POLITICAL CONFORMIST

IN THE PINK, AGAIN Al Gore took a lot of heat last November when he conspicuously restocked his closet with earth-toned casual wear. But perhaps he could lend some sartorial advice to old friend Hillary Clinton, whose campaign wardrobe is getting a little ... repetitive



Jan. 12: On the Late Show with David Letterman
Jan. 17: In Harlem at public-policy forum
Feb. 8: Talking health care in Rochester
Feb. 9: Speaking at Syracuse University
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Feb. 16: Interviewed in N.Y.C. by Charlie Rose
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for daughter Chelsa's friends). a family kitchen and sleepovers, ters more homely (bookshelves, tips on making the family quarters. Among the highlights: friend. "I have helped her," says a who have helped her, and people away gift to staff and people valedictory book, mostly a give-November elections. "It will be: was postponed until after the project. Then the manuscript candidate. First the manuscript was retooled. Then the project deemed too "fluffy" for a serious ed to run for the Senate, it was But when Hillary Clinton decided for last year's Christmas season. House was scheduled

Too Soft Sell?

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No "fluff" for candidate Hillary



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HEADLINE: HILLARY TO KIDS: 'PROMISE' NO GUNS

BYLINE: By Rick Brand and Dan Janison. STAFF WRITERS

BODY:

One day after the latest deadly school shooting, in Michigan, Hillary Rodham Clinton yesterday pressed students and grownups alike for stronger steps against gun violence.

But Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's campaign manager accused her of "hypocrisy" for having kept a \$ 1,000 campaign donation from Sean (Puffy) Combs, a rap star who has been indicted on multiple gun-possession charges. Clinton aides counterattacked, saying Giuliani, a gun-control advocate, took money from pro-gun actor Charleton Heston.

The political crossfire occurred after the latest school shooting tragedy in which, according to police, a 6-year-old girl in an elementary school near Flint was killed by another 6-year-old. The incident spurred President Bill Clinton to press for quick action on new gun legislation, including a proposal to require trigger locks. At the state level, Sen. Nicholas Spano (R-Westchester) said his office was drafting a bill to make handgun owners responsible if their loaded and unlocked gun is obtained from their home and fired by a child.

Without mentioning what happened in Michigan, Hillary Clinton, who is running for U.S. Senate against Giuliani, appealed to about 150 fifth-graders at the Valley Cottage Elementary School in Rockland County to do her "a big favor" and never go near guns in their own homes, or those of friends or relatives, and asked them to tell their parents to keep guns locked up and out of the house.

"And I want you to promise that you will never ever pick up a gun ever with any idea of using it against any person," she said. "Will you promise me that?" Children responded, saying, "Yes," or "I promise."

Later, before 500 Rockland business leaders, Clinton raised the gun issue again. "I do not want to wake up one more day and hear about one more shooting of one more child," she said. "If we cannot figure out how to protect our children, then we have a lot of answering to do in our nation."

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Later Bruce Teitelbaum, the mayor's campaign manager, appearing in the city hall rotunda, an area normally reserved for official city news conferences, accused Clinton of sending a "confusing and hypocritical message" by keeping Combs' campaign contribution from Oct. 29 in light of the charges against him.

Howard Wolfson, Clinton's campaign spokesman, responded, saying Giuliani has taken \$ 1,000 from Heston, the president of the National Rifle Association, a group that opposes gun-control measures.

"It's unfortunate that on a day of such a tragedy, the Giuliani campaign would engage in hypocritical attack politics," Wolfson said.

Teitelbaum said he saw nothing wrong in taking money from Heston. "There isn't a ban on guns in this country; there's gun-control laws," he said.

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Clearing barriers: Central Gwinnett grad is risking her career by challenging
her employer's promotion policies.

BYLINE: Stacy Shelton, Staff

SOURCE: AJC

BODY:

She didn't know the name for it, but at age 5, Yvette Summerour already knew what she wanted to be when she grew up.

Her mother was ironing clothes in their Lawrenceville home while watching President John F. Kennedy's funeral on television. Her mother was crying.

"I didn't want to see her that way again," Summerour, 41, recalled last week. "So whatever I could do to prevent that from happening again, that's what I wanted to do."

Summerour had no way of knowing that she would one day become a Secret Service agent, assigned to protect the most powerful man in the world. Nor could she have realized how many barriers she would break through while pursuing her goal.

From her days as a Gwinnett County high school's first black homecoming queen to her becoming the highest-ranking black female agent in the Secret Service, Summerour learned she could succeed on her abilities.

Now she's beginning to doubt it.

Last month, Summerour and two other black agents filed complaints against the federal agency for perpetuating a "good old boy network" that she believes wants to deny her another in a string of firsts. She says she's been passed over for a promotion that would make her the agency's first black female supervisor.

"I understand that people with like color and like ideas feel more comfortable with each other, but that's not the world we live in now," she said. "I call her a pioneer"

Growing up in Lawrenceville and Dacula in the 1960s and '70s, Summerour learned early about breaking through racial barriers. To her, though, she was just pursuing her aspirations.

The Atlanta Journal, March 5, 2000

At Central Gwinnett High in Lawrenceville, she was one of the first black cheerleaders, then the school's first black homecoming queen in 1975.

"I call her a pioneer," said her mother, Wilma Ruth Summerour of Lawrenceville. "If she saw something she wanted, she went after it." Even when it meant an unexpected detour.

Yvette Summerour was turned away on her first attempt to join the Secret Service. At a college job fair, she says, a recruiter told her she needed a law degree or law enforcement experience before she applied. It wasn't until she was in the Secret Service that she learned neither was true.

But Yvette followed his advice, and after college she became Gwinnett County's first black female police officer. For six years, she patrolled the county and helped start the department's crime prevention unit. Colleagues razed Summerour, who stands 5-foot-2, about her size. But out on patrol she got the department's support.

When she would show up at a white family's door to answer a call, the person who called for help sometimes refused to talk to a black woman and asked for another officer. The word came back from headquarters: "You either talk to her or nobody."

Gwinnett police Col. Mike Cowart, who worked with Summerour then, said he used to imagine her as the county's first black female police chief. "The thing about Yvette is that nobody thought about her as a black female particularly . . . It's not that she wore her race on her sleeve. She was just another cop."

When Summerour left the Gwinnett force, it was to pursue another "first." Like the others, it was both a personal accomplishment and a precedent-setter with far-ranging meaning.

In 1986, she was accepted into the elite corps of Secret Service agents, the first black female agent in the agency's 100-year-plus history. She had finally attained the goal she set that November day in 1963.
Filing a complaint

Now, after 13 years with the Secret Service, the last five of which she has spent protecting the first family, Summerour believes one barrier remains. This time, she's not sure she can break through.

Although she is the highest-ranking black female agent, Summerour says less qualified white agents have been promoted ahead of her. "There has never been a black female supervisor in the Secret Service," she said in a telephone interview from her Maryland home. "I feel like I've done a lot of things that other people who have been given a (promotion) have not done."

Last month, Summerour and two other agents filed a discrimination complaint against the agency with the steely wall of silence, where internal problems are handled internally.

The complaint is working its way through the agency, but could eventually become part of a class-action lawsuit. One of her attorneys, David Shaffer, has successfully pursued race-based class-action lawsuits against the FBI and the

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

"Blacks are 61 percent less represented in management, and 25 percent overall, in the (Secret Service) than they should be," said Shaffer, comparing the number of black agents to the percentage of blacks in U.S. police agencies. "Yvette is a remarkable woman. . . . If anybody is qualified to be (a supervisor), she is."

The Secret Service has remained tight-lipped about the three agents' complaints. But in a memo to employees that was reported in Newsweek, agency Director Brian L. Stafford said he was "disappointed and troubled by the allegations" and that the agency "has zero tolerance for any type of discrimination."

Stafford also said blacks lead four of 11 field offices and hold two of seven assistant director posts.

Summerour, a member of the Black Agents of the Secret Service, said the group has been complaining about the same issues since she started with the agency. "We complained to each other until I just got tired of hearing me complain," she said. "As Martin Luther King said, 'If not now, when?' Well, it's now." Source of inspiration

A trip to Africa in 1997 bolstered her convictions about racial discrimination, and in part explains why she decided to lodge a complaint against the Secret Service. The lesson came from Hillary Clinton.

Summerour had just been assigned to protect Chelsea Clinton for the first time, and Chelsea and the first lady were visiting the Door of No Return in Senegal. It's the site where captured Africans were separated from their families, chained and herded onto slave ships for the long trip to the Americas. Summerour was listening to the tour guide describe the screams, and realized that at least one of her ancestors was probably among them. She became too upset to do her job, and called for backup.

"Before I could even get out the door, I'm engulfed in tears," she recalled. "Everything just welled up inside me."

Summerour composed herself and returned to the group. She thought no one had noticed, that she'd pulled it off in her usual professional manner.

But back at the hotel, Hillary Clinton walked up to her and said "How ya doing? Pretty tough day today, wasn't it?"

Summerour said, "Yes ma'am, but it's over. I just have to forget it and keep going." The first lady gave her a firm response and a hug.

"No. Don't you ever forget, because if you forget, it can always happen again."

Summerour knows she's risked her career by going public, and may never become a supervisor now. And that's OK, she said.

"The sacrifice is worth it," she said. "The system's going to change."

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She Read, He Sped

By Mary McGrory

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NEW YORK—He's New York; she's Washington. He's grim, a tiger of a mayor, who, like his constituency, is brusque, hostile and given to communicating in insults; she's gracious, as befits an erstwhile first lady. He visits police recruits; she goes to elementary schools and reads to children. The former Hillary Rodham Clinton--she's now known as just plain "Hillary"--and Rudy Giuliani star in Broadway's most gripping political drama: the fight for the Senate seat being vacated by Pat Moynihan.

The mystery is that Hillary, with her international feminist following, is encountering resistance among her sisters--high-powered, well-educated women like herself. They're resentful. They say carpetbagger and never. Their attitude, said one baffled onlooker, can be summed up in the line: "Who the hell does she think she is?"

They feel they have been dragged into a domestic quarrel. They think that her current quest is not to help the poor and the downtrodden, as she says, but to establish identity at New York's expense. As one New York woman told me, "Her husband dumped on her, so we have to make her a senator?" She's still riding his coattails."

Minority women by and large welcome her as someone who is on their side. But the Upper West Side thinks she's just "trying to prove she's as good as he is."

Despite these complications, Hillary seems to be having the time of her life. She is doing for herself what she did for her husband for most of her life. She is good at it. She shakes every hand. Her celebrity assures her of large audiences and worshipful lines outside events. She has her Secret Service detail to keep order.

Her Wednesday appearance at the Valley Cottage Elementary School in Rockland County was a smash. She read aloud to the fourth grade. She was wearing her signature black pants suit with bright blouse. Her voice was clear and carrying. She read "Chicken Soup With Rice" expertly. A splendid elementary school teacher was plainly lost when Hillary married Bill and politics.

She deftly addressed the issue on everybody's mind--the Michigan shooting death of a first-grade student by a classmate. She told the children to "promise you will never, ever pick up a gun" and to beg their parents "to get rid of guns." The teachers praised her presentation. She didn't make them "more frightened than they are," said one.

Gunfire echoed throughout the week. The city was just calming down after the shock of the Diallo verdict. Minorities inveighed against cops who shoot first and ask questions later, and railed at the mayor, but major trouble was averted. Relief was brief. Another police shooting of an unarmed black man occurred on Wednesday.

At City Hall, the mayor held his usual news briefing. It was unusually solemn. The police commissioner stood beside him; three uniformed officers were behind him. The mayor's sallow complexion was made more so by a brown suit. His manner was testy. The new shooting, he declared, was "totally different" from the Diallo tragedy. The man had a record and had struggled with the police. A minority reporter noted politely that people were beginning to think of policemen as "executioners." Giuliani raked him with a contemptuous glance and dismissed the question as "a complete misstatement of the facts."

Giuliani then sped off to Queens to welcome police recruits to the ranks. It was an eerie scene. Fifteen-hundred young men and women sat in a huge hall at Queens College in total silence. When their commander shouted "Hup!" they sprang up as one, making a noise like a rifle shot. Giuliani exhorted them to "an excessive degree of restraint."

Giuliani's boast is his record: the city clean and safe (although clearly not for everybody); thousands of new jobs. How, his people ask, can she match that--with Whitewater, White House files?

Her hope would be to make Giuliani the issue. It shouldn't be hard. New Yorkers are beginning to ask what price they must pay for their lowered crime rate and clean streets. Giuliani is thought to be heartless.

The ladies on the Hillary press van, who call her "the un-McCain" because she talks to them so little, think she missed a chance to define herself and Giuliani after the Diallo shock. Instead of saying, as she might have, that Giuliani should change NYPD training, she issued a bland statement from Chicago, where she was fund-raising, about the need for better community-police relations. She is cautious, like her husband.

New York feels caught between the over-reacher and the iron fist. A Williams College junior from upstate told me that although he agrees with Hillary on almost everything and he regards Giuliani as a fascist, "I don't think she belongs here, and I'd vote for him on principle."

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Gore, First Lady Praise Each Other

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By The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) -- Vice President Al Gore, sharing the stage with fellow campaigner Hillary Rodham Clinton, told New Yorkers Sunday that she was an accomplished woman long before her husband won the White House -- or even the Arkansas governorship.

"Some of you may not know that her record of achievement and commitment to excellence far antedates her service as first lady to our country and first lady in Arkansas," Gore said.

Gore and Mrs. Clinton appeared jointly at a Sunday night rally at the 92nd Street YMHA, or Young Men's Hebrew Association. It was only the second time since both became official candidates -- he for the presidency, she for New York's open seat in the U.S. Senate -- that they appeared together on the campaign trail.

"There has never been anyone who brought more integrity, more intelligence, hard work, commitment and passion to the position of vice president. There has never been anyone who has been more effective for our country," Mrs. Clinton said in her glowing introduction of Gore.

Adding that she wanted to "say a personal word," the first lady spoke of the team that he and his wife, Tipper, and she and her husband, Bill, made in the White House.

Gore, she said, is "someone you can count on. He's there in the good times and the not-so-good times. He's a friend, he's an adviser, he's a counselor."

Flushed red in the face, Gore thanked Mrs. Clinton with a long, tight hug.

"Before Bill Clinton was elected to office, Hillary Clinton was

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already a distinguished attorney and soon was named one of the 100 best attorneys in the entire United States of America," Gore told the audience of several hundred.

He asked Democrats to "mobilize and work together" for her election.

"For 30 years now, she has been a fighter for children and families and women and social justice and communities," he said.

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Hillary working in private to win over Jewish voters

HILLARY Rodham Clinton is taking a new approach to win over Jewish voters — she's meeting with them behind closed doors, and with no public announcement.

Seeking to bolster her lukewarm support among Jews, Clinton on Wednesday schmoozed for 90 minutes at a private home in Monsey

with two dozen invited Jewish women, including some in the Orthodox community.

The unpublicized, hastily arranged visit — which was not intended to raise money — comes just a couple of weeks after the first lady quietly attended Friday-night synagogue services on Long Island.

"This kind of outreach is important and helpful," said still-uncommitted Democratic Rockland County legislator Ryan Karben, whose wife, Lauren, helped arrange the Monsey event.

The first lady, joined by top Jewish adviser Karen Adler, fielded questions on health care, Israel and more — and spoke movingly about her relationship with slain Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Randall Terry, the anti-abortion activist who is relishing a run against Hillary and Rudy, says he will decide by May whether to jump into the race as a spoiler.

Terry, founder of Operation Rescue, grabbed 7 percent of the vote when he ran unsuccessfully for Rep. Maurice Hinchey's seat in 1998 on the Right-to-Life line.

"If I enter the race, it will be with the sole intention of defeating Rudy Giuliani," Terry told Campaign Buzz.

But state Right-to-Life Chairman Ken Diem isn't quite sold on Terry, saying he's "not at the top of our list."

A new political action committee that counts former U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick and ex-U.S. Attorney General Ed Meese among its backers is

planning an anti-Hillary ad blitz later this year.

In a fund-raising letter, the National Conservative Campaign Fund calls Clinton the "darling of the left" and says she is backed by "radical feminists, extreme environmentalists, Puerto Rican terrorist sympathizers, big government/socialized-medicine activists and homosexual militants."

Kirkpatrick and Meese are listed as the Washington-based PAC's honorary chairs, while its national advisory board includes G. Gordon Liddy, Angela "Bay" Buchanan and Ralph Reed.

It's parade season again, with St. Patrick's Day marches starting tomorrow in the Rockaways — and that means Rudy's ready to micro-manage.

While the mayor likes to pretend he's sometimes a

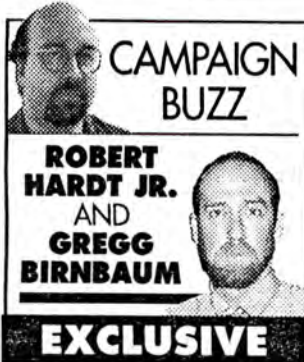


NEW APPROACH: Hillary Rodham Clinton, campaigning at CCNY earlier this week, is meeting behind closed doors with Jewish groups. N.Y. Post: Bolivar Arellano

hands-off guy when it comes to campaigns, a top-level operative from his 1997 reelection team provides a little anecdote that says otherwise:

At big parades that year,

the mayor would scan the crowd and direct aides to tell a roving band of cheering, sign-carrying Rudy fans which side of the street to be on for maximum political effect.



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Hill set to push hot-button NYPD issue

By GREGG BIRNBAUM

Hillary Rodham Clinton yesterday ducked questions about the Amadou Diallo killing, but aides said she plans a major address this weekend on reforming the NYPD.

Responding to Diallo-verdict questions for the first time, Clinton would not comment on whether the four cops acquitted last week in the killing should face disciplinary charges or resign from the force.

The first lady also would not say whether she believes a federal monitor should be appointed to oversee the NYPD, as some critics have urged.

"That would be decision of the [U.S.] Justice Department and the U.S. attorneys here in the city," Clinton told Channel 2 political reporter Marcia Kramer in a live interview.

"We need to have a police force that everybody knows is doing its best job to protect us, but the police force has to respect the people," the first lady added.

"I'll be . . . setting out some ideas that I think might be useful to try to provide a better atmosphere . . . to create the kind of trust between the community and the police. It's something that troubles me deeply. It doesn't have to be this way."

Clinton spokesman Howard

Wolfson said she would unveil her policing proposals in a speech at Riverside Church in Harlem on Sunday.

Clinton said during the TV interview that she wants more blacks in the NYPD and better training of cops.

Meanwhile, a new poll showed Mayor Giuliani widening his lead over Clinton — it's now 48-41 percent.

The mayor's seven-point edge is up from Quinnipiac College's last survey, on Feb. 6, the day Clinton announced her candidacy, which showed Giuliani backed by 45 percent, to 42 percent for the first lady

Douglas Schwartz, director of Quinnipiac polling, said the mayor had built solid advantages among two key groups — white women and Jewish voters.

"White women have been a bellwether, voting for the winner in every statewide race in New York since 1990," Schwartz said.

Giuliani leads 51-37 percent among white women and 48-38 percent among Jewish voters.

The latest telephone poll of 1,842 registered voters was conducted Feb. 22-28 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percentage points.

Shooting Their Mouths Off

Big surprise: Rudy Giuliani and Hillary Clinton are shooting at one another again.

Not literally, of course, but the metaphor is appropriate. The topic is guns.

Hillary Clinton this week led 150 elementary school students in a pledge against gun violence.

Then the mayor's campaign accused Clinton of hypocrisy because she took a campaign contribution from rapper Sean "Puffy" Combs — currently under indictment on gun possession charges, among other things.

And *then* the Clinton campaign pointed out that the Giuliani effort took a contribution from handgun honcho Charlton Heston of the NRA.

Oh, please.

The exchange is really just cover for the longest running game in politics: "Gotcha!", namely, try to hang some form of political inconsistency on your opponent.

When it comes to campaign contributions, there will *always* be awkward and sometimes embarrassing donations.

This makes for good news copy, if not for an enlightened debate, and so there'll be no escaping it.

But does it have to start so *early*?

Here's an idea. How about Heston and Combs bring their pistols to a mutually acceptable secluded spot (Weehawken, N.J., sounds about right) — and settle this like gentlemen used to?

New York could use the peace and quiet.

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POR REINALDO ESCOBAR

El presidente de Estados Unidos, William Clinton, expresó que todos los amigos de la libertad tendrán una gran deuda con el rey de España, Juan Carlos de Borbón, una vez que haya concluido el esfuerzo de construir una Europa unida, pacífica y democrática.

La afirmación del presidente Clinton tuvo lugar en el encuentro que sostuvo con el soberano de España, a quien recibió, en la Casa Blanca, el miércoles 23 de febrero.

El rey estuvo acompañado por la reina Sofía, y el presidente Clinton, por la primera dama de Estados Unidos, Hillary Clinton.

En su discurso de bienvenida el mandatario estadounidense dio una lección de historia sobre la libertad y la democracia durante el último cuarto del siglo XX.

Recordó que la primera vez que Juan Carlos atravesó el océano, después de haber sido proclamado rey, fue en un viaje a Estados Unidos, y asoció este hecho a la presente visita, que calificó como el aniversario de dicha jornada y celebración de la amistad entre las dos naciones.

Dijo que en la vida de cada democracia existen momentos que sobresalen por encima de los demás, para referirse al intento de golpe de Estado protagonizado por el coronel Tejero, cuando mantuvo como rehenes a los miembros del parlamento español.

La tarde del 23 de febrero de 1981, cerca de 200 soldados armados asaltaron el parlamento en Madrid, tomando como rehenes a las más altas figuras democráticamente elegidas en España.

"Muchos temieron por la joven democracia, que para

entonces sólo contaba con 2 años de existencia, pero cuando furiosos generales urgían al rey a unirse a la rebelión, él replicó desafiante: 'su golpe sólo tendrá éxito por encima de mi cadáver'", recordó Clinton.

También evocó el llamado que entonces el monarca hizo al pueblo español, al honor militar, así como la firmeza que mantuvo para dar al traste con la intencional golpista.

"La libertad fue preservada en España, y menos de una década después, cuando ella renació en Europa del este, las nuevas democracias miraron a España como ejemplo", agregó.

"Cuando el esfuerzo de cons-

truir una Europa unida, pacífica y democrática esté completo, todos los amigos de la libertad tendrán una gran deuda con el rey Juan Carlos", añadió el presidente norteamericano.

También subrayó el papel jugado por otras figuras de la historia reciente, tales como Lincoln, Walesa y los jóvenes estudiantes que martillo en mano derrumbaron el muro de Berlín.

Posteriormente se dirigió a los monarcas añadiendo que, por más de 5 siglos las dos naciones han estado unidas por una historia común de valores y responsabilidades. Recordó que en Kosovo los pilotos, militares

y policías mostraron gran valentía, y que el próximo 3 de abril España asumirá el comando de la KFOR.

Asimismo se refirió a los compromisos conjuntamente adquiridos frente a Latinoamérica con las víctimas de los huracanes en Honduras y Guatemala; los damnificados en Venezuela, los derechos humanos en Cuba y una vida mejor para los colombianos.

Por su parte, el rey Juan Carlos antes de responder el saludo de bienvenida, se refirió, en primera instancia, al asesinato del vocero del partido socialista en el parlamento vasco y de su escolta a manos de una orga-

nización terrorista, hecho registrado el día anterior.

"Este nuevo y horrendo crimen muestra claramente un absoluto desprecio por los derechos humanos, y por el más precioso de ellos -el derecho a la vida-, por parte de quienes tratan de imponer sus ideas totalitarias por la fuerza y combaten la libertad, la paz y la libre y pacífica existencia de la democracia en el pueblo vasco y en todo el pueblo español", dijo el monarca.

Seguidamente el rey, quien estaba acompañado de su esposa, la reina Sofía, agradeció al presidente Clinton y a la primera dama la bienvenida brindada y se refirió al calor humano y a la hospitalidad del pueblo estadounidense.

"Muchos cambios han ocurrido en estos años. España se ha transformado en un país económico y socialmente avanzado, profundamente integrado a Europa, con un papel cada vez más prominente en los asuntos internacionales y con mayores responsabilidades en esta esfera", dijo el Don Juan Carlos.

También reconoció el lugar que ha llegado a ocupar Estados Unidos como primera potencia económica, política y militar del globo, así como el auge económico alcanzado bajo el liderazgo del presidente Clinton.

Después del caluroso elogio a su anfitrión, el rey Juan Carlos incursionó en el tema de los desafíos de la posguerra fría y de la vital importancia de la alianza entre las dos naciones.

"Como miembros de la Unión Europea, contribuimos al diálogo transatlántico firmemente convencidos de que europeos y americanos deben coordinar sus acciones frente a los problemas globales que nos afectan", dijo su majestad.

"Y como miembros de la Alianza Atlántica, formamos parte del sistema de seguridad y defensa que garantiza la paz y la estabilidad en el área geográfica, así como el indispensable vínculo que preserva la seguridad transatlántica", añadió el dirigente español.

Finalmente el rey hizo un llamado a continuar la cooperación en las áreas de la cultura, la educación, la investigación científica, la industria y el comercio durante este nuevo milenio.

Terminado su discurso, pronunciado en español y traducido al inglés, los dos líderes pasaron al salón oval para su reunión protocolar. ♦

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Un rey en la Casa Blanca



El rey de España, don Juan Carlos I de Borbón, y la reina Sofía fueron recibidos, la última semana, por el presidente de Estados Unidos, Bill Clinton, y la primera dama, Hillary Rodham Clinton, en el Salón Oval de la mansión presidencial. Los monarcas fueron homenajeados con una cena ofrecida por el mandatario norteamericano y el soberano español pronunció un discurso en la biblioteca del Congreso ante una nutrida representación de legisladores estadounidenses.

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EN VISITA DE ESTADO A WASHINGTON, D.C.

Fortalecer alianza transatlántica pide el rey de España a Clinton

El presidente de Estados Unidos, William Clinton, dio la bienvenida al rey Juan Carlos I de Borbón y a la reina Sofía de España en la Casa Blanca, durante la apertura de una serie de actividades que tuvieron lugar con ocasión de la visita de Estado realizada por el monarca español y su esposa a la nación norteamericana.



TIEMPOS DEL MUNDO / THE WHITE HOUSE
DISCURSO. El rey Juan Carlos de Borbón, durante su intervención en la Casa Blanca. Observa el presidente Clinton, la reina Sofía, y la primera dama, Hillary Clinton.



TIEMPOS DEL MUNDO / MAURICIO BENAVIDES

CASA BLANCA. El rey de España, Juan Carlos de Borbón, el presidente Bill Clinton, la reina Sofía, y la primera dama, Hillary Clinton.



TIEMPOS DEL MUNDO/M.B.

ESPAÑA. El embajador de España ante el Gobierno de Estados Unidos, Antonio de Oyarzábal y su esposa, Beatriz de Oyarzábal, junto al canciller español, Abel Matutes y el jefe de la Casa Real, Fernando de Almansa.



TIEMPOS DEL MUNDO/M.B.

INVITADA. La artista Whoopi Goldberg, saluda a la reina de España, Sofía. Al centro, la primera dama, Hillary Clinton.



TIEMPOS DEL MUNDO/M.B.

SALUDOS. El famoso diseñador Oscar de la Renta saluda al rey Juan Carlos. De espalda, la periodista, Bárbara Walters junto a la primera dama, Hillary Clinton y la reina Sofía.

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Acontecimiento social y político constituyó la visita de los reyes de España a Washington, D.C.

POR TEDDY RODRÍGUEZ

La visita de Estado de los reyes de España, don Juan Carlos y doña Sofía, a Washington, D.C., constituyó un gran acontecimiento social y político, reuniendo a destacadas personalidades de las diversas esferas de la sociedad de Estados Unidos y España, quienes se trasladaron a esta capital para saludar a sus majestades.

Entre las personalidades asistentes a la Casa Blanca estaban, el famoso diseñador Oscar de la Renta, la periodista Bárbara Walters, el presidente del senado de España, Antonio Fontan Pérez; sir Evelyn de Rothschild, y la secretaria de Estado, Madeleine Albright.

También se encontraban, el presidente del Grupo Cisneros, Gustavo A. Cisneros, y Patricia de Cisneros; el senador por el Estado de Connecticut, Christopher Dodd; y el senador por el Estado de Dakota, Kent Conrad.

Durante la cena, y después de la presentación protocolaria de los invitados, en el comedor de Estado, el rey Juan Carlos agradeció las palabras de bienvenida del presidente Bill Clinton, y destacó los vínculos existentes entre las dos naciones, los cuales, agregó, se han fortalecido a través de los años.

En otro punto de la exposición, don Juan Carlos solicitó mayor solidaridad para los pueblos más necesitados, y trabajar unidos en pro y en beneficio de las minorías, a través de la democracia y el respeto a los derechos humanos.

Por su parte, Bill Clinton manifestó a su majestad el honor de estar juntos en el aniversario en que el rey salvó la democracia en España, así como el orgullo de contar con esa nación, entre los aliados y amigos.

El rey Juan Carlos y la reina Sofía, asistieron a la recepción acompañados por miembros del gobierno español, entre estos, el ministro de Relaciones Exteriores, Abel Matutes; el jefe de la Casa Real, Fernando de Almanza.

Asimismo estaban, el embajador de España ante el gobierno de Estados Unidos, Antonio de Oyarzábal, y su esposa Bea-

triz Lodge de Oyarzábal y el jefe de seguridad de los reyes, teniente general, Gonzalo Rodríguez de Austria, entre otros.

Cabe destacar en esta recepción el vestuario de la reina, doña Sofía, quien lucía un vestido de encaje en color plateado, mientras que la primera dama estadounidense, Hillary Rodham Clinton, llevaba un modelo en terciopelo negro con vivos en color morado en el cuello y las mangas.

Después de la cena y la entrega de regalos oficiales, los

anfitriones y comensales disfrutaron del recital que ofreció el tenor Plácido Domingo, acompañado por la cantante Ana María Martínez, y el pianista Eugene Kohn, quienes interpretaron famosas composiciones.

La permanencia, de tres días, de los reyes, en esta capital, se realizó bajo una intensa actividad protocolaria y social. don Juan Carlos firmó un proyecto cultural entre la Biblioteca del Congreso estadounidense y la Biblioteca Nacional de España. ♦



DURANTE RECEPCIÓN-BANQUETE QUE SE CELEBRÓ EN LA CASA BLANCA

Los reyes de España reciben honores en la Casa Blanca

El Rey destaca el legado español en la historia de Estados Unidos

El Rey de España confió en la *"cada día más pujante e influyente"* comunidad hispana de Estados Unidos, para que se implante pronto en este país una nueva visión del papel de España *"en la creación y afirmación de la personalidad de la nación norteamericana"*. En un discurso pronunciado en la Biblioteca del Congreso, ante una representación de congresistas y senadores, don Juan Carlos destacó que la comunidad hispana en este país *"se hace cada vez más presente"* y no sólo por el fuerte crecimiento demográfico.

Aparte de este factor, el Rey recalcó que la presencia hispana en EEUU *"constituye un fenómeno de grandes repercusiones sociales y políticas, por el cada vez mayor protagonismo de los individuos que la componen"*.

Tras recordar el compromiso de España con la Unión Europea y su ampliación al Este, el rey puntualizó que la unidad europea no se puede construir *"al margen ni en detrimento de la relación con los Estados Unidos"*.

A continuación, precisó que *"la vocación atlántica de España no se limita al hemisferio norte"*, puesto que *"se siente especialmente vinculada a todo lo que acontece en Iberoamérica"*.

En su elogio al papel de España en la construcción de EEUU, que respaldó con una cita de John F. Kennedy, don Juan Carlos se mostró convencido de que la comunidad hispana *"velará por hacer justicia ante sus compatriotas norteamericanos a la enorme labor colonizadora"* de sus antepasados durante los siglos XVI y XVII. ♦

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Mrs. Clinton marches despite hecklers

BY BETH J. HARPAZ
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Amid boos and cheers, Hillary Rodham Clinton marched in an early St. Patrick's Day parade Sunday that allowed homosexual groups to participate.

The main St. Patrick's Day parade, held March 17 on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan, excludes the Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization on the grounds that the event is run by a Catholic fraternal group, the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

The U.S. Senate candidate said Sunday that she still hopes the main parade will be inclusive, but even if it's not, she confirmed she would attend. "I'm marching," she said with a firm nod.

With a green scarf tucked into her jacket, the first lady smiled, waved and posed for pictures as she marched seven blocks along the parade route in Queens.

Asked if she was enjoying herself, she said: "I sure am. How could you not? It's a glorious day with a lot of happy people."

A group of hecklers followed her, but she ignored them and the occasional boos from others in the crowd of several thousand people scattered along the parade route.

"Go back to Arkansas, carpetbag-



Senate candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton (center) joins participants Sunday in an early St. Patrick's Day parade in the Queens borough of New York. Associated Press

ger?" called out Bernie Mulligan, who works for a cable TV company. "She's too liberal. But I like everything about the mayor. I think he's a straight shooter."

Mrs. Clinton's likely Republican opponent in the Senate race will be Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

Most of the onlookers — some of

them holding signs saying "Irish-Americans for Hillary" — clapped and cheered.

"I'm going to vote for her. I think she's great — a woman, a strong woman. She knows the politics," said Susan DiScala.

Mrs. Clinton was accompanied by a group of Democratic officials that

included city Comptroller Alan Hevesi, Public Advocate Mark Green, City Council President Peter Valone, and U.S. Reps. Jerry Nadler and Carolyn Maloney, both of Manhattan.

The Queens parade was billed as the first local "inclusive" St. Patrick's Day event because it allowed gay organizations to participate. Among them were Lavender and Green, a gay Irish group that had about two dozen members walking a half-block behind the first lady. They also received an occasional boo, but one of them, Barbara Moore, said: "Hate is not going to win today."

Earlier Sunday in a speech at Riverside Church in Manhattan, the first lady chastised city officials for refusing to acknowledge problems with the police force in the aftermath of the Amadou Diallo case.

Diallo, an unarmed African immigrant, was shot to death last year by four white officers.

The officers were acquitted of murder last month.

Mrs. Clinton cited Boston and San Diego as places where both crime and racial tensions are down because of good relations between police and residents.

Arkansans generous to Giuliani

N.Y. mayor raised more there than first lady did

By Kathy Kiely and Paul Overberg
USA TODAY

Call him Arkansas' favorite son: New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani raised more money from the Natural State last year than did first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

In New York's red-hot campaign for the U.S. Senate, Republican Giuliani often mentions Clinton's Arkansas ties to portray his Democratic rival as a carpetbagger. Even so, Giuliani raked in \$29,800 from Arkansans. His \$500-a-plate fundraiser in Little Rock in July was co-hosted by Arkansas' Republican governor, Mike Huckabee.

Clinton, who was Arkansas' first lady for 12 years before becoming the nation's, raised \$11,450 for her Senate campaign from supporters in Arkansas.

Employees of Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. — which includes the *New York Post*, a tabloid that regularly savages Clinton and her husband — were more generous. They gave \$13,000 to her campaign.

A USA TODAY analysis of fundraising records, available on the Federal Election Commission's computerized database, shows that of the \$8.1 million Giuliani raised last year in contributions over \$200, 55% came from New York. The FEC lists names and addresses of those who make contributions over \$200. New Yorkers contributed about 44% of the \$6.1 million Clinton raised in donations of \$200 and up.

A more detailed breakdown of



By Bebito Matthews, AP

A lift from a candidate: Hillary Rodham Clinton carries Casey Davies, 2, daughter of a nurse on a picket line outside Nyack Hospital in Nyack, N.Y.

Clinton's 1999 contributions, provided by the non-partisan Campaign Study Group, reveals that the first lady benefited from big government and the big screen. She got \$84,950 from employees of the federal, state and local governments, including \$2,500 from employees of the city of New York. Film company Miramax was the No. 1 private employer on Clinton's contributor list. Employees there gave \$45,500 to her campaign, much at a fundraiser Sept. 21 at the home of co-chairman Harvey Weinstein.

The Campaign Study Group has not yet analyzed Giuliani's campaign finance report.

In New York on Wednesday, Clin-

ton decried gun violence while visiting an elementary school. Giuliani accused her of hypocrisy for not returning a \$1,000 contribution from rapper Sean "Puffy" Combs. The rapper was charged with criminal possession of a weapon after a shooting at a Manhattan nightclub Dec. 27.

The Clinton campaign shot back with ammunition from Giuliani's campaign finance disclosure: a \$1,000 contribution from actor and National Rifle Association President Charlton Heston. "We don't need to be lectured to by a campaign that's taken money from the head of the NRA," said Clinton spokesman Howard Wolfson.

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ELECTIONLINE

Hillary Clinton to join parade that includes gay organizations

AP
Hillary Rodham Clinton will march in an alternative St. Patrick's Day parade this weekend that will include gay organizations, her spokesman said Wednesday. Whether she will march in the main St. Patrick's Day parade up Fifth Avenue on March 17 was unclear. For years, the sponsor, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, has not allowed the Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization to march under its own banner. In December, Clinton told reporters she would march in the main parade, apparently unaware of the controversy over gays. Clinton's spokesman, Howard Wolfson, said Wednesday of the main parade that "she hopes to march, and she hopes it will be inclusive." Clinton's Republican opponent, Mayor Rudy Giuliani, always marches in the main parade and intends to do so again this year. He also was invited to the alternative parade but declined, mayoral spokesman Curt Ritter said.



Clinton: Alternative holiday parade.

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Washington Times

Hillary's march

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will march in an alternative St. Patrick's Day parade this weekend that will include homosexual organizations, her spokesman said yesterday.

The sponsor of the main March 17 St. Patrick's Day parade up Fifth Avenue in Manhattan — the Ancient Order of Hibernians — has for years refused to allow the Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization to march under its own banner.

In December, Mrs. Clinton told reporters she would march in the main St. Patrick's Day parade, apparently unaware of the controversy over homosexuals.

She later said she would march in the Fifth Avenue parade only if it was inclusive.

Mrs. Clinton's Republican opponent, Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, was also invited to march in the alternative parade in Queens, but declined.

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Protecting NY's Teachers

State Sen. John Kuhl, an upstate Republican, this week took the first step toward establishing safer classrooms for every teacher in New York state.

Kuhl was first out of the box with legislation raising the penalty for assaulting a teacher in the classroom from misdemeanor to class 'D' felony status.

Obviously, there would be no guarantees attached to such a change in the law — but the upgrade would send a message to every corner of the state that violence against teachers will simply no longer be tolerated.

The potential prison sentence attending felony status — from two to seven years upstate for an adult offender — won't hurt either.

This measure sailed through the Senate's Education Committee — chaired by Kuhl — and is now on the floor of the Senate, where it is expected to face a vote sometime next week.

The speed with which the Senate has moved on this issue is remarkable. Worthy legislation stagnates in Albany all the time — and we certainly hope that this won't prove to be the case with Kuhl's bill.

But the Assembly needs to pass an identical bill before it can become law — and, as of last night, Speaker Sheldon Silver's office wasn't returning phone calls about it.

On one level, that doesn't surprise. The Assembly isn't quick to pass bills that toughen up criminal penalties.

On another, though, it's downright startling.

Vesting teacher assaults with felony status is a prime legislative objective of the United Federation of Teachers. With the possible — and we stress *possible* — exception of Local 1199 of the health-care workers union, no labor organization carries more weight with the Assembly than the UFT.

And the union's case is extraordinarily compelling — on the merits.

In the last year, assaults on teachers have increased by 20 percent. Since Feb. 14 alone — two weeks — there have been 11 assaults on educators throughout the New York City school system.

That's almost one attack a day — and *that's* unacceptable.

Teachers have a right to go to work without worrying about having to make a trip to the hospital emergency room for stitches — or worse.

That's true of everybody, of course.

But violence in the classroom — like violence directed against cops and firefighters — amounts to violence against the larger society. It's every bit as much an assault on the fabric of society as it is an attack on an individual teacher.

That's because without functioning schools there can be no civilized society.

There are a lot of other things wrong with the city's public schools — things that defy either simple classification or easy solution. Not so, violent classrooms.

Kuhl's bill represents a powerful statement — and sound policy.

The sooner the Assembly addresses the issue, the better for New York.

And, especially, its teachers.

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Washington Times

Hillary as carpetbagger

The press should not let the issue go

By Jonathan P. Decker

It's a well-known fact that Hillary Rodham Clinton was born in Illinois, educated in Massachusetts and Connecticut and lived most of her adult life in Arkansas and Washington, D.C. And despite the fact the first lady has never lived or worked in New York (or paid taxes in the state for that matter), she has decided that she would best represent the interests of New York in the U. S. Senate. By any stretch of the imagination, this notion is ludicrous. Yet the mainstream media has left the carpetbagger issue largely unchallenged.

When Mrs. Clinton threw her hat in the ring and reinvented herself as Hillary!, she felt she couldn't let the carpetbagger issue pass without addressing it in some way. "I may be new to the neighborhood," she said, "but I'm not new to your concerns." For The New York Times, this one sentence qualified as hitting the carpetbagger question "head on." The broadcast and 24-hour cable networks were similarly satisfied with this explanation as to why someone who has been a resident of a state for only a month could lay claim to a vacant Senate seat.

While the Hillary campaign would very much like to run a race on the issues of a reinvented New Democrat or resort to attacks on the three-month-old campaign fund-raising letters of her likely opponent, New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, the New York press as well as the national media that has descended upon New York needs to ask the question, "Mrs. Clinton, why New York?"

The truth of the matter may be that reporters fear that "the" race of 2000 may not be a race at all if Mrs. Clinton has to answer this basic question. Reporters love competitive political races — sometimes more than getting answers to legitimate questions. But if those questions are asked, a real risk is run of putting an end to the horse race of "Hillary vs. Rudy." And no horse race would

mean the end of the party for reporters. No more bus rides with the candidate. No more buffalo wings in upstate New York. No more ribs at Sylvia's in Harlem. No more Yankees games in the Bronx. And perhaps, most importantly, no more TV time on "Hardball" or "Geraldo."

Sometimes the most obvious questions get overlooked. Look at what happened to Sen. Edward

In defining herself as a centrist Democrat, Mrs. Clinton told a Purchase, New York crowd, "For over 30 years, in many different ways, I've seen first-hand the kinds of challenges New Yorkers face today." What she left out of her speech was that she has seen these "challenges" from Wellesley, New Haven and Little Rock. And while Mrs. Clinton has traveled to New York extensively over the past eight years, these trips have more often than not been for party fund-raisers. Mrs. Clinton is a bright and talented person, but even for her, it can be quite difficult to see these "challenges" from the Waldorf Astoria or from Steven Spielberg's house in East Hampton.

How important is the carpetbagger issue? That's something that New Yorkers will have to answer. But if recent history in neighboring New Jersey is any indication, voters care about where their Senate candidates are from and their reasons for running. In 1988, Pete Dawkins, a former Army brigadier general, Rhodes Scholar, Heisman Trophy winner — and recent New Jersey resident — took on Sen. Frank Lautenberg. Although his background made him qualified for the office, his attitude was similar to Mrs. Clinton's: "I've arrived to be your senator." His attempt at answering charges of carpetbagging sounded eerily similar to Mrs. Clinton's explanations: "I could have lived anywhere, but I chose New Jersey." Voters didn't buy it (some even saw his run as a stepping-stone to higher office) and he was trounced in the November election.

Of course, the Clinton campaign would much rather repeat the success of another New York carpetbagger, Robert F. Kennedy. But even Kennedy — who had actually once lived in the state — had to address the carpetbagger charge repeatedly during his campaign. It may seem like a minor issue — particularly to a profession in which moving from place to place is part of the job. But to New York voters, it's an issue that will not go away. The national media and the New York press need to listen to the electorate. They need to ask the question, "Mrs. Clinton, why New York?"



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Kennedy in 1980. For months he was given a free ride by the press until Roger Mudd had the temerity to ask the heir to Camelot, "Why do you want to be president?" Mr. Kennedy stumbled on this softball and his campaign never recovered. I'm sure quite a few reporters were miffed that Mr. Mudd actually asked this question. For them, this meant no brokered convention.

For many journalists — particularly those in the national media — the carpetbagger issue in the New York Senate race is a red herring. They see the job of United States senator as a national office and one in which those competing for it ought to be judged by what they can bring to the institution. While this is true, journalists should also recognize sheer opportunism when they see it. Mrs. Clinton's run for the U.S. Senate from a state in which she doesn't even have a library card, a driver's license or a Blockbuster Video membership just doesn't pass the smell test. It's a power grab pure and simple.

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Culture, et cetera

Socialized parenting

"In order to say no, we must first judge a behavior as wrong. Campus Marxists, however, who came of age in the '60s (when love was free and a drug deal the only acceptable form of capitalism) found these judgments unpleasant. . . .

"In Hillary Clinton's retrospective book on socialized parenting, 'It Takes a Village,' corrective discipline isn't encouraged at all. In fact, if you have to tell your child no, you've already failed as a parent. . . .

"According to Hillary, a child's ability to self-check comes naturally, when not undermined by critical, controlling parents: 'If [kids] have supportive and caring adults around them, they pick up the social cues that enable them to develop self-discipline and empathy.' . . .

"Now, according to liberals demanding we pass out condoms in school, we can't possibly tell our kids not to have sex. . . . In sex-education speak, telling a teenager not to have sex is a failure to respect the teen-ager's 'self-



Hillary Rodham Clinton discourages corrective discipline in "It Takes a Village."

determination.' . . .

"But times are again a-changin'. Driven by an intense hatred for big tobacco, liberals are suddenly embracing the N-word. When it comes to teen ciga-

rette smoking, the Left is now encouraging parents to 'Just Say No'; teen-age self-determination be damned!"

— Stephanie Herman, writing on "The Left Utters the N-Word," in *American Partisan* on line at www.americanpartisan.com

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Cautious comments: Hillary Rodham Clinton, commenting last Friday on the acquittal of four police officers, called the death a 'terrible tragedy.'

SENATE RACE IN N.Y.: Last Friday's controversial jury decision in the fatal police shooting of Amadou Diallo in New York spells political trouble for Hillary Rodham Clinton's Senate bid, a leading pollster said.

"She's in a bind over the Diallo case," John Zogby said. The president of Zogby International said Clinton risks alienating voters in upstate New York, a key battleground in the Senate race, if she tries to appease African-American voters. However, Clinton, a Democrat, also needs the support of African-Americans to win in November, he said.

She needs 90%-95% of the African-American vote, and she needs a large turnout from that community, said Zogby.

Clinton has been cautious in commenting on the jury verdict in Albany, where four white police officers were found innocent in the shooting death of Diallo, who was black. Police fired 41 shots and struck the West African immigrant 19 times on Feb. 4, 1999. Diallo was unarmed, but police testified that they thought he had a gun.

On the other hand, the campaign of New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, Clinton's probable Republican opponent, is not expected to be affected by the Diallo case because his support among minority groups, especially African-Americans, is already low, according to polls.

— Sergio Bustos, Gannett News Service

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Hillary bashes Rudy over cop shooting

'HE'S DIVIDING THE CITY'



Associated Press

Senate candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton comes out swinging against Mayor Giuliani yesterday over the latest cop shooting incident.

Story: Pages 6 & 7



Associated Press

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She lays it out in black and white

By ROBERT HARDT Jr.

Hillary Rodham Clinton's aides hope that her fiery speech at a Harlem town hall meeting last night will make her more attractive to moderate whites who want a senator able to go to minority neighborhoods and help defuse racial tensions.

They insisted after the speech that the First Lady wasn't trying to capitalize on a tragedy — that she was genuinely outraged by Mayor Giuliani's rhetoric and his release of the criminal record of the latest unarmed civilian shot by police.

"It wasn't political, it was personal," said one insider.

"She thought what the mayor did was horrible and that he needed to be called on it."

The Clinton team, knowing they've captured nearly every black vote, hopes the speech resonates with the "Giuliani-Schumer" voting bloc — white city residents who supported the Republican mayor in 1997 and then voted for Democrat Chuck Schumer in the Senate race a year later.

Both Clinton friends and foes are struggling to determine whether the killing will have a long-term impact on the campaign.

"I don't know how it affects the Senate race," admitted Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer, one of Clinton's staunchest supporters.

"Will this have a big impact upstate? I would doubt it. The mayor is already running against New York City as it is."

Lee Miringoff, director of polling for Marist College, said it was obvious the mayor was concerned about the case when he first spoke about the shooting on Thursday afternoon.

"The potential political fallout can be measured by the quickness of Giuliani's response," Miringoff said.

"If he didn't think it was a potential problem, the

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mayor would have been a lot quieter over the last few days."

The mayor's closest aides said they are unsure if the Dorismond shooting will cost them serious support.

"What it does is provide a new catalyst for the enemies of Giuliani," said a mayoral insider.

In years where there is a presidential race at the top of the ticket, minority participation in elections is higher, and Clinton strategists are counting on an even heavier turnout among black and Latinos because of the Diallo and Dorismond shootings.

"Obviously, it isn't smart to believe that there will be a single defining episode in the race," another Clinton insider before last night's event.

"But the bottom line is that hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers of all races will see her greeted with open arms in Harlem tonight. That's something you won't see happen with the mayor anytime soon."



BULLY PULPIT: First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton takes her anti-Giuliani message to Harlem's Bethel AME Church last night.

N.Y. Post: Francis Specker

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PARTIES & PROTESTS FOR BILL & CHELSEA IN INDIA

By MARILYN RAUBER
Post Correspondent

Chelsea Clinton yesterday ditched her dad for a Hindu festival, while President Clinton, on a weeklong visit to India, Bangladesh and Pakistan, faced his first security fears in the nuclear hotspot.

The Clintons' visit and the Hindu "Holi" festival put an end, at least temporarily, to 10 days of heavy shelling in Kashmir, a Himalayan terri-

tory claimed by both India and Pakistan — as Pakistani soldiers raised a white flag and shouted "Happy Holi" to the Indian soldiers.

"They are trying to act peaceful while Clinton is here," said Brig. Jasbir Singh, a local military commander near the Indian city of Jammu.

But the Secret Service, worried about Clinton's safety during a day trip yesterday to Bangladesh, nixed a 20-mile helicopter ride to a remote village.

"The village is highly disappointed. They all thought he would sit under the banyan tree and see a beautiful Bangladesh village," said a local official.

Instead, about 300 villagers, many of them barefoot, were driven to the capital, Dhaka, to see Clinton, the first U.S. president to ever visit the country. "We had specific information which led us to conclude that travel to the village was inadvisable," Clinton's national security adviser, Sandy Berger, told reporters.

In Dhaka, hundreds of students protesting Clinton's visit chanted: "Go back Clinton, you are an imperialist." Cops kept them on campus. In New Delhi, police banned protests and combed the city for troublemakers.

In Jodhpur, Chelsea, wearing a daub of paint on her forehead and escorted by India's foreign minister, watched the "Holi" festival from the maharajah's palace — now a hotel — as participants doused each other with colored water and powder.

"Welcome back Chelsea. And thanks for bringing your father," said a full page ad in the local paper. Chelsea came to India in 1995 with her mother, Hillary, who stayed home this time to campaign for Senate in New York.

Indians resorted to consulting seers to find out how successful Clinton's visit, the first by a U.S. president in 22 years, would be.

Effort on Mood Drugs for Young Is Backed

Manufacturers, Doctors and Teachers Endorse White House Plan

By ROBERT PEAR

WASHINGTON, March 20 — Teachers, psychiatrists, family doctors and drug companies reacted favorably today to the Clinton administration's plan to reduce the large numbers of preschoolers who are getting Ritalin, Prozac and other powerful medications without being properly evaluated by doctors.

At the White House, Hillary Rodham Clinton said: "We are not here to bash the use of these medications. They have literally been a godsend for countless adults and young people with behavioral and emotional problems."

But in announcing a White House initiative to reverse a sharp increase in the use of such drugs by children younger than 6, Mrs. Clinton expressed concern that "some of these young people have problems that are symptoms of nothing more than childhood or adolescence."

Jerald L. Newberry, director of the health information program at the National Education Association, welcomed the comments by Mrs. Clinton.

Too often, Mr. Newberry said, teachers come under pressure to recommend a medical solution to a child's learning or behavioral problems because school districts do not have enough counselors, nurses, social workers and school psychologists.

Ritalin is used to treat attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, the most commonly diagnosed psychiatric disorder in children.

An article last month in The Journal of the American Medical Association reported an apparently sharp rise in the number of preschoolers taking psychotropic drugs. The report prompted widespread public

concern; Mrs. Clinton asked administration officials to devise a response.

Nat LaCour, executive vice president of the American Federation of Teachers, said: "There's a big difference between a child with a serious psychiatric disorder requiring drugs and a child who acts out occasionally. Pushing psychiatric drugs on a child with behavioral problems may be a quick fix, but could prove problematic later on."

Dr. Laurence L. Greenhill, professor of clinical psychiatry at Columbia University, said: "Doctors are sometimes too quick to prescribe medications for preschool children. The behavior of an enthusiastic, ebullient 3-year-old with lots of energy can be misinterpreted as attention deficit disorder when it's just a variant of normal behavior."

Dr. Greenhill has proposed a large study to see whether Ritalin is safe and effective for the treatment of behavioral problems in preschool children, and the National Institute of Mental Health said today that it wanted to finance such a study. Before a doctor prescribes Ritalin for a preschooler with problems, Dr. Greenhill said, the parents should be trained in behavior modification techniques to help the child.

Dr. Lanny R. Copeland of Albany, Ga., chairman of the American Academy of Family Physicians, said many parents arrived in his office and announced, "I am here to start the child on Ritalin." Typically, Dr. Copeland added, the parents say: "I talked to the teachers at school. They think the child would benefit from the medication."

Dr. Copeland said that many parents appeared to believe that "this is a cure-all for their children's prob-

lems." In some cases, he said, academic performance seemed to improve after children began taking Ritalin.

But Dr. Copeland said he was concerned because parents wanted the prescriptions before their children had been fully evaluated by a doctor. "It would be like somebody coming in at the age of 30 and saying, 'I have chest pains, I'd like to have coronary artery bypass surgery,'" he said.

Dr. Allan Tasman, president of the American Psychiatric Association, said that managed care organizations had "emphasized medications as a quick fix for many problems," and he said that this view had influenced schools as well.

Novartis, the manufacturer of the brand-name version of Ritalin, acknowledged that the drug had not been approved for use by children younger than 6. But it said that "Ritalin has been used safely and effectively" in the treatment of millions of older children for four decades.

Gina Moran, a spokeswoman for Novartis, said the company supported the government's plan for a large-scale study of Ritalin's safety and effectiveness in children under 6.

Eli Lilly & Company, which makes Prozac, said it agreed "that the rapid increase in use of psychiatric medications in young children is a cause for concern." Ed West, a company spokesman, said behavioral therapy was "often the most appropriate and effective first-line treatment."

Prozac is approved for use in patients 18 and older who suffer from depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder or bulimia. Lilly said it did not promote the drug for use by other patients. But federal officials said that doctors had often prescribed Prozac for children.



Stephen Crowley/The New York Times

Hillary Rodham Clinton at the White House yesterday, where she discussed a plan to reduce the number of preschoolers on medication.

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Steps Taken To Curb Use Of Drugs To Calm Young

First Lady Joins Voices of Caution

By JOHN F. HARRIS
Washington Post Staff Writer

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton yesterday added her voice to a rising chorus of medical experts who fear that physicians are too quick to prescribe drugs such as Ritalin to young children possibly suffering from attention deficit hyperactivity disorder or other behavioral problems.

Making a cameo appearance at the White House from her new home on the Senate campaign trail in New York, Clinton joined federal health officials in announcing a series of steps designed to prompt parents and doctors alike to think twice before medicating difficult children or teenagers.

The steps included the release of a federal "fact sheet" for parents about treatment of children with behavioral problems and a \$5 million study by the National Institute of Mental Health to conduct further research on the effects of "psychotropic medication" on children under age 7. She also touted a conference scheduled for the fall on "Treatment of Children with Behavioral and Mental Disorders." The Food and Drug Administration also has begun a process aimed at devising cautionary labels on the use of psychiatric drugs for children.

"Some of these young people



BY JOE MARQUETTE—ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hillary Rodham Clinton, with Surgeon General David Satcher, says some problems "are symptoms of nothing more than childhood or adolescence."

have problems that are symptoms of nothing more than childhood or adolescence," Clinton said. "Some of them need a parent to love them, or a person simply to listen to them talk about their pain."

But the first lady, and White House aides afterward, emphasized that she was not challenging the usefulness of drugs for some young people. "Some children do have severe emotional behavioral problems that can be helped by prescription drugs. These children are waiting for our help and today we are taking important steps to provide it," she said.

The point of the government campaign, a White House official said, is to encourage a more methodical approach by the health community in deciding who is genuinely suffering from behavior maladies and might be helped by drugs.

Long-standing concerns about possible over-medication received new impetus last month when a study published in the *Journal of*

the American Medical Association documented soaring use of psychiatric drugs for children under 5.

The number of preschoolers on antidepressants jumped 200 percent over five years; the number of children on "tricyclic antidepressants," often prescribed for bed-wetters, jumped 220 percent. The number of children ages 2 through 4 taking the stimulant methylphenidate, marketed under the brand name Ritalin, to control attention-deficit disorder doubled.

A White House fact sheet cited studies suggesting that prescriptions of these drugs—in some school districts 20 percent of fifth graders are being medicated for attention deficit disorder—are many times higher than the normal rate of incidence.

There are risks, health officials warn. Clonidine, a drug that in recent years has soared in use for children exhibiting disruptive behavior, can cause rapid or irregular heartbeats and fainting spells.

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HEALTH AND BEHAVIOR

First lady takes lead in child mental health project

By Karen S. Peterson
and Kathy Kiely
USA TODAY

The White House is drawing attention to an issue of rising concern to parents and experts: the growing use of mind-altering drugs to treat emotional and behavioral disorders in very young children.

The psychotropic (mind-changing) medications are intended to treat behavioral problems, but some youngsters who get the drugs display behaviors that are merely typical of childhood, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton said. She addressed a White House meeting of experts in the private sector and government.

Clinton outlined a plan Monday that includes more government money to research the effects of using drugs on preschoolers, new labels on drugs for pediatric use, and a fall White House conference on children's mental health.

She is not, she stressed, attacking the use of medications to deal with children's emotional problems. "We are not here to bash the use of these medications," Clinton said. When properly prescribed, they can be a "godsend."



By Joe Marquette, AP

Minds on the matter: Before experts including Surgeon General David Satcher, Hillary Rodham Clinton announces a plan to research the rising use of mind-altering drugs to control young children's behavior.

But Clinton is concerned because many drugs prescribed for children have not been tested for them. "Finding the right prescription for a child is not al-

ways just a matter of decreasing the adult dosage."

Experts nationwide worry about over-medicating the brains of the very young.

The White House quotes recent studies published in *The Journal of the American Medical Association* that show, from 1991 to 1995:

► The number of preschoolers on antidepressants increased 200%.

► The number of children ages 2 to 4 taking stimulants such as Ritalin more than doubled. Ritalin is used in part to treat attention deficit disorders, conditions that prevent children from staying on task.

Failure to treat emotional and behavioral disorders can have lifelong consequences. Untreated mental illness hampers the developing brain, causing emotional and social damage.

Additionally:

► Many children are inappropriately diagnosed and treated. Although little is known about the effects of over-medicating children, unnecessary use of drugs can have adverse effects on children's brains and emotional and social development.

► More research is necessary to ensure informed treatment. Many of the drugs prescribed for very young children have not been tested in children under 16; few have been tested on those under age 6.

The first lady's plan includes several points of attack:

► The Food and Drug Administration will research new

"Finding the right prescription for a child is not always just a matter of decreasing the adult dosage."

— First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

pediatric dosage information to be included on drug labels.

► The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) will budget more than \$5 million to research attention deficit disorders and Ritalin use in preschoolers.

► NIMH will release a fact sheet this week to help parents understand treatment options. The Department of Education will release an information kit for teachers and parents.

Many mental-health-care experts applauded the first lady's initiative.

"We know that the use of medication in children has increased dramatically," said a statement from Allan Tasman,

president of the American Psychiatric Association. "Some of the increase may be due to improved case finding and evaluation. However, the influence of managed care, which has emphasized medications as a quick fix for many problems, has pervaded all of medicine and has inappropriately tilted the system, including the schools, toward medication as a first choice."

Psychologist Mark Stein, with the Children's National Medical Center in Washington, said: "It is a disturbing trend that more and more young children are being treated with medication. And we don't know how effective it is in that age range."

Younger children, he noted, are naturally active and impulsive.

The White House event was billed by Clinton's staff as a natural continuation of her work as a children's advocate. Clinton harked back to work she did 30 years ago at the Yale Child Study Center. But her appearance also comes in the midst of her U.S. Senate campaign in New York, where polls show that she needs to shore up her image among suburban women.

Hillary calls for study on use of mood-altering drugs by children

By Andrea Billups
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Democratic Senate candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton called for more research on the effects of mood-altering medications like Ritalin and Prozac on children younger than 7.

While some children may benefit from drug therapy for behavioral problems like attention defi-

cit disorder (ADD) or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), Mrs. Clinton questioned whether too many young children were being prescribed those medications without adequate research on whether they are appropriate or effective.

"Some children do have severe emotional behavioral problems that can be helped by prescription drugs," she said. But she noted that

"some of these young people have problems that are symptoms of nothing more than childhood or adolescence."

The first lady, who is seeking a Senate seat from New York, met with a group of health and education experts at the White House yesterday, announcing a \$5 million National Institute of Mental Health study on the impact of psychotropic drugs on children.

Those drugs include stimulants, depressants, sedatives and anti-psychotics, which act chemically on the brain. She also called for new government warning labels for the drugs and a fall conference on children's mental health.

Mrs. Clinton's announcement comes less than a month after the Journal of the American Medical Association reported that the number of preschool children on anti-

depressants had increased by more than 200 percent between 1991 and 1995. The number of children aged 2 to 4 taking stimulants such as Ritalin also more than doubled, the JAMA study found.

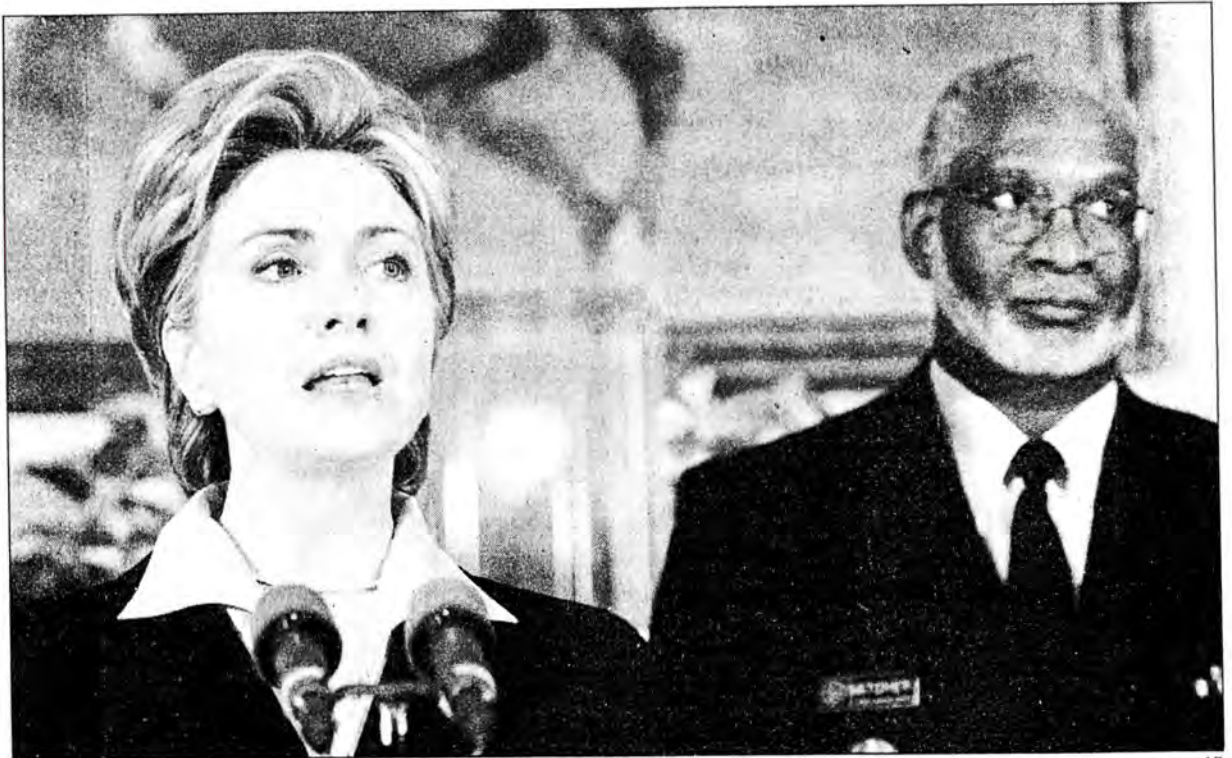
Only about 25 percent of prescription medications are labeled for use on children, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics.

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First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, with Surgeon General David Satcher, speaks at the White House yesterday.

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More research is needed, said Salvatore Cullari, chairman of the psychology department at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pa.

"We don't have any good scientific studies with kids under age 6," Mr. Cullari said. "Even if it does work with these kids, I'm not sure we should be using it anyway until we've done these studies."

Ritalin, which is used to treat hyperactivity, has not been approved for use under the age of 6, but off-label usage for those patients is widespread among physicians, he said.

"I think medications really should be the last resort, especially with young kids. We should try everything else first unless we are talking about a kid who is in danger of hurting himself or attempting suicide."

"The problem is that I think it's easier for a physician to just prescribe a medication," he said. "I think some of the managed care companies would just prefer the physicians to prescribe the medication because it's cheaper to treat than through therapy or behavior modification and other psychological techniques, which would take longer."

Critics call Ritalin a "poison" and compare its effects on the brain to cocaine.

Dr. Leslie Walker, an associate professor of pediatrics at Georgetown University, says stimulants like Ritalin or Adderall, commonly

RITALIN USE

Statistics about childhood psychiatric disorders and drugs:

- The total number of prescriptions of Ritalin and its generic equivalent, methylphenidate, hit more than 8.4 million nationally in 1995 and rose to a high of 11.4 million by 1998.
- Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder is estimated to affect 3 percent to 5 percent of the population, possibly up to 10 percent.
- ADHD is diagnosed four times more often in boys than in girls.
- The use of Ritalin to treat ADHD rose 250 percent from 1990 to 1995.
- About 2.5 million school-age children have Ritalin prescriptions.
- A December 1999 report by the U.S. surgeon general said 20 percent of U.S. children suffer from psychiatric disorders.
- The number of preschool children on antidepressants rose more than 200 percent between 1991 and 1995.

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prescribed to adolescents, are rarely addictive because they slow down most patients rather than hype them. She agrees that more research is important.

"In certain populations and in certain areas they are overprescribed, but then there are some people who would benefit greatly from them," she said.

Of ADD and ADHA, she adds: "It's clearly something that is going on ... that starts in childhood and extends through adulthood that some medicines can help."

Tom DeWeese, president of the American Policy Center in Herndon, Va., buys none of those arguments.

While more than 7 million children have been diagnosed with ADD or ADHD, "there has never been issued a single peer-reviewed scientific paper officially claiming to prove ADD/ADHD exists," he says.

He blames the psychiatric industry for creating a problem to make money. Preschoolers, he adds, are simply the latest targets of "the pill brigade."

"As education restructuring grew into a full-blown behavior-modification assault designed to change the attitudes, values and beliefs of the children, a key element to the process was to turn healthy children into 'patients,'" he said.

Mrs. Clinton and her "village" need to get out of the brains of America's children, Mr. DeWeese said.

"When in the history of this country do we have the White House looking at the brain development of children? What she means is the government knows best how to raise a child, not a parent. What Hillary needs to do is stay out of the family and let the parents raise the children."

Indicting Hillary Clinton

What one author saw at the counterrevolution

By Woody West

Peggy Noonan does not dally in her demolition of the first lady. She labels "The Case Against Hillary Clinton" a polemic and bluntly dissects the woman who would be a U.S. senator — and whose ambition may well extend to the Democratic nomination for president in 2004.

This rather thin volume might be described as an extended op-ed piece, a journalistic form at which Miss Noonan is very good. It is crafted with the colloquial style that characterizes the former speech writer for President Reagan (her account of which was her book, "What I Saw at the Revolution"), and of President Bush's acceptance speech when nominated (that included the memorable and then often parodied "a thousand points of light").

"Hillary" — as the New York senatorial campaign now advertises her in the one-name apogee of celebrity — may ascend to the U.S. Senate, but she should not, Miss Noonan, a New Yorker, passionately believes. She is indistinguishable from the president, from "Clintonism," in the author's perspective:

"[T]hey have made the American political landscape a lower and lesser thing. They have left our political process distorted and misshapen; they have stopped good things from happening, and allowed bad things to occur; when caught they have covered-up and dissembled, which in turn has added a new level of sourness, cynicism and confusion to our politics and our culture."

In handing down this searing indictment, Miss Noonan reprises in detail the litany of mendacity that has infused the Clinton administration — from early Travelgate, the health care fiasco, the missing Rose law firm records, to the Monica Lewinsky episode and the stouter and thinner fibs and dissimulations.

None of this is new. But there is so much of it, and this smooth recapitulation will not only ensure Miss Noonan's permanent inclusion in the first lady's "vast right-wing conspiracy" but elevate her to its Hall of Fame.

Woody West is associate editor of *The Washington Times*.

While she generally avoids psychobabble, Miss Noonan does excavate a bit of the respective neo-cortices of the first couple. "Often when I watch the Clintons I think I perceive a profound joylessness, an almost glassy-eyed containment, or distance. It's as if they don't have a facade, they've become a facade. You sense a depression on his part and an anger on hers." This, she contends, "makes their private plight our public problem."

Left to himself, Bill Clinton is bored and anxious and needs adulation or he will float away — while

However, a few months later Hillary decided to meet with the heads of the big TV and movie studios and prominent other media poobahs. At her call, they assembled at the Hollywood home of Michael Eisner, the chief executive officer of Disney. David Geffen was there and Rupert Murdoch, Edgar Bronfman, Ted Turner, Gerry Levin of Time Warner — a roster of the most puissant callers of the cultural cadence. Miss Noonan then reports that "miraculously" she was there, too, with a tape recorder, because Mr. Eisner's housekeeper is a cousin of her best friend. She went unnoticed as Hillary began to speak.

Without equivocation, Hillary lectured that the "great unspoken fact" of American culture now is that the powerful, "those who write and edit Time and Newsweek, who produce the movies and talk about them on TV," all of them support pushing the envelope of standards. "But they make sure their own kids don't get cut and bleed from it." The shows they produce, she relentlessly went on, "teach kids to be materialistic, they teach them that the spiritual life is utterly absent from American life ... Really, these shows are about sex and haircuts."

Hillary Clinton asked them "to change — to change utterly," and to do "the greatest patriotic act of our time" by cleaning up their acts. Astonishing speech, heartfelt and pungent. How in the world, one wonders (suspicion dawning), was it never at all reported in this Era of the Universal Leak? And with a high-octane journalist, Miss Noonan, present. Odd.

The answer is simple enough. It never happened. It never will, Peggy Noonan says of the "dream" from which she awoke. This is too cute.

The reservation aside, however, "The Case Against Hillary Clinton" is uncommonly powerful. "The Clintons have damaged our country. They have done it together, in unison, and with no apparent care or anxiety about what they have done. And for this reason, for all of these reasons, Clintonism should not be allowed to continue."

As the ultimate ironic thrust, Miss Noonan dedicates her book to Eleanor Roosevelt — the genuine article.

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THE CASE AGAINST HILLARY CLINTON

Peggy Noonan

Regan Books, \$23, 181 pages



Hillary Clinton cannot live without power and admiration or would waft away "like an empty balloon."

What is fresh and imaginative in the book is, curiously, also somewhat annoying, at least to this reader. Miss Noonan declaims about what she calls a "culture of death" that has evolved in America, a time "unparalleled in history" (both assertions are Manhattan hyperbole, but never mind). After the horror of Columbine, Miss Noonan thought that Mrs. Clinton, with her constantly enunciated concern for children, might induce a new seriousness. Not so, writes Miss Noonan.

Washington Times, March 21, 2000

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First Lady Gets a N.Y. Makeover

Thicker Skin Accompanies Candidate's Ever-Present Smile

By JOHN F. HARRIS
and LYNNE DUKE
Washington Post Staff Writers

NEW YORK—Hillary Rodham Clinton began last week with a Sunday afternoon St. Patrick's parade in Queens. Her supporters were chanting "Hillary! Hillary!" but not loudly enough to drown out hecklers: "Go home, carpetbagger!" shrieked one woman, who hovered near the candidate along the entire route.

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Despite the clamor, a wide smile never left Clinton's face.

Week's end found the first lady in an equally improbable setting. Saturday night was the annual "Inner Circle" dinner thrown by the New York City media, an evening of irreverent skits at the expense of the politicians in attendance. Clinton was there as the guest of a tabloid newspaper.

Despite the roasting, the woman who wants to be elected U.S. senator from New York this fall was still

smiling.

A first lady who was famous in Washington for her thin skin is re-inventing herself in New York with a thick one. In the process, she is proving herself to be a more resilient candidate than her reputation would have suggested. Running behind her Republican opponent in most polls, laboring through days that return her to a hotel room or an empty suburban house late in the evening, Clinton offers a convincing portrayal of a person enjoy-

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BY BRAD RICKERBY—REUTERS

Hillary Clinton beams at a New York media roast Saturday, reflecting her resilience in the face of the city's rough-and-tumble politics and coverage.

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ing the rough and tumble of retail politics.

"I have loved it," she said during a brief hallway interview in Albany Friday night. "I knew from the very beginning that I had a lot to learn. There is such a difference between being a supporter and an advocate for causes and candidates and being the candidate yourself."

"It's an awareness that you're the person on the firing line," she said. "So it's been an evolving learning experience for me. And I feel more and more comfortable all the time doing it. I've found out I really like it."

She said she sees "a little bit of similarity between my experience and the vice president's," since Al Gore likewise has labored to introduce himself anew to voters.

The question is whether the first lady's rising comfort can translate into a more effective candidacy. There is mounting, though tentative, evidence that it has.

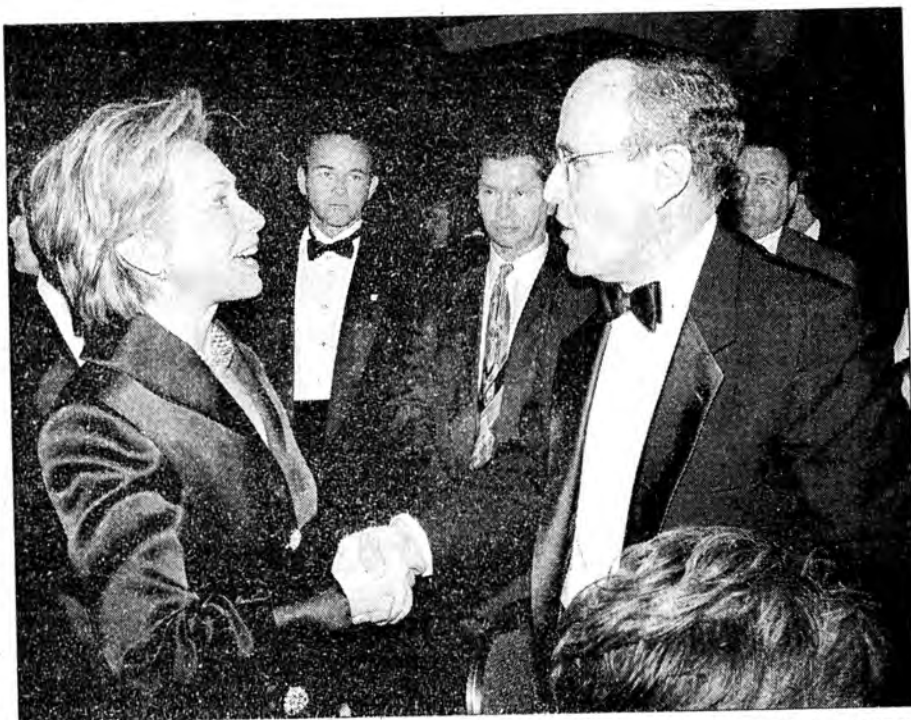
The blunder-of-the-week pattern that marked her campaign last summer and fall—in which she stumbled repeatedly over such issues as her position on amnesty for Puerto Rican terrorists and on Middle East policy—has receded. The impatient, on-the-record grouching among prominent New York Democrats a few months ago about the disorganization of Hillary Clinton's campaign, her naiveté about Empire State politics, and her hesitation in abandoning her role as first lady to immerse herself in the campaign has quieted.

And there seems to be gradual improvement in her poll numbers against her Republican opponent, New York Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani. The New York Daily News reported the race tied, and a New York Times poll had her down by just 1 percentage point. Other polls, such as a new one by Zogby International for upstate newspapers this weekend, showed him preserving a 7-point lead.

But even polls that show Giuliani ahead, such as one by the Marist College Institute of Public Opinion, also show Clinton's "carpetbagger" status no longer a concern of a majority of voters, following her several months of extensive travel around the state.

The first lady is still far from running a nimble campaign. Her operation, according to several Democratic sources, was frozen during several days of internal debate about how she should respond to last month's acquittal of four New York City police officers in the shooting death of West African immigrant Amadou Diallo.

Some advisers saw the verdict as an opportunity, urging her to speak out quickly to show New York minorities she shared their concerns about alleged police brutality and racism. But other aides viewed the situation defensively, fearful that any off-key utterance would rain controversy on the candidate. In the end, she avoided reporters for nearly a week before giving a carefully measured speech from the pulpit of Manhattan's Riverside Church saying Giuliani was insensitive to



BY JOE DEMARIA—ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hillary Rodham Clinton and New York Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani shake hands Saturday night at roast put on by New York media, where she took a ribbing from the mayor and reporters.

minority concerns.

The changes in Clinton's style seem most striking when measured against her own history.

During her White House tenure, whenever she and President Clinton spoke together on the same stage, he would always end by plunging into the throng, taking 30 minutes or more to greet everyone along the rope line. She would more commonly leave the stage directly to wait in the limousine, sometimes with a notably sour expression on her face.

These days, she too has learned to work a rope line. Particularly in upstate New York, where her celebrity status draws crowds even among people who say they probably won't vote for her, there are many rope lines to work.

This past Friday, a crowd of several hundred people waited in Cortland (population: 18,000) for a glimpse of the first lady after she emerged from remarks at a youth center. Later in the day, a crowd of several thousand people turned out at Cornell University in Ithaca to hear her speak about women balancing demands of work and family.

Her relationship with reporters has also changed. At the White House, aides there have said, the first lady spent years watering and tilling her garden of resentments at the news media for coverage of the 1992 presidential campaign, Whitewater and other scandals.

In the campaign, she has given numerous interviews, even making herself available to such hostile organs as the tabloid New York Post and its more gentle, though hardly genteel, competitor, the Daily News.

She attended the Inner Circle dinner as a

guest of the Daily News. Witnesses said she laughed during a sketch by Giuliani making fun of her and remained in apparent good spirits even during reporters' gags about the president's itinerant sex life.

Hillary Clinton remains far less accessible than the mayor. Giuliani faces reporters virtually every day. She has brief "availabilities," sometimes just a few minutes, once or twice a week.

Aides say that, though still wary of the press, she dutifully accepts the necessity of facing reporters.

"It's a pretty challenging environment. I don't know any other state or city that has the same level of intensity when it comes to politics and the coverage that politics generates," Clinton said. "You know, there's a period of hazing it seems to me that people go through: everyone trying to find out can you take it, can you get up the next day. . . . I do think that by and large the press coverage of the campaign, of me, has been fair."

Despite its fearsome reputation, the New York media have not been particularly rough on her. Only rarely has she been hit with unexpected or especially impertinent questions (such as when a Buffalo talk show host quizzed her about rumors of her sex life).

One expectation that has come to pass is the extraordinary intensity of the campaign. Eight months from Election Day, the candidates' schedules and the coverage feel more like October than March. Three national TV networks have assigned staff full time to the campaign.

Last Friday suggested the pace. Clinton went to bed in Ithaca at 3 a.m. after spending Thursday at fund-raisers in Atlanta and Ne-

A Changed Clinton Grows to Like Senate Race

braska (the latter co-hosted by billionaire Warren Buffett). The day that followed included remarks to teenagers about delaying sex and avoiding pregnancy, a five-minute news conference, remarks at a senior citizens home, the Cornell speech, at least two news interviews and two sets of remarks to Hispanic activists in Albany, where she shared the stage with La India, who is known as the "princess of salsa."

Remarkably, polls show some 70 percent to 80 percent of New Yorkers say they are following the race closely—compared with the usual 10 percent or so this far from Election Day.

"The typical Senate candidate spends most of their time this far out either fund-raising or figuring out how to get press attention," said Clinton media adviser Mandy Grunwald. "These are not our problems."

On any given day, the candidate projects a kaleidoscope of images.

One moment on Friday she was the maternal first lady, singing with Ithaca preschoolers ("I'm a little teapot, short and stout. Here is my handle, here is my spout") as she mimicked the handle and spout with her arms.

Another moment she transformed into the partisan pol, caustically warning that Republicans George W. Bush and Giuliani would slash education and "do a U-turn back to the days [of] exploding deficits."

Then she turned philosophical, lecturing at Cornell against excessive materialism and saying that "earning a living is not living a life."

Through it all was an endless succession of handshakes ("Great to meet you!"), grip-and-grins ("Get in here Marty, this is an Ithaca photo.") verbal bouquets ("That was great asparagus and chicken salad!").

The effort has been noticed by other Democrats. State party chair Judith Hope, who once voiced concerns about drift in the campaign, said that she has seen "enormous improvements" and that Clinton "has turned into a very disciplined candidate with a remarkable energy level."

Discipline may be the right word. One adviser said Hillary Clinton will never have the spontaneous gift for politics of her husband. Crowds can tire her, this aide said, while her spouse takes energy from them. But she is determined to learn even things that do not come naturally—working to shed what one aide called a "schoolmarmish" speaking style. "She entered into this with real trepidation," this aide said. "I think she's still getting her footing, but she is doing better at it than she thought she would."

Chris Wilmot, a Democratic county legislator from Rochester, said he has been "pleasantly surprised" by Clinton's willingness to "mix it up."

"I don't think she has quite the natural skills of President Clinton, who was born for it," Wilmot said. "I do have a feeling that she's been dying to get out there and do something on her own. If she ever was in the shadow of him, she's already out."

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Pandering From the Pulpit: Where Is the Outrage Now?

•Susan Brady Konig suggests there may be a double standard — one for Republicans and another for Democrats ("Politics, religion just don't mix," Mar. 8).

It has been obvious for years. Witness the furor over George W. Bush's appearance at Bob Jones University. But when Al Gore and Hillary Clinton pander to the Rev. Al Sharpton, it goes relatively unmentioned in most of the press. **Mark Melis**
Cliffside Park, N.J.

•The separation of church and state is deemed sacred by too many liberal pseudo-Christians like Hillary Clinton, but only when it applies to banning prayer in school or defending obscene renderings of those whom we hold sacred.

It certainly doesn't apply to their self-serving and pandering pronouncements from the pulpit.

As Rabbi Marc Gell-

THE ISSUE: Mixing politics and religion.

What Susan Brady Konig Said: There is a double standard which demonizes conservatives.



Hillary Clinton AP

man observed, "The last socially acceptable prejudice in America is prejudice against those who take their faith seriously."

Dominic S. Addeo
Freehold, N.J.

•I just wanted to send a thank-you to Ms. Konig on her column.

As a Catholic, I am sick of the double standards on display.

When the "Sensation" exhibit was being sponsored by the Brooklyn Museum, I got a lot of flak for being upset — this appalling spectacle was funded by *my* taxes. I was further mocked for being thankful to Mayor Giuliani for standing up for me. And as for the horror of George W. Bush's visit to the Bob Jones campus — where were these people when "Sensation" was going on?

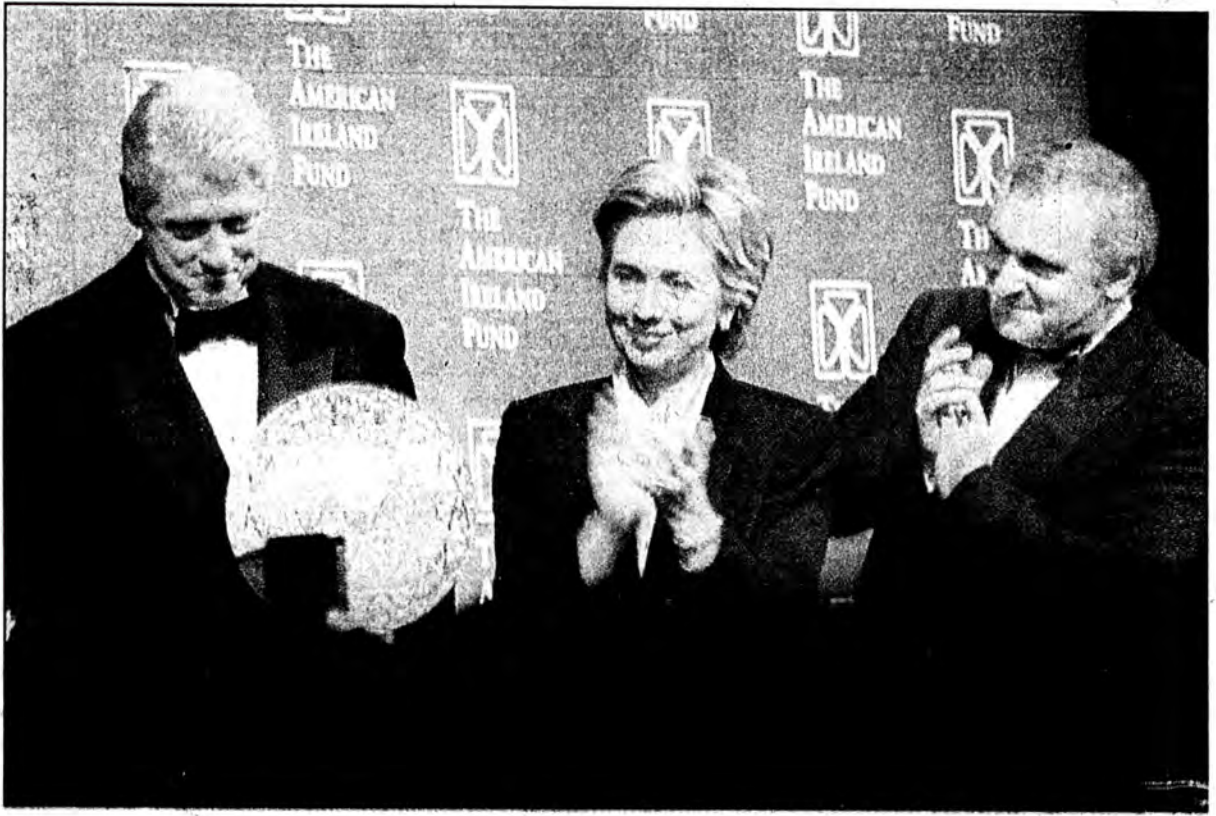
Kerri A. Murphy
Manhattan

•I loved Ms. Konig's light-hearted treatment of Hillary's pulpit speech.

See if you can't get Andrea Peyser to lighten up and take the humorous approach, too.

Chuck Livingston
Ft. Worth, Texas

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President Clinton admires the Millennium Crystal Ball presented to him at the American Ireland Fund Dinner (above) as his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, and Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern look on. Left: Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams makes his way through the crowd.

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Hill rips Rudy over 'hidden' gun donor

Hillary Clinton's campaign accused Mayor Giuliani of trying to hide a \$1,000 contribution from a controversial gun maker by changing the word "firearms" to "farms" on federal campaign-finance forms.

The donation was from Richard Dyke, chairman of Bushmaster Firearms. But on Giuliani's campaign finance report, Dyke's employer was listed as Bushmaster Farms.

"If any New Yorkers wanted to see who Giuliani's supporters were, they wouldn't be able to because the name of the company is wrong," said Clinton campaign spokesman Howard Wolfson.

"We know that Rudy Giuliani isn't an agriculture expert but I'm sure he knows the difference between a farm and firearms," snapped Wolfson. "The mayor, I believe, signs these

By Robert Hardt Jr., Dan Kadison and Tom Topousis

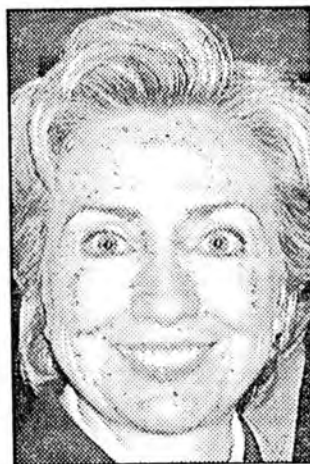
forms and is responsible for what's in them."

Giuliani, after marching in a St. Patrick's Day Parade in Buffalo, fired back at the Clinton camp, accusing her aides of trying to distract attention from his successful upstate campaign swing.

"This is typical of the Clinton campaign. This is what you call a Clinton hit," said Giuliani, who denied knowing who Dyke is.

"I have no idea who this gentleman is ... Out of 150,000 contributions, excuse me if I don't know all of the names of the contributors."

Giuliani, without addressing why the contribution was apparently mislabeled, would not say whether the donation would be refunded before he could review it.



HILLARY CLINTON
On the offensive.

"You've got to give me a chance to see these allegations," he told reporters.

Bushmaster makes automatic and semi-automatic weapons. Dyke has been critical of federal efforts to regulate assault rifles — an initiative that Giuliani supports.

Dyke stepped down as Gov. George W. Bush's chief fund-raiser in Maine after his firm was among nine gun makers sued by a Los Angeles cop wounded in a shootout with bank robbers.

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Chitchat from Chappaqua

Since Hillary! moved to the peaceful hamlet of Chappaqua, N.Y., two uncommon things have occurred, our man on the scene reports.

First, the community experienced its first-ever demonstration. Then a proposed library expansion with a price tag of \$8.5 million was rejected by voters.

The two were unrelated, but were not without a common element other than locale, that being Hillary!

In the matter of the demonstration, reports K.E., agent in charge of the Voices Chappaqua Bureau, about 25 members of an ultra-orthodox Jewish group picketed outside the Clintons' lavish \$1.7 million home on an otherwise quiet Sunday.

The Clintons were not in residence at the time, "but the neighborhood was inconvenienced, to put it mildly—police barricades, helicopters flying LOW overhead, and the New Castle Police Department (all 35 of them) out in full SWAT regalia (vests, visors, helmets, batons, bullhorns). This is the bucolic suburbs, for Pete's sake. What a zoo."

Not to worry. It takes some getting used to, but it's tolerable after a time. Just be thankful Jennings Osborne hasn't agreed to decorate the Clinton manse for Christmas.

According to K.E., the group was protesting Mrs. Clinton's recent statements on Israel "and the nascent penultimate peace process."

"They rightly don't trust Hillary, but if Hill loses significant Jewish votes, she's toast—er, matzo—in the [U.S. Senate] election."

"You really can't believe the level of incompetence in her campaign. They have no feel for what it takes to be elected. They

Meredith Oakley



thought she would be anointed. Ain't gonna happen."

As for the library vote, the first lady of Washington and Westchester County, who obtained her very own library card just the week before, showed up to cast her ballot after having announced that she was for the expansion project.

"Surprise, surprise," K.E. reports, "It lost. First time in years any budget has been skunked by the voters. It occurs to me that possibly folks in Chappaqua thought they were voting for the Clinton library."

Which is more than can ever be said for folks in Little Rock, where we commit huge sums of money by fiat.

K.E., who has demonstrated a budding pundit's skeptical nature, isn't buying the proponents' claim that the issue failed because leaders in the Episcopal Church next door to the library organized against the expansion on the ground that it would disturb the environment.

"My spin is that this is an anti-Hillary vote, the first of many. Guess she doesn't have the coattails. The only reason I hope she stays in the race is that I don't think she'll carry the town. I'd love to see her lose her adopted hometown. We could send her back to Illinois for good."

That's always a possibility, says S.F., our correspondent in Quincy, Ill., who, it just so happens, grew up in Chappaqua and still

has many contacts there.

According to S.F., "New Yorkers are too smart to be taken in by this woman. I hope." If that proves to be the case, S.F. suggests, "she may move to Illinois."

(Note to S.F.: Please include in your next dispatch a summary of what other Illinoisans are saying about this prospect.)

As for the first lady's chronically errant spouse, S.F. advises that "New York golfers prefer those who don't take mulligans."

I have referred this observation to K.E. for elucidation, since he still lives there and knows something about golf and golfers.

S.F. says that when she lived in Chappaqua, it was mostly Republican and all-white. Now, she says, it's mostly Democratic and all-white.

It's also home to a number of other celebrities, among them former Miss America Vanessa Williams, New York Knicks Coach Jeff Van Gundy and boxing commentator-cum-historian Burt Sugar.

By the way, K.E. was heartened to learn that his dispatches are being met with enthusiasm down here, where we don't hear much about the first lady's unprecedented campaign for public office.

Color is the key, K.E. You provide tidbits that can be found nowhere else, thus providing me and my readers a welcome change of pace. Plus, you give Washington newspapers something to "borrow" when they need one more blurb to flesh out their Clinton coverage.

Keep 'em coming.

Associate Editor Meredith Oakley's column appears every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.

Put brakes on Ritalin use, first lady says

WASHINGTON — Parents should use caution in giving their preschool children Ritalin and other mind-altering drugs, meant to treat attention deficit disorders, Hillary Rodham Clinton said Monday, making use of her position as first lady to highlight a matter that troubles many families.

The drugs are intended to treat attention deficit disorders, but "some of these young people have problems that are symptoms of nothing more than childhood or adolescence," Mrs. Clinton said at a White House meeting she called with national health and education officials and experts.

The plan she outlined proposes new government warning labels for the drugs, a national study of their use and a fall conference on children's mental health.

But she insisted the efforts are not an attack on medical treatments for children's emotional well-being.

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Associated Press

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, with Surgeon General David Satcher, announces Monday in the Roosevelt Room of the White House the start of a White House effort to caution parents about giving their children Ritalin and other mind-altering drugs meant to treat attention deficit disorders.

Hill's staffers assure march madness

HILLARY Rodham Clinton isn't trusting in the luck of the Irish when she marches today in her first St. Patrick's Day Parade on Fifth Avenue.

Clinton's staff has been busy encouraging volunteers to line the route to bolster her support in a crowd that will have more than its share of Mayor Giuliani fans.

The first lady will be parading alongside City Council Speaker Peter Vallone and plans to attend the speaker's annual breakfast beforehand at the Princeton Club, which will be spilling over with Democrats.

A Giuliani insider insisted that the mayor's advance staff is not cranking up for the parade.

"When you have a good thing, you don't need to embellish it," the insider said.

But at the smaller St. Patrick's Day Parade in the Rockaways earlier this month, Giuliani advance workers distributed plenty of signs along the route to make it look like there was a groundswell of support for the mayor.

Leaders of the widely regarded Zero Adolescent Pregnancy program (ZAP) in Cortland, near Ithaca, were thrilled when the first lady stopped by recently — but that was before they got the bill for police overtime.

City officials told the Cortland Standard newspaper that they tallied extra costs resulting from Clinton's event and want to be reimbursed by the anti-pregnancy program, so taxpayers aren't on the hook.

That means about \$400 will be going to city coffers, rather than ZAP's efforts to cut teen preg-

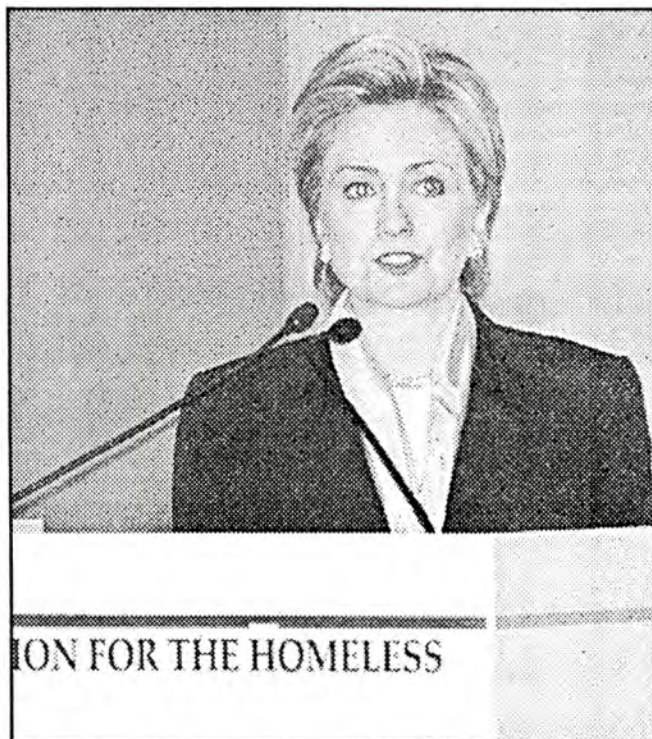


nancy.

They might talk tough during the campaign but some Giuliani and Clinton staffers seemed like old friends at last Saturday's Inner Circle show at the Hilton.

Clinton campaign manager Bill de Blasio and Giuliani campaign manager Bruce Teitelbaum sat next to each other at the same table for most of the evening as reporters lampooned their bosses on stage.

Clinton attack dog Howard Wolfson and Giuliani mouthpieces Sunny



FIX IS IN: Hillary Rodham Clinton's aides are making sure she'll have plenty of visible support at today's parade.

Michael Norcia

Mindel and Kim Serafin were also seen chatting it up. Wolfson even shook the mayor's hand and congratulated him on his stage show.

Clinton didn't unveil perhaps her most significant policing proposal during her major speech recently at Riverside Church — she let it out a few days later at a political club in the Village.

At a gathering of the Gay and Lesbian Independent Democrats, Clinton declared she favors abolishing the controversial "48-hour rule," which says investigators must wait 48 hours before questioning cops after some incidents.

Critics, including Giuliani, have long argued that the rule, favored by the police union, serves no valid purpose except to give cops time to get cover-up stories straight.

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Report Clears First Lady and Others in FBI Files Case

By LORRAINE ADAMS and DAVID A. VISE
Washington Post Staff Writers

There was no "substantial and credible" evidence that first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton or any senior White House official sought confidential FBI background files of Bush and Reagan administration political appointees, independent counsel Robert W. Ray concluded in a report submitted yesterday.

Ray also said there was no credible evidence that former White House counsel Bernard Nussbaum testified falsely before the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee in 1996 about the controversy.

"The Independent Counsel decided in both cases that no prosecutions were warranted," Ray said in a statement.

As expected, Ray submitted under seal a report on the FBI files probe to a panel of three federal judges overseeing his office's work. The report is the first in a series he plans to submit this year. The panel traditionally does not make public such reports until giving those named in them an opportunity to review them.

Ray's findings dispel lingering questions about the first lady's role in the hiring of Craig Livingstone to head the White House Office of Personnel Security. Livingstone resigned over his role in the controversy. Nussbaum was quoted in an FBI interview

summary as saying that Hillary Clinton recommended Livingstone be hired, but he said he was misquoted and Hillary Clinton denied even knowing Livingstone until after he was hired.

"There was no substantial or credible evidence that Mrs. Clinton was involved in the hiring of Mr. Livingstone," Ray said in yesterday's statement.

Clinton's lawyer, David E. Kendall, declined to comment.

Ray's decision not to prosecute was greeted angrily by former Bush speechwriter Joseph P. Duggan, who was among the approximately 900 Republican appointees whose files were obtained by then-White House aide Anthony B. Marceca in

1993 and 1994. Duggan is a plaintiff in a civil lawsuit filed against White House officials over the FBI files with the assistance of Judicial Watch, a conservative legal group that has sued the Clinton administration on a variety of issues.

"Coverups may have thwarted the criminal investigation, but thank God we have a civil lawsuit that may uncover the truth and win damages from the culprits," Duggan said.

The White House has maintained that the files were obtained from the FBI because of an outdated list maintained by the Secret Service. The bureaucratic error, officials said, never was intended to dig up dirt on political enemies and the files remained

locked in a vault, unused.

Ray's predecessor, Kenneth W. Starr, began the investigation after revelations about the improperly obtained files were uncovered by the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee chaired by then-Rep. William F. Clinger Jr. (R-Pa.).

In his statement, Ray praised the White House for "substantial cooperation and assistance," a compliment that diverges sharply with Starr's view of foot-dragging and stonewalling by the Clinton administration during his tenure.

"The President did not assert any privileges and the White House . . . allowed OIC personnel substantial access to facilities, documents and witnesses," Ray said.

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Pruden on Politics

By Wesley Pruden



When shame begets the painful insult

Maybe Bill Clinton should say thank you to the leadership of the National Rifle Association.

Without Wayne LaPierre, a lot of people would have thought they missed Bill Clinton's obituary. We've all been wondering what he was up to.

Just when we thought Hillary Rodham Clinton's occasional house guest had gone away for good, there he was on television. Mr. LaPierre let him have it with both barrels when only one barrel would have sufficed. (You shouldn't expect a vice president of the National Rifle Association to know about shotguns.)

"I've come to believe he needs a certain level of violence in this country," Mr. LaPierre said of the president's manipulation of the debate over gun control. "He's willing to accept a certain level of killing to further his political agenda."

Tough stuff, and this upset some of the last true believers on the president's mostly abandoned ramparts. E.J. Dionne Jr., a columnist for The Washington Post, had to lie down and empty a bottle of Midol. "Within certain precincts of the right wing," he wrote when he recovered enough to stand upright, "you can say absolutely anything you want about President Clinton. No need for proof. No requirement that you stay within the bounds of decency. And never admit the possibility that you and the president might have an honest disagreement. No, sir."

Well, that sounds about right. But the man who dramatically expanded the bounds of indecency, turning the playing field into a slime pit, is the president himself. The special pleaders for the president, for example, have complained for years that the "respectable" newspapers cover the president like the tabloids, and that's so, but it's so because this president, perhaps uniquely, has insisted on governing as a tabloid president.

Mr. Dionne, like all good-hearted liberals, flunked high-school physics. They never learned the fundamental principle that every action compels a reaction, that for every effect there's a cause. Everything they know they learned from books, and they're always puzzled when things don't turn out the way teacher said they would.

The critics in the certain "precincts of the right wing" grew frustrated as the slime in the

Oval Office grew ever deeper, like the Mississippi spreading across the countryside at flood tide, and within certain precincts of the left wing there was only blindly obedient defense of the man who spread disgrace like a virus across the office that Americans venerate above all others. In their frustration and anger, the president's critics only re-



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sponded in kind.

Mr. LaPierre could have used language that would not have offended the sensibilities of a newspaper columnist (we're a delicate lot) and his accusation that the president actually welcomes "a certain level of killing" to further his political agenda is certainly harsh, and it would have been over the line as an accusation aimed at any other president. Mr. LaPierre probably wouldn't have said it about any other president.

George W.'s first judgment of the LaPierre remarks sounded about right: "I would hope that we can have an open and honest discussion about gun enforcement without calling names," he said. But this presumes good faith on the president's part, and surely Mr. Bush, who recognizes the difference between innocent blarney and poisoned baloney, knows that a man who expects good faith from Mr. Clinton, on this or any other issue, would expect to find green cheese on the moon. The president has been particularly shameless with his exploitation of the shooting death of the 6-year-old first-grader in Michigan, suggesting that a gun lock on a pistol stolen from a crack house would have saved little Kayla Roland's life. What a cruel calumny against reality.

The suggestion that Mr. Clinton doesn't mind a little violence, so shocking in certain polite Washington parlors, does not sound quite so shocking in Arkansas. His old friends and adversaries in the place Mr. Clinton once called home understand that his moral code was formed in the Hot Springs of yesteryear, where business was business even if it was funny business, and visitors from New York, however harsh their methods, could always assure their rivals that they shouldn't take anything as personal.

Accusing Mr. Clinton of actually fomenting violence, as Mr. Dionne suggests, is "irresponsible stuff." What we can say, responsibly and accurately, is that coincidences abound whenever Mr. Clinton and his liege men arrive in the neighborhood. Stuff happens, and the coincidences always work in Mr. Clinton's favor. Maybe now that he's going to be a New Yorker, the coincidences will subside, and we can all live happily ever after, just like they do on the editorial page of The Washington Post.

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Hillary Clinton Denies Shaping Pakistan Visit

From Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y.—Hillary Rodham Clinton denied that a campaign event held last month by Pakistani Americans influenced her husband's decision to visit Pakistan during an upcoming trip.

"If anybody thinks they can influence the president by making a contribution to me, they are dead wrong, and I think there is no evidence of that," the U.S. Senate candidate said Wednesday. She said it was well known that her husband wanted to include Pakistan in his visit to neighboring India.

The New York Times reported that she had benefited from a \$50,000 fund-raising dinner on Feb. 22 hosted by Pakistani Americans on Staten Island. At the time, Pakistani Americans were lobbying the Clinton administration to have the president visit Pakistan. Last week, the president announced he would do so.

The first lady said that if any contributors are saying they are giving to her with the hope of influencing administration policy, "that is inappropriate and wrong."

She also said that if a Senate candidate were to eliminate as contributors any New Yorker who belonged to an ethnic group with foreign policy concerns, "it would be very difficult to run for office in New York."

Meanwhile, Clinton's Republican opponent, New York Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, has set up a political action committee to collect largely unregulated donations known as "soft money," Republican officials said Wednesday.

"We have to remain competitive. . . . We're going to fight fire with fire," Stuart Roy, a spokesman for the National Republican Senatorial Committee, said Wednesday.

Clinton's earlier decision to set up soft-money accounts for the Senate race had been roundly criticized by Giuliani.

By Lloyd Grove

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2000

THIS JUST IN . . .

■ Reps. **Nancy Pelosi** (D-Calif.) and **John Mica** (R-Fla.) debated the finer points of U.S. drug policy at yesterday's National Italian American Foundation luncheon on Capitol Hill. But what drug was Pelosi on? She repeatedly called her opponent "Dan," confusing him with his younger brother who served in Congress—as a Democrat—from 1978 to 1988. "I'm John," the current congressman finally reminded Pelosi. Replied Pelosi: "I'm in denial about a Mica being a Republican."

■ Across the pond yesterday, Tory MP **Robert Key** introduced a bill to ban so-called "Muzak" from public places, saying it causes increased muscle tension, elevated blood pressure and higher cholesterol. "The dangers of passive or involuntary listening are only beginning to enter the realm of public awareness," Key claimed, according to Reuters. But Muzak spokesman **Kenny**

Kahn told us that this complaint is off-key. "What Muzak creates is an experience; it's not background music," Kahn told us soothingly from the company's headquarters in Charlotte, N.C. "It's the best music in the world. . . . It has an incredibly positive impact on people."

■ Widower **Paul McCartney** has apparently found love again. The 57-year-old ex-Beatle, whose wife, **Linda**, died of breast cancer two years ago, yesterday confirmed that he is seeing disabled activist **Heather Mills**, a 32-year-old



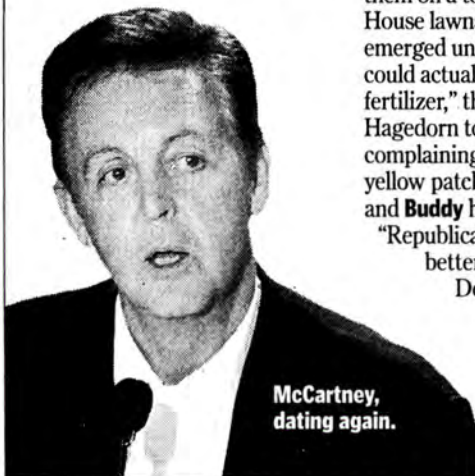
FILE PHOTO—REUTERS

Buddy: Not the lawn man's best friend.

former swimwear model who lost a leg in a 1993 traffic accident.

■ Miracle-Gro inventor **Horace Hagedorn** and fertilizer pitchman **James Whitmore** were in town for a screening of "Silent Witnesses," a documentary about America's famous and historic trees, so White House gardener **Dale Haney** took them on a tour of the White House lawns yesterday. They emerged unimpressed. "They could actually use a little more fertilizer," the 85-year-old Hagedorn told us, complaining of bald spots and yellow patches where **Socks** and **Buddy** have had their way.

"Republicans tend to be better at lawns than Democrats." Actor Whitmore agreed: "It's not in very good shape."



McCartney, dating again.

BY JEFF CHRISTENSEN—REUTERS

With Beth Berselli



BY FRED PROUSE—REUTERS

Julia Roberts, looking out for Hillary Clinton's interests.



BY BRAD RICKERBY—REUTERS

"Hillary Clinton, 'cause I don't think she's getting her fair share."

—**Julia Roberts**, answering writer-producer **Richard Curtis's** question in *US Weekly* magazine: "If you had to have sex with one girl, who would it be with?" We have our own question: Why don't they both shut up?

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Hillary's fund raising sparks new questions

Clinton Pakistan visit follows events

By Jerry Seper
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Hillary Rodham Clinton's Senate campaign raised \$24,000 at a Washington fund-raiser in December organized by a Pakistani lobbyist shortly after her husband announced he would not visit Pakistan during an upcoming trip to India.

The Washington event was followed in February by a New York fund-raiser organized by Pakistani-American businessmen, during which \$50,000 was raised for the first lady — an event reported Monday by the New York Times.

Last week, President Clinton reversed himself and said he would visit Pakistan during his weeklong

India trip, which begins Saturday. Pakistani-Americans had encouraged Mr. Clinton to visit the country to find solutions to the war in Kashmir, a territory claimed by both Pakistan and India.

Both fund-raisers were legal and there is no evidence to suggest Mrs. Clinton influenced her husband's last-minute decision to stop in Pakistan. But the fund-raisers have raised political questions of whether campaign donations to the first lady are a factor in influencing Clinton administration policies.

Mrs. Clinton, who has said publicly she supported a visit by her husband to Pakistan, denied this week that campaign contributions to her Senate race had any influ-

Single national primary pushed

Former Sen. Bill Brock of Tennessee, now a top GOP official, says the United States is moving toward one national primary in four years because so many states are scrambling to get their primaries first in the season. **A10**

ence on White House policy. "If anybody thinks they can influence the president by making a contribution to me, they are dead wrong, and I think there is no evidence of that," she said.

The White House also rejected concerns that Mr. Clinton decided to visit Pakistan in part because his wife received campaign donations from Pakistani-Americans.

"The decision was made by the president in consultation with his foreign policy team based on our interest in that part of the world, without regard to anyone's politics,

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including the first lady's," White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said.

The New York fund-raiser was organized by the Pakistan Political Action Committee, known as Pak-Pac, the political arm of the Association of Pakistani Physicians of North America (APPNA). The Washington fund-raiser was organized by Lanny J. Davis, a lawyer at the D.C. law firm of Patton and Boggs.

Mr. Davis, former White House special counsel who defended the Clinton administration in various scandals, represents Pak-Pac on a \$22,500-a-month contract. Patton and Boggs also handles the official Pakistani government account.

According to Federal Election Commission records, 37 lawyers from Patton and Boggs attended

the Washington fund-raiser, contributing \$24,000 to the first lady's senatorial campaign. The contributions ranged from \$250 to \$1,000 per person.

Mr. Davis, as a lobbyist for the Pakistani government, acknowledged in an interview that he encouraged the president to add Pakistan to the India trip, but denied any relationship between the Washington fund-raiser and Mr. Clinton's ultimate decision to visit that country.

"I wish I could say I had the influence and had applied the right pressure for the president to visit Pakistan, but I didn't, so I can't," he said. "What really happened was that the president made his own decision and remained faithful to his legacy in bringing people together in tension situations around the world."

Mr. Davis added that the money donated by the Pakistanis was "minor" compared with the amount of cash being given by Indian-Ameri-

cans to various campaigns, including lobbying efforts against the Pakistani visit. He described the Washington fund-raiser as a gathering of individuals looking to make contact with a political candidate "just like every other group."

Those who attended the New York fund-raiser said Mrs. Clinton told them she hoped her husband would visit Pakistan, which has been ruled by a military government since a coup last October. They also said the Clinton campaign required a minimum of \$50,000 in donations in exchange for her appearance at a fund-raiser.

"I cannot deny the fact that she's the president's wife makes a difference," Dr. Asim Malik, a Long Island physician, told the New York Times. "But also as a woman, she can feel more pain for the victims of Kashmir, the women and children."

Mr. Davis, the Pak-Pac lobbyist,

also attended the New York fund-raiser.

The White House has said Mr. Clinton's visit to India and Pakistan is aimed at easing tensions between the two countries.

Having exploded nuclear weapons in May 1998, India and Pakistan battled in Kashmir, and India downed a Pakistani reconnaissance plane along the Arabian Sea coast. Months of patient diplomacy by Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott failed to prevent the South Asian fighting or roll back the nuclear weapons development.

Pakistan Foreign Minister Abdul Sattar said there was "great danger" a war could begin over the disputed region of Kashmir, but he hopes Mr. Clinton's visit might ease the tension.

But Indian Foreign Minister Jaswant Singh said Mr. Clinton would not be asked to mediate the Kashmir dispute, which India has long insisted must be settled between the two Asian countries themselves.

Congressional cuts

A U.S. Capitol policewoman did a double take yesterday when a man passed through the security checkpoint with a butcher knife. Not to worry. He was a congressional chef.

Folks react

Diversity hit the fan at the Environmental Protection Agency after we uncovered Uncle Sam's latest seminar for bureaucrats: "White Folks and Diversity."

"White folks often want to participate equally with people of color in creating a multicultural work environment, yet are unsure of their place in it," was the EPA's description of the March 22 seminar. "To participate equally, whites need an awareness of white culture with its strengths and weaknesses, as a component of a multicultural workplace."

Uproar over the course, we now learn, rang bells in EPA Administrator Carol M. Browner's office. One white bureaucrat said if he similarly referred to other races he'd be subject to disciplinary action.

So this week, EPA division director Elizabeth Cotsworth announced a new course description, noting the previous one "raised some concerns."

"We have tried to respond to the concerns expressed by revising the description of the upcoming class and advising the vendor about improvements that must be made to properly accommodate the sensitivities and issues that have been shared with us," she writes. "I regret that the original design and description ... troubled some of you ..."

New course title: "Whites and Diversity."

Protest and support

Don't let us rain on New York's historic St. Patrick's Day Parade, or, more importantly, the American Red Cross.

But we've learned that the "Go

**INSIDE THE
BELTWAY**

By John McCaslin



The NRA again has refuted President Clinton's claim that he once was a "lifetime" member.

Jamie Drogin said the Hillary protesters are a "partisan political group," and their use of the Red Cross name was "unauthorized."

As a result, she said the Red Cross will "refuse" all of the group's donations.

Home Hillary" banner featured along tomorrow's parade route will not only be auctioned, but "100 percent" of the proceeds will benefit the New York chapter of the Red Cross.

Hillary's protesters say they're collecting bids in the form of checks, made payable to the Red Cross. They'll even pay for the banner to be shipped to the highest bidder.

March is Red Cross Month, and last year the American Red Cross in New York responded to 2,925 disasters; housed over 500 homeless families; trained 107,897 people in safety skills; and assisted 1,840 seniors.

Reached yesterday in New York, Red Cross spokeswoman

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Hill rips Rudy record on school spending

By ROBERT HARDT Jr.
and DAVID SEIFMAN

Hillary Rodham Clinton sharply criticized Mayor Giuliani's education record yesterday, saying he "has not shown a commitment to the children and the schools of New York City."

Her Senate campaign attack came after she spoke at Central Islip HS on Long Island, where she stressed that school overcrowding "is not just a New York City issue, it's a New York issue."

Noting that the mayor once proposed cutting \$6.7 billion from the school-construction budget, Clinton said: "I think that is a telling comment about what his real priorities are."

"His two policy proposals for education are to sell the Board of Education building and use vouchers. I don't think that's an education philosophy," she said.

Mayoral aides responded with verbal guns blazing.

"If Hillary Clinton was more familiar with New York, she would know the city has funded every penny of the Board of Ed capital budget. In fact, the city's contribution is the highest it's ever been," said Deputy Mayor Tony Coles.



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Questions mayor's priorities.

Deputy Mayor Joe Lhota also said the city is contributing more to the operating budget of the Board of Ed than ever before.

"In fact," he said, "it's the Clinton administration that is reducing its commitment" with less federal aid.

Meanwhile, the Clinton campaign has sent out fund-raising letters linking a Giuliani-hired, direct-mail specialist to former Ku

Klux Klan leader David Duke.

Noting that Giuliani has hired Richard Viguerie to raise money from conservatives across the country, Clinton campaign manager Bill de Blasio wrote that "Viguerie has raised money for Oliver North, Jesse Helms, Pat Buchanan, the NRA and the Reverend Sung Myung Moon's Unification Church. He's even said David Duke has a very good, sound message."

Giuliani campaign manager Bruce Teitelbaum said "the only Senate candidate with ties to racial extremists with a history of inflaming racial tensions is Hillary Clinton, given her embrace of Al Sharpton."

The first lady also addressed a report that the mayor is setting up a campaign account that will accept unregulated "soft money."

"I care deeply about campaign-finance reform. My campaign offered to forego soft money and to do everything we could to eliminate independent expenditures," said Clinton, who has nonetheless accepted at least \$700,000 in soft money.

Aides to Giuliani and Clinton spoke earlier this year about a possible soft-money ban, but the talks quickly fell apart.

First lady denies fund-raiser ties to Pakistan visit

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hillary Rodham Clinton defended taking thousands of dollars from Pakistani-Americans as negotiations were under way at the White House over whether the president should visit Pakistan.

"If anybody thinks they can influence the president by making a contribution to me, they are dead wrong, and I think there is no evidence of that," Mrs. Clinton said yesterday after a campaign event in Albany, N.Y.

At the fund-raiser — a \$1,000-per-person dinner Feb. 22 on

Staten Island — contributors sought to convince the first lady that the president should visit Pakistan and become involved in the dispute over Kashmir, a Himalayan territory simultaneously claimed by both India and Pakistan, several people who attended the function said.

The event raised \$50,000 for Mrs. Clinton's Senate bid against New York City Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani.

Last week, a brief stopover in Pakistan was added to the president's tour of South Asia that be-

gins Saturday.

Asked if she had spoken with the president about visiting Pakistan after the fund-raiser, the first lady said, "I don't talk about what I talked to the president about on any issue."

While there was nothing illegal about the fund-raiser, Common Cause President Scott Harshbarger said it still feeds the perception that access can be bought.

"What we find troubling is that a group of Americans are being told that the price of admission is \$50,000 to have access to a future

U.S. senator," Mr. Harshbarger said yesterday.

At the fund-raising event, Mrs. Clinton said she hoped her husband would visit Pakistan, her campaign spokesman Howard Wolfson confirmed.

But Mr. Wolfson stressed that the president has been saying for more than a year he would like to visit Pakistan.

The White House has denied that the first lady played a role in the president's choice to go to Pakistan.

The February fund-raiser was

hosted by Suhail Muzaffar, a Staten Island businessman, and Asim Malik, a Long Island doctor, on behalf of the Pakistani community on Staten Island and the Pakistani-American Physicians Political Action Committee, according to the New York Times.

Organizers told the Times they had pushed the event to an earlier date so that it could take place before the president's trip.

Also in attendance was Lanny Davis, a special counsel to the president during the fallout from the 1996 fund-raising scandals.

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By Jim McKnight, AP

Education talk: Hillary Rodham Clinton talks to Mount Vernon School Board member Frances Wynn after addressing the New York State School Board Association in Albany.

First lady goes on defense for Pakistani donations

Hillary Rodham Clinton, seeking a Senate seat in New York, defended taking thousands of dollars from Pakistani-Americans as President Clinton was deciding whether to visit Pakistan on his South Asia tour. The first lady, campaigning in Albany on Tuesday, said that "if anybody thinks they can influence the president by making a contribution to me, they are dead wrong, and I think there is no evidence of that." She refused to say whether she had talked with her husband about the trip.

The \$1,000-per-person dinner Feb. 22 on Staten Island raised \$50,000 for her Senate campaign. Scott Harshbarger, president of government watchdog group Common Cause, said the fundraiser feeds the perception that access to the president can be bought. "What we find troubling is that a group of Americans are being told that the price of admission is \$50,000 to have access," he said.

The White House has denied that the first lady played a role in the president's choice to go to Pakistan.

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CHELSEA CLINTON
Standing in for mom.

New York Post
March 15, 2000

TERRORISM ALERT FOR PREZ'S VISIT TO PAKISTAN

By NILES LATHEM

Concerns about a possible terrorist attack on President Clinton and his daughter, Chelsea, are dominating plans for his visit to violence-torn Pakistan next week.

The first presidential visit to Pakistan since Jimmy Carter went there in 1978 is scheduled at the end of the Clintons' March 19-26 trip to India and Bangladesh.

Administration officials say the trip is potentially one of the riskiest ever taken by an American president.

Clinton "will certainly be in more danger there than ... in most other places in the world," said Robert Oakley, former U.S. ambassador to Pakistan.

The White House and the Secret Service would not reveal details about security measures for the trip to Pakistan, a country that has been the subject of numerous State Department travel advisories.

While logistics were still being worked out, officials said the visit will be a short one — less than five hours, according to a White House aide — and will likely be limited to one secure location, possibly an air base near Islamabad, the Pakistani capital.

It isn't clear where Chelsea, who's standing in for mom Hillary, will be during the visit.

The Secret Service has expressed deep concerns about Clinton's security. It cited intelligence reports that Pakistan's Inter Service Intelligence Agency secretly supports anti-Western militant groups, including Harakat-ul Mujahideen, in Pakistan.

Agents of the ISIA are also known to work closely with members of terrorist Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda network in neighboring Afghanistan.

Bin Laden and Harakat-ul Mujahideen have vowed revenge for the August 1998 U.S. missile attacks against bin Laden's base camps in Afghanistan.

Clinton is expected to press Gen. Pervez Musharraf on terrorism, nuclear non-proliferation and easing tensions with India.

Pakistani militants have pledged in local newspapers not to cause trouble during the visit.

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Hill: Rudy is a library cad

By ROBERT HARDT Jr.
Post Correspondent

ALBANY — Hillary Clinton yesterday slammed Mayor Giuliani for proposing a 19 percent budget cut in New York City's library systems for the upcoming fiscal year.

Speaking to the New York Library Association in Albany, the Democratic Senate candidate — tried to link her likely GOP rival with Republicans in Washington who have cut funding for hooking up libraries to the Internet.

"There are too many leaders on the Republican side, from Capitol Hill to Gracie Mansion, who year after year — come budget time — reject their responsibilities to our public libraries," she told the 300 librarians in an auditorium beneath the State Museum.

"This year once again the mayor of New York has proposed cutting the library budget in his city by a whopping 19 percent.

"Imagine if someone in the Senate from New York — a place where more people love their libraries and more libraries are online — stood for a 19 percent cut to

all libraries. That's a short-sighted proposal if I ever heard one."

"Republicans seem to think that even in this information age our libraries are expendable," she said.

In what has become an annual part of the city's budget process, Giuliani has proposed cuts to city libraries and cultural institutions. In past years, the mayor has allowed the City Council to restore the funding, letting the legislative body claim credit.

Mayoral spokeswoman Sunny Mindel dismissed Clinton's comments.

"This is the usual charge du jour and this would be a very good day for Mrs. Clinton to go back to the place from whence she came, be it Arkansas or Illinois or wherever," Mindel said.

Clinton also dismissed a New York Times story yesterday that quoted Pakistani-Americans saying they hoped a Staten Island fund-raiser they threw for the first lady last month helped bring about the president's upcoming visit to their country.

"They can say whatever they want. It had no impact," she said.



FOR THE SCRAPBOOK: Hillary Clinton poses with Frances Wynn of the Mt. Vernon School Board yesterday in Albany after blasting Mayor Giuliani before the School Boards Association.

AP

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Hillary infuriates gays by marching in parade

Homosexuals are banned from event

By Barbara J. Saffir
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Hillary Rodham Clinton's decision to march in a parade Friday that bans homosexuals is angering some voters in New York City's homosexual community.

But the move may help the first lady raise her lagging support among the state's more conservative Catholics. They make up roughly 45 percent of New York voters and currently prefer her likely GOP opponent. Two new polls show New York Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani leading among Catholic voters.

Mr. Giuliani consistently has marched in the parade but most Democratic politicians boycott it to avoid angering homosexuals, a key constituency group. Mrs. Clinton said she is marching to help support the peace process in Ireland.

"I think that's a lame excuse at best," said Alexis Danzig, a 39-year-old lesbian mother in Manhattan. "If this is the way she chooses to play, it's sort of like that hapless move she made wearing the Yankees baseball cap. This is another symbolic stretch for votes. She has no moral center."

Miss Danzig plans to join about 2,000 other demonstrators to protest the parade Friday morning in Manhattan.

Because the Ancient Order of Hibernians bans the Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization (ILGO) from marching in the parade, New York Democrats such as Sen. Charles E. Schumer and Manhattan Borough President Virginia Fields, a longtime civil rights activist, boycott it.

One ILGO activist who pro-

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tested Mrs. Clinton's plans during her meeting last week with the Gay and Lesbian Independent Democrats is still peeved with her.

"I think a lot of people won't vote for her now," said the 33-year-old advertising copywriter. "I don't think they will vote for Rudy. I think they just won't vote."

Although the GLID group decided to endorse Mrs. Clinton despite the march, a much larger association of New York City homosexuals is still torn between endorsing her or Mr. Giuliani because they both share similar positions on traditionally gay issues.

Matt Foreman, executive director of the Empire State Pride Agenda, said the nonpartisan political advocacy group has not yet picked a candidate.

Mr. Foreman, a former activist with New York's Log Cabin Republican Club, which is supporting Mr. Giuliani, said "exit polls show that almost 80 percent of the lesbian and gay vote went to Chuck Schumer" in his 1998 upset of incumbent GOP Sen. Alfonse M. D'Amato. Another Log Cabin Republican said that exit polls in the past show that about 5 percent of voters nationwide are homosexual, but that no firm numbers exist for them in New York state.

While activists and experts say

neither the parade alone nor any one endorsement will make or break the race, they could affect the outcome of the tight race because the number of undecided voters is so low.

"Any movement is seismic in proportion because the undecided is so small," said Democratic consultant Hank Sheinkopf.

Only 6.1 percent of New York voters remain undecided, according to a poll released yesterday. Most of them reside in the battleground upstate region, according to the Zogby International poll of 903 registered voters for the Times Union-Buffalo News.

The poll shows Mr. Giuliani leading Mrs. Clinton 49 percent to 42 percent. It also shows Mr. Giuliani leading among whites, seniors, men, Protestants and Catholics. The margin of error is 3.4 points.

A Quinnipiac College Poll of 1,842 New York state registered voters surveyed Feb. 22 to 28 found that Catholics favored Mr. Giuliani 56 percent to 34 percent. They also gave the mayor a 50 percent favorable rating compared with 30 percent favorable for Mrs. Clinton. The poll's margin of error was plus or minus 2.3 percent.

Mrs. Clinton plans to appear tonight at a tribute to the country's top 100 Irish Americans at the Plaza Hotel in New York City.

The Washington Times

NEW YORK POST, TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2000

. . . And Hillary Clinton's, Too

Al Gore isn't the only candidate for high office with fund-raising skeletons in the closet. Hillary Clinton has a few, too.

Last week's disclosure of a confidential Justice Department report written by a former campaign-finance investigator raises unsettling questions about the first lady.

She must provide some answers.

The Los Angeles Times reported Friday that investigator Charles LaBella's 94-page report asserts that the Justice Department used double standards in appointing independent counsels for Cabinet-level officials while opposing them in cases against such senior White House officials as Vice President Gore, Hillary Clinton and the first lady's now-campaign manager, Harold Ickes.

Attorney General Janet Reno was handed this report nearly two years ago and still refuses to release it officially — even in the face of contempt warnings from congressional committees.

The memo suggests a broad scheme in 1996 to circumvent current campaign-finance laws. It further questions

whether the first lady was aware that a Democratic fund-raiser was raising money for the party in Asia.

At the time, Ickes was deputy chief of staff at the White House.

If Mrs. Clinton expects the people of New York to take her as a credible Senate candidate, now is the time for her to clarify these issues.

This pattern has been seen before. The Whitewater scandal followed Bill and Hillary Clinton from Little Rock to Washington — as did years of lying and obfuscation, stonewalling and further prevarication.

New Yorkers need to know what Mrs. Clinton knew — and when she knew it. And Mrs. Clinton should ask Attorney General Reno to release the entire LaBella report — without winking, that is.

Following that, she should make herself and Ickes available to explain fully their roles in the 1996 campaign-finance scandals.

Until that happens, her campaign to succeed Daniel Patrick Moynihan can't really begin.

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Giuliani, Clinton show staying power at spoof

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who have been trading jabs for months as rivals for a New York Senate seat, met Saturday for the first time since the campaign began. Both got skewered. The two shook hands in a black-tie throng of politicians and press at the annual Inner Circle dinner, a musical roast put on by City Hall reporters.



By Joe DeMaria, AP

Got the 'fever': Rudy Giuliani dances in a spoof Saturday.

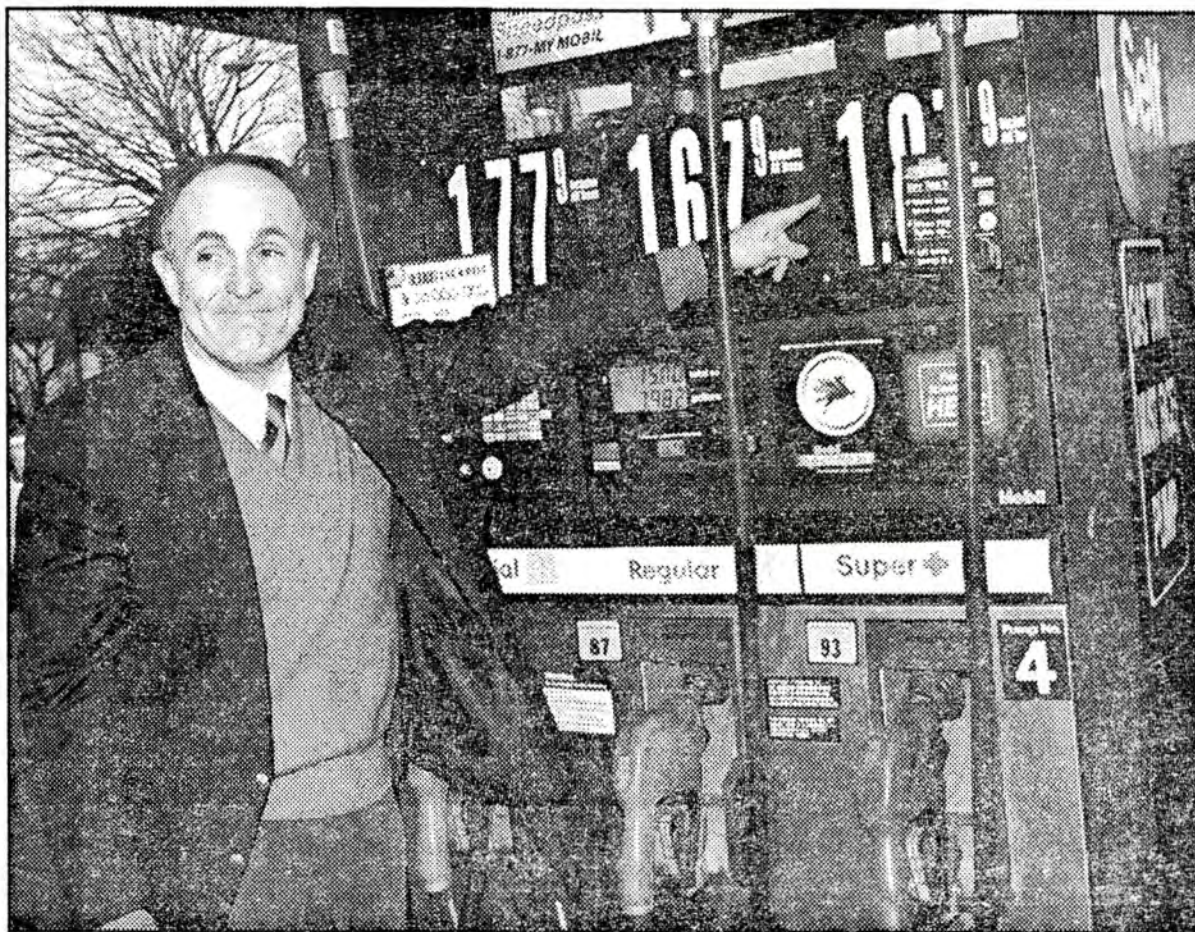
Giuliani was lambasted for his temper and his attempt to shut down a controversial art show. Clinton, at a nearby table, sat through jokes about her marital troubles and recent arrival in New York. The roasters said her new home, suburban Chappaqua, was "Indian for 'land of separate bedrooms'" in the show.

As mayor, Giuliani got the last word. He traditionally rebuts the jibes with the help of the cast of a Broadway musical. "I hear you're the star of the show," Clinton told Giuliani when they met at intermission. "We'll see," Giuliani replied. He donned a white suit and danced with the cast of *Saturday Night Fever*.

— Martha T. Moore

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PUMPED: Mayor Giuliani, in the Westchester town of Sleepy Hollow yesterday, points to soaring gas prices as the real Clinton legacy.

Brigitte Stelzer

Rudy stumps in Hill's back yard

By TOM TOPOUSIS
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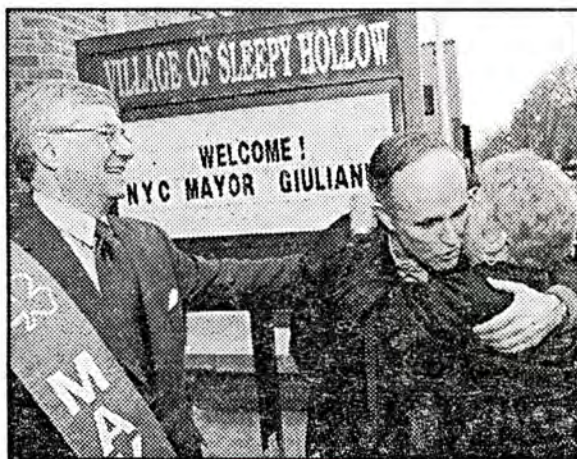
Mayor Giuliani campaigned yesterday on the home turf of his Senate rival, Hillary Rodham Clinton — shaking hands and kissing babies at an early St. Patrick's Day parade in Westchester County.

Cries of "Rudy! Rudy!" greeted Hizzoner as he walked the parade route in Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow, alongside the Republican mayors of both towns and the NYPD marching band.

At the reviewing stand, Giuliani took a barely veiled dig at the first lady's newcomer status.

"I am very, very happy to be here and to greet all of you as a fellow New Yorker, as a person who was born in New York and has lived in New York all his life," he said.

He also took an ap-



HERO'S RECEPTION: Sleepy Hollow Mayor Philip Zegarelli watches with approval as a voter plants a kiss on Hizzoner.

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parent shot at his Democratic rival for revealing her supposedly Jewish roots, telling the crowd: "Today I'm going to make an announcement. I'm part Irish."

In another jab, he dashed off the parade route to pose for photos at a Mobil station with

a sign advertising gasoline at \$1.87 a gallon.

"Every time you buy gasoline, you're paying the price of the Clinton-Gore administration that has an unfocused foreign policy," he said.

At the end of the parade route, the mayor was more tight-lipped, refusing to answer

questions from reporters about police conduct.

"Oh, c'mon, c'mon, c'mon," he said. "Let's talk about St. Patrick's Day."

Meanwhile, two dozen demonstrators were in Chappaqua to blast Clinton for supporting the Mideast peace process.

The demonstrators included members of Kach and Kahane Chai, groups that are on the State Department's list of terrorist organizations.

Clinton's spokeswoman, Howard Wolfson, dismissed the protest.

"We are certainly not going to be lectured to by a member of a terrorist organization who opposes the Middle East peace process," he said.

"The real question is why someone like this is supporting Rudy Giuliani for Senate?"

In America

BOB HERBERT

A Delicate Balance

Hillary Rodham Clinton uses the term "the trust divide" when she talks about the suspicion and hostility that have created such a devastating gap between the law-abiding residents of some big-city neighborhoods and the police officers who are supposed to protect and serve them.

In New York City at the moment, the situation is particularly bleak. In the aftermath of the Louima and Diallo cases, there is tremendous anxiety and frustration, even fear, in neighborhoods like Soundview and Harlem and Bedford-Stuyvesant.

Parents give their children lectures on how to respond if approached by the police. Professional men talk about their reluctance to carry a cell phone, lest it create a bulge that could lead to a humiliating search, or worse.

Police-community relations are an unusual issue for a U.S. Senate race. But unusual is the norm for this race between Rudolph Giuliani and Mrs. Clinton, so get used to it.

Over coffee the other day, Mrs. Clinton said she wanted to add her voice and influence to those who are attempting to bridge the divide between the police officers, who have the difficult and dangerous job of fighting crime, and the people in the neighborhoods who feel they are treated unfairly and disrespectfully.

Mrs. Clinton said the Louima and Diallo cases were not just "horrific" but symptomatic of problems in the city's overall approach to policing. The real challenge, she said, is to adjust the approach — "change the climate" — so that policing "is both effective and respectful."

Mrs. Clinton referred specifically to a recent article by Fox Butterfield in *The Times* that detailed how some cities have achieved reductions in crime comparable to New York's without the same levels of police aggression and confrontation, and without the same deterioration of relations between the police and local communities.

There was an effort by the police in those cities to work with community leaders, local residents, the clergy and even youngsters, enlisting their support and help in the fight against crime in their neighborhoods.

New York has scoffed at that approach.

Mrs. Clinton said the crime-fighting strategies launched in the 1990's required a two-pronged effort. There had to be a serious crackdown on crime and quality-of-life offenses

that would, among other things, send a message "to criminals and victims alike that we're changing the way we do business." But there was also a need for the police to respectfully engage the law-abiding members of the community, thus making them part of the overall anti-crime effort.

"A lot of other cities have done a better job on that second prong of the strategy," Mrs. Clinton said.

So what's next?

There will be increased calls, especially from members of the clergy, for a closer working relationship between local communities and the

Mrs. Clinton talks about policing.

New York Police Department.

Mrs. Clinton strongly supports that effort. As she said in an appearance Sunday at Riverside Church, "In so many communities, no institution has more influence than the neighborhood church, mosque or synagogue. We must tap into this potential in New York."

This would not be an effort in a vacuum. There already are some good working relationships between the clergy and local precinct commanders, but they are not the norm. Those relationships can be built upon.

It would be enormously helpful if Mayor Giuliani at some point would see the light and lend his considerable weight to a real effort to improve police-community relations. But the effort will happen whether he chooses to participate or not.

Thirty-two years ago, the Kerner commission on the riots of the 1960's found the following:

"The abrasive relationship between the police and the minority communities has been a major — and explosive — source of grievance, tension and disorder. The blame must be shared by the total society.

"The police are faced with demands for increased protection and service in the ghetto. Yet the aggressive patrol practices thought necessary to meet these demands themselves create tension and hostility."

That was March 1968. This is March 2000.

Now might be a good time to get started. □

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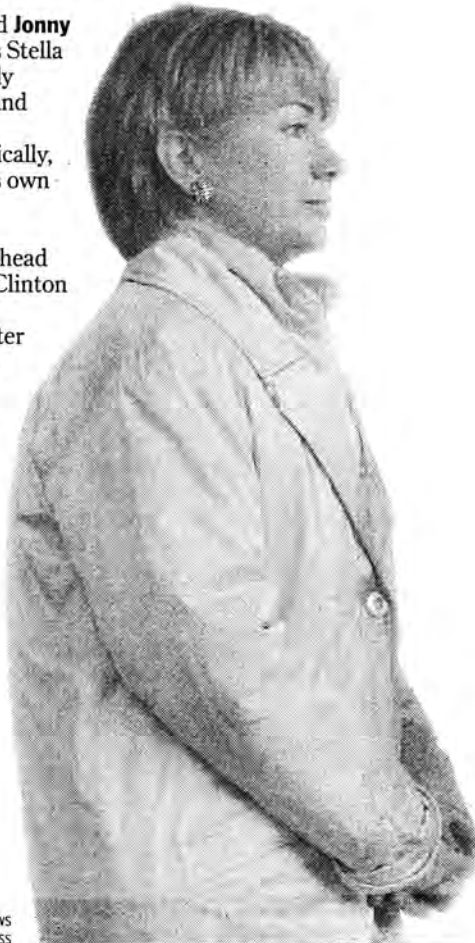
By Lloyd Grove

THIS JUST IN . . .

■ Lots of chatter yesterday about New York Senate candidate **Hillary Rodham Clinton's** "new" coiffure, which she unveiled at sunrise Tuesday at the polling place in Chappaqua. "This is the best she's had. This is by far the most fashionable," gushed **Jonny Levy** of Manhattan's Stella hair salon. "It's really updated, very new and fresh. It's very wash-and-wear. Basically, the cut stands on its own merit. It's a very free-form, you-just-shake-your-head kind of thing." But Clinton spokeswoman **Toby Graff** threw cold water on that notion: "It's not a new hairdo. She just voted very early in the morning, and she didn't have time to dry it." And Clinton loyalist **Neel Lattimore** told us: "It's the same old do with nothing done."

Hillary Rodham Clinton: An accidental hairdo?

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White House needs post-Hillary cleanup

MAKE it as it was before."

According to legend, these were the first words Mrs. Coolidge spoke to the White House staff after her husband took office following the dissolute Harding administration. I suspect they'll be the first words out of the mouth of the next first lady, too.

Cleaning up after the Clintons will not just be a matter of steam-cleaning the Oval Office rug or airing out the mattress of the Lincoln bed. The next first couple faces a full restoration of the entire White House.

Former Reagan speechwriter Peggy Noonan tells this poignant story in her new book, "The Case Against Hillary Clinton." At the 1996 Democratic National Convention, she met a Secret Service agent she knew from the Reagan days: "I asked him how things were going. And he stood there, and looked me in the eyes, and barely, just perceptibly, shook his head back and forth. As if he didn't have words; as if the words he had should not be spoken. And then I said, 'It's bad, isn't it?'"

"You have no idea," he said softly. "You wouldn't believe." And then he said good-bye."

As cleanup jobs so often do, the post-Clinton delousing will fall as much upon the first lady as on her husband. We've had eight years in which the traditional role of first lady has been completely neglected. Hillary Clinton promised to be a new kind of first lady, one more befitting to her status as a modern career woman. She had no desire to hover in the shadow of her husband, cutting ribbons by day and massaging his shoulders at night. (The latter duty, as we now know, was left to others.)

But this new model of first lady didn't work. It failed not only because Hillary is a thwarted woman who tried to use the role to gain unelected, unaccountable power for which the American system of government has no room. The new model failed on its own terms, for reasons that many working wives and mothers will find familiar: The price of taking on responsibilities outside the home is that the life within it will inevitably be neglected.

That's a trade many women in private life are willing to make. They'll hire someone else to clean or to take care of their children. They'll demand as much emotional support from their husbands as they are willing to give in return.

But applied to the first lady's job, this trade has had national consequences. The People's House was left untended, quite literally. One of Hillary's first disasters as first lady is now mostly forgotten yet I think it neatly symbolizes the problem. The annual White House Easter egg hunt has for decades been managed by the first lady. Hillary took no interest in such events — she had her sights set on health care. The result was that the first egg hunt of the Clinton years was so poorly and hastily organized that hundreds of mothers and their children were left standing in line outside the White House for hours, shivering in rain and cold.

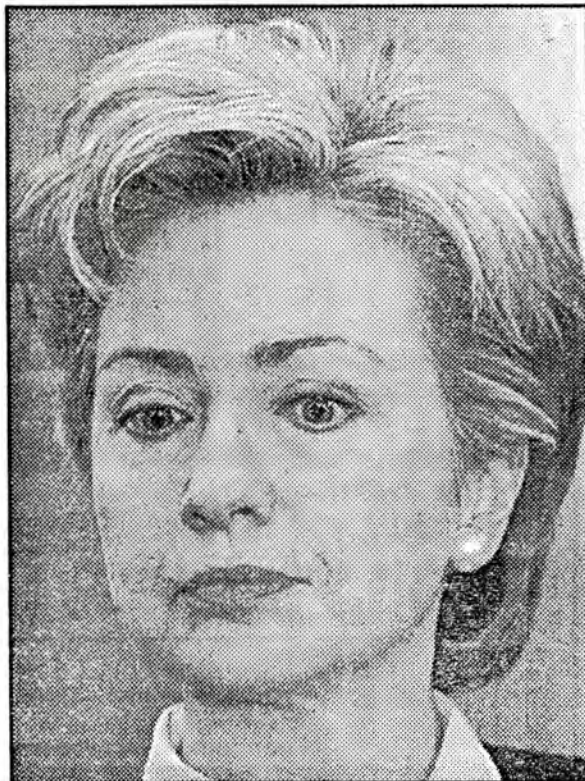
Compared to her other disasters, perhaps, this one was small potatoes. But the botch set the tone for Mrs. Clinton's entire tenure as first lady. Upholding customs, serving the public, accepting duties that did not enhance her own power — these things she considered beneath a smart woman like herself. And in her disdain, she lost a magnificent opportunity.

I've always been puzzled by those who sneer at the traditional first lady's job. You couldn't be more traditionally minded than Jackie Kennedy, who hated politics yet seized the opportunities her role offered. She turned the White House into the cultural center of the Free World, holding state dinners that honored the best people America had to offer: Nobel Prize winners, scientists, musicians, artists. She wielded her enormous influence in the aid of selfless causes. And she never dishonored herself publicly or privately, though she was married to a man who frequently dishonored her. In return, she won the respect of the entire planet, a respect that stayed with her to her death.

Perhaps it's largely in reaction to Hillary's failure that the current candidates for first lady are promising to return to that more traditional role. Tipper Gore has told interviewers she would take care of her family and devote any remaining time to her passion for mental health issues. Laura Bush seems like a less colorful copy of her mother-in-law, with the same interest in child literacy.

I've no doubt that either woman will be a grand success, as beloved and uncontroversial as first ladies past. And frankly, we could use a duller first lady right now.

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HAIRDO DU JOUR: What a difference a day makes! Hillary Clinton quite literally let her hair down Tuesday (left), but dressed it right back up yesterday (right) for a Manhattan meeting with state Attorney General Eliot Spitzer.

Post photos: Francis Specker (left), Tamara Beckwith (right)

Gays give Hill hell over St. Pat's march plans

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A meeting between Hillary Rodham Clinton and gay Democrats turned raucous yesterday when several audience members confronted the first lady about her plans to march in next week's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Speaking to the Gay and Lesbian Independent Democrats in Greenwich Village, the first lady was interrupted by a woman who twice shouted: "Why are you marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade?"

The Fifth Avenue parade has been shrouded in controversy for the past 10 years because organizers have banned a gay Irish group from marching.

Calling the parade discriminatory, most elected Democrats have also skipped the parade — with the notable exceptions of City Council Speaker Peter Vallone, Rep. Carolyn Maloney and former Mayor Ed Koch.

Mayor Giuliani, Clinton's likely GOP Senate opponent, has been a regular in the march.

For weeks, Clinton and her aides wouldn't say whether she was participating, using the stock reply: "We hope it's inclusive, and we hope to march."

But after taking part in an earlier St. Patrick's Day Parade in Woodside, Queens, that allowed gays to march, Clinton said she would also be marching up Fifth Avenue.

"I have worked very hard over the last six years or so in every way that I could to further the peace process in Northern Ireland," she told reporters at an earlier meeting with state Attorney General Eliot Spitzer in lower Manhattan.

She noted that Sinn Féin leader Gerry Adams has also marched.

"Like Gerry Adams and so many others who know how important this process is, I want to

continue to lend my support to it, and I think marching in the parade here is one way of demonstrating that."

Later, at the GLID meeting, Hillary was asked again about whether she was marching, and she offered the same argument.

After the session, the Irish and Lesbian Gay Organization issued a press release blasting her stance.

"Saying you stand for inclusion and then marching in a parade whose recent history has been all about gay bashing is outrageous," the statement said.

Vividly illustrating the split in the Democratic Party over the parade was Spitzer's reaction to the first lady's comments.

Asked if he was marching, Spitzer twice mouthed the word "No," later saying, "It's more a scheduling thing than anything else. I'm not going to march in it. I'll just leave it at that."

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