

the Constitution and the transmittal page.

"The seal on the Page 2 enclosure looked fairly good, but the seals on Page 3 and the transmittal page appeared to be leaking," Mr. Judson said. "It looks like we were correct in moving ahead with the new enclosures as soon as we did."

Working with more than 20 criteria for the new cases dictated by the Archives, including high visibility for the documents and the ability to open and reseal the cases, engineers produced a working model early last year and spent more than a year refining it into prototypes.

The standards institute is building nine cases, seven to house the documents and two prototypes that will serve as backups. Two cases will be slightly larger than the others, measuring 39 and one-quarter inches tall, 37 and fifteen-sixteenths inches wide and 3 and one-sixth inches deep, because the Bill of Rights is larger than the other documents. The other cases, sized for the Constitution, will be 33 and five-eighths inches wide, but will share the other dimensions.

The Archives settled on a case that has a solid aluminum alloy base, with sections milled out of the bottom to reduce weight, giving it a honeycomb appearance. A channel that goes around the front edge of the base contains a tin-coated metal seal ring which compresses when the case is tightened to create an airtight seal with upper layers.

Covering the enclosure and sitting atop the base is a two-layer, three-eighths-of-an-inch-thick sheet of laminated, tempered glass that is bonded with a layer of plastic to resist shattering. The enclosure is bolted to a titanium metal frame that clamps the glass against the seal ring.

For aesthetic reasons, the gray-colored titanium is nickel-plated to bond an outer coating of 24-carat gold. Inside each enclosure is a thin, perforated aluminum document platform that stands about an inch high on three, snap-out posts. This platform is detachable so that it and the attached document can be removed from the enclosure if disassembled.

The document is to rest on pieces of pure cellulose paper specially made at the University of Iowa, and both will be affixed to the platform with thin clips of clear polyester film that exert almost no pressure. Each piece of parchment has irregular, unique edges and both the platform and paper for each document will be cut in its shape so as not to be visible beneath.

There have been a number of design changes in the enclosures since the first engineering model was completed last year, Mr. Judson said. For instance, engineers reduced the number of bolts to 70 from 80. They also added two covered instrument bays in the base, he said, one for valves used to fill and purge the cases with gases

and the other for humidity and temperature sensors.

The cases will be filled with inert argon gas instead of the helium used in the earlier enclosures because argon is a larger molecule that is less likely to escape. And conservators decided to keep the relative humidity inside the new cases at 40 percent, higher than planned for the earlier containers, to more closely match outside conditions in the event the enclosures must be opened.

To help check conditions inside the enclosures if internal sensors fail, engineers decided to install an external monitoring system that measures water vapor and oxygen content based upon changes in the wavelengths of a special light beamed into the case. This required putting two small optical windows, each covered with a sapphire lens, in the base of the enclosure and a set of three mirrors in a box beneath the document platform inside the case.

With this system, developed by Aerodyne Research Incorporated of Billerica, Mass., light from an argon discharge lamp goes into the enclosure, reflects off the mirrors and is measured coming out. Changes in wavelength of this light caused by water vapor or oxygen absorption should help conservators monitor the gaseous environment inside the encasements, said Andrew Freedman, who helped develop the system for Aerodyne.

Opening the old cases also gives conservators their first chance in five decades to closely examine the documents with modern techniques. As each page comes out of its old case, the Archives staff will remove tiny surface plugs from an edge to study the parchment, said Kitty Nicholson, one of the conservators.

Researchers will examine the fibers of each document and catalog their individual characteristics and state of deterioration. By comparing the condition of each sample with what is known about other old parchment and unexposed examples in reference collections, conservators will establish a standard of deterioration for each document, Ms. Nicholson said.

As each document comes out of its enclosure, it is placed on a special vacuum suction table encased in highly humid air, a process that slowly flattens parchment warped by years of changing conditions.

Starting with Page 2 of the Constitution and its transmittal page, conservators are methodically examining each line of script, which was written with iron-based gall ink that has discolored and grown more brittle with age. Ink flakes seen pulling away from the parchment are being reset in place by putting minuscule drops of a special collagen solution behind them with tiny needles. This "glue" is made by cooking gelatin with pieces of new parchment to make a jelly solution full of collagen protein fibers that are found naturally in animal skin, Ms. Nicholson said.

Mary Lynn Ritzenthaler, another conservator working on the documents, said microscopic examination of the parchments had so far shown no evidence that the deteriorating glass of the old enclosures had marked or otherwise affected the documents. But she said there had been some surprises.

"We see remnants of original rule lines used to help writers keep their lines straight," she said. Conservators also found evidence of insect feeding on the bottom edge of the transmittal page, which occurred at some point before its first encasement.

Opening the pages also gives conservators their first look at the back sides of each page, which are not well documented. The back of the Constitution's second page revealed a surprise.

"On the back of Page 2, we see the intimation of a hand print, a very faint impression we didn't know was there before," Ms. Ritzenthaler said. "We have no idea who it might belong to, but it opens things up for a lot of speculation."

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Subject: NY Times today

There is an extensive article on the conservation of the Charters of Freedom today in the NY Times Science section; unfortunately, no mention of this as a millennium project and no credit to the Pew Charitable Trusts, ATT or us. Frustrating!

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Chelsea Keeps It in the Family

•If Chelsea Clinton is not allowed to talk to the media, as she claims, then she should get off her mother's bandwagon ("Chelsea mum on her love match with intern," Sept. 7).

I've had enough of the Clintons using her to their advantage and then declaring her off-limits, as they so often have. If she is campaigning for her mother then she should be subjected to media questions, the same as any of the other people in Hillary Clinton's campaign.

I wonder how Hillary likes both members of her family trolling the intern ranks.

Joe McGovern
Morristown, N.J.

THE ISSUE: Chelsea Clinton's new high profile.



Chelsea Clinton AP

•Why shouldn't Chelsea Clinton take a more prominent role in her father's administration? She's probably as knowledgeable as any of

the people her father has bungling around and certainly much more believable than Bill.

Plus, her character and integrity are still intact, which is more than I can say about the rest of her family.

Robert Nassikas
Astoria

•Well, Chelsea certainly is the president's daughter. She meets a guy at Stanford and gets him an intern job at the White House.

There's nothing like nepotism. I am sick of the whole crew.

Ronald Yates
Shelby, Mich.

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Hillary Clinton Finds Women a Tough Sell

■ **Campaign:** Senate bid in New York hinges on her convincing white female voters she's worthy of job.

By JOSH GETLIN
TIMES STAFF WRITER

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y.—During a recent visit to a Rotary Club in suburban Westchester County, Hillary Rodham Clinton joked that when she drove past a nearby Saks Fifth Avenue store, "my heart started to beat. If I talk a little faster and leave a little early, you'll know where to find me."

The comment might have seemed like a throwaway line, but there was also calculation behind it: In her tight race for the U.S.

Senate, virtually all the polls have shown Hillary Clinton trailing among white female voters, especially in affluent suburbs. Although she has tried to prove that she is one of them—in this case by presenting herself as a passionate shopper—many spurn her.

Closing the gap will be a major task for the first lady today in Buffalo, when she squares off in the first of several debates with her opponent, Republican Rep. Rick Lazio. But accomplishing her goal may prove difficult for Clinton, given the skeptical views that many women, including supporters, voice about her campaign.

CLINTON: Strategy

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debate will unlock them in the polls," said veteran Democratic consultant Hank Sheinkopf. "But she's got a particularly big problem now because the Senate race has become a referendum on her."

No trend underscores this more than Clinton's continuing dissonance with suburban white women, who in some surveys oppose her by margins as large as 56% to 36%. The flip-side for Clinton—and what helps her remain competitive—is her overwhelming support from African American women, which has totaled 83% in several surveys.

However, white female voters are crucial in a tight election, and not just because they constitute the state's largest single voting bloc, said New York pollster Maurice Carroll, who directs the Quinnipiac Poll. Their turnout rate is high, he said, and they often cross party lines. In a state where Democrat Al Gore has a double-digit lead over Republican George W. Bush in the presidential race, the closeness of the Senate campaign suggests that many Democratic white women do not plan to vote a straight party line.

Clinton formally took her place Tuesday as the Democratic Senate nominee, easily winning the party's primary (Lazio was designated the GOP nominee at an earlier party convention). As their race enters the final weeks, it appears destined to set a new fundraising record for a U.S. Senate campaign, with both sides expected to spend a combined \$60 million.

Most voters appear to have made up their mind long ago: Clinton leads among voters in New York City, trails Lazio by a small margin in traditionally Republican upstate New York and is running poorly in Westchester, Long Island and other suburbs that her husband carried handily in the 1992 and 1996 presidential campaigns.

With these patterns seemingly set in place, vast amounts of money will be spent on TV ads

and other appeals targeting the small number of swing voters, people like Kelly Chase.

"I still don't know if I'm going to vote for her or not," said Chase, a physical therapist from Westchester County, as she shopped near the Saks Fifth Avenue store that Clinton mentioned. "I've got a lot of big questions."

Like other women interviewed in the upscale Westchester Mall, Chase ticked off a litany of concerns: Clinton seems rigid and inauthentic, an overly ambitious carpetbagger who defended her husband during the Monica S. Lewinsky scandal mainly to boost her own career.

Other women said it was inappropriate for a first lady to use her office as a political springboard and deeply resent that Clinton is attempting to climb the electoral ladder so fast.

"There's something to be said for starting in the mail room and working your way up," said Amy Scher, a public school science coordinator who lives in nearby Pleasantville. "She's coming on so strong, so fast. But can she really do the job?"

In part these reactions are brought on by Clinton's particular chemistry with voters. Ever since she made her controversial comments in 1992 about not wanting to be a woman who stayed home to bake cookies, she has been wrestling with a public identity that has sparked a backlash among some women.

"I think there's a perception that she is hugely ambitious and will do *anything* to advance her career," said Cindy Tague, a Bronxville attorney who lives in a community near the Clinton's Chappaqua home. "We all know she's very smart and determined, but there's something about her that doesn't ring true. And it makes me uneasy."

To be sure, Clinton has ardent champions, both in New York and across the nation. They hail her aggressive advocacy on issues such as abortion rights, health care and education, and say those

"One of the dirty little secrets of American politics is that women judge female candidates much more harshly than male politicians," said GOP political consultant Jay Severin. "And when it comes to Hillary Clinton, the issue is magnified. She's a very polarizing figure, so many view her with suspicion."

Lazio has problems of his own. Indeed, the boyish-looking Long Island moderate who entered the contest in May after New York Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani dropped out has yet to define himself to many voters. That has left him open to attacks as a right-wing Republican out of touch with voters in the overwhelmingly Democratic state.

Polls consistently have shown Clinton and Lazio essentially deadlocked for the last four months; the latest survey by Zogby International gave the first lady the barest of leads, 47% to 45%, among likely voters.

"Both candidates hope this first
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Hillary Rodham Clinton and President Clinton go to a polling station to vote in the New York Democratic primary.

are the key issues facing voters in the New York race.

"How, as a smart, professional woman, could you not vote for Hillary Clinton?" asked actress Morgan Graham, as she window-shopped near the Saks store. "Is it a crime to be politically ambitious? Men are ambitious all the time."

But not in the same way, caution some political experts. Clinton's campaign is setting a new and uncomfortable precedent for some voters, especially women, according to Nora Bredes, director of the Susan B. Anthony Center for Women's Leadership at the University of Rochester.

"Many women find an incongruity when someone who has assumed a nurturing role, like first lady, suddenly tries to take on a leadership role," said Bredes. "There's great ambivalence about this, and it's magnified in Clinton's case. The women who have held her position have been the Bible holders at American inaugurations—but they have not been the ones who put their hands on the same Bibles."

When Clinton formally launched her campaign last January, press spokesman Howard Wolfson said she would succeed in her effort to win over disaffected women. Her failure to do so

has opened a window of opportunity for Lazio, but so far he has failed to capitalize on it.

Some media critics have labeled him "The UnHillary," a candidate who simply runs against her instead of offering a coherent alternative. The strategy worked up to a point because Lazio went from being a virtual unknown in May to a well-funded candidate who has pulled even in the polls.

"But this only gets you so far," said Sheinkopf. "If he's going to reach out to women voters, he'd better get started."

Just ask Joan Wiener, a retiree shopping near Saks in the Westchester Mall. She doesn't have any intention of voting for "what's his name," as she refers to Lazio, even though she has plenty of harsh things to say about Clinton.

"I don't like her, because she's not a warm person," said the longtime New Yorker. "But then I think about the Supreme Court and who she'd vote for on the abortion issue, and I think, maybe I'll wind up voting for her after all."

Wiener makes a sour face and adds: "It reminds me of what [former New York Mayor] Ed Koch once said about Jimmy Carter. I'll probably vote for Hillary Clinton—holding my nose."

Blood cells spread cancer

Only two of those seven had a later relapse, and one of them improved again after additional treatment with a different immune therapy.

The patients received transfusions of both stem cells, the immature cells that develop into various kinds of blood cells, and T-cells.

It was the T-cells that destroyed tumors, Dr. Childs said.

No patient has been followed for more than about 2½ years. After five years, doctors believe, patients have a reasonable chance of remaining cancer-free.

The approach should stay experimental for now and will be nowhere near a cure-all even if more studies and longer follow-up show that it should be an accepted treatment, Dr. Childs said.

Two of 19 patients died from the treatment itself, and the T-cells took months to work.

About 30,000 new cases of kidney cancer are found each year in the United States. If it is caught before it spreads, removing the kidney may cure the patient. But in about 11,000, it is out of the kidney before it is found. Then it moves swiftly, often killing within a year.

Dr. Childs has tried T-cell transfusions on eight persons with skin cancer. None responded. However, he said he does not know whether that is because it does not work at all, or because the patients' cancer spread too fast to let the T-cells get to work.

Some researchers think that other cancers are less likely to respond to immune system therapy.

"Nonsense," said Dr. Alai Houghton, chief of clinical immunology at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. "I think there's pretty good evidence that a number of other types of cancers can be recognized by the immune system," he said.

Clinton coaches wife

President Clinton is more than the "cheerleader in chief" for his wife's Senate campaign. He is also a coach, the Associated Press reports.

The president has "dropped in and out" of Hillary Rodham Clinton's practice sessions for her first debate in the New York Senate race, said White House spokesman Jake Siewert.

"Certainly he's an experienced debater, and she said she's never done this before," Mr. Siewert said yesterday. "I'm sure he's offered some advice."

The first lady is facing Republican Rick Lazio tonight in Buffalo, N.Y.

Mr. Siewert declined to reveal how much assistance Mr. Clinton has offered his wife, and said while Mr. Clinton is following her campaign closely, "I wouldn't overplay his role in this."

The president called himself the "cheerleader in chief" during weekend fund-raisers for his wife's Senate bid. Yesterday, he voted for her in the state's Democratic primary.

The meaning of crime

Penny Nance, a board member of Concerned Women for America, yesterday sent a letter to every member of Congress, calling for defeat of "hate crime" legislation when it comes up this week.

"Concerned Women for America is the nation's largest pro-family women's organization with 500,000 members. We are disgusted by the idea propagated by Senator [Edward M.] Kennedy and Representative [Barney] Frank that only some crimes are singled out for special treatment or punishment. Clearly these men do not understand the meaning of violent crime," she said.

"Senator Kennedy said in a recent Senate hearing on the issue that rape is not necessarily a hate crime. As a victim of attempted rape, I wish to inform him that sexual violence is always a matter of hate — or some other evil motive. I find his flippant attitude repugnant, disrespectful and discriminatory against women. Obviously, Senator Kennedy still does not get it. Senator Kennedy owes every rape victim in America an apology.

"What could possibly be more hateful than violence against women and children? The moment Congress starts singling out specific groups for more protection against crime they discrimi-

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Compiled by Greg Pierce

cerned Women for America finds the entire concept of 'hate crimes' offensive to women and all crime victims."

Disney's pledge

The Walt Disney Company yesterday became the first entertainment giant to react to a scathing federal report accusing the industry of pitching violence to teenagers, saying it would change its marketing policies.

The company — which also owns Touchstone, Miramax Films, Hollywood Pictures and the ABC television network — said it would not target or research under-17 audience groups — a practice cited in Monday's report. Disney also said it "would not permit" the screening of trailers advertising adult-rated films in theaters showing Disney-brand films.

In addition, ABC will no longer accept ads for adult-rated films in prime time, before 9 p.m., the company said in a statement.

No spending limits

A federal appeals court handed Missouri's major political parties a potent weapon Monday when it tossed out the state's limits on what political parties can contribute to candidates.

The 8th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, in a 2-1 ruling, found that limits on contributions by political parties violated the parties' First Amendment rights to disseminate their ideas, the Kansas City Star reports.

Missouri Attorney General Jay Nixon immediately promised to appeal the decision to the U.S. Supreme Court. He said he would seek an order that would allow the state to enforce the limits while the case is under appeal.

Mr. Nixon, a Democrat, said

its on individual donations ing hundreds of thousands dollars to the political party which can now forward the money to candidates.

The Missouri Republican Party, which brought the challenge, said the ruling called the state's victory speech.

Landlord Lieberman

A \$48 million estate controlled by Joseph I. Lieberman evicted a woman from one of its buildings then reversed course when she sued the Connecticut senator charged she lost her job because she was injured on the property, court records show.

Monica E. Beach, 58, could live rent-free in the building in Stamford, Conn., until the dispute is settled, a spokesman for the Democratic vice-presidential nominee told the Associated Press writer David H.

A trial is slated for February. "Senator Lieberman hopes Beach and the insurance company can settle it amicably without a trial," spokesman Dan G.

Miss Beach was evicted by court order in April 1997 for not paying rent in a multifamily building owned by the estate of Mr. Lieberman's uncle, Benjamin L. Manger, who died in March 1996.

Mr. Lieberman, selected last month as Al Gore's running mate, became an executor of the estate in February 1996. Miss Beach filed a personal injury lawsuit in April 1997. Mr. Lieberman and his co-executor, Harold F. Bernstein, instead of forcing her from the apartment, the estate and insurance company responded by letting her stay and agree to take rent she owes out of a eventual settlement.

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Hillary Rodham Clinton won the New York Senate Democratic primary, becoming the only first lady to be a candidate in a national election. Voters in Selma elected businessman James Perkins as the Alabama city's first black mayor.
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INSIDE THE BELTWAY

By John McCaslin

Ouch

New York Senate hopeful Hillary Rodham Clinton's new neighbors in Westchester County turned on their television sets yesterday to see a rather pointed "voter education" commercial paid for by the American Conservative Union.

On the screen are five babies sitting next to each other, one sporting a New York Yankees baseball cap, and the announcer says:

"In New York, all babies like these have something in common.

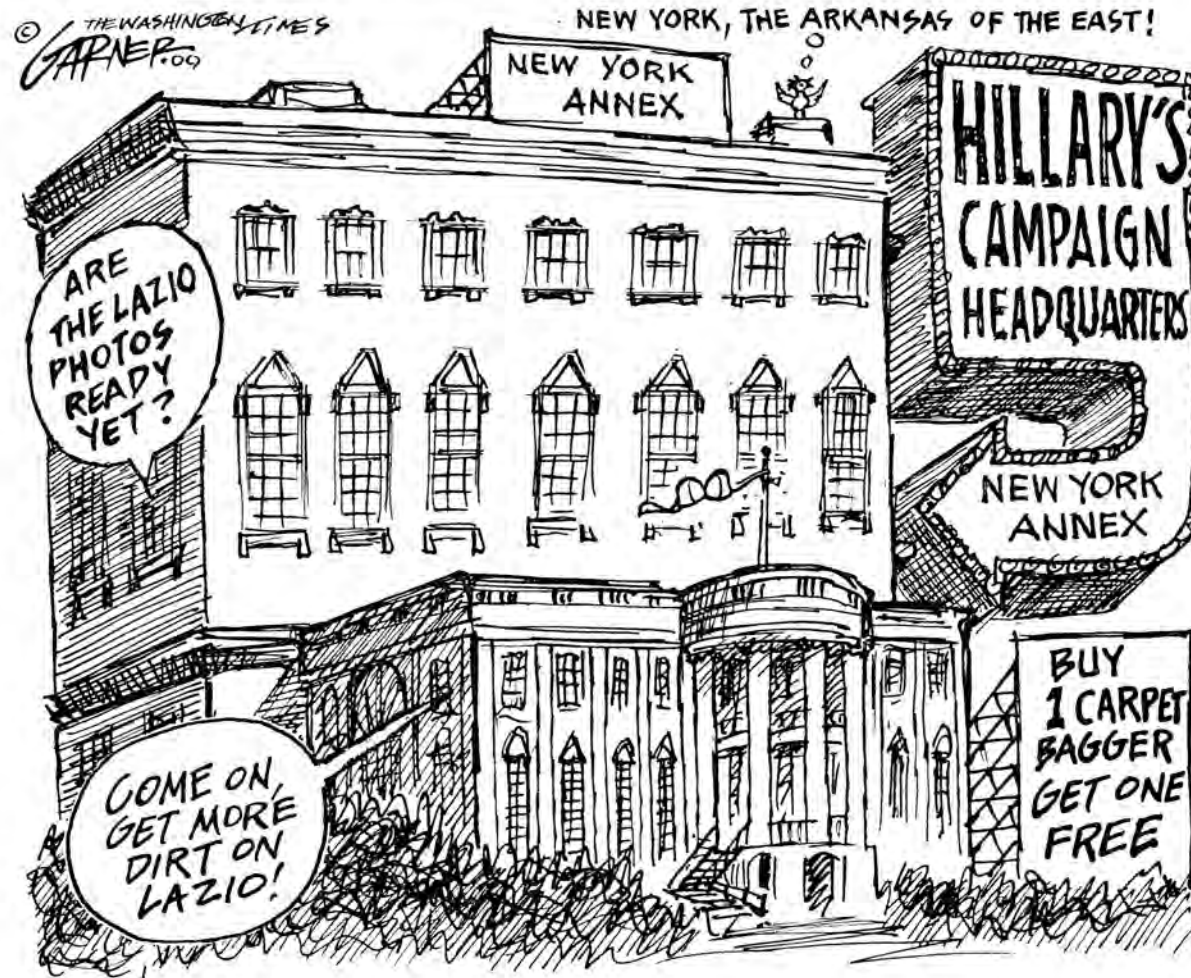
They've lived here longer than Hillary Rodham Clinton."

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In a Clinton Senate Race, a Clinton Votes

President Clinton cast his first vote as a New York resident in Chappaqua in yesterday's Democratic primary. His wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, right, easily won the Democratic nomination for the Senate. Page A27.

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LIEBERMAN TO JOIN HILLARY CLINTON From the day last month that Senator Joseph I. Lieberman was selected as the Democratic vice-presidential candidate, Hillary Rodham Clinton has said she would like to campaign with him as she runs for a Senate seat in New York. On Friday, she will get her chance. Mr. Lieberman will campaign with Mrs. Clinton in New York City.

His aides say the events have not been determined, but this much is known: Mrs. Clinton and her aides have said they hope that some of Mr. Lieberman's popularity will rub off, particularly with Jewish voters. Polls have Mrs. Clinton, who is in a tight race with Representative Rick A. Lazio, leading among Jewish voters by a margin smaller than New York Democrats usually need to win statewide races.

Richard Pérez-Peña (NYT)

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Congressman Struggles To Hold Seat

No Incumbency Edge For Party Switcher

By JONATHAN P. HICKS

Attacked from all sides, Congressman Michael Forbes, a Republican-turned-Democrat from Long Island, was locked in a dead-even struggle with his primary challenger last night and was one of the few incumbents in the state who had not prevailed in Congressional and state legislative contests that were marked by unusual rancor.

Mr. Forbes, of Quogue, acknowledged last night that his race against Regina Seltzer, 71, of Bellport was too close to call. With Republicans clinging to a narrow majority in the House, national and state party officials had channeled money and advertising into Mr. Forbes's Congressional district early on, even trying to sway Democrats to vote against the man who infuriated Republicans by switching parties in 1999.

This primary election also featured for the first time the name of a first lady on the ballot, with Hillary Rodham Clinton easily winning the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate against Dr. Mark McMahon, a little-known Manhattan orthopedic surgeon.

With 76 percent of the ballots counted, Mrs. Clinton had received 80 percent of the vote to Dr. McMahon's 20 percent. Aides to Mrs. Clinton's Republican opponent, Representative Rick A. Lazio, had forecast that Mrs. Clinton would be viewed as particularly weak going into the general election if her opponent had received 30 percent of the primary vote. Still, the 20 percent showing indicated that Mrs. Clinton must contend with members of her own party who strongly dislike her.

Except for the Congressional primary on Long Island, yesterday's elections produced decisive victories for several members of Congress, according to unofficial returns reported by The Associated Press.

In the Bronx, Representative Eliot L. Engel survived a vigorous challenge from State Senator Larry B. Seabrook in a fierce, racially charged contest that brought ethnic tensions to a boil. It also exposed potential weaknesses in the party machine of Roberto Ramirez, the Bronx Democratic chairman, who stunned politicians by declining to endorse Mr. Engel. Instead, he embraced Mr. Seabrook, who is black, in a bid to ensure black voters' support in next year's mayoral race.

In another highly charged race that produced tensions between American-born and Caribbean Brooklynites, Representative Major R. Owens withstood a challenge from Una Clarke, a Jamaican-born city councilwoman and a protégée of Mr. Owens. In her campaign, Ms. Clarke made specific appeals to the growing Caribbean presence in Mr. Owens's central Brooklyn district.

Also in Brooklyn, Representative Anthony D. Weiner won a resounding victory in a race against City Councilman Noach Dear, by a ratio of roughly three to one. And Representative Edolphus Towns, an 18-year incumbent, managed to win renomination, following a strong challenge by Barry Ford Jr., a Harvard-educated lawyer.

The race between Mr. Owens and Ms. Clarke proved to be one of the most divisive of this season. Mr. Owens had charged that his opponent was trying to bait voters along ethnic lines. But Ms. Clarke based her campaign on the theme that Mr. Owens had been ineffective in his 18 years in Congress and had grown increasingly distant from the concerns of residents. During their campaign, Mr. Owens invoked Hitler's name to describe her techniques in pitting one community against another.

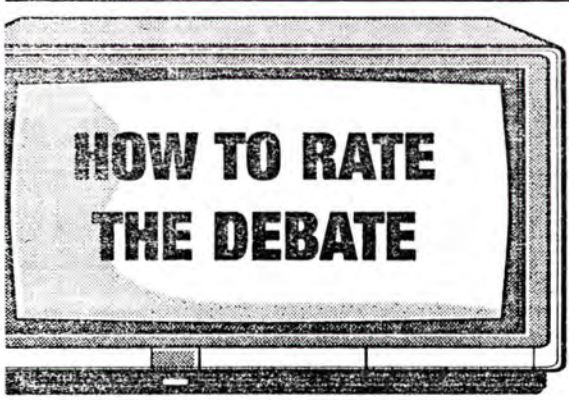
The contest between the two illustrated another development that is looming large in the city and causing rifts — term limits for two-thirds of the City Council members next year. In this case, Mr. Owens and Ms. Clarke had socialized and supported each other's campaigns until Ms. Clarke made her candidacy official. He had cast her campaign as a desperate attempt to find another elective office.

While the race between Mr. Towns and his challenger, Barry Ford, was not as personal, it was nonetheless a high-pitched competition. Mr. Ford, who opposed Mr. Towns two years ago, had picked up the support of a number of officials, including Mark Green, the city's public advocate, and former Mayor David N. Dinkins.

But Mr. Towns, who received barely more than 50 percent of the vote in 1998 race, this year invested a lot more of his time — and raised more money.

On Long Island, Mr. Lazio's seat in the Second Congressional District forced primaries all around. Joan Johnson emerged as the Republican nominee.

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It's the night Republican Rep. Rick Lazio and Democrat Hillary Clinton face off for an hour on live TV in their first debate — the first of three — is a chance for both candidates to reach a wide swath of undecided voters. They'll have to succeed in a number of key ways. The Post has gathered a panel of experts to list what the two will have to do to win.

Experts are:



Joseph Mercurio, Republican consultant



Jeff Plaut, Democratic consultant with Global Strategy Group



Lee Miringoff, Marist College pollster



David Birdsell, Baruch College public affairs professor, co-author of "Presidential Debates"

Sheinman, Stuyvesant debate and speech coach

commercials." Mercurio: "He's going to have a clear advantage."

In the areas where the candidates have conceded:

Grace under pressure: Lazio needs a certain... to look senatorial, like a boy scout. She has to be genuine, not lecturing."

off: "She just has to avoid getting flustered if he goes on a tack."

rio: She needs to seem like a netown girl," not a first... both need to avoid making a blunder and getting hostile... one of them is going to win... that's going to be it."

Mercurio: "She has to come across as somebody who's credible for the work... to use examples, and to make policy decisions."

rio: "She can't be strident, she can't be rushed... and she has to seem well-versed in campaign details."

man: "People need to ask, they don't know more about this now after listening to..."

centy: man: "If you see someone's face, that's key."

"He wants to present himself as a straightforward and likable person."

!!: Clinton "has the larger image [because of past credibility issues]... [but] all she has to do is seem credible."

off: "They both have to be more than their TV personas."

Command of the issues: Plaut: "Lazio needs to cast himself in the center of New York politics. He'll want to say, who's a better New Yorker... and run as non-threatening from an issue and personality perspective. Clinton needs to seem immersed in New York issues."

Birdsell: "Both need to be on their game about their policies. If she can't win on a perception of policy competence, then she's dead. It's her best point. Lazio has to prove he's playing in the same league."

Sheinman: "Sticking to the issues will be a major factor... sticking to the topic and responding directly."

Counterpunch: Birdsell: "Hillary cannot afford to be overly aggressive. She has to not sound shrill. Lazio has to have a gravitas to his counterpunches, and do it persuasively."

Sheinman: "I think it's important, but I don't think it will happen too much. I think it will be more like dueling oratories."

Plaut: "It's an important quality for New York candidates... it's the kind of tool by which you draw the differences between them."

Miringoff: "A memorable line never hurts if it's got edge, but not a clobber."

Mercurio: "They are probably going to attack each other. One of them is going to get burnt badly if they go off on different attack modes, and one maintains [calm] in the face of it."

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POLL: 61%

Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton has the support of 61 percent of Jewish voters in New York, while GOP rival Rick Lazio has 30 percent, a new Post/Fox 5 poll shows.

"She's in pretty good shape," said pollster John Zogby.

Clinton's 61 percent is considered just past the bare minimum a Democrat probably needs to win — and even a split of the undecided 10 percent puts her comfortably ahead of her goal. Lazio's campaign would like to push his 30 percent closer to 40 percent.

Jews are expected to make up 12 percent to 14 percent of the state electorate in November and the Senate candidates have been waging a fierce battle for the swing group's support.

The survey, conducted Monday and yesterday, questioned 401 Jewish voters — and has a margin of error of plus or

By GREGG BIRNBAUM

minus 5 percentage points.

Overall, the survey revealed 48 percent of Jews had an unfavorable view of Lazio, compared with 33 percent for Clinton. But Zogby said Lazio's relatively high negative rating isn't surprising given that three out of four Jews polled were Democrats.

The poll also found Jews aren't bothered by Lazio's handshake with Yasser Arafat, with 89 percent saying the recently released White House photo of Lazio and the Palestinian leader wouldn't affect their vote.

But few care about Rick pi with Arafat

Zogby said it may be soon after the photo was first published in Sunday Post to detect any change in voters' attitudes.

Twelve percent of Jewish New Yorkers said they would be more likely to vote against Clinton because of the White House disclosure of the Lazio-Arafat photo, taken in 1997.

Concerning the fate of convicted Israeli spy Jonathan Pollard, Jews by a 2-1 ratio favor releasing him.

Forty-four percent of Jews back commuting Pollard's sentence or pardoning him, while 21 percent believe he should serve a life term. The poll found



WELCOME: Chon Gregory yesterday directs the Clintons to a voting booth at Horace Greely Middle School in their hometown of Chappaqua. N.Y. Post G.N.M.

JEWS BACK HILL



LINK UP TWO FOR HIM: Rick and Pat Lazio cast their ballots in the GOP primary in Bay Shore, L.I., yesterday. N.Y. Post: Mary McLoughlin

a vote of confidence — from herself

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York for the first time, said he enjoyed his new role, which he has described as "cheerleader in chief."

"After all these years of her helping me, it was a thrill," he said. "I loved it."

The Clintons' daughter, Chelsea, also voted for one of her parents for the first time — albeit by absentee ballot because she flew to Australia yesterday as part of the American delegation to the Olympics.

Mrs. Clinton was taking on Mark McMahon, a Manhattan surgeon who became a registered Democrat in 1997.

Voting on the Upper East Side,

McMahon declared: "I feel like a winner today. The Clintons attempted to hijack the Democratic Party, the democratic process."

"This campaign gave the Democratic process back to the voters," said McMahon, who needed poll officials to help him with his voting machine.

Every statewide poll showed McMahon badly trailing Clinton — and analysts said the only question remaining was the first lady's victory margin last night.

Still, Clinton staffers were planning on quietly celebrating their win at a bar near their Seventh Avenue headquarters.

Even before the polls closed, several of the first lady's aides were on their way to Buffalo for tonight's debate with GOP rival Rick Lazio.

While Lazio faced no primary of his own, he voted in local Republican primaries in his congressional district.

"I have a record of being here for New York," Lazio said outside his polling place in Bay Shore, L.I.

Mrs. Clinton's lack of New York roots was also the focus of a new attack ad launched by the American Conservative Union.

The TV ad features several babies playing with toys and an announcer who says the children "all have one thing in common: They've lived in New York longer than Hillary Rodham Clinton."



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 The other Democrat

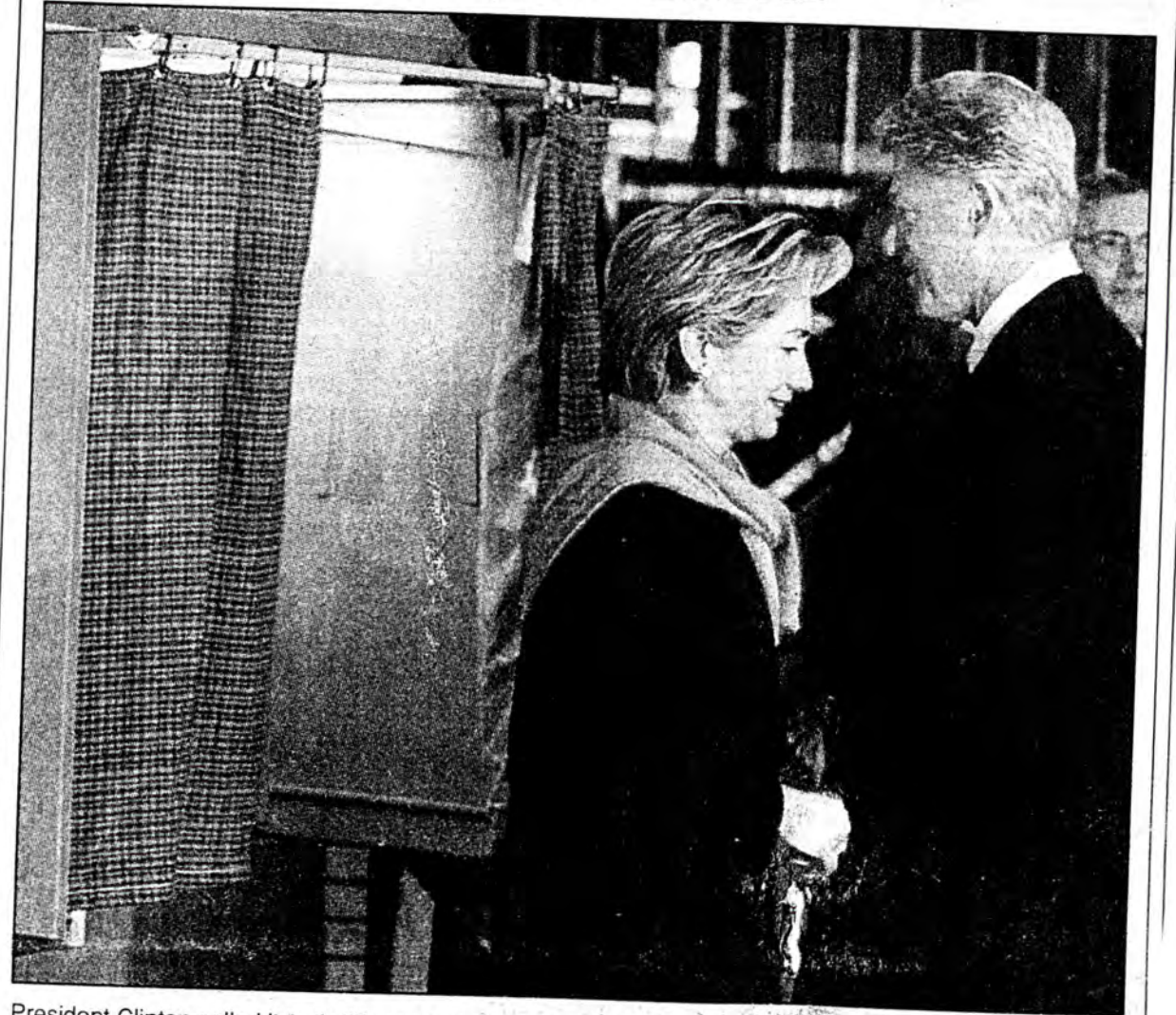
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ROLE REVERSAL



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Hillary easily captures Democratic nod

By Steve Miller
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Debate set with Republican rival

NEW YORK — First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton defeated Democratic challenger Mark McMahon with ease in this state's Democratic primary yesterday, overcoming a minor bump on her road to the U.S. Senate.

Mrs. Clinton took 81 percent of the vote to Mr. McMahon's 19 percent with 87 percent reporting. Turnout from the state's 4.9 million registered Democrats appeared to be less than the usual 20 percent to 25 percent for a primary.

"We set out to force a primary so we could put power in the hands of the voters and we accomplished that when we submitted our petition," Mr. McMahon said.

The Manhattan surgeon received 44,000 signatures to gain access to the ballot after the state Democratic Party refused to recognize him at its state convention in May. He needed 15,000 to gain a ballot spot.

The first lady refused to ac-

knowledge her primary opponent during the campaign. Instead, she has focused on tonight's debate with Rep. Rick Lazio, her Republican general-election opponent.

A Marist College poll of 516 likely voters gave Mrs. Clinton 50 percent and the Long Island congressman 47 percent of the total support. The margin of error was plus or minus 4.5 points. In a Marist poll in June, they were tied at 42 percent.

A Quinnipiac College poll of 803 voters gave Mrs. Clinton 49 percent and Mr. Lazio 44. The margin of error was plus or minus 3.5 points. In Quinnipiac's June poll, the two candidates were tied at 44 percent.

A weekend Zogby poll found the first lady leads Mr. Lazio in New York City, 66 percent to 27 percent. Mr. Lazio leads Mrs. Clinton among upstate voters, 49 to 42 percent.

The date of the debate was

changed to accommodate the primary results. The original Sept. 11 date was switched to today to ensure Mrs. Clinton was fully nominated.

Mrs. Clinton yesterday morning preceded her husband, President Clinton, into the voting booth at an elementary school in Chappaqua, N.Y., the Clintons' hometown in the state since January.

It is the first time a first lady has appeared on an election ballot.

Mr. McMahon spent his own money on the campaign, and as a result, he had no ad buys and only limited public appearances.

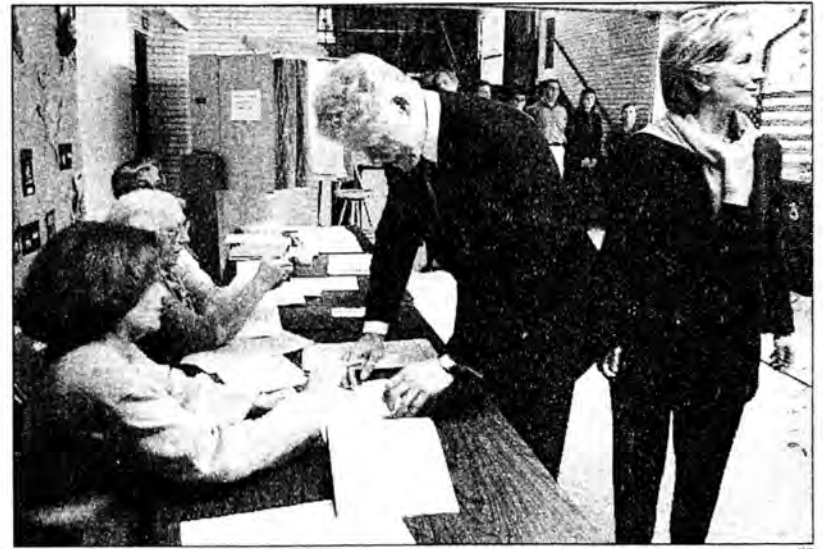
"Mark is a local guy made good, went to Georgetown and all that pizzazz," said Jim McSherry, a retired New York court officer who checked voting sites as a poll checker yesterday.

Nine states and the District held contests on the last big primary day of 2000. Among the closely watched races:

- In New York, Republican-turned-Democrat Rep. Michael Forbes was locked in a dead heat with a 71-year-old former librarian who launched a dark-horse campaign. Regina Seltzer, who raised \$40,000 to Mr. Forbes' \$1.4 million, was virtually tied with the incumbent with 98 percent of the vote tallied.

- The Republican choice for Mr. Lazio's open seat on Long Island was Islip Town Clerk Joan Johnson, who would be the first black female Republican in the House if elected.

- In Vermont, where homosexuals can now be united in civil ceremonies, a dozen Republican legislators who voted for the law were targeted. One of the chief authors of the bill, Democrat House Judiciary Chairman Thomas Little, beat back a challenge. But Republican state Reps. Marion Milne and John Edwards were defeated, and Republican state Reps. Robert Kinsey and William Fyfe were trailing.



President Clinton signs in at the polling station yesterday in Chappaqua, N.Y., with U.S. Senate candidate first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

- In Minnesota, department store heir Mark Dayton won the Democratic nomination for Senate after pouring \$5 million of his fortune into the race.

- Selma, Ala., elected its first black mayor yesterday, unseating a reformed segregationist. Busi-

nessman James Perkins defeated Joe Smitherman by about 60 percent to 40 percent.

- In Arizona, a five-way race for the Republican nomination to replace retiring Rep. Matt Salmon included Tom Liddy, son of Watergate conspirator G. Gordon Liddy.

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First lady, rival face off tonight in televised debate

N.Y. Senate race has global stage

By Kathy Kiely
and Martha T. Moore
USA TODAY

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and her Republican rival in the Senate race from New York, Rick Lazio, face off tonight in Buffalo for what's expected to be the most-watched debate ever between two statewide candidates.

Nearly four of five likely New York voters told pollsters they intend to tune in to the

60-minute showdown, which will be aired live from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. ET on NBC affiliates in the state. President Clinton is expected to tune in via the White House satellite system.

Other out-of-state viewers will have to wait until MSNBC airs a tape at 10 p.m. ET.

No presidential spouse has run for political office before. Clinton's historic bid has attracted plenty of media attention and record amounts of money for both candidates. Price tag for the race so far: \$63 million.

Clinton says she's a rookie at political debates, but she's had



Reuters

Clinton: Calls herself a debate rookie.



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Lazio: Will be his first debate to go global.

an experienced coach: The president "has dropped in and out" of her debate preparation sessions, said White House spokesman Jake Siewert.

Lazio, a Long Island congressman, has debated in campaigns and in the House but never before such a worldwide audience: Tonight's debate is attracting an international press corps. Tim Russert, a Buffalo native and the host of NBC's *Meet the Press*, will moderate.

Two New York surveys out Tuesday showed Clinton slightly ahead, but her leads fell within the margins of er-

ror. She led 48%-46% in a Marist College poll and 49%-44% in one by the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

The debate comes one day after Clinton triumphed in her first election: She won Tuesday's Democratic primary against Manhattan doctor Mark McMahon. "I voted for myself for the very first time, and I was very excited," she said after going to the polls in Chappaqua with her husband. The president said it was "a thrill" to vote for his wife "after all these years of her helping me."

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Debate could be pivotal for historic N.Y. race

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NEW YORK — The last time Republican Rep. Rick Lazio participated in a campaign debate, he met his opponent and a lone questioner in the otherwise empty studio of News 12 Long Island, a local cable TV station. Tonight, more than 120 journalists from as far as France and Germany will be watching.

The last time first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton was involved in a campaign debate, she was watching her husband. Tonight, President Clinton will be a spectator.

When the two candidates in New York's Senate race meet in Buffalo at 7 p.m. ET for the first of at least three face-to-face confrontations, it could be a pivotal moment in a historic race.

Clinton's decision to move to New York and seek the Senate seat held by retiring Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan transformed what would have been an interesting Senate race into a riveting referendum on a controversial first lady and, by extension, her husband.

"It's unlike anything I've ever, ever had experience with," says veteran *Buffalo News* reporter Bob McCarthy, who has covered New York politics for 24 years.

Two years ago, when the candidates in that year's high-profile Senate race met to debate, the press corps could fit into TV station hospitality rooms.

"At one of them, there were



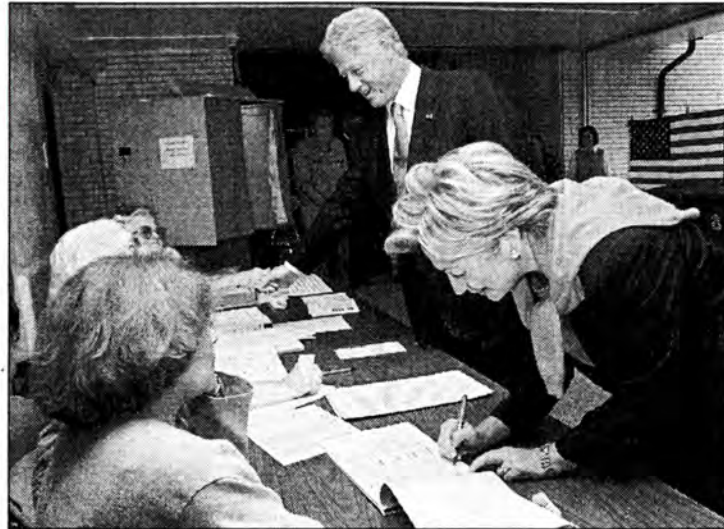
By Richard Drew, AP

Lazio: Emerges from voting booth in Bay Shore on Long Island.

more bagels than reporters," says Andrew Kirtzman, a New York 1 cable TV correspondent who covered Democrat Charles Schumer's defeat of Republican Sen. Al D'Amato in 1998.

In Buffalo, the New York press corps will be joined by reporters from newspapers across the country and TV crews representing 26 news organizations, including France's *Canal Plus* and German public TV. At least one street is being closed to provide parking for TV satellite trucks.

Since January 1999, when New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani began raising money for a Senate campaign, the race has attracted millions of dollars from across the nation. As of June 30, about half of Clinton's money and more than



By Win McNamee, Reuters

In Chappaqua: President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton get ready to cast their ballots in the New York Democratic primary Tuesday.

30% of Lazio's money had come from outside New York.

The race already has surpassed the nation's most expensive Senate election, a contest in 1994 in which Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein and Republican Michael Huffington spent \$44.4 million.

"If you take what the mayor raised added to what Lazio and Mrs. Clinton will raise, there's no question this race will approach \$100 million," says Bruce Teitelbaum, who heads Giuliani's committee and has been helping to raise money for Lazio.

There's no question about who the money magnet is. Before he even mentions anything about

himself, Lazio tells potential donors: "I'm running against Hillary Rodham Clinton."

That pitch has helped the Long Island lawmaker raise \$17 million since Giuliani, who has prostate cancer, dropped out of the race in May.

Despite the intense national interest in the race, both candidates have tried to present themselves as New Yorkers who are intently focused on local concerns. She wears Yankees caps; he attends Mets games. He has released a tax-cut plan that he says will help the state's small businesses. She touts her economic development plan for Upstate New York.

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They've squabbled over whose ads are more negative. Most recently, they even differed on whether it was proper for Lazio to shake Yasser Arafat's hand or Clinton to embrace Arafat's wife, Suha.

Because New York City is a heavily Democratic area and Upstate is reliably Republican, most observers say the race will be decided by swing voters in a few key

areas, including the New York City suburbs and Buffalo, where tonight's debate will be held.

Clinton might want to use the debate to break out of her "very controlled, very serious, very deliberate" public persona, says Steven Cohen, a political scientist at Columbia University in New York City. "She needs to show she has a human face. She needs to laugh a little, maybe a bit at herself."

Most New York political observers agree that Lazio needs to convince those on the fence that there's reason to vote for him. "Just by being against Hillary Clinton has gotten him to 45% in the polls," Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., says. "But to get to 50%, he's got to find some issue to set him apart."

Cohen says the debate is also an opportunity for Lazio to convince New Yorkers he can play in the major leagues. "He looks young," Cohen says of Lazio, who at 42 is a decade younger than Clinton. "There's some suspicion he may not be as serious and in command as she is. A lot of what Lazio has to do is hold his own."

The president isn't scheduled to go to New York today and is expected to watch from Washington, but aides have left his day conspicuously open. In May, when the New York Democratic Party formally nominated his wife, the president made a surprise, last-minute trip to Albany to be with her.

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The Strange Politics of Holocaust Restitution

By SETH LIPSKY

The little band of demonstrators outside New York's Pierre Hotel Monday evening was shouting "One two three four, Show Hill-ar-y-the-door" and holding up signs for "One Jerusalem." Inside were gathering—at the invitation of the World Jewish Congress—a glittering array of leaders of the Jewish community, as well as their financial backers. They were there to honor the politicians from home and abroad who have played a role in pressing Jewish claims for restitution of property stolen and lives ruined during the Holocaust.

But behind the facade I sensed a real unease about the evening—and about the juncture the restitution movement has reached. Part of it had to do with the rank politicization of the event, which stemmed from the decision of the president of the World Jewish Congress, Edgar Bronfman, to bring not only the president but the first lady to be honored. Mr. Bronfman is an important adviser to Mrs. Clinton's senate campaign. Her opponent, Rep. Rick Lazio, was pointedly not invited to the dinner, even though he played a real role in passing legislation in support of the restitution effort.

Mr. Bronfman's son, Edgar Jr., announced he was exercising a point of personal privilege, then turned and said, "President and Mrs. Clinton, thank you for these past eight years." He added that he looked forward to working with "President Gore and Senator Clinton." It was an error of judgment that caused a number of people in the room to wince. The elder Mr. Bronfman explained his decision to in-

clude Mrs. Clinton by disclosing that he had used a 1996 meeting with her at a fund-raiser for the Democratic National Committee to try to gain access to the president on the subject of Holocaust restitution. She responded by saying, "Edgar, is there a chance that we can get at the Swiss banks?" She arranged a meeting with Mr. Clinton for the next day.

The president, according to the senior Mr. Bronfman, inquired about the involvement of then-Sen. Alfonse D'Amato of New York, a Republican, and asked Mr. Bronfman to tell Mr. D'Amato that Mr. Clinton was prepared to work with him on the restitution campaign. One can take that as a willingness to rise above politics or, as so many are given to do in the wake of the Clinton-Gore presidency, as an effort in an election year to deflect the congressional investigation into Whitewater, an investigation in which Mr. D'Amato played a key role. In any event, Mr. Clinton proved to be an attentive figure in the fight.

The unease in the room ran deeper than American politics, to themes that were aired on the eve of the banquet in a courageous article in the September issue of *Commentary*, "Holocaust Reparations—A Growing Scandal" by Gabriel Schoenfeld. Mr. Schoenfeld quotes columnist Charles Krauthammer as saying he is worried about what he terms a "grotesque scramble for money" whose only certain result is the "revival of Shylockian stereotypes." And he quotes the Anti-Defamation League's Abraham Foxman, who has voiced his fear that people may be led to believe "that the Jews died not because they were Jews, but because they had bank

accounts, gold, art and property."

No one suggests that Jews—or any organization on behalf of Jewish individuals or estates—should be shy about pressing any claim stemming from the Holocaust. I have come to the view that neither should they worry much about the consequences. Jews have long since learned that those in Europe, or elsewhere, who will be put off by the pressing of such claims are not going to be mollified by restrained behavior. Anti-Semitism is not, and has never been, a function of Jewish behavior.

But Mr. Schoenfeld raised, more pointedly than most others, the problem presented by class-action lawsuits. He cites the highest-profile of the class-action lawyers, Edward Fagan, and reports that in the Swiss settlement he claimed an hourly fee of \$640, higher than the average annual pension that Holocaust survivors receive from the German government.

Mr. Fagan disputes the \$640 figure, saying he's billing \$295. But whatever the details of the matter, there can be no doubt the American tort system provides enormous temptations that must be difficult to resist. And unfortunately, the entry of the class action lawyers into the Holocaust restitution fray has elided the distinction between *restitution*, meaning the return of a measure of individual property, and *reparations*, a word that connotes re-

pair, which is impossible.

Serious as these questions are—and in my soundings I find a lively appreciation for the sentiments voiced by Messrs. Foxman, Krauthammer and Schoenfeld—there are still others. As important as restitution and the fight for historical truth are, there is a growing recognition that they are not the road to the Jewish future. The American Jewish community faces a demographic crisis to which the banquet at the Pierre was largely irrelevant. It faces an education crisis, in which the only relevant public policy reform—vouchers—is one that the Clinton administration has set itself athwart.

And if there is a military and diplomatic challenge to the Jewish future, it is one in which the administration has stood not behind the Jewish state but between it and its enemies. The very week that was capped by the World Jewish Congress honoring Mr. and Mrs. Clinton, the president spent trying to gain an acceptable way to break the undivided Jewish sovereignty over Jerusalem to which Yitzhak Rabin went to his grave committed.

The demonstrators were gone when my wife and I left the Pierre, but my wife leaned over to me in the cab and pointed to where they'd been standing. Of all the individuals we'd met that evening, she said, they were the ones who had their eye on the ball.

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Edgar Bronfman Jr.

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Intro

By PEGGY NOONAN

Memo to: Hillary Clinton, Rick Lazio

From: Lee Atwater

Re: Tonight's debate

OK, listen up. Where I am you don't root for Reps or Dems, you root for the truth and hope for a show. With you two I'm still waiting on both. This whole campaign you been waging has been kind of . . . demure! Kind of "Who's the nicest girl at Wellesley?"

Now you got to mix it up. The contest you're in is so close, such a tossup, that it could actually be settled by what happens tonight in the ring.

That's how I see you, as fighters. That's what all good pols are, ultimately. Right now, Hillary, you're on your stool in your corner and Harold's whispering in your ear and Mandy's adjusting your mouthpiece. Rick, you're over there nodding to Murphy and moving your head left and right to un-kink your neck, as fighters do.

It Ain't a Pretty Sight

OK. Here's my last-minute advice before the bell.

You walk out there and you're both so pumped with adrenaline, excitement and fear that your hands are shaking. Hillary, you walk over to Rick as soon as you get on the stage. Laughingly, real friendly, put out your hand and maybe try to kiss him, to show you're warm and he's a wuss.

Rick, don't let her walk to you. You walk over to her instead, like a man. Don't give her the big-tan smile, give her a small smile and a nod. Then pivot to the audience and wave to them with the big smile.

Go back to your podiums. Rick, if you wear reading glasses put 'em on now, and look at your notes. Hillary, if you wear reading glasses, don't.

It begins: "Ladies and gentlemen . . ."

All right, psychology. Rick, in your head she's a tank. Fine. But her steering's busted and she's running out of gas, so don't worry about her. Hillary, you're not exactly nervous when you think of him. One of the great things about the Clintons is they never run against anyone they respect, because the minute someone becomes an opponent of the Clintons the Clin-

tons understand he's a bad person. When it comes to Lazio—let it—*you* think you've scraped more things off your shoe. Fine.

Strategy. Rick, pols do what they how to do. Hillary will fight and *you* are still one of those white guy himself in knots on how tough to *you're* debating a woman. Forget *not* a question. No one thinks Hillary's a woman, they think she's a person, like the weather. Treat *you'd* treat a guy.

She's smart. She's going to take issues on which *she* is most vulnerable—trustworthiness, etc.—and *you* pretend that they are the areas in which *you* are most vulnerable. She always does this, because it clouds things and makes them confusing.

She's going to accuse you of having a weak record, of being untrustworthy, of being a hypocrite. She'll start out and say that in comparison with you has a 30-year record of achieving education and in other things.

Fine. Let her come out and lay it out. That will establish that she is the aggressor. Then you get on the balls of your feet and unleash a serious critique of all that she represents.

She has a record. She cares, you say. To take away the rights of patients, their own doctors to decide the treatment. She says she can work with boys in Washington. Say: "Your own wouldn't work in the House or Senate."

This is in Rick's face. Rick: Look at her. Engage. Normal debaters not to talk to the opponent but to the camera, to the voters. But in your look at her. Put your arm and point. Times. Don't for-

camera, turn to it and play to it. *You* ally, but engage her. It'll unnerv little.

And don't always be smiling. I mean, serious, because this is serious—*you're* gonna save the people of New York from more high tax, high high promise, high disappointment.

Lately, Hillary's taken to talking "what we do with our surplus." B



Ismael Roldan
Hillary Clinton and Rick Lazio spar tonight.



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Still, Vermont Democrats chose state auditor Ed Flanagan, the nation's only openly gay statewide officeholder, for Senate. He faces GOP Sen. James Jeffords in the fall.

Forbes, however, must wait for a recount with upstart septuagenarian Regina Seltzer to see if he remains a candidate. He trailed by 39 votes out of the 11,611 cast in unofficial returns.

"This is about the people of this community who have said in no uncertain terms to Mr. Forbes, 'You're fired,'" Seltzer said.

Forbes left the GOP last year saying the party had become too extremist. But Seltzer said his opposition to abortion and votes to impeach President Clinton proved he was no Democrat.

In Minnesota, department store heir Mark Dayton spent \$5 million to win the Democratic Senate nomination and the challenge to first-term GOP Sen. Rod Grams, considered vulnerable.

In Rhode Island, GOP Sen. Lincoln Chafee, appointed last year to fill out the fourth term of his late father John, had no opposition. Rep. Robert Weygand won the Democratic nomination.

Vermont's moderate Republican Jeffords easily won nomination to a new term, as did Wisconsin's Democratic Sen. Herb Kohl. Arizona Republican Sen. Jon Kyl and Connecticut Democratic Sen. Joseph Lieberman also running for vice president faced no primary challenges.

Democratic Vermont Gov. Howard Dean won nomination for a fifth full term, and will face Republican Ruth Dwyer. New Hampshire's two-term Democratic Gov. Jeanne Shaheen won her nomination and will face former Sen. Gordon Humphrey.

Voters in Prescott, Ariz., were near evenly divided over a referendum to overturn a ban of the traditional July Fourth water fights. The ban was enacted after complaints the fun had turned too rowdy. The results were too close to call.

In Wisconsin, a sales tax was approved in Brown County to renovate and expand Lambeau Field, home of the Green Bay Packers, the only publicly owned team in the NFL.

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Still, Vermont Democrats chose state auditor Ed Flanagan, the nation's only openly gay statewide officeholder, for Senate. He faces GOP Sen. James Jeffords in the fall.

Forbes, however, must wait for a recount with upstart septuagenarian Regina Seltzer to see if he remains a candidate. He trailed by 39 votes out of the 11,611 cast in unofficial returns.

"This is about the people of this community who have said in no uncertain terms to Mr. Forbes, 'You're fired,'" Seltzer said.

Forbes left the GOP last year saying the party had become too extremist. But Seltzer said his opposition to abortion and votes to impeach President Clinton proved he was no Democrat.

In Minnesota, department store heir Mark Dayton spent \$5 million to win the Democratic Senate nomination and the challenge to first-term GOP Sen. Rod Grams, considered vulnerable.

In Rhode Island, GOP Sen. Lincoln Chafee, appointed last year to fill out the fourth term of his late father John, had no opposition. Rep. Robert Weygand won the Democratic nomination.

Vermont's moderate Republican Jeffords easily won nomination to a new term, as did Wisconsin's Democratic Sen. Herb Kohl. Arizona Republican Sen. Jon Kyl and Connecticut Democratic Sen. Joseph Lieberman also running for vice president faced no primary challenges.

Democratic Vermont Gov. Howard Dean won nomination for a fifth full term, and will face Republican Ruth Dwyer. New Hampshire's two-term Democratic Gov. Jeanne Shaheen won her nomination and will face former Sen. Gordon Humphrey.

Voters in Prescott, Ariz., were near evenly divided over a referendum to overturn a ban of the traditional July Fourth water fights. The ban was enacted after complaints the fun had turned too rowdy. The results were too close to call.

In Wisconsin, a sales tax was approved in Brown County to renovate and expand Lambeau Field, home of the Green Bay Packers, the only publicly owned team in the NFL.

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SECTION: GENERAL NEWS

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HEADLINE: **Hillary Clinton** wins NY primary, will debate

DATELINE: NEW YORK, Sept. 13

BODY:

In her history-making run for the U.S. Senate, **Hillary Rodham Clinton** won her first election and became the first first lady to win an election.

With 95 percent of the precincts reporting, Clinton had 505,916 votes, or 81 percent, to Dr. Mark McMahon's 116,435 votes, or 19 percent. While Clinton has garnered a great deal of media attention as being the first spouse of a president to seek a political office it did not spillover to her New York primary opponent, McMahon, a 39-year-old little-known New York City orthopedic surgeon.

McMahon surprised many when he spent about \$50,000 of his own money to collect 40,000 signatures

for his petitions. He needed 15,000 signatures statewide to challenge Clinton, who was the Democratic Party's choice and selected at the party's statewide convention in May.

However, Clinton ignored McMahon, refused to debate him, and the media ignored him as well. He did campaign in a Winnebago throughout the state on the theme that Clinton was not of New York and did not know New York.

Although **Hillary Clinton** had voted once already in her new hometown in Westchester County, President Clinton voted for the first time Tuesday in Chappaqua, N.Y. The first family moved into a house there in January. "After all these years of her helping me, it was a thrill (to vote for her)," Clinton told voting booth workers and the media as he left the polling place.

Clinton will face Republican Rep. Rick Lazio in a forum in Buffalo, N.Y., Wednesday night moderated by NBC-TV news Washington bureau chief Tim Russert. It will be televised on NBC stations throughout the state and repeated on MSNBC at 10 p.m. ET. It will also be Webcast on MSNBC.com.

The other panelists are Scott Levin of WGRZ-TV of Buffalo, and political reporter Bob McCarthy of the Buffalo News. The candidates will also answer questions submitted via the Internet. Both camps have attempted to downplay expectations. Lazio supporters have said that the debate is Clinton's to lose pointing out that expectations are high for Clinton who served eight years in the national spotlight as first lady and is a lawyer.

However, Clinton tried to lower expectations herself. She said that she has never debated before, "ever in my entire life" but that her opponent has "debated a lot and that he's debated on the floor of the House of Representatives."

Two polls released Tuesday show Clinton and Lazio still in a statistical dead heat, but Clinton has made it to 50 percent and some of the undecideds seem to be deciding. The Poughkeepsie, N.Y.-based Marist College poll of 516 likely voters favored Clinton by 50 percent and Lazio by 47 percent. The margin of error was plus or minus 4.5 percentage points. The Hamden, Conn.-based Quinnipiac University poll of 803 voters favored the first lady by 49 percent and the Long Island congressman by 44 percent. The margin of error was plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. Both polls were conducted Sept. 5-10.

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HEADLINE: Hillary Clinton's First Win

BYLINE: Linda Stouffer, Frank Buckley

HIGHLIGHT: Behind the scenes posturing is about to become face-to-face finger-pointing in many political campaigns across the country. Among the most noteworthy is the New York Senate race, involving first lady **Hillary Rodham Clinton**. After defeating a little-known challenger in the state's Democratic primary, Mrs. Clinton will face off against her Republican rival tonight in a primetime debate.

BODY:

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LINDA STOUFFER, CNN ANCHOR: Well, behind the scenes posturing is about to become face-to-face finger-pointing in many political campaigns across the country.

Among the most noteworthy is the New York Senate race, involving first lady **Hillary Rodham Clinton**. After defeating a little-known challenger in the state's Democratic primary, Mrs. Clinton will face off against her Republican rival tonight in a primetime debate.

CNN's Frank Buckley has more.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

FRANK BUCKLEY, CNN CORRESPONDENT (voice-over): First lady **Hillary Clinton** walked into a voting booth and into history, becoming the first first lady to ever win an election. A New York primary challenge from a fellow Democrat.

Mark McMahon, a political neophyte and New York City physician, hoped to tap the protest vote against New York newcomer **Hillary Clinton**.

Voters like Peter Freed who cast a ballot for McMahon.

PETER FREED, NEW YORK VOTER: While I work for Clinton in the main election, I would have preferred to have a different Democrat to vote for. So it was just merely an attempt to show that I didn't like the way that this was done.

MARK MCMAHON (D), NEW YORK SENATE CANDIDATE: The Clintons attempted to hijack the Democratic Party and the democratic process. This campaign gave the democratic process back to the voters.

BUCKLEY: But Democratic voters overwhelmingly gave the nod to Mrs. Clinton, who ignored McMahon's challenge and continued preparing for her first face-to-face debate with her Republican opponent, Congressman Rick Lazio, who had no primary.

HOWARD WOLFSON, CLINTON CAMPAIGN SPOKESMAN: We have our eyes on the prize, focusing on the election in November, focusing on Rick Lazio, and the real differences in this race. That's the debate that we've been focusing on.

BUCKLEY: Congressman Lazio voted in local elections while also preparing for Wednesday night's political clash.

BILL DAL COL, LAZIO CAMPAIGN MANAGER: Basically what both candidates are going to try to is look as senatorial as possible on that stage, have a command of the issue, look respectful but strong, and not make any mistakes.

BUCKLEY: Two new polls show Lazio and Clinton still locked in a close race. The Quinnipiac University poll has Mrs. Clinton up 49 to 44 percent among likely voters. The Marist Institute Poll has Clinton ahead 48 to 46 percent among likely New York voters.

(on camera): While neither candidate will say the debate is a make or break moment in the campaign both sides do agree it is an important one, especially if the results of one poll prove true, that nearly 80 percent of the state's likely voters are expected to tune in.

Frank Buckley CNN, New York.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

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LENGTH: 252 words

HEADLINE: Making too much of handshakes

BYLINE: (editorial)

BODY:

What's in a handshake?

A political cheap shot, if you are a White House press secretary trying to embarrass Rick Lazio, the Republican running against **Hillary Clinton** for the U.S. Senate in New York. Or, if you are a Castro hater, it's an opportunity to bash President Clinton for minding his diplomatic manners at the recent gathering of world leaders at the United Nations.

In a shabby attempt to hurt Lazio with Jewish voters, the White House released to a New York tabloid a photo of the congressman shaking hands with Yasser Arafat in 1998. Lazio was part of an official U.S. delegation led by President Clinton on a visit to the Middle East to encourage the peace process. **Hillary Clinton** went along.

What was Lazio supposed to do? Refuse Arafat's hand, the same hand the president and first lady shook? Democrats say the photo was fair game because Republicans had criticized **Hillary Clinton** for hugging Suha Arafat after the wife of the Palestinian leader delivered a diatribe against Israel at a West

Bank event (For more, see the Germond-Witcover column on this page).

Meanwhile, the anti-Castro lobby is outraged that the president shook Fidel Castro's hand during a chance encounter at the U.N. conclave. The Miami Herald editorialized that Clinton "now approaches the end of his term with another questionable legacy: In 41 years, he's the first U.S. president to shake hands with Cuba's tyrant."

Come on, everyone. It's time to shake hands and put an end to this silliness.

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HEADLINE: Clinton easily takes N.Y. nomination

BYLINE: Compiled from Times wires

BODY:

Hillary Rodham **Clinton** breezed past a little-known challenger to win New York's Democratic Senate primary Tuesday, while Selma, Ala., elected its first black mayor, unseating a reformed segregationist.

In Vermont, primaries for the state Legislature tested the depth of anger over its civil unions law for gay couples.

As nine states and the District of Columbia held contests on the last big primary day of 2000, the first lady built a wide lead over orthopedic surgeon Mark McMahon en route to her contest against unopposed Republican Rep. Rick Lazio in November.

With 16 percent of precincts reporting, Clinton had 71,714 votes or 78 percent and McMahon had 20,481 votes or 22 percent. The question for Clinton was whether McMahon would get enough votes to embarrass her.

In Selma, businessman James Perkins defeated Joe Smitherman, a white man first elected before the bloody civil rights march of 1965.

Poll: Gore gets popular

Vice President Al Gore has shaken the persistent sense that he is not particularly likable and is now as highly regarded as Gov. George W. Bush on matters of character, leadership and overall personal popularity, the latest New York Times/CBS News Poll shows.

Gore has achieved substantial gains among women, independent voters and those from middle income

groups. While Bush's support has diminished somewhat overall, he still retains the overwhelming support of men, Midwesterners and Southerners.

The poll shows that the presidential race is neck-and-neck and that Bush and Gore are facing off in the tightest competition just after Labor Day in 20 years. If the election were held today, 42 percent of registered voters said they would back Gore and 39 percent said they would vote for Bush. Four percent said they would back Ralph Nader, the Green party nominee, and 2 percent would favor Pat Buchanan of the Reform Party.

Gore has gained on Bush in recent weeks, but not to a degree that is statistically significant. The nationwide telephone poll, conducted Saturday through Monday with 843 registered voters, has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Buchanan wins a round

WASHINGTON - The Reform Party's disputed \$ 12.6-million in federal campaign money belongs to Pat Buchanan, the Federal Election Commission said Tuesday.

Buchanan, the former Republican who is counting on the money to revive his presidential campaign, is entitled to receive it as the party's nominee, the FEC said in a 5-1 preliminary ruling.

The commissioners are expected to give their final approval within days, authorizing the U.S. Treasury to give Buchanan a check. However, John Hagelin, who contends that he, not Buchanan, is the party's legitimate nominee, intends to appeal to federal court.

That could further delay Buchanan getting the money, since Hagelin officials said they will seek a federal injunction.

Cheney profits from stock

Dick Cheney realized a profit of \$ 20.6-million last month as he cashed in most of his stake in the Halliburton Co., which he ran until he left to become the Republican candidate for vice president, he reported to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Cheney's sales, from Aug. 21 through Aug. 28, came before he announced Sept. 1 that he would forfeit some options in Halliburton if elected.

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HEADLINE: CLINTON VOTES FOR HILLARY - WHO SWEEPS TO NOMINATION

BODY:

CHAPPAQUA, N.Y. (AP) - President Bill Clinton cast his first vote as a New Yorker yesterday, pronouncing it "a thrill" to vote for his wife.

Hillary Rodham Clinton won handily against little-known Dr. Mark McMahon in the New York Democratic primary. Late last night, with 67 per cent of precincts reporting, she had 326,245 votes (80 per cent) to McMahon's 82,417 votes (20 per cent).

"After all these years of her helping me, it was a thrill," Clinton said after early morning balloting at a school in his new hometown, where the first couple bought a home last year when Rodham Clinton began her Senate campaign.

Two polls released yesterday showed Rodham Clinton edging close to the critical 50 per cent mark in her race against Republican nominee Rick Lazio, who had no primary foe.

The poll from Marist College's Institute for Public Opinion in New York had her hitting that benchmark, compared with Lazio's 47 per cent, when likely voters were pressed on who they were leaning toward.

The Marist poll also found, by a 2-1 margin, that voters feel she is working harder for their votes than the congressman from Long Island.

The other poll from the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute found Rodham Clinton slightly ahead of Lazio, 49 per cent to 44 per cent.

Polls also show she is still having trouble reaching the 60 per cent level of support among Jewish voters that analysts say she needs.

The Jewish vote in New York is considered capable of swinging a Senate election.

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HEADLINE: HILLARY CLINTON WINS N.Y. DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

BYLINE: Associated Press.

BODY:

Hillary Rodham Clinton breezed past a little-known challenger to win New York's Democratic Senate primary on Tuesday, while Selma, Ala., elected its first black mayor, unseating a former

segregationist.

In Vermont, two Republican legislators who voted for the state's civil unions law for homosexual couples were ousted and three others appeared headed for defeat. A Democrat who opposed it also was defeated.

As nine states and the District of Columbia held contests on the last big primary day of 2000, the first lady built a wide lead over orthopedic surgeon Mark McMahon en route to her contest against unopposed Republican Rep. Rick Lazio in November.

With 98 percent of precincts reporting, Clinton had 82 percent of the vote, to McMahon's 18 percent.

The question for Clinton, whose nomination had been all but assured from the time she entered the race, was whether McMahon would do well enough to embarrass her. Analysts said he would have had to win a quarter of the vote to do that.

"I'm grateful for the strong support I have received from my fellow Democrats in New York," the first lady said.

The GOP choice for Lazio's open seat on Long Island was Islip Town Clerk Joan Johnson, who would be the first black female Republican in the House if elected.

In Selma, businessman James Perkins defeated Joe Smitherman, a white man first elected before the bloody civil rights march of 1965.

Perkins received about 57 percent of the vote in the nonpartisan runoff marked by heavy turnout. Smitherman had about 43 percent.

"Many have said it's about black and white. That ain't so," Perkins said. "Faith won this campaign."

Smitherman, 70, was a segregationist when he first took office in 1964. He later welcomed blacks into his administration as blacks grew to become the majority in this central city of about 22,000 people.

In Vermont, where homosexuals can now be united in civil ceremonies, a dozen Republican legislators who voted for the law were targeted in their primaries. Signs across parts of the state urged: "Take Back Vermont."

One of the chief authors of the bill, Republican House Judiciary Chairman Thomas Little, beat back a challenge. But Republican Reps. Marion Milne and John Edwards were defeated, and Republican state Sen. Peter Brownell and Reps. Robert Kinsey and William Fyfe were trailing. In addition, state Rep. James McNamara, a Democrat who voted against civil unions, was ousted.

"This is probably something that's going to take a generation to resolve," Little said.

While Vermont Republicans were punished for their votes, Democratic voters backed state auditor Ed Flanagan, the nation's only openly gay statewide officeholder, for the Senate. He narrowly won the Democratic nomination and will face GOP Sen. James Jeffords.

In Minnesota, GOP Sen. Rod Grams' first term left him with poor poll numbers and a Democratic scramble to unseat him. He easily beat a little-known candidate for his party's nomination.

Department store heir Mark Dayton beat three other Democrats for the nomination in a \$10 million race that broke state records. Half the spending came from Dayton, a former state auditor.

No U.S. senator or governor wound up with a strong primary challenger.

In Rhode Island, where four-term GOP Sen. John Chafee died last October, his son, Lincoln, appointed

to fill out his term, was unopposed. Rep. Robert Weygand won the Democratic nomination.

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GRAPHIC: PHOTOPHOTO: Mayoral candidate James Perkins stops at a polling place Tuesday in Selma, Ala. Perkins defeated Joe Smitherman, a former segregationist who was first elected prior to the bloody civil rights march of 1965. Montgomery Advertiser photo by Todd J. Van Emst, via AP.

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SECTION: Washington Dateline

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HEADLINE: Book: Lawyer told Mrs. Clinton about Lewinsky affair

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY:

President Clinton was unable to tell his wife that he had lied about the Monica Lewinsky affair and had his personal lawyer deliver the news, according to a new book about the scandal.

Attorney David Kendall met with **Hillary Rodham Clinton** in the White House residential wing in 1998 to tell her that the president had lied in denying the affair with Ms. Lewinsky. The disclosure was made in "The Breach: Inside the Impeachment and Trial of William Jefferson Clinton," by Washington Post reporter Peter Baker.

The Post reported excerpts from the book in Wednesday editions.

Baker writes that Clinton was so distracted by the impeachment - which ended in his acquittal last year - that aides at White House meetings sometimes had to answer questions for him. And a key adviser approached several Democratic Party leaders about a strategy to urge him to resign when impeachment seemed almost certain.

In the late summer of 1998, Baker writes, a former White House deputy chief of staff, Harold M. Ickes, "told people that the only possible way to convince his ex-boss to give up power would be to put together a coalition of interest groups and key senior members from Congress to go to him as a delegation and tell him there was no way to hold the White House in 2000 unless he resigned."

Ickes broached the idea to AFL-CIO President John Sweeney and was told: "Let's wait and see, Harold." The idea faded away.

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SECTION: Political News

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HEADLINE: Hillary Clinton wins primary against Manhattan surgeon

BYLINE: By MARC HUMBERT, AP Political Writer

DATELINE: NEW YORK

BODY:

Hillary Rodham **Clinton**, with a taste of victory from a Democratic U.S. Senate primary win, has set her sights on the tougher test ahead against Republican Rick Lazio.

"I'm grateful for the strong support I have received from my fellow Democrats in New York," the first lady said Tuesday night in a statement issued by her campaign after she easily swept by Dr. Mark McMahon. "Over the next two months, I will continue to work hard each and every day to earn the opportunity to represent the people of New York in the Senate."

In the primary, Clinton already has made history by becoming the only first lady ever to win an election.

While her run for the Senate has attracted national attention since early last year, the primary against the little-known orthopedic surgeon from Manhattan had gone virtually unnoticed even in New York state.

With 97 percent of the precincts reporting, Clinton had 530,815 votes, or 82 percent, to McMahon's 120,186 votes, or 18 percent.

The results meant that fewer than 20 percent of New York's almost 5 million enrolled Democrats bothered to go to the polls.

Clinton and Lazio, who had no primary, are to face each other in their first debate Wednesday night in Buffalo. It was to be televised live from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on NBC stations across the state and nationally by tape delay from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. on MSNBC.

Much like Lazio, McMahon based his campaign largely on the first lady's lack of New York roots. The 39-year-old physician also complained that New York's Democratic bosses were forcing Clinton on party members.

McMahon said Tuesday night that despite his loss, "I do feel like a winner today because this campaign gave the democratic process back to the people."

There were also a host of congressional and state legislative primaries in New York on Tuesday.

On the eastern tip of Long Island, Republican-turned-Democrat Rep. Michael Forbes faced a surprisingly strong primary challenge from 71-year-old Regina Seltzer, a former librarian who went to law school at age 50. With almost all the votes in, the race remained too close to call. She said her candidacy had allowed "Democrats to vote for a real Democrat, not some phony Washington is trying to shove down our throats."

In the Bronx, six-term Rep. Eliot Engel beat back a Democratic primary challenge from state Sen. Larry Seabrook that had taken on racial and religious overtones. Seabrook, who is black, accused Engel, who is white and Jewish, of failing a constituency that is increasingly minority.

In Brooklyn, Rep. Major Owens survived a Democratic primary challenge from New York City Councilwoman Una Clarke, his one-time ally. The race highlighted tensions within the black community between those who migrated from the South and the area's diverse new Caribbean immigrants. Owens was born in Memphis, Tenn., Clarke in Jamaica.

Also in Brooklyn, Rep. Edolphus Towns beat lawyer Barry Ford in a Democratic primary. Towns has been under fire for crossing party lines in 1997 to endorse Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, unpopular in heavily minority communities like Towns' district.

In New York City winning a Democratic primary is usually tantamount to election in November because of a better than 5-1 enrollment edge.

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HEADLINE: First Daughter in Honolulu for overnight stop en route to Olympics

DATELINE: HONOLULU

BODY:

First Daughter Chelsea Clinton arrived in Honolulu Tuesday afternoon for an overnight stop en route to the Olympic Games.

President Clinton saw his daughter off at Andrews Air Force Base in Washington Tuesday morning.

Chelsea is among dignitaries who will represent the United States at the Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

The delegation arrived in an Air Force plane at Hickam Air Force Base late in the afternoon. It was not known where they were to spend the night.

Chelsea and the rest of the delegation were to continue on to Australia Wednesday.

Chelsea is taking a semester off from her senior year at Stanford University to fill in for her mother, First Lady **Hillary** Rodham **Clinton**, who is campaigning for a U.S. Senate seat in New York.

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No respect

U.S. Senate candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton disrupted services at a New York church Sunday to launch an attack on rival candidate Rep. Rick Lazio on the steps outside, the New York Times reports.

"Mrs. Clinton's campaign aides clearly saw a significant opportunity here," reporter Adam Nagourney wrote, referring to Mrs. Clinton's decision to hold a news conference on the church steps to play up the White House release of a photo showing Mr. Lazio, the Republican candidate for the Senate seat from New York, shaking hands with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in 1998.

"In her public schedule, reporters were instructed to arrive at the [First Baptist Church of Crown Heights], on Eastern Parkway, no later than 10:30, to be in their seats when services began then, presumably to avoid disturbing churchgoers. But when Mrs. Clinton arrived at 11 in the middle of the service, reporters and camera crews were summoned outside where Mrs. Clinton held a brief news conference devoted almost entirely to the subject of Mr. Lazio and Mr. Arafat," the reporter said.

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Poll vs. poll

Two weekend polls disagreed wildly about Hillary Rodham Clinton's support among Jewish voters in the Senate race in New York. As if that weren't enough, both surveys were done by the same organization.

The New York Post poll released Sunday showed Mrs. Clinton's support at 70 percent versus 23 percent for Republican Rep. Rick Lazio, while a poll conducted for Albany's Times Union and the Buffalo News found Mrs. Clinton leading 52 percent to 34 percent.

"I think the truth is probably somewhere in the middle," said pollster John Zogby, whose organization conducted both surveys.

Some analysts believe that to win statewide in New York, a Democrat needs at least 60 percent of the Jewish vote.

Mr. Zogby said the Post poll had been partially conducted on Saturday during the Jewish Sabbath, when observant Orthodox Jews are forbidden to use the

phone. This could have led to an undercounting of Orthodox voters, who tend to be less supportive of the first lady, he said.

Mr. Zogby said the relatively small number of Jews polled — about 80 in each survey — could also have skewed the results, the Associated Press reports.

An overall poll by Zogby reflected other recent surveys showing a tight race. It gave Mrs. Clinton 47 percent to Mrs. Lazio's 45 percent, a statistical tie given the margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Silent Film: Studios Are Mum on Criticism By FTC, but Gore, Bush Warn Industry

The major Hollywood studios, normally expert at spinning a good yarn, fell coldly silent after a Federal Trade Commission report blasted the entertainment industry for marketing adult-oriented fare to kids and underage audiences.

But while the studios clammed up, the vacuum was more than amply filled by

*By Wall Street Journal staff reporters
John Lippman in Los Angeles and
Robert S. Greenberger and Glenn
Simpson in Washington.*

politicians and public-interest groups who seized on the report's findings to bring Hollywood to heel for its influence on the nation's youth. "Something has to be done," declared President Clinton, who had joined his wife at a rally in Scarsdale, N.Y., for her Senate bid. Hillary Rodham Clinton said that if the industry fails to "immediately stop marketing adult and violent entertainment to children," she would act and would urge others to do so.

Vice President Al Gore, who has a series of three fund-raisers this week featuring Hollywood personalities, used an appearance on the Oprah Winfrey show to sharply rebuke entertainment companies. He set a six-month deadline for the industry to embrace FTC recommendations that would ban marketing adult-rated entertainment to children or face regulation.

His Republican counterpart in the presidential race, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, said the industry must do more to police itself, and he slammed Mr. Gore for failing until now to take a strong stand on violence in the media.

All inquiries to the studios for comment were met with the same reply: Call Jack Valenti, the movie industry's longtime lobbyist in Washington. A spokesman for Mr. Valenti said he would have no comment until he finished studying the FTC report and testified before the Senate Commerce Committee tomorrow. The only other Hollywood movie executive scheduled to testify, Universal Pictures chairman Stacey Snider, withdrew yesterday. The studios say they aren't snubbing Congress, but instead claim the invitations came too late for busy executives to accommodate the committee's request.

But in private conversations with studio executives, an outline of a counter-attack strategy is emerging. They are looking to deflect blame onto anyone but themselves—despite their own marketing plans cited in the report, which detail how to draw teenagers' interest. The studios' targets: outside "media buyers" who pick the

television shows during which advertisements for movies appear; theater operators who don't card or watch ticket buyers after they walk through the door; and even parents, for not properly supervising the entertainment their kids watch. The studios' goal is to avoid new laws that would hamper their marketing efforts.

Federal regulators said they might recommend new legislation if the industry doesn't police itself better. FTC Chairman Robert Pitofsky said the government would wait to see how the industry reacts to its report, ordered up by President Clinton after the 1999 Columbine High School massacre in Colorado. "If we see movement forward or improvement, then we'll hold back," Mr. Pitofsky said. "I don't want the FTC to be the thought police."

But the FTC is examining whether to launch an enforcement action against the industry under existing deceptive-advertising law. Such a move has no precedent and might face constitutional hurdles, FTC consumer-protection chief Jodie Bernstein said in an interview, but it is conceivable the agency will find a legal basis for acting under its current statute.

The report provides ample ammunition for critics who long have claimed Hollywood isn't capable of self-regulation when it comes to selling its product to its most voracious audience, teenagers and young adults. One studio allegedly distributed free passes to its R-rated movie at local high schools and gave out flyers and posters to groups such as the Camp Fire Boys & Girls. In another striking incident recorded in the report's footnotes, one movie studio sought to market a PG-13 film to children between the ages of six and 11 on the cable network Nickelodeon, which airs mostly cartoons and other toddler fare. Nickelodeon rejected the ads because the film contained things most Nickelodeon viewers don't typically see, such as gun battles, "devastating bomb blasts," fight scenes, and sexual suggestion.

The ad agency retained by the studio was certain the Nickelodeon crowd was the right one: "This film needs the audience Nickelodeon provides to be successful," the firm wrote. Under agreement with the companies that provided their internal correspondence, the report doesn't identify studios or their products by name.

Still, legal experts point out that efforts to impose new laws on the way Hollywood does business probably won't withstand a legal challenge from industry lawyers. Instead, as has usually been the case, studios may agree to yet more voluntary measures designed to protect children from violent or sexually graphic material.

FOR STRAW? Yank teammates never stop going

BALLGAME COULD BE OVER

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By David Seifman and Robert Hardt Jr. in New York and Kenneth Lovett in Albany. Written by Hardt.

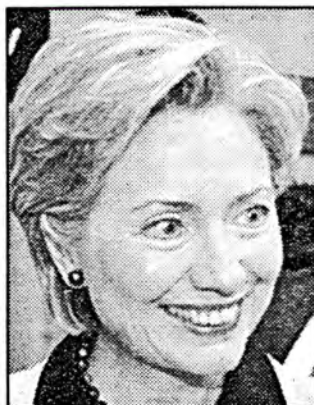
Mayor Giuliani criticized Senate candidate Rick Lazio yesterday for shaking hands with Yasser Arafat in 1998, saying he's "confounded" by his fellow Republican's decision to greet the Palestinian leader.

Speaking to reporters in Harlem, Giuliani asserted the handshake may contribute to the "romanticization" of "murdering dictators."

"I think it would have been better if he didn't," Giuliani said of the meeting, which was first reported in The Post on Sunday.

"I'm a little confounded by it. But you can make too much of it," Giuliani said.

"You cannot forget this man is a dictator, that he's a murderer and that he's



HILLARY CLINTON
Rudy: She's worse.

murdered Americans. I don't forget that."

The handshake between Lazio and Arafat occurred during an official Mideast trip that the Clintons and a congressional delegation also attended.

Giuliani said that Mrs. Clinton's kiss of Arafat's wife last year was worse than Lazio's handshake, but that both incidents disturbed him.

Trying to provide Lazio — and the first lady — with some political cover, Giuliani added: "In fairness to Rick and to Mrs.

Clinton, I had the advantage of having investigated Yasser Arafat as U.S. attorney [in] the Achille Lauro murder.

"And, because of that, I discovered a lot of other situations in which he was responsible for the murder not only of Israelis, but also of American citizens."

Palestinian terrorists hijacked the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro in 1985, killing a disabled American tourist, 69-year-old Leon Klinghoffer.

Asked about Giuliani's remarks, Lazio spokesman Dan McLagan said: "There seems to be some debate.

"Mrs. Clinton is a hugger. The mayor wants no contact. Congressman Lazio kept it to a perfunctory diplomatic handshake in an official receiving line with the Clintons."

Former Mayor Ed Koch also got into the Arafat flap, saying Lazio was hypocritical because he attacked President Clinton last week for shaking hands with Fidel Castro.

Standing in front of City Hall with a giant blowup



SCHOOL DAYS: Rick Lazio and wife Pat, skip, uh, walk their daughter Molly to school in Bay Shore yesterday before Lazio made an address on education in Elmira. AP

photo of a smiling Lazio with Arafat, Koch said the Long Island congressman was "hoisted on his own petard."

"What would you describe that grin as? Molasses licking," Koch said, pointing at the White House photo that was first printed in The Post.

Meanwhile, Gov. Pataki said he's more than willing

to hit the campaign trail for Lazio — once his presence is requested.

Asked if the Lazio camp has called on him to campaign, Pataki said: "Not at this point. I'm sure I will

be doing it during the course of the campaign.

"If that's the appropriate thing to do, and the campaign wants me to do that, I will absolutely do that," Pataki told reporters in Albany.

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Lazio is letting it slip through his grasp

RUNNING against Hillary Clinton means you're running, effectively, against the White House."

Republican pup Rick Lazio uttered these prophetic words last Tuesday while discussing his Senate race on a visit to The Post.

He had no idea.

At the time, Lazio wasn't talking about the Clinton administration's eagerness to flex its considerable muscle to help install the president's wife in the Senate.

Lazio, instead, was making excuses for his puzzling Labor Day absence from the stump, saying he was off the radar raising funds so he could compete more competently with the big-money boys in Washington.

It doesn't speak well for Lazio's political skills that he didn't see this one coming. Over the weekend, our president proved he will cheerfully help squash anyone



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PEYSER

who would interfere with his plan to employ Hillary in what amounts to a high-profile government workfare job.

Too bad Lazio made it so easy.

The White House put the pipsqueak Lazio in his place. It released a 1998 photo of the congressman shaking the hand of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat — with Lazio grinning as if he were granted an audience with his favorite Rolling Stone.

This picture is worth perhaps a million words to Hillary, who's taken heat from Lazio for kissing Suha Arafat last year during a West Bank visit. And it brings to mind another sentence Lazio uttered here last week:

"I have a consistent record on the Middle East that contrasts with my opponent's."

Lazio may be right to protest that an Arafat handshake isn't as unacceptable as a kiss.

But he is wrong if he doesn't grasp just how badly he's bungled this thing.

"Half the Jewish leaders have shaken hands with Arafat, but this complicates the guy's life. That silly grin!" observed one prominent Jewish leader sympathetic to Lazio.

"Lazio's voting record on Israel is 100 percent for all eight years in Congress, but the guy doesn't know how to project it," said the leader, who declined to be identified because his organization is politically neutral.

"If he had just said, 'I was tough on Arafat, and we shook hands after the meeting,' he might have gotten away with it."

"But his handling of everything has been poor. Hillary isn't winning. He's just losing."

In the now-infamous incident, Hillary Clinton bestowed a kiss on Suha Arafat minutes after the Palestinian first lady claimed in a vicious speech that Israel was poisoning water used by Arab women and children.

The incident was among Hillary's most spectacular blunders. First, her people tried to say the kiss came *before* the speech. After videotape disproved this, they claimed Hillary couldn't understand the translation of Mrs. Arafat's speech, which was made in Arabic.

It took a full month of excuses before Hillary finally denounced Mrs. Arafat's egregious slander.

Lazio's handshake is clearly in a different league. It happened while he was on a receiving line with other U.S. leaders, including the president. Arafat made no outrageous claims against Israel during the meeting. Dissing Arafat, under the circumstances, may have been inappropriate.

But then, Lazio took Bill Clin-

ton to task for shaking the hand of Cuban leader Fidel Castro when the two met last week at the United Nations summit. There have been no reports of Castro using the forum to slander the U.S. government for harming Cuban kids.

Lazio, once righteous on the subject of Clinton hypocrisy, suddenly looks foolish. And hypocritical.

Worse, he looks outsmarted, outcampaigned and outgunned.

Hillary has had more than a year to shine up her act, to learn how to avoid stumbling over her own feet.

Lazio looks like a minor-leaguer in comparison.

If he doesn't get his act together by November, he'll have no one to blame but himself. Not only will New York be stuck with a carpetbagger for a senator, but the reign of the Clintons will continue.

That's what I call a major bungle.

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President Clinton is 'cheerleader in chief'

President Clinton said he has a new role in life. "My family has a new candidate, and my party has a new leader. I've become the cheerleader in chief, and I love it," Clinton said at a political fundraiser in Connecticut. He has been very active on the campaign trail raising money for the Democratic Party and the Senate campaign of his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, in New York.

The president also said that he never lost faith that Vice President Gore will win the presidency, even when the polls suggested otherwise. "People ask me all the time, for a year and a half or two years, 'Do you really think that Al Gore's going to win?' and I always said 'yes.'"

Written by Paul Leavitt with staff and wire reports

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Lazio pitches \$100B education proposal

ELMIRA — Under fire for not talking about the issues, Rick Lazio unveiled a nearly \$100 billion education program last night that includes vouchers, teacher testing and \$60 billion for special ed.

More than half the total \$97.5 billion that Lazio wants to pump into education over the next 10 years would be spent on disabled children — one of the his pet causes in Congress.

"Those programs should receive the funding they deserve," Lazio

By GREGG BIRNBAUM
Post Correspondent

said.

Unveiling his plan in a speech at Elmira College, Lazio proposed \$5 billion in "opportunity scholarships" — another name for vouchers — to help parents of kids in failing schools attend a different public or private school.

"The federal government should not forsake children attending failing schools," Lazio said.

"For schools that have consistently fallen below minimum standards, children and parents should have the option of using opportunity scholarships to attend another public or private school."

Lazio's opponent, Hillary Rodham Clinton, and the teachers unions that are backing her have slammed private school vouchers, charging taxpayer funds would be drained from public schools.

Under attack from Clinton and even from within his own party for not campaigning on the "issues," the education plan is the second major policy initiative the Republican hopeful has announced since joining the race in late May. His first was tax cuts.

Lazio's education plan also includes almost \$5 billion in loan forgiveness for the "best and brightest" to help recruit new teachers, \$5 billion for teacher-testing programs and \$5 billion for school construction. His campaign seemed intent on minimizing public focus on the education plan.

It was released at night far from the city, in out-of-the-way Elmira at 7 p.m. — coming the day before the primary vote and two days ahead of the first Clinton-Lazio debate, ensuring that at least over the next couple of days, it won't become a lightning rod for criticism.

But the Clinton attack began even before Lazio unveiled his education proposals.

"If Rick Lazio's education plan is anything like his tax plan, it should include more funding for calculators and arithmetic lessons," said Clinton spokesman Howard Wolfson. "Education isn't an afterthought to Hillary."

"She has a comprehensive plan to improve education by setting high standards for students and teachers, addressing the teacher shortage, modernizing our schools, making them safer, reducing class size and cutting taxes to make college more affordable."

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FEDS BUST HILL ALLY ON BRIBE RAP

By DEVLIN BARRETT

A close ally and fund-raiser for Hillary Clinton was charged yesterday with taking bribes and under-the-table payoffs as head of the Rockland County Democrats.

Paul Adler, who has squired Clinton around the county and even had her as an overnight guest at his home last year, was caught on tape talking about illegal deals, the feds say.

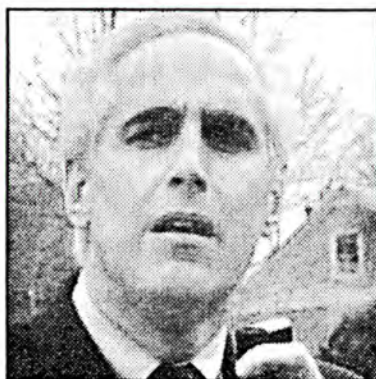
Adler is accused of taking money to push development projects for business associates through the Clarkstown town board, and faces charges of bribery, extortion and mail fraud.

In addition to his role in the Democratic Party, his private business is helping to arrange real estate deals.

"If you can't help your friends, then why get into some of these [political] positions?" Adler allegedly said on one tape.

While complaining about one local pol who wouldn't agree to a real-estate development plan he was pushing, he was recorded saying he did not take the job of Democratic County chairman to "lose money."

Court papers charge Adler, 42, was so determined to punish the recalcitrant pol, a Democratic member of the Clarkstown town board, he approached a rival Republican. He allegedly offered to make sure the Republican got the Democrat's seat at the next election if the GOP politician helped



PAUL ADLER
W'chester Dem chairman.

get the real-estate deal done.

"I'll make any deal I have to get rid of him," he allegedly says on one tape. "He's gonna go right out the f----- door if he f---- with me on this one."

Republican Senate candidate Rick Lazio immediately called on the first lady to return Adler's \$1,500 in campaign cash and distance herself from the accused politician.

Clinton refused to back away from Adler.

"Hillary knows this is a difficult time for Paul and his family and wishes them well," said campaign

spokeswoman Cathie Levine.

Later, Clinton's campaign blasted Lazio as a hypocrite for attacking her connection with Adler — noting that Lazio fund-raiser Patrick Donohue has been the target of a federal probe into alleged influence-peddling by Gov. Pataki's 1994 campaign. Donohue has never been charged.

"Rick Lazio should make sure his own house is in order before throwing any more mud at Hillary," Levine said.

Adler was indicted after a Town Board member he allegedly tried to bribe, John Kain, blew the whistle and eventually helped launch a sting operation against Adler, sources said.

U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White said Adler was caught in "a picture and pattern of greed and corruption" that netted him \$370,000 in payola and secret payments to grease the wheels for construction of a housing tract and golf course.

"It is the height of the betrayal of the public trust," White said.

Adler was released without bail after appearing before a federal judge in White Plains.

His lawyer, Murray Richman, called the charges an "absurd" attack on "a man who's done an excellent job."

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White House Hypocrisy . . .

My, how the White House can mobilize quickly when it wants to. Indeed, it took only a day for the White House to locate and release a picture of Rep. Rick Lazio shaking hands with Yasser Arafat.

Lazio had criticized the president for shaking Fidel Castro's hand last week. He also recalled the kiss Hillary Clinton gave to Arafat's wife, Suha, after Mrs. Arafat claimed Israel poisoned Arabs.

Lazio's remarks gave the Clintons a rare opportunity. Within hours, Rep. Tom Lantos (D-Calif.) was telling *The Post* he remembered Lazio shaking hands with Arafat.

Isn't it hypocritical for Lazio to criticize the Clintons, he suggested?

And, he added, maybe — just maybe — the White House had a picture of the event . . .

Well, whaddaya know? Poof, there's Rick, clasping the hand of a kaffiyeh-clad Arafat in a lovely color photo released by the White House.

Would that the Clintons moved that fast in turning over Hillary's Whitewater billing records, subpoenaed by Independent Counsel Ken Starr in 1996 but inexplicably "missing" for two years.

Or that the White House was as forthcoming in releasing photos from the

many executive-mansion fund-raising coffees it held. Al Gore said he remembered attending just one of those, but evidence suggests he was at 23!

What do *those* photos show?

Who knows? The White House won't release them.

But the hypocrisy doesn't end there.

The Lazio-Arafat clasp came during an event to witness the removal of clauses from the Palestinian charter calling for the destruction of Israel. That's worth a handshake, don't you think?

Besides, the Clintons themselves were there, too — and they shook the butcher's hand, as well.

And haven't Bill and Hill often coziered up to Arafat — and his wife? It really is hard to forget the big wet one Hillary planted on Suha right after she accused Israel of gassing Palestinian children.

Remember how long it took Hillary's handlers to cook up a cover story for *that* disgraceful show of "respect?" Almost as long as it took the White House to find the photo in question.

Lantos, Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-Manhattan), the president and Mrs. Clinton accuse Lazio of — in Hillary's words — "saying one thing and doing another."

But look at the facts.

Who are the hypocrites?

. . . And Lazio's Lassitude

Running for high public office against the government of the United States of America is no small thing, as Rep. Rick Lazio has come to realize.

On the other hand, Lazio wasn't drafted. He knew what he was up against when he stepped forward after Rudy Giuliani blew off the race.

Or did he? We wonder.

Lazio spent most of last Friday expressing well-taken outrage at President Clinton's decision to shake the bloody hand of Fidel Castro — without having considered the capacity of the Clinton propaganda machine to change the terms of the handshake debate in the blink of an eye.

Didn't Lazio remember shaking hands with Yasser Arafat less than two years ago — with a presidential photographer present? Maybe not. The candidate has had a lot on his mind lately.

But he's playing in the big leagues these days — where the real pros hire people to anticipate such things.

And to plan ahead.

The Lazio campaign apparently did neither, and thus has spent the past two days fighting from the ropes. This worked for Muhammad Ali — but Lazio's not in *that* league, either.

The Clintonites are themselves employing a classic campaign technique: They're sticking to a central theme — *they*, of all people, are alleging that Lazio can't be trusted — while throwing a lot of mud, just to see what sticks. So far, Lazio has been responding to the mud while neglecting to develop themes of his own.

This is not a winning strategy.

New Yorkers know that Rick Lazio has to hire his own plane, while Hillary Rodham Clinton travels on Air Force One a lot. She has all the advantages of incumbency and none of the burdens of an actual record.

So they'll cut Lazio some slack — *if* he gives them reason to.

But there's not much time left.

A Prayer for Common Sense

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Hillary the Holocaust Heroine?

EDGAR Bronfman's latest favor for his friend Hillary Rodham Clinton may not be such a favor after all.

Bronfman is president of the World Jewish Congress, which at last night's posh fund-raiser at the Pierre Hotel honored Mrs. Clinton and some other politicians (including the president) for their roles in Holocaust restitution.

Problem is, Mrs. Clinton's role in the restitution effort is slight: She brokered a meeting in 1996 between her husband and Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, who, as chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, was holding hearings on the matter. Rep. Rick Lazio, her opponent in the Senate race, arguably played a bigger role in the restitution effort as a member of the House Banking Committee — and he wasn't even *invited* to last night's dinner, let alone honored.

The affair is raising a hue and cry in the Jewish community, especially since two weeks ago Bronfman was named a co-chairman of the Clinton campaign's Jewish community outreach.

"Why now?" was a question commonly

E. J. KESSLER

asked in the press, which was already debating the propriety of a Holocaust-themed dinner. (Mass murder. Horrible plunder. Slave labor. Let's eat.) Commentary magazine dubbed

the dinner "an exercise in self-congratulation that promises to drag the mass murder of European Jewry into ethnic politics at its crassest."

Even New York Jewish Week (the normally timid tabloid of the United Jewish Appeal Federation of New York) editorialized that "to include Hillary Clinton among the honorees for a marginal role while ignoring Rick Lazio for a more substantive one appears to be a blatantly political move that should be noted and, even at this late stage, corrected." Some in the Jewish community are saying privately that the White House released the photo of Lazio shaking hands with Yasser Arafat in order to deflect attention from the WJC's wrong move.

The WJC, for its part, defended the dinner as apolitical, noting that the Re-

publican chairman of the committee on which Lazio served, Rep. Jim Leach, is also being honored. "I planned this a long time ago," Bronfman said when questioned about the timing. "She's not getting any money out of it, so it can't be a fund-raiser for Hillary Clinton," he told the Jewish Forward.

But all that begs the question: Why honor Mrs. Clinton — and not Lazio — in the height of the political season if you know it is going to raise questions of the appearance of partisanship?

The issue has come up before. Last year, Hadassah honored Mrs. Clinton with its Henrietta Szold Award, named for the great humanitarian who founded the women's Zionist organization. At that time, demonstrators burned their Hadassah cards outside the group's New York headquarters; the press and many Hadassah members questioned the propriety of giving the award to a candidate.

But such is the lure of Mrs. Clinton's glamour — and the identification of the Jewish leadership with her liberal politics — that these leaders are willing to

see their groups' not-for-profit bonafides questioned rather than forgo a chance to shmooze on a dais with the first lady.

Mrs. Clinton, for her part, ought to be careful how she exploits the WJC's honor. While she legitimately could claim in a campaign mailing that she was "honored by the World Jewish Congress for her role in Holocaust restitution," such an appeal would be dicey. In 1998, D'Amato, the American politician who did the most to advance the restitution effort, tried to capitalize on his good deed with a Holocaust-themed campaign commercial. The ad was soundly and justifiably panned. D'Amato, who owed his 1992 margin of victory to Jewish voters, in 1998 lost among them badly — and is now a private citizen.

Jewish voters, who are overwhelmingly Democratic, will undoubtedly in the main vote for Mrs. Clinton. But right now, they are asking Bronfman and his WJC, "Do you think we are fools? Why are you dragging the greatest tragedy to befall the Jewish people into this campaign?"

That's something that should be heard loud and clear by a candidate who is known, particularly on Jewish issues, for her tin ear.

E.J. Kessler is an editor at The Forward, a Jewish weekly.

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Lazio: Nothing to Lose

Tomorrow's debate is his chance to highlight his superiority



DICK MORRIS

THERE is little that Hillary Clinton can gain from tomorrow's debate with Rick Lazio. She's a known quantity — overexposed, if anything. But the debate is Lazio's chance to meet the first lady's accusations and attacks head-on. The congressman can use the confrontation to prove that he is squarely in the center of our nation's politics, not ghettoized on the right as Hillary would like to make it appear.

The Zogby Poll showing Hillary ahead, 47 percent to 45 percent, cannot be good news for the first lady. Even with the Gore convention bounce, with the vice president leading in most national polls and well ahead in New York, the best she can manage is a two-point lead — still short of the 50 percent plus one she needs to have in the polls if she is to win in November. The poll shows that she is still drawing the same vote share as she had on Aug. 25.

Her every gain has been offset by an equivalent loss. She picked up Jewish voters, propelled by Gore's choice of Lieberman as his running mate, but she dropped by as much

among Catholics and Protestants. She gained upstate, closing to within seven points, but lost ground in the suburbs.

More to the point, three weeks of Hillary's negative ads have failed to budge the Lazio vote or even dent the undecideds.

Now, Lazio can take what Hillary dishes out in the debate and give as good as he gets. Confident and even brash, the Republican nominee will likely bone up on every possible Hillary attack and counter with his best answer. This debate, and the others that will follow, offer New York voters a chance to watch Lazio rebut and counter all of Hillary's charges.

Worse, as she goes after Lazio with attacks, Hillary will come off as increasingly shrill. The more she attacks, the less attractive she will seem. But the less she attacks, the less likely she will be to close the gap between her vote share and the elusive 50 percent she needs.

For Lazio, this debate is the ideal opportunity to take the education issue away from his opponent. By focusing on the issue of teacher tenure and merit pay, the Republican can score on the Democrat's base issue — schools.

Voters, particularly suburban voters, feel that, since they pay for higher teacher salaries through bigger property tax bills, they should be able to demand higher performance in re-



The time for smiles is over now: Clinton and Lazio grip and grin at the Salute to Israel Day Parade.

Mary Altaffer

turn. Lazio can clearly demonstrate how the first lady of the nation differs from the first lady she was in Arkansas be-

cause she is now a wholly owned subsidiary of the teachers union.

Lazio should also bring up

Hillary's failed health-care initiative — the one example of her attempt to legislate on the national level. He should explain how thoroughly her plan deprived patients of their rights and how it required them to go into managed-care pools whether they liked it or not.

Hillary has recast her health-care proposal, in retrospect, as trying to do too much too soon. In fact, she sought to impose by federal fiat the same denial of patient power that she now criticizes in the private sector. Lazio should berate her for her insistence on secrecy in her health-care panel's deliberations and should note that a federal court found it was illegal.

Finally, Lazio should state one fundamental fact: Hillary would not be running if her husband weren't president: She wouldn't have the fund-raising capacity or the ability to get the White House to release photos of Lazio and Arafat. She'd be unable to come through with more grant money for Medicare in New York. She couldn't command the party nomination without a meaningful primary in a state in which she has never lived.

For three weeks now, the congressman has skillfully answered each of the first lady's attack ads. He must continue to do so right up to the election. George W. Bush will regain his footing in the national race and will likely settle into a small lead over Al Gore. Hillary's bounce from the convention will fade. But the key fact remains: She is under 50 percent.

Lazio has everything to gain and not much to lose from this debate. It should be his big night.

Dick Morris' column now runs every Tuesday.

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Photo of Lazio, Arafat refocuses charges of White House interference in Senate race

By Steve Miller
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

NEW YORK — The picture, courtesy of the White House, speaks more than a thousand words: a smiling New York Rep. Rick Lazio photographed as he firmly grasps the hand of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Republican accusations of White House interference in the New York Senate race between first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

and Mr. Lazio have Democrats calling the Lazio camp "conspiracy theorists" on the eve of the first nationally televised U.S. Senate debate.

The 1998 photo was released Sunday, days before tomorrow's debate between Mr. Lazio and Mrs. Clinton, the first of two scheduled public face-offs between the president's wife and the Republican from Long Island.

"If they think that the president and the White House and the first

lady orchestrated anything out of the Oval Office, they are conspiracy theorists," said David DiMartino, spokesman for the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.

"At the very least in the debate, if he was planning on dropping a bomb on the Israel issue, he can't do it anymore," Mr. DiMartino said of Mr. Lazio.

Mr. Lazio has defended the
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handshake.

"There is a world of difference when you go over there as a congressional representative," he said. "It wasn't a kiss, it wasn't a hug and it wasn't a call for a Palestinian state."

Further calls to the Lazio campaign seeking an explanation were not returned.

The release of the photo — which the White House said stemmed from a media request — led the news here yesterday as Mrs. Clinton continued her efforts to court Jewish voters. She irked some in that traditionally Democratic constituency in a miscue last fall when she embraced Mr. Arafat's wife, Suha.

Howard Wolfson, spokesman for Mrs. Clinton, called Mr. Lazio's criticism of the first lady for the embrace "hypocritical," especially in light of the fact that the handshake photo was taken the year be-

fore.

New York's Jews have given at least 70 percent of their votes to Democrats in the past. Mrs. Clinton has fought hard to win back Jewish voters who reacted negatively both to her hug of Mrs. Arafat and her stated view that the Palestinians should have control of the West Bank.

Last month, Mrs. Clinton intervened to prevent Jonathan Pollard, the American convicted of spying for Israel, from being transferred to a more dangerous unit of the federal prison where he is serving a life sentence. Some observers speculate that her intervention could signal a possible future pardon for Pollard.

A weekend Zogby poll shows Mrs. Clinton has achieved 70 percent voter approval among Jews in New York state. A Marist College poll to be released today finds the same.

The latest squabble between the two candidates is not the first time the issue of White House involvement in the campaign has arisen:

- The first lady's travel expenses

are the subject of a Republican-sponsored bill that seeks to differentiate between taxpayer-paid travel and travel for her own campaign. That line is currently blurred, the legislation says.

- The May investigation by the federal Civil Rights Commission of the New York Police Department was seen as politically motivated because Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani was, at the time, the presumed Senate candidate.

- The Securities and Exchange Commission investigated Mr. Lazio in June after a newspaper reported the candidate had made a 600 percent profit in a few weeks by investing in securities of a company controlled by some of his biggest campaign contributors. Fellow Republicans accused the first lady of orchestrating the probe.

"I think the families of New York see all of this for what it is," said Dan Allen, a spokesman for the New York State Republican Party. "I don't think any Senate candidate has ever enjoyed the support and perks the first lady is enjoying from the White House. We have



AP photos

This 1998 photograph of Rep. Rick Lazio and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat was released by the White House days before the first Senate debate.



First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton imperiled her support of New York Jewish voters by kissing Soha Arafat last year on a visit to the West Bank.

seven more weeks of this, and it will increase because the president knows his wife is in trouble."

Tomorrow's debate in Buffalo may help clear the air or, at the least, purify it.

"It will start with their formal meeting," said Lee Miringoff of the Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. "Either they are going to shake hands, his way of saying

hello, or they'll kiss, which is her way.

"I'd bet they shake hands."

The debate marks the start of the last chapter of a race that has captured the entire country, a race that threatens to eclipse even the presidential contest.

The event will be carried by all eight NBC affiliates in the state and will be rebroadcast nationally

by MSNBC at 10 p.m.

The candidates are expected to focus on issues. Each has taken the other to the mat for stances on — and dances around — three issues that polls identify as most important to voters: health care, abortion and crime.

"It will be unique and historic," Mr. Wolfson said. "I hope it is a good discussion of the issues that matter to New Yorkers."

Candidate for Senate Proposes \$97 Billion for Education

By RANDAL C. ARCHIBOLD

ELMIRA, N.Y., Sept. 11 — Representative Rick A. Lazio tonight proposed spending \$97.75 billion on education over 10 years if elected senator, with a substantial amount devoted to disabled students and programs to make teachers more accountable.

In a 30-minute speech at Elmira College, Mr. Lazio, the Republican nominee for Senate from New York, laid out a far more ambitious plan than that of Gov. George W. Bush, who wants to spend \$13.5 billion over five years. Mr. Lazio's plan would come close in cost to the one proposed by his Democratic opponent, Hillary Rodham Clinton, whose education proposals call for \$123 billion in new spending in the next decade, her aides said tonight.

Aside from cost, Mr. Lazio drew sharp distinctions between his plan and Mrs. Clinton's, firmly declaring his support for federally financed vouchers, although he avoided using that word, instead calling for "opportunity scholarships," which would provide money to parents in struggling school districts to enroll their children in private schools.

The largest chunk of his plan — \$60 billion — would go toward financing federally mandated programs for the disabled, the only part of his plan that drew applause from the 100 or so parents, politicians and mostly college students attending the speech. And Mr. Lazio said he would encourage the federal government to make some financing to states contingent on the testing of teachers for competency every five years.

"If accountability means asking more of students, it also means asking more of teachers as well, by challenging our teachers to keep learning and improving and putting their own skills to the test," Mr. Lazio said.

His speech came as he sought some momentum before his first debate with Mrs. Clinton on Wednesday. Some Republican Party officials reportedly have complained that he has not maintained a rigorous enough campaign schedule lately and has not been clear enough about what he would do if elected. And it follows within a few days Mrs. Clinton's tour of public schools late last week, and new Clinton television advertisements stressing her commitment to education and criticizing Mr. Lazio's legislative record of voting for cuts in education funds. This is Mr. Lazio's second major policy ad-

dress; a tax-cutting proposal on Aug. 24 in Buffalo prompted criticism over the validity of his numbers.

Mr. Lazio and his aides left promptly after the speech. He answered only two questions as he hustled out, declaring education the top concern in the election and saying his tax-cutting plan would help finance the education plan. An assistant said later that Mr. Lazio would propose using some budget surplus to finance both, leaving "several hundred million" dollars of the \$4.4 trillion surplus projected over the next decade.

Cathie Levine, a spokeswoman for Mrs. Clinton, said that some of Mr. Lazio's proposals were at odds with his Congressional votes. She said that last year he voted against a bill to provide money for school construction, but that the new plan proposes spending \$5 billion to shore up decrepit buildings and build new schools. She said that a number of Mr. Lazio's proposals were ideas pushed by Democrats, like financing for special education. Mr. Lazio said his proposed spending was an answer to constant complaints from states that they were mandated by the federal government to run special education programs but were shortchanged in financing them. (Mrs. Clinton has proposed \$20 billion to enhance such programs.)

"A lot of this stuff are Democratic proposals," Ms. Levine said. "It seems so different from where he has come down with his Congressional votes."

Many of Mr. Lazio's proposals, like allowing local districts more flexibility in spending federal money, derive from proposals Congress has approved. Mr. Lazio last year voted for a plan, rejected in the House, that would have provided annual vouchers of \$3,500 to each of 27,000 students in failing schools at a total cost of \$500 million over five years. His plan tonight proposed spending \$5 billion, but did not say how much each parent would get.

Mrs. Clinton, like the teachers' unions that support her, opposes vouchers as a drain on public resources for schools, but Mr. Lazio, while never using the politically charged word in his speech, came down for them, more emphatically than he has on the stump.

"Parents should be free to pursue other options, including placing their child in the school of their choice, whether it's a public school or a private school or even a religious school," Mr. Lazio said.

Mr. Lazio and Mrs. Clinton also diverge significantly on teacher hiring. Mrs. Clinton has proposed spending \$10 billion over 10 years to recruit 75,000 people into teaching.

Mr. Lazio gave no target figure for the number of teachers to hire, but he proposed spending \$5.75 billion on a loan-forgiveness program that would pay the full tuition costs of the top 10 percent of students in undergraduate colleges who decide to go into teaching for at least three years.

Strategists rank education among the top concern of voters, who generally credit the Democrats with a stronger interest than Republicans.

Mr. Lazio chose to make his speech at an odd hour for a major policy address, beginning his remarks about 7:30 p.m., past the time for the early evening news programs and encroaching on the deadline for many daily newspapers. It was also unusual for Mr. Lazio not to take questions from reporters or seek to explain his proposals further.



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As a prelude to his speech on education, Representative Rick A. Lazio walked his daughter, Molly, 8, to school yesterday with his wife, Pat.

HIGHLIGHTS

Blueprint for Education Spending

Highlights of the education plan proposed by Representative Rick A. Lazio

TEACHER RECRUITMENT \$5.75 billion

Loan Forgiveness Full tuition forgiveness for top college students who become certified and agree to teach for three years in fields like math or in certain regions or in failing schools.

Alternative Certification \$250 million

Use federal funds to grant alternative teaching certificates to help identify people who could work as teachers.

Mentoring to Novice Teachers \$500 million

Grants to districts that require new teachers to have mentors in the same field for three years.

TEACHER TESTING \$5 billion

Encourage districts to test teachers' skills, offering incentives for competency testing every five years.

SPECIAL EDUCATION \$60 billion

Provide \$60 billion in Individuals

with Disabilities Education Act grants to states over 10 years.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY \$4 billion

Establish a \$3 billion revolving fund to ensure schools have the ability to keep current in teaching technology and science. The other \$1 billion should be invested in math and science areas in public schools.

SCHOOL VOUCHERS \$5 billion

Give "opportunity scholarships," essentially vouchers, to children in failing schools that students could use to transfer to another public or private school.

FLEXIBLE FUNDS \$10 billion

Proposes creating a "Hometown Choice" grant program to let local schools and parents choose to spend federal dollars.

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION \$5 billion

Spend \$5 billion for school construction and renovation that would leverage approximately \$50 billion with legislation that would increase private bond availability to allow construction of new schools.

Mrs. Clinton's aides asserted that Mr. Lazio wanted to escape scrutiny for his plan, but Mr. Lazio's spokesman, Dan McLagan, said the time was a matter of convenience for the congressman and for the people invited to hear the address.

While an array of politicians stumped in schools in the past week as students returned to classes, Mr. Lazio, who has maintained a busy schedule of fund-raisers and photo

opportunities at festivals and shopping centers, did not. He has not made a public visit to a school in two months, though he said he planned to visit a high school civics and history class on Long Island on Tuesday.

Nevertheless, as he climbed aboard his bus, Mr. Lazio answered a reporter who had asked if education was now his top concern.

"I believe it is the top issue in the campaign, yes," Mr. Lazio said.

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Giuliani Criticizes Lazio Over Arafat Handshake

By ELISABETH BUMILLER

Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani said yesterday that it was a mistake for Representative Rick A. Lazio to have enthusiastically shaken the hand of Yasir Arafat during an official visit to the Middle East nearly two years ago.

"I'm a little confounded by it," Mr. Giuliani said at a news conference in Harlem, adding, "I don't particularly like to shake hands with murderers."

But the mayor also said that Mr. Lazio's handshake was "not a big deal" and that maybe he "doesn't have the background and under-

standing of Arafat that I do."

Mr. Giuliani's remarks about his fellow Republican, who replaced him in the Senate race against Hillary Rodham Clinton, were not well received by Mr. Lazio's campaign. "The mayor is perfectly welcome to have his opinions," said Dan McLagan, Mr. Lazio's chief spokesman. He added that Mr. Lazio's handshake "was appropriate at the time" and that "the mayor apparently wants no contact."

Mr. Giuliani's comments came in response to questions about a picture released by the White House during

the weekend showing Mr. Lazio happily grabbing the hand of Mr. Arafat in a reception line.

Clinton administration officials said they released the official White House photograph because Mr. Lazio criticized President Clinton last week for shaking hands with President Fidel Castro of Cuba during the United Nations Millennium Summit.

Mr. Lazio, the White House officials said, also criticized Mrs. Clinton for kissing Mr. Arafat's wife, Suha, during a visit to the West Bank last year. Yesterday, Mr. Giuliani repeated his own criticism of the kiss.

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John B. Gambino, left, in 1954, started the morning radio show "Rambling With Gambino."

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Rudy raps Rick for handshake with 'murderer'

By David Seifman and Robert Hardt Jr. in New York and Kenneth Lovett in Albany. Written by Hardt.

Mayor Giuliani criticized Senate candidate Rick Lazio yesterday for shaking hands with Yasser Arafat in 1998, saying he's "confounded" by his fellow Republican's decision to greet the Palestinian leader.

Speaking to reporters in Harlem, Giuliani asserted the handshake may contribute to the "romanticization" of "murdering dictators."

"I think it would have been better if he didn't," Giuliani said of the meeting, which was first reported in The Post on Sunday.

"I'm a little confounded by it. But you can make too much of it," Giuliani said.

"You cannot forget this man is a dictator, that he's a murderer and that he's



HILLARY CLINTON
Rudy: She's worse.

murdered Americans. I don't forget that."

The handshake between Lazio and Arafat occurred during an official Mideast trip that the Clintons and a congressional delegation also attended.

Giuliani said that Mrs. Clinton's kiss of Arafat's wife last year was worse than Lazio's handshake, but that both incidents disturbed him.

Trying to provide Lazio — and the first lady — with some political cover, Giuliani added: "In fairness to Rick and to Mrs.

Clinton, I had the advantage of having investigated Yasser Arafat as U.S. attorney [in] the Achille Lauro murder.

"And, because of that, I discovered a lot of other situations in which he was responsible for the murder not only of Israelis, but also of American citizens."

Palestinian terrorists hijacked the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro in 1985, killing a disabled American tourist, 69-year-old Leon Klinghoffer.

Asked about Giuliani's remarks, Lazio spokesman Dan McLagan said: "There seems to be some debate.

"Mrs. Clinton is a hugger. The mayor wants no contact. Congressman Lazio kept it to a perfunctory diplomatic handshake in an official receiving line with the Clintons."

Former Mayor Ed Koch also got into the Arafat flap, saying Lazio was hypocritical because he attacked President Clinton last week for shaking hands with Fidel Castro.

Standing in front of City Hall with a giant blowup



SCHOOL DAYS: Rick Lazio and wife Pat, skip, uh, walk their daughter Molly to school in Bay Shore yesterday before Lazio made an address on education in Elmira. AP

photo of a smiling Lazio with Arafat, Koch said the Long Island congressman was "hoisted on his own petard."

"What would you describe that grin as? Molasses licking," Koch said, pointing at the White House photo that was first printed in The Post.

Meanwhile, Gov. Pataki said he's more than willing

to hit the campaign trail for Lazio — once his presence is requested.

Asked if the Lazio camp has called on him to campaign, Pataki said: "Not at this point. I'm sure I will

be doing it during the course of the campaign.

"If that's the appropriate thing to do, and the campaign wants me to do that, I will absolutely do that," Pataki told reporters in Albany.

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Clinton,
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Ads Aimed at Kids
Could Spur Rules,
Industry Is Told

By MIKE ALLEN
and ELLEN NAKASHIMA
Washington Post Staff Writers

BELLEVILLE, Ill., Sept. 11—In separate time zones but with one message, President Clinton and Vice President Gore delivered a joint threat to the entertainment industry today that harsh regulation could come if the makers of explicit or violent movies, recordings and video games do not stop aiming advertisements at children.

The two Democrats were responding to a Federal Trade Commission report, requested by Clinton last year and released today, which found that the entertainment industry is aggressively marketing violent movies, music and games to children even though the material bears ratings or labels saying they are appropriate only for mature audiences. The industries agreed to such warnings in an effort to ward off a government-imposed system.

Gore, who took his presidential campaign to "The Oprah Winfrey Show" today and later lashed out at the music industry during a town hall meeting here, said he would favor additional federal regulation if the entertainment industry cannot devise a plan to mend its practices within six months.

"It's not about censorship—it's about citizenship," Gore said on Winfrey's show, the nation's premier pulpit for reaching stay-at-home parents.

In striking out at Hollywood, the Democrats were taking on one of their most reliable sources of financial support and at the same time opening themselves up to criticism that they lack credibility on the issue. It is a risk the Gore campaign made clear it was willing to take. Widespread polling shows that many Americans believe the country has lost its moral compass and that many parents feel their children are being bombarded by violent images.

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Gore said he is not promoting changes in entertainment content, saying that is protected by the First Amendment. But if after six months, the industry has not policed itself on its marketing practices, Gore said he may seek legislation.

"False and deceptive advertising is illegal under the current laws, no matter what industry it is," Gore said. "If the Federal Trade Commission does not have enough authority to deal with that now, then I think they ought to be given more authority to deal with it. I think it's time to take steps that can actually help parents."

But Gore has not always appeared consistent on this issue. In 1987, as he was gearing up for his first presidential campaign, Gore and his wife held a meeting with rock music executives in which Gore apologized for his role in a 1985 Senate Commerce Committee hearing on rock music lyrics. A tape of the meeting was obtained by Daily Variety. Tipper Gore, who had testified at the hearing on behalf of the Parents Music Resource Center, called the hearing "a mistake... that sent the wrong message."

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HEADLINE: Clinton Votes for Wife for NY Senate

BYLINE: ANNE GEARAN

DATELINE: CHAPPAQUA, N.Y.

BODY:

Putting their political role reversal in high relief, President Clinton cast his first vote as a New Yorker Tuesday, pronouncing it "a thrill" to vote for his wife.

Hillary Rodham Clinton faces the little-known Dr. Mark McMahon in the New York Democratic primary. The president accompanied Mrs. Clinton to an elementary school lobby, where she took the first turn in an old-fashioned, gingham-curtained voting booth.

"After all these years of her helping me, it was a thrill," Clinton said after early morning balloting in his newly adopted hometown, where they bought a home last year when Mrs. Clinton began her Senate campaign in earnest.

Perhaps less familiar with the slate, the president took about twice as long behind the curtain as did his wife. It was Clinton's first vote as a New Yorker; until now he had remained an Arkansas voter.

At a fund-raising reception Monday estimated to raise \$500,000 for his wife's campaign, Clinton said her political career may have been hurt, not helped, by his long years in politics.

"One of the things that upsets me from time to time is some of our critics, and I say that because regrettably she's inherited most of my enemies... they say she wouldn't be up here running for the Senate if she wasn't the first lady.

"The truth is, if she hadn't been married to me, and spent thirty years trying to help other people and doing things for other people, she might have been doing this twenty years ago."

Calling himself the "cheerleader in chief," the president attended half a dozen events Monday, mostly in service of his wife's campaign.

"This is an interesting time in my life. My family has a new candidate and my party has a new leader. I've become the cheerleader in chief, and I love it," Clinton said while in Connecticut to raise money for Rep. James H. Maloney, D-Conn.

Clinton had six events to attend Monday four political or fund-raising speeches bracketed by two events concerning New York's Jewish community. Although nominally nonpolitical presidential appearances, even those two Clinton speeches offered a veneer of policy over campaign-style politics.

Mrs. Clinton is lagging in her pursuit of New York's influential Jewish vote, a traditionally Democratic constituency.

Democrats outnumber Republicans 5 to 1 among New York State's Jews, yet polls show Mrs. Clinton is still having trouble reaching the 60 percent level of support among Jewish voters that analysts say is the minimum she needs to win.

Among all voters, the race between Mrs. Clinton and Rep. Rick Lazio, R-N.Y., is roughly even. Though hardly monolithic, the Jewish vote is considered capable of swinging a Senate election even though only 12 percent of the state's electorate is Jewish.

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HEADLINE: First Lady Accepts Jewish Honor

BYLINE: BETH J. HARPAZ

DATELINE: NEW YORK

BODY:

On the eve of her first primary election, **Hillary Rodham Clinton** collected a controversial award from the World Jewish Congress for setting up a meeting between her husband and the head of the organization.

The Clintons and others, including former Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, were honored for work on restitution for Holocaust victims.

The first lady received an award for arranging a meeting between President Clinton and World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman. Some critics have questioned whether the award is appropriate, given that Bronfman is an adviser to her campaign and Jews make up a crucial voting bloc in the Senate race.

In accepting the award, the first lady described her role as "a very minor part" of the effort, while the president thanked two Republican honorees, including D'Amato.

About 50 people from the Jewish Human Rights Forum demonstrated outside the Pierre Hotel.

"It's crass exploitation of the Holocaust for partisan political purposes," said Beth Gilinsky, who heads the group. "All she did was she told her husband he should meet with Edgar Bronfman. There's nothing wrong with it, but it's nothing compared to the years of effort put in by other people."

The campaign of Clinton's opponent, Republican Rep. Rick Lazio, has pointed out that he, too, played a role in restitution efforts by introducing a bill that extended the life of a presidential commission investigating what happened to assets of Holocaust victims that came into American hands.

On Tuesday, Hillary Clinton faces her first electoral challenge, against relatively unknown orthopedic surgeon Mark McMahon. Both Clintons planned to vote in Chappaqua, where they have a home.

The primary is historically significant, the first time any U.S. first lady's name has appeared on a ballot. Lazio does not face a primary challenge.

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SECTION: Political News

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HEADLINE: New York voters to decide primary races

DATELINE: NEW YORK

BODY:

New York voters headed for the polling booths Tuesday to decide a batch of primary contests, among them **Hillary** Rodham **Clinton's** U.S. Senate bout against an obscure Manhattan doctor.

Primary polls were to be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. in New York City, on Long Island and in Westchester, Rockland, Orange and Erie counties. The polls were to be open from noon to 9 p.m. in the rest of the state.

Clinton faces Dr. Mark McMahon, an orthopedic surgeon. Republican U.S. Senate candidate Rep. Rick Lazio has no primary opposition.

McMahon based his campaign on the first lady's lack of New York roots. He is not considered a threat, but support for McMahon could demonstrate Democratic dissatisfaction with Clinton's candidacy.

There are also U.S. Senate primaries for the Independence, Right to Life and Green parties.

Some of the most competitive races are for seats in the House and state Legislature, where several serious challengers are forcing incumbents to work to keep their jobs. Democratic incumbents in the state Assembly and Senate faced primary challenges Tuesday.

Among the state legislative veterans facing tough intra-party challenges are Democratic Assemblymen Clarence Norman, Darryl Towns and Roger Green, from Brooklyn, and Assemblyman Arthur Eve, of Buffalo. Eve is the longest-serving member of the state Assembly.

In all, 26 Democratic incumbents in the state Assembly and Senate faced primary challenges.

Among House incumbents, eight Democrats and two Republicans faced primary challenges.

In the Bronx, Rep. Eliot Engel is in a bitter battle with state Sen. Larry Seabrook. In Brooklyn, Rep. Edolphus Towns faces lawyer Barry Ford, Rep. Major Owens is up against City Councilwoman Una Clarke, and freshman Rep. Anthony Weiner is in a rematch with City Councilman Noach Dear.

There also is a battle for Lazio's open seat in Suffolk County. Lazio and the Republican Party are backing Islip Town Clerk Joan Johnson, who would be the first black female Republican in the House. On the Democratic side, Huntington town board member Steve Israel is running against Suffolk County legislator David Bishop.

On the eastern tip of Long Island, Rep. Michael Forbes will face his first test at the polls since swapping parties last year to become a Democrat after complaining about the extremism of GOP leaders in the House. Challenging him is Regina Seltzer, a 71-year-old former librarian and Brookhaven town councilwoman.

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HEADLINE: Clintons to vote in Chappaqua; president says handshake was OK

BYLINE: By JIM FITZGERALD, Associated Press Writer

DATELINE: CHAPPAQUA, N.Y.

BODY:

President Clinton joined his wife on the eve of her first primary election and weighed in on the controversy over a photo showing her Senate opponent, Rep. Rick Lazio, shaking hands with Yasser Arafat.

The president said the handshake was no different from a kiss **Hillary Clinton** gave Arafat's wife last fall - a kiss for which she has been repeatedly criticized.

"I think he did the right thing to speak to Mr. Arafat," Clinton told WNBC-TV on Monday after an appearance with his wife at a Jewish community center in Westchester. "Hillary was on a diplomatic mission; she could not provoke an international incident at the time."

The Clintons planned to vote early Tuesday in Chappaqua, where they have a home, in the Democratic primary election that marks the first time any U.S. first lady's name has appeared on a ballot.

Hillary Clinton is being challenged by Dr. Mark McMahon, an orthopedic surgeon. McMahon has boasted that he expects a primary upset over the first lady, but polls show fewer than 15 percent of New York Democratic voters support him.

After voting, Hillary Clinton was scheduled to head to a diner in her adopted hometown for a live-by-satellite appearance on ABC's "Good Morning America."

Lazio is being accused of hypocrisy by Clinton supporters for having criticized the president for his handshake with Cuban President Fidel Castro during last week's U.N. summit.

Lazio has also condemned Hillary Clinton for the kiss she gave Soha Arafat last fall after Mrs. Arafat gave a speech accusing the Israelis of using poison gas against Palestinian children.

"You don't pick who you negotiate with ... but that doesn't mean you have to be friends with, to embrace, them," Lazio told the New York Post shortly after he entered the race in May.

Lazio said Sunday there was a "big difference" between his handshake with Arafat in 1998 and what the Clintons did. He said the delegation of which he was part was there to recognize the repeal of a Palestinian charter provision that called for Israel's destruction.

Lazio, the GOP candidate, does not face a primary challenge.

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Chelsea's not-so-new beau

Whatever is going on between Chelsea Clinton and college mate Jeremy Kane has been going on a while.

"They've been dating for two years," a Stanford University source says. "I'm really surprised it hasn't gotten out until now. It's definitely very serious."

Adds Kane's uncle, Gilbert Kane: "He says she's just a normal girl. I knew they have been friends for a while but I didn't know they were dating. They're always hanging out. I knew she got him a job at the White House."

Jeremy Kane worked this summer as a White House intern.

An acquaintance of the two notes: "They're a cute couple. He's not shy. He's very friendly."

The 21-year-old senior, son of a Presbyterian minister, is the second of four children and was with the first family at the Democratic convention in Los Angeles. He's a classics major who nailed a 3.19 last year and placed fifth in the 1,500-meter freestyle at the 1996 Olympic swim trials. Kane has taken the first daughter to Sunday services at his father's church several times, and he has hosted her at his family's five-bedroom house in suburban San Jose, Calif.

A White House source says the president "likes him and enjoys having him nearby."



First daughter Chelsea Clinton and her not-so-new beau, **Jeremy Kane**. See Paper Trails on Page 4E for details.

White House Enters New York Senate Race By Releasing Photo of Arafat Handshake

By ADAM NAGOURNEY

Stepping squarely into the New York race for Senate, the White House this weekend released an official photograph showing Rick A. Lazio, the Republican opponent to Hillary Rodham Clinton, enthusiastically shaking the hand of Yasser Arafat during an official visit to the Middle East nearly two years ago.

The White House spokesman, Joe Lockhart, said yesterday that he authorized the release of the photograph in response to a request from The New York Post, which featured it prominently in some copies yesterday. The photograph was distributed as a series of polls in New York showed Mrs. Clinton and Mr. Lazio locked in a tight vote, with Jewish voters viewed by both sides as potentially crucial to the outcome.

President Clinton and Mrs. Clinton will attend a dinner in Manhattan this evening sponsored by the World Jewish Congress, where the first lady is to be among those being honored.

In explaining the decision to release a copy of the White House photograph, Clinton administration

officials noted that Mr. Lazio had criticized the president for shaking hands with President Fidel Castro of Cuba last week at the United Nations Millennium Summit in New York. They also noted that Mr. Lazio had repeatedly faulted Mrs. Clinton for kissing Mr. Arafat's wife, Suha, during a visit to Ramallah on the West Bank last year.

"This wasn't a terribly difficult decision," Mr. Lockhart said. "It seemed like a pretty straightforward issue to me."

Mr. Lockhart said that the photograph was taken by an official photographer when Mr. Lazio joined a Congressional delegation and President Clinton on a trip to the Middle East at the end of 1998. He said he had clear memories of Mr. Lazio and other members of Congress meeting Mr. Arafat during a reception on the trip.

In an article accompanying the photograph, The Post said it had asked the White House for the picture after being told of its existence by Representative Tom Lantos, a California Democrat, who was also on the Mideast trip. Mr. Lantos could be not reached for comment yesterday.

day.

Mr. Lazio defended his handshake with Mr. Arafat, calling the Palestinian leader "a person we're involved in peace negotiations with."

The candidate and his advisers criticized the White House, saying that it had intentionally released the photograph to disrupt Mr. Lazio's campaign, and that it was another example of President Clinton's aides using official resources to help Mrs. Clinton win her first bid for public office. Republicans have complained for more than a year that Mrs. Clinton has an unfair advantage in her campaign in the form of White House resources, particularly in her use of Air Force transportation.

"Once again, taxpayer dollars are being used to further the Clinton campaign," Mr. Lazio said in Brooklyn during an unusually brief question-and-answer session with reporters yesterday. "It's wrong."

One of Mr. Lazio's senior advisers, Mike Murphy, said, "I wish the White House would spend more time trying to run the country and less time trying to help Hillary Clinton find a job."

The first lady, appearing at a service at the First Baptist Church of Crown Heights yesterday morning, would not say whether she thought the White House action was appropriate. "You'll have to ask the White House about that," she said.

But Mrs. Clinton said that she had been aware of the photograph's existence, and she contended that it was relevant to voters who are judging her and Mr. Lazio as they compete to succeed Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the Democrat who is retiring.

"I know about it, and I think that from the White House perspective, he attacked the president, as I understand what he said the other day," Mrs. Clinton said, alluding to Mr. Lazio's remarks about Mr. Castro. "You know, we need to make sure that people in New York have all the information to cast an informed vote about what's in New York's best interest, and I think that someone who says one thing and does another — consistently, as he has — should be held accountable for that."

Mrs. Clinton's campaign aides clearly saw a significant political opportunity here. In her public schedule, reporters were instructed to arrive at the church, on Eastern



Representative Rick A. Lazio campaigning in Brooklyn yesterday. Mr. Lazio, the Republican candidate for Senate from New York, defended shaking hands with Yasser Arafat during a 1998 Mideast trip.

Parkway, no later than 10:30, to be in their seats when services began then, presumably to avoid disturbing churchgoers. But when Mrs. Clinton arrived at 11 in the middle of the service, reporters and camera crews were summoned outside where Mrs. Clinton held a brief news conference devoted almost entirely to the subject of Mr. Lazio and Mr. Arafat.

"It's the latest example of Rick Lazio saying one thing and doing another," she said. "That describes his Congressional voting record, it describes his campaign. I've seen so many examples of it in the last month, so that people in New York need to know that there's a big difference between what he says and what he does."

After an appearance at the Great Irish Fair at Dreier-Offerman Park in Brooklyn, Mr. Lazio sought to draw a distinction between his handshake and Mrs. Clinton's embrace of Mr. Arafat. "It wasn't a kiss, it wasn't a hug and it wasn't a call for a Palestinian state," he said. "And there is a world of difference between what Mrs. Clinton did and the reason I was there."

Mr. Lazio said he had felt obligated to shake Mr. Arafat's hand because of the circumstances of their meeting. "We were in the process of a receiving line with the president,"

he said. "And the fact is we were there to witness the revocation of that part of the Palestinian charter that called for the destruction of Israel. There is a world of difference."

Photographers and video camera crews routinely follow President Clinton to all of his public — and many of his private — events to keep a historic record of his presidency.

Both sides are struggling to attract Jewish voters.

and Mr. Clinton appears at the edge of the photograph of Mr. Lazio and Mr. Arafat.

The White House routinely releases photographs of people with the president — other politicians, ordinary citizens, journalists and others. And, as in previous administrations, it has been known to release photographs to advance its political purposes. A memorable example of this occurred after former House Speaker Newt Gingrich complained that he had been snubbed by President Clinton

on the Air Force One flight to Israel for the funeral of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. The White House responded by releasing a photograph showing Mr. Gingrich in conversation with Mr. Clinton on the plane.

On the flip side, the administration has refused to put out photographs that did not serve its best interest. The White House routinely turns down requests from news organizations for photographs of fund-raising coffees Mr. Clinton has held in the White House.

In any event, the photograph of him with Mr. Arafat provided a major distraction for Mr. Lazio, and clearly complicated his effort to draw Jewish voters. Assemblyman Dov Hikind, the Brooklyn Democrat who has been critical of Mrs. Clinton and has endorsed some Republicans in recent elections, said yesterday that he was "shocked" to see the photograph and predicted it would harm Mr. Lazio's standing among Jewish voters across the state.

"It's just unbelievable when you look at this friendly embrace of Rick Lazio and Arafat," Mr. Hikind said. "The issue becomes one of hypocrisy. Make sure that before you throw stones at someone, make sure everything is kosher with you."

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Representative Rick A. Lazio with Yasser Arafat in a reception line during a trip to the Middle East in 1998. Mr. Lazio has criticized President Clinton for shaking hands with Fidel Castro.

Clash Time in the Senate Race

New York's Senate race had settled recently into a tediously safe campaign between two cautious candidates. All that changed over the weekend with the politically motivated White House decision to release a 1998 photograph of Representative Rick Lazio shaking hands with Yasir Arafat, the Palestinian leader. As a result, Mr. Lazio and Hillary Rodham Clinton will likely use their debate in Buffalo on Wednesday to continue their highly charged battle for the Jewish vote and to defend the tactics being used in that competition.

Indeed, New York voters will have to judge substance as well as tactics. On substance, they should be clear that both sides are trying to sell pejorative explanations of acceptable diplomatic behavior. President Clinton was right to shake the hand of President Fidel Castro of Cuba when they met at the United Nations last week. Mrs. Clinton made the correct protocol judgment not to have a public confrontation with Suha Arafat during a trip to Israel last year. Finally, Mr. Lazio and the other Congressmen who joined Mr. Clinton in a meeting with Mr. Arafat made the appropriate judgment in shaking Mr. Arafat's hand.

What New York voters should look for Wednesday is the level of maturity with which Mr. Lazio and Mrs. Clinton discuss the whole range of issues and the level of skill with which they address this skirmish. After weeks of long-range exchanges, the public will at last get a chance to see them really tested. Mr. Lazio will now have to show that he can explain the seeming hypocrisy of his position that some handshakes are worse than others. For her part, Mrs. Clinton needs to show that she does not need meddling from a White House well known for trickery to prop up her candidacy.

With polls showing a very tight race, the debate offers the advantage of broader exposure for Mr. Lazio. But with the exposure will come a more intense kind of testing. So far, Mr. Lazio's ability to respond under pressure has been an unknown factor. His supporters have counted on the deep animosities that many people feel toward Mrs. Clinton to keep his campaign moving. Those feelings among conservatives have helped boost state and national fund-raising for Mr. Lazio. But many people still want to vote for somebody they feel can do the job, not merely against someone who irritates them.

Like the two other debates scheduled before the election, this one presents difficulties for the first lady. Since she lacks a legislative record, she must convince voters by the force of personality and conviction. Her advisers want her to focus on issues like education, health care and the economy. Polls show that Mrs. Clinton has recently gained support among Jewish voters after months of tension. She won some applause for using her White House influence in the effort to keep Jonathan Pollard, an American convicted of spying for Israel, from being transferred to a rougher prison environment. Further attempts to meddle in this case would almost surely backfire, however, because of its serious national security implications.

Against this landscape, we can see key tasks for each candidate. Mr. Lazio has to show that he can function outside the cozy world of Long Island G.O.P. politics. Mrs. Clinton must prove that she can fight her corner without help from her husband or the White House press office. And the reality for both candidates as they face the cameras is that the winning votes are still in play.

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Electionline

Senate candidate Clinton faces primary

Hillary Rodham Clinton faces a primary election Tuesday in her quest to be the Democratic candidate for Senate in New York. Mark McMahon, 39, an orthopedic surgeon, managed to force Clinton into a primary by collecting the signatures of more than 40,000 Democrats across the state. He needed just 15,000. Clinton got on the ballot by being the unanimous choice of the Democratic state convention.

Written by Paul Leavitt with staff and wire reports

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Is Senate up for grabs? 13 races are

These seats will decide control as Democrats try to erode, or even erase, the GOP's edge

By Kathy Kiely
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — The world's greatest deliberative body, as members like to call it, wasn't on many pundits' radar screens at the start of this political season. Few figured that Republicans were in any danger of losing their majority in the United States Senate.

But with eight weeks until the election Nov. 7 and the GOP holding a 54-46 edge, some Democrats have changed their minds.

"There is an increasing chance that there could be a Democratic majority," says Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., who leads the party's Senate campaign committee. Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota now rates his chances of becoming majority leader as "slightly less than 50-50."

Republicans don't dispute that assessment. "It's a very competitive situation," says Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., who is directing the GOP effort to win Senate races nationwide. Rather than seeking to build on their numbers, McConnell says, "our goal is to be still in the majority." Thirty-four of the Senate's 100 seats are on the line this fall. In most of those races, incumbents are odds-on favorites to win re-election. But at least 13 are likely to be close, with both parties making big investments to win.

At stake is more than a gavel. A majority in the Senate means control of the legislative calendar, all committee chairmanships and, most important next year, the confirmation process. More than 1,000 of the next president's appointees, including his entire Cabinet, are subject to Senate approval. So are Supreme Court justices; the next president could have the chance to appoint as many as three.

Even if Democrats don't win a majority, narrowing the GOP edge could pave the way for key legislative victories. To Daschle, who has seen several of his party's per-
initatives defeated by one or two

Arizona

Incumbent: Jon Kyl (R)
Challenger: Barry Hess (Libertarian)
Current outlook: Safe Republican

California

Incumbent: Dianne Feinstein (D)
Challenger: Tom Campbell (R)
Current outlook: Safe Democratic

Connecticut

Incumbent: Joe Lieberman (D)
Challenger: Phil Giordano (R)
Current outlook: Safe Democratic

Delaware

Incumbent: William Roth (R)
Challenger: Tom Carper (D)
Current outlook: Tossup

Florida

Incumbent: Connie Mack (R), retiring
Republican: Bill McCollum
Democrat: Bill Nelson
Independent: Willie Logan
Current outlook: Tossup

Georgia

Incumbent: Zell Miller (D)
Challenger: Mack Mattingly (R)
Current outlook: Safe Democratic

Hawaii

Incumbent: Daniel Akaka (D)
Challenger: Winner of Sept. 23
Republican primary among John
Cantill, James Deluzo, Eugene
Douglass and Harry Friel
Current outlook: Safe Democratic

Indiana

Incumbent: Richard Lugar (R)
Challenger: David Johnston (D)
Current outlook: Safe Republican

Maine

Incumbent: Olympia Snowe (R)
Challenger: Mark Lawrence (D)
Current outlook: Safe Republican

Maryland

Incumbent: Paul Sarbanes (D)
Challenger: Paul Rappaport (R)
Current outlook: Safe Democratic

Massachusetts

Incumbent: Edward Kennedy (D)
Challenger: Jack Robinson (R)
Current outlook: Safe Democratic

Michigan

Incumbent: Spencer Abraham (R)
Challenger: Debbie Stabenow (D)
Current outlook: Tossup

Minnesota

Incumbent: Rod Grams (R), retiring
Democrat: Ben Nelson
Republican: Don Steinberg
Current outlook: Leans Democratic

Nevada

Incumbent: Richard Bryan (D), retiring
Democrat: Ed Reineisen
Republican: John Ensign
Current outlook: Leans Republican

New Jersey

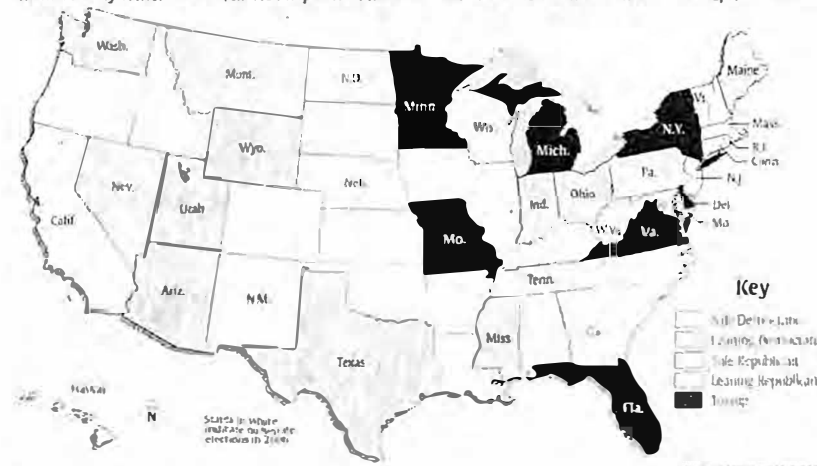
Incumbent: Frank Lautenberg (D), retiring
Democrat: Jon Corzine
Republican: Bob Franks
Current outlook: Leans Democratic

New Mexico

Incumbent: Jeff Bingaman (D)
Challenger: Bill Redmond (R)

The battleground for control of the Senate

Thirty-four states hold U.S. Senate elections in November. On this page is a list of the leading contenders. At the moment, nine of the elections appear certain to be won by Republicans, and 10 are considered sure Democratic victories. Among the more hotly contested seats, six lean Republican, two lean Democratic and seven are considered tossups.



Michigan

Challenger: Brian Schweitzer (D)
Current outlook: Leans Republican

Nebraska

Incumbent: Bob Kerrey (D), retiring
Democrat: Ben Nelson
Republican: Don Steinberg
Current outlook: Leans Democratic

Nevada

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New Jersey

Incumbent: Frank Lautenberg (D), retiring
Democrat: Jon Corzine
Republican: Bob Franks
Current outlook: Leans Democratic

New Mexico

Incumbent: Jeff Bingaman (D)
Challenger: Bill Redmond (R)

North Dakota

Incumbent: Kent Conrad (D)
Challenger: Duane Sand (R)
Current outlook: Safe Democratic

Pennsylvania

Incumbent: Rick Santorum (R)
Challenger: Ron Klink (D)
Current outlook: Leans Republican

Rhode Island

Incumbent: Lincoln Chafee (R)
Challenger: Winner of Tuesday's
Democratic primary between Richard
Licht and Bob Weyand
Current outlook: Leans Republican

South Carolina

Incumbent: Strom Thurmond (R)
Challenger: Winner of Tuesday's
Republican primary between Jim
Hannity and Mark Sanford
Current outlook: Leans Republican

Tennessee

Incumbent: Bill Frist (R)
Challenger: Jeff Clark (D)
Current outlook: Safe Republican

Utah

Incumbent: Orrin Hatch (R)
Challenger: Scott Howell (D)
Current outlook: Safe Republican

Texas

Incumbent: Kay Bailey Hutchison (R)
Challenger: Gene Kelly (D)
Current outlook: Safe Republican

Vermont

Incumbent: Jim Jeffords (R)
Challenger: Winner of Tuesday's
Democratic primary between Jan.
Barkus and Ed Flanagan
Current outlook: Leans Republican

Virginia

Incumbent: Charles Robb (D)
Challenger: George Allen (R)
Current outlook: Tossup

Washington

Incumbent: Slade Gorton (R)
Challenger: Winner of Sept. 19 primary
between Maria Cantwell and Deborah
Sera
Current outlook: Leans Republican

West Virginia

Incumbent: Robert Byrd (D)
Challenger: David Gahler (R)
Current outlook: Safe Democratic

Wisconsin

Incumbent: Herb Kohl (D)
Challenger: Winner of Tuesday's
Democratic primary between John
Collegio and Bill Loege
Current outlook: Safe Democratic

Wyoming

Incumbent: Craig Thomas (R)
Challenger: Mel Logan (D)
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RACES TO WATCH

In the days leading to Election Day, USA TODAY will feature important and illustrative non-presidential races around the USA. Today: The battle for the Senate. Next: The battle for the House.

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able-digit lead that former governor George Allen once had over him in the polls, Allen is still leading, however, and Republicans are confident he will be ahead on Election Day. Allen is a rarity among Senate challengers: He has raised more money than the incumbent. As of June 30, Allen had collected \$6.7 million to Robb's \$4 million.

VULNERABLE REPUBLICANS

► **Delaware:** Senate Finance Committee Chairman William Roth faces his toughest fight in years against Democratic Gov. Tom Carper.

VULNERABLE DEMOCRATS

► **Virginia:** Democratic Sen. Chuck Robb has narrowed the dou-

er. Given his post atop the Senate's powerful tax-writing panel, Roth has the lead in fundraising. But age could be a factor: Roth is 79, Carper 53. Carper's early lead in the polls has vanished. Republicans say Robb has momentum.

► **Michigan:** Abraham is seen as one of the GOP's most vulnerable freshmen. He's drawn a tough opponent in Rep. Debbie Stabenow. Although Abraham is running far ahead of Stabenow in fundraising and has been the beneficiary of a multimillion-dollar television ad

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campaign underwritten largely by business groups, recent polls show the race is a dead heat.

► **Minnesota:** Despite a four-way Democratic primary that won't be decided until Tuesday night, strategists in both parties think Grams is vulnerable.

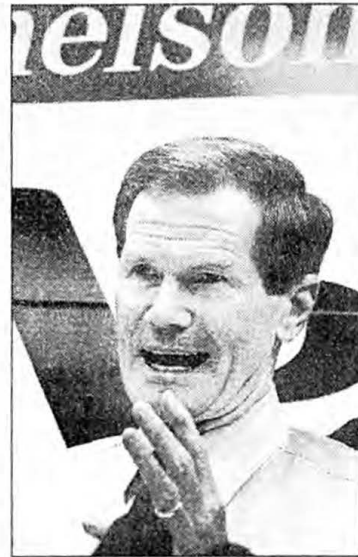
A Minneapolis *Star Tribune* poll of 1,034 adults taken in late August gave him ratings of 38% favorable, 39% unfavorable. Two of the Democrats seeking the Senate nomination are independently wealthy; the national Democratic Party is prepared to bankroll the winner.

► **Missouri:** Democratic Gov. Mel Carnahan kicked off the first 2000 Senate campaign in the nation when he declared in November 1998 his intention to run against Ashcroft, this state's conservative Republican senator. The candidates have accused each other of everything from racism to consorting with pornographers.

Democrats and Republicans alike rate the race a dead heat.

► **Montana:** One top GOP strategist says that Democratic challenger Brian Schweitzer is running the best campaign in the country as he seeks to upset Republican incumbent Conrad Burns. But running on the same ticket as Gore could hamper Schweitzer, a rancher and herb grower, in this conservative Rocky Mountain state. Republicans rate this a tough race but think Burns will triumph.

► **Rhode Island:** Republican



By Mark Foley, AP

Nelson: Florida's Democratic treasurer/insurance commissioner.

Lincoln Chafee inherited the seat of his late father, popular 23-year Senate veteran John Chafee, last fall and has done nothing to alienate voters in this Democratic-leaning state. In fact, the National Republican Senatorial Committee is paying for ads that boast about the number of times Chafee voted against his own party. Meanwhile, Democrats are having a family feud over their own nominee. The bitter Democratic primary between Rep. Ron Weygand and former lieutenant governor Richard Licht will be decided Tuesday night.

► **Washington:** GOP Sen. Slade



By Shawn Baldwin, AP

Lazio: GOP representative campaigns in New York City on Saturday. He became the party's Senate candidate after Rudy Giuliani dropped out.

Gorton has to disassociate himself from his party's conservative Capitol Hill leadership in this moderate state. He's under fire for voting against a plan to provide prescription drug benefits to seniors. Maria Cantwell, a businesswoman, is favored to win the Democratic primary Sept. 19 against state Insurance Commissioner Deborah Senn.

OPEN SEATS

► **New York:** Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan is retiring. The National Republican Senatorial Committee's bumper sticker for this race doesn't even mention the party's candidate, Rep. Rick Lazio. It simply says, "I Wish I Lived in New York — So I Could Vote Against

Hillary Clinton." This contest has been all about the first lady, the first presidential spouse ever to seek elective office. More than \$60 million has been poured into the race, which is a dead heat. The first debate is Wednesday.

► **Florida:** Republican Connie Mack is retiring. Rep. Bill McCollum, one of the House Judiciary Committee members who prosecuted President Clinton during his impeachment trial in the Senate, is the GOP candidate. He faces Democrat Bill Nelson, a former congressman who now serves as Florida's treasurer and insurance commissioner, a job that puts him in front of the TV cameras every time a hurricane strikes. Another Democrat, state Rep. Willie Logan, an Af-



By Eric Brady, The Roanoke Times, via AP

Robb: Virginia's Democratic incumbent, who is trailing in polls, waves to voters last week during a Labor Day parade in Buena Vista.

rican-American, is running as an independent. Nevertheless, Democrats think this race is one of their best chances for a pickup.

► **Nebraska:** Democrat Bob Kerrey is retiring. Former Democratic governor Ben Nelson is better known than GOP Attorney General Don Stenberg and has nearly twice as much money. But Nelson blew a big lead in a 1996 race against Sen. Chuck Hagel. And he has to try to keep his distance from Gore in this heavily Republican state. Republicans hope Stenberg will be helped by a big win here by GOP presidential candidate George W. Bush.

► **New Jersey:** Democrat Frank Lautenberg is retiring. Democrat Jon Corzine and Republican Rep.

Bob Franks each had raised about \$2.5 million as of last month. However, Corzine, a retired investment banker, has underwritten his campaign with \$33 million of his own money. That gives him a big boost in a state served by the expensive New York and Philadelphia media markets.

Nevada: Democrat Richard Bryan is retiring. Former GOP representative John Ensign, who two years ago came within 428 votes of knocking off Nevada's other senator, Democrat Harry Reid, entered this race a heavy favorite. He has raised nearly twice as much money as his Democratic opponent, Ed Bernstein. Republicans consider Nevada their best bet for picking up a Democratic seat.

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Inside Politics



'Big difference'

Rep. Rick Lazio, New York Republican, yesterday defended his handshake with Yasser Arafat, insisting that there was a "big difference" between his greeting of the Palestinian leader and the greetings he has criticized the Clintons for giving Cuban President Fidel Castro and Mr. Arafat's wife.

The White House over the weekend released a photograph of Mr. Arafat clasping the grinning Republican's hand. The photograph, which first appeared in yesterday's New York Post, was taken by a White House photographer in 1998 during a trip Mr. Lazio took to the Mideast with the Clintons and other U.S. officials.

The photograph was released a day after Mr. Lazio, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's opponent for U.S. Senate, criticized the president for shaking hands with Mr. Castro at the United Nations last week.

"I would not have shook Fidel Castro's hand," Mr. Lazio said Friday. Mr. Lazio previously has attacked the first lady for hugging Mr. Arafat's wife during a visit to the Middle East. Mrs. Clinton has said that the hug was a formality akin to a handshake.

presidential choice. I'd like you to comment on that," Mr. Hunt said.

Mr. Podesta did not address that issue. But he said, "I wouldn't describe the relationship as having cooled at all. . . . They talk frequently. . . . The president is actually, I think, probably the vice president's No. 1 cheerleader."

Co-host Robert Novak later asked Mr. Podesta if Mr. Clinton's decision to change his voter registration from Arkansas to New York is final. "Some of his friends in Arkansas hoped that he'd come back and run for the Senate against Sen. [Tim] Hutchinson. Will that completely rule out the possibility that the president could change his registration back to Arkansas and run for the Senate?" Mr. Novak asked.

"I don't think he has any plan to do that. I would think that that's completely ruled out. . . . He wants to be a good citizen, as he's fond of saying. But he has every intention of moving to New York and supporting Senator Clinton up there," Mr. Podesta said.

Cool relations

Pundit Al Hunt says he's been told by Democrats that the "personal relationship between Al Gore and Bill Clinton has clearly cooled," and he asked White House Chief of Staff John Podesta about those reports Saturday on CNN's "Evans, Novak, Hunt & Shields."

"I'm told that the president was upset that . . . he [Mr. Gore] didn't even talk to him about the vice-

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How tomorrow's races shape up

By DAVID SEIFMAN
City Hall Bureau Chief

The results of tomorrow's primary elections could provide some tantalizing clues to the political fortunes of candidates running next year — and even to a First Lady seeking her first elective office.

Some of the races to watch:

■ Hillary Rodham Clinton is certain to quash her unknown Democratic rival, physician Mark McMahon. The only question is the size of the protest vote against Clinton.

"If he came in at 25 percent, she'd be dead," offered Joe Mercurio, a Republican political strategist.

Rick Lazio's campaign manager set the bar at a more generous 30 percent.

Certainly, any bigger number is a danger signal for Clinton come November.

■ Bronx Democratic leader Roberto Ramirez has four candi-

dates in contention tomorrow, including Larry Seabrook vs. incumbent Rep. Eliot Engel.

Engel is the favorite, so Ramirez won't be hurt too badly if Seabrook goes down to defeat. But Ramirez is a key supporter of Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer's mayoral bid next year.

If Ramirez's candidates for the Assembly and State Senate are also losers, the Bronx organization will have a much tougher time delivering for Ferrer in 2001.

Especially worrisome for Ramirez is the candidacy of Pedro Espada Jr., a longtime nemesis who is trying to recapture the State Senate seat he gave up to David Rosado in 1996.

■ Clarence Norman, the Brooklyn Democratic leader, is expected to beat back a second challenge to his Assembly seat by cop James Davis.

But if Davis pulls this one out, all bets are off for those depending on Norman's help next year

— including Comptroller and mayoral candidate Alan Hevesi.

■ Martin Malave-Dilan, a third-term City Councilman, is taking on Assemblyman Darryl Towns in Brooklyn.

If Malave-Dilan is successful in ousting an entrenched incumbent — and the son of Rep. Ed Towns — other Council members facing term limits and sitting on the sidelines could be emboldened to follow in his steps.

■ Members of Congress don't lose too many elections, so Una Clarke is the underdog in her challenge to Rep. Major Owens in Brooklyn. Clarke, who comes from Jamaica, is counting heavily on Caribbean-American votes to propel her past Owens.

Watch the turnout of a potential new power base in the city — immigrant voters.

The only mayoral contender who's taken a position in the race is Public Advocate Mark Green, who's backing Clarke and stands to benefit if she topples Owens.

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Who'll win congressional primaries

By KIRSTEN DANIS

When it comes to job security, you can't beat a gig as a congressional incumbent.

It's been more than a decade since a federal lawmaker was ousted in a New York primary — but this season offers up some blood-and-guts battles that could spell goodbye to a familiar face or two.

Here's a rundown of tomorrow's federal primary races in New York and Long Island — and The Post's picks of likely winners.

THE BATTLES

■ **District 11 (Brooklyn):** This bitter slugfest pits City Councilwoman Una Clarke against her one-time mentor, Rep. Major Owens, in a Democratic primary race that has all the subtlety of a kick-boxing match.

Clarke claims Owens is "anti-immigrant" — and that he divides the district's Caribbean blacks and African-Americans. The congressman has charged that Jamaican-born Clarke has never become a citizen — but later withdrew the accusation.

Owens, a powerful Democrat in line for a committee chairmanship if Democrats win the House, has nine terms of experience behind him.

Post pick: A squeaker — but Owens will take it.

■ **District 17 (Bronx and Westchester):** The politics of race and ethnicity have taken center stage in this district, which was once controlled by liberal Jewish voters but is now home to more blacks and Hispanics.

Senate race unleashed a scramble to fill his House seat — a key race for Democrats trying to regain control of the House.

David Bishop, minority leader of the Suffolk County legislature, is taking on Huntington Town Board Majority Leader Steven Israel in the Democratic primary. The winner goes on to face Islip Town Clerk Joan Johnson.

Post pick: Bishop — who's then headed for the race of his life.

THE NO-BRAINERS

■ Let's start with the mother of all quixotic ambitions — Upper East Side surgeon Mark McMahon's bizarre challenge to Hillary Rodham Clinton for the Democratic line for U.S. Senate.

McMahon graduated first in his class at Georgetown — but this time, he'll have to settle for a very distant Number Two.

■ Democratic Rep. Nydia Velazquez faces little opposition

from teacher Mildred Rosario in District 12, which covers Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens.

■ Also skating onto the ballot — and back into Congress — will be Rep. Charles Rangel.

■ In Suffolk County's District 1, Republican-turned-Democrat Rep. Michael Forbes should fend off challenger Regina Seltzer — but not without a fight. His campaign asked U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer to make calls for the

conservative congressman last week. Two other Democratic officials refused. The big battle in the vulnerable district comes in November against the GOP opponent, Brookhaven Supervisor Felix Grucci Jr.

■ And finally, his U.S. Senate bid was short-lived, but Republican Rep. Peter King can take solace in his sure defeat of primary challenger Robert Previdi in Nassau County's District 3.

Seabrook, who is black, is challenging six-term Rep. Eliot Engel, who is white and Jewish. The mudslinging even led to the charge that Seabrook tried to secretly divorce his wife in 1993, which he denies.

Bronx Democratic boss Roberto Ramirez is backing Seabrook — a damaging but not necessarily fatal blow to Engel. Lawyer and businessman Sonny Zayas also has thrown his hat into the ring in this Democratic primary.

Post pick: Another close call — but bets are on Engel.

■ **District 10 (Brooklyn):** You've got to give Barry Ford credit for effort.

After a 1998 Democratic primary loss to Rep. Edolphus Towns, the Harvard-educated lawyer traded his high-powered job for one at a smaller firm so he'd have time to raise cash and hit the streets.

During his last go-round, Ford did well with Yuppies, but not too well with poorer voters. This time he's hitting Towns for being too close to Mayor Giuliani, too soft on police brutality, and too lazy in the House.

Post pick: Towns, no question.

■ **District 9 (Brooklyn):** City Councilman Noach Dear has a \$1 million war chest to go after freshman Rep. Anthony Weiner, who soundly defeated him in a Democratic primary two years ago.

But even if the more conservative Dear can't oust Weiner in the primary, he'll face him again in November as the Republican candidate.

Post pick: Weiner's the winner.

■ **District 2 (Suffolk):** Rep. Rick Lazio's late entry in the U.S.

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POLS ALL SHOOK UP

Rick and Hillary in war of handshakes

Rick Lazio yesterday brushed off the furor over a White House photo showing him shaking Yasser Arafat's hand, while Hillary Rodham Clinton and Democrats hammered the GOP Senate candidate as a hypocrite.

Speaking at the annual "Uncle Sam Day" parade in upstate Troy, Lazio insisted there's a "big difference" between the picture of the Arafat flesh-pressing — first published in yesterday's Post — and the handshake with Fidel Castro for which he slammed President Clinton.

Arafat "is a person who we're involved in peace negotiations with," he said. "There is no comparison."

He suggested the picture is a way for Hillary Clinton to distract voters from her own politically embarrassing moments — embracing

By Gregg Birnbaum in Troy, and Tom Topousis and Maggie Haberman in New York

Arafat's wife, Suha, last year after Mrs. Arafat made an anti-Israel speech, and her past call for a Palestinian state.

Mrs. Clinton fired back that the Arafat-Lazio moment during a 1998 official

Mideast trip is part of a "pattern" of the congressman "saying one thing and doing another."

"That describes his Congressional voting record, it describes his campaign," she said, between visits to black churches in Brooklyn. "And I think New Yorkers, at least in my experience, are a lot smarter than that."

Mayor Giuliani, previously her opponent,

wouldn't comment on the Arafat-Lazio handshake — but called the Palestinian leader "a murdering dictator."

"We've got to have, like, a wake-up call about Yasser Arafat," Giuliani said.

"Wake up! Time out! The hugging, the squeezing, the handshake — this is a murderer. This is a man who killed Americans."

On Friday, the day after it

was revealed the president had shaken the Cuban president's hand at last week's U.N. Millennium Summit, Lazio berated the Clintons, saying, "I think we send the wrong message when we embrace — whether it's Mrs. Arafat or Fidel Castro."

Yesterday, Lazio said his Arafat encounter "wasn't a hug, it wasn't a kiss, and it certainly wasn't a call for a Palestinian state."

"I know they'd like to talk about anything other than her record and the fact that she kissed Mrs. Arafat" after the PLO chairman's wife accused Israel of gassing Palestinians, he said.

Democratic Rep. Jerrold Nadler and City Comptroller Alan Hevesi stood on the City Hall steps to denounce Lazio as "hypocritical" for attacking the Clintons when he knew the Arafat picture existed.

The handshake took place while Lazio was on a receiving line, along with the Clintons, during the 1998 trip, whose purpose was to eliminate the covenant in the PLO charter calling for the destruction of the state of Israel.

The Post requested the photo from the White House after learning it existed from Rep. Tom Lantos (D-Calif.), who was also on the trip and was angered by Lazio's attack over the Castro handshake.

Lazio assailed the White House for releasing the picture, charging, "It sure sounds like taxpayer money was once again used to further the Clinton campaign."

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said Lazio's remarks "don't even deserve a response."

Mrs. Clinton said it was the White House's decision and added, "I think from the White House perspective, [Lazio] attacked the president."



PHOTO OP: U.S. Rep. Jerrold Nadler (left) and city Comptroller Alan Hevesi yesterday display the controversial photo of Rick Lazio shaking hands with Yasser Arafat and denounce him as a hypocrite. *N.Y. Post* Brigitte Selzer

Candidates set to lock horns in Buffalo

By ROBERT HARDT Jr. and GREGG BIRNBAUM

After spending millions on advertising and logging thousands of miles on the campaign trail, Hillary Rodham Clinton and Rick Lazio will finally be mixing it up in Buffalo in a face-to-face debate Wednesday.

And in the politically time-honored tradition of lowering expectations, both camps are already trying to downplay the event, which could be pivotal to the deadlocked Senate race.

"I've never debated before, ever, in my entire life," Clinton said last week at a campaign stop in Brooklyn.

Well, she did debate in high school — playing Lyndon Johnson in a presidential debate when she was still a Republican Goldwater girl.

And Clinton is certainly no stranger to forensics, graduating

from Yale Law School and arguing several big cases in the courtroom.

For Lazio's part, a spokeswoman last month said the Long Island legislator had debated just once — when he first ran for Congress in 1992.

That also turned out to be untrue. Lazio had to set the record straight last week, saying he debated at least three times in 1992 and has faced off against all of his Democratic opponents since.

"To be fair, though, this is a different league. Everybody understands that," Lazio said.

They certainly do — that's why both candidates have quietly spent a lot of time preparing for the first of their three scheduled debates.

Analysts say each candidate has different expectations to meet from the public.

Clinton wants to avoid being too

"shrill" — a label sometimes thrown at women candidates who are overly aggressive in a debate.

Her aides have also been working with her to "de-work" some of her language and have her speak in television-friendly sound bites.

Lazio on Wednesday wants to close the "stature gap" and show that he rightfully belongs on the same stage with Clinton.

Mike Murphy, Lazio's media guru, said he primarily views the debate as a showcase for the GOP candidate, rather than a political showdown.

"We're trying to get Rick's message out there. We're not that concerned with her," he said.

A Clinton aide virtually parroted Murphy's remarks.

"We see this as an hour in which Hillary can get her message across. This is a chance for people to hear

her without interruption," the aide said.

Try telling that to moderator Tim Russert — a savvy Buffalo native who once worked for the man whose impending retirement sparked the race, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

Russert is known for his incisive line of questioning and will hardly tolerate any filibustering from either candidate.

Knowing that Russert can be tough, the Clinton staff had the first lady's spokesman, Howard Wolfson, play the NBC newsmen in one mock debate.

And reflecting the national interest in the race, MSNBC will also be airing the debate later that night.

"This is just the first debate. People have to remember we're going to have two more chances at this thing," said one Clinton adviser.



RICK LAZIO
Some experience, but ...

Why clasp could make Lazio gasp

By TOM TOPOUSIS

The photo of a beaming Rick Lazio shaking hands with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat couldn't have turned up at a better time for his opponent, Hillary Clinton.

Over the past several weeks, Lazio has watched his fleeting lead in the polls slip away while support among Jewish voters has lifted overwhelmingly to Clinton.

A Post poll on Sunday and the two candidates in statistical dead heat, with Clinton leading 47 percent to 45 percent. Among Jewish voters, Clinton's support grew to 70.3 percent, up from 61 percent a month ago.

The photo of Lazio greeting Arafat can't possibly help him. After all, it took Clinton months to recoup after she was pictured kissing Arafat's wife, Suha, on the cheek during a trip to Gaza last year.

"This is the shocker of the campaign so far," said Assemblyman Dov Hikind (D-Brooklyn), who hasn't endorsed a candidate yet. "This picture is way too warm and bothers me and it bothers people all over the place."

"Some of Rick Lazio's strongest support has come from communities like my community," Hikind said of the conservative Orthodox Jewish voters in Borough Park.

"This definitely makes people think twice."

Political consultant Joseph Mercurio, who advises Republicans and Democrats, insisted that the damage to Lazio's campaign is being overstated.

"When you are a Democratic candidate and you are ready at 70 percent with Jewish voters, what can this hurt?" Mercurio asked.

For months, Lazio used the Hillary Clinton kiss of Arafat's wife to paint her as anti-Israel.

But gleeful Democrats were quick to brand Lazio a hypocrite yesterday, claiming that the attacks would now backfire at the polls.

"You don't attack Hillary Clinton of a symbolic gesture when you're guilty of the same symbolic gesture," said City Comptroller Alan Hevesi. "That's just incompetence. That's a lack of ma-

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Rick Lazio's Rx For Success: Beat Them at Their Own Game

•Andrea Peyser's insinuation that Rick Lazio lacks the courage to get his hands dirty in the Senate campaign is an extremely unfair assessment ("Maybe this nice boy is playing it too safe," Sept. 6).

Lazio openly discusses his record, and I might add that he should be proud of it. In just three short months, he has put together an organization, raised more money than Hillary Clinton and been on three tours around the state, all while serving in Congress and being a father to two young daughters.

Hillary, on the other hand, does not work, has no children to raise, has the White House staff for an organization and travels on Air Force One under the guise of needing Secret Service protection.

It is a tribute to Rick Lazio's strength to be in a statistical dead heat.

Shaun Marie Levine
Schenectady

•Lazio is being too laid-back. He has let two very exploitable Hillary mistakes pass by.

First, Hillary ran ads proclaiming her as the fighter for health care. Why not an ad pointing out that Hillary's insane health plan set the cause of health-care reform back years?

THE ISSUE: Rick Lazio's run for the Senate.

What Andrea Peyser said: He needs to be more aggressive in his campaigning.



Rick Lazio

N.Y. Post: W.A. Funches Jr.

Second, she is tying Lazio to Newt Gingrich. Turn it on her, Rick. Remind people that Newt forced the balanced budget and welfare reform down Clinton's throat.

Bill Watkins
River Edge, N.J.

•In the mudslinging war in the Senate race, Rick Lazio is at a distinct disadvantage.

Since the first lady has no record to speak of, it is convenient for her to distort Lazio's record of achievements in the House of Representatives.

Jay Harrison
Manhattan

•At a recent veterans' conference, Rick Lazio received a standing ova-

tion. Lazio has always been a great supporter of veterans.

Hillary was also invited. She did not show or respond to the invitation. Was this the first time she passed on a veterans' invitation? Will she do it again? I'd say it's a safe bet.

It is well known that the Clintons protested the Vietnam War, but why are they ignoring the veterans who fought to keep our country's freedom?

Jo-Ann Broska
Hicksville

•Rick Lazio is well on his way toward disproving the old political saw that proclaims, "You can't beat somebody with nobody."

Jerome J. Levenberg
Cedarhurst

•Unlike Hillary Rodham Clinton, Rick Lazio doesn't need Chuck Schumer or Joe Lieberman to vouch for his support for the state of Israel, since he's actually voted that way in the House of Representatives.

Joseph Paolucci Jr.
Albany

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Lazio Defends Arafat Handshake

White House Releases Photo After Senate Candidate's Criticism

Associated Press

NEW YORK, Sept. 10—Rep. Rick Lazio (R-N.Y.) defended his handshake with Yasser Arafat, insisting today that there was a "big difference" between his greeting of the Palestinian leader and the greetings he has criticized the Clintons for giving Fidel Castro and Arafat's wife.

The White House over the weekend released a photograph of Arafat clasping the grinning Republican's hand. The photograph, which first appeared in today's New York Post, was taken by a White House photographer in 1998 during a trip Lazio took to the Middle East with the Clintons and other U.S. officials.

The photograph was released a day after Lazio, Hillary Rodham Clinton's opponent for a New York Senate seat, criticized the president for shaking hands with Cuban President Fidel Castro at the U.N. Millennium Summit last week.

"I would not have shook Fidel Castro's hand," Lazio said Friday. "I don't know what there is to shake his hand about, to tell you the truth. I think we send the wrong message when we embrace, whether it's Mrs. Arafat or Fidel Castro."

Lazio has previously attacked the first lady for hugging Arafat's wife during a visit to the Middle East last fall. Hillary Clinton has said that the hug was a formality akin to a handshake and that she would have caused an international incident had she rebuffed her that day.

When asked today about the propriety of the White House releasing the Lazio-Arafat photo when she is involved in a hard-fought Senate campaign in which Jewish voters are a crucial prize, Clinton said: "You'll have to ask the White House about that. I think from the White House perspective, he attacked the president."

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money was once again used to further the Clinton campaign," Lazio said.

A White House official, commenting on condition of anonymity, defended the action.

"It was released at the request of the media," the official said. "We see no problem with Mr. Lazio being photographed shaking hands with Chairman Arafat. But there does seem to be a touch of irony in his criticism of both the president and the president's handshake with Mr. Castro."

Lazio, campaigning near Albany, said it was not hypocritical of him to criticize the president for shaking hands with Castro.

"Big difference, big difference," he said. "I would not shake Fidel Castro's hand. I think he's been a terrorist."

Asked how it was different from his greeting Arafat, Lazio said: "The difference is, this is a person who we're involved in peace negotiations with."

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Chelsea Clinton Standing in for Mom

By ANNE GEARAN, Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - It was Chelsea Clinton and not her mother who whispered with Cherie Blair, wife of British Prime Minister Tony Blair, while her father addressed the U.N. Millennium Summit on Wednesday.

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Increasingly at the White House and on the road, Chelsea is standing in for the first lady while Hillary Rodham Clinton devotes herself to trying to win a seat in the Senate.

President Clinton was assembling world leaders for dinner at the Metropolitan Museum of Art on Wednesday night, with Chelsea - on leave from her college studies - serving as the event's co-host. Mrs. Clinton was busy campaigning elsewhere in New York.

Over the summer, Chelsea accompanied her father on trips, including two foreign visits last month that took her to Nigeria, Tanzania, Egypt and Colombia. She toured a Nigerian village hand-in-hand with him and danced at a state dinner with Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo, assuming the place her mother would otherwise have held.

"We don't consider it standing in," said White House spokesman Joe Lockhart. "These are opportunities and events that will not exist later, and she's taking full advantage of that."

The White House has said Chelsea, 20, is taking a term off from Stanford University, where she is a senior, to spend the final months of the Clinton presidency with her parents.

The tall and poised Chelsea is usually a silent, smiling presence at her father's side. But later this month she will make what amounts to her solo debut when she represents the first family at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

Chelsea was a regular at the presidential retreat at Camp David, Md., during the 10-day Mideast peace summit in July, when Clinton tried unsuccessfully to coax the Israelis and Palestinians to a final peace deal. In June, she was hostess at a White House state dinner for the Moroccan king. All told, she has become more visible than at any time since Clinton's 1992 campaign.

The White House remains sensitive about Chelsea's privacy, although certain details of her life have become clear, such as the fact that she is dating a fellow Stanford student, Jeremy Kane. He has accompanied Chelsea on a few White House trips in recent months, and is now working as a White House intern for the fall term.

The Clintons' only child has grown from gawky adolescence to adulthood in the public eye, although her parents tried to allow her some semblance of a normal teen-age life.

She has been photographed regularly, but has never granted a news interview. Perhaps the most poignant photo was taken two years ago, when at the height of the Monica Lewinsky scandal she held her parents' hands, bridging a gulf as the family left the White House for a vacation.

This summer, Clinton has noted his daughter's grown-up presence with a mixture of pride and wonder.

"When your children grow up ... you're always mildly surprised when they still want to spend time with you, and completely relieved and happy," Clinton told an interviewer in July.

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Rick & Hillary keep piling up endorsements

**She adds
a Kennedy;
he's getting
PBA's nod**

By ROBERT HARDT Jr.

The battle for endorsements in the Senate race continued yesterday as Hillary Rodham Clinton picked up the support of Robert Kennedy Jr. and Rick Lazio was to get the nod from the city police union today.

Speaking to reporters at the 79th Street Boat Basin in Manhattan, Kennedy recalled watching his father successfully shed the "carpetbagger" label in his 1964 New York Senate race — and predicted this year's Democratic candidate will do the same.

"It is against everything we stand for as a state to say that you can't participate in public life in this state because you weren't born here," said Kennedy, who was 10 when his father was elected.

"We are the Empire State. The best people from all over the country



SAILING ALONG: Robert Kennedy Jr. literally stands behind Hillary Clinton as she accepts his endorsement yesterday at the 79th Street Boat Basin. Dan Bonzac

in every walk of life gravitate toward New York."

Kennedy, who runs an environmental-law program at Pace University and the Hudson River-keeper program, said Republican Lazio hasn't done enough to protect the environment in his eight years in Congress.

"Rick Lazio can't point to a single instance in which he has ever demonstrated environmental leadership," Kennedy said.

But he conceded that Lazio helped his River-keeper group this year by writing a "very good letter" to the Army Corps of Engineers about protecting New York City's upstate water supply.

In a statement e-mailed to supporters on Tuesday, Lazio noted that he drafted a bill that would allocate \$80 million to protect Long Island Sound.

"New York State has a wealth of natural resources guarded by both state and federal law. While in Congress, I consistently voted to uphold

and strengthen those laws," Lazio said.

After fund-raising in Texas, Alabama and Louisiana yesterday, Lazio will be in the city today to pick up the endorsement of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, the union representing 27,000 New York City cops.

Meanwhile, a poll of upstate residents shows Lazio leading Clinton in the heavily Republican region, 50.8 percent to 41.1 percent.

The Zogby International poll of 1,200 likely upstate voters also had Al Gore leading George W. Bush in the presidential race, 45.4 percent to 41.1 percent.

Pollster John Zogby said his survey's findings were "not the greatest news for Rick Lazio."

"Generally speaking, a Republican should win upstate New York by better than 10 points and Lazio is right on the margin," he said.

The poll, conducted from Aug. 29 to Sept. 2, has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.



RICK LAZIO
Defends enviro record.

Robert Kennedy Jr. predicted Hillary will successfully shed the "carpetbagger" label, just like his dad did in the 1964 New York Senate race.

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Pol tweaks Cuomo on 'political' \$\$ handout

Senate investigators charged yesterday that Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo played politics and ignored his department's own rules when he took away New York City's ability to hand out homeless grants last year.

Sen. Kit Bond (R-Mo.), who

By Brian Blomquist in
Washington and Kirsten Danis
in New York

oversees funding of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, hinted that Cuomo targeted Mayor Giuliani just to help fellow Democrat Hillary Clinton in her Senate race.

"There were other motives at play," Bond said yesterday. "This was a fundamental abuse of due process."

At the time Cuomo yanked Giuliani's power to hand out homeless grants, Giuliani was running as the GOP candidate for Senate against Clinton — and Clinton



ANDREW CUOMO
Trumped Rudy.

had announced that one of Cuomo's top aides, Bill de Blasio, would become her campaign manager. Cuomo himself has repeatedly said he's keen on running for governor of New York.

Bond's investigators concluded Cuomo had no authority to sanction Giuliani and that his aides used repealed and irrelevant laws to justify the action.

Giuliani charged yesterday that the report showed the "federal government was being used to help Hillary Clinton's campaign."

"I have no doubt that was being done . . . It was absolutely an incorrect way to use the federal government," the mayor said.

Cuomo announced last December he would hand out grants directly to homeless centers in New York, rather than let the city dole out the funds. His order came a week after a federal judge ruled the city had improperly downgraded a homeless shelter, Housing Works, to keep it from getting a \$2.4 million grant. The judge ruled that Housing Works should get the grant.

Cuomo's spokeswoman, Lisa MacSpadden, said the judge's ruling gave HUD officials the authority to revoke the city's authority to hand out \$60 million in homeless grants, but Housing officials didn't respond to the specific charge that Cuomo's aides justified their decision with repealed and irrelevant laws.

MacSpadden accused Bond of "playing election-year politics" and producing a "political report," and Cuomo's aides stressed none of the many e-mails turned over to Bond's investigators contained any reference to the New York Senate race.

Bond's investigators also chided Cuomo's staff for neglecting to tell the federal judge in the Housing Works case that they had plans all along to provide enough money for the shelter, regardless of how the city ranked it.

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Beware, 'Princess' Chelsea

YOU have to feel for **Chelsea Clinton** over the media feeding frenzy that occurs each time she dates some young guy. I fear that if she does, indeed, spend next year at Oxford University, our more sensational tabloid colleagues will try to have her getting hooked up with **Prince William**, the hunky heir to the British throne. Please forget that you read this here first.

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Pollard and Politics

The fate of Jonathan Pollard, the one-time U.S. Navy analyst sentenced to life imprisonment for spying for Israel, has made its all-but-inevitable entry into New York politics.

Specifically, Pollard has become an issue in the New York Senate race between Hillary Clinton and Rick Lazio. The Post has reported that Mrs. Clinton intervened directly to block Pollard's transfer to a harsher unit in the prison where he is serving his sentence.

That action was taken at the instigation of Brooklyn Assemblyman Dov Hikind — a key political figure in the Orthodox Jewish community, who has made it known that Mrs. Clinton's best chance of winning his endorsement rests on her supporting clemency for Pollard.

But if she does that, it would put her at odds with 60 percent of the members of the body she seeks to join: Joseph Lieberman, Al Gore's running mate, was one of 60 senators who wrote to President Clinton in January 1999 urging that Pollard *not* be released.

"I feel strongly that Mr. Pollard is guilty of serious crimes against the people of the United States," Lieberman said then. The comment, and the letter, came several days after Clinton said he was undertaking a full review of the Pollard case — and promised to "make a decision in a prompt way."

Some 600-plus days have passed, and

no decision is forthcoming.

In a meeting with The Post's editorial board this week, Lazio raised the specter of "some type of October surprise" in the Pollard case and called on Clinton to let the public know immediately whether he intends to grant clemency.

Ideally, Clinton would let it be known that there will be *no* announcement until after Election Day.

We have no doubt that Pollard is as guilty as sin — that he sold out his country for money.

But Pollard's status has come up before in Mideast peace talks. While he deserves to spend the rest of his days behind bars, it's possible that his freedom could serve larger purposes.

On the merits, it's hard to see those interests being advanced by further politicizing the issue. But if Hillary's husband chooses to do so — *a la* the get-out-of-jail cards he issued a passel of Puerto Rican terrorists last year — so be it.

Let *her* explain why Joe Lieberman — and the man she seeks to succeed, Daniel Patrick Moynihan — are mistaken on the matter of Jonathan Pollard.

We don't think that she can — not plausibly, anyway.

The fact is that Bill Clinton should have made his "prompt" decision long ago. But he didn't, so another 60 days won't make a difference for anybody save Hillary.

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Lazio's Tax Plan Undergoes Some Deductions of Its Own

By ADAM NAGOURNEY

GREECE, N.Y. Sept. 6 — With television cameras and photographers crowded around him, Representative Rick A. Lazio settled behind a green plastic picnic table in the Caracci family backyard here to talk up what he calls the most dramatic component of his tax cut plan: allowing taxpayers to deduct their payroll tax from their federal income taxes.

"If you had an extra twelve hundred bucks, what would you do with it?" the Suffolk County Republican asked four Rochester area taxpayers recruited by his campaign for an orchestrated conversation designed to draw attention to the tax cut that he has presented as a cornerstone of his campaign against Hillary Rodham Clinton.

But the tax plan Mr. Lazio promoted again today was not precisely what he first proposed two weeks ago, his aides acknowledged. The aides have offered some new details on the plan since then, the effect being to lower the plan's potential cost. Those changes occurred as some of Mr. Lazio's economic assumptions were challenged by some independent analysts, and after Mrs. Clinton's aides said he underestimated the plan's price tag so he could distance himself from the \$1.3 trillion tax cut.

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family would save close to \$3,000 a year. Bryan W. Flood, one of Mr. Lazio's senior advisers, said that these provisions were always part of Mr. Lazio's plan, though Mr. Flood acknowledged that the candidate did not mention them in his speech, or in appearances since then.

"There was no intention to mislead," Mr. Flood said. "We talked about the fact that the payroll tax deduction plan is aimed at lower and middle-income voters. In retrospect, I guess, we could have been more clear about that. But certainly we're talking about it as a middle-class tax cut."

Mr. Flood said disputes about numbers aside, Mr. Lazio had put forward the plan as a way to draw one of the sharpest distinctions existing between the congressman and Mrs. Clinton: How much of the nation's surplus should be used for tax cuts. The first lady has offered a much more modest, and less detailed, tax cut plan that adheres to the Democratic program that would provide targeted tax cuts for specific income groups.

Several elements of Mr. Lazio's tax cut plan are under fire from analysts and Democrats, who contend that their costs are significantly understated. From a political perspective, this is more than just a bookkeeping dispute because Mr. Lazio has gone to some lengths to distinguish his plan from the \$1.3 trillion plan offered by Mr. Bush, putting the cost of his own plan at \$776 billion over 10 years.

For example, he put the cost of eliminating the marriage penalty at \$89 billion. But analysts said that figure accounts for just the five-year cost of the tax cut: the 10-year cost is \$293 billion, according to the bipartisan Congressional Joint Committee on Taxation. Similarly, Mr. Lazio put the cost of repealing part of the Social Security tax at \$56 billion. Mr. Flood acknowledged, though, that that figure was "several years old"; the joint committee's estimate is \$117 billion over 10 years.

Mr. Flood said that his campaign stood by its estimates, suggesting the different views represented nothing more than customary disputes between Congressional Democrats and Republicans over numbers. If Mr. Lazio were to accept the Congressional figures, the cost of his plan would clearly jump over \$1 trillion.

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Robert Kennedy Jr. said at a Manhattan news conference yesterday that the "carpetbagger" tag should not be an obstacle to Hillary Clinton's candidacy.

Robert Kennedy, Citing Environment, Endorses Hillary Clinton

By RANDAL C. ARCHIBOLD

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. endorsed Hillary Rodham Clinton's Senate candidacy yesterday, declaring that she would show leadership on environmental concerns he champions and would overcome the "carpetbagger" tag that also threatened his father's bid for a Senate seat from New York in 1964.

Mr. Kennedy, an environmental lawyer in Westchester County who had considered running for the seat Mrs. Clinton is seeking, stood at her side at the 79th Street Boat Basin in Manhattan and delivered her second endorsement on environmental issues in two days. On Tuesday, she was endorsed by the Sierra Club.

Mr. Kennedy credited Mrs. Clinton with exerting influence on the Clinton administration to take steps to protect the lands around New York City's upstate drinking water sup-

plies from development, a battle Mr. Kennedy has waged for several years. He said that during a "seminar" he conducted for Mrs. Clinton this year, she had demonstrated a strong interest in that problem and in such other issues as cleaning up chemical contamination from the Hudson River.

Although Mr. Kennedy acknowledged that Mrs. Clinton's Republican opponent, Representative Rick A. Lazio, had agreed to write a letter to the Army Corps of Engineers urging further protection of the watershed, Mr. Kennedy faulted him for not taking the initiative on protecting the environment.

Mr. Kennedy adopted the favored Clinton campaign tactic of linking Mr. Lazio to his former ally, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who Mr. Kennedy said was vehemently against the environment.

Speaking of Mr. Lazio, Mr. Kennedy said: "You can't point — and Rick Lazio can't point — to a single instance in which he has ever demonstrated environmental leadership on any environmental issue. He walked in lockstep with the Gingrich Congress."

Mr. Kennedy also addressed an assertion that Mr. Lazio has constantly repeated: that Mrs. Clinton is a "carpetbagger" who moved here in January only to establish residency for her Senate bid. The same charge was leveled against Robert F. Kennedy Sr., who moved from Massachusetts to New York City in 1964 for a Senate run that he won by a narrow margin.

Mr. Kennedy, who was 10 when his father ran, said: "The passions against my father were equal to or exceeded what I have seen. This is the question that was asked about my

father: Is somebody who is not born in this state capable of putting in offering leadership to this state? My answer to that is resoundingly yes, they are. New Yorkers come from everywhere. We have the most cosmopolitan community in North America and maybe one of the most cosmopolitan in the world."

Dan McLagan, a spokesman for Mr. Lazio, dismissed Mr. Kennedy's assertions as partisan rhetoric. He said the congressman had a strong environmental record that included supporting the cleanup of Long Island Sound and more closely regulating mining practices believed threatening to the environment.

"I think New Yorkers are more impressed by Rick Lazio's record on the environment," McLagan said, "than by Mrs. Clinton's empty promises and partial endorsements."

Newspaper says Chelsea Clinton has new boyfriend

Chelsea Clinton is dating White House intern Jeremy Kane, a classmate of hers at Stanford University, the *New York Daily News* reported. It said Kane works in the White House speechwriting department and was a guest of the Clinton family at the Democratic National Convention last month in Los Angeles. Kane declined to comment. Chelsea, 20, is taking this semester off. She accompanied her father on two foreign visits last month.

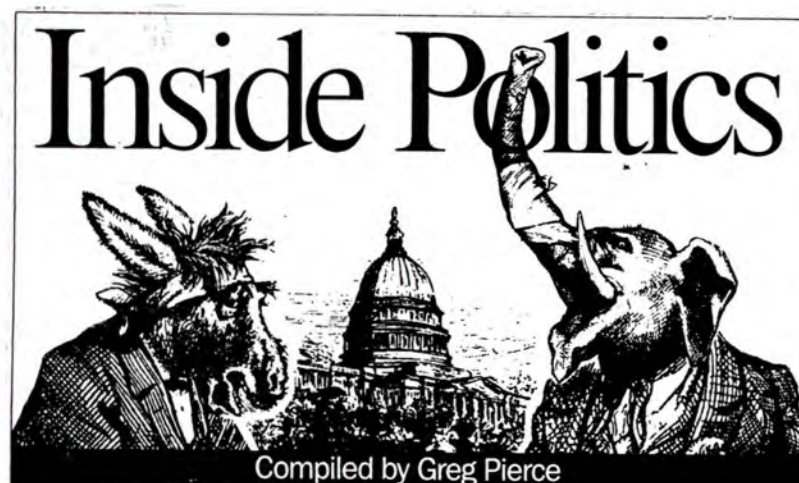
She has been substituting at some events for her mother, who is campaigning for a Senate seat in New York. Tonight, she will be co-host with the president at a dinner of world leaders in New York.



New Year's Eve: Chelsea Clinton and Jeremy Kane attend festivities in D.C.

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Written by Paul Leavitt with staff and wire reports



Hillary loves Adam

Texas Gov. George W. Bush thinks New York Times reporter Adam Clymer is a major-league, uh, jerk. But first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, who enjoyed Mr. Clymer's extensive and apparently favorable coverage of her ill-fated 1993 health care plan, did everything but kiss the reporter Tuesday.

"I like Adam Clymer. I think Adam Clymer is a superb, fair-minded reporter who, in the years I have followed him, has taught me a lot," she said.

Chelsea dates intern

It runs in the family.

Chelsea Clinton, who has come more into public view in recent months, is dating a White House intern, the New York Daily News reported yesterday.

The report said the young man is Jeremy Kane, a Stanford University senior and classmate of Miss Clinton, 20. It quoted a White House source as saying "he's been in the picture for a while" and that he was a guest of the Clinton family at last month's Democratic convention.

Mr. Kane started his internship during the summer in the White House speechwriting department, the report said.

Ironically, President Clinton's affair with another White House intern, Monica Lewinsky, led to his impeachment by the House in December 1998 on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice. The Senate acquitted the president in February 1999.

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By Lloyd Grove

Chelsea's Love Interest

Say what you will about the Clintons, but they sure have a thing for White House interns. First daughter **Chelsea Clinton** is dating one: Stanford University classmate **Jeremy Kane**, who is volunteering in the speechwriting shop collating faxes, answering phones (but not *our* call), doing research and—for all we know (his colleagues wouldn't comment)—contributing applause lines to presidential orations.

Yesterday we confirmed the New York Daily News's scoop that Kane, a 21-year-old senior, and Clinton, 20, are sweet on each other, with Kane accompanying the first family to the Democratic convention in Los Angeles, where he stayed as their

guest at the Century Plaza Hotel, and helping advance **President Clinton's** trip last month to Okinawa, where Chelsea was also on hand.

"They've been dating for two years," a Stanford source told us yesterday. "I'm really surprised it hasn't gotten out until now. It's definitely very serious."

Kane was closemouthed to the New York tabloid—"I don't know where you're getting your information from—thanks for the phone call"—and his mother, **Carol**, was equally mum when we reached her at home in Los Gatos, Calif., a well-to-do community just south of Stanford. "Thank you for your interest, but I have no interest in participating," she told us before hanging up. The first

lady's communications director, **Lissa Muscatine**, insisted that "we don't comment on Chelsea's activities," despite the first daughter's rising profile accompanying mom **Hillary Rodham Clinton** in the New York Senate campaign and escorting Dad to official White House functions—activities for which she's taking the fall semester off.

Like a previous college boyfriend,



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Jeremy Kane and Chelsea Clinton at a ceremony last December.

Matthew Pierce, Kane is a competitive swimmer, having raced for the top-ranked Stanford team during his

freshman and sophomore years. According to the undergraduate swimming media guide, Kane finished sixth in the 1,650-yard freestyle at the 1998 NCAA Championships and placed fifth in the 1,500-meter freestyle at the 1996 Olympic trials. The son of Presbyterian minister **Jeff Kane**, he's a classics major who managed a 3.19 grade-point average in 1999.

For our part, we hereby declare Miss Clinton's vaunted "zone of privacy" inoperative. Let the Chelsea chase begin.

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*'To injure no man,
but to bless all mankind'*

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JOINING THE FRAY



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ON THE ROAD: Chelsea Clinton joined Secretary of State Madeleine Albright (r.) and President Clinton in Colombia Aug. 30. She is taking a semester off to help her mother campaign.

Chelsea steps into the public arena

By Francine Kiefer
Staff writer of The Christian Science Monitor

WHEN Chelsea Clinton was only six years old, her parents began steeling her for the rigors of public life.

Her father was running for governor of Arkansas again, and they expected a messy campaign. At the dinner table one night, her mom explained that people would say nasty things about daddy that weren't true.

They then played a game, in which Chelsea was her dad, and Bill Clinton was the oppo-

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nent. He proceeded to say terrible things about himself, which resulted in a teary Chelsea asking: "Why would anybody say things like that?"

**'She's growing up,
and ... she's out
there more.'**

— a Democratic official

But as Hillary Rodham Clinton recounts in her book, "It Takes a Village," after several dinners of role-playing, little Chelsea "gradually gained mastery over her emotions and some insight into the situations that might arise."

That exercise, as well as nearly eight years of real-life training with her scandal-ridden parents in the White House, have toughened the first daughter to such a degree that, instead of running from

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(P) — It was not her mother with Cherie Clinton, Prime Minister of her father's Millennium Summit.

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Chelsea Clinton, who accompanied her father at the U.N. Millennium Summit, greets a delegate yesterday.

months of the Clinton presidency with her parents.

The tall and poised Miss Clinton is usually a silent, smiling presence at her father's side. But later this month she will make what amounts to her solo debut when she represents the first family at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

Miss Clinton was a regular at the presidential retreat at Camp David, Md., during the 10-day Middle East peace summit in July, when Mr. Clinton tried unsuccessfully to coax the Israelis and Palestinians to a final peace deal. In June, she was hostess at a White House state dinner for the Moroccan king. Of

late, she has become more visible than at any time since Mr. Clinton's 1992 campaign.

The White House remains sensitive about Miss Clinton's privacy, although certain details of her life have become clear, such as the fact that she is dating a fellow Stanford student, Jeremy Kane. He has accompanied Miss Clinton on a few White House trips in recent months, and is now working as a White House intern for the fall term.

The Clintons' only child has grown from gawky adolescence to adulthood in the public eye, although her parents tried to allow her some semblance of a normal

teen-age life.

She has been photographed regularly, but has never granted a news interview. Perhaps the most poignant photo was taken two years ago, when at the height of the Monica Lewinsky scandal she held her parents' hands, bridging a gulf as the family left the White House for a vacation.

This summer, Mr. Clinton has noted his daughter's grown-up presence with a mixture of pride and wonder.

"When your children grow up ... you're always mildly surprised when they still want to spend time with you, and completely relieved and happy," Mr. Clinton told an interviewer in July.

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Chelsea's first steps in the public arena

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politics, she's wading right into it. And like her gently coiffed curls, Chelsea has evolved from an awkward, frizzed-out, 12-year-old into a self-controlled woman at ease with the public.

A senior at Stanford University, she's taking the fall semester off to campaign with her mother and experience history-in-the-making with her father.

Her earlier interest in medicine has given way to one that encompasses history, government, and politics. She's considering applying to Oxford University, where her father was a Rhodes scholar. Some even speculate her future lies in politics, adding the Clinton name to a long list of po-

litical dynasties in America.

Certainly the media are curious about the emerging young woman, and the White House has received a spurt of interview requests. "People perceive that (a) she's growing up, and (b) she's out there more," says a Democratic official. Nevertheless, the White House answer to these requests remains a firm "no."

That's been the White House policy all along, as the Clintons sought a near-total news blackout on their daughter. The media, family friends, and school officials have largely played along, making Chelsea perhaps the most-protected, least-publicized child in the modern White House.

The Clintons maintained that as a young person, she ought to be able to define herself before she's defined by the media, and the privacy shield is so effective that Stanford press officers don't even keep a file on Chelsea.

Not a burger-lover like dad

The factoids that have trickled out give an incomplete picture:

Chelsea's a vegetarian, who hasn't set foot in a McDonald's in eight years (except for this summer, when she visited one with her parents). She ordered ice cream. She's an accomplished ballerina, and disappointed her dad when she switched from team sports to toe shoes in high school. And she's a Methodist, having chosen at age 10 to become an adherent of her mother's faith, rather than following her father into the Southern Baptist Church.

Now reporters want to know what's next for Chelsea.

It could be that the youngest Clinton is considering a career in politics, says the Democratic official, but who can tell with a 20-year-old? "She may be trying this out, but I don't have a sense that this is what she's determined she's going to do with her life," the official says.

The trying-out aspect is borne out in Chelsea's somewhat tentative approach to the Senate campaign of her mother. She's gone out on the hustings only occasionally, and never solo. She doesn't say anything more substantive than, "Thank you so much for coming!"

Still, she works the rope line with more gusto than she used to and appears to have some of the diplomacy - and backbone - required of a politician. According to one recent report, when a woman at a Long Island rally gushed, "You must be so proud of your mother," Chelsea smiled and politely responded, "I am proud of both of my parents." When people tried to draw her into issues like taxes, gun control, and even



AMBASSADORIAL ROLE: Chelsea Clinton shakes hands while visiting the village of Ushafa in Nigeria on Aug. 27, on one of two back-to-back trips she recently took with the president.

Monica Lewinsky, she would just move on to the next person.

Uniformly, she's described by those close to her as a woman of strength. The Rev. Jesse Jackson, who counseled Chelsea after her father admitted his affair with Ms. Lewinsky, once said her parents raised her to have "inner strength and maturity. She is both tough-minded and tender-hearted."

A companion abroad

They also say she has smarts. From the time Chelsea was small, her dad took her regularly to his office, stocking a pint-sized desk with paper and crayons so she could do her "work." No longer at his knee, she's now at his side - accompanying him to India over her spring break and, most recently, on back-to-back trips to Africa and Colombia.

Says an administration source: She has gotten particular pleasure from showing her father places she's been that he hasn't - such as India.

And Chelsea's not just shunted off to the side on these trips. She had a ringside seat at Camp David, dining with her father, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak. She was sometimes in the room when her father met with his team and, most unusually, attended his post-summit press conference, sitting right alongside his most senior advisers.

It was her - not the Israeli delegation - that Chelsea had a little fun much access, but National Security Council spokesman P.J. Crowley denies

that she ever had a policymaking role. "Her purpose was not to be a member of the peace team. She was there to help her dad," he says. And she did provide "moral support," as a senior White House official put it - working out with the president in the Camp David gym, playing cards, and watching the All-Star game.

The president has mentioned how grateful he is that his daughter even wants to spend time with him, and she has been able to help out with a few first-lady duties - such as standing in for her mother at the arrival ceremony of the king of Morocco in June.

Strategic value

For her mother, though, Chelsea's role in her Senate campaign has some strategic value, says New York pollster Maurice Carroll. "It's a plus" because Chelsea humanizes Mrs. Clinton, he says. "She makes her a momma, just like her opponent is a daddy."

That raises the question of whether the Clintons are using their daughter for political gain.

Mrs. Clinton says that campaigning is entirely Chelsea's choice. Yet who can forget that famous picture shortly after the president admitted to the Lewinsky affair on national television? There was the first family, holding hands and striding toward their waiting helicopter for a vacation on Martha's Vineyard. And there was Chelsea in the middle, obviously the peacekeeper, keeping the family unit a unit.

"For the most part, they try to protect her. But when a political

situation requires using Chelsea, they will," Clinton biographer David Maraniss told *People* magazine, which published an extensive profile of Chelsea last year.

Interestingly, even though that profile painted the first daughter with flattering brush strokes, the publicity angered her parents. Yet Chelsea is now on the verge of being a legitimate subject for the media, says Kathleen Hall Jamieson, dean of the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

She's over the threshold of adulthood. She's a tribute to her parents in that, in spite of the trauma, they appear to have raised a well-balanced, normal child. And of course, Chelsea is emerging on the political scene.

Still, "I'd be more comfortable waiting until she makes speeches," says Ms. Jamieson. By that time, perhaps, the media will have moved on to the Bush or the Gore kids.

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— Mary Baker Eddy

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**CHELSEA HAS A WHITE HOUSE INTERN
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HAVING A BALL:

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Stanford student she attended the U.S. Open -
Jeremy Kane. - AP refusing to talk about the hunky*

White House intern she's dating.

"I can't speak to anyone. I'm sorry," Chelsea told
The Post as she sat courtside with two girlfriends in
Flushing Meadows.

But the family of Jeremy Kane - the strapping
6-foot-2, 180-pound Stanford University senior
who worked in the White House speechwriting
department this summer - admit they're thrilled.

"I think it is pretty cool. He says she's just a normal
girl. He's a very good kid," said Jeremy's uncle,
Gilbert Kane of Bradenton, Fla.

"I knew they have been really good friends for a
while, but I didn't know they were dating. They're
always hanging out. I knew [Chelsea] had gotten
him a job at the White House."

Chelsea's intern romance follows her dad's
scandalous fling with White House intern Monica
Lewinsky.

The White House was mum on the romance
yesterday and Hillary Clinton - on a Senate
campaign stop on the Upper West Side - smiled
and shook her head "no" when asked if she had any
comment.

But one acquaintance of the Stanford lovebirds,
reportedly smitten since last spring, told The Post:
"They're a cute couple. He's not shy. He's very
friendly."

Sources said Jeremy could be why Chelsea skipped

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a weekend in New York with her parents - despite the White House insisting she was simply too "tired," after a four-day swing through Africa with her father.

The new beau - majoring in Latin and the classics - couldn't be reached for comment.

Like Chelsea's last college love, Matthew Pierce, Jeremy is a top swimmer who, as a freshman, placed sixth in the nation in the grueling 1,650-yard freestyle event.

On his university Web site, Jeremy says his nickname is "Ulysses, the Red Peckered Wonder Goat."

The Michigan-born minister's son also reveals his favorite band is Pearl Jam and his top movies include "Scarface" and "Braveheart."

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Extra Burden for Two In Long-Watched Race

By ADAM NAGOURNEY

In most political contests, Labor Day is a point of embarkation: the start of a two-month journey during which the candidates campaign in earnest, when the themes and issues that will shape the race fall into place, and when voters start to judge who the candidates are and what they are saying.

But for Hillary Rodham Clinton and Rick A. Lazio, the starting gun is firing on a Senate race that has, in one form or another, been running for nearly 20 months now. The result is what both sides described this weekend as a distorted playing field that is complicating nearly every strategic decision they face between now and Election Day, and that is working to the decided disadvantage of the Democratic first lady and the Republican congressman from Suffolk County.

For the electorate, the extended ramp up to the general election has resulted in a form of voter fatigue, the result of an unusual familiarity with the candidates that comes from the near-saturation coverage of this race. That is particularly the case for Mrs. Clinton, who has been at this almost full time since last summer, but also for Mr. Lazio, who bounded onto the field last May. Senior advisers to both candidates say that this has raised the bar on what they need to do to capture the attention of New

Yorkers, and it accounts for the early barrage of high-octane attacks from both campaigns.

As important, advisers to both candidates say, this long preamble has brought a magnifying glass to the political skills of Mr. Lazio and Mrs. Clinton, neither of whom has ever run for statewide office before. As a result, the discussion among political leaders on this Labor Day is more apt to be about the candidates' weaknesses, which are considerable, than their strengths. And there is a realization that with nine weeks left to go, these two candidates are unlikely to get much better.

Both of them are in a bad dynamic," said Rick Wilson, a Republican consultant who was a senior adviser to Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani's Senate campaign. Hank Sheinkopf, a Democratic consultant who is not affiliated with either candidate, said that the long run-up to the general election has made things "much, much harder" for both of them.

Consider Mrs. Clinton. The first lady is, by any measure, a much more skilled candidate than she was when she began her "listening tour" in upstate New York in July 1999. She has told friends in Washington that she has come to appreciate, if not quite share, her husband's passion for the campaign trail, after a long period in which she viewed it as an unhappy chore.

Yet Mrs. Clinton continues to come across as scripted, measured and, at times, uncomfortable in public settings. To the continued frustration of many Democratic leaders, she remains stubbornly cautious and averse to taking chances, a trait that is arguably not ideal for someone seeking a public office in New York.

Mrs. Clinton is said to be more apt to rely on lessons drawn from past races and on contemporary polling, rather than on her instincts or those of her advisers, in deciding how to proceed. Thus, although Mrs. Clinton is in the thick of a highly unconventional contest, she is running a very conventional campaign. Her talk of "children and families" and attempts to tie Mr. Lazio to conservative policies in Washington make her sound very much like dozens of Democrats who are running for Congress but happen not to call the White House their home.

There are many New York Democrats who argue that that approach is not enough to defeat Mr. Lazio, given the unusually strong dislike for Mrs. Clinton among many voters. And many of them also note that a comparison of polls today with those of a year ago suggests that she is running in place. But her strategy is unlikely to change, said one of Mrs. Clinton's long-time advisers, who described her as confident and comfortable with the careful course she has charted.

As for Mr. Lazio, when he first entered the race, several Democrats warned that he posed a more serious threat to Mrs. Clinton than Mr. Giuliani did. He did not carry the weight of Mr. Giuliani's unpopularity in some parts of New York, and, perhaps most important, seemed to bring a hunger for victory and an appetite for campaigning that Mr. Giuliani seemed to lack.



Stacy Berggren/The New York Times

Republican leaders have expressed concern that their Senate candidate, Rick A. Lazio, above, has made only one major speech, while advisers to his Democratic rival, Hillary Rodham Clinton, left, have said she seems too scripted.



Associated Press

In contrast, Mr. Lazio appears to have been serious about his vacation plans, venturing out only once — to a beach club in Rockaway yesterday, where he shook hands and pronounced himself "very comfortable with where we are in key parts of this state." He has gone days without appearing at a single public campaign event. And when he offered a tax-cut plan two weeks ago, one reason it was notable was that it the first major policy address he had given since entering the race.

"She is working a lot harder," said a senior New York Republican strategist who is one of Mr. Lazio's most public supporters. "And she's beginning to hit her stride."

Mr. Lazio's campaign manager, Bill Dal Col, said the candidate had used this time to raise money and prepare himself for the fall campaign. And there are clearly some strategic considerations here: Mr. Lazio has argued to his aides that the best way to win the race is to keep the spotlight on Mrs. Clinton. He has, one adviser said, repeatedly resisted stepping up his campaign schedule or scheduling any more major speeches for now.

But some of Mr. Lazio's advisers have concluded that tactic will not work against Mrs. Clinton, and Mr. Dal Col said that Mr. Lazio would soon begin to spell out a more detailed campaign agenda. The question then will be whether he waited too long.

And to the concern of some senior New York Republican leaders, Mr. Lazio has yet to do anything to address this liability. Instead, he has indulged in some campaign moments that seem to stress the lighter side of his personality. For example, he was photographed plunging, feet first, down a slide at the Erie County Fair; a few days later, he wiped his feet on a doormat with Hillary's name affixed to it. At the same time, he has made only one major speech, on tax cuts, and has resisted pressure from some advisers to do more.

The other area of concern among Republicans is the lax pace of Mr. Lazio's campaign, which stands in

contrast to Mrs. Clinton's more energetic efforts this year. For example, both candidates announced they were taking off a few days before Labor Day, with Mr. Lazio heading out to the Hamptons and Mrs. Clinton going to the White House and to the Finger Lakes.

But Mrs. Clinton seemed to do anything but vacation. In Washington, she summoned her campaign staff to the White House, where she went through several hours of debate practice, with Bob Barnett, a Washington lawyer and book agent, playing the part of Mr. Lazio. Mr. Barnett played the part of former President George Bush in mock debates with President Clinton in 1992.

Mrs. Clinton also went to two fundraisers and spent three hours at the state fair in Syracuse.

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Hillary Gets Environmentalists' Nod

by **Elizabeth Moore**

Staff Writer

In an embarrassing setback to Rep. Rick Lazio's born-in-New York campaign, the Sierra Club yesterday strongly endorsed Hillary Rodham Clinton for Senate, citing Lazio's "inconsistent" voting record and saying Clinton is much better informed about local environmental concerns than the four-term congressman.

"I think Mr. Lazio has a lot to learn," said Rhea Jezer, Atlantic chapter conservation chairwoman for the nation's oldest and largest grassroots environmental group at a waterside news conference in New Rochelle. "He's been in the state a long time and he just doesn't seem to be aware of many of the local issues." A big environmental endorsement is widely seen as crucial to Lazio's claim on the moderate center in this neck-and-neck race. Both campaigns aggressively pursued this endorsement, turning in detailed questionnaires and submitting to an hour of questioning by the 27-member board.

Another major environmental group, the League of Conservation Voters, has yet to make an endorsement. Jezer, also a board member of that group, said the league is trying to set up an environmental debate between the two candidates and while Clinton has accepted, Lazio has so far refused to commit. Lazio spokesman Dan McLagan cited scheduling pressures.

"I promise that I will be a reliable vote and an environmental leader on behalf of the issues people have talked to me about," Clinton said. "I am determined to make a difference." Lazio won the Sierra Club's endorsement in 1996 but lost it in 1998, alienating Long Island members when he backed the Army Corps of Engineers' plan to replenish Fire Island. Last year, he voted for a bill to weaken the Superfund law, and in 1995 backed a part of former House Speaker Newt Gingrich's Contract with America that would have gutted efforts to police polluters, said Sierra Club national president Dr. Robert Cox, who flew up from Washington to add his endorsement.

The officials said Clinton has shown her green colors by lobbying for more spending for breast-cancer research and for an executive order requiring that pollution standards be pegged to children's greater sensitivities.

From the opening words of his campaign, Lazio has stressed his credentials as a native New Yorker more attuned to

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residents' concerns than the first lady, who moved here last year.

Clinton's six-month "listening tour" of the state seems to have given her "unparalleled" knowledge of local environmental matters, Jezer said. In contrast, Jezer said, Lazio seemed vague on basic details of one of the state's hottest controversies: the proposal for a billion-dollar water-filtration plant in the Bronx's Van Cortlandt Park, a move that opponents fear would clear the way for suburban sprawl in the watershed that provides New York City drinking water. Lazio, at a Manhattan news conference, said, "I'm very proud of my environmental record as an author of major environmental legislation, as somebody who has voted against both Republican and Democratic anti-environmental riders." His campaign downplayed the endorsement, saying the Sierra Club hasn't backed a New York Republican for statewide office in 10 years. The club ran independent ads challenging New York's mayor and Rudolph Giuliani's actions before he withdrew from the race.

"They are simply looking for a fig leaf to hide their partisan bent," McLagan said.

Lazio's campaign fired back today with a lengthy news release asking, "Where was Mrs. Clinton while Lazio Protected New York's Natural Resources?" criticizing some Clinton administration actions and detailing a list of environmental accolades and achievements won by Lazio over the years.

Those include his co-sponsorship of the Long Island Sound Restoration Act, providing \$80 million a year for cleanup. The League of Conservation Voters called him an "environmental hero" in 1998, and his work was praised this year by the Environmental Defense Fund.

Cox said Lazio's been a fair-weather environmentalist.

"There have simply been too many missed opportunities for leadership by Mr.

Lazio," he said. "We, in the end, didn't think that a mixed record deserved a promotion."

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Chelsea Beau Has Prez Seal of Approval

By KENNETH R. BAZINET and CORKY SIEMASZKO
Daily News Staff Writers

President Clinton approves of Chelsea's new beau, who is the son of a preacher man, sources said yesterday.

Jeremy Kane not only passes muster with the First Father, Clinton "likes him, and enjoys having him nearby," said a White House source.

While it wasn't clear what Kane's dad, the Rev. Jeffrey Kane, thought of the budding romance, members of his former flock at the Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos, Calif., said Jeremy brought Chelsea to Sunday services several times.

"They made a lovely couple," said Marion Harkness of Los Gatos.

The Daily News broke the story yesterday that Chelsea is dating a White House intern.



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Chelsea Clinton sans beau
at the U.S. Open,
yesterday...

But Chelsea attended the U.S. Open yesterday sans Kane, an accomplished swimmer whom she met at Stanford University.

"I'm not allowed to speak to the media," said Chelsea, 19, when a reporter asked about the romance.

Kane, 21, who tagged along with Chelsea to the Democratic Convention in Los Angeles last month and was her New Year's Eve date, was lying low yesterday. He spent the summer toiling in the speechwriting department at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. and was expected to return to Stanford next week to complete his senior year.

Chelsea is taking a semester off to help her mother, Hillary, who is running for the New York Senate seat.

The second of four children, Kane hails from Michigan and lived in Nashville for a while before his father, a minister, moved the family to the San Jose suburb.

The elder Kane moved to Tucson in April to become pastor of the Trinity Presbyterian Church, temporarily leaving behind his wife, Carol, a tennis teacher, and their youngest son, Benjamin.



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...but she had a ball
anyway.

"They're all nice kids," Harkness said. "They were all involved in our youth ministry. Carol is staying on in Los Gatos so Ben can finish out his senior year here."

A former neighbor, Vito Cangemi, said Chelsea visited the Kanes' five-bedroom home on Los Gatos Blvd. several times.

"I saw Chelsea over here once this summer," Cangemi said. "I didn't have a chance to talk to her because there was all this Secret Service with her. But I have said hello to him, and he seems to be a very nice young man."

With Lauren Rubin and Donald Bertrand

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Clinton's Golf War: Bill Skips Tee Time With Silver Rival

by Tish Durkin

Don't blame Chelsea—at least not entirely.

When President Bill Clinton and Hillary—as she is now, Cher-like, known—suddenly shortened the long Labor Day

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weekend that they were going to spend vacationing upstate, the official reason given was that their daughter was "under the weather." Indeed, it is entirely plausible that the First Daughter was, after all her globe-trotting of late, exactly so, and that her parents would rather have spent Sunday with her at the White House than with the full complement of stalkers and gawkers following them in central New York. But according to a well-placed source, there was also at least one other factor at work in the First Couple's flying back to our nation's capital on the evening of Saturday, Sept. 2, rather than on the afternoon of Sunday, Sept. 3, as previously scheduled. And, as with so many other wifely complaints, it can be blamed on the game of golf.

It had been arranged for the Sunday morning in question to feature a round of golf including the President, Terry McAuliffe—Presidential friend, Democratic fund-raiser and son of Syracuse, N.Y.—and none other than Michael Bragman, the Syracuse-based former majority leader of the New York State Assembly. As the weekend approached, Albany was, as one Democratic operative put it, "abuzz" with the news of Mr. Bragman's imminent teeing-off with the Commander in Chief. And some of Albany was, in fact, bewildered: "You've gotta wonder what they were thinking," said another Albany-based Democrat, of Team Hillary. For back in May, Mr. Bragman staged a coup attempt against Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, who gets the kid-glove treatment from the First Lady, among other reasons because of his status as a key ally in the Orthodox Jewish community. Mr. Silver successfully beat back Mr. Bragman—and he has been beating him up ever since, up to and including Mr. Silver making it known, in no uncertain terms, to Mrs. Clinton's campaign manager, Bill de Blasio, that Mr. Silver was Not Pleased at the prospect of his archenemy enjoying such a prized



The whole spectacle had a look of desperation, as though Bill Clinton needed to gather up every last tap of adulation and bank it before he left public life.

Presidential perk.

Mr. Clinton was scheduled to play golf both on Saturday and Sunday. And Mr. Bragman's only chance to link up was to have been on Sunday.

"Mike can't," Mr. McAuliffe replied to a reporter who asked him, during a fund-raiser on the evening of Friday, Sept. 1, whether Mr. Bragman would be included in a golf party scheduled for Saturday. "He's taking his daughter to Hofstra University." True enough, Mr. Bragman was dropping off Leslie on Saturday. "But he was going to be back by Sunday," the source pointed out to *The Observer*.

"Why," squawked Mr. McAuliffe when contacted about the intra-party pique, "it's a stupid golf game ... I know Shelly (Silver) very well. I never heard anything like this. Silver won. It's over." But in New York politics, of course, it isn't over till the vanquished pol puts alone.

Come to think of it, Mr. McAuliffe left quite a few fingerprints on the Clinton jaunt upstate. It was, after all, a childhood friend of his—an insurance salesman named John (Duke) Kinney—who, along with his wife, Billie Jean, was hosting the fund-raiser where he was holding forth. And it was Mr. McAuliffe who fired the first salvo of the sausage war that would rage—well, sizzle—over the slow-news weekend. As he was chatting with White House Press Secretary Joe Lockhart by the Kinneys' garage, on which there hung a sign which said "Senator and President Clinton," Mr. McAuliffe spotted reporters planted on the next-door neighbors' driveway, just northeast of the Blue Bowl Sanitation port-a-johns.

"Hey, free beer and barbecue over here, guys," he teased. "They've got you near the porta-potties!" (Both beer and barbecue were eventually served to the Fourth Estate—in the next-door neighbors' garage.) Then he threw down the meaty gauntlet: "Where's Lazio? He's not up here!" taunted Mr. McAuliffe. "I hear he's done like a 10-minute drop-in here in Syracuse. Then he goes to the fair the other day, I'm told, and they offer him a sausage sandwich and he says, '*I don't eat sausage sandwiches.*'"

A reporter who had witnessed Rep. Rick Lazio's alleged vicious anti-sausage slur characterized the moment as something less than that, but Mr. McAuliffe would have none of it.

"You go to the New York State Fair, you eat sausage!" he declaimed.

Remember the *Lusitania*!

As political exercises go, there is perhaps nothing more simultaneously boring and interesting than observing Mrs. Clinton when she is traveling with Mr. Clinton. On the boring side, it is when her path to power crosses with the path of the President that life with Hillary is most likely to involve standing in the driveway of the people who live next door to the people who are hosting the

people you are interested in. Close enough to see, but not smell, the smoke rising from the barbecue grills. And being grateful that an actual guest—a good guest; the highest of Democratic rollers—will wander over and toss you some words, even if those words serve only to tweak you about your location in Siberia and spark a story about sausage.

On the interesting side, there is nothing like a trip with the President as Mrs. Clinton's candidacy comes into its home stretch to give you a good cold splash of water on the face and re-alert you to the fact of who this woman still is, and how fantastical her current effort remains. For she has spent all this time trying, with some success, to blend into the political landscape of New York. Yet she remains part of a Presidential entourage that fits no more naturally into the suburbs of central New York—or, for that matter, into any corner of normality—than the dress whites worn by the military aide, guardian of the "football" of defense technology with which the President travels at all times, fit into the shorts-and-sundress attire in the Kinneys' backyard.

That said, this much should come as good news to Team Hillary: For a New Yorker who has grown used to seeing the First Lady on the campaign trail, it was a little jarring, after awaiting the Clintons' Friday-afternoon arrival at Syracuse Hancock International Airport, to see her alighting from Air Force One and getting the royalty-on-tarmac treatment. A small crowd, kept at bay behind barricades, waited to cheer the Clintons while a smaller, more select one lined up to greet the Clintons personally. Children offered bouquets and a navy-blue-blazered collegiate a cappella group sang the national anthem. (Perfectly postured, chins thrust forward, hands on hearts throughout the performance, both Clintons looked reverently scoutish.)

It's not that such elements of obeisance are absent from the life of Hillary the candidate; it is, for instance, hard to imagine anyone waiting for hours in the pouring rain for Chuck Schumer or Mark Green, as dozens recently waited for Mrs. Clinton at the Concourse Village Living Community in the Bronx. It's just that they are mixed in with many more fragments of reality, some of them very sharp. And then, of course, there's "him" and his shadow, which still falls on every corner of this campaign.

As one looked down upon the President working the crowds at the New York State Fair from the elevated vantage point of a trolley-car where the reporters were placed, the phrase that came to mind was "mosh pit." Mr. Clinton was not exactly wading in and letting the crowd flotate his body, but it looked as if he would have loved to do just that. He was reaching out, not so much shaking hands as letting people touch his arms. The whole spectacle had a look of mutual desperation, as if he needed to gather up every last tap of adulation and bank it before he left public life, and they needed to touch him before he was gone.

Meanwhile, the First Lady certainly got a good reception, and gave a good impression. At no time, however, did she betray the slightest urge to flotate. Of course, to criticize her for not being the retail politician her husband is would be akin to chiding Ernie Els for not being Tiger Woods. Nonetheless, if a Martian

had landed at the New York State Fairgrounds and been asked who, between the woman in the peach pantsuit and the man in the *U.S.S. John F. Kennedy* golf shirt, was running in a white-hot race for these folks' votes, the Martian would definitely have said, "Him."

But when, at last, the First Couple reached the Dinosaur-Gianelli meat stand and hauled themselves up on the counter so as to face the throngs, she did eat the sausage sandwich, a hot, messy one. And she did not eat it daintily.

"Don't talk with your mouth full!" one could imagine her mother, Dorothy Rodham, saying if she had accompanied Mrs. Clinton on this stop, as she had accompanied her on quite a few others.

One could not, however, imagine her husband saying any such thing. He would know that, in terms of the work she has cut out for her, such a mistake is not a mistake. It's progress.

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Chelsea's N.Y. dilemma

FIRST DAUGHTER **Chelsea Clinton**'s affection for New York may be as shallow as that of her parents. "Do I want to live here? I haven't made up my mind," she tells this week's West Side Spirit. "New York is where my father was first nominated to be president. It's where my mother is going to represent when she is elected to the Senate," Chelsea says. (It's also where **Monica Lewinsky** can get a prime table at the drop of a handbag.)

"I am named after a **Judy Collins** song ("Chelsea Morning") that's a neighborhood here," she adds, perhaps not knowing that the next-door area is called Clinton. The weekly newspaper notes that Bill and Hill's daughter avoids our city as much as possible, and suggests she's actually looking toward Washington, D.C., and a political life of her own after she possibly follows Dad's footsteps to Oxford University.

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Olympics on Chelsea Clinton's agenda

As part of her semester off from Stanford University, Chelsea Clinton will represent the first family at the Sydney Olympics. She is spending time with her father as his presidency comes to a close, and with her mother on the campaign trail for the Senate seat from New York. In a June visit to the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, Calif., the president said he wanted to attend the Olympics, which begin Sept. 15, but that his daughter would attend.

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By GREGG BIRNBAUM
and ROBERT HARDT Jr.

Warns Bill against 'October surprise'

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backed greater school choice for parents.

On Pollard, President Clinton asked his lawyers and national security advisers to review the case by January 1999 and make a recommendation to him on clemency.

The president owes it to America to announce if he is going to make an announcement or not make an announcement," Lazio said.

"The president, having made this commitment, ought to abide by this commitment — now 600 days

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RICK LAZIO

■ Backed school choice, saying: "Vouchers, scholarships, whatever you want to call them . . . so that parents don't feel trapped in failing schools or unsafe schools, that is the difference between myself and my opponent."



THE RAP ON HILL: Rick Lazio, at a Manhattan press conference yesterday (left), says rival Hillary Clinton, campaigning in New Rochelle (above), wouldn't make an effective senator who'd never vote for tax relief. N.Y. Post: Luiz C. Ribiero (left); AP (above)

N.Y. Post: Luiz C. Ribiero (left); AP (above)

Hill wins Sierra Club — then clubs Lazio

By Kenneth Lovett in
Greece, N.Y., Maggie
Haberman in Westchester
and Robert Hardt Jr. in
New York

Hillary Rodham Clinton grabbed the endorsement of the Sierra Club yesterday — then spent her day campaigning in Westchester and ripping Rick Lazio's congressional record.

"In the Senate, New Yorkers will be able to count on Hillary Clinton to do what's right to protect our families from toxic pollution. With Rep. Rick Lazio, we don't have that confidence," said Robert Cox, national president of the Sierra Club.

"I want the voters to know who the Sierra Club thinks is the real protector of the environment in this race," Clinton, the Democratic candidate for Senate, said at the endorsement event held in Five Islands Park, an inlet off the Long Island Sound.

In the past, Lazio has been praised and endorsed by environmental groups for his work on cleaning up the Sound and fighting strip-mining.

But Sierra Club official Rhea Jezer charged the Suffolk County GOP congressman "has dropped the ball on many key environmental issues."

She said that, in Sierra Club talks with Lazio, he seemed unfamiliar with several local environmental issues, including a

controversy over whether a water-filtration plant was needed in The Bronx.

Campaigning in suburban Rochester, Lazio said the club's endorsement was simply politics as usual.

"When it was based on merit alone, the League of Conservation Voters and the Sierra Club endorsed me," Lazio said.

"I have a strong record on the environment and my opponent has no record on the environment," Lazio said after taking part in an economic roundtable discussion in the town of Greece.

"The fact the Sierra Club has not endorsed a statewide Republican in the last 10 years speaks volumes about the politics of this."

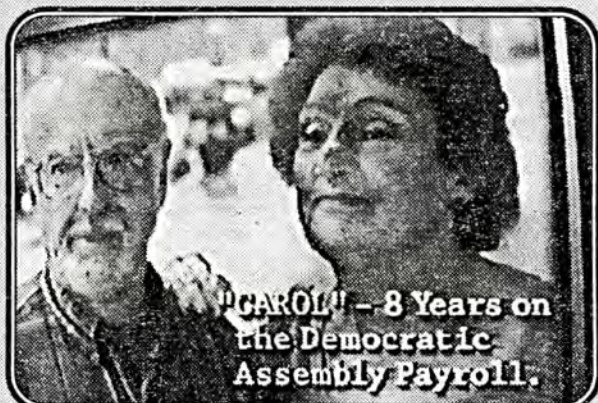
Lazio's campaign manager, Bill Dal Col, pointed out that the lawmaker was endorsed by the Sierra Club in 1996 and was named an "Environmental Hero" by the League of Conservation Voters in 1998.

Clinton spent the day at four campaign events in her adopted home county of Westchester, where she repeatedly charged that Lazio's voting record was all over the map.

"I've been looking at his record and I get whiplash," she said at the Sierra Club event.

Later, at a labor rally in Greenburgh, she said Lazio "has so many bad votes that I can't even keep track of them all."

ADWATCH



TITLE: "Ringer"

LENGTH: 15 seconds

PRODUCER: Mike Murphy

AIRING: Statewide

SCRIPT: Announcer: "Seen Hillary Clinton's new negative ad? Just who are these 'real voters?' Meet Carol — eight years on the Democratic Assembly payroll. Another phony ad from Hillary Clinton. You just can't trust her."

VISUALS: The ad opens with a picture of Hillary Rodham Clinton and a television showing a Democratic attack ad that bashes Lazio's congressional record through "man on the street" interviews. The screen freezes on the final segment of the Democratic ad, with Carol Madow-Kolberg and her husband, Leonard Kolberg. The screen goes to black as the words "Hillary Clinton" appear in white letters, followed by: "You just can't trust her."

ACCURACY: Madow-Kolberg worked as an aide for Bronx Assemblyman Stephen Kaufman for 10 years before retiring two years ago. The

Democrats says it's a coincidence that she was interviewed for the ad, which was produced by the state party, while she was shopping in White Plains.

ANALYSIS: This piece is the latest attempt to paint the first lady as untrustworthy — while also trying to parry a Democratic ad that has been in heavy play on the air. It is also the latest indication that each campaign is doggedly determined to get the last word when it comes to an attack ad. While Madow-Kolberg can hardly be considered impartial in the Senate race, it seems a bit of a reach to think that she was part of a Democratic conspiracy to create a dishonest ad about Lazio.

RESPONSE: "The people interviewed in the ad were selected at random. Sadly, Mr. Lazio has once again avoided discussing the issues, and failed to address concerns about his record." — State Democratic Chairwoman Judith Hope.



By RICHARD JOHNSON
with Paula Froelich
and Chris Wilson

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Job-hunting through the Times

IN politics, as in life, no good deed goes unpunished. Six years ago, a colleague of State Sen. **Olga Mendez** asked her to help find a job for a man named **Felix Rosado**, so she helped him secure a position in the office of State Comptroller **Carl McCall**. A year later, when Rosado was about to be fired, Mendez intervened at the request of the same colleague, and Rosado was allowed to resign. In a recent judicial proceeding, Rosado testified that he hadn't filed tax returns for the past five years because he'd been unemployed "due to the state of the economy." So where he is looking for a job? He's running against Mendez in Tuesday's Democratic primary. Even more ludicrous, he's been endorsed by the New York Times. "The Times has always hated me because I take my orders from my constituents — not from them," laughed veteran lawmaker Mendez. Last week, **Hillary Clinton** joined Mendez for lunch at East Harlem's Julia Burgos Center and praised her as a trailblazer and a role model. Clinton told the community group, "this area is enlightened to elect such a strong woman who does such a good job." Rosado couldn't be reached.

Hill taps 'net

HILLARY Clinton is set to reap some Silicon Alley dough. The Senate candidate and **Bill** are attending a \$25,000-a-head fundraiser Friday night for the Democratic Senatorial Candidate Committee. **Chuck Schumer**, **Robert Torricelli**, **Ron Wyden** and **John D. Rockefeller** will also press the flesh at the Sky Penthouse, the downtown party space better known for lingerie shows. Among those getting tapped: Digital Club Network president **Andrew Rasiej**, Razorfish head **Jeff Vachis**, and Jupiter Communications honcho **Gene DeRose**.

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Rick & Hill: Textbook Tax Cases

RICK Lazio's and Hillary Clinton's tax proposals could hardly be more different: One is a textbook example of the right way to cut taxes; the other, of the wrong way.

Mrs. Clinton has proposed a slew of new and expanded tax credits, including credits for education, long-term care and the development of alternative fuels. She also claims she wants to trim the estate tax (a.k.a. the "death tax") and the tax code's penalty on marriage. Overall, her tax credits and cuts add up to \$496 billion over 10 years. With the federal government expected to collect \$25.7 trillion over the decade, that amounts to a cut of less than 2 percent.

Rep. Lazio proposes to cut taxes \$776 billion over 10 years — a cut of 3 percent. He, too, would boost education tax credits, and he'd outright abolish the "death tax" and the "marriage tax." He wants to cut rates on capital-gains taxes, raise the limit on IRA contributions and provide tax relief to small businesses. He'd repeal the additional income tax Congress and the Clinton administration imposed on Social Security benefits in 1993 and repeal the tax all workers now pay on the money we already pay to Social Security.

Which plan is better? There may be no such thing as a "bad" tax cut, but certain kinds of tax cuts are better than others.

By taxing an activity, the government discourages people from engaging in it. High taxes on income and capital gains discourage work and investment — slowing the economy.

By providing a tax loophole or tax credit, Washington encourages a given action — it pushes people to do what policymakers think best. But each loophole has an additional "hidden price": In order to make up for the lost revenue, the government must raise overall tax rates.

The best tax cuts are those that lower tax rates — and so reduce the burden on work and investment. This diminishes the economic distortions caused by the tax code, and, in doing so, improves the functioning of the economy.

In short, the best tax cuts reduce the sway that taxes have over our lives.

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 is an example of the right way to cut taxes. Although not without its flaws, that law killed dozens of tax loopholes and slashed marginal income tax rates to their lowest levels

**JAMES
CARTER**

since the late 1920s.

But Congress rarely cuts taxes that way. More often, it does the opposite — creating new loopholes, such as targeted tax credits. Again, these distort economic

incentives and force up overall tax rates.

Lazio's tax plan is another example of the right way to cut taxes. For the most part, his plan entails lowering tax rates, shielding income from double taxation and abolishing certain taxes altogether. The single largest component of his plan would abolish the income tax we all pay on our Social Security payroll taxes.

Right now, if you pay \$1,000 in Social Security taxes, you still have to pay income tax on that \$1,000. Not only is this "tax on a tax" grossly unfair, but the Institute for Policy Innovation reports that abolishing it would add more than \$65 billion to the economy and spur the creation of nearly one million new jobs over five years. And, according to Congress' Joint Committee on Taxation, the average two-income family would save more than \$1,200.

The Clinton plan is an example of the wrong way to cut taxes. Leaving the un-

derlying tax code virtually untouched, she would pepper taxpayers with tax credits. Only a small minority of taxpayers would be eligible for the most specialized credits. By definition, her "Simon Says" approach to cutting taxes — do what she says and she'll let you keep a little more of your money — would further complicate the tax code and draw government more deeply into our lives.

Moreover, the Clinton proposals would do very little to grow the economy because too little of her tax relief would make it more rewarding to earn an extra dollar by working harder or saving more. Her proposals would only encourage people to spend more on something *she* favors and less on something *they* favor.

The government cannot promote national prosperity with a series of targeted tax credits. History teaches that prosperity results when people enjoy the economic freedom that comes with price stability, small government and low taxes.

With New York receiving only 85 cents in benefits for every dollar it sends to Washington, the true debate between Clinton and Lazio is not over the need for tax relief, but over the form that relief should take. This is a debate New Yorkers cannot afford to ignore.

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Times scribe doesn't miss a Cheney beat

By DEBORAH ORIN

Washington Bureau Chief

SCRANTON, Pa. — New York Times reporter Adam Clymer was back covering the Bush campaign yesterday — a day after a live microphone caught George W. Bush calling him a “major-league a ———.”

Both sides downplayed tensions as the reporter continued to travel with GOP vice-presidential candidate Dick Cheney.

“I asked [Cheney] some questions — he answered them,” Clymer said.

Cheney press secretary Dirk VandeBeek said “no [tensions], absolutely not. Adam is a member of our pool, he is more than welcome and [Cheney] is thoroughly enjoying having press on the plane.”

Bush press secretary Karen Hughes said she hopes there's no tension but disputed the claim by Times Executive Editor Joseph Lelyveld that the Bush campaign had never complained about Clymer's coverage.

“That is not accurate,” Hughes said. “I complain very rarely, but I have complained about his coverage.”

It was the talk of the campaign Monday when a live microphone caught Bush making what he thought was a private remark to Cheney, who quickly agreed with his boss's barnyard assessment, saying “he is, big time.”

Bush later said he regretted that the remark had become public — but didn't take it back

or apologize. Clymer said he was “disappointed” in Bush's language.

Democrat Al Gore's campaign sought to portray Bush's crack as a sign he's feeling the heat of sliding polls, but Gore spokesman Chris Lehane refused to say if Gore also uses salty language in private.

President Clinton seized the chance to tweak Bush yesterday, jokingly telling reporters, “We like all of you.”

Asked if Clinton has ever given a deletable assessment of a reporter, White House spokesman Joe Lockhart replied, “Not in front of an open mike.”

Senate candidate Hillary Clinton said straightforwardly of Clymer, who gave extensive coverage to her failed health-care plan during her husband's first term:

“I like Adam Clymer. I think Adam Clymer is a superb, fair-minded reporter who, in the years I have followed him, has taught me a lot.”

On board the campaign plane yesterday, Clymer asked Cheney why he didn't give more money to charity — and Cheney challenged the facts in some Clymer reports on his taxes, other reporters said.

Cheney specifically disputed Clymer's claim that he had given some speaking fees to charity because he had to, saying he was a private citizen at the time and free to keep the cash.

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Sierra Club Backs Mrs. Clinton

Hillary Rodham Clinton yesterday won the endorsement of the Sierra Club, one of the nation's oldest environmental groups, whose backing set off a duel between the Senate candidates over who has done more to protect natural resources.

Sierra Club officials said Representative Rick A. Lazio, the Republican Senate candidate, offered inconsistent support for environmental matters in his eight-year tenure in Congress. And members of the group said in an interview that Mr. Lazio did not demonstrate a firm grasp of the environmental issues the group studies. By contrast, said Rhea Jezer, the chairwoman of the club's New York chapter, Mrs. Clinton "showed an unequaled depth of knowledge on a plethora of state and national issues."

Randal C. Archibold (NYT)

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Stock up on politicians

By Don Campbell

A few technicalities

Buying stock directly in a politician would have to be legalized, of course. But once that technicality was accomplished, candidates could test their market appeal by holding an initial public offering, or IPO.

Can you imagine what would have happened if Rep. Rick Lazio, R-N.Y., had held an IPO when he announced he was running against Hillary Rodham Clinton for Senate? Let's say he offered a million shares of himself at \$18 a share. Clinton haters probably would have driven Lazio's stock up to at least \$50 a share in the first two trading days. Even with profit-taking, my guess is that he'd have ended up with a campaign nest egg of at least \$40 million.

With my system, PIF investors could diversify their political stocks. A diversified portfolio might start with a blue-chip-growth PIF that included all of the House Appropriations subcommittee chairmen. What could be more lucrative than buying an interest in those who control pork-barrel spending on Capitol Hill?

Then you might add a sector fund. If you work in the financial services industry, for example, you'd buy a PIF that included shares of the subcommittee chairs on the House and Senate banking committees. How about a value fund? Surely there would be several with holdings in politicians under indictment or facing stiff re-election competition. For timid investors, there could be indexed PIFs that include all members of the House or Senate majority or minority.

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Once-culture warrior focuses on schools

Lynne Cheney not keen
on a Cabinet position

By Julia Duin
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Former culture warrior Lynne Cheney says she is more interested in math than multiculturalism, having remolded herself into a kinder, gentler personality whose main interest is curriculum for kindergarten through 12th graders.

In an interview yesterday, the wife of Republican vice-presidential nominee Richard B. Cheney also said she would not be interested in being named education secretary, even though her academic and government experience more than qualifies her for such a job.

"I probably don't need to be telling other members of the Bush administration what to do," she said. "I've really been concentrating on kindergarten through 12th grade."

She would try to publicize schools such as Seed Preparatory and Harvest Academy in Minneapolis, an "Afro-centric school in the very best way," she said.

Mrs. Cheney, 59, who has opposed many writings by Afro-centric scholars in the past, said this institution is different.

"Kids are reading in kindergarten," she said. "It's a wonderful thing to see."

Mrs. Cheney's friends say they are not surprised at her wanting to take a more back-seat role.

"There would be potential of all kinds of conflicts of interest," said Anita Blair, president of the Independent Women's Forum, on which Mrs. Cheney serves as a board member.

"You'd constantly draw fire and criticism. I'd think, 'Gee, how could I be more effective? Either by bringing public attention to an issue as the wife of a vice president or by literally running an agency?'"

Mrs. Cheney seemed to be avoiding the example set by Hillary Rodham Clinton, who took an active public policy role in her husband's administration.

"Lynne will have a choice: 'How do I play this?'" said Dinesh D'Souza, a fellow scholar with Mrs. Cheney at the American Enterprise Institute. "People may think she's a bomb thrower but she's a common-sensical person who shies away from the sharper edge of controversy."

"The issue is whether a little bit of culture-war weariness has set in. It's seen as an extension of partisan bickering. [Texas Gov. George W.] Bush is taking a softer rhetorical line. It's an attempt to hold onto conservative values but to market them in a gentler mode."

During her six-year stint as chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, Mrs. Cheney took on a host of liberal academics by criticizing schools that had abandoned the great books of Western culture for multicultural choices.

Yesterday, she had some muted criticism about the Democratic vice-presidential candidate, Joseph I. Lieberman.



Photo by Maya Allen/uzzo The Washington Times

Lynne Cheney says she would try to publicize the work of exemplary Afro-centric schools.

"It's sad to see him hold back," she said, "to see him mute his views on school choice, for example. He certainly is not being as outspoken on some issues I think are very important as he once was."

Mrs. Cheney's concentration on schools would be the best way to advocate her personal platforms, said Jerry Martin, president of the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, an organization Mrs. Cheney helped found.

"When the wife of the vice president visits a school, it is to make a point to support good teaching and contrast that to bad approaches," he said. "She'd visit a phonics program and give it publicity because it's the best way to teach children to read. This kind of activity is the appropriate way to advocate ideas."

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Chelsea Clinton To Attend Olympics

WASHINGTON (AP) - Chelsea Clinton, so weary from foreign travel with her dad that she missed a chance to vacation with her parents in New York, is feeling better and is ready to represent the first family at the Olympic Games in Australia, the White House said.

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Having been with President Clinton on trips to Nigeria, Tanzania, Egypt and Colombia late last month, Chelsea didn't feel up to going on a vacation/fund-raising jaunt to upstate New York with her parents, who returned to the White House on Saturday after one night out of town.

"I think the only real problem was that she was tired," White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said Tuesday. "I think she was subjected to a full dose of her father's schedule: a four-day trip to Africa with a half a day off, and then a day trip to South America, then the prospect of traveling up to New York."

Chelsea, 20, decided to take a semester off from her studies at Stanford University to be with her father as his presidency winds down - and with her mother as her race for a Senate seat from New York heats up.

In June, at a visit to the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, Calif., the president said he wanted to attend the Olympic Games this month in Sydney, but that his daughter would be representing the family at those games. Opening ceremonies are Sept. 15.

"My wife is in a competition of her own and I am informed my services may be needed elsewhere," Clinton said.

Sept. 13 is Mrs. Clinton's first debate against Rick Lazio, her Republican challenger for the Senate seat.

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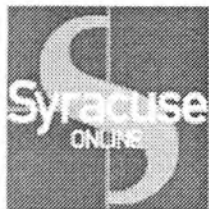
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Clinton sighs for Saks

By JIM FITZGERALD
The Associated Press
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WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) -- Hillary Rodham Clinton doesn't get to do much shopping, and when she drove by the Saks Fifth Avenue store in White Plains on Tuesday, "My heart started to beat," she told the Rotary Club.

"So if I talk a little faster and leave a little early, you'll know where to find me," she said.

Someone asked Clinton if she would consider running for president when she finished her hoped-for U.S. Senate term.

"No. I'll consider retirement," she said. Nevertheless, Rotary official Karl Milde gave her a pen "you can sign bills with."

It wasn't his idea, but Rep. Rick Lazio is entered in another election before his U.S. Senate battle against Clinton.

When the Republican candidate canceled his scheduled interview Tuesday on WSYR-AM in Syracuse, the show's miffed host, Jim Reith, decided to conduct an on-air vote on whether to allow the Senate candidate to reschedule.

"It appears he's ducking us, and I can't understand why," Reith told his listeners.

Reith said he would let his listeners decide whether to permit Lazio to do the interview on Thursday.

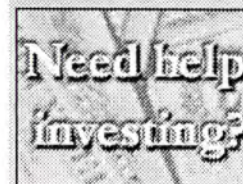
Just before she was endorsed by the Sierra Club in New Rochelle on Tuesday, Clinton shook hands with John Klotz, chairman of the New York City chapter, and said she liked his tie.

It showed a caricature of conservative radio host Rush Limbaugh and the name "Rush" with a line through it.

Asked how she felt about Gov. George Bush's open-mike obscenity about New York Times reporter Adam Clymer, Clinton was circumspect. "I like Adam Clymer," she said. "He's a respected, fair-minded reporter."

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Clinton lives in Westchester County, but her campaign apparently hasn't learned the county's ins and outs. On an itinerary for Tuesday, it called Greenburgh "Greensburg." Last month, Clinton partisans jumped on Lazio's campaign for issuing an itinerary that had him appearing in "Oswego, Broome County." Actually, Oswego is in Oswego County and Lazio was headed for Owego, which is in Tioga County.

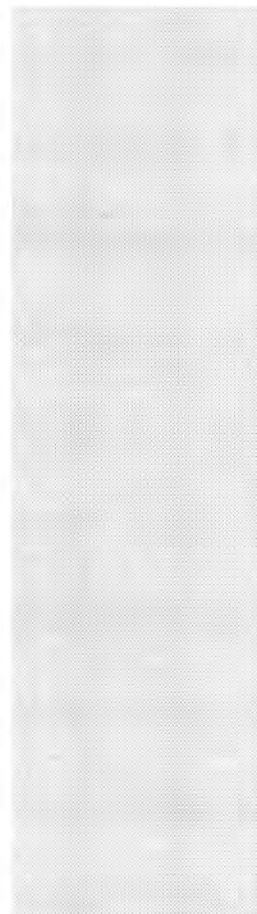
As Clinton addressed a gathering at the mostly senior Heritage Hills condominium development Tuesday night in Somers, several hundred supporters jammed the clubhouse and an adjoining patio. Meanwhile, four Lazio stalwarts stood outside, vainly waving handmade placards in an attempt to get Clinton's attention through a window.

"I just wanted to show that not everybody here is for Hillary," said William Montuori, 76.

When Clinton invited questions from the floor in Somers, one man asked three at once, then two more when the candidate said she forgot the third one.

"Can I have a lifeline?" Clinton pleaded.

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Environmental Endorsement

Hillary to Receive Nod From RFK Jr.

By Eileen A. Murphy

abc NEWS.com

NEW YORK, Sept. 5 — Hillary Rodham Clinton is getting a boost from the son of the last out-of-stater to win a Senate seat in New York.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr., son of the late senator who was assassinated in 1968 while campaigning for the Democratic presidential nomination, will endorse the first lady's Senate bid at a campaign event in the Empire State on Wednesday.

Kennedy, a lawyer who has been advising Mrs. Clinton on environmental issues, told ABCNEWS that Mrs. Clinton has been "very aggressive about coming to [environmentalists] for positions."

Kennedy Criticizes Lazio

Kennedy is the chief attorney for Riverkeeper, a nonprofit advocacy group based in Garrison, N.Y. He said that his relationship with Mrs. Clinton's Republican rival, Rep. Rick Lazio, has been mixed and criticized his environmental record.

"He went along with the anti-environmental positions in the 'Contract With America' which if passed, would have eviscerated 25 years of environmental law in this country," Kennedy said.

But Kennedy did acknowledge writing a letter to Lazio to thank the congressman for his support of efforts to save New York's watershed.

On whether the historic race reminds him of his father's run for Senate, Kennedy said that his father "inspired the same kind of reaction with people either despising him or loving him."

He called it an "inexplicable phenomenon."

Kennedy also says he may appear in an ad supporting Mrs. Clinton's candidacy.

Clinton Receives Sierra Club Nod

Mrs. Clinton, who is hardly known for her work on behalf of environmental issues, picked up the endorsement of the Sierra Club — a leading environmental group that has backed Lazio in past congressional elections.

Lazio, who frequently reminds voters that he has clammed in the waters of New York, points to

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has clammed in the waters of New York, points to his record on the environment as an example of his moderate positions and reportedly fought hard for the group's nod.

But the Sierra Club went to great lengths to make clear that Mrs. Clinton was, in their view, the clear choice. A Sierra Club official said that in lengthy interviews with both candidates, Clinton demonstrated a better grasp of the environmental issues across the state.

The move was not exactly a surprise. The Sierra Club ran ads against Mrs. Clinton's first opponent, New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, and seemed to be laying the groundwork for an endorsement long before Lazio took his place.

And the endorsements keep on coming. On Thursday, Mrs. Clinton will receive the backing of Jimmy Hoffa Jr., president of the Teamsters, at an event on Long Island. Hoffa has so far refused to endorse Democratic presidential nominee Al Gore.

Teamsters spokesman Bratt Caldwell says Hoffa, who will speak at Thursday's rally, "has supported Mrs. Clinton since October of 1999 and the fact of the matter is that we have found common ground with her on a number of policies... It doesn't have any relationship to our decision on whether to endorse Al Gore."

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NEWS

AD WATCH Lazio Attacks 'Phony' Ad

by **John Riley**
Staff Writer

Rep. Rick Lazio released a new campaign commercial yesterday charging that Democrats were using ringers in a "man on the street" ad attacking him. The 15-second Lazio ad began airing statewide last night.

Image: The ad begins with a picture of Hillary Clinton labeled "Clinton," and a small television set running a new Democratic ad in which ordinary people express dismay at Lazio's stands. It is labeled "New Negative Ad." Then, to the sound of screeching brakes, the Clinton ad zeroes in on an elderly couple. To the sound of a clicking typewriter, the graphic message "Carol...8 years on the Democratic Assembly Payroll" appears.

Message: "Seen Hillary Clinton's new negative ad? Just who are these 'real voters?'" an announcer reads in voice-over. "Meet Carol-eight years on the Democratic Assembly payroll. Another phony ad from Hillary Clinton. You just can't trust her." **Accuracy:** Newsday reported this week that the elderly woman appearing as an ordinary citizen on the pro-Clinton ad run by New York's Democratic State Committee was Carol Madow-Kolberg, a retired longtime aide to a Democratic Bronx assemblyman. Lazio's ad is accurate insofar as it makes that assertion.

However, Madow-Kolberg says she was interviewed for the ad by coincidence while shopping, and was not a ringer used by the Democrats. The state Democratic Party also says her appearance was a coincidence. By implying that the entire Democratic ad was a set-up, Lazio's ad goes beyond what it can prove. The Democrats, who are paying for their ad partly with soft money raised by Clinton, have refused to identify the other people appearing in their ad.

Analysis: This is the second time Lazio has used his ads to attack a pro-Clinton ad as phony, and then tied the attack to a question of trust. In this case, there is no neutral, factual benchmark in the Lazio ad-such as a news article-for the assertion that Clinton's ad is 'phony.' As a result, it may only confuse voters. Voters who saw the pro-Clinton ad tying Lazio to Newt Gingrich and votes against education may discount it-but the Lazio ad still doesn't give them information on why they should vote for Lazio.

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Sierra club endorses Clinton over Lazio

NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. (AP) - The Sierra Club endorsed Hillary Rodham Clinton for Senate on Tuesday, saying her Republican opponent, Rep. Rick Lazio, has "dropped the ball" on several important environmental issues.

Lazio has been viewed as an ally in the past by other environmental groups for his efforts to clean up Long Island Sound and to fight strip-mining. But the Sierra Club touted Clinton's commitment to environmental issues while saying Lazio hasn't done enough to protect the state from pollution.

Lazio defended his environmental record and said he "can't think of a single time when Mrs. Clinton has ever forcefully spoke out on any environmental issue."

The Sierra Club's New York leaders conducted lengthy interviews with each candidate before making the decision.

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Hil & Rick Get Serious

She holds thin edge as showdown time nears

By WILLIAM GOLDSCHLAG
Daily News Senior National Correspondent

We've seen flying elbows and piling on. We've heard cries of personal foul and enough trash talk to choke the Fresh Kills landfill. And now, finally, it's kickoff time.

The New York Senate campaign enters its decisive phase today with internal polls showing Hillary Rodham Clinton riding at best a thin lead, thanks to a minibounce from the

Democratic convention, while Rep. Rick Lazio is tanned, rested and said to be ready at last to campaign full-time.

Though Labor Day is the traditional launch day for the fall campaign, it may be hard at first to discern the difference from the summer's rough and tumble.

"If Labor Day marks the beginning of the hot-and-heavy season, we passed that a little while ago," said Clinton spokesman Howard Wolfson.

The TV ad wars this past week reached an intensity more commonly seen when the leaves have turned brown. Both campaigns are flush with cash to mount many more blitzes through Election Day, Nov. 7.



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Clinton holds slight
lead in Senate race.

For good or ill, Clinton is well-defined in the minds of New York voters after more than a year on the campaign trail and seven-plus years of fame and notoriety as First Lady.

"To get a fifth chance to make a first impression is hard," said Marist College pollster Lee Miringoff.

Lazio remains in softer focus, yet to define himself fully, but campaign manager Bill Dal Col says he is about to.

"You will start to see Rick clearly define his agenda on items like the environment, health care, education, Social Security, defense, foreign policy," he said.

If so, it means Lazio has decided he needs to do more than simply try to make the race about her, hoping Clinton's negatives carry him over the top.

Erie County GOP Chairman Bob Davis, while not criticizing the Long Islander's campaign so far, said, "Lazio needs to continue to put a little meat on the bone."

Dal Col said Lazio, who took some time off in August to the consternation of some Republicans, will "go full-time retail" — meaning plenty of press-the-flesh campaigning — leaving the trail only for "key, critical votes" in the House's fall session.

There is little mystery left to the Clinton strategy — keep the focus on issues more than herself, and try to define Lazio as too conservative and too cozy with the GOP leadership in Congress.

Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) said, "I've given three words of advice to Hillary Clinton other than to campaign as hard as she can upstate — issues, issues, issues."



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If there are any defining moments to come in the campaign, they may arise in televised debates between the two. The first is set for Sept. 13 and the second for Oct. 8. A date for a third debate is still under negotiation.

GOP consultant Jay Severin said the debates could prove crucial "because in the end, the people whose votes are undecided are the people who will watch the debates."

Women and independents are two groups to watch among the 10% or 15% of still-undecided voters who will determine the winner of the race, said Miringoff.

It is almost universally expected to remain a close contest. Dal Col forecasts a 3-point Lazio victory. Clinton's scenarios have neither candidate cracking 50%, but the Democrat a few points better than Lazio, with minor party candidates taking the rest.

Both candidates appear to have a lock on their core party constituencies, Severin said.

Lazio's task is complicated by Vice President Gore's strong lead in New York over George W. Bush in the presidential contest. Miringoff estimates one in five Gore voters have to split their tickets for Lazio to win.

But Severin sees a Clinton vulnerability: Her slight edge in polls could disappear on Election Day because one of her strongest groups — African-American voters — tends to have a lower turnout.

For much of the next two months, both candidates face competition for New Yorkers' attention — the Olympics get underway in mid-September, and the Mets or Yankees or both could well stir postseason excitement. And, oh yes, there is the presidential race.

But Dal Col said the campaign will not get lost amid the distractions and diversions.

He predicted that people will "pay attention. This is almost an Olympic event itself," he said.

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NEWS

Hillary Cheered, Mayor Booed Giuliani: Negative parade reaction tied to alcohol ban

by **Jessica Kowal**
Staff Writer

They didn't wear butterfly costumes or walk on stilts, but the politicians gamely braved the heat, the noise and a sudden downpour in search of approval yesterday at the West Indian American Day Parade and Carnival in Brooklyn.

U.S. Senate candidate Hillary Clinton, in a sunshine-yellow suit, waved and thanked enthusiastic supporters. She pushed forward even after the rainstorm soaked her shoes.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, Clinton's onetime opponent, was the target of loud boos and vulgar gestures as he marched alongside his companion, Judith Nathan.

The pair smiled throughout the morning, tossing small foam soccer balls to children along the route.

After the parade, the mayor attributed the crowd's negative reaction to his sudden safety-related ban on alcohol sales at the parade, adding that in a few years, "they're going to have a parade thanking me." Three men who hope to succeed Giuliani took their places in the route behind him, offering praise for recent immigrants, festivals of ethnic pride and the "togetherness" of all New Yorkers. Hardly a match for the spectacle of Clinton or Giuliani, City Public Advocate Mark Green, Council Speaker Peter Vallone and Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer stuck to the middle of the road, hesitant to approach the crowd even for handshakes.

Two contenders for a U.S. House seat representing parts of Brooklyn, U.S.

Rep. Major Owens, the incumbent, and City Councilwoman Una Clarke, made a final pitch for votes before next Tuesday's Democratic primary, in a race that has pitted African-Americans against Caribbean-Americans.

Clarke, who was born in Jamaica, elicited shouts of support along the route and later criticized Owens, an African-American, for having "done nothing for the people" in the Caribbean community.

Owens, meanwhile, insisted he has enough support among Caribbean-American leaders to put him over the top. "These are my constituents, and they all belong to me," he said.

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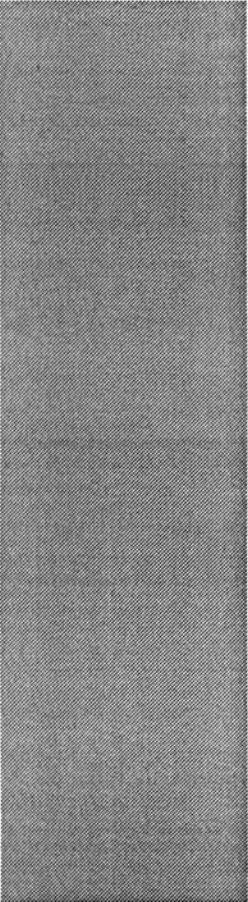
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But Clinton received the most energetic welcome, as residents rushed toward her hoping for a handshake or a photograph, and snatched up "Caribbean-Americans for Hillary" stickers. She marched with former Mayor David Dinkins.

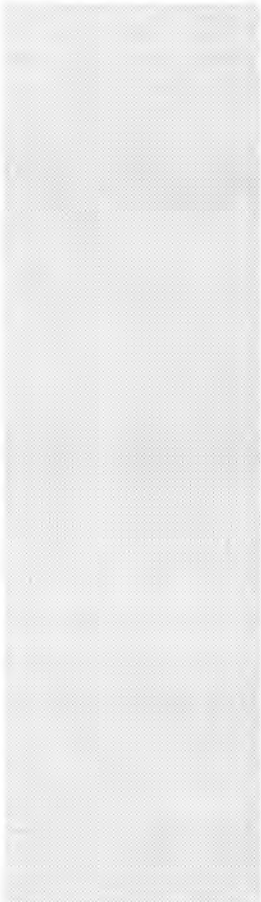
"Thank you! Thank you!" Clinton called out, standing at one point beneath a green umbrella in the pouring rain.

The crowds also cheered the Rev. Al Sharpton, who marched behind a banner listing people "killed by law enforcement." U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer rode in a convertible and predicted a Clinton victory against U.S. Rep. Rick Lazio (who campaigned upstate yesterday).

Some people who taunted the mayor said they dislike him because of his policies, which they perceive as harmful to minority New Yorkers.

The mayor, speaking later at a news conference, defended his record, pointing to a reduced murder rate and improvements in the quality of city life.

"The reality is, the different communities are much better off than they were back before I became mayor," he said. "Sometimes it takes a while for people to realize some of the things that have happened."



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By JOEL SIEGEL

Daily News Senior Political Correspondant

Rick Lazio and Hillary Rodham Clinton are waging a behind-the-scenes battle for environmental endorsements that could play a pivotal role in the closely contested Senate race.

The jockeying reflects the unusually high stakes — and the unusual degree of competitiveness — in this year's endorsements by the Sierra Club, the League of Conservation Voters and the league's local chapter.

Although a Republican, Lazio has won the backing of the groups in at least two congressional races.

Clinton is running partly on the record of her husband's administration, which has been enthusiastically supported by environmentalists.

"Certainly there is a great deal of interest by both candidates in whom we will support," said Betsy Loyless, the League of Conservation Voters' national political director.

The staffs of both campaigns have been in near-constant contact with the environmental organizations, providing position statements and answering questionnaires, officials of the groups say.

The candidates also are making personal presentations. The First Lady, for example, even made an unpublicized flight to the Adirondacks late one weekend to meet the Sierra Club's board after a full day of marching in New York City parades.

The Sierra Club's endorsement is imminent, and insiders said Lazio did not help himself by missing the deadline for responding to the group's questionnaire.

While it's always a political no-brainer in New York to be seen as a friend of the environment, the Lazio campaign views the endorsements as crucial in certifying his broader claim that he's a political moderate.



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In effect, advisers say, the Suffolk County congressman is trying to play the same environmental ploy that Gov. Pataki has played with great success.

The Clinton camp sees the endorsements as a way to help surmount a weakness in the First Lady's candidacy: Having never been an elected official, she lacks the kind of formal public record that voters can use in judging whom to support.

In addition, she would be able to more easily press her case that Lazio is not the moderate he says he is, her strategists say.

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Campaigning on Main St. and to a Beat

By ADAM NAGOURNEY with RANDAL C. ARCHIBOLD

CLARENCE CENTER, N.Y., Sept. 4 -- Choosing two starkly different Labor Day celebrations at different edges of the state -- a volunteer firefighters' parade here in western New York and the West Indian parade in Brooklyn -- Rick A. Lazio and Hillary Rodham Clinton stepped off into their general election campaigns today.

Mrs. Clinton bopped down Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway while Mr. Lazio hammered her as an interloper trying to ride her name to power.

The two candidates for the Senate could not have found two more disparate neighborhoods to mark what is traditionally viewed as the first day of the general election campaign. Mr. Lazio headed for this Republican dot of a town 20 miles outside Buffalo, stepping briskly down narrow streets lined with trees and single-family homes to waves of applause and shouts of support, as well as more than a few catcalls directed at Mrs. Clinton.

At the other end of the state, Mrs. Clinton marched



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Rick A. Lazio had clams in Clarence Center after a sloppy sausage sandwich at the State Fair.

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Mrs. Clinton marched through one of the most solidly Democratic parts of New York, Crown Heights, surrounded by a chaotic, throbbing throng of Secret

The Associated Press
Hillary Rodham Clinton at the West Indian parade.

Service agents, police officers, campaign aides and party supporters. She crisscrossed the street reaching for hands amid the cacophony of shouts of support and calypso music blaring from floats.

For Mrs. Clinton, this was a day of pictures more than words. She seemed intent on enjoying what has proved to be one of the most intriguing spectacles in New York, the West Indian American Carnival Parade, which has become a mandatory stop for any Democratic candidate running in New York. "It's great to be here," she shouted above a pounding soca beat, gyrating her shoulders and waist, though perhaps not as frenetically as the music called for.

Mrs. Clinton apparently did not hear the next question, about her thoughts on the Labor Day campaign kickoff, as she continued shuffling along down the street before turning off at Brooklyn Avenue and jumping into her van. She did not hold a news conference.

By contrast, Mr. Lazio, traveling with a far lighter contingent of reporters, and finding a smaller crowd at the two events he attended -- the parade here and the State Fair in Syracuse this morning -- held two news conferences in which he reviewed his themes for the remaining nine weeks. He drew contrasts with his opponent on issues from tax cuts to health care, but spoke mostly about Mrs. Clinton, asserting that she lacked the grounding to fill the seat of Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, who is retiring.

The first lady, Mr. Lazio said here, "has no record, no commitment to the state, and has no real rationale for representing us in the state."

Earlier, on the grounds of the State Fair in Syracuse, Mr. Lazio said: "People look at my opponent and they can't name one single thing that Mrs. Clinton has ever done for the people of the state of New York. And but for her name, I think a lot of New Yorkers wonder whether she would even *be* a candidate in New York."

The core issue, Mr. Lazio said, is "about which person has been talking a lot of baloney and which person has been getting the job done." Mr. Lazio left no doubt that he put himself in the productive category.

Mrs. Clinton responded to Mr. Lazio's remarks through a spokeswoman, Cathie Levine. "Congressman Lazio has been engaging in negative personal attacks because he can't improve his record and he has no idea how to improve the lives of New Yorkers," she said.

Mr. Lazio's robust attack on his opponent, coming after a month in which Mrs. Clinton has attacked him almost daily with speeches and television advertisements, emphasized the extent to which this campaign has turned negative. That is surprising, several analysts

said, only because it happened so early and so intensely, so much so that aides to both candidates are wondering what might be left to say at the end of October.

Advisers to both candidates said that with the election so tight and with so many voters apparently set in their ways, the only way to move an electorate already saturated with information was with hard-charging attacks.

Mrs. Clinton's march through Crown Heights today was a challenge for her security forces. Aides said Mrs. Clinton was determined to walk the parade as other politicians have, as opposed to riding in some sort of armored car, to avoid reinforcing impressions that she is aloof. At one point, a woman who tried to get near the first lady bit a Secret Service agent who blocked her way, leading to her arrest, the police said.

Dressed in a lemon yellow pantsuit and wearing a yellow and green sticker that said "Caribbean Americans for Hillary," Mrs. Clinton marched a good part of the route along Eastern Parkway with David N. Dinkins, the former mayor, at her side. She left the parade at Brooklyn Avenue because of a heavy downpour that sent many spectators racing to subway stations.

As Mrs. Clinton and Mr. Dinkins marched, a campaign worker with a bullhorn worked the sidewalks, calling out "Mayor Dinkins supports Hillary Clinton for U.S. Senate."

None of the scantily dressed dancers who are a fixture at the parade appeared in sight of Mrs. Clinton. As she approached Kingston Avenue, she seemed impressed with the music. Just as the rain began to pour 25 minutes into her march, she began bouncing the umbrella an aide had handed her, shuffling her feet and finally swiveling her hips, to the delight of paradegoers.

Many of the spectators seemed to appreciate her presence. "She got my vote just being here with us and marching in our parade in the rain," said Clayton Whitgate, a Jamaican-American who said he had not thought much about the Senate race.

In Syracuse this morning, Mr. Lazio attended to a bit of culinary business, eating a sausage sandwich after his initial demurral; he told a Syracuse reporter last week that he felt only "so-so" about the sandwiches, which are famous offerings at the fair.

On Saturday, President Clinton and Mrs. Clinton made a point of eating one during their visit to the fair.

"Almost like Mama used to make," Mr. Lazio said, more than once, as he endured the discomfort of eating a sloppy sandwich in the presence of an audience of newspaper photographers and television cameras. "It's actually very good."

As Mr. Lazio ate, the owner of the sausage stand, Paul Basilio, 76, stared and said he did not know how he would vote in this election.

"He's a good-looking kid," Mr. Basilio said. "He looks like a little

baby. How old is he?" Mr. Lazio is 42.

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Lazio Sinks His Teeth Into the Fall Campaign

By WILLIAM GOLDSCHLAG
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SYRACUSE

Rep. Rick Lazio ate a state fair sausage yesterday — taking the bite out of a simmering controversy — and began an effort to slice into Hillary Rodham Clinton's strength upstate.



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Rick Lazio attacks a sausage on a campaign stop in Syracuse yesterday.

On a traditional launch day for the fall campaign, Lazio defended his summer pace, which has caused grumbling among some Republicans as too leisurely.

"I think I have been campaigning, I think I have been campaigning at full speed," the Long Island congressman said. He added, "You'll be hearing a lot more in terms of specifics on the issues."

Labor Day was given over to handshaking and photo ops. He strolled the midway of the state fair in Syracuse — where Bill and Hillary Clinton drew much larger crowds two days earlier. In the afternoon, he marched in a drizzle in a volunteer firefighters parade in Clarence Center, east of Buffalo.

In at least one sense Lazio still finds himself perceived as more of a lightweight than he really is.

At a "guess your weight booth," the barker at first exclaimed, "Boy, are you skinny." But the barker's guess of 151 pounds was way low. Lazio tipped the scale at 173.

And that was before Lazio moved decisively to close the sausage gap.

Visiting the fair nine days earlier, Lazio had turned down the delicacy on a bun, saying he was "so-so on the sausage sandwiches." It was a political opening that the Clintons exploited with gusto when they came to the fair, devouring sausages. The President even bragged how his wife ate the sausage while Lazio would not.



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At Basilio's stand it was Lazio's time to stare down the sausage, which was served on a bun and slathered with green peppers and onions.

As he brought it to his mouth, Lazio proclaimed, "This one's for Syracuse." After his first swallow, he pronounced it "almost like Mama used to make." He gamely ate most of it, picking at his plate with a plastic knife and fork.

But Lazio's sausage showdown made less of an impact than the Clinton chowdown. Lazio walked past another sausage stand where the First Family's feast had already been memorialized in paint on picnic benches: "President Clinton sat here," "Hillary Clinton sat here" and "Chelsea Clinton sat here."

Though polls put Lazio ahead upstate, Clinton is doing well for a Democrat and has campaigned there often for more than a year. Lazio supporter Bruce Johnston, 42, of Clarence, said Lazio "needs to show up here more often" because "I don't hear enough people speak about him. I hear more Hillary stuff."

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Clinton and Lazio march in parades at opposite ends of the state

By FRANK ELTMAN
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NEW YORK (AP) -- From the streets of Brooklyn to the suburbs of Buffalo, Senate candidates Hillary Rodham Clinton and Rick Lazio kicked off a Labor Day push for votes Monday, marching in parades where each received enthusiastic greetings from friendly constituencies.

Labor Day is usually the traditional launch of political campaigns heading into the November elections, but both candidates in this high-profile race have already been sparring for months.

Clinton received a rousing welcome at the 33rd annual West Indian American Day Carnival Parade, where supporters by the thousands shouted out "Hillary" and screamed in adoration. She marched alongside former New York mayor and fellow Democrat David Dinkins.

"I love her, I love her husband," said Brenda Wallace, clutching a Clinton campaign sign that she hoped to have autographed. "They are nice people, who work for the people."

Dressed in a canary yellow suit, Clinton zigzagged from curb to curb shaking hands while her security detail strived to keep well-wishers, as well as members of the news media, from getting inside a roped off "security zone" that moved down the street as she marched.

One woman, Yolande Bobb, 55, was arrested for allegedly biting a Secret Service agent who accompanied the first lady, police said.

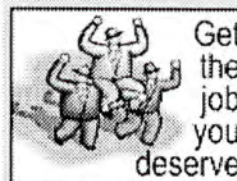
Clinton had intended to march the entire length of the parade, but after a mid-afternoon cloudburst, the first lady and her entourage decided to leave the parade after about five blocks.

Meanwhile, Lazio marched alongside a group of prominent Erie County Republicans, including party chairman Bob Davis, U.S. Rep. Tom Reynolds and County Executive Joel Giambra at the Clarence Center Volunteer Fire Company Labor Day parade near Buffalo.

"He's young and he's got young ideas," said Henry Grajek, 74, a retired engineer from Clarence. "She doesn't know anything about New York state. She just wants to get into it to say she's doing something."

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Nancy Lang held out a Lazio campaign sign as the candidate walked by and pressed him to sign it.

"Write I promise," she instructed. "Promise more money for upstate New York."

Lazio obliged, signing "I promise" and his name.

"Now it's in writing," Lang said.

Later she explained, "We just don't want the money all to land in New York City."

Earlier Monday, Lazio returned to the New York State Fair in Syracuse -- where his rival and her husband, President Clinton, visited on Saturday. Lazio also had been to the fair two weeks ago.

"I think the response has been overwhelming," Lazio said, despite being accompanied by a crowd of only about 50 or so. "I stand on my own. I don't need somebody else with me to draw a crowd. I have my own record. I have my own name. I don't need to use somebody else's name to run in New York."

Lazio, however, did mend some bridges. During his first trip to the fair, Lazio casually mentioned he was "so-so on the sausage sandwiches." The comment had unexpected reverberations as it was picked up by the local media. Sausage sandwiches are the unofficial "fair food," and some likened it to going to Buffalo and saying you are "so-so" about the wings.

The Clintons both feasted on loaded sausage sandwiches during their visit and on Monday Lazio headed to Basilio's sausage stand, one of the more popular eateries at the fair.

"Sausage sandwiches are the fair. It's one of the reasons people come here year after year," said owner Paul Basilio, the brother of former world middleweight boxing champion Carmen Basilio.

"This one's for Syracuse," Lazio said before biting into a sandwich overflowing with sausage, peppers and onions. "It's almost like momma used to make."

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Woman bites agent in bid to reach Hillary Clinton

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NEW YORK (Reuters) - A woman tried to approach first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton during a parade in New York City Monday and bit a Secret Service agent who stopped her, police said.

They said Yolande Bobb, 55, was charged with second degree assault after the incident during the annual West Indian Day parade and is to be arraigned in Brooklyn Criminal Court on Tuesday.

"Bobb tried to approach Clinton and the Secret Service agent intervened and stopped her," a police spokesman said.

The unidentified agent was taken to a local hospital where he was treated and released.

The parade in Brooklyn is one of New York's most popular events.

It was not immediately clear if Mrs Clinton was aware of the biting incident and it was not known why Bobb had tried to approach her.

Clinton is running for the New York state seat in the U.S. Senate.

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Mrs. Clinton's Primary Opponent Imagines a September Surprise

By RANDAL C. ARCHIBOLD

ALBANY, Sept. 7 — Next Wednesday, Dr. Mark S. McMahon says, he fully expects to sit next to Katie Couric or perhaps Dan Rather, gloating just a touch as he dispenses a batch of "I told you so's."

He imagines a "Dewey defeats Truman" type of victory, a surprise toppling of Hillary Rodham Clinton in the Democratic primary on Tuesday, an election he has found few people even know will take place.

"I'll be discussing my surprise victory," Dr. McMahon said, as his campaign RV rolled through Day 1 of a five-day statewide tour, his first in his quixotic bid for the United States Senate. "The media and the state Democratic Party decided Hillary Clinton would be the nominee without letting the people express themselves. There is such a high level of anti-Hillary feeling out there."

The primary may provide a measure of such feelings. Although it is hard to find anybody outside of Dr. McMahon's camp who expresses the belief he will win, the race is being watched as a barometer, however limited, of opposition to Mrs. Clinton, who receives high negative ratings in many polls that nevertheless put her about even with Representative Rick A. Lazio, her Republican opponent.

Dr. McMahon, 44, of Manhattan, is a somewhat reserved orthopedic surgeon who occasionally needed reminders from his campaign man-

ager, Jon Fletcher, to shake hands with potential voters. He perked up, though, whenever he encountered people who, informed of the primary, promised to support him.

"She isn't from New York, which I do think matters," said Dave Salls, a computer systems analyst who greeted Dr. McMahon on the mall outside the State Capitol. "And I'm not crazy about Bill Clinton, either. I have some concern about their ethical lapses."

But other Democrats saw Dr. McMahon's candidacy as a folly harmful to Mrs. Clinton. On the steps of the Greene County Courthouse in Catskill, Dr. McMahon got into a debate with the lone voter waiting for him, Joan Young, a 63-year-old retiree who said she had read about his scheduled appearance in the local paper and decided to confront him.

"How are you going to feel if all your negativism contributes to her defeat?" Mrs. Young asked.

"Schumer had a primary," Dr. McMahon replied, referring to the 1998 three-way primary that Senator Charles E. Schumer won on his way to unseating Alfonse M. D'Amato. "If Hillary wins the primary —"

"Will you back her then?" Mrs. Young cut in.

"I don't want to be premature," Dr. McMahon said.

"I am personally committed to Hillary," Mrs. Young finally said. "You are not getting my vote."

Political analysts say Mrs. Young may have a point, that Dr. McMahon's candidacy may draw to the surface the anti-Hillary sentiment suspected even within her party.

"No matter who is running in the primary, almost anybody can get 10, 12, maybe 15 percent of the vote just by having their name on the ballot," said Stuart Rothenberg, a Washington political analyst who charts Congressional races. "It's when some obscure candidate gets 20 or 25 percent that you wonder, why are those votes going there?"

Mr. Lazio's camp is watching, too. "The interesting thing in that primary will be, if Dr. McMahon breaks 30 percent, what does that say about Hillary Clinton and the Democratic Party?" Bill Dal Col, Mr. Lazio's campaign manager, told an Albany radio station the other day.

Dr. McMahon struggles for recognition just about everywhere. Hardly anybody at his stops today, including the one outside the Capitol, had a clue as to who he was, or that there was a primary.

More reporters than voters awaited him; at the first stop in the Bronx this morning he gave a speech on crime in front of a police station before two people, both reporters.

Dr. McMahon blames the news media and the Democratic Party, which anointed Mrs. Clinton the party's candidate at its convention on May 16, for keeping voters in the

dark. He is certain the party tried to dilute his support, and therefore the anti-Hillary vote, by encouraging four other candidates last month to seek a place on the ballot. A court ruled their petitions improper.

But Dr. McMahon, who says he began his campaign nearly a year ago, admits he has not mounted a high-profile effort. He has broadcast no television or radio commercials, though his aides say a radio spot is in the works.

He at times struggles to explain his differences with Mrs. Clinton. Once a registered Republican — he switched in 1997 after five years with the Republicans — he describes his politics as moderate, naming President Clinton as philosophical kin.

He has raised \$239,000, all but about \$70,000 of it his own money, compared with the \$21.9 million Mrs. Clinton has collected over a year.

Bill de Blasio, Mrs. Clinton's campaign manager, said Dr. McMahon will not be taken seriously. "I'm confident that local Democratic leaders will be turning out core Democratic voters and I'm very, very confident that those voters are overwhelmingly favorable to Hillary," Mr. De Blasio said.

But Dr. McMahon and his staff insist he is for real.

"He wants to go to Washington and do his duty," said Mr. Fletcher, his campaign manager, "and for some reason that is laughed at."

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Mrs. Clinton Focus of March

Organizers of this year's Labor Day parade, to be held tomorrow, are planning to turn the march into a major platform for Hillary Rodham Clinton's Senate campaign.

To highlight the first lady, whom they have endorsed, the parade's organizers have taken the unusual step of not inviting Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, saying it might be awkward to have him marching next to someone he crossed swords with during his run for the Senate. Nor have they invited the Republican nominee, Representative Rick A. Lazio.

The parade up Fifth Avenue, which will begin at 11 a.m. at 44th Street and end at 72nd Street, is expected to give Mrs. Clinton a giant audience — labor leaders predict at least 250,000 marchers, which would make it the biggest Labor Day parade in the city's history.

In recent years, the parade has been scheduled for the Saturday after Labor Day, because so many union members do not want their three-day holiday weekends cut short for the march. Union leaders also wanted to hold it on a day when there were more people on Manhattan's streets to be impressed by labor's show of strength.

Steven Greenhouse (NYT)

City Police Union Backs Lazio

The 27,000-member New York City Patrolmen's Benevolent Association endorsed Representative Rick A. Lazio for Senate yesterday. Patrick J. Lynch, the president of the association, said Mr. Lazio "does not jump on the bandwagon of criticism unreasonably at a time when it's difficult to be a New York City police officer."

Mr. Lynch was alluding to a statement made last January by Mr. Lazio's opponent, Hillary Rodham Clinton, who referred to the "murder of Amadou Diallo" shortly before the trial of the four police officers who shot Mr. Diallo. The four officers were subsequently acquitted. Although Mrs. Clinton has said she mis-spoke and has apologized for the remark, Mr. Lynch has not forgotten.

"She went so far, although apologizing, to call us murderers," Mr. Lynch said during a news conference with Mr. Lazio on the City Hall steps. A New York City police officer, Mr. Lynch added, "takes offense to that." Mr. Lynch added that Mrs. Clinton's statement was "one of many" she has made against the police.

Elisabeth Bumiller (NYT)

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Love and laughs

The news that first daughter Chelsea Clinton is dating a Stanford University classmate who is also a White House intern — insert punch line here — provided a laughfest for late-night comedians.

The best of the gags? Maybe two items in CBS "Late Show" host David Letterman's list of "Top 10 Good Things About Dating the President's Daughter":

No. 10: "When the president says, 'Don't do anything I wouldn't do,' you can pretty much go nuts."

No. 7. "Any professor who fails you is looking at one mother of an IRS audit."

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Party lines: people, places and politics

As climes cool, social season heats up

By Kevin Chaffee
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Labor Day has passed. Vacations are over. Summer homes are shuttered in Martha's Vineyard, Northeast Harbor, Newport, Rehoboth and other favored retreats. It's time to take tuxedos and party frocks out of cold storage and bijoux out of the vault for all the major-league social events that lie ahead.

Numerous requests for one's presence (and contribution) already are in the mail from noteworthy arts institutions and charitable causes, of course, though—as you may have guessed—some of the most prestigious affairs are strictly private.

Here's a select listing of what's on through the rest of September:

So many theater lovers responded to the call for tomorrow night's 50th-anniversary celebration of Arena Stage that the event sold out at \$500 a pop (and that was the minimum price). Ambassadors, Cabinet members and various performing artists (**Halo Wines**, **Fred Grandy**, **Maurice Hines**) will be among the 800 guests gathering under a big white tent for cocktails and dinner before an "in-the-round" performance of the theater's 1967 hit "The Great White Hope" inside Arena. Afterward, it will be back to the tent for late-night dancing and desserts.

Balletomanes won't want to miss the George Balanchine festival at the Kennedy Center, which begins Tuesday with performances of the famed choreographer's works by the Bolshoi Ballet, Joffrey Ballet of Chicago and Miami City Ballet. **Patty Perkins Andringa** is organizing an opening-night party for Joffrey troupers and various D.C.-area friends at Dominique's Famous Restaurant. The Kennedy Center hosts dancers, trustees and benefactors at its own intimate backstage gathering next Friday.

Daughter **Dina Merrill** will be among the many descendants of **Marjorie Merriweather Post** celebrating at Hillwood Wednesday when the late grande dame's mansion and gardens reopen after a spectacular three-year, \$9 million renovation. The "gala reception" is sure to be a major draw for older cave-dweller types who fondly remember the leg-

endary parties Mrs. Post hosted at the sprawling Linnean Avenue NW estate from 1958 until her death in 1973. Her signature bowls of fresh strawberries will be featured, along with flowers freshly cut from Hillwood's own greenhouse. A balalaika troupe will be on hand to greet guests as they tour what often has been described as the greatest collection of Russian imperial art treasures outside Russia.

The same night, investors, business leaders and the high-tech crowd are expected to help kick off the grand opening of XM Satellite Radio's new state-of-the-art facility in Northeast. Afterward, 700 guests will continue on to dinner and a performance by rhythm and blues diva **Aretha Franklin** in Union Station's Great Hall.

A sizable contingent of the diplomatic corps will greet colleagues old and new at the Ambassadors Ball, an event Thursday at the Grand Hyatt that benefits the Multiple Sclerosis Society. This year's "Washington Goes to Hollywood" theme is the brainchild of **Janet Waxman**, whose husband, Rep. **Henry A. Waxman**, represents Tinseltown in Congress.

Next Friday, Danish Ambassador **Ulrik Federspiel** hosts patrons of the National Center for Therapeutic Riding to a reception at his residence. The \$125 ticket price also includes a polo match the following Sunday at the Potomac Polo Club, where top players will compete in one of the world's oldest equestrian sports.

President Clinton and **Hillary Rodham Clinton** are scheduled to host what could be the last state dinner of their administration on Sept. 17, when Indian Prime Minister **Atal Bihari Vajpayee** arrives to sup at the White House. Expect a very large crowd of political, media and entertainment luminaries, to say nothing of previously unfed Democratic party contributors.

Classic car buffs are eager to preview an exhibition of Ferrari and Maserati automobiles dating from 1940 to the present at a special Sept. 19 reception at the new Italian Embassy on Whitehaven Street NW. Across town the same night, political wives **Jane Gephart**, **Debbie Dingell**, **Chris Downey** and **Cecile Tauzin** will join political husband **Anthony Morella** and ex-political wife **Marianne Gingrich** at

the Capital Hilton for a \$1,000-per-person reception, silent auction and dinner benefiting Children's Inn at the National Institutes of Health.

High-level Phillips Collection donors will be feted at a special patrons dinner Sept. 20. The evening includes a preview of the new "Degas to Matisse" show, which opens to the general public later that week.

More than 1,000 guests, including diplomats, members of the Cabinet and congressional leaders, plan to kick up their heels at the Sept. 22 Wolf Trap ball. Dining and dancing will take place on the Filene Center's stage—America's second largest—which will be transformed by spectacular sets depicting an international theme.

Sept. 22 also marks the 25th anniversary of Georgetown's Govinda Gallery, famed for showing works by such cutting-edge artists as **Andy Warhol**, **Annie Leibovitz** and **Harry Benson**. Expect a very trendy crowd at owner **Chris Murray's** after-party at nearby Halcyon House.

Lobbyists and media personalities will fill most of the \$500- to \$1,000-per-person seats at the Spina Bifida Association's roast of **Dan Rather** on Sept. 28 at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill. The veteran CBS anchorman certainly will have prepared a few barbs to counter what are likely to be merciless ribbings from Sens. **Kay Bailey Hutchison**, **Fred Thompson** and **John Edwards** and U.N. Ambassador **Richard Holbrooke**.

Also Sept. 28: the Hispanic Designers Fashion Show at the JW Marriott. **Oscar de la Renta** is expected to be among the top couturiers saluting this year's awardees, **Karen Alcalde**, **Eddie Rodriguez** and **David Cardona**.

■ The "gala reception" at Hillwood is sure to be a major draw for cave-dweller types who fondly remember the legendary parties Marjorie Merriweather Post hosted there.



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AND enough already with Chelsea. Every day every way everybody used to say "Clinton." **Clinton** this, Clinton that. Then it was **Hillary**. Hillary said this, Hillary did that, Hillary wore this, Hillary claimed that. Since **Socks** the cat, **Buddy** the dog and **Roger** the Brother ain't doin' nothin', all attention is now on Chelsea. She's got a guy, needs a guy, wants a guy, lost a guy. She likes New York, loves New York, knows borscht about New York, really doesn't want New York. Nothing's left to write about her except that she loves football.

The Homestretch



George W. Bush shows more slippage in the polls, as a new Zogby/Reuters survey gives Al Gore a six-point lead in the presidential race, with 46% of the vote compared with Mr. Bush's 40%. The poll is considered relatively favorable to GOP candidates because it surveys likely voters, more of whom tend to be Republicans than Democrats—but it found Mr. Gore leads by 20 points among women and eight points among independents. Green Party candidate Ralph Nader and Reform Party hopeful Pat Buchanan polled 5% and 2%, respectively.

- **Southern Cooking:** New York Senate candidate Rick Lazio went on a Dixie swing this week, holding fund-raisers in Alabama, Louisiana and Texas for his race against Hillary Rodham Clinton. Mrs. Clinton has raised \$3.2 million—nearly half of her war chest—outside of New York, so Mr. Lazio is fighting fire with fire. So far, he has raised \$1.6 million out of state. The two will meet in their first debate Wednesday in Buffalo.

- **Marching Orders:** For the first time in 36 years, Selma, Ala., may be getting a new mayor. The city holds its municipal elections Tuesday, and nine-term mayor Joe Smitherman—in office since before the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. led his civil-rights march there in 1965—is challenged by businessman James Perkins. Mr. Perkins would be the first African-American mayor ever for the 65% black city. "My opponents have made a racial issue of it, but we've made extreme racial progress," Mr. Smitherman said, noting that nine of 13 city department heads, including the fire and police chiefs, are black.

— Nicholas Kulish

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Lieberman coming to town to give Hill a boost

By GREGG BIRNBAUM,
ROBERT HARDT JR.
and MAGGIE HABERMAN

Sen. Joseph Lieberman has agreed to make his first appearance in New York with Hillary Rodham Clinton — and it will come next week, The Post learned yesterday.

The timing of the Lieberman-Clinton event is tied to a huge Democratic National

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Committee fund-raiser Thursday night at Radio City Music Hall.

Aides are arranging for the Democratic vice-presidential candidate to join Clinton for a separate, high-profile campaign event or two, most likely Thursday or Friday in Brooklyn or Queens, although details haven't been finalized, sources said.

Clinton's aides are thrilled that the national and Senate campaigns could coordinate the joint appearance before the start of the Jewish New Year Sept. 29.

They hope Lieberman — an Orthodox Jew — will boost the first lady's lackluster standing with Jewish voters.

"This is going to help Hillary a great deal," said one source. "Arranging it before the [Jewish] holidays is a smart way to do it. Why wait until the last minute, when it would look desperate?"

Lieberman's commitment to stump with Clinton next week puts to rest the doubts of some observers that he might avoid New York altogether because the state already is firmly in Al Gore's column.



TEAMING UP: Hillary Clinton, daughter Chelsea at her side, stresses education yesterday at Queens College.

N.Y. Post: Mary McLoughlin



FORCE IS WITH HIM: Rick Lazio, accepting the endorsement of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association yesterday, plans to flood key voting areas with leaflets this weekend.

N.Y. Post: Michael Norcia

One of the first lady's advisers said of Lieberman's decision to campaign with Clinton: "We think it will clearly draw the contrast between the Gore-Lieberman-Clinton team and the Bush-Cheney-Lazio ticket."

"And we can't wait for Mr. Bush and Mr. Cheney to campaign for Congressman (Rick) Lazio," the adviser added.

Lieberman is widely seen as the best thing that has happened to Clinton for winning

Jewish support and his selection as Gore's running mate touched off great fears in the Lazio camp.

The Connecticut senator has been a strong opponent of clemency for convicted Israeli spy Jonathan Pollard. Some Jewish leaders have been pressing Clinton to back releasing Pollard, while others argue it would be foolish for her to break with Lieberman on the issue.

Meanwhile, Clinton yesterday pushed education, while her GOP rival picked up the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association endorsement.

The first lady, speaking at Queens College, proposed spending \$60 million a year to attract principals, called for a \$100 million program to help districts shrink the size of classes, and touted a "school-violence report card."

Rev. Al takes a swipe at Joe / Page 12

CANDIDATE: Hillary Rodham Clinton

TITLE: "Six R's"

RUNNING TIME: 30 seconds

WHERE SHOWN: Statewide

PRODUCED BY: Team Hillary (Mandy Grunwald, Mark Penn, DeVito/Verdi)

TEXT: Announcer: "What if, along with reading, writing and arithmetic, we added three more R's: responsibility, respect and results? That's what Hillary believes in, a return to values and discipline. She's fighting for high standards for students and teachers, more parental involvement, smaller classes, safer schools and a \$10,000 college-tuition tax deduction so more children can pursue their dreams. Who'll be a strong voice for our children's education? Hillary. Always has been, always will be."

VISUALS: The ad opens with shots of studious-looking children sitting at classroom desks, then goes to Clinton, smiling and standing in front of a blackboard and then sitting at a teacher's desk. Next are a mixture of frames of Clinton meeting with parents and kids, with words at the bottom of the screen detailing her proposed education reforms. It ends with Clinton kneeling among kids at their desks.

ACCURACY: It's true that Clinton's been calling for these different education reforms on the stump;



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she recently started using the "Six R's" line.

ANALYSIS: The ad has a clever balance, managing not to offend the teachers unions while also emphasizing reform, especially with the line about "values and discipline." It's also the first spot since three Rick Lazio ads raising doubts about whether Clinton can be trusted, and it stays positive, never even mentioning Lazio's name. Does the fact that Clinton is ignoring Lazio's attack suggest it's not working?

RESPONSE: "Mrs. Clinton would have Washington bureaucrats allocating chalkboard erasers. What failed in Little Rock will fail here. She failed miserably to boost education in Arkansas." — Lazio spokesman Dan McLagan.

— Gregg Birnbaum and Maggie Haberman

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Whitewater rolls on

■ In 1985, lawyer Hillary Rodham Clinton made a phone call to a state securities commissioner about a savings and loan she represented.

In 1992, The New York Times, in a Jeff Gerth article, suggested that it might have been improper for Clinton to make such a call to a political appointee of her husband, though no official action ensued.

In October of 1993, the Washington Post reported that the Justice Department was investigating the savings and loan, Madison Guaranty, and allegations of misdeeds against the Clintons by David Hale, eventually to be convicted of swindling the government out of millions.

In January 1994, Special Prosecutor Robert Fiske took over what became known as the Whitewater investigation. It was named for a failed real estate development of the Clintons and Madison operators Jim and Susan McDougal. Then came Kenneth Starr and investigations of Vince Foster's suicide, Filegate, Travelgate and the Big Cigar, Monicagate.

Aug. 31, the Little Rock phase of the witch hunt ended with closure of the Independent Counsel's branch office. But 15 years after Hillary's fateful phone call, eight years after the Times article, and nearly seven years after the criminal investigation began, the Whitewater investigation rolls on.

The current Whitewater independent counsel, Robert W. Ray, remains at work in Washington. He has impaneled a grand jury to consider indicting President Clinton for evading disclosures about his sexual indiscretions. More unbelievably, he's still working on Whitewater. Already the subject of investigations in both houses of Congress, by the Resolution Trust Corporation and by every major news organizations in America, Whitewater has been milked drier than an Arkansas lawp — with



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less than spectacular results. For their disorganized financial dealings, the McDougals went to jail. For being their friend, and for unrelated financial dealings of his own, Gov. Jim Guy Tucker lost his job, though he remains hopeful of exoneration on appeal.

Bottom line: Nearly \$55 million worth of prosecution over seven years and not a glove has been laid on the targeted Clintons, except in the Lewinsky matter. It's infuriating to their haters, so Ray hasn't quit. It's clear he won't have criminal charges to bring, but he has told The New York Times he'll file a final report on the 15-year-old matter a few weeks before Hillary faces Rick Lazio in a U.S. Senate race. He assured a Times reporter, presumably with a straight face, that this was the fairest, most apolitical way to conclude the investigation. Even the Times editorial page, though still blindly defending the 1992 Gerth story, has found this assertion hard to swallow.

It will be harder still when Ray's report, bereft of evidence of wrongdoing, turns into a campaign ad against Mrs. Clinton for being excessively guarded in what she said to waves of investigators over the years. Given the mountain of disinformation hurled by political opponents — some thinly disguised as independent counsel — wouldn't you be?

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POETIC JUSTICE. In the same week, Whitewater investigators closed their Little Rock office and reports emerged that two of the lead Whitewater persecutors, Assistant U.S. Attorneys **Ray** and **LeRoy Jahn** were under criminal investigation themselves for lying to Congress and/or withholding information about government action in the Branch Davidian siege. If they'd lie to Congress...

THE INSIDER

Lynched

Attention Pat Lynch fans: The popular **KARN** talk show host, who's been on vacation this week, apparently won't be returning from that vacation. That is to say that a nearly 17-year run on Little Rock morning radio is coming to an end. The key players couldn't be reached at press time, nor was there word about chances of a Lynch re-emergence on another Little Rock station.



Arkansas Democrat-Gazette file photo

Tuesday marked Pat Lynch's last day on the air as a talk show host for KARN-AM, 920, a role he filled for 17 years. He's uncertain about his next move.

Talk show host, KARN part company

Sharp-tongued morning radio announcer out after 17 years at LR station

BY LINDA S. CAILLOUET
ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

After 17 years of burning up the airwaves with his obnoxious (he said he'd be offended by any lesser term) banter, talk show host Pat Lynch cleaned out his office at KARN-AM, 920, late Wednesday in Little Rock.

He boxed up his letters and tapes and all his awards — from his Little Rock Classroom Teachers Association Gold Apple to the more dubious ones: a giant golden screw and a model of the rear end of a mule. And then there were all the cartoons that Little Rock philanthropist Jennings Osborne commissioned of Lynch, back in the days when the

talk show host was in Osborne's good graces, that is.

Lynch's last day on the air with his morning show was Tuesday. At the end, he told his listeners he was going on vacation and might or might not be back, that it might be the last time he was on KARN. He told them he'd enjoyed doing the show and appreciated all his callers and co-workers.

"When they tell you you're going to have a meeting with the market manager on the first day of your vacation, you kind of know," Lynch said Thursday.

Neal Gladner, KARN vice president and station manager, wouldn't confirm that Lynch was fired.

"We've parted company and don't comment further on personnel matters," Gladner said. "It was professional and harmonious and we wish him the best."

Lynch's time slot, from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. weekdays, is being filled by new hire Dave Elswick, most recently from North Dakota, who has also been named assistant program director.

When asked about Lynch's ratings in recent years, Gladner said, "They've stayed about the same."

Lynch, known as "Lyncho" by some, said he believes that within the 35-to-64 age group he is "highly competitive and has

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been for much of the time" he was on the air.

But others in and around the industry have said that advertising revenues had dropped during Lynch's show. And they speculate that a change in format, from guests joining Lynch in the studio to a more call-in listener-driven show, may be to blame.

Gladner, though, said there was no policy banning guests.

Having to clear out his office is "very hurtful and emotionally draining," Lynch said. "It's very painful to go through this kind of transition after 17 years. But it's probably a good thing for me. That's the brave thing to say, right?"

Thursday afternoon, he said he was cheered by countless phone calls he had received at home from fans.

"International Pat Lynch Day," the sharp-tongued Lynch boomed in his radio voice as he answered the phone around noon. "Pat Lynch is now ready to take your call."

"It's been the strangest, worst, most wonderful, overwhelming experience," he said, referring to the calls that had streamed in since about 9 a.m.

"Most of them have just been sobbing convulsively."

Not that he plans to install a radio tower on the roof of his home and set up shop.

"I think listeners would get real bored with all the sappy content," he said.

The callers he'll miss the most?

"All the babes," he said. "I loved flirting on the air."

The callers he'll miss the least?

"That's why we have call screening," he joked.

"Actually, I'd gotten to where I didn't even mind the nuts and yahoos. They add to an entertaining talk show."

And, he conceded, there are others around town — those who felt the full fury of his broadcast wrath — happy to see him gone.

"I'm sure 'Jello' Jim Dailey is dancing a jig of glee today," Lynch said, alluding to the fact that the Little Rock mayor has been one of the talk show host's frequent targets.

Lynch said he was never under contract with KARN, which is owned by Citadel Communications Corp., but is in talks with management about possibly working at another Citadel station.

While he'd like to stay in Arkansas, he said, he discounted rumors that he'll be working for KSYG-FM, 103.7, in the future.

A native of Mobile, Ala., Lynch, 50, started in radio in 1969 and worked at a station in Spokane, Wash., before moving to Arkansas in 1983. In the early 1990s he also was a writer — first a political columnist for *Arkansas Business*, and later for the *Arkansas Gazette's* weekly business magazine.

Memorable moments from his show over the years include asking Hillary Rodham Clinton in 1988, "So, with the exception of a couple of years, Bill has been the governor of the state since 1978. Are you as sick of him as the rest of us?"

"She didn't think that was too funny," Lynch recalled.

"Then there was the time back in June 1984 when I called the *Arkansas Gazette* a commie rag," he said, adding that the newspaper wanted to see KARN's license revoked. "I really need to thank the *Gazette*, because without them many people might never have known who I was. Their reaction to that made me a household name."

And Lynch makes no apologies for his biting, often bitter, banter.

"To successfully hold on to a show for as long as I did, you cannot do it by being vanilla," he said. "You have to serve up different flavors. You have to be something different from everything else out there. And I was very different."

When asked, if he could write his own ticket, what kind of employment he'd seek, Lynch said, "I had the dream job. No doubt about it. It was very rewarding on many different levels."

Q&A through a crystal ball

Here at the luxurious Hillcrest headquarters of Unsolicited Opinions Inc., we are feeling pretty smug.

Just a week ago, our peerless team of political soothsayers predicted that GOP presidential nominee George W. Bush would soon "go sharply negative and personal."

Two days later, the Republican National Committee began airing a sarcastic TV ad accusing Al Gore of being a crooked fund-raiser and a chronic liar who's constantly "reinventing himself" and "claiming credit for things he didn't even do."

Having vowed to bring wholesome, positive, G-rated politics to Washington, Bush alibied that the new commercial was "tongue-in-cheek." Besides, he explained, Gore had said mean things about his record as Texas governor.

We've heard 8-year-olds give better excuses for pulling their little sister's hair.

Bush's big mistake was making a promise he couldn't keep in the first place. Not since Michael Dukakis took a ride in a tank has a major party presidential candidate disintegrated so fast. On evidence, the GOP princeling, who's never faced a tough scrap in his life, would be hard put to manage a Wal-Mart, let alone masquerade as "leader of the free world." Daddy's rich friends could buy his foundering oil companies, but not enough electoral votes to make him president.

Flush with success, our Department of Political Augury and Hairball Divination has agreed to hazard a few more informed guesses on questions suggested by readers.

Q. Has the national press debunked Bush's negative ads because they're all liberals?

A. No. Bush simply failed to understand he rules. The Washington press clique operates by a code of silence that forbids pointing out that a member is "spinning" acts to keep a "scandal" going. Thus for upwards of four years, Gore's Buddhist temple visit has been routinely described as a "fund-raiser" when all available evidence shows that, to Gore, it was a simple campaign stop. It's a distinction journalists make routinely in their own professional lives. We've attended scores of political vents; never a fund-raiser. If you have to say to get in or out, it's a fund-raiser.

"The statement that Mr. Gore 'raises campaign money at a Buddhist temple,'" wrote *New York Times* reporter Katherine Sledge of the Bush attack ad, "is technically not correct because he did not actually ask for money at the temple." The phrase "technically not correct" is *Times*-speak for "barefaced lie." So, too, the myth that Gore said he'd "invented" the Internet. Pundits have parroted it for months. But no sooner did the Bush campaign use a misleadingly edited video clip than CNN, where Gore

Gene Lyons



had originally described his pioneering efforts to win congressional funding for computer research, exposed it as a bum rap. In both instances, the facts didn't change, only the identity of the author. Reporters deny to politicians spin privileges they allow each other. That Bush doesn't grasp this Washington fact of life shows he's too dumb to be president.

Q. Is that why *The New York Times* objects to Independent Counsel Robert Ray's announced intention to issue a "Whitewater" report just before the New York Senate vote?

A. Partly, yes. Lacking the guts to come clean, they're afraid somebody else will do it for them. By now, all but the most willfully blind *Times* editors must know that Whitewater was never anything but an extended hoax promulgated by its own Washington bureau. When some of the same reporters bungled the Chinese espionage story now falling to pieces in federal court, the *Times* reassigned it to science reporters capable of understanding the technical issues. Why the paper hasn't, after eight years, simply assigned one of its expert financial reporters to determine whether, in the words of its most recent editorial, "the Clintons used their influence during Mr. Clinton's years as governor to prop up a failing Arkansas savings and loan" escapes us. The answer is "No," as the Pillsbury Report stated unequivocally five years ago.

Q. Will the Ray Report hurt Hillary's Senate candidacy?

A. This is one prediction we blew. For months, we've predicted the thing would come out this week. Now it looks as if it'll appear even closer to the election. Even so, we trust in traditional OIC political ineptitude. Ray will hint darkly at wrongdoing he can't begin to prove, which will actually help Hillary by reminding voters of who and what she's been up against.

Q. So you're not offended that Bush was overheard calling a *Times* reporter "a major a*****e" over an open microphone?

A. It's the only real thing he's said in weeks. We have no opinion of the guy he was talking about, but we can think of at least five *Times* correspondents who fit the description.

Q. So will Ray indict President Clinton?

A. If Gore wins the election, he will.

Frankly, we can't imagine any political spectacle we'd enjoy more than watching the OIC try to convict the rascal in front of a Washington, D.C., jury. And the first defense witness we'd like to see is Washington power-lawyer Ted Olson. If there was a conspiracy to entrap Clinton, it was hatched in his office. Just last month, an article by Jane Mayer in the *New Yorker* established that, contrary to its stated policy, ABC News paid Olson \$25,000 for the privilege of getting Monica Lewinsky to sit for an interview with Barbara Walters.

One of Kenneth Starr's oldest friends, Olson pops up everywhere in the "Clinton Scandals." Indeed, Starr presided over his marriage to TV pundit Barbara Olson, GOP attack-blonde. Kenneth Olson played active roles in Whitewater, the Paula Jones case, the Arkansas Project and now the Lewinsky matter. Back at the beginning, Olson represented Whitewater con man and witness David Hale. During the 1996 Tucker-McDougal trial, OIC prosecutors falsely assured U.S. District Judge George

Howard that Olson and Starr hardly knew each other.

It's a matter of record that Richard Mellon Scaife's \$2.6 million Arkansas Project had its organizational meetings in Olson's office. He wrote pseudonymous articles urging Clinton's impeachment for *The American*

Spectator, the magazine through whose good offices Hale's care and feeding was funded. After the project's cover was blown, Olson was put in charge of the *Spectator's* internal investigation. (The contents of the OIC's own probe report are still secret.) Paula Jones' lawyers rehearsed for their Supreme Court arguments with Olson's help. If a Democrat did all that to a Republican president, GOP hotheads would accuse him of treason.

Q. Is it really possible that W. Ray Jahn and his wife will be indicted for withholding evidence about FBI use of flammable agents from former Sen. John Danforth's Waco probe?

A. We can't guess, but we do hope Judge Howard is paying attention. See, it was Jahn who leaped to his feet during the Tucker-McDougal trial to assure Howard that Olson and Starr scarcely knew each other. It was also Jahn who failed to disclose Hale's secretive contacts with Arkansas Project operatives to Gov. Jim Guy Tucker's lawyers, thus arguably denying him a fair trial. Starr's probe referred two OIC lawyers to the Justice Department for sanctions. We'd love to know if Jahn was one of them.

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Hillary! lagging in fund raising

Seein's how it's Labor Day, I couldn't resist belaboring a favorite topic, the Clinton-Lazio race for the U.S. Senate in New York.

That's assuming, of course, that Hillary Clinton emerges triumphant from the upcoming primary, which no one in his right mind doubts. All other pertinent factors aside, she *did* win the Democratic nomination at the recent state convention—you know, the one where Hillaryites spat at the American flag-toting Honor Guard—leaving her prospective primary opponent to gather signatures for the privilege of challenging her.

Anyway, as noted yesterday, the Republican candidate, Congressman Rick Lazio of Long Island, has been running roughshod over the first lady with regard to fund raising.

According to an Associated Press review of the latest Federal Elections Commission filings, for the past three months Lazio's fund-raising efforts have outpaced hers at a rate exceeding 3-to-1.

Lazio reported that during that period, he'd raised about \$10.7 million and spent almost \$6.7 million, and still had more than \$10.2 million on hand.

Hillary reported having raised only about \$3.3 million in that time. Expenditures were about \$3.1 million, and cash on hand totaled about \$7.1 million.

No wonder Bill has stepped up his gimme activities, scheduling more personal appearances and sending out thousands of letters to prospective donors.

There's been no word, yet, whether the White House coffees will be resurrected.

By the way, the FEC reports detail only "hard" money contributions, which are limited to \$2,000 a head. As the AP noted,

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Hillary's campaign has been "aggressively raising unlimited soft-money contributions to the Democratic Party," which already has poured hundreds of thousands of dollars into pro-Hillary, anti-Lazio advertising.

The Lazio campaign is said to be still shying away from soft-money contributions, although several anti-Hillary organizations have been holding fund-raisers for his benefit.

The New York contest has become the most expensive U.S. Senate one in the nation, according to the Center for Responsive Politics, raising more than \$49.2 million.

That figure doesn't include the latest FEC reports, but it does include the sum raised by New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani before he dropped out of the race due to health problems.

Calling all vets

On another political note, the American Legion has invited the nation's 27 million veterans and active-duty military personnel to participate in a straw poll over the Internet. At issue are the military positions of the two major presidential candidates, Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

Al Lance, national commander of the 2.8 million-member veterans' group, says participants also may register their views about other relevant issues—health care, education and the like.

"We're going to provide information to the respective camps in terms of the feedback," he said last week.

The address of new Web site, unveiled Friday, is www.mylegion.com.

Galluping results

A new Gallup Poll on the personal qualities of the two major presidential candidates suggests that Americans think Gore is smarter and better looking than Bush, but Bush is a better speaker and has a better sense of humor.

These results, of course, are totally at odds with the major media's take on things. One of many examples that could be cited: a recent *USA Today* "news analysis" of the Bush campaign which focused almost entirely on the GOP contender's "clunky," "sloppy," "confusing" style of public speaking.

The GOP contender, the "analyst," opined, "could not deliver a clean version of his standard speech."

To the left of this harangue, a "news analysis" of the Gore campaign extolled the vice president's joyous metamorphosis from dull policy wonk to "two-stepping Campaign Guy."

A comparison of the two "analyses" certainly gives new meaning to the expression: "Gannettizing the news."

Pass the peas, please

On the lighter side, last week's Gallup Poll noted that men would be more likely to choose Bush as a dinner companion. Women prefer Gore.

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

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Lazio Closes in on Mrs. Clinton in Money Race

By CLIFFORD J. LEVY

Representative Rick A. Lazio may be less well known than his opponent in the New York Senate contest (not to mention the Republican who dropped out), but in terms of fund-raising, he has already entered her league. Mr. Lazio collected \$10.7 million in just seven weeks this summer, his aides said yesterday, leaving little doubt that he will have the means to battle for the seat despite his late start.

Mr. Lazio has taken in a total of \$19.2 million since jumping into the Senate race in May, nearly as much as Hillary Rodham Clinton, who has been raising money for more than a year and has collected \$21.9 million. She raised \$3.3 million in the seven-week period this summer: July 1 to Aug. 23.

Mr. Lazio's success with donors suggests that no matter who is on the Republican line -- mayor, congressman, school board member -- the checks will pour in because of hostility among some people across the country to the Democrat, Mrs. Clinton. Mr. Lazio, a once-obscure congressman from Suffolk County, has readily harnessed that sentiment.

"I'm Rick Lazio," he wrote in an unusually short, one-page fund-raising letter this summer. "It won't take me six pages to convince you to send me an urgently needed contribution for my United States Senate campaign in New York. It will take only six words: I'm running against Hillary Rodham Clinton. Sincerely, Rick Lazio."

Despite her financial edge so far, Mr. Lazio has more money on hand, an important indicator. Mr. Lazio began the race with \$3.5 million left over from his House campaigns, and then collected

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\$15.7 million. After expenditures, largely for television advertisements and direct mailings, he has \$10.2 million in the bank. She has \$7.1 million.

Both campaigns released summaries of their finances yesterday, but not lists of donors and expenditures. They are required to submit those lists to the Federal Election Commission this month.

Before exiting the race to focus on his treatment for prostate cancer, Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani repeatedly set fund-raising records with a campaign that appealed to the distaste of conservatives and others for Mrs. Clinton. With the same strategy, Mr. Lazio is surpassing even Mr. Giuliani's records.

In the first three months of this year, for example, Mr. Giuliani took in \$7 million, less than Mr. Lazio's total for the recent seven weeks.

"It is historic," said Bill Dal Col, Mr. Lazio's campaign manager, a longtime political consultant who led Steve Forbes's presidential campaigns. "I have never seen numbers like this."

These totals would have been unthinkable in previous races. In the seven-week summer period in the 1998 Senate contest in New York, the eventual winner, Charles E. Schumer, raised \$627,000, while the incumbent, Alfonse M. D'Amato, raised \$1.7 million, officials said.

Mr. Schumer spent \$16.7 million on the entire race.

Mr. Giuliani, who raised \$23.3 million for his aborted run, and Mrs. Clinton have both surpassed the record for fund-raising by a nonincumbent in a Senate race, the \$21 million taken in by Oliver L. North, a Republican, in his failed race in Virginia in 1994.

The record for spending will not be known until November. Jon S. Corzine, a Wall Street multimillionaire, spent \$35.5 million, nearly all of it his own money, to win the Democratic Senate primary in New Jersey. He is expected to spend more in the general election against the Republican, Representative Robert D. Franks.

The New York contest is likely to be the most expensive Senate race in the nation's history, and that is without taking into account so-called soft money: large donations raised and spent by party committees. Mrs. Clinton has raised soft money, and while Mr. Lazio has not, outside groups not connected to his campaign have bought ads to help him.

Because of Mrs. Clinton, Mr. Giuliani took in more money from donors outside the state than a typical Senate candidate, and Mr. Lazio is expected to focus more on such contributors this month. He has scheduled fund-raising visits next week to Alabama, Texas and California. The Lazio campaign said it did not know what percentage of its recent donations were from out of state.

Mrs. Clinton has raised about 60 percent of her individual donations out of state.

Mrs. Clinton's aides, who long ago resigned themselves to the idea that she is reviled by politically active (and check-writing) conservatives, said they were not daunted by Mr. Lazio's tally. "We are not surprised that Congressman Lazio outraised us given his ability to tap into a well-funded national network of conservative donors," said Cathie Levine, a Clinton campaign spokeswoman.

Mr. Lazio's aides attribute some of their success to a sense of urgency among Republicans around the country after Mr. Giuliani dropped out. Many Republican contributors consider the New York Senate race their second priority after the presidential one, because defeating Mrs. Clinton would end the reign of both Clintons.

Mr. Lazio holds several weekly fund-raisers, often weaving them into his schedule as he travels around the state. Campaigning one Monday in mid-August in the Jamestown area, in the southwest corner of the state, he held a breakfast fund-raiser, then toured a sprawling furniture factory, and then held a luncheon fund-raiser.

Mr. Lazio has benefited from the groundwork laid by Mr. Giuliani's campaign, especially its direct-mail operation, which compiled a list of more than 200,000 donors nationwide.

"Obviously, and there is no secret about this, there is a great deal of resentment towards Mrs. Clinton," said Bruce J. Teitelbaum, who led the Giuliani campaign. "No matter who is going to run, they are going to raise big money. That said, Rick Lazio and his team are doing a superb job."

For some Democrats, the numbers released yesterday confirmed their fears that Mr. Lazio would quickly catch up to Mrs. Clinton in fund-raising and probably surpass her by November. That does not mean that he will win, but it does make him less of an underdog, they said.

"They could run a tree against her, and it wouldn't matter," said Hank Sheinkopf, a Democratic political consultant not involved in the Senate race. "The Republicans will do anything to stop her."

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By GREGG BIRNBAUM



**HILLARY
CLINTON:**
*Moves to block
transfer.*

EXCLUSIVE

Hillary Rodham Clinton has intervened to block spy Jonathan Pollard from being transferred to a potentially dangerous unit of the federal prison where he is serving a life term, The Post has learned.

The first lady quietly went to bat for Pollard last week after Jewish leaders told her prison officials planned to move him out of the relatively safe unit where he has spent the past seven years.



**JONATHAN
POLLARD:**
Serving life term.

Under special arrangement, Pollard is imprisoned in a small unit at North Carolina's Butner prison, used primarily to house nonviolent sex offenders who are receiving treatment.

The unit, called Clemson, is regarded as among the safest in the prison.

Pollard's friends had warned that he would be transferred to the Virginia unit, where fights, stabbings, racist incidents and rapes are not



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They believed prison officials want to transfer him to make room in the Clemson unit for additional sex offenders because the prison gets more funding for housing them than for other inmates.

Pollard, a former U.S. Navy civilian intelligence analyst, pleaded guilty to passing military secrets to Israel.

Whether he should be granted clemency has been a political issue in the Senate race and is even reported to have come up in Mideast peace talks over the past few years.

Jewish officials told The Post they were thankful for Clinton's assistance in trying to prevent Pollard's transfer.

Assemblyman Dov Hikind (D-Brooklyn), who notified Clinton's campaign aides about the situation Aug. 24, praised the first lady for acting quickly "on a humanitarian basis."

"We asked for help, and I was told she took care of it and that she wanted to stay on top of it if there were any changes," Hikind said. "We're all grateful."

Clinton spokesman Howard Wolfson confirmed the Democratic candidate's involvement.

"This issue was brought to Hillary Clinton's attention, and she was concerned on humanitarian grounds," Wolfson said.

"She had those concerns conveyed to the appropriate authorities."

Pollard's supporters believe Clinton's action has quashed the transfer, but federal prisons spokesman Scott Wolfson said that, as a matter of policy, the agency doesn't comment on inmate housing.

Jewish leaders - who claim Pollard's life term doesn't fit the crime and is disproportionate to sentences received by other spies - have pressed Clinton and her GOP rival, Rick Lazio, to endorse clemency for Pollard.

Neither has taken a position on whether Pollard should be freed.

Hikind and other Jewish officials believe Clinton would pick up badly needed votes in the Jewish community, particularly among Orthodox and

Hasidic Jews, if she comes out in favor of releasing Pollard.

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Senate race hits record with \$60M

Albany -- Clinton, Lazio, Giuliani have already raised much more than has been spent in any U.S. Senate campaign

New York's race to replace Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan appears to have broken the record for the most expensive U.S. Senate contest in history, according to records released Thursday.

All told, donors have poured more than \$60 million into the campaigns of Democratic First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, Rep. Rick Lazio of Long Island and New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani -- the onetime Republican front-runner who dropped out of the race in May.

"All indications were there that it would break the record," said Steven Weiss at the Center for Responsive Politics, a campaign-finance watchdog group in Washington, D.C. "The level of fund-raising for Clinton and Lazio are at a feverish pace. And there's going to be a lot of money needed to win that campaign, given the coffers that both candidates have at this point."

On Thursday, Clinton and Lazio released financial disclosures detailing their campaign's fund-raising over the last six weeks. From July 1 to Aug. 23, Lazio out-raised Clinton by a ratio of more than 3-1, according to the records filed with the U.S. Federal Election Commission.

Lazio raised \$10.7 million; Clinton, \$3.3 million, the records show. He spent, however, twice as much as she did: \$6.7 million to \$3.1 million. Overall, Clinton still has the fund-raising edge, having pulled in \$21.9 million in direct, hard-money contributions.

Clinton had a long head start, campaigning for the seat since July 1999 -- 10 months before Lazio entered the race in late May. To date, Lazio has raised a total of \$15.7 million, the records show.

Before Giuliani dropped out of the election amid

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health and marital woes, he had raised about \$23 million. That would bring contributions in the race among the three to \$60.6 million. Figures from the Center for Responsive Politics, however, suggest that the race is now up to \$63.1 million. Before the new totals were in, the center had estimated the race's cost at \$49.2 million.

The amount raised in the New York election comfortably outpaces the Senate race in New Jersey, where Democratic financier Jon Corzine spent \$35.5 million this spring to win a party primary. As it stands, Corzine and his Republican opponent, Bob Franks, have raised a combined \$48.1 million, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

Prior to this year, the most expensive Senate race in U.S. history, at \$43.2 million, had been the 1994 California campaign in which Democratic incumbent Diane Feinstein spent \$13.9 million in defeating Republican Michael Huffington, who spent \$29.4 million, according to the Associated Press.

Lazio aides gleefully spun the congressman's windfall as a fund-raising success. "We'll have no problem being competitive" against Clinton's fund-raising prowess, said Lazio strategist Mike Murphy. Clinton spokeswoman Cathie Levine, meanwhile, described the First Lady's posting as "strong."

"While we're very pleased with this impressive show of support for Hillary, we are not surprised that Congressman Lazio out-raised us given his ability to tap into a well-funded national network of conservative donors," Levine said.

The totals released Thursday do not include the millions of dollars in soft-money donations that can be legally used on TV ads and campaign literature, as long as they do not specifically urge viewers how to vote. Clinton raised an estimated \$1 million in soft-money in one night alone while attending a Hollywood gala earlier this month.

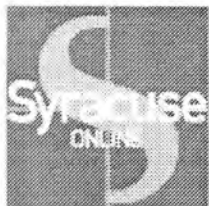


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Clinton visit shorter; adds urban Syracuse

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By Maureen Sieh

The vacation President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton had planned in New York has been reduced to an overnight visit.

A White House spokesman Thursday at 11 p.m. said the first family "had reassessed its vacation plans. They need some actual vacation time and decided to return to Chappaqua Saturday."

Asked about a golf game on Sunday that was to include Assemblyman Mike Bragman, D-Cicero, at Skaneateles Country Club, the spokesman said "there is no Sunday schedule."

However, their plans now include Clinton recording his weekly radio address from the Southwest community Center at 6:15 p.m. today, a White House spokesperson said Thursday.

The president, accompanied by first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, will deliver his address at 401 South Ave. before 100 people, including African-American and Latino leaders.

The Clintons' plane is expected to touch down at Syracuse's Hancock International Airport at 4:45 p.m. After the taping at the center, the Clintons will head two miles to the Glenwood Avenue home of John "Duke" and Billie Jean Kinney for a \$1,000-a person fund-raiser for Rodham Clinton at 7 p.m.

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The news that the Clintons will stop on Syracuse's South Side came as some in the community expressed concerns that the Clintons would spend most of their Labor Day weekend vacation in Skaneateles, instead of touring neighborhoods plagued with crime and vacant and substandard houses. Now it appears little time will be spent in Skaneateles.

Wednesday, Geneva Hayden said Rodham Clinton should do more than raise money in Syracuse.

Thursday, the grandmother who turned the living room of her Midland Avenue home into a library for neighborhood children, welcomed the Clintons' visit to her neighborhood.

"I think it will be a powerful message for the people," she said. "It will probably give hope, maybe people will come out and vote. "We're trying to make our politicians really accountable. In order for us to keep giving up our votes, we have to really see some hard work in our community."

By delivering his weekly address at the Southwest Community Center, Clinton will highlight the neighborhood, said Rich Puchalski, executive director of Syracuse United Neighbors.

Puchalski was invited to attend the taping. If he meets the Clintons, Puchalski will talk about a lack of jobs, deplorable housing conditions in the neighborhood and Onondaga County's plan to build a \$75 million football-field size sewage treatment plant in the Midland Avenue area.

Puchalski said Tuesday he wanted the Clintons to tour some of the city's 1,100 vacant houses that are havens for drug dealers, prostitutes and other criminals. He also wanted the president to visit the business districts on South Avenue and South Geddes streets which are lined with abandoned

buildings.

"Historically, elected officials don't focus on low-income neighborhoods," Puchalski said Tuesday. "Too often they show up at the airport to do a press conference and move on to the next city."

In February, Hayden invited Rodham Clinton to visit the South Side as the two shook hands at the Hotel Syracuse during a fund-raiser sponsored by the New York State Women for Hillary.

"She says, 'It takes a village to raise a child,' she needs to come and see the village," Hayden said.

Hayden followed her verbal invitation with a letter to Rodham Clinton's campaign office.

In April, Evan Ryan, director of scheduling, replied that Rodham Clinton couldn't commit because of the difficulties of predicting her schedule.

Tuesday, Karen Finney, a spokeswoman for Rodham Clinton's campaign, said the candidate had no plans to visit the neighborhood this weekend.

For several months, the Alliance Network has been asking Rodham Clinton to meet with leaders in the Latino and African-American community during her numerous visits to Syracuse, said Walter Dixie, coordinator of the grass-roots group which advocates for people of color.

Some African Americans were concerned Rodham Clinton had not met with leaders in the minority community in previous visits to Syracuse, Dixie said.

"At this point, people are not enthused by this election because no one is knocking on our doors," he said Wednesday. "African Americans have been loyal to she and her husband, especially during the hard times."

If he meets with the Clintons, Dixie plans to ask them about economic development for the city and the problems of day care and affordable housing. "We hope that they have an opportunity to hear us talk about these things," he said. "We need some substance, not just talk."

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Now, even her van is a registered New Yorker

NEW YORK POST, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2000

IT WAS only a matter of time once Hillary got her New York state driver's license that her campaign van would follow suit.

The dark van the first lady travels in when she's in the New York City area — dubbed the "HRC Speedwagon" by reporters — got two New York plates this month to replace her set from the District of Columbia.

Sources observed the plates changed at night by Secret Service agents outside the Waldorf-Astoria hotel. When Hillary is traveling upstate, her Speedwagons sometimes carry Empire State plates.

But the van she uses in the city is leased by the Secret Service out of Washington and wasn't re-regis-

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tered in New York State until Aug. 29.

■ Please, somebody find a fact-checker for the Lazio campaign's widely distributed e-mail newsletter, called "New York Notes."

The latest issue reports "Congressman Lazio and his wife, Patricia, spent time shaking hands, meeting supporters and eating a sausage-and-peppers sandwich" at the state fair in Syracuse earlier this week.

There's just one problem: Mrs. Lazio wasn't with her husband on that trip. She wasn't at the fair, she wasn't shaking hands, and she surely wasn't gobbling a sausage sandwich.

While we're at it, NY Notes also says Lazio visited Breezy Point in Brooklyn.

Sorry, it's in Queens.

■ Moving to broaden her support in the Jewish community, Hillary is set to name several Orthodox Jews to her "kosher kitchen cabinet."

The appointments to the seven-member advisory panel, to be announced before Rosh Hashana, are aimed at helping the first lady make gains with religious, politically conservative Jews.

The move comes as Clinton's top Jewish adviser, Karen Adler, has been edged to the sidelines.

"Karen still has a seat at the table, but the table just got a lot bigger," said a source.

■ Lazio, who is raising tens of millions of dollars to pay for TV ads, plans a low-budget effort to get his "mainstream" message out this weekend.

The GOP candidate, along with several hundred volunteers, will be doing some old-style "leaflet-ing" across the state.

Lazio's army will fan out through the key areas of Westchester, Suffolk, Rockland and Erie counties, as well as parts of Queens, Brooklyn, Staten Island, Rochester and Syracuse.

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By RICHARD JOHNSON
with Paula Froelich
and Chris Wilson



Pruden on Politics

By Wesley Pruden



Making a daughter a campaign asset

Hillary Clinton can't break out in her race for the Senate, and her handlers are close to despair that she ever will. Her fund raising is lagging, badly, and her husband, brought in last week, isn't helping much.

He only reminds the women of what a sap Hillary has been over the years, and saps don't make good senators. It's enough to make a lady long for a secret weapon.

That's what's behind the sudden emergence of first daughter Chelsea as a grown-up player.

American newspapers, and even American television outlets, are wary of saying so, obeying a hard rule of political coverage that you don't involve a candidate's children in even the most robust discussions of politics and policy. Not only that, Miss Clinton is by all accounts a lovely young woman — bright, responsible and serious — who inherited the best of her parents, not the worst. She's entitled to her privacy.

But the Clintons themselves, who have exploited everyone and everything else, are turning now to their only child to rescue Hillary.

London's Sunday Times reported over the weekend that certain diplomats have expressed irritation that the president is involving Chelsea in delicate affairs of state.

"The first sighting of the new Chelsea Clinton was three months ago during a state visit to Washington by Morocco's King Mohammed VI," the Sunday Times reported. "Accompanying her father from the west wing of the White House, she strode confidently down the red carpet and placed a hand on the back of Princess Lalla, gently guiding the king's sister towards Madeline Albright, the secretary of state.

"It was the first time the 20-year-old Stanford University student had stood in for her mother, Hillary, at an official function. . . .

"Chelsea clearly enjoyed the experience. After a series of public appearances at her father's side, however, her prominent role as inseparable presidential escort is beginning to prompt questions about the level of her security clearance and access to confidential information.

"Chelsea has done much more than merely deliberate the burning issues of American foreign policy: she has been present for every big decision the president has made since June."

In fact, Chelsea has been photographed in intense conversations with Mrs. Albright and Sandy Berger, her father's national-security adviser, as if she was part of the small presidential

detail dispatched to assist the president on his visit to Colombia, where he talked up the \$1.3 billion American assist to Colombia's bumbling war on drugs.

A week earlier, Chelsea was seen huddling with Mr. Berger and top aides in Nigeria, and the White House, a little embarrassed, had to shoot down accounts that she played "an active role" in



Hillary Clinton

American efforts to halt the tribal warfare between the Tutsis in the government and the Hutu rebels in Burundi. She was said to have worked with her father aboard Air Force One, rewriting his speech to the Nigerian parliament.

Before that, Israeli officials complained that Chelsea had inappropriately monopolized the dinner-table conversation between her father and Ehud Barak, the Israeli prime minister, during the unsuccessful Camp David talks between Israel and the Palestinians.

You can't blame Chelsea. The president needs a hostess, his wife having abandoned the White House to pursue a job of her own, and daughters have filled in for presidents before. And what serious college junior, who after all has learned more than a sophomore, wouldn't take advantage of such an opportunity to live history while her friends at Stanford are only studying it. Chelsea is not exactly Amy Carter, who took her book of tales of Peter Rabbit to table at a state dinner at the White House. But you can't blame diplomats and officials of other governments, either, for feeling irritation at not knowing exactly what to make of it.

The Clintons know, of course, that criticism of Chelsea will be muted, if there is criticism at all. By taking her public, after guarding her childhood privacy so well for so long, they are creating a valuable asset, an inner tube thrown to a drowning woman, for her mother in New York.

"Chelsea is the respectable Clinton," says a Democratic consultant not connected to the campaign, "and she connects with the suburban housewives who detest her father and feel only embarrassed pity for her mother. Chelsea was the glue that held the family together during the Monica Lewinsky fiasco, and nobody will begrudge her a little excitement now."

No doubt. The risk to the ambitions of her parents is that New Yorkers will regard the exploitation of Chelsea as more cheap Clinton politics, and resent it enough to vote for someone else.

Wesley Pruden is editor in chief of The Times.



HAVING A BALL: Chelsea Clinton, receiving a tennis ball at yesterday's U.S. Open, is apparently head over heels for fellow Stanford student and White House intern Jeremy Kane (inset).

N.Y. Post: Charles Wenzelberg, AP (inset)

NEW YORK POST, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2000

Chelsea has a White House intern of her own

By ADAM MILLER,
MARILYN RAUBER
and NEIL GRAVES

Love-smacked Chelsea Clinton kept her eyes on the ball and her mouth tightly shut yesterday as she attended the U.S. Open — refusing to talk about the hunky White House intern she's dating.

"I can't speak to anyone. I'm sorry," Chelsea told The Post as she sat court-side with two girlfriends in Flushing Meadows.

But the family of Jeremy Kane — the strapping 6-foot-2, 180-pound Stanford University senior who worked in the White House speechwriting department this summer — admit they're thrilled.

"I think it is pretty cool. He says she's just a normal girl. He's a very good kid," said Jeremy's uncle, Gilbert Kane of Bradenton, Fla.

"I knew they have been really good friends for a

while, but I didn't know they were dating. They're always hanging out. I knew [Chelsea] had gotten him a job at the White House."

Chelsea's intern romance follows her dad's scandalous fling with White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

The White House was mum on the romance yesterday and Hillary Clinton — on a Senate campaign stop on the Upper West Side — smiled and shook her head "no" when asked if she had any comment.

But one acquaintance of the Stanford lovebirds, reportedly smitten since last spring, told The Post: "They're a cute couple. He's not shy. He's very friendly."

Sources said Jeremy could be why Chelsea

skipped a weekend in New York with her parents — despite the White House insisting she was simply too "tired," after a four-day swing through Africa with her father.

The new beau — majoring in Latin and the classics — couldn't be reached for comment.

Like Chelsea's last college love, Matthew Pierce, Jeremy is a top swimmer who, as a freshman, placed sixth in the nation in the grueling 1,650-yard freestyle event.

On his university Web site, Jeremy says his nickname is "Ulysses, the Red Peckered Wonder Goat."

The Michigan-born minister's son also reveals his favorite band is Pearl Jam and his top movies include "Scarface" and "Braveheart."

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Hillary named top yawn jockey

By DAREH GREGORIAN

There is somebody more boring than Al Gore — two people, actually.

The Boring Institute has named New York Democratic Senatorial candidate Hillary Clinton as the most boring celebrity of 1999 on its 16th annual list of top snoozemakers.

"She's the perfect example of someone who cannot take a hint to go away," founder Alan Caruba says on his Boring Institute Web site.

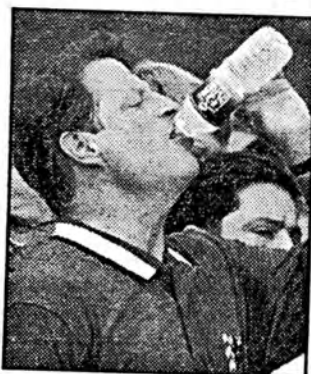
Ambling in to the No. 2 position is not such-a-shock-jock Don Imus. The monotoned morning man is "too nice. Too boring. Too often," the list says.

Our unexcitab-Al vice president came in third, tied with former Knick, New Jersey senator and presidential candidate Bill "The Thrill" Bradley in a matchup the list calls "The Battle of the Bores."

Jesse "The Mind" Ventura, "Minnesota's revenge on itself and the rest of us," placed fourth, while occasional presidential candidate Steve Forbes came in fifth.

The institute summed up Forbes' campaign motto as, "I'm rich. Elect me."

Shirt-swinging soccer star Brandi Chastain, Talk mag-



AL BORE: Al Gore finished only third on a most-boring celebrity list. AP

azine editor Tina Brown, child murder victim JonBenet Ramsey, Y2K fears and endless weather stories round out the list, which Caruba, a former reporter with the Daily Record in Morris County, started in 1984.

"There were an awful lot of very predictable lists of 'Who's hot and who's not' and 'Who's in and who's out,' " he said. "I thought the one list that was missing was, 'Who cares?'"

So he created a pretend institute, and put together a list of boring celebrities, topped that year by Michael Jackson, Andy Rooney and Walter Mondale.



HILL-O: Former Mayor David Dinkins helps Hillary Clinton troll for votes along the West Indian Day Parade route yesterday.

Brigitte Stelzer

Free advice for Senate foes on how to break deadlock

HHEY, candidates, this long marathon Senate race is just two months away from the finish line.

While both of you have spent countless hours and millions of dollars trying to leave your opponent in the dust, the polls show it's still almost dead even.

To win, you're going to have shake up your game plan and show us something a little different. Here are some thoughts:

Hillary:

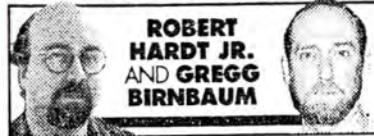
Are you ever going to say anything different between now and Election Day?

While issues such as education and the economy resonate with the electorate, you need to go beyond this year's generic Democratic playbook to strike a strong chord with New York voters.

Even one of your aides con-

To win the attention of more New Yorkers, you need to continue to break down the "first lady" barrier with voters and show them that you're a human being.

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ceded that you need to have one or two defining "New York moments" in your campaign before Election Day.

These spontaneous moments can't be planned, so don't be afraid to terrify your staff and throw your musty script out the window every once in a while.

And while you want this race to only be about the issues, that's not how elections work.

To gain ground and win the attention of more New Yorkers, you need to continue to break down the "first lady" barrier with voters and show them that you're a human being.

As goofy as you probably felt, you were smart to scarf down a sausage sandwich in Syracuse. Shaking a thousand hands isn't the only way to make voters you realize you're made of flesh and blood.

You've worked so hard over the last year to just mail in your message for the next two months.

Your turn, Rick:

First, you are trying to make the election about "trust," but don't give up on the issues.

The small slice of voters you need to win this race — moder-

ates, independents and suburbanites — care deeply about the differences between you and Hillary on education, health care, abortion, the environment.

You've really been on the defensive trying to explain your congressional voting record. Did you forget Campaigning 101, Course Title: "The Best Defense is a Good Offense"?

You haven't said one word about Hillary's education plan. Here's a tip: You won't need a magnifying glass to find a few soft spots.

While we're on the issues, your opponent has had nothing to say about fighting crime. The size of this opening for you roughly approximates the entrance to the Lincoln Tunnel.

Second, you've got to get busy, Rick.

Don't let last week's four-day Hamptons vacation become a metaphor.

When Rudy blew off an upstate campaign trip to catch the Yankees home opener, that sent a message. Look where he is today.

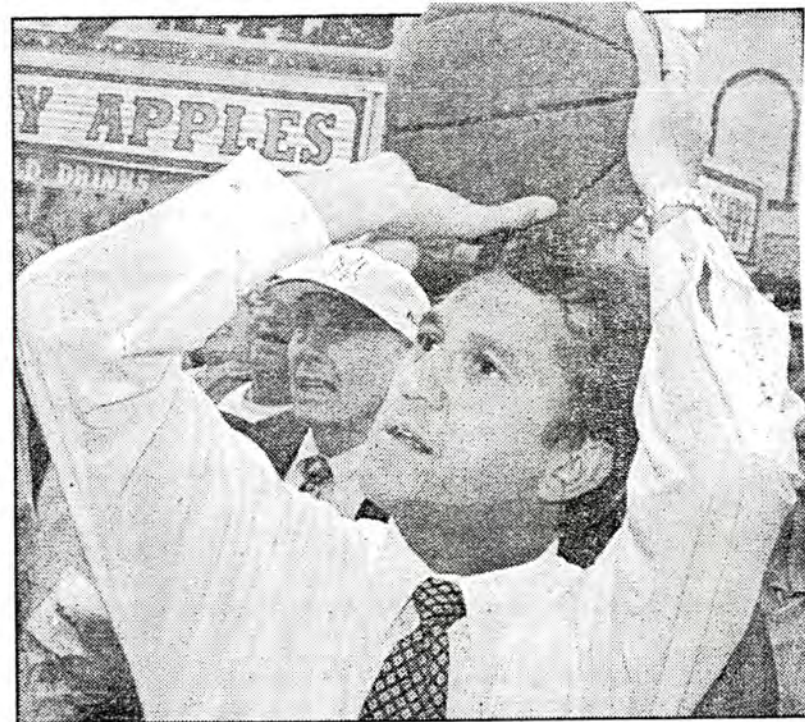
New York voters have a keen sixth sense about which candidate really wants it more. It's time to show that work ethic you learned from your father.

Lastly, how about a September surprise: endorse clemency for the convicted Israeli spy Jonathan Pollard. This just might win you the election.

If you played it right, backing freedom for Pollard (and his expulsion to Israel) would boost your Jewish support from the mid-30s to the mid-40s, perhaps higher. That's lights out for Hillary.

Good luck, Hillary. Good luck, Rick.

May the best candidate win.



OFF THE MARK: Rick Lazio shows fine form at the free-throw line at the State Fair, but he came up empty on all three shots. AP

Rick's day 'fair'; it rains on Hill's parade

By GREGG BIRNBAUM in Syracuse and ROBERT HARDT Jr. in N.Y.

And they're off!

The Senate candidates hit the Labor Day home stretch yesterday — Rick Lazio strolled the fairgrounds in Syracuse and marched in a parade near Buffalo, while Hillary Rodham Clinton stepped lively in the West Indian Day festivities in Brooklyn.

Visiting the State Fair on its last day, Lazio bought two Yankees caps, went zero for three from the foul line (including two air balls) at a basketball challenge, and ate some Italian sausage — finally.

President and Hillary Clinton had mocked Lazio on Saturday when they stopped by the State Fair and made a point of eating sausage sandwiches, after having taken a pass on the local delicacy during an earlier trip to the fair.

Lazio later marched in a volunteer firefighter parade in Clarence, about 20 miles north of Buffalo.

Meanwhile, Clinton was cheered by the predominantly black crowd as she walked with former Mayor David Dinkins along Eastern Parkway in the West Indian Day Parade. Clinton clapped her hands to the music that blasted along the parade route, but when she reached Albany Avenue, heavy rain began to fall.

She left the route after five blocks, about halfway through.

One spectator at the parade was arrested and charged with biting one of Clinton's Secret Service agents. The agent was trying to push back a crowd to clear the way for Clinton.

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The New York Times

Lazio and Mrs. Clinton Step Off in Different Paths

By ADAM NAGOURNEY
with RANDAL C. ARCHIBOLD

CLARENCE CENTER, N.Y., Sept. 4 — Choosing two starkly different Labor Day celebrations at different edges of the state — a volunteer firefighters' parade here in western New York and the West Indian parade in Brooklyn — Rick A. Lazio and Hillary Rodham Clinton stepped off into their general election campaigns today.

Mrs. Clinton bopped down Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway while Mr. Lazio hammered her as an interloper trying to ride her name to power.

The two candidates for the Senate could not have found two more disparate neighborhoods to mark what is traditionally viewed as the first day of the general election campaign. Mr. Lazio headed for this Republican dot of a town 20 miles outside Buffa-

lo, stepping briskly down narrow streets lined with trees and single-family homes to waves of applause and shouts of support, as well as more than a few catcalls directed at Mrs. Clinton.

At the other end of the state, Mrs. Clinton marched through one of the most solidly Democratic parts of New York, Crown Heights, surrounded by a chaotic, throbbing throng of Secret Service agents, police officers, campaign aides and party supporters. She crisscrossed the street reaching for hands amid the cacophony of shouts of support and calypso music blaring from floats.

For Mrs. Clinton, this was a day of pictures more than words. She seemed intent on enjoying what has proved to be one of the most intriguing spectacles in New York, the West Indian American Carnival Parade, which has become a mandatory stop for any Democratic candidate running in New York. "It's great to be here," she shouted above a pounding soca beat, gyrating her shoulders and waist, though perhaps not as frenetically as the music called for.

Mrs. Clinton apparently did not hear the next question, about her thoughts on the Labor Day campaign kickoff, as she continued shuffling along down the street before turning off at Brooklyn Avenue and jumping into her van. She did not hold a news conference.

By contrast, Mr. Lazio, traveling with a far lighter contingent of reporters, and finding a smaller crowd at the two events he attended — the parade here and the State Fair in Syracuse this morning — held two

nine weeks. He drew contrasts with his opponent on issues from tax cuts to health care, but spoke mostly about Mrs. Clinton, asserting that she lacked the grounding to fill the seat of Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, who is retiring.

The first lady, Mr. Lazio said here, "has no record, no commitment to the state, and has no real rationale for representing us in the state."

Earlier, on the grounds of the State Fair in Syracuse, Mr. Lazio said: "People look at my opponent and they can't name one single thing that Mrs. Clinton has ever done for the people of the state of New York. And but for her name, I think a lot of New Yorkers wonder whether she would even be a candidate in New York."

The core issue, Mr. Lazio said, is "about which person has been talking a lot of baloney and which person has been getting the job done." Mr. Lazio left no doubt that he put himself in the productive category.

Mrs. Clinton responded to Mr. Lazio's remarks through a spokeswoman, Cathie Levine. "Congressman Lazio has been engaging in negative personal attacks because he can't improve his record and he has no idea how to improve the lives of New Yorkers," she said.

Mr. Lazio's robust attack on his opponent, coming after a month in which Mrs. Clinton has attacked him almost daily with speeches and television advertisements, emphasized the extent to which this campaign has turned negative. That is surprising, several analysts said, only because it happened so early and so intensely, so much so that aides to both candidates are wondering what might be left to say at the end of October.

Advisers to both candidates said that with the election so tight and with so many voters apparently set in their ways, the only way to move an electorate already saturated with information was with hard-charging attacks.

Mrs. Clinton's march through Crown Heights today was a challenge for her security forces. Aides said Mrs. Clinton was determined to walk the parade as other politicians have, as opposed to riding in some sort of armored car, to avoid reinforcing impressions that she is aloof. At one point, a woman who tried to get near the first lady bit a Secret Service agent who blocked her way, leading to her arrest, the police said.

Dressed in a lemon yellow pantsuit and wearing a yellow and green sticker that said "Caribbean Americans for Hillary," Mrs. Clinton marched a good part of the route along Eastern Parkway with David N. Dinkins, the former mayor, at her side. She left the parade at Brooklyn Avenue because of a heavy downpour that sent many spectators racing to subway stations. As Mrs. Clinton and Mr. Dinkins marched, a cam-



Representative Rick A. Lazio, checking his weight after indulg while campaigning at the State Fair in Syracuse. He said the sa



Hillary Rodham Clinton swiveled a bit to soca music yesterday during the American Carnival Parade in Brooklyn. But when the rain c

Dinkins supports Hillary Clinton for U.S. Senate."

None of the scantily dressed dancers who are a fixture at the parade appeared in sight of Mrs. Clinton. As she approached Kingston Avenue, she seemed impressed with the music. Just as the rain began to pour 25 minutes into her march, she began bouncing the umbrella an aide had handed her, shuffling her feet and finally swiveling her hips, to the delight of paradegoers.

my vote just being here & marching in our parade is said Clayton Whitgate, a American who said he thought much about the S

In Syracuse this morning attended to a bit of business, eating a sausage si ter his initial demurrals. Syracuse reporter last w felt only "so-so" about wiches, which are famo at the fair. On Saturday Clinton and Mrs. Clint

'Take back Vermont'

Vermont natives are angry over the homosexual "civil unions" approved by the state Legislature and Democratic governor, and they are showing their unhappiness by painting "Take Back Vermont" on barns and by planting signs with the same message, the New York Times reports.

"Stop and inquire at houses displaying the signs ... and the translation becomes clear: We are furious at our legislators for passing a law this spring letting gay couples be joined in marriage-like civil unions. We are mad about property tax reform, and all the permits we need to log or build on our land and all the other laws our politicians pass against our will. We want to vote them out in November," reporter Carey Goldberg writes.

One Vermonter told the reporter: "Civil unions are like the straw that broke the camel's back."

Dick Lambert, a dairy farmer from the town of Washington, came up with the idea of printing the signs, and has sold more than 4,000 of them at \$5 each.

Said the reporter: "The signs are, unquestionably, political. They tend to be paired with signs backing Ruth Dwyer, a Republican candidate for governor, who opposes civil unions." Gov. Howard Dean, a Democrat, spoke out against the signs at a recent news conference.

Most of those opposed to civil unions are conservative natives of the state, while those who support the new law tend to be liberal Democrats who came from somewhere else, the reporter said.

A shadow over Jersey

"Turn on any television in northern New Jersey and it's hard to miss the barrage of commercials drawing attention to a U.S. Senate race — in New York," Philadelphia Inquirer reporter Tom Turcol writes.

"As a result, vast numbers of New Jersey voters are hearing about the high-profile campaign featuring Hillary Rodham Clinton and Rep. Rick A. Lazio," the reporter said.

"So much so, in fact, that the home-state contest between Democrat Jon S. Corzine and Republican Robert Franks, at least for now, registers barely a mention at dinner tables and cocktail parties north of Trenton.

"The Clinton-Lazio battle could dominate the attention of voters throughout New Jersey's most populous region and become a key factor in the contest for the

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New Jersey seat of retiring Democrat Frank R. Lautenberg.

"The New York contest helps Cozine, the wealthy former Wall Street executive who bought name recognition with a multimillion-dollar ad campaign in the Democratic primary. His new wave of commercials, to run from Labor Day through the Nov. 7 election, stand to break through the clutter of political advertising and supplement his advantage.

"This also highlights the central dilemma for Franks, the lesser-known and greatly underfunded candidate. In addition to competing for viewer interest with the New York race, Franks will find his ads sandwiched among those aired on Philadelphia area TV by Senate candidates in Pennsylvania and Delaware."

Perverse reasoning

Elected black Democrats in Michigan oppose a school-voucher referendum there "because unions have more clout than poor people," Wall Street Journal columnist Paul Gigot writes.

"But far more curious is the opposition of GOP Gov. John Engler and Sen. Spence Abraham. Their advisers told me last year that they worried that blacks might turn out in greater numbers to support vouchers but then also vote against Messrs. Abraham or Bush," Mr. Gigot said.

"Now, that's perverse: Republicans finally find an issue that resonates with blacks, but then they fail to support it because blacks might not vote Republican! At least Mr. Engler has now promised to keep quiet, while other Republicans (U.S. House leader J.C. Watts, Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus) have endorsed."

Mr. Gigot added: "One other politician who could help is George W. Bush. His campaign



Would-be New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton has become a familiar face in northern New Jersey campaign broadcasts.

says he doesn't comment on state ballot measures. But the Michigan vote meshes perfectly with the governor's themes of education reform and compassionate conservatism. His opponent, meanwhile, is a wholly owned subsidiary of the National Education Association, except when enrolling his own kid at Sidwell Friends.

"Mr. Bush says he's a better leader. He can prove it in Michigan."

Bush, Gore on Oprah

Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush has agreed to appear in a live interview with talk-show host Oprah Winfrey on Sept. 18 — a week after his Democratic opponent, Al Gore, makes a similar appearance. Mr. Gore will be a guest on the show Sept. 11, which kicks off Miss Winfrey's 15th season, Cox News Service reports.

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Lazio back in the hunt after 4-day layoff

By GREGG BIRNBAUM

Rick Lazio's Hamptons vacation ended yesterday on another beach — he hit the campaign trail in Breezy Point and brushed off criticism that he isn't working hard enough to beat Hillary Rodham Clinton.

On a hazy and humid end-of-summer day, Lazio spent about an hour greeting swimmers around the pool at the Breezy Point Surf Club in Queens, rolling a couple of bocce balls with little success, and shaking hands with diners in the club's restaurant.

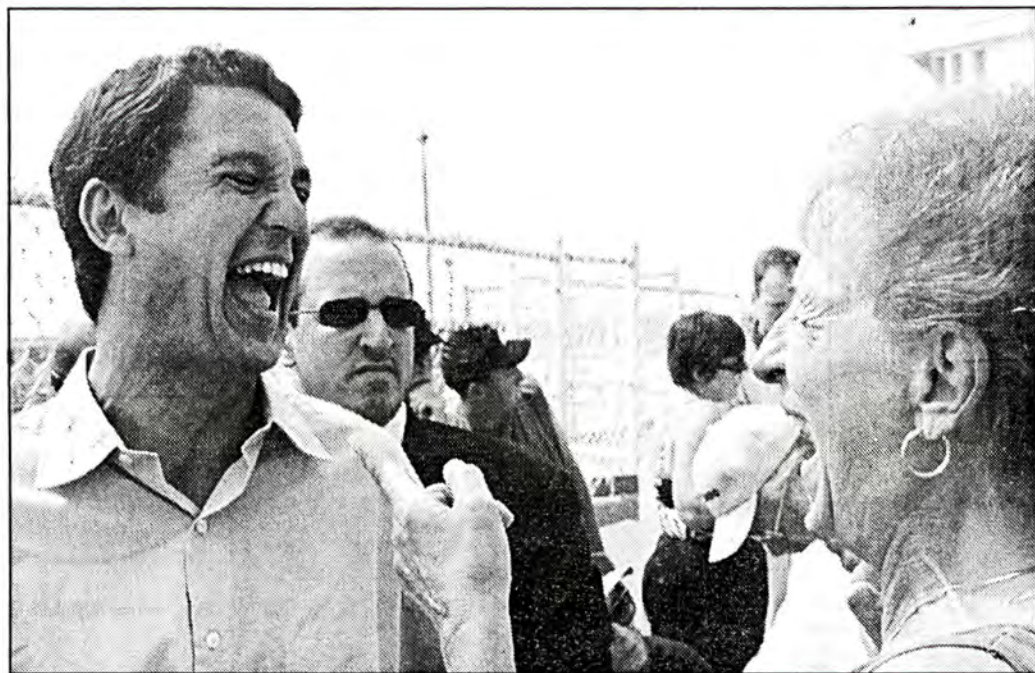
The Republican Senate hopeful also praised federal prison officials for not transferring convicted spy Jonathan Pollard to a more dangerous housing unit and said Clinton's intervention in the politically sensitive case was "within her rights."

Lazio hinted it is unlikely he will take a position before Election Day on whether Pollard, who is serving a life sentence for spying for Israel, should be granted clemency.

"I think the best person to make a decision on this is obviously the president of the United States," Lazio told reporters.

"There's only one person who can actually offer the clemency and that's the president."

Lazio's appearance in Breezy Point, a private enclave on the western tip of the Rockaways, was his first campaign stop since Tuesday, when he dropped by Junior's Restaurant in Brooklyn.



GOOD ONE! Rick Lazio gets giddy with a sunbather at the Breezy Point Surf Club in Queens yesterday. Helayne Seidman

Lazio then bolted for East Hampton, where he and his family laid low at a friend's house for four days, taking a break from the campaign.

"I am working very hard," Lazio said outside the surf club.

"We have been all over this state. People need to

be reminded I got into this race only three months ago — didn't have the luxury of an extra year to campaign."

Joined by state Conservative Party boss Mike Long and his daughter, Eileen Long, Lazio's deputy campaign manager, Lazio was warmly received —

but some supporters urged him to throw harder punches at Clinton.

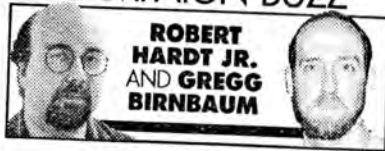
"You should refute them," one person told Lazio, referring to stepped-up attacks on his record by Clinton and state Democrats.

Lazio responded, "Sometimes what they're saying is just absolutely incorrect.

It's wrong. It's a fib."

Lazio will visit the state fair in Syracuse today for the second time this summer and then take part in a Labor Day parade in Clarence, north of Buffalo.

Clinton, who had no campaign events yesterday, will participate in Brooklyn's West Indian Day Parade.



GOPers rip Rudy aide's \$Solo efforts

STATE Republicans are less than thrilled about plans by Mayor Giuliani's former campaign manager Bruce Teitelbaum to raise funds — supposedly to help Rick Lazio's Senate campaign.

A GOP source griped that Teitelbaum is acting like a one-man band, without regard for Lazio, Gov. Pataki or the state party.

Some Republicans are fearful Giuliani may transfer some of his leftover campaign cash — close to \$4 million — to Teitelbaum's new committee, where it would be solely under his control.

The state GOP had wanted a good chunk of that money to run ads on Lazio's behalf against Hillary Rodham Clinton.

It hardly seems a state secret, but the Clinton and Lazio camps don't want anyone to know who will be playing the bad guy in practice sessions for their Sept. 13 debate in Buffalo.

The Lazio team has been busy discussing finalists for their Hillary stand-in — but they wouldn't say who was being considered for the important prep job.

The Long Island congressman was engaged in intense preparation yesterday while staying at a friend's house with his family in East Hampton.

Clinton aides were mum about their practice sessions, and wouldn't say who will play Lazio.

For a Senate candidate in need of lots of publicity, Democrat Mark McMahon isn't doing himself any favors.

Fox News Channel decided to do a piece on the political unknown taking on Hillary in the Sept. 12 Democratic primary.

So a camera crew was dispatched Monday morning to the Long Island Rail Road station in Massapequa, where McMahon was scheduled to campaign.

But guess who didn't show up and had to be tracked down by the Fox news crew?

The apologetic candidate said there was a scheduling mix-up.

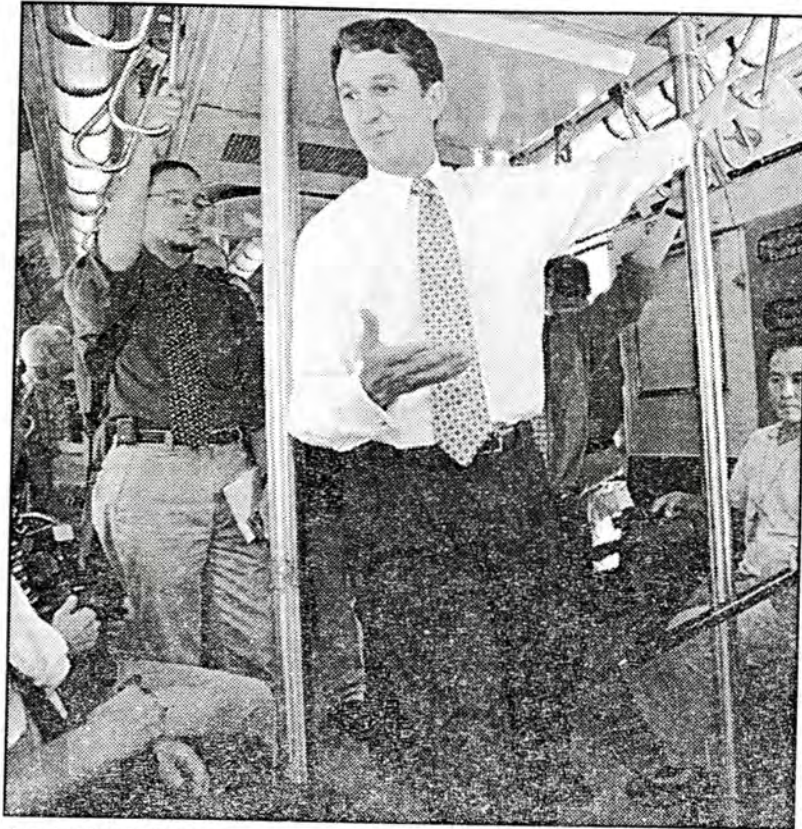
Former President George Bush must really want to keep Hillary out of the Senate.

The father of the Republican presidential nominee donated \$1,000 to Giuliani when he was running against the first lady and now he's chipped in another grand for Lazio.

The Bush contribution to Lazio's coffers, made last week with a personal check, is listed in the Suffolk County Republican's just-filed campaign finance report.

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Rick's fund-raising dwarfs first lady's



GRAVY TRAIN: Rick Lazio, here on the No. 7 train to Flushing, has recently outraised Hillary Clinton by three-to-one. N.Y. Post: David Rentas

By ROBERT HARDT Jr.

GOP Senate candidate Rick Lazio has pulled ahead in the money race, raising more than three times as much cash as Hillary Rodham Clinton over the past two months, according to figures released by the campaigns yesterday.

Lazio raised \$10.7 million during July and August — compared to \$3.3 million hauled in by his Democratic rival.

The Long Island congressman reported having \$10.2 million on hand, while Clinton had \$7.1 million.

Clinton also spent \$7.1 million — mostly buying TV time for ads — while Lazio shelled out \$6.7 million.

The figures from reports filed with the Federal Election Commission do not include the millions in unregulated “soft money” Clinton has raised this summer, which can indirectly benefit her campaign.

Although Lazio has avoided raising soft money, several conservative organizations have been hauling in cash for the Senate race, money they claim they’ll be spending to support him.

Lazio campaign spokesman Michael Marr said the new report “shows the great level of grassroots support Congressman Lazio enjoys.”

Marr said the FEC reports provide “a nice contrast between the hard-dollar contributions Congressman Lazio is raising and the millions of soft-money contributions Mrs. Clinton is raising from her rich Hollywood friends and liberal special interests.”

Hard-money contributions are limited to \$2,000 per donor and can be used directly by a candidate’s campaign committee.

Clinton spokesman Howard Wolfson noted that the first lady has raised a total of \$21.9 million and will likely reach her \$25 million fundraising goal.

“While we’re very pleased with our impressive show of support; we fully expect that Congressman Lazio will outraise us given his ability to tap into a national Republican fund-raising network,” Wolfson said.

Including money raised by Mayor Giuliani in his aborted campaign, \$63 million in hard-money donations have already been made in the Senate race — an all-time record.

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Rival Closes In On Mrs. Clinton In Money Race

By CLIFFORD J. LEVY

Representative Rick A. Lazio may be less well known than his opponent in the New York Senate contest (not to mention the Republican who dropped out), but in terms of fund-raising, he has already entered her league. Mr. Lazio collected \$10.7 million in just seven weeks this summer, his aides said yesterday, leaving little doubt that he will have the means to battle for the seat despite his late start.

Mr. Lazio has taken in a total of \$19.2 million since jumping into the Senate race in May, nearly as much as Hillary Rodham Clinton, who has been raising money for more than a year and has collected \$21.9 million. She raised \$3.3 million in the seven-week period this summer: July 1 to Aug. 23.

Mr. Lazio's success with donors suggests that no matter who is on the Republican line — mayor, congressman, school board member — the checks will pour in because of hostility among some people across the country to the Democrat, Mrs. Clinton. Mr. Lazio, a once-obscure congressman from Suffolk County, has readily harnessed that sentiment.

"I'm Rick Lazio," he wrote in an unusually short, one-page fund-raising letter this summer. "It won't take me six pages to convince you to send me an urgently needed contribution for my United States Senate campaign in New York. It will take only six words: I'm running against

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Hillary Rodham Clinton. Sincerely, Rick Lazio."

Despite her financial edge so far, Mr. Lazio has more money on hand, an important indicator. Mr. Lazio began the race with \$3.5 million left over from his House campaigns, and then collected \$15.7 million. After expenditures, largely for television advertisements and direct mailings, he has \$10.2 million in the bank. She has \$7.1 million.

Both campaigns released summaries of their finances yesterday, but not lists of donors and expenditures. They are required to submit those lists to the Federal Election Commission this month.

Before exiting the race to focus on his treatment for prostate cancer, Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani repeatedly set fund-raising records with a campaign that appealed to the distaste of conservatives and others for Mrs. Clinton. With the same strategy, Mr. Lazio is surpassing even Mr. Giuliani's records.

In the first three months of this year, for example, Mr. Giuliani took in \$7 million, less than Mr. Lazio's total for the recent seven weeks.

"It is historic," said Bill Dal Col, Mr. Lazio's campaign manager, a longtime political consultant who led Steve Forbes's presidential campaigns. "I have never seen numbers

like this."

These totals would have been unthinkable in previous races. In the seven-week summer period in the 1998 Senate contest in New York, the eventual winner, Charles E. Schumer, raised \$627,000, while the incumbent, Alfonse M. D'Amato, raised \$1.7 million, officials said.

Mr. Schumer spent \$16.7 million on the entire race.

Mr. Giuliani, who raised \$23.3 million for his aborted run, and Mrs.

Appealing to some voters' distaste for the first lady.

Clinton have both surpassed the record for fund-raising by a nonincumbent in a Senate race, the \$21 million taken in by Oliver L. North, a Republican, in his failed race in Virginia in 1994.

The record for spending will not be known until November. Jon S. Corzine, a Wall Street multimillionaire, spent \$35.5 million, nearly all of it his own money, to win the Democratic Senate primary in New Jersey. He is expected to spend more in the general election against the Republican, Representative Robert D. Franks.

The New York contest is likely to be the most expensive Senate race in the nation's history, and that is without taking into account so-called soft money: large donations raised and spent by party committees. Mrs. Clinton has raised soft money, and while Mr. Lazio has not, outside groups not connected to his campaign have bought ads to help him.

Because of Mrs. Clinton, Mr. Giuliani took in more money from donors outside the state than a typical Senate candidate, and Mr. Lazio is expected to focus more on such contributors this month. He has scheduled fund-raising visits next week to Alabama, Texas and California. The Lazio campaign said it did not know what percentage of its recent donations were from out of state.

Mrs. Clinton has raised about 60 percent of her individual donations out of state.

Mrs. Clinton's aides, who long ago resigned themselves to the idea that she is reviled by politically active (and check-writing) conservatives, said they were not daunted by Mr. Lazio's tally. "We are not surprised that Congressman Lazio outraised us given his ability to tap into a well-funded national network of conservative donors," said Cathie Levine, a Clinton campaign spokeswoman.

Mr. Lazio's aides attribute some of their success to a sense of urgency among Republicans around the country after Mr. Giuliani dropped out.

Many Republican contributors consider the New York Senate race their second priority after the presidential one, because defeating Mrs. Clinton would end the reign of both Clintons.

Mr. Lazio holds several weekly fund-raisers, often weaving them into his schedule as he travels around the state. Campaigning one Monday in mid-August in the Jamestown area, in the southwest corner of the state, he held a breakfast fundraiser, then toured a sprawling furniture factory, and then held a luncheon fund-raiser.

Mr. Lazio has benefited from the groundwork laid by Mr. Giuliani's campaign, especially its direct-mail operation, which compiled a list of more than 200,000 donors nationwide.

"Obviously, and there is no secret about this, there is a great deal of resentment towards Mrs. Clinton," said Bruce J. Teitelbaum, who led the Giuliani campaign. "No matter who is going to run, they are going to raise big money. That said, Rick Lazio and his team are doing a superb job."

For some Democrats, the numbers released yesterday confirmed their fears that Mr. Lazio would quickly catch up to Mrs. Clinton in fund-raising and probably surpass her by November. That does not mean that he will win, but it does make him less of an underdog, they said.

"They could run a tree against her, and it wouldn't matter," said Hank Sheinkopf, a Democratic political consultant not involved in the Senate race. "The Republicans will do anything to stop her."

Independent counsel shuts down Whitewater probe headquarters

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Independent Counsel Robert Ray formally ended the Whitewater era yesterday, announcing he had closed the Arkansas office where President Clinton and his wife's business dealings had been investigated for 6½ years.

Mr. Ray is now focusing on whether to try the president over his testimony about Monica Lewinsky in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case.

U.S. District Judge Susan Weber last year cited Mr. Clinton with contempt of court and fined him \$90,000 as a civil penalty for misleading testimony in the Jones case.

A grand jury was seated July 11 to consider whether Mr. Clinton should also face criminal charges

for the sworn testimony.

During their work in Arkansas, independent counsels Ray, Kenneth Starr and Robert Fiske saw 21 persons charged and 14 convicted for a variety of crimes, many of which did not pertain to the land deal that gave the Whitewater investigation its name.

In Arkansas, all that remains is an appeal and a plea for post-conviction relief by ex-Gov. Jim Guy Tucker, who left office after being convicted of fraud in 1996.

"If he wins . . . we've agreed not to retry," said Keith Ausbrook, a spokesman and lawyer in Mr. Ray's office. He said other Arkansas matters would be handled by the Washington staff of the Office of Independent Counsel.

The Little Rock office was down

to two persons before it closed its doors yesterday. At its peak, more than three dozen lawyers, FBI agents and others were assigned to the special prosecutor's operation in Arkansas.

Mr. Fiske and Mr. Starr's initial assignment when the office opened in 1994 was to determine whether there were any improper relationships between the president and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and the Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan, which was owned by James McDougal.

Mr. McDougal and his ex-wife Susan were partners with the Clintons in the Whitewater land development in northern Arkansas.

Madison Guaranty failed at a cost to taxpayers of \$65 million.

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Lazio trounces Clinton in fundraising for July, August

Republican Rick Lazio got into the New York Senate race against first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton late, but he has been making up for lost time. A campaign finance report shows the Long Island congressman, a relative unknown before his entrance into the race May 20, raised \$10.7 million from July 1 through Aug. 23. That's more than \$1 million a week and almost five times as much as Clinton raised during the same period.

"Wow! Those are pretty amazing numbers," says Larry Makinson, who tracks political money for the nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics.

Since he entered the Senate race just over three months ago to replace New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who dropped out amid health and marital problems, Lazio has raised \$15.8 million. Giuliani announced Thursday that hormone treatments have halted the spread of his prostate cancer, but he will continue treatments to rid his body of the disease.

Clinton, one of the top campaign fundraisers in the country, raised



Republican National Committee

Attack ad: The Republican Party takes aim at Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore with a 30-second advertisement airing in 17 states.

\$2.8 million during the same period, for a total of \$21.4 million since beginning her campaign last year.

— Kathy Kiely

GOP advertisement hits Gore's temple fundraiser

A new 30-second Republican spot attacking Vice President Gore opens by showing a TV set with images of Gore at a Buddhist temple fundraiser in 1996, followed by the vice president making a speech about campaign finance reform.

"There's Al Gore reinventing himself," a woman says, reacting. "Like I'm not going to notice. Who's he going to be today — the Al Gore who raises campaign money at a Buddhist temple? Or the one who promises campaign finance reform? Really." The ad also pokes fun at Gore's claim that he helped create the Internet. "Yeah, and I invented the remote control, too," the woman says. "Another round of this and I'll sell my television."

The Republican National Committee ad, airing in 17 states, is the most direct GOP attack yet against Gore.

Interior Dept. reviewing its ties with Boy Scouts

The Interior Department is reviewing whether it should sever some ties with the Boy Scouts of America over the group's ban of gays. The order could prevent the Boy Scouts from using some federal land and keeping Interior sponsorship in scouting activities. Interior asked the Justice Department to look into whether working with the Boy Scouts violates an executive order issued in June that barred participation in groups that discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

Counsel investigating Clinton closes Whitewater office

Independent prosecutor Robert Ray formally declared an end to the Whitewater era, announcing that he had closed the Arkansas office where President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton's business dealings had been investigated for the past 6½ years. All that remains to be dealt with is an appeal and a plea for post-conviction relief by former governor Jim Guy Tucker. During the Whitewater investigation, 21 people were charged, and 14 were convicted in connection with a variety of crimes.

Natural Law candidate attracts Ventura aide

John Hagelin's presidential campaign signed as campaign manager the man who led Jesse Ventura to victory as Minnesota governor in 1998. Doug Friedline, Ventura's campaign manager, promised "instant credibility and some structure" to the campaign of Hagelin, who heads the Natural Law Party and officially became its nominee Thursday. He is also the nominee of a faction of the Reform Party.

— Tom Squitieri

Written by Jim Drinkard from staff and wire reports

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Marjorie Williams

The Pol's Wife

Now *that's* a low blow. As The Post reported on Wednesday, the estranged wife of Prince George's County representative Albert Wynn has gone to work for the campaign of his opponent, Paul Kimble, targeting her former love with inflammatory recorded calls to thousands of voters in the heavily black Fourth District. "Albert Wynn does not respect black women," says her message. "He left me for a white woman."

Kimble, who is white, may be kindly described as an eccentric who won the Republican nomination by virtue of being the only Republican foolish enough to vie for Wynn's ultra-safe seat. He has eight dogs and six cats; he once tried to pose nude in Playgirl magazine as a way of raising funds; and in two previous outings against Wynn he won less than 15 percent of the vote.

Kimble, in other words, is just a bump in Wynn's road to a fifth term. The real interest in the story is as the latest sign of revolt in the ranks of silent political wifehood. It seems that when politicians divorce these days, a wife who has hoed the long row of political marriage is ever more inclined to go out with a bang.



BY BILL O'LEARY—THE WASHINGTON POST

A little over a year ago, Pat Fordice, then first lady of Mississippi, was (very sweetly) hanging her governor-husband, Kirk Fordice, out to dry, publicly declining to vacate the governor's mansion so that he could marry his mistress. And last spring we had Donna Hanover, on the steps of Gracie Mansion, delivering the death blow to Rudy Giuliani's Senate campaign by confirming that his affairs were the reason their marriage was ending.

Last month, Marianne Gingrich earned a reported \$275,000 for a book proposal promising to relate the saga of her marriage to Newt: hard-earned money indeed.

These auguries are like the early frames of one of those children's dramas—"The Rats of N.I.M.H.," perhaps—in which lab animals band together to escape from their tormentors. In fact, the phenomenon of the Explosive Political Wife is just one more sign that the entire role of political wife is on its last legs, victim of our dawning awareness that it's a social construct that has outlived its relevance by a good 30 years.

The Wife always served three purposes in politics, at least two of which are now moot. The first was to warrant the husband's basic normality as a family man—that he was just like voters. But increasingly, the man with a single long-term marriage and a helpmeet whose career is to support his career is becoming a rarity; why should voters want to see this vanishing ideal mirrored in their politicians? The second role was to assert his reliability, or morality. (He seems happily married, she sticks with him, ergo he's not a cad.)

But in the post-Clinton era, this function not only seems passe; it seems, after Hillary Clinton's long, ambiguous service as her husband's enabler, positively suspect. (Don't be fooled by The Kiss, Al and Tipper Gore's famed clinch before his convention speech last month, which is the exception that proves the rule. Only the man who wants to succeed Bill Clinton has to offer what will henceforth be seen as icky, staged demonstrations of intimacy.)

Finally, political wives—especially on the Republican side—have served as guarantors of their husbands' essential niceness, or political moderation. Barbara Bush always allowed people to believe she was liberal on abortion rights and that perhaps therefore her husband was too; she talked so fervently about literacy and Head Start that it was easy to forget to notice how little interest George Bush had in domestic social policy. This function—though theoretically one that wives can still perform—is the least constructive one of all.

In almost any campaign you may still see the wife in the skirted blue or red suit, the sensible pumps, accepting her wrist corsage from the 4-H Club winner. But behind its impregnable smiles and circle pins, the entire institution has been slowly crumbling. Increasingly, politicians' wives have jobs of their own or, cleanest of all, careers that have absolutely nothing to do with politics. Another reason political wifehood is dying is that men are now trying to be political spouses, too, and they can't stand it. Bob Dole, you'll recall, endured it for about five minutes before he undermined his wife's presidential campaign by carrying on about his admiration for her rival, John McCain.

No matter how many times you see Laura Bush read to a child on the evening news this year, the traditional political wife is an endangered species. May she rest in peace. Some time, in the not too distant future, we will acknowledge the passing of her role with the same amazement we felt at the fall of the Berlin Wall, crashing down so easily after standing for decades as an unbreachable certainty. Boy, we'll think; that sucker wasn't as strong as it looked.

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HILLARY PULLS STRINGS FOR SPY POLLARD

By GREGG BIRNBAUM

Hillary Rodham Clinton has intervened to block spy Jonathan Pollard from being transferred to a potentially dangerous unit of the federal prison where he is serving a life term, The Post has learned.

The first lady quietly went to bat for Pollard last week after Jewish leaders told her prison officials planned to move him out of the relatively safe unit where he has spent the past seven years.

Pollard's supporters fear he would have faced attacks in the new unit, said to house violent inmates including white supremacists, because he spied for Israel and is an Orthodox Jew.

Under special arrangement, Pollard

is imprisoned in a small unit at North Carolina's Butner prison, used primarily to house nonviolent sex offenders who are receiving treatment.

The unit, called Clemson, is regarded as among the safest in the prison.

Pollard's friends had warned that he would be transferred to the Virginia unit, where fights, stabbings, racist incidents and rapes are not uncommon.

They believed prison officials want to transfer him to make room in the Clemson unit for additional sex offenders because the prison gets more funding for housing them than for other inmates.

Pollard, a former U.S. Navy

civilian intelligence analyst, pleaded guilty to passing military secrets to Israel.

Whether he should be granted clemency has been a political issue in the Senate race and is even reported to have come up in Mideast peace talks over the past few years.

Jewish officials told The Post they were thankful for Clinton's assistance in trying to prevent Pollard's transfer.

Assemblyman Dov Hikind (D-Brooklyn), who notified Clinton's cam-

paign aides about the situation Aug. 24, praised the first lady for acting quickly "on a humanitarian basis."

"We asked for help, and I was told she took care of it and that she wanted to stay on top of it if there were any changes," Hikind said. "We're all grateful."

Clinton spokesman Howard Wolfson confirmed the Democratic candidate's involvement.

"This issue was brought to Hillary Clinton's attention, and she was concerned on humanitarian grounds," Wolfson said.

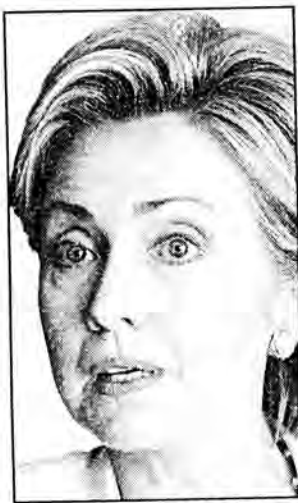
"She had those concerns conveyed to the appropriate authorities."



JONATHAN POLLARD
Serving life term.

Pollard's supporters believe Clinton's action has quashed the transfer, but federal prisons spokesman Scott Wolfson said that, as a matter of policy, the agency doesn't comment on inmate housing.

Jewish leaders—who claim Pollard's life term doesn't fit the crime and is disproportionate to sentences received by other spies—have pressed Clinton and her GOP rival,



HILLARY CLINTON
Moves to block transfer.

Rick Lazio, to endorse clemency for Pollard.

Neither has taken a position on whether Pollard should be freed.

Hikind and other Jewish officials believe Clinton would pick up badly needed votes in the Jewish community, particularly among Orthodox and Hasidic Jews, if she comes out in favor of releasing Pollard.

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N.Y. Senate Contest Falls Short on Drama

Ideology Is Deemphasized in Close Race

By JOHN F. HARRIS
Washington Post Staff Writer

NEW YORK—First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's decision a year ago to take an early leave from the White House to run for the Senate guaranteed that the race here would be historic. But it turned out to be no guarantee the race would be riveting.

Nine weeks before Election Day, as the Labor Day weekend marks the start of the autumn final sprint, the contest between one of the world's most famous women and a previously little-known Republican congressman from Long Island has been notable largely for what it has not been. It has not been a titanic clash of personalities, or a referendum on eight years of President Clinton, or a bracing debate about two markedly different visions for America's future.

In short, it has not been the grand political theater that so many people assumed it would be. Instead, Hillary Clinton and Rep. Rick Lazio have fashioned relentlessly centrist messages and labored to make their public images soft-focused and unexceptional. They each spend vast amounts of time out of public view raising money, and their campaigns spend as much time arguing about tactics—who is being more negative, who is being a hypocrite about the use of "soft money"—than about policy. In this most extraordinary race, they act like ordinary candidates in an ordinary contest.

"The scribes were poised to write an epic, and suddenly a Senate campaign broke out," said Dan McLagan, a spokesman for Lazio. Democratic consultant Hank Sheinkoff, who is not working on this race, was more blunt: "It's been a boring campaign so far."

But this campaign has one great antidote to boredom: It is so close that virtually no one in the Empire State is making confident predictions of how it will turn out.

And there are other signs that the race, mostly bereft of drama in the three months since New York Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani dropped out as the GOP candidate, is starting to bestir itself. Clinton, in the latest Zogby poll, showed an uptick in her support in the wake of last month's Democratic National Convention—the first change after months—showing a slight lead over Lazio but with both candidates still unable to break through the 50 percent barrier.

The outlines of a more spirited issue exchange are taking shape as a prelude to their first debate Sept. 13. Lazio, after making virtually no significant policy utterances since getting into the race, last week announced what he described as a moderate plan that would cut taxes by \$776 billion over 10 years. Aides said it is the first in a series of policy statements he will unveil over the next several weeks. Clinton's campaign pounced on the plan with accusations, denied by Lazio, that he had underestimated its cost by

more than \$400 billion and said the proposal was a perfumed version of GOP presidential nominee George W. Bush's.

This linkage of Lazio, an abortion rights and gun control supporter, with more conservative (and unpopular in New York) leaders of his own party, has been a consistent theme of Clinton's campaign. Last week he struck back with the most barbed line of the campaign. A Lazio television ad accused one of Clinton's ads of making "five gross distortions" of his record, and concluded, "Hillary Clinton: You just can't trust her."

Their ads underscore what is the dominant reality of this race: It is in many ways an ideologically shapeless contest. Lazio says he supports a health care bill of rights, but a different version than Clinton backs. While she tries to highlight Lazio's controversial spending votes, such as on education funding, when he sided with the House GOP leadership, he emphasizes the places, such as on the environment and cancer research, where his agenda is less conservative than most national Republicans. Clinton is left trying to recast the reputation of a man whom her own husband had praised, before the Senate contest, as a reasonable pragmatist.

"There's no question the attempts at issue contrast have not caught fire," a Clinton adviser lamented. In her camp there is frustration at how difficult the 42-year-old Republican with the face of college student—"a weird combination of Machiavelli and lightweight," in the words of one Clinton aide—has been to pin down.

But Clinton, nearly as much as Lazio, has labored to avoid giving herself much ideological definition—beyond embracing positions that have been methodically surveyed by her pollster, Mark Penn.

Penn is also President Clinton's pollster, and is a principal architect of the centrist repositioning Clinton executed for his 1996 reelection and that he has followed since. Hillary Clinton's positions in this campaign are for the most part the generic issues espoused by the White House and congressional Democratic leadership: in favor of comprehensive prescription drug coverage for Medicare, the Democratic version of HMO regulation, targeted tax cuts and federal subsidies for school construction.

Those Democrats who supposed that Hillary Clinton was more progressive than her husband, or that the longtime admirer of Eleanor Roosevelt would run on the unabashed liberalism of her heroine, have been disappointed by her campaign. The bold campaign some activists hoped for is being waged across the Hudson River in New Jersey, where millionaire Democratic Senate candidate Jon Corzine, a former Wall Street executive, has embraced universal health coverage and other dramatic expansions of social spending.

A Clinton aide argued that Corzine, as a wealthy capitalist, is giv-



Hillary Rodham Clinton campaigns at the New York State Fair in Syracuse on Saturday. The Senate race has not become the epic battle some expected.



Rep. Rick Lazio signs autographs in Brooklyn as the Senate contest heads into the final stretch. Polling shows neither candidate exceeding 50 percent.

en more latitude by the public to embrace activist government without being seen as a dreamy ideologue, while Clinton "has to balance a perception of being too liberal."

Clinton campaign manager Bill DeBlasio said people who expected Clinton to run as the reincarnation of Eleanor Roosevelt misread her beliefs. "There are issues where she's very progressive, but she's clearly as much of a New Democrat as her husband," DeBlasio said.

Liberal activists, a more potent force in New York politics than most places, have been frustrated but tolerant of Clinton's tepid message. Peggy Shepard, a longtime Democratic activist who runs an environmental group out of Harlem, is typical. "Certainly it's frustrating because we can't even hear the word 'environment' from Hillary, much less 'environmental justice,'" Shepard said. "But I'm also pragmatic enough to know that this is a huge fight with huge implications, so let's get her elected."

Lazio likewise has not been serving up the kind of fare savored by ideologues in his party. He has not turned his campaign into a harsh critique of the Clinton years, nor has he emphasized the message that Hillary Clinton is actually far to the left of her stated views. "In the base, that's a natural message, but you've got to be careful or she becomes the victim" in the minds of most voters, said Lazio campaign manager Bill Dal Col. So Lazio has mainly stayed on the message that a woman who moved to the Westchester suburbs less than a year ago has done nothing for New York.

Both campaigns privately acknowledge that much of what the candidates have done to date matters little in comparison to the TV ad wars that are beginning now and will become a deluge by late October. The race will turn, a Clinton aide said, "on who can cut through the static at the end."

Preparing for that has become a virtually all-consuming task. Last week Clinton was in Colorado and Washington state for fundraisers. Lazio will have no public schedule

for several days this week, while he travels out of state for money. But despite his late start, Lazio raised \$10.7 million during July and August, compared with \$3.3 million for Clinton, according to figures released Thursday. He has \$10.2 million in the bank, while she has \$7.1 million. Lazio typically has three or four fundraisers a day, aides say, and sometimes has a half-dozen such events.

But his campaign events also tend to be light on content. Lazio's public schedule last week included stopping at Yankees batting practice and a morning stop at the famous Junior's diner in Brooklyn, where he bought breakfast for several patrons. ("First thing the Republicans have done for me in a long time," said diner Ruth Morris.) But Lazio takes reporters' questions at virtually every appearance, something Clinton does only once a week or so.

For now, the remaining 64 days of the campaign are a sprint for an unusually small number of voters—less than 10 percent—who have not made up their minds. Strategists within and outside both campaigns said that Clinton appears to have been boosted by the selection of Connecticut Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman as the vice presidential nominee for the Democratic ticket, since it energizes the crucial New York Jewish vote, which has been somewhat cool toward her. And Gore's revival has put this state firmly in his column, with a lead in one poll of 20 points.

New York pollster Lee Miringoff said if Gore's lead holds this would mean that for Lazio to win, one out of five Gore voters would have to split their ballot. That tall order, he said, suggests the larger challenge for Lazio's campaign in a state where registered Democrats have an advantage of 2 million voters: showing that he brings something to the equation other than being the anybody-but-Hillary candidate.

"Lazio has been happy to make this race all about Hillary and that's gotten him to the 40s," Miringoff said. "He has to do something on his own to get it into the 50s."