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Rick, Hill & Tax Cuts for N.Y.

BOTH Rick Lazio and Hillary Clinton have made a special effort to paint themselves as tax cutters — but they're not equally deserving of the title.

The key elements of Lazio's income-tax package would save New Yorkers about \$4.2 billion a year, according to a Manhattan Institute analysis of the two candidates' proposals; Mrs. Clinton's plan (to the extent details are available) would save New Yorkers \$1.2 billion.

And the differences go beyond the numbers. Lazio's plan is the broader and more straightforward of the two. It would:

- End the so-called marriage penalty by raising the standard deduction for joint filers and raising the ceiling on the 15 percent tax bracket, which translates into big savings for many couples whose last dollar is now taxed at the 28 percent rate.

- Let most taxpayers deduct their Social Security tax — which is now 6.2 percent of the first \$76,200 in wages.

- Repeal a 1993 increase in taxes on Social Security benefits for seniors earning \$45,000 or more.

Lazio limits his payroll-tax deduction to taxpayers in the first two tax brackets, so

there would be no deduction at all for a couple with more than \$105,950 in taxable income, or a single person with taxable income of more than \$63,550. Clamping on an income limit like this is neither fair nor sensible — but at least Lazio would provide much more outright tax relief for a wider range of people than would benefit under his opponent's plan.

Mrs. Clinton has proposed tax cuts only a control freak could love — a series of narrowly targeted credits designed to reward those who engage in the "right" behavior or find themselves in the "right" circumstances.

Her plan boils down to this: If you are caring for a severely disabled relative in your home ... or have a child in day care ... or if you, your spouse or a dependent are attending college ... or if you are married but don't own your home — if you meet one or more of these qualifications, then you might qualify for an expanded version of an existing tax credit. Then again, you might not — especially if



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you are a middle-class family New York City or one of its suburbs.

If, on the other hand, you are a low-income worker paying little or no income tax but receiv-

ing a refund from the federal government, there's a much better chance that your refund will grow under Mrs. Clinton's plan.

And if all this sounds familiar, it's because her tax credits are essentially the same as those in Vice President Al Gore's income tax package — most of which, in turn, was lifted out of President Clinton's last budget. As in Gore's plan, Mrs. Clinton's tax benefits drop as income rises — effectively discriminating against millions of middle-class taxpayers in New York.

In fact, Lazio's combination of broad marriage-penalty relief and payroll-tax deductions will generate significantly greater tax relief for most middle-class taxpayers — even the families that Mrs. Clinton targets for benefits.

Take, for example, a New York City working couple with an income of \$84,300 and a child at an expensive private col-

lege. The comparative tax savings: \$1,230 from Mrs. Clinton's much-touted college tuition deduction, and about \$2,100 from Lazio's cuts. If the student goes to CUNY or SUNY, where tuition is much lower, the benefit under Mrs. Clinton's plan drops to less than half as much. But the couple's savings from Lazio remain the same.

In addition to the targeted credits mentioned in Mrs. Clinton's speeches and on her Web site, her campaign now says she also supports income-tax credits for retirement savings that would generate a further \$1.8 billion a year in benefits for New Yorkers. If this plan is modeled after Gore's, as her campaign says, then the bulk of the money will go to low-income taxpayers rather than to middle-class families.

That addition to Mrs. Clinton's tax-cut package simply makes it an even more massive transfer of wealth from high-cost, high-income states like New York to low-income states like Arkansas.

The bottom line for New York taxpayers: While Lazio's plan doesn't have enough in common with George W. Bush's across-the-board approach, Mrs. Clinton's is all too similar to Al Gore's "target" practice.

Advantage, Lazio.

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HILL TAKES ON THE WORLD

Endorses broad U.S. involvement overseas

By ROBERT HARDT Jr. and GREGG BIRNBAUM

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton played world policeman yesterday — saying the United States must avoid isolationism and follow a doctrine of “international engagement.”

In her most detailed foreign-policy speech as a Senate candidate, Clinton gave her world view to members of the Council of Foreign Relations, telling them that America must be actively involved in the affairs of other countries.

“To those who believe we should become involved only if it is easy to do, I think we have to say that America has never and should not ever shy away from the hard path if it is the right one,” Clinton said at the group’s headquarters on East 68th Street.



SHADES OF CAMELOT: Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg joins Hillary Rodham Clinton at the Waldorf yesterday.

Left: Clinton; Right: Schlossberg

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“I believe America needs a renewed internationalism, not an old isolationism,” said Clinton, who did not specify where in the world the United States should play a greater role.

Speaking to an audience of about 100 bigwigs and policy makers, Clinton frequently referred to her many trips abroad as first lady.

“I came to these beliefs as someone who’s been privileged to travel to every continent but Antarctica in the last seven years representing our country,” she said.

Clinton’s GOP opponent, Rick Lazio, quickly raised questions about the first lady’s speech, saying he wanted to know if she was calling for increased presence of U.S. troops abroad.

“I would take exception if she’s saying we ought to commit troops any time anybody asks,” Lazio said while campaigning on Long Island.

“If you’re going to commit our troops all over the world, you better be ready to pay for it



STRAIGHT-SHOOTER: Rick Lazio takes his cue from supporters at a campaign stop yesterday at a senior center in Smithtown, L.I.

“You better be prepared to support defense budgets that are large enough to support this inability to say no to any engagement in the world,” he said.

Lazio was recently scheduled to speak at the Council of Foreign Relations but postponed the event. It’s unclear whether the Long Island congressman will still address the group.

While Clinton gave a warm reception, not everyone in the audience was thrilled with her speech.

One man said her doctrine amounted to a “new imperialism” and asked her if she believed in President Kennedy’s vow at his 1961 inaugural to “pay any price, bear any burden” in helping other countries.

Clinton replied, “I do not believe we should pay any price or bear any burden. That is an extreme statement that I certainly could

not ascribe to.”

“I think we should pay appropriate price for appropriate return in advancing our interests,”

Clinton also turned testy when a questioner asked her about yesterday’s New York Post column by former presidential adviser Dick Morris — who charged the first lady hadn’t done enough to get the president to veto an anti-Israel United Nations resolution.

“It’s another one of his fantasies,” Clinton said of Morris.

“That question doesn’t even deserve a response. I’ve said what I had to say about that.”

While she may not be a fan of President Kennedy’s “pay any price” line, Clinton later spent much of her day campaigning across the state with two members of the Kennedy clan, Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg.

“Just remember this, Nov. 7 is the date, New York is the state, Hillary Rodham Clinton our candidate,” yelled Ted Kennedy at a raucous rally in Buffalo.

Lazio spent his day on Long Island and later attended a Correction Officers union dinner honoring Gov. Pataki.

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HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, IN HER FOREIGN POLICY SPEECH

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Hill's support Rick-ity?

THE good numbers **Hillary Rodham Clinton** is recording in Senate-race polls may be the result of women saying what's expected of them, rather than how they'll vote on Election Day. It was interesting to note that when 100-odd socially prominent and mostly liberal women got together at the restaurant Daniel the other day, many said they've had it up to here with Hillary and wished **Rick Lazio** would get his act together.

The occasion was the second annual fall lunch given by **Somers White** and **Jessie Araskog**, and was truly one of the most elegant and fun affairs of the season to date. There was a two-hour parade featuring the gowns of brilliant designer **Angel Sanchez**, who did the frocks for Jessie's daughter's recent wedding. There wasn't a shade of black in sight, and one of Angel's models actually had a really perky bum, which is such a nice change from all those stick figures usually on the catwalks. After the lunch, many of the guests went off to a wake for Sarah Churchill, who is going to be sadly missed.

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Analyzing Bubba

President Clinton had to lie on the couch sooner or later.

World renowned psychoanalyst Dr. Jorge De Gregorio, director of the Freudian Research Center in New York and Buenos Aires, has written an eye-opening book exploring the unconscious as it relates to Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky — providing a map to the "otherwise inexplicable behavior" of seemingly ordinary people, in particular Mr. Clinton.

In "My Head and My Heart: Sex, Love, Life and the Unconscious" (Random House, \$24.95), the doctor writes that by the time Mr. Clinton and Miss Lewinsky met and had their passionate first encounter — according to the records, Nov. 15, 1995 — the president had endured a year of misfortune.

On Jan. 6, 1994, less than a year after Mr. Clinton moved into the White House, his mother, Virginia — always his fundamental source of love and enthusiasm — died of breast cancer. That same year, Hillary Rodham Clinton's health care reform proposal — what many expected to be the "crown jewel of the presidency" — crashed and burned.

"President Clinton's potential for re-election was now at stake," explains the doctor.

"During her husband's first term at the White House, Hillary had had to face a growing shadow that threatened to envelop her: her father, dead; her friend, Vince Foster, dead; her health care reform, dead. The White-water scandal was becoming an increasing issue in the press," Dr. De Gregorio wrote.

At this point, Mr. Clinton had no choice but to "fire" his long-time political partner, Hillary, the other half of his 1992 ticket — or else Mrs. Clinton fired herself. "Hillary had ... virtually unseated Vice President Al Gore," the author wrote.

Out of the shadow, the doctor continues, "there emerged Monica Lewinsky as a shining light, who by means of a burning passion invested the president of the United States with the youthful potency he needed. Going beyond any barriers, both generational and situational, the



Rep. Rick Lazio got a scare from a supporter donning a Hillary Rodham Clinton mask.

president reconstructed himself through the unconscious meaning of these encounters."

But why Nov. 15, of all days at the White House, to succumb to Miss Lewinsky's advances?

It was the first full day of "the Great Government shutdown of '95," when 800,000 federal workers were furloughed, the doctor wrote.

"Never in American history had there been a shutdown of this magnitude," when only indispensable employees, unpaid workers and interns continued to work. One of those interns was Miss Lewinsky.

"This must have been for President Clinton a profoundly painful state, coming as it did at a difficult time for him: 800,000 people reproaching him. He may also have felt his own 'shutdown.'

"Looking in the mirror for the ideal, his head could have felt on the brink of breaking; he would see a loss of self-image, his whole self crumbling."

Great pumpkin

Our source happened to be standing next to Rep. Rick Lazio at the Kingston Rotary's Pumpkin Festival in Ulster County, N.Y., when the Republican senatorial candidate suddenly came face-to-

face with a guy sporting a Hillary Clinton mask.

You can imagine Mr. Lazio's horror when turning and seeing "Hillary" up close and personal.

The impersonator carried a sign, "Motel 1600 Check In," offering Lincoln Bedroom discounts and a "free copy of your FBI file" with every overnight stay.

Counting chickens

Despite Vice President Al Gore's lagging behind in most presidential polls, the Gore 2000 campaign, hours before last night's third and final presidential debate, decided to take a bullish approach in these crucial final weeks before the election.

"You're invited to join the Next President of the United States Al Gore, and his wife Tipper Gore this Wednesday, October 18th, in downtown Flint, Michigan," the Gore camp wrote in a rather optimistic news release.

Samoa warrior

For his next career, Delegate Eni F.H. Faleomavaega, American Samoa Democrat, ought to grab a microphone and enter the ring.

When most lawmakers took the floor of the House to talk about Medicare, Social Security and winding up the 106th Congress, Mr. Faleomavaega spoke of a monster that "weighs 250 pounds," "neckless," with "legs and calves like tree trunks," who "drives a Volkswagen from the back seat," and "eats green bananas and wears a skirt."

Boxer David Tua, in other words, a Western Samoa native who is training for his Nov. 11 world heavyweight title fight against champion Lennox Lewis.

"It is against Samoan tradition to be boastful and arrogant, but as a totally neutral observer and with all due respect, Lennox Lewis is going to painfully wake up the next morning and count how many ribs he has left, and then he will wonder if he was hit by either a dump truck or a D9[R] Caterpillar tractor," boasts the delegate.

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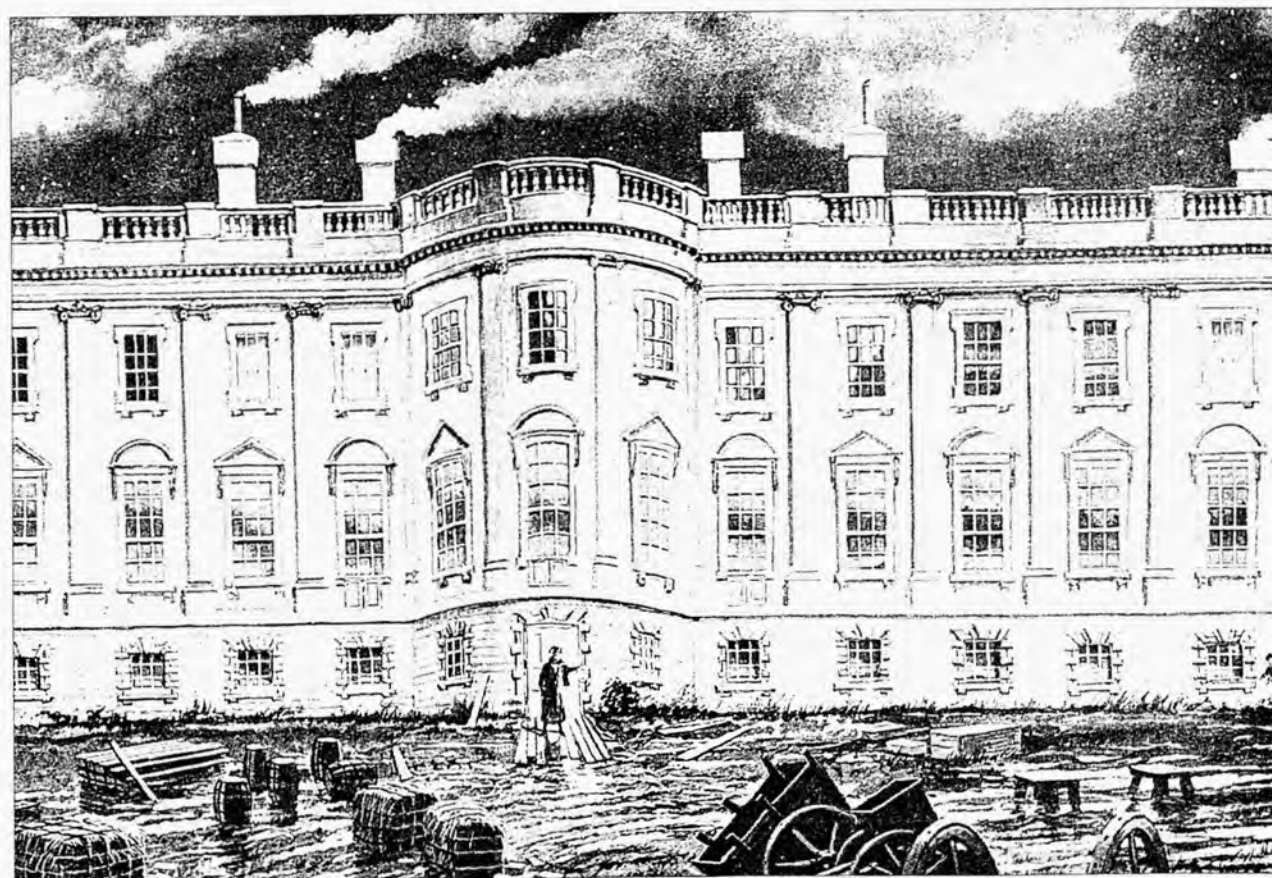
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Second president first-rate statesman



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John Adams (portrait at top), the first president to spend the night in the White House, is dwarfed by the building on the cover of the spring 2000 edition of the journal *White House History*. A book signing by the author of "The White House: Its Furnishings and First Families," White House curator Betty C. Monkman, is part of the celebration of the executive mansion's 200th birthday.

By Patrick Butters
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

If Texas Gov. George W. Bush repeats history and becomes the second man to follow his father into the White House, he also will set a speed record.

Three men came after John Adams — Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and James Monroe — before John Quincy Adams became the nation's sixth chief executive in 1825. Only one man, President Clinton, would come between George Bush senior and Dubya.

Yet despite this interesting information about the Bushes and the Adamses, Americans probably will pay scant attention to the man who started it all, the bombastic John Adams.

"John Adams was one of the great presidents," says Edith B. Gelles, who teaches Colonial history at Stanford University in California, "and he also is one of the most overlooked presidents."

True, the White House Historical Association is throwing a 200th-anniversary bash on Nov. 1, the day John Adams became the first president to spend the night at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

"He was the first man to open the White House to the public, to really establish the idea that it was the people's house," says Hugh Sidey, president of the White House Historical Association. "That was Jan. 1, 1801, when there was an open reception. This is the people's house. That's direct from Adams, his state of mind, his soul."

Even Mr. Sidey admits that the celebration honors the house more than the man. The association's spring 2000 edition of its semiannual journal, *White House History*, was devoted to the first first family to move into the White House.

The cover, by Tom Freeman, depicts the early White House

dwarfing the second president, a mere speck standing in front of his house, holding a lantern, inspecting the muddy, still unfinished front of the grounds.

"John Adams came down as an aesthetic New Englander," Mr. Sidey says. "He didn't like the idea at all, moving to Washington with these Southerners. He was kind of dyspeptic, a sour guy, but he was a brilliant man."

Maybe that is why Adams is not memorialized like the two presidential giants he came between, George Washington and Jefferson. The only Adams honor in the nation's capital is a branch of the Library of Congress that is named for him.

According to spokesman Craig D'Ooge, it has no bust or statue to honor him, unlike those in the Jefferson and Madison buildings. Even obscure presidents, such as James Buchanan and James A. Garfield, have statues in the capital city. On top of that, groundbreaking begins today for a Mall memorial to patriot George Mason, who wasn't even president and refused to sign the Constitution.

None of this would surprise Adams. The thin-skinned New Englander with the courtly manners was mocked as "His Rotundity" and "Old Sink or Swim." The Broadway musical "1776" contains a song refrain taken from Adams' own words: "I'm obnoxious and disliked, you know that, sir."

Perhaps there was some cause. The Federalist president signed the Alien and Sedition Acts, a bald attempt at destroying his Jefferson-led opposition. Yet Adams also could look back on an administration that came perilously close to war with France. The president stood up to Alexander Hamilton, who thirsted for war and whom Adams despised, and kept the peace.

"Here's a guy that took over where not only were we skeptical that the White House would stick around," Mr. Sidey says, "but there were grave

doubts about the republic, whether it would go on too much longer. I think he was one of those grand men that helped steady things."

Beyond his presidency, Adams was known as the "Atlas of Independence." He argued before the Continental Congress in favor of independence and led the team that drafted the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

"There's no monument to John Adams, and there ought to be," Ms. Gelles says. "He's the person historians love to hate, though people who work on him love him."

David McCullough, author of the Pulitzer-Prize winning "Truman," is one such historian. His book "John Adams" comes out at the end of May from Simon & Schuster. Celeste Walker, with the Massachusetts Historical Society, believes Adams' "star is rising again."

"He's one of the most accessible Founding Fathers," Ms. Walker says. "He wrote everything. He wrote when he was happy; he wrote when he was sad. People can see that he's very much a person they can understand."

While critical historians may compare the Bushes to the horrific Addams Family, links to John Adams and the senior George Bush aren't far off the mark: John Adams came to the White House with a resume as corpulent as his 5-foot-6 frame. He served as minister to France and Great Britain as well as high-profile delegate to the Continental Congress. Likewise, the gangly, affable George Bush was a congressman, CIA director and chairman of the Republican Party.

"They both had the same kind of flinty outlook that was keep things simple, keep them direct, be honest," Mr. Sidey says. "Politics in Adams' day and age could be more outspoken, and Adams was. Mr. Bush was a little more muted and tried to get along with people."

John Adams and the senior Mr. Bush also were vice presidents who followed popular presidents. Both elders also were beaten for second terms by Jeffersons — Thomas Jefferson and William Jefferson Clinton — who went on to enjoy presidential re-elections. Barbara Bush (the "Silver Fox") may have been a strong-willed mother and presidential wife, but Abigail Adams held the patent.

"She was the only woman until the mid-20th century who had such a relationship with the president that she was able to participate with him as a sounding board," says Ms. Gelles, who also wrote, "Portia: The World of Abigail Adams."

"Abigail was honest and didn't have a political persona that was designed for the purpose of making newspaper headlines," she says.

Yet there are differences in the sons. John Quincy was hairless as a cue ball while George W. sports a thatch of hair as dense as Brillo. (Just like their dads.)

Likewise, John Quincy's public service resume outshines George W's. John Quincy began his public life at age 11, accompanying his father on diplomatic trips to Europe. He was a diplomat, U.S. senator and secretary of state. George W. was elected and re-elected governor of Texas.

"It's only been eight years since George Bush was president," Ms. Walker says. "With

John Adams, it was 24 years. It was an entirely new generation, so there isn't that continuity that you get with the Bushes. George W. Bush will run into many people his father dealt with in Congress."

Like his father, however, the younger Adams served only one term as president; he was trounced by Andrew Jackson in 1828. Should the younger Bush take the White House, he may not wish to repeat that piece of history.



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200th-birthday bashes for Executive Mansion

The White House's 200th-anniversary celebration will include a \$1 piece from the U.S. Mint to commemorate the White House and its designer, James Hoban. Waterford Crystal has created an anniversary bowl priced at \$595. Faberge has designed an anniversary egg starting at \$5,900.

The nonprofit White House Historical Association, founded in 1961, also is holding the following events:

■ The White House and the U.S. Postal Service will unveil a commemorative stamp at 11 a.m. today at the White House Visitors Center, 1450 Pennsylvania Ave. NW. Featured guests will include Hugh Sidey, president of the White House Historical Association; White House chief usher Gary Walters; and Adams interpreter Steven Perlman.

■ On Oct. 25, White House curator Betty C. Monkman will sign

copies of her new book, "The White House: Its Furnishing and First Families," and the center will open the exhibit "Designing for the First Family — Furnishings From the President's House."

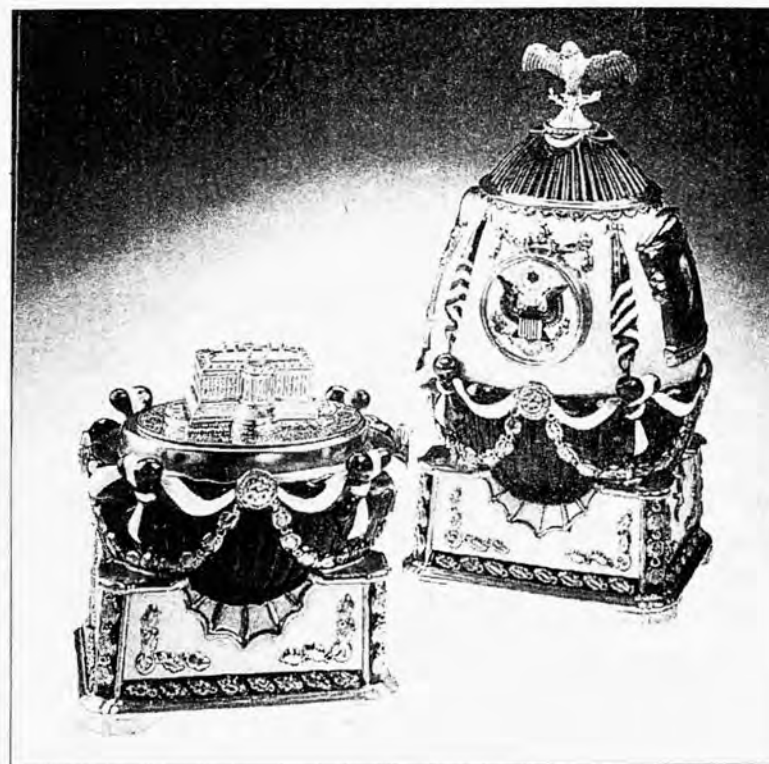
■ Mr. Perlman will portray John Adams and step from a carriage at 1 p.m. Nov. 1, accompanied by the Army fife and drum corps, to re-enact his arrival at the White House. Historian David McCullough, whose biography "John Adams" comes out in spring, will talk about the second president.

■ A black-tie gala birthday party Nov. 9 at the White House will include the Clintons, former Presidents George Bush, Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford and maybe the president-elect. The Marine Band, which began during the Adams administration, will perform. Artist Jamie Wyeth will

unveil his 200th-birthday portrait of the White House.

Two vases, circa 1890, featuring Adams and his predecessor, George Washington, will be presented to the White House. Also, an Adams period desk will be added to the White House Red Room. Millennium china chosen by first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will be available for purchase.

■ The White House will sponsor a symposium, "Two Hundred Years at the White House: Actors and Observers," Nov. 14 through 16 at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce building. Featured at this event will be Adams biographer Joseph Ellis, historian and author William Seale, NBC's Tom Brokaw, CNN's Judy Woodruff, author Garry Wills, and "Will Rogers and the White House," with James Whitmore. That will end with an anniversary celebration at 12:30 p.m. Nov. 16 in Lafayette Park.



Waterford Crystal has created a bowl (above) priced at \$595 to commemorate the White House bicentennial. Faberge has designed an anniversary egg (left) starting at \$5,900.

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Did he rape that woman, Juanita Broaddrick?

The closest that President Clinton has ever come to answering allegations that he raped an Arkansas woman in 1978 is a distance measurable only in light-years. After Juanita Broaddrick made the accusation in 1999, the president's attorney, David Kendall, alone answered, saying any such charges were "absolutely false." Of course, attorney Robert Bennett believed Mr. Clinton when he said he hadn't had sex with Monica Lewinsky and defended the president then on no less sturdy grounds. Thus while lawyers can spare Mr. Clinton awkward moments at the podium in which he has to say, "I did not have sex with that woman, Miss Lewinsky" or "I did not fondle that woman, Kathleen Willey" or "I did not rape that woman, Mrs. Broaddrick," their comments are, in effect, non-denial denials.

Given the silence from the West Wing, Mrs. Broaddrick this week sought answers from Hillary Clinton, whose telescopic feminism apparently sees injustice to women everywhere except the kind which occurs closer to home. In a letter to Mrs. Clinton recalling their meeting shortly after the reported assault occurred, she wondered about the significance of Mrs. Clinton's words to her at that time. Thank you, Mrs. Broaddrick says Mrs. Clinton told her, for "everything you do for Bill."

"What did you mean, Hillary?" her letter continued. "Were you referring to my keeping quiet about the assault I had suffered at the hands of your husband only two weeks before? Were you warn-

ing me to keep quiet?"

The not-so-subtle implication of the letter is that Mrs. Clinton is, in fact, her husband's enabler. Dealing with her husband's promiscuity and worse might keep her from dealing with the important issues facing the people of New York, namely her candidacy. One might call it a Faustian bargain except that even Mephistopheles might not lower himself to sign such a deal.

While there is little in the way of an official response to Mrs. Broaddrick from Mr. and Mrs. Clinton, their surrogates have doubtless been quietly at work trying to undermine her credibility. It's fair to point out that Mrs. Broaddrick initially denied that then-Gov. Clinton raped her, as she now charges, except that such a defense would never be acceptable were the accused someone else. If a woman only belatedly claims to be a victim of rape or sexual harassment, the argument ordinarily goes, it's because she was at the mercy of a man she could see only through the glass ceiling. Recall that when defenders of Clarence Thomas noted Anita Hill's decision to follow Mr. Thomas from job to job were hardly the actions of a woman suffering from sexual harassment, as she later claimed, feminists responded that the poor, powerless woman had no choice but to follow him given limited employment opportunities.

Mrs. Broaddrick's charges, while graver, might be equally suspect on that basis, except that neither Clinton is in the strongest position to call her a liar. So far neither has.

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Electionline

Hillary Clinton says public must realize stakes overseas

In a rare instance of foreign affairs taking the spotlight in the Senate campaign in New York, Democratic candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton told the Council on Foreign Relations on Tuesday that the public needs to be educated to understand "what the real stakes are" for America's role overseas. She called for interjecting such issues as women's rights, deadly diseases, poverty, slavery and the plight of refugees into U.S. foreign-policy decisions, and she criticized the Republican-controlled Congress for lacking a "consensus for internationalism." The think tank said it invited GOP candidate Rick Lazio to speak, but he hasn't done so.

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Republican a much more comfortable lead, 47 percent to 39 percent.

Lazio ahead in cash

In the last five weeks, Republican Rep. Rick Lazio's fundraising effort has outpaced Senate opponent Hillary Rodham Clinton's by nearly 4 to 1.

The two camps, together running the second-most expensive Senate race in the nation, released the campaign-finance figures on Monday.

From Aug. 24 to Sept. 30, Mr. Lazio reported taking in \$11.2 million to Mrs. Clinton's \$2.9 million. The Long Island congressman outspent the first lady \$14.9 million to \$7.4 million in the same period.

In all, Mrs. Clinton and Mr. Lazio have spent \$46 million fighting for the chance to replace retiring Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the Associated Press reports.

Their total matches the \$46 million spent in New Jersey by Senate candidate Jon Corzine, a Wall Street multimillionaire, according to his most recent campaign filing. Mr. Corzine's Republican opponent, Rep. Bob Franks, has spent \$2.5 million.

Federal Election Commission figures show Mrs. Clinton has raised \$24.6 million and spent \$22 million, and Mr. Lazio has raised \$29.2 million and spent \$24 million.

Candidate jailed

The Green Party candidate for a Senate seat from Georgia, upset over being excluded from a televised debate between the front-runners, was jailed on disorderly-conduct charges Monday night after he shouted down opening comments.

Atlanta lawyer Jeff Gates was in the fourth row of the television audience when he stood and called out:

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Broadrick confronts first lady in angry letter

Asks if she believes president raped her

By Steve Miller
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Juanita Broadrick, an Arkansas nursing home operator who claims she was raped by President Clinton in 1978, yesterday sent a fiery letter to Hillary Rodham Clinton, asking bluntly if the first lady believes those assertions.

In the 600-word missive, Mrs. Broadrick, a Clinton campaign worker in Arkansas at the time, recalled meeting Mrs. Clinton at a rally shortly after the purported assault.

At the time, according to the letter, the first lady thanked Mrs. Broadrick for "everything you do for Bill."

"What did you mean, Hillary?" Mrs. Broadrick asks. "Were you referring to my keeping quiet about the assault I had suffered at the hands of your husband only two weeks before? Were you warning me to keep quiet?"

Mrs. Clinton's U.S. Senate campaign declined to comment on the letter.

"I don't expect them to comment or reply," Mrs. Broadrick said in an interview yesterday. "Unless it were some preprinted, canned letter."

The Broadrick incident, recounted by independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr in documents provided to members of Congress, played a role in gaining the vote of wavering House Republicans during the president's impeachment in December 1998.

Mrs. Broadrick recanted her story several times, then asserted it again. She said her reluctance to talk about the incident stemmed from a desire to shield her family from public scrutiny.

Yesterday, she again maintained that she was assaulted by the president when he was Arkansas' attorney general.

Mrs. Broadrick said her letter was written after she watched a television interview with Rep. Rick Lazio, New York Republican, who is battling Mrs. Clinton for the

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AP
Hillary Rodham Clinton continues her U.S. Senate campaign yesterday in Buffalo, N.Y., with no comment on Juanita Broadrick's letter.

LETTER

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New York Senate seat.

"It [came from] an accumulation of things with Mrs. Clinton," said Mrs. Broadrick. "I think she has been given a free ride by the mainstream media and Lazio is being too soft on her."

In the letter, Mrs. Broadrick said that "[television moderator] Brit Hume asked Mr. Lazio's views regarding you as a person and how he perceived you as a candidate. Rick Lazio did not answer the question, but I know that I can ... you are the same conniving, self-serving person you were 22 years ago when I had the misfortune to meet you."

Mr. Lazio's campaign declined to comment on the letter.

The rape accusation was first publicly leveled in the Wall Street Journal, then made on an NBC news program.

When her statements were issued at that time, Mr. Clinton's personal attorney, David E. Kendall, said that "any allegation that the president assaulted Mrs. Broad-

drick more than 20 years ago is absolutely false."

Mrs. Broadrick's accusation was repeated to lawyers in a lawsuit brought against the president by Paula Jones, an Arkansas woman who accused Mr. Clinton of sexually harassing her in 1991, when he was governor and she was a state employee.

Mrs. Broadrick closed her letter with a challenge to the first lady: "I will end by asking if you believe the statements I made on 'NBC Dateline' when Lisa Myers asked if I had been assaulted and raped by your husband?"

Mrs. Clinton and Mr. Lazio have been close in the polls. New York pollster John Zogby said yesterday's letter will have no effect on that.

The sides were drawn when Mrs. Broadrick first made her statement, he said, and most people have already decided on the veracity of the accusation.

"To have an effect in the polls, it will have to be something fairly earth-shaking and it will have to involve Hillary herself," Mr. Zogby said.

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Dems to get Barb boost on ABC

YESTERDAY in Manhattan, **Barbara Walters** began taping an interview that could become the Democrats' "November surprise." The ABC ace spent several hours chatting with uber-liberal **Barbra Streisand** for a "20/20" show that will air on the Friday before the Nov. 7 election.

Make no mistake: Diva Streisand, who has an enormous following, is using this nationwide forum to promote the candidacies of Democrats **Al Gore** and **Hillary Rodham Clinton**. Her remarks could be enough to push both of them over the top in what are shaping up as very close races. News of the Barbra-Barbara love fest will infuriate the GOP, which won't have the chance to demand equal time, given that the Streisand interview will run on Nov. 3 — the ultimate showcase before Election Day. (I'm not sure the Republicans could get network rebuttal air time, anyway; Streisand is a private citizen who can say what she likes.)

I understand that, as a quid pro quo for doing the interview at a time when she has nothing personal to promote, Streisand insisted that she would be given room to explain why she is supporting Al and Hillary and the Democratic platform. It could be the most important political performance the star, who has raised many millions of dollars for the party, has ever given.

"Babs is enormously popular in Middle America, where the election will be decided," says one person who claims to know why she's doing the Walters show at this crucial time. "All those undecideds out there — if they can hear one idol telling another what a great guy Gore is, you know it's going to swing a lot of votes."

The presidential candidate himself is going to get a break from rival network NBC. I heard yesterday that Gore has been granted a walk-on role on "Saturday Night Live" (a show that has pilloried him and GOP rival **George W. Bush**) within the next two weeks.

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Mideast Mess, U.S. Politics

Don't Buy Hill's 'Veto' Story



DICK MORRIS

TAKE it from me, there is no way on earth that Hillary asked Bill to veto the U.N. resolution condemning Israel and Bill went ahead and ignored her request and had the United States abstain instead. It couldn't have happened the way

If Hillary had asked Bill to have that resolution vetoed, he'd do it. No question. ♪

she said it did. The White House doesn't work that way. The government doesn't work that way.

The Clintons don't work that way. If Hillary wanted Bill to have that resolution vetoed and asked him to do it, he'd do it. No question.

What probably happened was that both Bill and Hillary were pursuing a strategy to pull out a Mideast peace deal before the

election. The "honest broker" approach was a grand design for an October surprise.

To function as the catalyst for peace talks, the Clinton administration had to preserve its credibility

with Yasser Arafat and the Arab states. Had the "broker" option worked and a deal been cut in the wake of the U.N. vote, it would have elevated Hillary to the Senate, Gore to the White House, and Bill to the Nobel Peace Prize.

Instead, both Clintons were blindsided by the escalation of violence in the Middle East. Inexperienced in understanding the concerns of Jewish voters, they failed to grasp that the time had come to move decisively into Israel's corner.

Jews want peace in the Middle East. But they want Israel's survival more.

The State Department and the U.S. mission to the United Nations likely wanted the abstention. A "yes" vote was, of course, unthinkable; a veto would have undermined American credibility as a go-between.

So the question facing the president was probably: "Do you want to override the recommendations of State, the National Security Council, and the U.N.



The Suha Arafat Kiss: Who can doubt Hillary's commitment to the "honest broker" approach to the Middle East?

AFP

delegation and order a veto instead of an abstention?"

Clinton would know that a veto, especially one which he would have jammed down the throats of his experts and advisors, would have been seen as a complete cave-in to Hillary's political needs running in New York. But if she had pushed the issue, he would have done what she wanted. Make no mistake about it: The powers of the presidency are at Hillary's disposal in this pre-election period.

My deep and firm belief is that both Bill and Hillary misjudged the situation. Jointly, they probably decided that it was worth taking some small heat for an abstention if it would enhance the larger chances of getting a deal. Since a veto in these circumstances would torpedo any chance for a revival of the Camp David talks, I'm certain the Clintons jointly decided to go for an abstention.

Only after it began to become

clear that the violence threatened Israel's very existence, and that it had kindled a deep rage on both sides of the divide, did the Clintons realize their mistake. Then, they probably hatched a "divide to conquer" strategy of claiming that she begged him for a veto and he wouldn't oblige.

Rick Lazio alertly pounced. Responding to the question from The Post's Gregg Birnbaum in their second debate, the Republican attacked the veto. Hillary covered herself with the story that she had urged a veto.

Correctly, Jews aren't buying it. Boomed loudly — and deservedly — at a "support Israel" rally, Hillary is being undermined by her own claims of influence and power. She says she can "deliver" for New York; are we to believe that she failed us in the pinch?

The fact is that Hillary did not fail. She misjudged. She felt it was time to go for the peace deal, not time to pander to the Jewish vote. As the Nobel Peace Prize Committee voted on her husband's nomination, she let him stay with the "broker" strategy. She did not care, as Lazio put it, that Israel needs "an ally, not a broker." A Peace Prize would have won her the election.

Any Jew who backs Hillary thinking she is a friend of Israel doesn't understand where she is coming from. She is no more pro-Israel than are the State Department bureaucrats. Were she running in Arkansas, she'd still be an outspoken advocate of a Palestinian state. She's a friend of Israel as long as she has to run in New York. And no longer.

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Lazio: Hill would take state back to status Cuomo

By GREGG BIRNBAUM
and MAGGIE HABERMAN
Post Correspondents

BUFFALO — GOP Senate candidate Rick Lazio tried yesterday to chain his rival, Hillary Rodham Clinton, to former Gov. Mario Cuomo — the man some upstate residents still blame for ruining the region's economy.

Campaigning with Gov. Pataki, Lazio charged that the first lady's "so-called plan" for creating jobs is a rehash of Cuomo's discredited, high-tax approach.

"Those 'targeted' tax cuts didn't work under the Cuomo administration. They were hollow," Lazio said.

"They are just as hollow under my opponent's so-

called plan."

Hours later, Clinton made a scheduled appearance in Buffalo, where she toured Bethlehem Steel and called Lazio's claims "laughable and desperate."

"I was quite taken today when I heard that my opponent basically said that he didn't have any targeted economic help for upstate New York after promising for weeks that he was going to put forward a plan," the Democratic candidate said.

"He has turned his back completely on western New York and the rest of upstate New York," she said at a later appearance with local elected Hispanic officials.

"He can't talk about specific ideas because he's too

busy running away from his past."

Clinton ripped Lazio's campaign as one "of insults, negativity and attacks."

She wouldn't answer directly when asked about Pataki's record upstate or about Cuomo's legacy.

With Lazio by his side, Pataki said, "It's 1994 all over again. When you take a look at Mrs. Clinton and think of her policies, it's Mario Cuomo redux."

The Lazio campaign's bid to bind Clinton to Cuomo mirrors the first lady's ongoing effort to morph her rival into former House speaker Newt Gingrich.

Utica-based pollster John Zogby questioned Lazio's tactic.

"Cuomo's name has been



MARIO BOTHERS: Hillary Rodham Clinton is offering a high-tax job plan "that didn't work under the Cuomo administration," Rick Lazio charged yesterday.

rehabilitated," Zogby said. "Certainly, it's not the way it was in '94. Cuomo has become more of an elder statesman."

But one of Lazio's aides insisted, "Mario Cuomo is still very real to people. The specter of his policies is hanging over upstate."

Cuomo could not be reached for comment.

Lazio has been under

siege upstate from Clinton, who is airing an ad portraying Lazio as an ostrich with its head in the sand — a clever way of saying he doesn't understand or even acknowledge upstate's ongoing economic woes.

Cuomo, a three-term Democrat whom Pataki ousted in 1994, is still blamed by some upstaters

for worsening the region's economic troubles in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

"Those were terrible years," Lazio said. "We can't go back on that path."

Lazio emphasizes Italian roots /
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Team Rick on appearing with Dubya: Dubya who?

THURSDAY night's Al Smith dinner provides both Senate candidates a rare opportunity to be with their political party's presidential candidate — but only Hillary Rodham Clinton is excited about it.

Clinton's staff was hammering out plans yesterday for a New York campaign event with Vice President Al Gore — their first joint appearance since the Democratic National Convention in August.

State polls show Gore leading Texas Gov. George W. Bush by more than 20 points in New York, so it's no surprise Clinton wants to be seen with him.

So, is Lazio also planning a big campaign event with Bush on Thursday?

"Not that I'm aware of," said a Lazio aide.

While both campaigns have agreed to three debates, the final showdown between Clinton and Lazio may not happen.

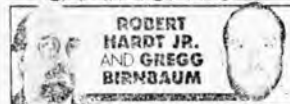
WNBC, which would host and broadcast the third debate, is having major difficulties getting the two campaigns to agree on a date.

"We've said yes to two different dates between Oct. 28 and Nov. 4," Clinton spokesman Howard Wolfson said yesterday.

Lazio spokesman Michael Marr said, "We've proposed a number of alternatives to WNBC and we're waiting to hear back."

In the middle of all this is Gabe

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Pressman, the veteran television political newsmen who would host the debate.

A WNBC spokeswoman, Anna Carbonell, would say only that the station has "been trying to work out a time that is mutually acceptable to both parties."

Making matters more difficult is that aides to both candidates privately admit they're not exactly dying for a third debate because a gaffe could critically damage either one of their campaigns.

It's no secret Lazio doesn't have much support in the African-American community — but the latest poll was worse for him than expected.

The survey by Marist College put Lazio's showing among blacks at ... 0 percent.

Hillary, who spent time Sunday at four black churches, grabbed 95 percent of blacks polled.

The remaining 5 percent still

hadn't made up their minds, although it's a safe bet Lazio shouldn't hold his breath waiting for them to come around.

So much for the candidate who once vowed to appeal for votes in every neighborhood in the city.

Both campaigns e-mail their schedules to reporters under the agreement that they are for media planning only and not to be published, but Campaign Buzz has decided to make a rare exception.

With their schedule for last Sunday, Lazio's press aides took a not-too-subtle dig at their more regimented counterparts in the Clinton camp.

The first lady's campaign is known among the press for its tightly controlled events — largely due to Secret Service security requirements — with press arrival times carefully spelled out down to the minute, otherwise access can be denied or made difficult.

So the Lazio advisory read: "2:58 p.m. Set up for cameras; 2:59 p.m. Final access for correspondents; 3:00 p.m. [Lazio] attends 'Lasagna' with Lazio event, Geneva, N.Y."

Reporters covering Lazio chuckled, knowing that the free-wheeling GOP candidate never employs such strict rules.

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... boos for Hillary in New York

U.S. Senate candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton is still on a listening tour, but these days her ear is cocked not for the concerns of New Yorkers, but for the sound of the clock running out on her long drive to become a U.S. senator. "If she hadn't started working 18 months ago, she couldn't have won this," a top aide told the New York Post. Won this? While the unnamed aide quickly corrected this chicken-counting, pre-hatch gaffe, it nonetheless reflects the strategy of the cautious front-runner.

Mrs. Clinton continues to freeze out a shamefully complacent press corps. Her campaign says there won't be any new policy proposals between now and Election Day. It privately indicates that a third debate with opponent Rick Lazio is not in Madame's best interests. The Clinton campaign is calculating that its small lead in the polls will bring victory in November. But what if that ticking sound turns out to be a political time bomb?

What's new in New York, and what carries a promise of a seismic impact on the Senate race, took place last Thursday at a rally outside the Israeli consulate in Manhattan. For the duration of a brief address before 15,000 supporters of Israel, Mrs. Clinton was booed, jeered and even drowned out by the crowd. Of course, it wasn't what she said about standing "clearly with Israel" that drew jeers. But this is the same woman who, in the 1980s,

funneled grant money to branches of the PLO; who, two years ago, called for a Palestinian state; and who last year planted a wet one on the cheek of Suha Arafat following a litany of vicious lies from the lips of Mrs. Arafat about the people of Israel.

Since then, voters have heard a lot about chutzpah, Jonathan Pollard, Iraqi Jews and the like, as Mrs. Clinton has shamelessly opted to play the numbers and pander to Jewish voters, who outnumber Arab-Americans in the Empire State by about five-to-one. So long as peace processed in the Middle East, there was little risk to Mrs. Clinton's opportunism. But now, as the Palestinians have renounced peace for violence and the region is destabilized, the sham and the shame of her calculated political strategy becomes a serious issue. As war looms, the empty words of the political poseur take on a fearful meaning.

Such untrustworthiness cuts both ways. The New York Observer recently reported on the disillusionment of Arab-Americans who feel abandoned by Mrs. Clinton. One woman said she would like to ask Mrs. Clinton, "Which Hillary shall I believe? Did you totally change your opinions or is it just a ploy?" The difficulty many voters may have with this question leads one to suspect that before counting their chickens, the Clinton team would do well to wonder whether perhaps they are finally coming home to roost.

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Lazio and Mrs. Clinton Trade Accusations in Fight for Upstate Voters

By JONATHAN P. HICKS
and ADAM NAGOURNEY

BUFFALO, Oct. 16 — Rick A. Lazio and Hillary Rodham Clinton battled for votes in upstate New York today, with Mr. Lazio charging that Mrs. Clinton would bring a return of Mario M. Cuomo's economic policies, and Mrs. Clinton asserting that her opponent had "turned his back completely on upstate New York" by failing to offer a plan to stimulate its economy.

With Gov. George E. Pataki at his side, Mr. Lazio invoked the memory of Mr. Cuomo, the former Democratic governor, in the calculation that the animosity that contributed to Mr. Cuomo's defeat, particularly in this part of New York, remains fresh six years later.

Mr. Pataki repeatedly likened Mrs. Clinton to Mr. Cuomo, suggesting that Mr. Lazio would enjoy the the same kind of victory he did over a well-known Democrat in an overwhelmingly Democratic state.

"It's 1994 all over again," Mr. Pataki said. "When you look at Mrs. Clinton, when you think of her policies, it is Mario Cuomo redux."

Mr. Lazio said Mrs. Clinton's pro-

posal for targeted tax cuts was a reprise of economic policies pushed by Mr. Cuomo that, Mr. Lazio said, had undercut the region's economy.

"We are not going back to the old ways, the old Cuomo ways," Mr. Lazio said. "Targeted tax relief for him was another way of trying to mask the fact that he was for tax increases. We don't want to go back on that path. We want to march forward."

Hours later, Mrs. Clinton visited a steel plant here and then offered one of her toughest attacks on her Republican opponent to date, asserting that he had failed to offer a plan to help this part of the state.

"I really don't know what he sees when he comes upstate, or who he talks to, or what he knows about the economy here, because he has turned his back completely on western New York and the rest of upstate New York," she said. "And instead, my opponent is trying very hard to run a campaign of insults and attacks against me."

"My opponent wants to talk about me, but I'm going to talk about you," Mrs. Clinton told a cheering crowd at a rally for Hispanic supporters at a

gymnasium in the Father Belle Community Center.

The exchange today marked a notable escalation in the campaign, and it reflected the calculation on both sides that competing news events — in particular, the prospect of a Subway Series and unrest in the Middle East — may overshadow the final

Pataki tries to liken the first lady's policies to Cuomo's.

days of this race. Although a number of polls have shown Mrs. Clinton with a slight lead over Mr. Lazio, her aides believe the contest remains volatile.

Accordingly, her aides said, she will give a speech in New York on Tuesday on foreign policy, a topic chosen largely because her aides believe the sight of the first lady giving a speech on international affairs could serve to stir doubts among

some voters about whether Mr. Lazio has the experience and stature to be a member of the Senate.

The subject and venue of today's events reflected the unusual extent to which this part of New York seems to be in play. That is not good news for Mr. Lazio, considering that this is historically a solidly Republican part of the state. But Mrs. Clinton has put in an unusual amount of time here, for a Democrat, and Mr. Lazio came under criticism from even some upstate Republicans for suggesting at the candidates' first debate that the economy had turned a corner.

Ideally, Mr. Lazio should be able to spend these last few weeks of the race in places that are considered more up for grabs — like the suburbs. Today was his eighth day in a row of campaigning upstate. Mrs. Clinton is returning upstate Tuesday and again on Wednesday.

Mrs. Clinton released a new advertisement tonight that she distributed only to television stations in upstate. "Hillary has a serious plan to create 200,000 new jobs upstate," the ad said. The announcer, citing remarks Mr. Lazio made here today, said that

Mr. Lazio "thinks upstate doesn't need targeted economic help."

For his part, Mr. Lazio attached himself firmly Mr. Pataki, an extremely popular figure upstate who has, until now, played a relatively low-key role in Mr. Lazio's campaign. In the process, he seemed to be adopting some of the folklore of Mr. Pataki's campaign of 1994, in which the little-known state senator from Peekskill came from behind to defeat Mr. Cuomo.

Several of Mr. Lazio's supporters have drawn implicit comparisons in recent weeks to that campaign, arguing that Mrs. Clinton will prove as disliked today as Mr. Cuomo was then, and that Mr. Lazio will be the same kind of deceptively strong candidate that Mr. Pataki was.

The comparisons seemed quite explicit today, and it was often Mr. Pataki who sounded as if he were back on the campaign trail. "Well, Mrs. Clinton, just as I said to Mario Cuomo, you can't do it but I can when it comes to cutting taxes in 1994," Mr. Pataki said. "You can't do across-the-board tax cuts; Rick Lazio can and will when he's the U.S. senator."

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Clinton archivists get keys, slide into Balch building

BY ELISA CROUCH
ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

The National Archives and Records Administration took the keys to the former Balch Motor Co. on Monday and began making the gray warehouse its Arkansas home.

Movers carried boxes filled with office furniture and steel shelves into the former car dealership as archivists put final touches on the temporary quarters for Bill Clinton's presidential effects — the largest presidential collection in history.

"It's like moving into a new house," said David Alsobrook, of the National Archives and Records Administration, who recently left his post as director of the George Bush Presidential Library to direct the materials project in Little Rock. "You have to make sure everything is where it's supposed to be."

Until the Clinton presidential library is built, the former

Oldsmobile dealership at 1000 LaHarpe Blvd. will hold the millions of documents, records, gifts and photographs that Clinton accumulated during his eight years as president.

Archivists will begin preserving and processing these items at the Balch building once the first shipments arrive from White House storage. Alsobrook said that could be anytime before Jan. 20, when Clinton's successor assumes office and all of Clinton's freight must be cleared.

"We're very hopeful we'll get something this fall," Alsobrook said, adding that it's not unusual for presidents to ship their materials at the last minute.

After agreeing that the building met strict specifications, the National Archives officially assumed custody of the structure Monday. Using the General Services Administration as its broker, the federal agency will pay Little Rock's Moses Nosari Tuck-

er Real Estate Inc. \$1.5 million a year to rent the facility.

The lease lasts six years, but the National Archives can terminate the agreement after three years. If the National Archives decides not to terminate the lease after three years, the annual rate would drop to \$450,000.

With the Clinton library still the subject of two lawsuits against the city of Little Rock, there's no date set for a groundbreaking. Skip Rutherford, president of the William J. Clinton Presidential Foundation, has speculated that the earliest the library would open is 2003.

The facility, which will include a museum, archives and public policy school is planned for a 27.7 acre site east of the River Market District.

Since early May, construction workers with East-Harding Inc. have transformed the Balch building into a high-security, temperature-controlled storing

facility.

"We made it," real estate agent Jimmy Moses said, expressing relief that the building met the National Archives' stringent standards. "It was a very tight deadline, but we had a great group of people working on it."

Crews added 15,000 square feet to the facility. Although the building has roughly 75,000 square feet of space, only about 50,000 square feet of it is usable, Moses said.

Two archivists, from the George Bush and Ronald Reagan presidential libraries, have joined Alsobrook in working at the site.

By January, the materials team will expand by another 15.

Edward Quick, who has worked at the Carter presidential library and the National Archives' Office of Presidential Libraries, has also relocated to Little Rock to be curator of the Clinton library.

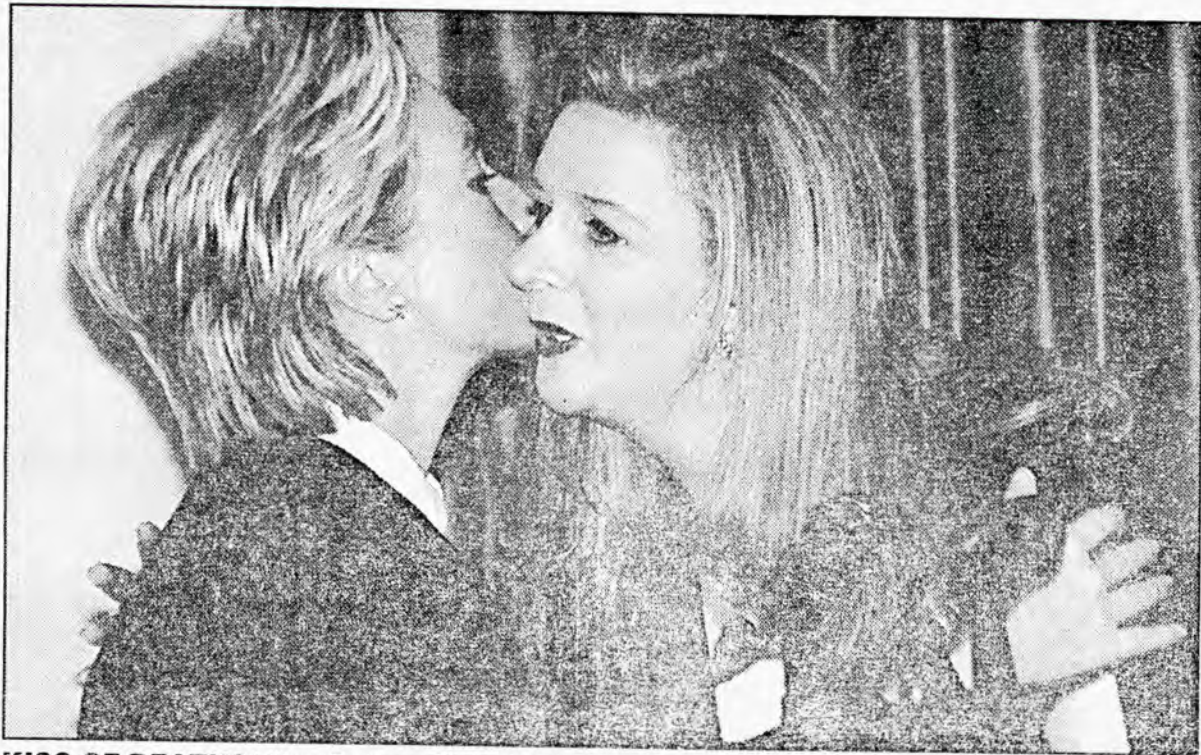
PAPER TRAILS**That 'girly' Hillary**

She may be a serious U.S. Senate candidate, but Hillary Rodham Clinton still can't escape the "girly" side of politics that male candidates rarely have to face.

Cher threw a Malibu tea for the first lady recently and declared, "What nobody knows about Hillary, she's so girly, and I love that about her."

And while Mrs. Clinton — who once was ridiculed for poor clothing choices — has been featured in *Vogue* three times, the magazine has a rather condescending assessment of Patty Lazio, the wife of the first lady's political opponent.

"Patty is something of a newcomer on the political scene," *Vogue* reports, "and she has about as much style, in her neat linen suits, as the next soccer mom on the thruway."



KISS OF DEATH? Hillary Rodham Clinton's infamous embrace of Yasser Arafat's wife, Suha, will be featured in a GOP flier sent to Jewish voters as the Mideast crisis raises concerns for Israel's security. AFP

GOP's flier bids to make sure Suha hug haunts Hill

STATE Republicans are moving to exploit Jewish fears over Israel's security with a new mass mailing reminding voters of Hillary Rodham Clinton's embrace of Suha Arafat, The Post has learned.

The Jewish-targeted mailing, which is now being prepared by the Republican State Committee, is expected to revive the controversy that surrounded Clinton's Middle East visit last fall when she sat silently during a virulently anti-Israel attack by the wife of PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

Clinton later said she wasn't immediately aware of Suha Arafat's factually erroneous tirade against Israel, which was delivered in Arabic.

The mailing will raise the question of whether Clinton — or any Democrat, including Vice President Al Gore — can be counted on to support Israel in a time of crisis. The mailing is not expected to explicitly boost U.S. Rep. Rick Lazio's challenge to Clinton, and is being prepared without the aid of Lazio's campaign.

"Don't you think this is an excellent time to remind Jews of Hillary's ties to Arafat?" asked a gloating GOP official.

"I haven't seen that picture of Hillary hugging Suha in quite awhile," another Republican declared, smiling.

Democrats concede the Mideast situation is politically explosive, but insist it won't be that easy for Republicans to exploit.

State Sen. Eric Schneiderman (D-Manhattan), chairman of the Senate Democratic Campaign Committee, said, "I don't see it having much of an impact in the Senate race."

"Hillary has made some real progress in the Jewish community, and I think Lazio's problems are closer to home."

A Marist poll Friday gave Clinton 54 percent of the Jewish vote, a good, but not great, showing.

Meanwhile, President Clinton's

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much-anticipated "Bubba blitz" of the state on behalf of his wife's campaign is likely to be delayed and/or shortened by the Middle East crisis, Democratic Party insiders said.

Republican candidates are generally running like Democrats this year in all parts of the state, but none more so than those in Nassau County.

Once the great bastion of GOP power, Nassau County's Legislature fell to the Democrats last year for the first time in a century.

Now, all five Nassau County state senators are being targeted by the Democrats, and they're running scared.

A review of nearly a dozen fliers distributed by Nassau Republican Senate candidates failed to turn up one that bragged about a GOP affiliation.

The only mention, in fact, of the GOP on the fliers is the small-type return address of the state Republican Committee, a requirement for the use of discount mail rates available to political organizations.

The Nassau GOP fliers also feature major Democratic themes.

A flier for Sen. Dean Skelos, the deputy majority leader, presents him as a model of ethnic, racial and even sexual diversity.

"Dean Skelos is protecting everyone," says the flier, noting the senator's support for anti-hate crime legislation, saying attacks on people "because of their . . . sexual orientation should never be tolerated."

A flier for Sen. Carl Marcellino

touts his efforts to toughen gun-control laws, increase protection for abortion clinics and adopt anti-pesticide legislation.

"The Nassau Republicans are clearly downplaying their party affiliations," said Bill Reynolds, press secretary to Senate Minority Leader Martin Connor (D-Brooklyn).

"I think they realize that being part of the Republican Party connects them to the fiscal crisis which has engulfed Nassau County, which could mean big political trouble for them."

Senate Democrats, meanwhile, also contend they have an excellent chance of defeating three of New York City's five Republican state senators: Roy Goodman in Manhattan, Guy Velella in The Bronx and Frank Padavan in Queens.

They also have targeted Republican Sen. Nicholas Spano in Westchester County, where he faces a stiff challenge from Tom Abanochi, the chairman of the Democrat-controlled county Legislature.

There was considerable sadness at the Capitol last week as word circulated that Michael Rosano, deputy press secretary to Senate Minority Leader Martin Connor, former political director of the Empire State Pride Agenda, and a witty and intelligent friend of many journalists, had died.

Rosano, whose long career included stints in the New York City comptroller's office and at the City Council, was only 41 years old and had been diagnosed with cancer just six days before his death.

"His talent and good humor earned him the love and respect of all who worked with him," said Connor, in a statement none would challenge.

Fredric U. Dicker's radio show, "Inside the State Capitol," can be heard weekdays from 10:05 a.m. to 11 a.m., and Saturdays from 4:05 p.m. to 7 p.m., on the Web, at www.wrow.com.

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Hill rallies city's black voters in church tour

Hillary Rodham Clinton and Rick Lazio campaigned at opposite ends of New York yesterday — the first lady shored up her base support at black churches in the city while her GOP rival made up for lost time upstate.

In a bid to ensure high turnout among black voters, who overwhelmingly support her, Clinton appeared at four churches — including Harlem's Abyssinian Baptist Church, led by the Rev. Calvin Butts.

Butts, who enjoys a close relationship with Gov. Pataki, seemed impressed after the first lady spoke — comparing her to the president, who's known for his ability to wow a crowd.

"Your husband has a unique way of drawing people to him, but I've got to write him a letter and tell him you're better than he is," Butts said.

Both candidates talked about the violence in the Middle East in their respective appearances.

Clinton urged churchgoers to pray for peace, saying she'd called her husband before he headed to Egypt for a last-ditch attempt to quell the bloodshed.

Lazio ripped into Mrs. Clinton for having called for a Palestin-

By Gregg Birnbaum in Buffalo & Maggie Haberman in New York

ian state and for her controversial embrace of Palestinian Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat's wife, Suha, last year.

"I think people are increasingly looking to this as an area where they are more comfortable with my leadership in the Senate," he said on Fox News Channel before a series of stops upstate, where some Republicans have said he needs to spend more time.

The day was not without strange moments and miscues.

When Clinton showed up at Emmanuel Baptist Church in The Bronx, the Rev. Darlene McGuire urged the crowd to sing "I told Lazio, get thee behind, victory today is mine," substituting Lazio's name for Satan's in the gospel hymn.

And during the Fox interview, Lazio — who gets about 15 percent of his support from Democrats — said he "just came from a swing in upstate where we had gatherings of 300 and 400 people. Seventy-five percent of the people were Democrats."

Later, he explained he was referring to a rally last week in Buffalo attended by a large number of Democrats. They were recruited by Erie County Executive Joel Giambra, a Republican with an organized group of Democrats backing him.



SINGING HER PRAISE: The Rev. Darlene McGuire belts out a prayer for Hillary at the Emmanuel Baptist Church yesterday. AP

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Hillary Is In-Credible

Hillary Rodham Clinton is back at Credibility Gap.

Last week, the first lady 'fessed up to White House "access-for-cash" campaign fund-raising, admitting that many of her donors have been invited to the executive residence — and adding, in defense, that previous administrations did the same.

In other words, she's asserting "presidential privilege."

Problem is, Hillary Clinton is not the president.

She's running for the U.S. Senate from New York.

Significantly, the first lady's uncharacteristic burst of candor didn't include a list of the exact dates on which contributors stayed.

Thus it remains impossible to tie a *quid* to a specific *pro quo* — that is, Mrs. Clinton is still dissembling while trying to create a contrary impression.

How Clintonesque.

By week's end, things were getting even curiouser: It was revealed that Mrs. Clinton's campaign had obtained 1,400 names from an official government list of visitors to the White House — and then hit up the visitors for cash.

For the record, that's illegal.

But Mrs. Clinton's campaign stated that it was all an error: Somehow one *official* list accidentally got mixed in with a separate *political* list.

And where has *that* been heard before?

The FBI files of former Reagan-Bush White House employees that ended up in Craig Livingstone's hands? That was described as a mistake, too.

Ditto those Rose Law Firm records — the ones that disappeared for two years and then miraculously turned up in the White House residence.

Actually, the Clintons have been down this *exact* road before.

In 1997, it was learned that the White House had created a huge database and then given the Democratic National Committee (DNC) access to its contents.

An investigation by the U.S. House Government Reform Committee concluded: "Because the line between official business and campaigning was obliterated, this president and his White House subordinates proceeded to spend at least \$1.7 million of government funds on a complex, centralized computer system known as the White House Database or 'WhoDB.'"

"[The data] was used not just for official purposes; senior White House staff planned and, in fact, used it to advance the campaign fundraising objectives of the [DNC] . . . This conversion of government property to the use of the DNC [was] theft of government property . . ."

In *that* context, how much of a surprise should it be that Mrs. Clinton's Senate campaign confuses "official" lists with "political" lists?

None whatsoever.

This administration's overall contempt for the law is well known, as are Mrs. Clinton's particular transgressions.

The president's fabled trespasses seem likely to cost him his license to practice law.

How ironic it would be if his first lady ended up in the United States Senate.

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The first couple

"I think we were probably the first couple to invite openly gay couples to the White House, which we just did as a natural course of who our friends were and who should be part of our social life there. . . .

"And you know, it's been an issue for me for probably 20 years, I guess. I knew people in Arkansas, people from around the country. Also at Wellesley and then Yale Law School. I had many



Hillary Rodham Clinton

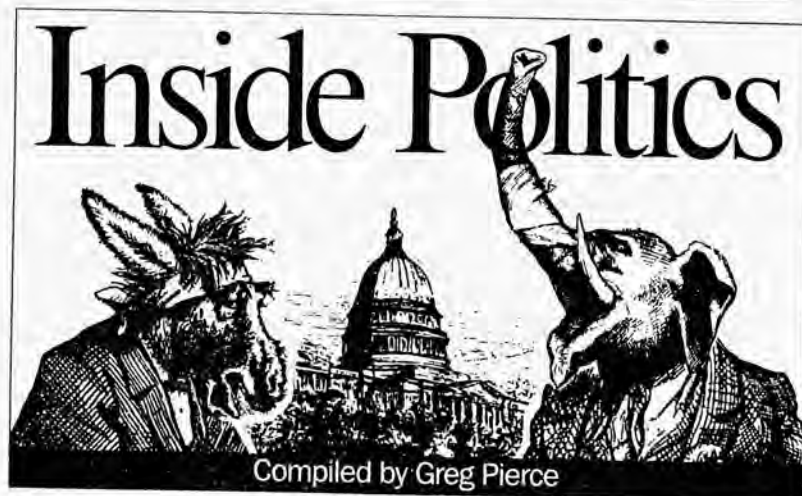
friends who struggled with their sexual orientation. Some are still struggling, and some are open. . . .

"Every time we've had great change happen, whether it was overcoming slavery or the wom-

en's movement or civil rights or standing against anti-Semitism, it's always been necessary to stand against both the evil and the weakness that still stalks the human heart, stand against how people try to lift themselves up by putting others down and how they try to externalize and project their insecurities onto the other. . . . We have got to overcome the tendency of people to revert to the lowest common denominator in the face of change. That's what I think the president has tried to do, and he has exemplified what I have tried to do to break down these barriers."

—David Kirby, writing on "Hillary: Up Close & Personal," in the Oct. 24 issue of the Advocate

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Hillary's mistake

Hillary Clinton, in a speech last month that decried ignorance about black history, apparently confused the evangelist Sojourner Truth with another black heroine of the 19th century, Harriet Tubman.

New York Post columnist Andrea Peyser, writing Friday, noted that "a black monthly newspaper is demanding an apology" for the U.S. Senate candidate's errant remarks at the First Baptist Church of Crown Heights on Sept. 10.

"I really hope our children learn about Sojourner Truth . . . because she did stand for truth and she did sojourn in difficult places time and time again," Mrs. Clinton said, before describing to a puzzled audience how Truth had escaped from slavery and then returned to the South on numerous occasions to lead others to freedom.

Truth, who grew up in Kingston, N.Y., did not escape from slavery, the columnist noted. "After she was emancipated in accordance with state law in 1827, Truth became an itinerant preacher, feminist and abolitionist famous for challenging 19th century prejudices about black humanity and femininity with the statement, 'Ain't I a woman?'"

"Truth is revered for helping to lead the call for the end of slavery. But she has never been credited with guiding slaves' escape.

"That credit goes to Harriet Ross Tubman," who escaped from a Maryland plantation in 1849 and made at least 15 rescue mis-

sions back into the South.

David Greaves, publisher of the black monthly *Our Times*, wrote an angry editorial demanding an apology from Mrs. Clinton.

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Electionline

Hillary Clinton endorses same-sex civil unions in N.Y.

The first lady, in an interview with *The Advocate*, said she supports the Vermont law that allows same-sex couples to establish state-recognized civil unions, and she would like to see a similar law in New York. Clinton told the gay and lesbian magazine that although she supports legal protections and rights for same-sex domestic partners, she opposes gay marriage.

On the issue of public support for the Boy Scouts, who won a Supreme Court decision in June that allows them to exclude gays from leadership positions, Clinton said she didn't have a final position on the matter. "I'm hoping that persuasion and, frankly, lobbying by people who are concerned will lead to a change in policy" by the Scouts, she said.

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Concern About a Campaign Adrift

Within the G.O.P., Conflicting Advice and Criticism for Lazio

By RANDAL C. ARCHIBOLD
and ADAM NAGOURNEY

Rick A. Lazio showed up at the Rotary Club in Rochester last week, about as friendly a setting as a Republican candidate in New York State could ask for, to explain why he was running for the United States Senate against Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Mr. Lazio began by declaring that New York should send a New Yorker to Washington, and said it was time to "restore a sense of honor" to public life, two obvious shots at his opponent.

He then talked about his Congressional record, called for bipartisanship in Washington and promoted a few details of his "mainstream tax relief plan." From there, it was back to the subject of trust, onward to his personal life story (the "grandson of Italian immigrants") and, finally, back on the attack, as he belittled Mrs. Clinton as a big-spending Democrat.

As Mr. Lazio loped from subject to subject, reading in an even monotone from a lectern, his audience sat, still and silent, for almost the entire 30 minutes of the speech. The applause at the end was perfunctory.

For Mr. Lazio, this was a typical moment on the campaign trail. And it captured what many Republicans view as the state of his candidacy against Mrs. Clinton.

Three weeks before Election Day, Mr. Lazio's campaign is described by his own supporters as adrift and unfocused. The candidate, they say, is without a clear message at time when he most needs one, and in danger of getting lost in the October news tumult of a presidential campaign, strife in the Middle East and the possibility of a Subway Series in New York City.

There is growing evidence that Mr. Lazio is paying a price for some of his early tactical calculations, in particular, taking his support in upstate New York for granted, which allowed Mrs. Clinton to make inroads in this predominantly Republican area while he kept a light schedule. Similarly, his decision to let July and August pass without trying to acquaint New Yorkers with his record and beliefs seems to be complicating his efforts to gain traction now.

"He has no message — it is troubling both about the campaign and

the candidate," said one of Mr. Lazio's most active supporters who, like other Republicans who voiced concern about his candidacy, asked not to be identified.

"I'm surprised. I still think he could win this race," the supporter said. "But I didn't expect him to be completely silent in terms of defining himself in the early stages of the campaign, and I didn't expect him to adopt this odd closing week strategy of being relentlessly positive."

Mr. Lazio is now beset by conflicting advice from supporters on matters ranging from whether he should attack Mrs. Clinton or talk about his own record, to where he should travel in the last few weeks of his campaign. And this barrage of advice is coming over the transom of a cam-

long time in a campaign in New York, and most strategists say they think a majority of the remaining undecided voters will end up choosing Mr. Lazio rather than Mrs. Clinton, who remains a highly polarizing figure. He also has a substantial fund-raising advantage over Mrs. Clinton.

Still, Mr. Lazio's supporters express worry that the window is closing, a concern that seems to have taken hold even in his campaign offices.

Mr. Lazio's advisers responded to questions about his difficulties by noting the complications in entering the race so late, and running in a state with a large majority of Democratic voters. The remarks had the ring of a pre-emptive defense to criticism from Republicans nationwide should Mrs. Clinton win this high-profile election.

"There's only one Republican Senate candidate in America who's gained 30 points in the last 100 days, and who is running 20 points ahead of the presidential candidate, and that is Rick Lazio," said Mike Murphy, Mr. Lazio's senior campaign adviser. "We are well funded, we have a strong message, and we're working hard."

"These mystery whiners should help Rick Lazio instead of carping from their plush armchairs," Mr. Murphy added.

The biggest concern voiced by Republicans is over what appears to be Mr. Lazio's difficulty in settling on a defining theme.

At first, Mr. Lazio's advisers said, the candidate argued that he could win the contest by stepping aside and letting Mrs. Clinton become the issue.

However, it now appears that this strategy is enough to win Mr. Lazio only about 40 percent of the vote, and there is some division among his aides about what he should do next.

Some advisers, among them Mr. Murphy, have been pushing him to attack Mrs. Clinton, arguing that the path to victory is by portraying her as such a loathsome figure that she cannot win 50 percent of the vote.

"At this point, the only way he wins is by driving up Hillary's negatives even further," said one Republican strategist with ties to the Lazio campaign. "The positive stuff might have been a fine strategy when it had time to work, but I don't think there's



Republicans worry that the campaign of Representative Rick A. Lazio, here greeting supporters yesterday in Auburn, N.Y., lacks focus. But Mr. Lazio disagreed, saying, "I think our message is very strong."

time anymore."

But other Lazio advisers argue that attacking Mrs. Clinton is a waste of time. "People already know it; we've known from the get-go that her negatives are high," said the Erie County Republican chairman, Robert E. Davis.

"We need to put some meat on his bones," Mr. Davis continued. Democrats "are looking for a reason to vote for Rick Lazio," he said. "I think our task is to give them a reason to vote for Rick."

These different strains of thought have been reflected in the varying messages coming from the Lazio camp. Two weeks ago, for example, Mr. Lazio's aides were telling reporters that the candidate was going to run a positive, issue-oriented campaign.

But on Saturday, even as Mr. Davis was arguing that Mr. Lazio needed to talk about himself, his campaign was shipping out a videotape of a new advertisement attacking Mrs. Clinton. "Can you name three things that Hillary Clinton has done for New York?" the announcer asks.

Many days go by in which Mr. Lazio says little about policy initiatives or other proposals that might make him the subject of a news story. He has given only two major policy speeches — on tax cuts and

education — since joining the race. As a result, he often cedes the story of the day to Mrs. Clinton.

Mr. Lazio's difficulties have been complicated by his need to navigate tensions between Gov. George E. Pataki, who was pushing his candidacy, and Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani. When Mr. Lazio joined the race in June, he started almost entirely from scratch; he did not, of example, move into Mr. Giuliani's campaign headquarters, which was up and running.

Some of Mr. Giuliani's associates said that decision contributed to Mr. Lazio's slow start.

The two central figures inside the campaign, Mr. Murphy and the campaign manager, Bill Dal Col, are based in Virginia. Mr. Murphy was the consultant to the Republican presidential campaign of Senator John S. McCain of Arizona, and has used and borrowed heavily from Mr. McCain's campaign tactics, like the use of a bus to carry Mr. Lazio around the state. "John McCain lost this state," one top New York Republican complained. "Define yourself as someone who is a winner here."

Other influences on Mr. Lazio include Mr. Pataki and his political organization, and Mr. Lazio's associates and friends from his Long Island campaigns.

Others who have a lower profile in the race, but still have the candidate's ear, include Mr. Lazio's former campaign manager in Congressional races, Assemblyman Philip M. Boyle; Andrew Siben, a lawyer and close friend; Michael Moriarty, the candidate's brother-in-law and campaign counsel; and Carlyle Gregory, a Washington-area political consultant Mr. Lazio has used in the past. Mr. Boyle called complaints about the campaign "overstated." "I think obviously you have a melding of different groups, but we are all unified in the same goal," he said.

Mr. Lazio has raised and dropped a number of themes over the past six weeks: from a passing reference to calling for a missile defense shield, to what his advisers described as an effort to reach out to black and Hispanic voters, to a promised address on foreign policy that was scheduled, then postponed, and is about to be rescheduled.

Mr. Murphy, though, said it would be a mistake to infer that the campaign was unsure of what it was doing, or where it was going.

"We have a fabulous final three weeks in the can that we're about to uncork," he said. "We have this thing planned like D-Day. We're going to take the grumps to school on how to win a campaign in New York."

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Lazio Courts Upstate Voters As Mrs. Clinton Visits Harlem

By ERIC LIPTON
and JONATHAN P. HICKS

Hillary Rodham Clinton urged Bronx and Harlem churchgoers yesterday to pray for peace in the Middle East, while her opponent, Rick A. Lazio, stumped for votes in western New York, visiting tailgaters assembled for a Buffalo Bills game and Italian-Americans gathered in Geneva for a lasagna dinner in his honor.

The contrasting schedules illustrated once again the two campaigns' strategies. Mrs. Clinton has spent four of the last five Sundays at predominantly black churches, working to generate a large turnout among black voters. Mr. Lazio, meanwhile, invested his seventh day in upstate and western New York, seeking to shore up his support in the state's more conservative, and predominantly white, corners.

Mrs. Clinton, in discussing Middle East affairs yesterday, was careful not to interject herself too much into her husband's dealings. Yes, she said, she had spoken with President Clinton yesterday morning, wishing him well before he left for a summit meeting with Middle East leaders.

But no, she said, she did not offer him any particular advice. Instead, she asked the congregations she visited yesterday to pray for him.

"It is a time of peril and danger," Mrs. Clinton said to the congregation at the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem, where she was joined by prominent black officials, including United States Representative Charles B. Rangel and the state comptroller, H. Carl McCall.

In her church visits, Mrs. Clinton has offered a relatively consistent message. Despite the economic growth in recent years, too many people do not have health insurance, too many schools are overcrowded or poorly equipped and too many of the elderly and their families cannot afford medical or specialized care, Mrs. Clinton repeatedly says.

By using techniques common to ministers — carefully modulating her cadence, raising and lowering her voice, repeating certain refrains that seem designed to evoke cries of "amen" from the congregations — she generally succeeds in working the crowds into a fervor.

"No matter what, keep going," Mrs. Clinton said yesterday, recalling the advice she said the freed slave, Harriet Tubman, offered as she helped other slaves escape to the North. "If you hear gunshots, keep

going. If you hear footsteps and shouts behind you, keep going. If you hear the barking of the dogs that are trying to hunt you down, keep going."

Her 13 minutes of remarks at Goodwill Baptist Church in the Bronx elicited applause 17 times. At Abyssinian, it was 15 times, including two standing ovations. And at Emmanuel Baptist Church, in the Bronx, the congregation sang a hymn featuring the words "Victory is mine, victory is mine. Yes, I told Lazio, get thee behind," substituting Mr. Lazio's name where the lyric traditionally calls for a reference to Satan. Mrs. Clinton, at least for this song, did not appear to sing along.

Mr. Lazio encountered his own share of enthusiastic crowds at stops his campaign bus made in Buffalo, Geneva, Auburn, Skaneateles and Tully yesterday, a journey in which he was joined by his wife, Patricia, and their two daughters.

At the "Lasagna with Lazio" dinner in Geneva, sponsored by the Office of Italy Post 2397, Mr. Lazio spoke of his grandmother, an immigrant from Italy, and the values she instilled into the family. Then he turned to his campaign for United States Senate.

"Nobody from Washington, D.C., or Little Rock or Hollywood is going to tell us New Yorkers who's going to represent us in the United States Senate," he said, echoing the theme of two new television advertisements for his campaign, in running emphasizing Mrs. Clinton's newcomer status.

Mr. Lazio visited a Ukrainian National Club in Auburn, and a bowling alley in Skaneateles, and spent about two hours yesterday in the parking lot of Ralph Wilson Stadium greeting people on their way to the Buffalo Bills game.

The reaction to Mr. Lazio was characterized as much by apparent disdain for Mrs. Clinton as by genuine support for Mr. Lazio.

"You've got to stop her," several Bills fans yelled to Mr. Lazio.

In a question and answer session with reporters, Mr. Lazio defended the tone of his campaign literature describing Mrs. Clinton as "extreme" and "radical."

"I stand by that language," Mr. Lazio said. "Any time somebody puts forth proposals that would spend \$2.5 trillion over 10 years," a figure that a spokeswoman for Mrs. Clinton's campaign called inaccurate, "that's not exactly a fiscal conservative," he said.

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Mrs. Clinton Sought Donations Using List of White House Visitors

By CLIFFORD J. LEVY

The Senate campaign of Hillary Rodham Clinton obtained 1,400 names from an official government list of visitors to the White House and sent them solicitations for political contributions last month. Mrs. Clinton's campaign acknowledged yesterday that she had played a role in the transfer of the names, though the campaign insisted that what happened was accidental.

The fund-raising solicitations were signed by President Clinton, who wrote, "We Democrats better do everything in our power to make sure that her voice is heard in the U.S. Senate."

A spokesman for Mrs. Clinton's campaign, Howard Wolfson, said the transfer of the names occurred while Mrs. Clinton was preparing for the annual White House holiday parties last December. She was examining an official list of people who were to receive invitations. At the same time, he said, she was looking at lists of political supporters, in an effort to organize fund-raising events for her campaign.

He said the official visitor list was inadvertently mixed in with the polit-

ical lists. "This happened once — it should not have happened — and it will not happen again," he said.

The annual holiday events at the White House are customarily paid for by the political party that controls the presidency. But the invitation list is considered government property and it is considered improper to use it for political purposes.

The disclosure that the campaign received the names comes as Mrs. Clinton's Republican opponent, Representative Rick A. Lazio, has repeatedly criticized her fund-raising practices. He has said that like her husband, Mrs. Clinton has rewarded political donors with invitations to stay in the Lincoln Bedroom of the White House, and has also used other government resources for inappropriate political purposes.

The transfer of the names recalls an inquiry in 1997 by Congressional Republicans, who contended that the re-election campaign of President Clinton and the Democratic National Committee had used an extensive White House database of names for fund-raising. The Democrats denied the charges.

Told yesterday of the transfer of the names to Mrs. Clinton's cam-

paign, the Lazio campaign stepped up its attacks on her integrity.

"It's a shame, though it is not surprising, to find the White House illegally helping Mrs. Clinton's campaign," said Dan McLagan, a spokesman for the Lazio campaign. "Those lists, like the Lincoln Bedroom, belong to the American taxpayers; and Mrs. Clinton is treating them like her

***Fund-raising
improprieties are
explained as an
unfortunate mix-up.***

personal property."

Mr. Wolfson said Mrs. Clinton's campaign had not received any other names from official White House lists. He said the campaign had obtained the 1,400 names only because the official list was not removed from the political lists before they were returned to the campaign.

The official list was later entered

into the campaign's fund-raising rolls, he said. Of the 1,400 names transferred, 400 were of people who were not already on the rolls. From those 400 people, the campaign has received five donations totaling \$225, and is returning the money to the contributors, Mr. Wolfson said.

Mr. Wolfson said more than 350,000 people received the fund-raising letters signed by the president.

He said the 400 names had been purged from the campaign's lists. Among the 400 were people with White House press credentials, including journalists from ABC News and The New York Times. "We know that Rick Lazio has raised more than we have, but it was not our strategy to make up the difference by soliciting reporters," Mr. Wolfson said.

In 1997, Congressional Republicans investigating what they termed the fund-raising improprieties of President Clinton's 1996 campaign contended that administration officials had transferred a White House database containing about 350,000 names to the Democratic National Committee, where, the Republicans said, the database was used for fund-raising. Government officials had compiled the database to track visi-

tors to the White House and put together invitation lists for White House events.

The Clinton administration denied those accusations. But the Republicans said memorandums they had obtained showed that Mrs. Clinton and an adviser in her current campaign, Harold M. Ickes, who was then deputy chief of staff, were involved in the decisions about how to manage the database.

Mr. Wolfson, responding to the criticism from the Lazio campaign, sought to link Mr. Lazio to Representative Dan Burton of Indiana, a leader of the Republican inquiries into the fund-raising by the president's campaign.

"Rick Lazio is sounding more and more like Dan Burton and the Republican attack machine every day," Mr. Wolfson said. "New Yorkers are tired of the politics of insults."

The three-page fund-raising letter signed by President Clinton reflects his attempt to assist Mrs. Clinton's campaign while remaining somewhat out of the spotlight. Mr. Wolfson said that other than signing the letter, the president had no involvement in the solicitation, and did not know about the transfer of the names.

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Hillary Clinton Acknowledges Her Campaign Used White House Social Lists

First lady **Hillary Rodham Clinton**, already under criticism for allegedly rewarding big contributors to her New York Senate campaign with overnight visits and other White House perks, yesterday acknowledged a new controversy about her fund-raising operation.

It turns out that a batch of fundraising letters sent by her campaign were taken from lists compiled by the White House Social Office. Campaign spokesman **Howard Wolfson** acknowledged yesterday this use of White House lists was improper, and said the small amount of money raised by the appeals—\$225—would be returned.

According to the campaign, here's what happened: Many White House social events are paid for by the Democratic National Committee. When the Clinton campaign compiled lists of DNC donors who they could hit up for contributions to the New York Senate race, they also found a list of 400 names of people who had been at a White House holiday party. The list included many reporters—unlikely contributors in any event.

Several weeks ago, a spokeswoman for Hillary Clinton told The Washington Post that the White House Social Office had investigated and found no mingling of its lists with Hillary Clinton's fundraising appeals. There was reason to believe otherwise, since one Post reporter received a fundraising letter with his name misspelled in exactly the way it had been for an invitation to a White House party.

Yesterday, following additional inquiries from news organizations, the campaign said the initial denial was wrong—and that lists had been mingled. "This happened once, it should not have happened, it won't happen again," Wolfson said.

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First Lady Is Booed at Pro-Israel Rally

Clinton Criticized in New York Despite Recent Comments on Middle East Issues

By MICHAEL GRUNWALD
Washington Post Staff Writer

NEW YORK, Oct. 12—The speakers at today's Solidarity for Israel rally on Second Avenue all pledged their utter devotion to the Jewish nation. They all blamed the latest Middle East cataclysm on Yasser Arafat and the Palestinians. They all criticized the Clinton administration's decision not to veto a recent anti-

Israel United Nations resolution.

But only one of those speakers was booed by the crowd: Hillary Rodham Clinton, the latest critic of her husband's Middle East policies, and, not coincidentally, the Democratic candidate for Senate in this intensely pro-Israel state. The first lady was not nearly as strident as several other speakers—including her Republican opponent, Rep. Rick Lazio—and she did urge the crowd to support the

president's efforts to end the violence. Still, on the day after her 25th wedding anniversary, she continued to try to keep some distance from her husband's more even-handed approach to the Middle East.

"Passions are running very high," Clinton told reporters after her speech. "I think that all of us need to do everything we can to make it clear we stand firmly behind Israel and that we will im-

press on Chairman Arafat and the Palestinians that they must end the violence."

The Jewish vote is immensely important in New York, and the first lady alienated many voters with her embrace of Arafat's wife, Suha, and her early support for a Palestinian state. In recent months, though, Clinton has firmed up her support among Jews, who generally tilt Democratic anyway, in part by attacking

Arafat and defending Israel at every turn.

Now the Middle East could dominate the last month of this volatile race, putting the first lady in a delicate position. American politics is supposed to stop at the water's edge, but it is no longer even stopping at the first family's front door. There will be tremendous pressure on the first lady to denounce the administration unless it hews to strict pro-Israel policies—as well as pressure on the president to adopt them for his wife's sake.

Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright called on Arafat to stop the violence, but also said Israel should rein in its military. But in

her speech to about 5,000 defenders of Israel, many carrying signs with slogans such as "Don't Throw Rocks And You Won't Get Killed," the first lady called only on Arafat to end the "unprovoked violence."

"Madeleine Albright is secretary of state," said Clinton campaign spokesman Cathy Levine. "Hillary Clinton is running for Senate in New York. She has different views on the Middle East."

Clinton also described last week's U.N. resolution criticizing Israel as "shameful" and "one-sided," and reiterated her belief that the United States should have

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vetoed it. Some members of the crowd promptly began chanting: "Tell your husband!" After the speech, the first lady sidestepped questions about the heckling, responding simply that America needs to demonstrate its commitment to Israel and that tough rhetoric could damage efforts to reduce tensions.

The first lady was more measured than other pro-Israel speakers at the rally. Lazio accused the administration of abandoning its

only democratic ally in the region. "This administration leaves Israel in the lurch," he said. "I ask President Clinton: Is this any way to treat a friend?"

The first lady, by contrast, asked the crowd to support the president's efforts in the Middle East, even as she distanced herself from those efforts. Leah Werzberger, 71, an Orthodox Jew and longtime Democratic Party volunteer, said the first lady is just pandering. She hasn't forgotten that Clinton hugged Suha Arafat—and she won't on Election Day.

"Och. I voted for Bill Clinton twice—God strike me, I atoned on Yom Kippur," said Werzberger, smacking herself in the face for emphasis. "Now it's his wife. I'm sick about it."

Ryan Karben, 26, a Democrat who represents a heavily Orthodox section of suburban Rockland County in the state assembly, said the first lady is saying the right things to win over skeptical Jews. "Look, she spent seven years hanging out with the State Department. Now she's hanging out with New Yorkers," Karben said.

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for an hour-long meeting in the White House situation room. He made a brief, grim-faced statement in the Rose Garden in the afternoon, but took no questions.

Aides said their information about the Mideast's twin crises—an alleged terrorist attack on a Navy destroyer in Yemen; a new spasm of violence between Israelis and Palestinians that threatened to lurch toward war—was so fragmentary, and their conclusions about what will happen next are so tentative, that it made no sense for Clinton to venture beyond a few expressions of sadness at the deaths and anger at the violence.

While the apparent suicide bombing of the USS Cole may have been the more dramatic episode for the American public, the escalation between Israelis and Palestinians took the edge in preoccupying senior administration officials yesterday. This was regarded as the more fluid of the two problems, and it presented the broader threat to Clinton's foreign policy aims.

Just three months ago, Clinton at the Camp David talks was tantalizingly close to an epochal foreign policy triumph: a comprehensive agreement between Israelis and Palestinians. When it comes to a Middle East legacy now, however, Clinton's aims are essentially defensive: averting a massive deterioration in the region on the remaining three months of his watch.

In pursuit of this goal, Clinton worked the phones frantically yesterday. From Chappaqua he talked to Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, British Prime Minister Tony Blair and U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan. Back at the White House, he called Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, Arafat again, Mubarak again, Jordan's King Abdullah, Mubarak again, and finally a conference call with Arafat and Mubarak.

That was four different conversations with Mubarak, reflecting what U.S. officials believe is his potentially critical role in influencing the Palestinians toward restraint. Since Oct. 1, Clinton has conducted at least 27 phone calls with foreign leaders over the Middle East impasse.

This morning's news that Israeli helicopter gunships fired air-to-surface missiles at Palestinians targets in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, White House officials said, was both a surprise, and not a surprise.

The action came after a Palestinian mob killed and mutilated two Israeli soldiers, who Israeli authorities said had strayed into the Palestinian-controlled West Bank town of Ramallah by accident. Israeli officials, White House officials said, had clearly signaled to them in recent days that they were preparing a robust military response to the next serious violence. On the other hand, these officials said, incidents of violence between Israelis and Palestinians had seemed to be abating on Wednesday, leading to

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Clinton's Day of Crisis

Planned Respite Falls Victim to Mideast Violence

By JOHN F. HARRIS
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Washington Post Staff Writers

President Clinton's plan for the day was this: relax a while in the morning at the new house in New York, spend some time with first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton on the day after their 25th wedding anniversary, then fly back to Washington for a round of golf.

The reality of the day was this: a 7:18 a.m. wake-up call from national security adviser Samuel R. "Sandy" Berger with a bracing message. A major region of the world, perhaps the most dangerous part of it, was unraveling.

Suddenly, on a bright autumn day in the

late autumn of a presidency, the White House—not the presidential campaign, or the New York Senate race, or the baseball playoffs—was again the focus of national attention. And Clinton—who in recent weeks had been spending much of his time wandering the country raising money for Democrats, offering public commentary about the elections, and even driving through a Florida rainstorm in search of a television to watch the first presidential debate—was again in the thick of a crisis.

He made a hurried round of calls from the house in Chappaqua to foreign leaders, including Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, then flew back early to Washington

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BY DAYNA SMITH — THE WASHINGTON POST

A somber President Clinton walks to the Rose Garden, where he delivered a statement condemning the mob killing of two Israeli soldiers.

renewed hopes that putting the peace process back on track might still be possible during Clinton's tenure.

Yesterday, according to aides familiar with the conversation, Middle East negotiator Dennis Ross and other members of Clinton's national security team were left expressing a combination of resignation and despair that a random incident like a wrong turn by reservists could lead to such an accelerated meltdown.

The one silver lining, if there was one, for White House officials yesterday was that a trip to the brink of war might be chastening for leaders around the Middle East—particularly Mubarak and Abdullah.

During the recent weeks of violence, which began after Israeli right-wing leader Ariel Sharon

made a provocative visit to a site sacred to both Muslims and Jews in Jerusalem's Old City, Clinton administration officials believed the Egyptian and Jordanian leaders, like many Arabs, had been frustratingly passive about the destabilizing situation. They have apparently been of the belief that Israel had its problems with Palestinian street violence coming to it, and believed that the spotlight on Israel's harsh retaliatory measures was helping the Palestinian cause internationally. Now, White House officials said, these leaders seem to have a more acute sense of how quickly events can spiral out of control.

Clinton himself alluded to this in his Rose Garden remarks. "The alternative to the peace process is now no longer merely hypothetical," he said. "It is unfolding today before our very eyes."

Clinton also made his bluntest statement yet putting responsibility for the bloodshed with the Palestinians: "I strongly condemn the murder of Israeli soldiers in Ramallah today. While I understand the anguish Palestinians feel over the losses they have suffered, there can be no possible justification for mob violence."

While national security officials weighed options in the Middle East, they and political aides had to confront a more immediate question: Should Clinton keep up with a busy schedule of political events in the coming days?

Some aides said the situation was dire enough that it might appear irresponsible to embark on a four-day political trip Friday, as he is scheduled to do, even though Clinton's secure communications essentially make it irrelevant whether Clinton calls foreign leaders from the White House or from his limo before heading into a fundraiser. But other aides cautioned that canceling the president's schedule might convey more of an air of crisis than they intend.

As of last night, Clinton had canceled planned evening appearances at a fundraiser and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. The first day of a four-day trip beginning in St. Louis today was canceled last night. Officials left open the possibility that the rest of the trip would be canceled as well.

Perhaps the clearest sign that these were not normal times at the White House was the afternoon appearance of a lately unfamiliar face: Vice President Gore, who aides said had not been at the White House since June. He had late afternoon briefings with Berger and Clinton.

Some Clinton aides wondered aloud if Gore, who has lately been separating himself from Clinton by declaring that he is his "own man," would find that his building pass was no longer valid.

Berger, officials said, planned to keep the Bush campaign briefed on events with a conversation with Bush foreign policy adviser Condoleezza Rice.

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THE STARR REPORT

BY MICHAEL STARR



'Hatchett' welcomes a guest — Hillary!

Yes, that *was* Hillary Clinton sitting in Judge Glenda Hatchett's chair yesterday at the "Judge Hatchett" studios on W. 42nd St.

Clinton, who's battling Rick Lazio for a U.S. Senate seat, actually got permission from Hatchett's staff to sit in the chair while she was conducting a slew of satellite press interviews. ("Hatchett," which airs 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Ch. 5, wasn't taping yesterday.)

Ironically, Hatchett is encouraging viewers to vote with her "You Can't Judge If You Don't Vote" PSAs, which have begun airing nationally.

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Hill's history lesson has no basis in Truth

HILLARY Rodham Clinton, who is fond of lecturing about African-American history, may need a refresher course in the Truth.

Sojourner Truth, that is.

A black-oriented monthly newspaper is demanding an apology for a speech Clinton delivered last month in a Brooklyn church, in which she apparently confused the evangelist Truth with Harriet Tubman — the woman who led slaves to freedom on the Underground Railroad as “the Moses of her people.”

The mangled facts are described as an insult on par with telling a veterans group about “our first president, John Quincy Adams,” said an editorial in the October issue of *Our Time Press*.

As of yesterday, Clinton had not responded.



HARRIET TUBMAN
Confused with Sojourner Truth.



ANDREA PEYSER

On Sept. 10, Clinton delivered a speech at the First Baptist Church of Crown Heights. Flanked by politicians and fans, she complained about the paucity of black-history education.

“I don’t think our children get to hear enough about many of the important people in our history,” the black press quoted her as saying.

“I really hope our children learn about Sojourner Truth . . . because she did stand for truth and she did sojourn in difficult places time and time again.”

Then, as puzzled observers listened politely, Clinton described Truth’s “escape” from slavery — and her efforts to guide others to freedom.

“It was a terrible journey. She went through swamps, she was chased by dogs. She was shot at . . . And she found her way to freedom, here in New York eventually.”

Clinton said she “turned around and she went back. She would send out the word to the plantations that she was coming back. And if people could get there, break free or in the trees or on the side of their swamp, she would be there.”

This came as a surprise to those who know that Truth, born a slave, did not escape from bondage.

“It just caught my attention immediately — and it pretty much set me off,” said *Our Time* publisher David Greaves, whose angry editorial is headlined, “Candidate Clinton Trips Over American History.”

As Greaves knew, Truth did not come from a Southern plantation, but from upstate Kingston — here in Hillary’s adopted state — according to “Black Women in America: An Historical Encyclopedia” (Carlson Publishing, Inc., 1993).

After she was emancipated in accordance with state law in 1827, Truth became an itinerant preacher, feminist and abolitionist famous for challenging 19th-century prejudices about black humanity and femininity with the statement, “Ain’t I a woman?”

Truth is revered for helping to lead the call for the end of slavery. But she has never been credited with guiding slaves’ escape.

That credit goes to Harriet Ross Tubman.

In 1849, Tubman escaped from a Maryland plantation. She then made at least 15 daring and heroic trips down South, repeatedly risking her life to rescue slaves.

Hillary’s gaffe surprised observers who say she often lectures about black heroines without mixing them up.

Democratic Assemblyman Clarence Norman Jr., who heard Clinton speak, was charitable about her factual foul-up.

“Her basic theme was, ‘We have to look forward, while helping others,’” said Norman, son of the church’s pastor, Clarence Norman Sr.

But one congregant told me the church was quietly buzzing over the mistake.

Greaves’ editorial was less understanding. “Instead of the intended pandering, Hillary’s writers put her foot in her mouth,” he wrote.

“Had she spoken at a synagogue saying, ‘One of my greatest heroines is Israel’s first president, Golda Meir,’ she would not have gotten far into David Ben-Gurion’s biography without there being an indication from the assembled that the first lady did not have a clue as to what she was talking about.”

Another black-oriented newspaper, *The Daily Challenge*, printed a lengthy excerpt from Hillary’s speech, errors intact. Editor Dawad Philip said he found Hillary’s booboo “less harmful than the people in this town who have it right, and still have policies that destroy us.”

Philip said the paper was considering addressing Hillary’s mistake.

Hillary enjoys tremendous support among African-Americans — the latest Zogby poll gauges it at around 95 percent — which may help explain her gentle treatment in Crown Heights.

At a time when candidates are taken to task for goofs big and small — getting the voting age wrong, misstating the cost of a dog’s arthritis medicine — Clinton may feel compelled to explain.

Greaves, whose paper has supported Clinton, asks that she include “an apology and correction in the blizzard of public relations faxes coming daily from the Hillary 2000 press office.”

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Rudy's pollster helps Rick talk a good game

RICK LAZIO seems to be following the free advice of Frank Luntz, Mayor Giuliani's pollster.

A magazine article in *The New Yorker* details Luntz's work with "Word Labs," in which he teaches Republican pols how to make their language more voter-friendly.

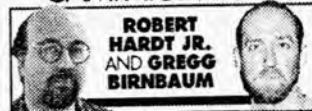
Lazio employs several of Luntz's key phrases on the campaign trail, most notably calling school vouchers "opportunity scholarships."

Some Luntz-generated terms that Lazio uses on his Web site include:

- "Tax relief" instead of "tax cuts."

- "Global climate change" instead of "global warming."

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- Defense Department instead of Pentagon.

Lazio also likes to echo Luntz's central attack against Hillary Rodham Clinton, saying voters can't name a single thing the first lady has done for the people of New York.

Don't try to read Hillary's mail!

Campaign Buzz got the cold shoulder from the White House this week when, under the Freedom of Information Act, we made a formal request to

see some of the first lady's official correspondence to government agencies.

Because Hillary has tried to take credit for some of the successes of her husband's administration, we thought it might be interesting to see what she's put in writing over the last few months.

But Meredith Cabe, associate counsel to the president, informed us that "the president's immediate personal staff and units in the Executive Office of the President" aren't considered agencies covered by the FOIA law.

Following the Columbus Day parade, Hillary made an unscheduled stop at the

Madonia Brothers Bakery on Arthur Avenue in The Bronx.

Clinton first visited the bakery while she was campaigning with her husband in 1992. She liked it so much that she's stayed in touch with owner Peter Madonia ever since.

Hillary got a nice surprise from the bakery just last week, before she addressed the Empire State Pride Agenda in Manhattan.

"I was in a holding room with Andrew Cuomo and Chuck Schumer and, all of a sudden out of nowhere, somebody comes in with a bag of stuff from Peter and we all sat and ate his pizza bread," she said.



RICK LAZIO

Best advice comes free.

The anti-Hillary Web sites keep on coming.

The latest Internet assault on Hillary (www.hillnouse.com) was launched this week by Frank Diaz-Balart, a New York entrepreneur.

The site sells CDs, hats and an assortment of anti-Clinton T-shirts including a "Travelgate Hillary" model and a "Cattle Futures Hillary."

Diaz-Balart says he's the cousin of Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart (R-Fla.), but the congressman's office wouldn't confirm that, despite repeated calls.

Stamp and coin exchange

By Peter M. Rexford

White House featured on new issue

This being an election year, I've got to say one of my favorite presidents was John Adams. Most would disagree. Yet it was Adams who, as a Massachusetts delegate to the first Congress in 1776, initially promoted the concept of declaration of American independence from Britain.

Also, during his tenure in Congress, at least according to the history books, he was "obnoxious and disliked" by his colleagues. That suggests he bucked the political norm, which gains loads of points in my book.

But, far and away, the one thing that makes Adams my political and social hero is my favorite quote by him observing people who are "useless." Specifically he said:

"One useless man is a disgrace. Two useless men are called a law firm. And, three or more useless men become a Congress."

Outstanding. Who couldn't admire a man like that? Given our 224 years of congressional bipartisan squabbling, pork-barrel proposals and fund-raising scandals, today Adams' sentiment is more valid than ever.

This month, in a very roundabout sort of way, John Adams is being honored on a stamp. That's because, as president of the United States, he was the first occupant of the White House in Washington.

Once known as the President's House, the White House is being recognized on the new 33-cent stamp on its 200th anniversary as the country's Executive Mansion and official residence of U.S. presidents.

As the second president of the United States, John Adams moved into the then-unfinished White House in November 1800. Since then, the mansion has seen improvements, including running water and an indoor bathroom added in 1833; and electric lights in 1891. During the presidency of Theodore Roosevelt, the now-famous West Wing offices were built.

The White House also has undergone two major changes — one bad, one good. First, British forces burned it during the War of 1812. That was bad. In 1948, during Harry Truman's administration, an examination of the building found it structurally unsafe; so it was subsequently gutted, reinforced and rebuilt within its original walls. That was good. Today the White House welcomes approximately 6,000 visitors annually — some of them aren't even young interns. OK, so much for the cheap jokes.

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The new stamp, to be issued on Oct. 18, in mini-sheets of 20 stamps, features a photograph of the White House in a winter setting covered in snow, ready to begin its second century of service.

For collectors, first day of issue cancels on the stamp are available by mail. To obtain one, purchase the new stamp at a local post office, attach it to a self-addressed envelope and mail that inside a larger envelope addressed to: The White House Stamp, Postmaster, 900 Brentwood Road NE Washington D.C. 20066-9991. Requests for first day of issue cancellations must be postmarked no later than Nov. 17, 2000.

MIDEAST FLASHPOINT / Political reaction

JEERS: Hillary Rodham Clinton looks up as the booing begins at yesterday's East Side rally. With her are Gov. Pataki, City Comptroller Alan Hevesi, former Mayor Ed Koch and other friends of Israel.

N.Y. Post: Luz C. Ribeiro

HILL BOOED ROUNDLY AT ISRAEL RALLY

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"Is this any way to treat a friend?"

After his speech, Lazio worked the crowd along Second Avenue in Midtown, some carrying anti-Clinton signs like "Gore-Hillary, Not Kosher." He shook hands, posed for pictures and signed autographs for six blocks.

His campaign aides urged reporters to take note of Lazio's warm reception.

The GOP Senate hopeful later met privately at Gracie Mansion with Giuliani and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, before a brief photo-op.

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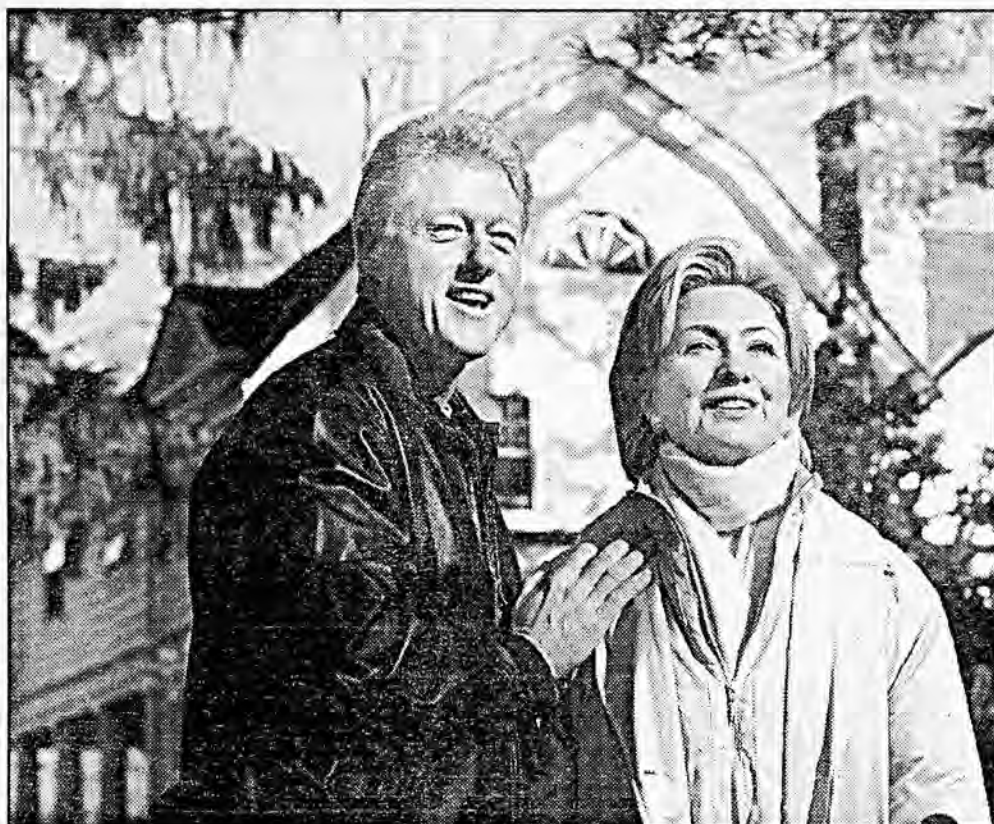
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CHEERS: Rick Lazio gets a much warmer reception as he speaks at the rally, backed by Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert and Mayor Giuliani.

Brigitte Stelzer

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HOMEBODIES: Bill and Hillary Clinton expect to spend their 25th anniversary together tonight at their Chappaqua home.

N.Y. Post: Francis Specker

Clintons plan quiet 25th

By BRIAN BLOMQUIST *Post Correspondent*

WASHINGTON — The first couple celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary today, but it doesn't sound as if they're planning on a night of fireworks.

The Clintons plan to spend the night in their Dutch Colonial house in Westchester County.

But President Clinton won't get to their Chappaqua home until after 9 p.m. Aside from talking to world leaders about the Middle East crisis, he'll attend a fundraiser in Pennsylvania.

Hillary Clinton campaigns in the morning, speaking to the Association for a Better New York.

They don't plan to have any friends over. They don't plan on going out. It's unclear whether daughter Chelsea will be coming up.

"It will be a late, romantic evening," said Hillary Clinton's spokeswoman, Lissa Muscatine.

But contrast today's anniversary with their pre-Sexgate 20th anniversary.

"For their 20th, they had a dinner in the State Dining Room. They rolled up the carpet in there, and they had a fire and a string quartet in the corner. And they had the people who were part of their lives, including the minister who married them," said Mrs. Clinton's former press secretary, Neel Lattimore.

Just prior to their 20th anniversary, Mrs. Clinton hinted at an awaiting night of friskiness in her weekly newspaper column.

In the column, she recalled a hot, humid night when she and Bill went for a late-night dip in the White House swimming pool.

Mrs. Clinton went on to write in that column that it would "be a little too cold" to have another midnight swim on their anniversary night but said, "I think I've come up with an equally romantic way to mark the day. You might be able to guess what it is. But sorry, I'm not telling."

When a reporter asked Mrs. Clinton about the "secret" to 25 years of marriage, the wannabe senator laughed and laughed. "Stamina," she said.

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BY FRANK M. WOOD

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Schedule for Hillary Rodham Clinton

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Hillary Takes Hits As 10,000 Rally for Israel

By WILLIAM GOLDSCHLAG
Daily News Senior National Correspondant

Shoutng over jeers from many of the 10,000 at a pro-Israel rally, Hillary Rodham Clinton urged support yesterday for her husband's efforts "to end the violence" as well as for the embattled Jewish state.

But her Senate opponent, Rep. Rick Lazio, ripped the Clinton administration for not placing the blame for the current conflict solely on Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Blasting the U.S. decision to abstain and not veto a UN Security Council resolution that slammed Israel, Lazio asked, "Is this any way to treat a friend?"



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Despite jeers from the crowd, Hillary declared her support for Israel at yesterday's rally.

laureate and Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert.

"There must be no equivocation," said Lazio, who won cheers and shook hands in the crowd jamming Second Ave. from 42nd to 48th Sts.

Mayor Giuliani also bashed the Clinton administration for being too soft on Arafat and the Palestinians.

Other speakers at the demonstration included Gov. Pataki, Nobel

The Mideast turmoil has created an October surprise in the Senate race. It is an opportunity for Lazio and a danger for the First Lady in the battle for Jewish votes, because she and President Clinton long treated Arafat as a credible partner for peace.

Clinton's poll numbers among Jews are at an all-time high. But she got there only after arduous fence-mending following her infamous kiss of Arafat's wife in Ramallah last year.

The hard-liners who booed her yesterday likely would oppose her no matter what, though. "A zebra doesn't change her stripes, and I don't trust her," said Tobie Newman, 75, of

Freeport, L.I.

But with each escalation of the violence, her campaign grows more anxious that her support among a broader spectrum of Jews could be shaken.

"She needs to be extremely supportive of Israel," said Dr. Peggy Wurm, 43, of Manhattan, a Clinton supporter at the rally.

"The old baggage from the past is there. It's hard for people to get it out of their minds," said Assemblyman Dov Hikind (D-Brooklyn) from Israel, where he was caught up in a battle at a funeral procession for a slain rabbi Wednesday.

Hikind, a political conservative, said the turmoil he witnessed will influence his decision on whom to support.

The First Lady broke with her husband Sunday over the UN abstention and has refused to join administration critics of some Israeli actions. Since White House-sponsored peace talks broke down in July, her criticism of Arafat has grown harsher.

Yet when she called yesterday on Arafat to end the violence and denounced the "shameful" and "one-sided" UN resolution, some in the crowd chanted, "Tell your husband." Another person yelled, "Go kiss Arafat's wife."

Referring to the UN resolution, Malcolm Hoenlein of the Conference of Major Jewish Organizations said, "Obviously, those things have ramifications."

"But she has taken her own positions," he added, "and people will evaluate that."

The First Lady would distance herself from the President only so far.

"I believe that it is imperative that we stand firmly with Israel — and that we stand in support of the President who continues his efforts to end the violence in the Middle East," she told the rally, drawing a cascade of boos.

Asked later about the hostility, Clinton said, "This is a very dangerous and perilous time, and emotions and feelings and passions are running very high."

Without naming names, she scolded those who use "rhetoric that in any way highlights the feelings and passions."

Lazio joined Giuliani and Olmert at Gracie Mansion after the rally and continued his criticism of the White House. Olmert, a longtime supporter of Giuliani, took Lazio's hand and said, "We're together."

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HILL BOOED ROUNDLY AT ISRAEL RALLY

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Hillary Rodham Clinton
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Clinton's trouble with the Jewish community came amid a new controversy over fund-raising: Her campaign admitted yesterday it used an official government list of White House visitors to raise money.

The 1,400 people on the list - holiday guests of the White House last year - received a three-page fund-raising letter signed by the president, said Howard Wolfson, a spokesman for the first lady's campaign.

She accidentally mixed in the list of White House guests - which is considered government property - with a list of political supporters, said Wolfson, who added that the move was a mistake and would not be repeated by the campaign.

At the Jewish rally, Clinton's reception contrasted with the glowing welcome Lazio enjoyed. He hammered the Clinton administration for merely abstaining from a U.N. resolution condemning Israel for the strife, instead of vetoing it.

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Lazio used his speech to slam the president, deny that Israeli hard-liner Ariel Sharon touched off the violence, and to urge the United States to move its embassy to Jerusalem immediately.

"Today, America and this administration leaves Israel in the lurch," Lazio told the cheering crowd. "I ask President Clinton, 'Is this any way to treat a friend?' "

After his speech, Lazio worked the crowd along Second Avenue in Midtown, some carrying anti-Clinton signs like "Gore-Hillary, Not Kosher." He shook hands, posed for pictures and signed autographs for six blocks.

His campaign aides urged reporters to take note of Lazio's warm reception.

Meanwhile, the National League of Conservation Voters last night endorsed both Clinton and Lazio, while the New York chapter of the same environmental organization backed only Clinton. The split reflected a major internal rift in the group, sources said.

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CRISIS IN THE MIDEAST Clinton, Lazio at Rally Mixed greetings at pro-Israel event

by **Stephanie Saul**
Staff Writer

A crowd of mostly Jewish demonstrators at a Manhattan pro-Israel rally gave Hillary Rodham Clinton a mixed greeting yesterday, both booing and cheering as she took the stage to decry U.S. violence in the Middle East.

Clinton's speech was partly drowned out by hecklers, even as she denounced the United Nations Security Council for its resolution last week blaming Israel for the violence.

"Tell your husband," yelled some in the throng of an estimated 15,000 people who crowded onto Second Avenue between 42nd and 48th Streets.

The United States had abstained on that vote, failing to use its veto power to block the resolution. Breaking with her husband's administration, Clinton criticized that decision during her debate Sunday with Rick Lazio.

Clinton briefly shared the stage at the Solidarity for Israel rally with Lazio, who got a warmer reception. Lazio then left for Gracie Mansion, where he received a private briefing on the perilous Middle East situation by Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert.

Following the rally, Clinton told reporters that "passions are running high," explaining the mixed reception she received.

Other speakers at the rally included Gov. George Pataki and Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

Since entering the Senate race, Clinton has struggled to repair her relationship with the Jewish community, damaged by her comments in support of a Palestinian state and by her embrace last year of Suha Arafat, the wife of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Polls indicate that she holds a significant lead among Jews over Lazio, who has attempted to chip away at her support through campaign appearances aimed at Jewish voters.

"The person we must call on to be responsible today to end the violence is Chairman Arafat," Clinton told the crowd, repeatedly placing the blame on the Palestinian leader. "I

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repeatedly placing the blame on the Palestinian leader. "I renew my call for him to do everything in his power to end the violence and to enter into a ceasefire." Clinton said, "I reject the United Nations Security Council's response to the events. Their one-sided condemnation of Israel is shameful and ignores the realities of the situation." But Clinton also asked the crowd to support her husband's effort to negotiate a peaceful end to the violence.

"It is imperative that we stand clearly with Israel and stand in support of the president as he continues his efforts to end the violence in the Middle East," Clinton said.

Lazio, greeted by cheers, said the perilous situation in Israel was an "opportunity for us of the United States to tell the world that we stand shoulder to shoulder with the people of Israel ... We must stand strong. We must stand united behind the people of Israel." He accused the Clinton administration of "leaving Israel in the lurch." "I ask the president, is this any way to treat a friend?" he said to polite cheers.

In his speech, Giuliani accused the U.S. government of holding Israel to its commitments but not doing the same for Palestinians.

"If we continue in that romanticized and misguided course, then we will be undermining, not supporting, the peace process," he said.

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First Lady appeals for support for President

NEW YORK -- Hillary Rodham Clinton urged New Yorkers at a pro-Israel rally Thursday to set aside politics and support President Clinton's fraying peace efforts.

"I know this is the season of politics," Clinton told thousands of people packed onto Second Avenue. "But it is also a time of great peril. I believe it is imperative that we stand clearly with Israel and we stand in support of the President."

Clinton briefly shared a stage with her Republican opponent in the Senate race, Rep. Rick Lazio, who shook her hand and left before she spoke. The First Lady was greeted by both loud cheers and boos.

Clinton renewed her criticism of the United States' abstention on a U.N. Security Council resolution condemning the use of "excessive force" in the recent Israeli-Palestinian clashes.

Clinton also expressed her "shock and sorrow" over an apparent attack by a small boat on a U.S. Navy ship in port on the Arabian Peninsula Thursday which left at least six Americans dead.

Lazio has questioned why Clinton did not have more influence over her husband in the Security Council vote. At the rally, he accused the administration of "leaving Israel in the lurch."

Later Thursday, the New York League of Conservation Voters endorsed Clinton.

"There was strong support for both candidates," said Sharon Soons, a spokeswoman for the group. She would not release the exact vote count from the board but she did say that the vote for the endorsement passed by a 60 percent majority.

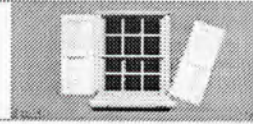


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Lazio, Clinton voice criticisms at pro-Israel rally

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NEW YORK — Hillary Rodham Clinton decried the killing of three Israeli soldiers yesterday while attending a pro-Israel rally in Manhattan, but her comments did not stop the jeers from a segment of the Jewish community who likely will be voting for her Republican opponent, Rep. Rick Lazio.

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Lazio was at the rally as well, and afterward stepped down into the thousands of spectators stretched along Second Avenue in the 40s. He was cheered as he moved through the crowd with New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

"Two soldiers have been lynched and murdered in a Palestinian police station, and more are missing," Clinton said. "The tomb of Joseph has been desecrated, prayer books have been burned and a holy site lies in ashes. All people of faith around the world are deeply offended by this desecration."

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It was later determined that a third soldier had also been killed.

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Although there was strong applause for some of Clinton's remarks, many in the crowd blew whistles to drown her out and others chanted "Tell your husband!" — a reference to the president's handling of the tense situation in the Middle East. Ardent pro-Israel forces in the U.S. are angry that the administration did not use its veto power on a United Nations resolution that condemned Israel for using excessive force against the Palestinians.

"I came here to support Israel and to boo Hillary," said Jean Pitre, a senior citizen from Croton-on-Hudson who screamed at the first lady when she took the stage. "She's no more for Israel than the man on the moon."

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New York's Jewish voters are a traditionally strong Democratic voting bloc. In the race for the U.S. Senate, polls show Clinton leading among Jews, but she has had to work hard to overcome suspicions about her support for Israel, particularly among pro-Israel hard-liners. Some in the crowd yesterday clearly had not forgiven her for her earlier backing of a Palestinian state, and blamed her for her husband's policies in the Middle East.

Clinton has broken with her husband's administration over its abstention on the U.N. resolution, and yesterday she again criticized the Security Council. The administration has argued that it needed to abstain to be able to remain an honest broker in the peace negotiations.

"Their (the U.N.'s) one-sided condemnation of Israel is shameful and ignores the reality of the situation in the Middle East," she said. "Israel must always be able to protect its citizens and to put an end to violence."

Lazio, who spoke earlier, again took President Clinton to task for the decision to abstain, telling those at the rally that, like them, he was appalled.

"Today, America and this administration leaves Israel in the lurch," he said. "I ask President Clinton, 'Is this any way to treat a friend?' "

"No!" the crowd shouted back.

"I am here to defend what is right with all of you," Lazio continued, "to see that what is just is spoken. I am here to stand solidly with the people of Israel, with the people of Jerusalem, with our friend the state of Israel, our fellow democracy, our most important ally in the area."

Lazio has tried to make inroads among Jews still doubtful of Clinton, touting his steadfast support for Israel and reminding voters often that he has never called for a Palestinian state.

While Lazio's and Clinton's statement's were similar in large measure, Clinton's first lady-Senate candidate balancing act was in evidence yesterday. As preparations were under way for the rally, President Clinton was at their Chappaqua home talking to world leaders about the escalating violence and getting updates on the attack on a U.S. naval ship docked in Yemen.

Her condemnation of the administration's abstention on the U.N. resolution was tempered by an appeal on behalf of her husband: "I know this is the season of politics, but it is also a time of great peril. I believe it is imperative that we stand clearly with Israel and we stand in support of the president, who continues his efforts to end the violence in the Middle East."

The Senate rivals were among a stage full of politicians in attendance yesterday. The mayor of Jerusalem, Ehud Olmert, and the Israeli minister of immigrant absorption, Yuli Tamir, flew in from Israel to be there.

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Hillary Clinton Blames Arafat for Mideast Violence



Reuters Photo

By Patrick Rizzo

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Hillary Rodham Clinton ([news](#) - [web sites](#)) blamed the current round of Mideast violence on Palestinian President Yasser Arafat on Thursday and urged him to call an immediate cease-fire.

"The person we must call on to be responsible today to end the violence is Chairman Arafat," the first lady told several thousand New Yorkers, most of them Jewish, at a pro-Israel rally in midtown Manhattan.

"I renew my call for him to do everything in his power to end the violence and to enter into a cease-fire," she said.

Clinton, who is running for U.S. senator from New York state, was one of several community leaders and local elected officials who declared their support for Israel and condemned Arafat at the "Solidarity With Israel" rally.

The rally took place as tensions rose in the Middle East when targets close to Arafat's headquarters were hit in retaliation for the killing of at least two Israeli soldiers.

It was the culmination of two weeks of Mideast violence in which at least 97 people have died, all but seven of them Palestinians and Israeli Arabs, threatening slender hopes for peace in the region.

Clinton, who has had her struggles with the state's large and powerful Jewish population, was greeted with jeers and catcalls that nearly drowned out the cheers.

She drew applause when she criticized the U.N. Security Council resolution last weekend condemning "the excessive use of force against the Palestinians, resulting in injury and loss of human life."

"Their one-sided condemnation of Israel is shameful and ignores the reality of the situation in the Middle East," she said as shouts of "Tell your husband!" mingled with the applause.

The Clinton administration abstained from voting on the resolution and did not veto it, thus letting it go into force.

After her speech, Clinton told reporters, "Look, this is a very dangerous and perilous time, and emotions and feelings and passions are running very high."

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The Democratic candidate's Republican opponent in the Senate race, Long Island congressman Rick Lazio ([news](#) - [web sites](#)), also spoke at the rally.

"I say to the Clinton administration, is this any way to treat a friend?" he asked, eliciting some cries of "No!"

"We will not let you down. We will stand shoulder to shoulder," Lazio said.

Clinton angered many American Jews last year when, in a highly publicized incident, she kissed Arafat's wife. Suha Arafat had just accused Israel of trying to poison Palestinians.

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Mrs. Clinton Sought Donations Using List of White House Visitors

By CLIFFORD J. LEVY

The Senate campaign of Hillary Rodham Clinton obtained 1,400 names from an official government list of visitors to the White House and sent them solicitations for political contributions last month. Mrs. Clinton's campaign acknowledged yesterday that she had played a role in the transfer of the names, though the campaign insisted that what happened was accidental.

The fund-raising solicitations were signed by President Clinton, who wrote, "We Democrats better do everything in our power to make sure that her voice is heard in the U.S. Senate."

A spokesman for Mrs. Clinton's campaign, Howard Wolfson, said the transfer of the names occurred while Mrs. Clinton was preparing for the annual White House holiday parties last December. She was examining an official list of people who were to receive invitations. At the same time, he said, she was looking at lists of political supporters, in an effort to organize fund-raising events for her campaign.

He said the official visitor list was inadvertently mixed in with the political lists. "This happened once — it should not have happened — and it will not happen again," he said.

The annual holiday events at the White House are customarily paid for by the political party that controls the presidency. But the invitation list is considered government property and it is considered improper to use it for political purposes.

The disclosure that the campaign received the names comes as Mrs. Clinton's Republican opponent, Representative Rick A. Lazio, has repeatedly criticized her fund-raising practices. Mr. Lazio has said that like her husband, Mrs. Clinton has rewarded political

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contributors with invitations to stay in the Lincoln Bedroom of the White House, and has also used other government resources for inappropriate political purposes.

The transfer of the names recalls an inquiry in 1997 by Congressional Republicans, who contended that the re-election campaign of President Clinton and the Democratic National Committee had used an extensive White House database of names for fund-raising. The Democrats denied the charges.

Told yesterday of the transfer of the names to Mrs. Clinton's campaign, the Lazio campaign stepped up its attacks on her integrity.

"It's a shame, though it is not surprising, to find the White House illegally helping Mrs. Clinton's campaign," said Dan McLagan, a spokesman for the Lazio campaign. "Those lists, like the Lincoln Bedroom, belong to the American taxpayers, and Mrs. Clinton is treating them like her personal property."

Mr. Wolfson said Mrs. Clinton's campaign had not received any other names from official White House lists. He said the campaign had obtained the 1,400 names only because the official list was not removed from the political lists before they were returned to the campaign.

The official list was later entered into the campaign's fund-raising rolls, he said. Of the 1,400 names transferred, 400 were of people who were not already on the rolls. From those 400 people, the campaign has received five donations totaling \$225, and is returning the money to the contributors, Mr. Wolfson said.

Mr. Wolfson said more than 350,000 people received the fund-raising letters signed by the president.

He said the 400 names had been purged from the campaign's lists. Among the 400 were people with White House press credentials, including journalists from ABC News and The New York Times.

In 1997, Congressional Republicans investigating what they termed the fund-raising improprieties of President Clinton's 1996 campaign contended that administration officials had transferred a White House database containing about 350,000 names to the Democratic National Committee, where, the Republicans said, the database was used for fund-raising. Government officials had compiled the database to track visitors to the White House and put together invitation lists for White House events.

The Clinton administration denied those accusations. But the Republicans said memorandums they had obtained showed that Mrs. Clinton and an adviser in her current campaign, Harold M. Ickes, who was then deputy chief of staff, were involved in the decisions about how to manage the database.

Mr. Wolfson, responding to the criticism from the Lazio campaign, sought to link Mr. Lazio to Representative Dan Burton of Indiana, a leader of the Republican inquiries into the fund-raising by the

president's campaign.

"Rick Lazio is sounding more and more like Dan Burton and the Republican attack machine every day," Mr. Wolfson said. "New Yorkers are tired of the politics of insults."

The three-page fund-raising letter signed by President Clinton reflects his attempt to assist his wife's campaign while remaining somewhat out of the spotlight. Mr. Wolfson said that other than signing the letter, the president had no involvement in the solicitation, and did not know about the transfer of the names.

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Clinton Tax Cut Is Less Help in New York Than Lazio's, Study Contends

By CLIFFORD J. LEVY

A new study asserts that Hillary Rodham Clinton's tax cut plan would be less beneficial for New Yorkers than the one proposed by Representative Rick A. Lazio, because hers relies more on giving reductions to people who make certain expenditures and have incomes below specific ceilings.

The study, by the Manhattan Institute, a conservative research group, notes that salaries and the cost of living are higher in New York than in most states. As a result, plans that provide tax cuts to anyone in the country making less than a threshold — often referred to as "targeted tax cuts" — would exclude more people in New York than in some other states.

The report notes that the median income for a family of four is \$50,200 nationally, \$56,100 in New York State, \$56,200 in New York City, and \$83,100 in Westchester County. So tax cuts that are supposedly directed at an average family by imposing an income ceiling of say, \$52,000, might exclude many of those in New York.

That conclusion is also true for the tax cut plan proposed by Vice President Al Gore, the

Democratic presidential candidate. Gov. George W. Bush of Texas, the Republican candidate, has presented a more sweeping package that would benefit far more New Yorkers by reducing taxes for people with all levels of income.

Democrats have generally favored targeted tax cuts whose benefits go more toward the poor and middle class, arguing that some of the federal surplus should be used to pay down the national debt and shore up Social Security. The Republicans argue that those objectives can be achieved even with more broadly based tax cuts, and argue that the government should not be rewarding people with cuts for making certain expenditures, and should give benefits to everyone who pays taxes.

Middle-class families will "fare better under Lazio's plan than under Clinton's, although most will receive less tax relief than under Governor Bush's plan," writes the author of the report, Edmund J. McMahon Jr. "Lazio's plan is particularly beneficial to families earning the median income or above in New York City's suburbs."

Mrs. Clinton has proposed a tax cut pack-

age for items like college payments, child care and retirement savings. Mr. Lazio has called for easing the so-called marriage penalty, repealing some taxes on Social Security benefits and allowing the payroll tax to be deducted.

Neera Tanden, the deputy campaign manager for the Clinton campaign, questioned the thesis and methodology of the report. She said the Clinton plan would in fact have more benefits for New York, relative to its overall cost. "Hillary supports targeted tax cuts that meet the needs of working families," she said. "Rick Lazio's trillion-dollar tax cut plan is fiscally irresponsible and threatens our current economic prosperity."

Like Mrs. Clinton, Mr. Lazio has proposed initiatives that include income ceilings for their cuts, although Mr. Lazio's are more broadly based than Mrs. Clinton's. The Lazio plan's biggest reduction, allowing the payroll tax to be deductible, is limited to those in the 15 percent and 28 percent brackets (that is, up to \$105,950 in taxable income for couples, the report says).

The report concludes that the Lazio plan would provide New Yorkers with \$4.2 billion

in tax cuts.

Dan McLagan, a spokesman for the Lazio campaign, said, "We are pleased that the Manhattan Institute has joined the nonpartisan National Taxpayers Union in clearly showing that Congressman Lazio's economic plan is far superior for New York's families."

The Clinton plan would cut taxes by \$1.2 billion for New Yorkers, according to the report. But the Clinton campaign said the report left out a \$1.8 billion cut for retirement plans. Mr. McMahon, the author, said that he had understood from campaign officials that the cut was intended to benefit businesses, not individuals, but that if there was a misunderstanding, the amount should be included and the total benefits should be \$3 billion.

Both packages are dwarfed by the Bush proposal, which would give New Yorkers \$11.1 billion in reductions, most of which would come from reducing tax rates for every income bracket. The Gore plan would save taxpayers in the state \$3.5 billion, according to the report.

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Mrs. Clinton, Echoing D'Amato's Ads, Attacks Lazio on Missed Votes

By ADAM NAGOURNEY

If it was good enough for Alfonse M. D'Amato when he ran for reelection to the Senate in 1998, then it is good enough for Hillary Rodham Clinton as she runs for the Senate in 2000.

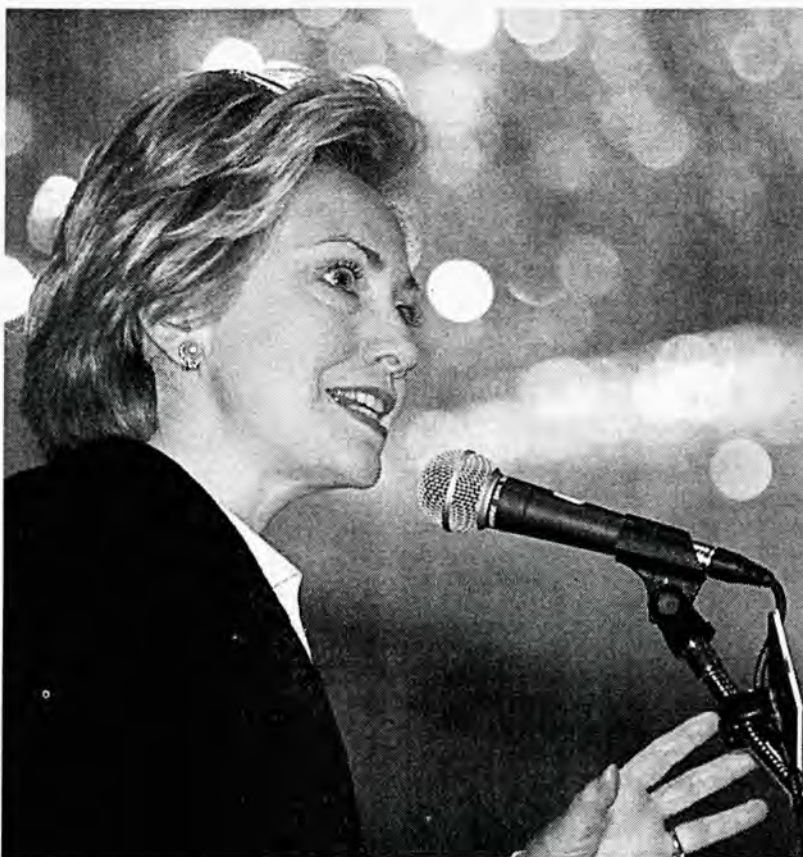
Or so it would seem from a new advertisement released by Mrs. Clinton yesterday. The ad attacks Representative Rick A. Lazio for precisely the same thing that Mr. D'Amato attacked Charles E. Schumer for when Mr. Schumer challenged Mr. D'Amato: sneaking out of Washington so he could campaign back home.

"Recently, Rick Lazio skipped 59 of 60 votes in Congress," the announcer declares at the start of the ad. Then, in the space of 15 brisk seconds, it lists, in stark white type against a black background, the votes Mr. Lazio, a Suffolk County Republican, missed in Congress this month. In much the same way, almost exactly two years ago this month, Mr. D'Amato ticked off votes that Mr. Schumer missed for almost three straight weeks during the 1998 campaign.

News of the new Clinton ad produced a topsy-turvy day in the New York Senate race. As it turns out, many of the players from 1998 are still on the scene today — either as campaign advisers or commentators — and both Democrats and Republicans, apparently unabashed, raced to the opposite side of the ideological field and marshaled the same arguments that had been used against them the last time around.

Two years ago, for example, Howard Wolfson, then the press secretary for Mr. Schumer, characterized the attack on Mr. Schumer's missed votes as "fraudulent." Yesterday, that word was not used by Mr. Wolfson, who as communications director for Ms. Clinton, excoriated Mr. Lazio for his absences from Washington.

"Congressman Lazio is trying to tell New Yorkers that he is an effective legislator for New York, and he



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Hillary Rodham Clinton, campaigning for the Senate, addressed a meeting of the Association for a Better New York yesterday.

has stopped doing his job," Mr. Wolfson said. "He has put his own career and ambitions ahead of New York."

Asked how this differed from Mr. Schumer in 1998, he responded: "If you look at 1998, then-Congressman Schumer was trying to make his votes. The difference is that Congressman Lazio has essentially stopped doing his job completely."

Over at Republican headquarters, Mr. Lazio's aides sounded, well, the same way Mr. Wolfson sounded two years ago: they complained that Mrs. Clinton was referring to absences for ceremonial votes, or votes

on which Mr. Lazio's presence would not have made a difference, for the sake of some political points.

"Either Mrs. Clinton has no understanding of the legislative process, or she is blatantly trying to deceive New Yorkers," said Bill Dal Col, Mr. Lazio's campaign manager.

Among the votes that Mr. Lazio missed, and that were listed in Mrs. Clinton's ad, were financing for 100,000 new teachers and the Violence against Women Act. The ad said Mr. Lazio was present for a vote on a 3 percent congressional payroll increase, but the measure that was

cited was in fact part of a larger Treasury bill that raised salaries for a wide range of federal employees, including members of Congress.

Even Kieran P. Mahoney, the D'Amato consultant who helped direct the attack against Mr. Schumer in 1998, said it was unfair of Mrs. Clinton to use the attack against Mr. Lazio. The difference, Mr. Mahoney said, was that Mr. Lazio had a nearly perfect voting record until Labor Day, when he accelerated his campaigning, whereas Mr. Schumer had missed votes for nearly a year before his election. Unlike Mr. Schumer, Mr. Lazio did not have to face a primary for his party's nomination; he entered the race in June.

All of which begs the question: Does this kind of political attack work? Mr. Schumer's aides long insisted that the attacks by Mr. D'Amato had no effect on Mr. Schumer, who went on to defeat Mr. D'Amato's bid for a third term. That said, the fact that Mrs. Clinton is now embracing the same line would appear to be a belated affirmation of the effectiveness of the tactic.

Mr. Schumer's chief strategist, Hank Morris, declined to comment yesterday. But Mr. Schumer allowed that he believed attacks on a legislator's attendance record could be very potent. "It is an effective line of attack," he said.

Mr. Schumer said that he believed it had taken a toll on his campaign, until it was revealed that Mr. D'Amato had missed dozens of votes on the Suffolk County Board of Supervisors when he first ran for Senate. "Then it just evaporated," Mr. Schumer said.

But there is one practical effect to attacking voting records, as Mr. Schumer learned: It is harder to skip votes in Washington when public attention is suddenly turned on your attendance.

Yesterday, Mr. Lazio cut short a day of campaigning in Buffalo to return to Washington for votes on appropriation bills, among them an

agricultural bill that included provisions for upstate farmers and apple growers. Although Mrs. Clinton's aides seized on this as evidence that he was scurrying in response to the ads, Mr. Lazio's aides had, for several days, said he intended to go to Washington for the spending bills.

His advisers expressed incredulity at learning that Mrs. Clinton had borrowed a page from Mr. D'Amato's book. "This is pure Clinton-think: They will say and do anything to win," said Dan McLagan, Mr. Lazio's spokesman. "And do it with a straight face. It's amazing."

While he was upstate yesterday, Mr. Lazio weighed in on a dispute between the Seneca Indian tribe and New York State over 18,000 acres of land. Mr. Lazio argued that a solution to the land claims dispute did not require federal intervention, but should be resolved locally. Mr. Lazio also toured Niagara Falls High School, where every student has been given a laptop computer, and met for about half an hour with Bishop Henry J. Mansell of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo.

Mr. Lazio, in a series of speeches over the past two days, has moved away from asserting that the upstate economy had "turned a corner," after critics, including some upstate Republicans, said he appeared insensitive to lingering economic distress. Mrs. Clinton has criticized Mr. Lazio for not having an economic plan to benefit the upstate region.

Meanwhile, the New York State United Teachers group disclosed that it had bought more than \$500,000 worth of time on radio stations for advertisements that might be used, the group acknowledged, to help bolster Mrs. Clinton's candidacy. Such advertisements are barred under an agreement between Mr. Lazio and Mrs. Clinton on campaign spending, though that deal has appeared increasingly shaky. The union said it would not place such ads if the deal remained in place, and would use the time for get-out-the-vote ads.

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Compiled by Greg Pierce

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Hillary's view on gays

Hillary Rodham Clinton, in an interview with the homosexual-oriented magazine the Advocate, says Vermont-style "civil unions" between members of the same sex should be extended to New York and the rest of the nation. She also said the Boy Scouts should be persuaded to accept homosexual scoutmasters.

While avoiding the word "marriage" for homosexuals, which the U.S. Senate candidate says she opposes, Mrs. Clinton nevertheless remarked, "And I think we have to extend the legal rights

and protections to same-sex unions that have begun in Vermont."

Mrs. Clinton, in the interview with reporter David Kirby, said of the Boy Scouts' ban on homosexual scoutmasters, "I haven't formulated a final policy on it. I'm hoping that persuasion and, frankly, lobbying by people who are concerned will lead to a change in policy."

The interview with Mrs. Clinton appears in the Oct. 10 issue of the magazine. An interview with President Clinton will appear in its Oct. 24 issue.

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Where Hillary Really Stands on the Mideast

Hillary Rodham Clinton will express solidarity with Israel this afternoon at a Second Avenue rally near the United Nations.

But does she really mean it?

Or was former Mayor Ed Koch correct earlier this week when he hinted that Mrs. Clinton's concerns for Israel's security are not only newly arrived at, but rooted in political ambition?

Koch noted that the first lady had criticized the Clinton administration's refusal to veto a U.N. resolution hanging blame for ongoing Mideast violence squarely on Israel.

"It's probably the only time in her life with Bill that, when they disagreed on a political matter, her view didn't carry," Koch said. "Did she argue with him? Did she try to persuade him?"

"When a person is running for office in New York, it doesn't take courage to say they're against the resolution. But it takes courage to take on Clinton. What he did was a terrible betrayal to Israel."

"This," concluded Koch, "is appeasement."

Sure seems so. It's also wholly out of character for the first lady.

The issue isn't Hillary's inability to persuade President Clinton to veto the U.N. bill. Even Koch, upon reflection, allowed as how reasonable people could disagree on that.

And it's not even her slowness in fingering Arafat for the riots.

The fact is that Hillary's heart has long been with the Arabs.

She's been a dues-paying member of the blame-Israel club, the gang that morally equates nonviolent political acts — such as Ariel Sharon's recent visit to the Temple Mount — with Arab-initiated bloodshed.

The true Hillary has shown her colors over and over again — long before she arrived at the White House.

■ A decade ago, she served as chairman of the New World Foundation, which doled out money to groups controlled by the Palestine Liberation Organization — back when *nobody* doubted that it was a terrorist group.

■ In 1998, she called for a Palestinian state — giving the lie to her claim not to want to intrude on Arab-Israeli negotiations, which had tabled the statehood question.

■ Last year, she publicly embraced Suha Arafat, who had only moments before viciously, libelously accused Israel of poisoning Arab women and children.

■ She has been silent about whether she believes the U.S. embassy in Israel should be moved to Jerusalem — as U.S. law requires. Again, she says she doesn't want to infringe on negotiations. (No explanation, of course, for her willingness to infringe when she provided private "assurances" to a Jewish leader, saying Jerusalem should remain Israel's eternal, undivided capital.)

■ And she's made numerous overtures to Arab-American leaders, including many who've overtly refused to denounce terrorism.

There is nothing inherently dishonorable in holding such views. But disrepute *does* reside in pretending otherwise.

Which the current incarnation of Hillary Rodham Clinton does — with fervor. (See above, the U.N. rally.)

Certainly Ed Koch is not alone in questioning the first lady's beliefs.

Sen. Chuck Schumer, asked how he believed Mrs. Clinton would deal with Israel-related issues, last summer said: "She will just look to me to see how she votes."

So how are Arab-Americans handling the New Hillary?

"This woman has no principles," Najat Arafat Khelil, the disgusted national president of the Palestinian American Congress, told the New York Observer.

"Her need to recraft her image should not [penalize] hundreds of thousands" of Arab-Americans who support a Palestinian state "who were innocent" when she called for just such a state,

James Zogby, the head of the Arab-American Institute, told the paper.

Question is, if her Arab-American friends don't trust her, why should Jews — or anyone else, for that matter?

Koch — a diehard Hillary supporter — backpedaled on the U.N. resolution, saying he'd been persuaded that if America had vetoed it, there'd have been "an immediate outbreak of war."

As if what prevails in the Mideast now *isn't* war.

As if, when determining who to blame for violence, it doesn't matter who's actually *responsible* for the bloodshed.

The United Nations has had little to fear from the Jewish state in condemning Israel: The latter *opposes* violence. Indeed, in recent years, Israel has been a party to — as Koch put it — appeasement.

Let's be candid.

The ongoing Arab violence — even if it is slackening a bit — has nothing to do with Sharon's visit.

It has nothing to do with the Temple Mount, with sovereignty over Jerusalem or with the remaining obstacles to the "peace" process.

No, the longstanding Arab war against Israel is about ousting Jews from the Middle East.

Every square inch.

And every last Jew.

The logical course would not be appeasement — but resistance.

And more and more American Jews who had supported the Oslo track are coming to realize that.

But Israel can hope for little support from the White House — Hillary's electorally driven conversion notwithstanding.

This is of critical import — because Israel is America's only true, dependable ally in a region whence the world derives 65 percent of its energy.

The stakes are high.

Now Hillary, finally, says she has taken sides.

But has she?

In the end, can she be trusted?

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HILL RAPS RICK AS ABSENTEE REP

By GREGG BIRNBAUM
and ROBERT HARDT Jr.

Hillary Rodham Clinton, borrowing a move from Alfonse D'Amato, yesterday unveiled a new ad that attacks Rick Lazio for missing votes — a tactic mocked by fellow Democrat Chuck Schumer two years ago.

The 15-second ad charges her Republican opponent missed 59 out of 60 votes in Congress in the past month while he's been in New York, campaigning for the Senate.

Trying to prevent his recent attendance record from becoming an issue, Lazio interrupted his upstate tour to fly to Washington to cast a key vote on a farm bill yesterday and then headline a multimillion-dollar GOP

fund-raiser in Manhattan last night.

The Clinton ad comes as a surprise. D'Amato pounded Schumer for a month on his voting record, seemingly without effect, in the 1998 campaign.

"I think the issue of missed votes, if you are doing things that are part of your legislative responsibilities, is an issue that is really beside the point," Schumer said then.

Two of Clinton's press aides, Howard Wolfson and Cathie Levine, had worked on Schumer's campaign and defended

his voting record, which had been rock solid for years until he began campaigning.

Meanwhile, the Republican fund-raiser at the Sheraton Hotel in Manhattan was to be attended by the state's Republican bigwigs: Lazio, Gov. Pataki, Mayor Giuliani and state party boss William Powers.

Single tickets cost \$1,000, but individuals or corporations raising \$100,000 are entitled to a photo-op with the Republican power brokers.

Democrats ripped Lazio for the event.

"Rick Lazio is so busy missing votes lately that he may have forgotten to announce his soft-money fund-raiser tonight," said a statement from the state Democratic Party.

Lazio's camp responded

by announcing the campaign's Web site is launching an updated daily reminder that the first lady has refused to disclose publicly the dates when contributors stayed overnight at the White House.

"The time is long overdue for Mrs. Clinton to come clean with the American people and release the dates she opened up our taxpayer-funded public monuments to raise money for her campaign," said Lazio campaign manager Bill Dal Col.

"The Lazio campaign will use its Web site to remind New Yorkers that Mrs. Clinton has abused the trust of the American people and has treated our most sacred public monument like a cheap motel."

ADWATCH

TITLE: "Skipped"
LENGTH: 15 seconds
RUNNING: Upstate
PRODUCER: Team Clinton: Mandy Grunwald, pollster Mark Penn and the ad firm of DeVito/Verdi
SCRIPT: Announcer:

"Recently, Rick Lazio skipped 59 of 60 votes in Congress — votes on adding 100,000 new teachers, on domestic violence, on home-heating oil. But Lazio did manage to show up weeks ago, to vote himself a pay raise. Rick Lazio, the more you know, the more you wonder."

IMAGES: As in an earlier series of Clinton commercials, the script appears on the screen word by word, as if written out by an old-style typewriter. A Clinton campaign logo with the first lady's face appears at the end.

ACCURACY: While the accusation is true — Lazio missed those votes from Sept. 7 to Oct. 8 — the ad fails to mention that the GOP congressman has a high attendance record in his eight years in Washington.

ANALYSIS: Two years ago,

Recently, Rick Lazio skipped 59 of 60 votes in Congress

Democrats correctly ridiculed Alfonse D'Amato's "missed votes" attack on Chuck Schumer, noting that Schumer's lifetime attendance record in Congress was above 90 percent. Now those same Democrats are using that bankrupt "missed votes" argument against Lazio — who has missed few votes since he entered the House in 1993. This is easily the most cynical ad produced by Clinton's crew.

RESPONSE: Lazio spokesman Michael Marr: "Now there's a proven winning strategy for a New York Senate race. To paraphrase Howard Wolfson from two years ago, Hillary Clinton can't point to a single piece of significant legislation she succeeded in passing during her eight years in Washington."

Robert Hardt Jr.

The 15-second ad charges Lazio missed 59 out of 60 votes in Congress in the past month.

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NEAL TRAVIS NEW YORK

Hill gets a dressing-down

IT'S not very gallant of them, but this week's issue of the Washington weekly *The Hill* snipes at **Hillary Rodham Clinton**'s fashion sense. The paper thinks Hill may not be able to adequately represent Seventh Avenue. I've heard a lot of fashionistas say the same thing — they are still appalled at her choice of outfits for John Cardinal O'Connor's funeral. Reviewing Sunday's debate, it notes that: "Clinton appeared in a black suit and saucy pink shirt. The outfit would have been acceptable had *Newsweek* not printed a story over the summer showing her dressed in the very same outfit on about 10 different occasions. Imelda Marcos had her shoes, and **Nancy Reagan** had her polka dots. Can't Hillary, with all her soft money, get another suit? New Yorkers are wondering."

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Perspectives on the News

POLITICS

Lazio's a 'Real New Yorker,' but Can That Win Senate Race?

■ Beyond stressing his roots, Republican has yet to define himself to voters. One poll has Clinton ahead, 50%-43%.

By JOSH GELMAN
Times Staff Writer

YONKERS, N.Y.—When Rick Lazio toured a Yonkers seniors center recently, the beach-looking Long Island congressman got enthusiastic support for his Senate race against Hillary Rodham Clinton. Yet few in the room knew anything about his record in Congress or the positions he's running on.

"All I know is, he's a real New Yorker," said Josephine Santucci, her voice trailing off. "And he's not her," added Clara Maffucci. "That's really all you need to know."

But it's become increasingly clear that that's not all Lazio needs to win. While he has raised a staggering \$30 million, much of it from Hillary-haters across the nation, the GOP candidate has yet to define himself to voters, and it's hurting him in the polls. The most recent survey showed Clinton beating him, 50% to 43%.

When Lazio became the nominee in June, his staff outlined a blueprint for victory: He would stress his Long Island roots, attack Clinton as a carpetbagger who had no business running in New York and make the election a referendum about her. But this cautious strategy has gotten him only so far.

"At this point in the race, Rick still has to fill in the blanks about himself," longtime GOP media consultant Nelson Warfield said. And it's crucial, he added, because Clinton "has become a formidable candidate. More formidable than many in New York would have originally predicted."

Lazio faces a daunting challenge under any circumstances in this heavily Democratic state, especially in a presidential election year. Most polls give Democrat Al Gore a 20-percentage-point lead in New York over Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush, and strategists in both parties believe a heavy turnout Nov. 7 might be enough to push Clinton over the top, no matter what Lazio does.

Still, he has yet to maximize his ad-



Rick Lazio greets supporters at a dinner that was held in his honor in Buffalo.

vantages. A telling example can be found in his poll numbers in traditionally Republican upstate New York. The towns, rural towns, and suburbs north of Manhattan typically generate 40% of the statewide vote. Most Republicans warn harshly here if they expect to capture that work office, yet the most recent poll showed Lazio clinging to only a 7-point lead.

To be sure, Lazio has a healthy edge over Clinton in the suburbs near Manhattan, according to several polls. Yet she has built a similarly large lead in New York City. All the more reason for GOP opponents to worry that the race has remained a close upstate, where many communities have been scarred by unemployment and declining industrial base.

The region's voters "still don't know who Lazio is, and it's clearly not been enough for him to point [Clinton] as an outsider," said Gerald Goldstein, a top state political analyst. Meanwhile, Mrs. Clinton has basically moved into the area for the last year. She spends a great deal of time upstate, and the polls in some towns is, "You mean you could have a cup of coffee with her?"

Debate Tactic Cast Lazio in Bullying Light

Equally impressive, Lazio has been a controversial figure in the campaign, taking flak for several tactics. A key example was a recent comment disparaging the economic woes of upstate New York. Lazio quickly corrected himself,

but it prompted an ironic retort from Clinton that he was badly out of touch with New York.

Lazio also is plagued by the lingering images of his first debate with Clinton, when he strode over to her podium and thrust in her face an agreement to let soft money—the unlimited contributions to political parties that are used to indirectly help various candidates.

The act seemed bullying and condescending to many. Other critics, including Republican strategists, said Lazio's heavy focus on banning soft money has puzzled voters who don't understand what it means.

"It's funny, he won the battle over campaign money [when Clinton agreed to the ban] but may have lost the war," GOP pollster Frank Luntz said. "He went too far. Raising the issue was a stroke of sheer genius, but waving it in her face the way he did was a mistake."

On the stump, Lazio can be gracious and insightful. In Yonkers, he spoke respectfully about the devastation his family experienced when his now-deceased father suffered a stroke. "I will always be there for you on issues like Social Security, prescription drugs and Medicare," he told the crowd at the Cuyahoga Park Seniors Center.

The 42-year-old congressman has a moderate record that should strike a chord with many voters, and he's been at the writers' receptacle on the stump. Yet despite his growing fund-raising edge over Clinton—he has \$10.2 million, in cash on hand, she has \$7.1 million—many New Yorkers have yet to see the senator, possibly side of him in person or in television spots.

Campaign officials say Lazio will change this in coming weeks with a flurry of appearances upstate and a TV ad blitz. During his second debate with Clinton last weekend, Lazio was more upbeat, stressing his positions. And he increasingly has featured glowing accolades of his family—his wife, Patricia, and their two young daughters—on the campaign trail. Yet some wonder if Lazio has simply blown too many political opportunities to overtake Clinton.

He's not running a great campaign, says Jeffrey Stancovich, professor of political science at Syracuse University. "He doesn't have a clear idea how to win the state and hasn't given voters a reason to vote for him."

In his defense, Lazio had scant time to assemble a campaign operation that could compete with Clinton. He entered the race 24 hours after New York Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani bowed out on May 19 and disclosed that he had prostate cancer and a marriage that was publicly unraveling.

Giuliani was expected to be a strong candidate. Yet the maverick mayor was not the favorite of party leaders such as Gov. George Pataki, who picked Lazio.

Raised in West Hempstead, Lazio grew up in a blue-collar Republican household and seemed destined for politics at an early age. He graduated from Vassar College in upstate New York, got a law degree from American University in Washington and became an assistant district attorney for Suffolk County, N.Y.

After holding local office in Suffolk County, he won a House seat in 1992 by knocking off a longtime Democratic incumbent. His moderate views reflected his district, but he spent an arduous skills when Republicans chose him House minority in the 1994 election. Lazio served as a deputy whip before Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) named him a bridge to other moderates.

Strength May Lie in Unity Message

Hillary Clinton has tried to attack him as a Gungah clone, but the charge does not seem to be sticking. Lazio essentially supports abortion rights—although he opposes so-called partial-birth abortions—and he has a strong record on environmental issues. He led fights to provide better housing for seniors, and his ability to work with Democrats underscores his claim that he would be a unifying rather than a divisive force in the Senate.

Yet questions linger about whether he and his campaign aides have the experience and discipline to mount a successful statewide race. Last week, Lazio visited grade-school classrooms near Manhattan two days in a row, discussing civics. They were his only public appearances there, and reporters asked why he had done that when there were voters elsewhere to be won over.

Lazio said he enjoyed visiting schools, then got combative about his clip in the polls. "The race is far from over. And I believe I am going to win."

Defining a New Yorker

One of the better moments in Sunday's debate between Hillary Rodham Clinton and Rick Lazio has somehow been lost in a small furor over whether Gov. George Pataki had ever heard of E. B. White. Mr. Pataki's clumsy effort to mock Mrs. Clinton, who mentioned the essayist and children's book writer in the debate, has landed him in a great deal of well-deserved trouble with lovers of Mr. White's work, ranging from "Charlotte's Web" to "The Elements of Style" to "Here Is New York," his 1949 ode to New York City.

The stir about Mr. White, or "Mr. Wyatt," as the governor referred to him dismissively, has somewhat obscured the reason this revered writer's name came up in the first place. The candidates had been challenged at that point with a most burdensome task — to define a New Yorker. The responses by Mrs. Clinton, who moved to the state a year ago to run for the Senate, and Mr. Lazio, who was born on Long Island in 1958, served less to define all New Yorkers than to define these two particular New Yorkers. The newcomer and the native stood at opposite ends of the range in this state, two separate designs in what Mrs. Clinton called "this wonderful patchwork quilt of a place."

While there was some overlap — both paid dutiful heed to New York's diversity, for example —

Mrs. Clinton generally tried to soar into the lyrical while Mr. Lazio aimed for solid ground. She talked about being drawn as if by a magnet to New York, being challenged "to do the best with your life you can do. . . ." Mr. Lazio went the bricks-and-mortar route, praising the building of the Empire State Building and adding that New Yorkers are no-nonsense people who "don't want to hear a lot of stories and talk." She spoke like one of Mr. White's new immigrants, the gamblers who are "willing to be lucky," as he wrote. Mr. Lazio was in the odd position of praising New York as a melting pot even as he and Mr. Pataki challenged Mrs. Clinton's right to jump into it.

On the whole, the first lady's answer bolstered her reason for coming to New York, but her literary reference could trouble some important constituents if they read Mr. White closely. Although he wrote eloquently about how newcomers give New York its energy and incomparable achievements, the author did not look so kindly on commuters, comparing them to locusts swarming into the city, each escaping a suburb with "no essential vitality of its own." As both the old and new New Yorkers now realize, particularly if they are questing for higher office, today's suburbs contain at least one political essential — thousands of swing votes.

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INSIDE THE BELTWAY

By John McCaslin

One of the crowd

Capitol Hill's popular coffee shop Stompin' Grounds, near Eastern Market, has attracted a new — and high-profile — customer: Chelsea Clinton.

Taking a semester off from her Stanford University studies, the first daughter took a break from escorting her dad around the country and helping her mom campaign in New York to sample life on the other side of the U.S. Capitol.

She casually strolled into Stompin' Grounds alone (OK, we did detect one very discreet Secret Service agent) and happily chatted with fellow customers standing in line.

"Yes, it was wonderful," she answered enthusiastically when one admirer asked about her recent trek to the Olympic games in Australia.

Reaching the front of the line, vegetarian Chelsea promptly ordered a zucchini muffin and "skinny cappuccino." She took a seat at the counter and ate the muffin in quick time — before her coffee was even served. So she ordered a second muffin, and wolfed that down in fine style, too.



First Daughter Chelsea Clinton was spotted making the rounds at Stompin' Grounds.

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Rick spot tries to educate voters

CANDIDATE: Rick Lazio

TITLE: "Education"

LENGTH: 30 seconds

AIRING: Statewide

PRODUCED BY:

Mike Murphy

SCRIPT: Announcer: "Rick Lazio. In Congress he voted for the largest federal investment in public education in history." Lazio: "I think 95 percent of federal education money should go right here to the classroom, instead of being wasted on bureaucrats. Let's put our kids first. And I support testing teachers every five years with lots of training and support. With two daughters in New York public schools, I care about education as a parent. In the Senate, you can count on me to vote like one." Announcer: "Rick Lazio."

VISUALS: A casual-looking Lazio sitting in a classroom surrounded by eager-looking kids; Lazio talking into the camera, touching a child's head as he walks by; Lazio and his wife sitting around a table helping their daughters

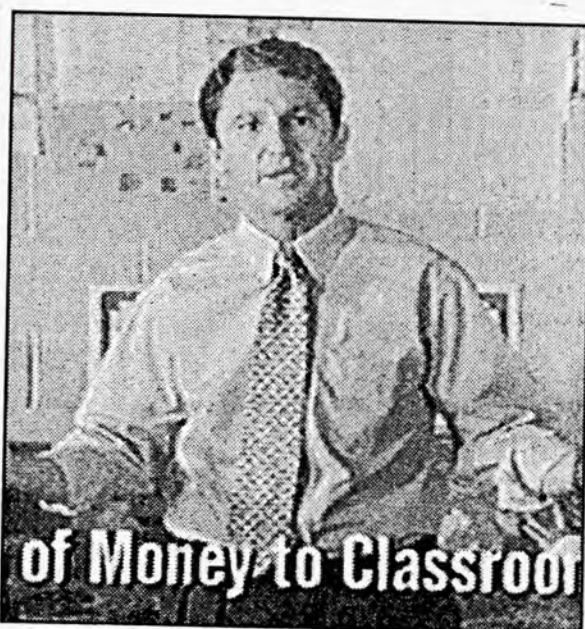
with their homework.

ACCURACY: Lazio trumpets the congressional votes he's registered to increase federal spending on education programs, although Hillary Clinton's camp counters it by pointing to other votes against teacher spending and school construction.

ANALYSIS: The spot is the latest in a wave of recent "positive" ads where Lazio tries to carve out his message. Here, he's trying to sell his education plan — several months after Clinton started boosting her own — just weeks from Election Day. It's an issue that's a cornerstone of Clinton's campaign, and one where polls have shown she fares better than he does.

RESPONSE: "Rick Lazio gets no extra credit for his eleventh-hour re-invention — this ad is in conflict with Mr. Lazio's eight-year record of voting against education." — Clinton campaign spokeswoman Karen Dunn.

Maggie Haberman



HOT-BUTTON ISSUE: Rick Lazio is trying to cut into one of Hillary Clinton's bread-and-butter issues with this education ad.

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LAZIO BIDS

Rick Lazio yesterday faced new questions about his fund-raising after it was revealed his Senate campaign is running an anti-Hillary Rodham Clinton TV commercial across the country to boost his war chest.

In a highly unusual move, the Republican candidate has been airing the ad occasionally on national cable services to promote his credit-card-friendly campaign Web site and a toll-free number for donors, his aides said.

The Lazio campaign did not inform the media of its out-of-state ad blitz.

'Stealth' ads steer funds to Web site

By Gregg Birnbaum in
Rochester and Robert
Hardt Jr. in New York

Reporters became aware of it only when they received calls from colleagues in other states

who were baffled as to why the New York hopeful would buy commercials in their states.

"This isn't about voters, it's about fund-raising," Lazio media guru Mike Murphy told The Post.

"This is our McDonald's secret sauce. We think

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TO CASH IN NATIONWIDE

we're the first campaign to do this."

Political veterans said they could not recall a candidate for statewide office in New York spending crucial campaign dollars to show ads in other states — because usually, every dollar is reserved for New York air time, which is among the most expensive in the country.

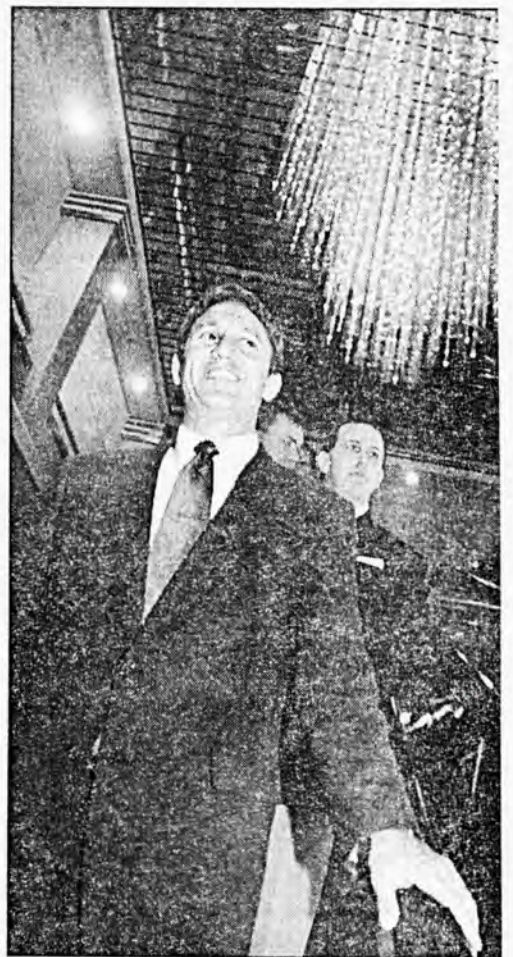
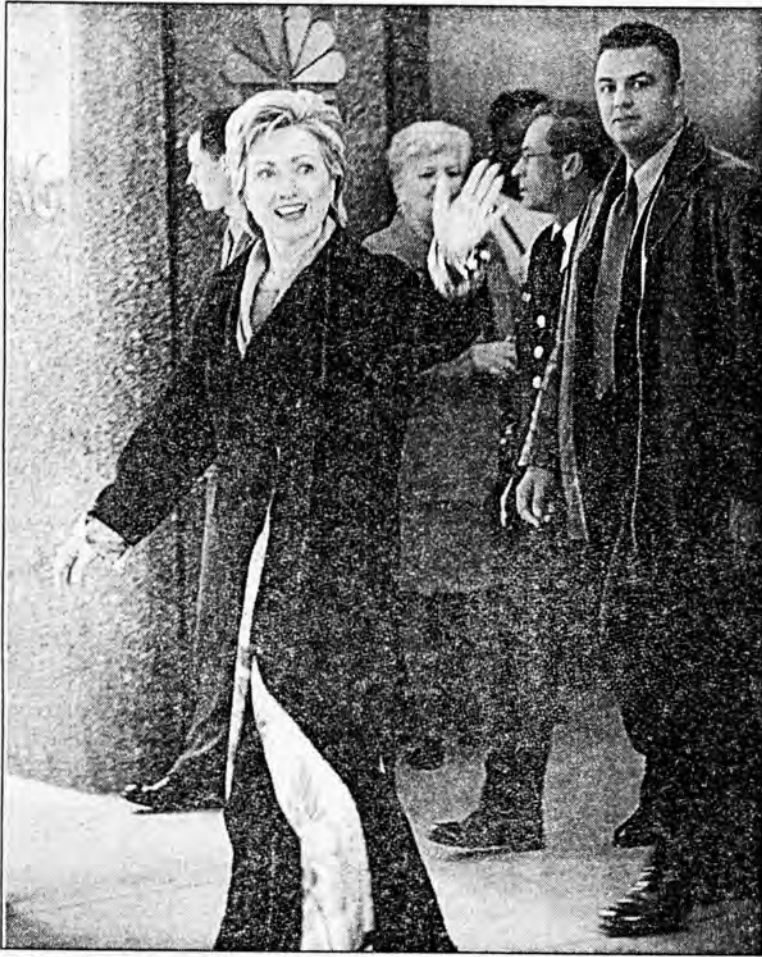
The 30-second spot shows a picture of Clinton and says she is "raising millions of dollars in soft money from Hollywood liberals and big special interests to buy a U.S. Senate seat in New York."

"Let New York choose its own senator," the announcer says.

The commercial has been shown intermittently on the Fox News Channel, MSNBC, CNBC and the Weather Channel since August, Murphy said, adding

"This is our McDonald's secret sauce."

LAZIO MEDIA GURU
MIKE MURPHY



M-AD AS HELL: The campaign of Hillary Rodham Clinton (left) objected loudly yesterday to \$140,000 worth of national TV air time purchased by Senate rival Rick Lazio (right) for fund-raising ads criticizing the first lady.

N.Y. Post (Don Halasy (left), AP

that it has proven to be a cost-effective fund-raising tool.

The campaign has bought \$140,000 in air time — a small amount by TV standards — and collected \$1.6 million in contributions from the Web site, some of which was prompted by the commercial.

Asked by reporters if his campaign was airing ads outside of New York, Lazio first said he didn't know. But later, saying he approved of the commercial, he added, "We should be looking for ways for the ordinary citizen to participate, not stuffing \$500,000 checks in our pockets from West Coast concerns."

Lazio aides said the commercials were paid for only by the Lazio campaign, and not with any soft money from outside groups or political parties. They were not immediately able to provide copies of the ad, showing who paid for them.

Lazio last week halted national GOP funding of two in-state commercials after the Clinton campaign charged he had violated an agreement not to use soft money.

Clinton spokesman Howard Wolfson demanded Lazio publicly disclose to New Yorkers any commercials he is showing in other states.

"It's time for him to come clean about his secret fund-raising strategy," Wolfson said.

Meanwhile, Clinton addressed former Mayor Ed

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Lazio bids to cash in

LAZIO from Page 7

Koch's complaint that she should have done more to convince the president to veto an anti-Israel resolution in the United Nations.

"I have spoken with Mayor Koch. He knows how strongly I feel that the resolution should have been vetoed," Clinton said.

She also dismissed complaints from Lazio

about Democratic trackers who have been following him on the campaign trail.

"That's something that happens in campaigns," Clinton said after visiting a daycare center in the Cobble Hill section of Brooklyn.

"I know that it happens in nearly every campaign that I'm aware of."

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Silver anniversary of a tarnished marriage

H E SPENT a portion of his 22nd with Monica.

On his 23rd, he was alone.

Today, Bill Clinton is in a bind.

Unless some miracle of diplomatic timing drags him overseas abruptly, he'll spend tonight at home.

That's in Chappaqua, incidentally.

The marriage that spawned an impeachment trial, inspired 10,000 humor jokes and launched a puzzling Senate campaign, turns 25 on this very day.

Which means only one thing.

The nation's leader was required to engage in a marital duty that has frequently caused him great embarrassment and pain. An act for which he's risked his career, his family, his good name. And



one that he engages in, this time, fully cognizant of the injury it stands to inflict upon the woman to whom he's long been wed:

Shopping.

What did he buy for the woman to whom you once pledged permanent fidelity — then switched that vow to the more attainable delivery of a Senate seat?

Once, Bill impressed Hillary as a romantic with a copy of "Leaves of Grass." Then, oops, he gave the same leaves to his mistress. And the rest is history.

Soon, Ken Starr was poking under the bed of presidential secretary Betty Currie, where Clinton

stashed the box of cherry chocolates, the Black Dog tote bag, the hat pin, lithograph and, yes, Davidoff cigars that he'd thoughtfully purchased while on the road.

Shopping has never been the same.

The purchasing of gifts has always been a ticklish subject for the president, whose efforts to please the women in his life have ranged from one-sided to uninspired.

Facing an anniversary in 1994, he popped into a Borders bookstore, where he picked up a CD by Lyle Lovett, "I Love Everybody," plus two books by Kinky Friedman. A sign of things to come?

Four years ago, he tried a little harder. As Post reporter Brian Blomquist tagged along with Bill and his personal shopping "adviser," the president picked out a 21st anniversary gift.

After gazing wistfully at the pantyhose display, Clinton was led by the female adviser to the crystal section, where he purchased a safe — but terribly impersonal — Waterford crystal bowl.

He spent the morning of his next anniversary, his 22nd, giving career advice to Monica Lewinsky.

The next year, it came as little surprise that Hillary fled to Bulgaria and the Czech Republic.

So now, Clinton is in an odd situation. The public no longer believes in his marriage. And yet, Hillary has made it possible for the couple to continue pretending.

On Sunday, during a Senate debate, moderator Marcia Kramer asked Hillary why she stayed with Bill. That got the Hillary-friendly pundits howling.

Hillary has been handed a far better gift from her husband than any he could

buy on his platinum card: He's given her sympathy from her adoring fans. Questions of her complicity in the sham that is the Clinton marriage will go unanswered.

These days, to ask why Hillary aided her husband in perjury and obstruction of justice, as Tim Russert did during the first debate, is to be vulgar.

Whatever he formally presents her with today, he's already given her something more valuable: immunity from charges that she helped her husband dupe the country.

So today, we'll all play pretend with the Clintons. We'll pretend they're New Yorkers. We'll pretend they're really a couple.

Yesterday, asked her secret for a long marriage, Hillary replied with a strange word:

"Stamina."

Wonder what she meant by that.

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Debate caught in 'Net-tax hoax

By MAGGIE HABERMAN

Two of the most memorable moments surrounding yesterday's Senate debate were two big gaffes.

One came near the end of the face-off between Rick Lazio and Hillary Rodham Clinton, when WCBS debate moderator Marcia Kramer asked the candidates their positions on "Bill 602-P," a proposal she said would tax e-mails and give the surcharges to the federal postal service.

Clinton said she'd never heard of it, adding it sounded "burdensome and not justifiable."

Lazio agreed, saying it was "an example of the government's greedy hand."

They weren't exactly controversial positions, but it didn't matter — Bill 602-P doesn't exist.

Word of the bogus bill has been circulating around the Internet for months, prompting the postal service to post a warning on its Web site about it.

Kramer, a WCBS re-

porter, received the question in an e-mail from a viewer and didn't know it was a hoax, a station spokeswoman said.

After the debate, Rep. Anthony Weiner (D-Brooklyn) informed reporters the bill is a fraud — and chided Lazio for not knowing about the hoax.

"A member of Congress who has been reading his mail will be seeing that we have been getting hundreds and hundreds of letters about this fictional 602-P for a while," Weiner said.

The second gaffe of the day came immediately after the debate, when Gov. Pataki mocked Clinton for mentioning "Charlotte's Web" author E.B. White in the debate.

Clinton, who's been slammed as a "carpetbagger," referred to White's essay "Here is New York" in response to a question about what defines a New Yorker.

Citing the essay, which

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describes the diversity of New York City, Clinton said: "People are drawn to New York because this is a place that you can ... dream your dreams."

Pataki mocked the citation, saying it was clear proof of the "difference" between the candidates.

"Rick Lazio looks, sounds and talks like a New Yorker," he said. "Mrs. Clinton quoted some guy, Wyatt or somebody — I don't think he was from Brooklyn — with some definition of a New Yorker that she must have read somewhere."

"I don't know who that guy was, I don't know what he wrote, I don't know where he was from, but it sure doesn't sound to me like that guy was a New Yorker or understood New York the way we do," said the governor, a Yale University graduate who's from Peekskill.

"That guy" White grew up in Mount Vernon, studied in Ithaca and worked for years as a New

Yorker magazine columnist.

When a stunned reporter asked the governor if he'd ever heard of White, Pataki replied, "Where's he from?"

Someone apparently filled Pataki in — 10 minutes later he told a reporter:

"I love 'Charlotte's Web,' but I don't think that E.B. White is the guy that most people think of when they think of ... the definition of a New Yorker."

Instead, he said, people think more of someone like legendary Yankee Yogi Berra.

But the ballplayer grew up in St. Louis and now lives in New Jersey.

When Lazio showed up minutes later, he was promptly asked if he knew who White was.

"He wrote 'Charlotte's Web.' [But] don't ask me when I read it," Lazio laughed, clearly perplexed about why that was the second question he faced after the debate.

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Her dismal failure must be a learning experience for us

GOV. PATAKI yesterday, with a magician's mastery of words, put a boxing ball concisely in a nutshell.

Summing up the great debate, he said with spare but telling words: "She kiddingly referred to it as a learning experience."

His voice underlined the word "kiddingly."

The gov was referring to one of the most condescending idiocies I've ever heard a so-called politician utter.

The lady from Illinois-Little Rock-Washington was asked whether her disastrous and, thankfully, failed health bill had burned her.

"I would rather refer to it as a learning experience," she said. Say what? Is this on-the-job training? And the governor was right. This Lady Macbeth "kiddingly" referred to it.

What gull I mean, Hillary Clinton is a certified lawyer. What if she were a certified doctor?

Would you feel comfortable with a doctor who is having a "learning experience?"

You know, oops, I amputated the left leg instead of the right leg, but no worries. I'll amputate the right leg tomorrow and we'll get you a prosthesis to get around on.

New Yorkers who never looked at her draft proposal of that health bill, which looked like it was written by someone who was using eyebrow pencil, should know one thing of this lady from Illinois-Little Rock-Washington.

And that is this: Under her plan, this woman, who at the time was co-president and now wants to take over Yankee Stadium, had a message: "DROP DEAD, NEW YORK."

Teaching hospitals would have looked like the Belgrade parliament, and tens of thousands of New Yorkers would have been looking for jobs as rickshaw mechanics.

A learning experience? Suffering cats. Is this what this whole command of wanting to take over New York state is all about? A bloody learning experience?

Her greatest attack is to paint Rick Lazio as a lathering Newt Gingrich. As if Newt the Boar were Crazy

Joey Gallo.

Truth is, of course, Newt as the speaker brought the first Republican majority into the House in 50 years. It was his leadership that cut off the Clintons' fingers every time they tried to rob our cookie jar to save the snail darters in Tennessee and make sure welfare became an industry.

But Hillary's handlers are smoking cigarettes without labels if they think that is a score. The Newt routine. With all respects to the great man, ask someone on the street, "Who is Newt Gingrich?"

They will look to the heavens for guidance.

Rick Lazio said it plain: "If Mrs. Clinton wants to debate Newt Gingrich, she should go to Georgia."

Good one, Ricky boy.

Steve Roberts of U.S. News and World Report said yesterday on CNN,

and while I take him a little bit out of context, he said these words: "She [Hillary] is not a particularly likable person."

And Tucker Carlson rejoined that when she talks to someone it is like "being scolded by a schoolteacher."

So why is she running for the Senate? Because she just damn well wants to. Little rich girls have a way of getting what they want.

The New York Times the other day had a very good story [I say gradually] headlined: "PRESIDENT PLAYS COACH IN FIRST LADY'S CAMPAIGN."

If she takes pages out of his playbook, we are ready for another stream of headlines.

"FIRST LADY RUNS OFF WITH GOLF PRO." Of course, it all depends on what "it" is.

Look, this whole thing is an insult to the intelligence of a three-toed sloth. And listen partners, we are not only paying for it with taxes, but we are paying for it by being taken as a bunch of marions.



STEVE DUNLEAVY

HILL TO BILL:

She rips failure to veto U.N. vote

Hillary Rodham Clinton broke with President Clinton yesterday and charged the United States was wrong not to veto a U.N. resolution blaming Israel for violence against Palestinians.

In her second Senate debate with Rick Lazio, the first lady blasted the U.N. Security Council measure — approved Saturday, with the United States abstaining — castigating Israel for using "excessive" force against the Palestinians.

"I believe it was a wrong move not to veto it," Mrs. Clinton said during the hour-long face-off on WCBS.

"It was inaccurate and one-sided. I was very disappointed, because to me the responsibility [for the blood-bath] lies squarely

By GREGG BIRNBAUM

with [PLO] Chairman [Yasser] Arafat."

A statement Saturday night by Mrs. Clinton condemned the Security Council, but made no mention of the Clinton administration's decision to sit on the sidelines while the resolution passed with the other 14 member nations backing it.

Lazio said during the debate: "I don't know why we have a vote if we don't exercise it in a case like this."

This sends all the wrong messages about whether or not we stand firmly behind our Democratic ally in the

Middle East."

During the session, hosted by WCBS political reporter Marcia Kramer, the candidates had their sharpest exchanges over campaign-finance reform.

Clinton accused her GOP rival of violating their deal to ban "soft money" donations when he broadcast



NO FAMILY FEUD HERE: Chelsea Clinton greets Patricia Lazio, Rick's wife, at yesterday's debate.

Lazio lost chance by losing spunk

By ROBERT HARDT Jr.

Rick Lazio needed a knockout against Hillary Clinton — but he may not have even scored a draw.

The Long Island congressman gave a muted performance against the first lady because he had two competing goals: make a strong impact on viewers but not appear overly aggressive.

Learning over Lazio's head was the knowledge that he needed to avoid a repeat performance of last month's debate, when he walked over to the first lady's podium and repeatedly asked her to sign a ban on "soft money" contributions.

While pundits lauded the confrontation, polls later showed that women were unimpressed.

Clinton kicked off yesterday's debate by accusing Lazio of losing his spunk last month. "In just one month, he went from being a tough guy to a wimp," she said.

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coming to your podium today," she joked.

Like Lazio, the first lady was also more restrained and less nervous than she was during the combative first debate in Buffalo.

After she took Lazio to task for apparently violating

their soft-money agreement last week, he quickly rebuked her in one of his strongest moments.

"Please, no lectures from Motel 1600 on campaign-finance reform," Lazio said, referring to the White House sleepovers.

But Lazio mostly pulled his punches. Asked point-blank about how his famil-

iar "character still counts" line applies to Clinton, Lazio ducked.

"Let me not talk about how they apply to Mrs. Clinton. I think it's more important that I talk about myself." But the "talk" was nothing new.

If any of the statewide polls is to be believed, the GOP candidate is trailing Clinton and needs to take a new line of attack or push some new policies to help close the gap.

A conservative "run out the clock" strategy suits Clinton's camp just fine. They plan on running as many ads as they can while the first lady runs around the state. Clinton's advisers want her to be seen on local television while making as little real news as possible.

It's unclear if Lazio and Clinton will debate again. And after 30 head-to-head confrontations by the two candidates, the voters' verdict should be clear. — David S. Cohen

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Hillary Clinton is a certified lawyer. What if she were a certified doctor? Would you feel comfortable with a doctor who is having a "learning experience?"

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ommercials paid for in part by the national Republican Party.

"Last month, Mr. Lazio said this was an issue of trust and character — he was right," Clinton said. "If New Yorkers can't trust him to keep his word for 10 days, how can they trust him for six years on issues like Social Security, Medicare, prescription drugs and education?"

Lazio fired back, "Mrs. Clinton, please, no lectures from 'Motel 1600' on campaign-finance reform" — a reference to the practice of allowing big Democratic contributors to stay overnight in the Lincoln Bedroom of the White House, at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. in Washington.

The first lady also was asked why she stayed with her husband.

"I've made my choices," Clinton said.

"I'm here with my daughter, of whom I am very proud," she added, as Chelsea looked on. "We have a family that means a lot to us."

Lazio was careful not to criticize his opponent on such a personal issue, saying, "I think this was Mrs. Clinton's choice and I respect whatever choice that she makes."

Clinton stressed her dedication to the issues, while casting Lazio as a follower of Newt Gingrich and kindred spirit of Senate Republicans who don't care about New York.

"It's not my opponent's association with Mr. Gingrich that bothers me," Clinton said. "It's the fact that he voted with him. He voted with him time and time again."

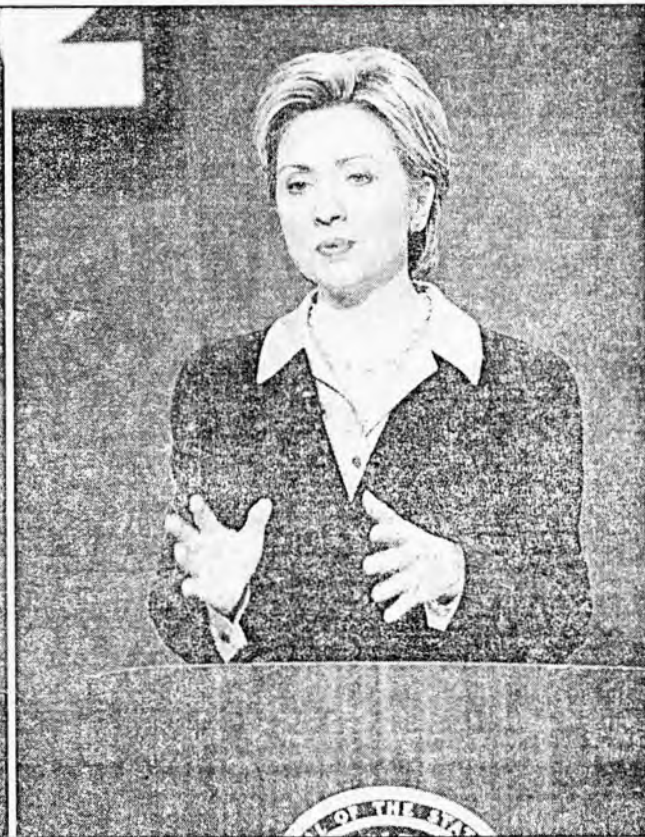
Lazio's debate game plan included emphasizing his ability to work in a bipartisan fashion and his experience as a legislator who can "get the job done."

Facing weeks of criticism for his finger-wagging approach toward Clinton in their first matchup last month, Lazio remained behind his podium — but got off a few shots anyway.

"I think we've heard some fiction. Now let's try the facts," Lazio snapped after Clinton charged he voted against funding for 100,000 new teachers.

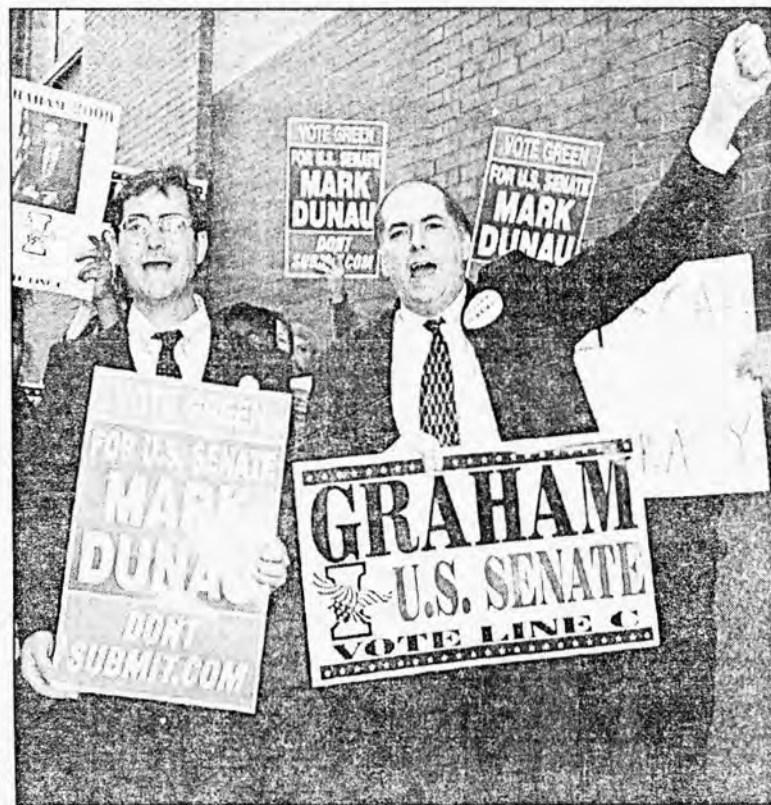
Clinton also opposed Mayor Giuliani's plan for a domed stadium on Manhattan's West Side, saying she loves sports but didn't believe it would be a good use of taxpayer funds.

Lazio backed the stadium plan.



HEAD TO HEAD: Rick Lazio and Hillary Clinton square off last night on the Mideast and campaign-finance reform.

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HEY, WHAT ABOUT US? Mark Dunau (left) and Jeff Graham, the Green and Independent party candidates for Senate, protest their exclusion.

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POSTOPINION

The Echo Debate

Lazio refused to make *any* Republican arguments



**JOHN
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THE second debate between Hillary Clinton and Rick Lazio showed that the choice for New Yorkers in the Senate race are between a left-liberal Democrat and a moderate Democrat who happens to be running as a Republican. Despite the efforts by both candidates to harp on their supposedly "sharp" differences, it was nearly impossible to discern any real distinction between the two, save perhaps on partial-birth abortion and school choice.

On issue after issue — from the current hostilities in the Middle East to the (yawn) air-transport problems in upstate — Lazio and Clinton parroted

Hillary engaged in a bit of Gore-ism right before our eyes. ♪

each other. She kept trying to tag him as an extremist conservative, but it would have been impossible for anybody listening to see him as such, given his statements of support for higher federal spending on education and Medicare.

The word he repeated like a mantra, 14 times (by my unofficial count) in an hour, was "effective" — and he defined effectiveness as an ability to work with Democrats.

True, Lazio has had his greatest legislative successes by building consensus with members of the opposing party. But while that argument may work for George W. Bush, who is making an implicit case that he will end the rancor in Washington by changing the way the

White House relates to Congress, the point sounds more hollow when you're talking about electing an individual senator, who is only one out of 100.

Indeed, the only affirmative case Lazio made for his Republican-ness was a strategic one — that it would benefit the state to have senators from both parties, especially with the likelihood that the Senate will remain in GOP hands.

That's a potent point, and New Yorkers ought to pay heed. But it didn't play well for ex-Sen. Alfonse D'Amato in his losing battle against Democrat Chuck Schumer two years ago, and it probably won't carry the day now.

Hillary was graceful and comfortable, in stark contrast to her demeanor in the first debate. WCBS's Marcia Kramer opened up by asking her a question that was totally out of bounds: Why, Kramer said viewers wanted to know, did Mrs. Clinton stay with her husband? The first lady answered in a fashion even this Hillary-hater found remarkably mannerly. "The choices I've made in my life are right for me," she said, then linked that "choice" with her pro-choice agenda.

Asking Mrs. Clinton about the "vast right-wing conspiracy" remark, as Tim Russert did in the first debate, was entirely justifiable: She had chosen in that case to step into the middle of a major political scandal and provide her husband with political protection. But fascinating though the state of her marriage may be, it really is a private matter and has no place in a debate because it has no bearing on what she might do as a

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senator — no matter whether the answer helps or hurts her.

Hillary did engage in a bit of Gore-ism right before our eyes, though. On the issue of the campaign-finance deal struck between her campaign and Lazio's, she said, "The Lazio campaign violated the agreement" by running an ad partially funded by the Republican National Committee and then quoted a New York Times editorial.

"It's an issue of character and trust," she said. Lazio fiercely rebutted her charge; then, bizarrely, she denied she had said what she had just said: "The criticism of your grasping for loopholes came from the New York Times, not from me."

It was hard to watch this debate without wondering what might have been had Rudy Giuliani not dropped out. Both Hillary Clinton and Rick Lazio are bereft of ideas, passion and enthusiasm, and the race is bereft of excitement. Instead, New Yorkers are faced with a choice between Tweedledee and Tweedledee. E-mail: podhoretz@nypost.com

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Hill-Rick exchange makes no change in viewers' minds

By LEONARD GREENE

Voters who watched yesterday's Senate debate said they were pleased by a contest that focused less on personal attacks and more on important issues.

The verbal volley between Republican Rick Lazio and Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton didn't change the expected vote of anyone interviewed, but it did reinforce some already strong views.

"Lazio conducted himself pretty well," said Chris Wigert, a Manhattan writer. "Hillary was as abrasive as usual."

Wigert, a Republican, said Lazio came across in the 60 minutes as more collegial. Martin Kahan, a Manhattan film director, agreed.

"I could see Rick Lazio having lunch with a truck driver from Utica and having something to talk about," said Kahan, an independent voter who is leaning toward the Long Island congressman. "I don't see Clinton doing that."

Ray Schiel, a Manhattan Democrat, thought Clinton scored points on the campaign-finance

issue when she chided Lazio for a Republican National Committee ad she said violated their "soft money" ban.

Lazio, after calling the White House "Motel 1600," said his campaign would reimburse the RNC.

"He promises to pay that back," a skeptical Schiel said, "but who knows."

Voters interviewed also agreed that recent Middle East violence will take on a larger role in the Senate race, particularly since the first lady, in the debate, criticized her husband's administration for abstaining from a U.N. Security Council vote that criticized Israel for the violence.

"She's basically being expedient and saying what she feels is acceptable to the Jewish voters," Wigert said. "I don't see that it will do much to hurt her."

Maureen Gallo, an independent voter from Lazio's East Islip district, thinks Clinton waited too late to speak out.

"Lazio came right out before today and issued a statement," Gallo said. "She didn't do that. She waited until she was asked."

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Rating the debate

		Poise/ Grace	Rhetoric	Sincerity	Command of the issues	Counter- punch	WINNER
 Joseph Mercurio	Lazio	4	4	4	5	5	Lazio
	Clinton	5	4	3	4	4	
 Mitchell Moss	Lazio	4	3	4	3	2	
	Clinton	4	4	3	5	5	Clinton
 Lee Miringoff	Lazio	3	4	3	4	1	
	Clinton	4	4	3	4	1	Clinton
 Daedra Levine	Lazio	3	2	3	4	2	
	Clinton	5	4	5	5	5	Clinton
 Julie Sheinman	Lazio	4	4	4	4	4	
	Clinton	4	5	5	4	4	Clinton

Julie Sheinman, Stuyvesant HS debate and speech coach: "When he's just talking, he's far more effective than when he's trying to get off these canned remarks."

"I think that was great that she parted from her husband. It scores a lot of points for her. It took a lot of courage. I think she was sincere. I don't think it was political."

Mitchell Moss, NYU urban-affairs professor: "We saw the emergence of the Middle East as a potential campaign issue. She has clearly taken a position that is more consistent with New York voters than the president's position."

Daedre Levine, Democratic political strategist: "It was the

most expedient thing that she could say. New York state is very supportive of Israel. It is more important than ever to show she has a mind independent from the administration."

Lee Miringoff, Marist College pollster: "He held his own on the soft-money argument. She really didn't say what he did. Lazio did a better job of damage control. They dug a hole for themselves, and they got out pretty well."

Joseph Mercurio, Republican consultant: "He was smart to not attack her on any of her negatives. The voters already understand her negatives. He fleshed himself out on issues."

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Hillary looks more like a New Yorker

"It is a miracle that New York works at all. The whole thing is implausible."

— E.B. White, *Here Is New York*, 1949

NEW YORK — Add another implausible twist to the four-century saga of New York City, its suburbs and the millions of immigrants who proudly call the area home. Hillary Rodham Clinton, the carpetbagging first lady once assumed to be the sort of greenhorn who would want mayonnaise on her pastrami, has all but wrapped up her Senate race. All that's missing is the signature light blue box from Tiffany's.

No, they don't vote early in these parts, and the most recent statewide poll has Hillary leading Republican Rick Lazio by a far-from-secure margin of 50%-43%. But after the second debate of the campaign Sunday morning, even the most intense Clinton-haters had better brace themselves for six years of Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The moment that the music died for Lazio came early in the debate when most New Yorkers were still wiping sleep from their eyes and bagel crumbs from their breakfast tables. Moderator Marcia Kramer from WCBS-TV, timidly justifying her question as something that is on the minds of voters, asked the first lady point-blank why she stays with her husband.

Without any intake of breath or maudlin dramatics, Hillary responded in an uninflected voice, "The choices I've made in my life are right for me." The camera flashed on an equally composed

Chelsea Clinton as the first lady went on to say, "I can't talk about anybody else's choices. I can only say mine have been based on my religious faith, on my strong sense of family and what I believe is right and important."

What was the point of that question beyond voyeurism? At this stage of the campaign, no one should doubt Hillary's ability to remain unflappable in the face of any provocation. Maybe the first lady did enter the Senate race as a form of marriage therapy, but it is now clear that the political regimen has been just what the doctor ordered.



Hype & Glory

By Walter Shapiro

Poor Rick Lazio, the candidate who will never be known by his first name. It almost seemed heartless when Kramer turned to him and announced, "Your rebuttal, Congressman Lazio." What could the over-matched four-term House member from Long Island possibly say after his hard-

working rival had just put the remaining sympathy vote in a tamper-proof lock-box? Wisely realizing his limited options, Lazio merely said, "I think this was Mrs. Clinton's choice, and I respect whatever choice she makes."

The Clinton-Lazio debate was the first nationally televised faceoff since Dick Cheney and Joe Lieberman reminded voters Thursday night that high-profile debates could be conducted without insulting the intelligence of the voters.

After suffering politically from his dominating tactics during the previous debate, in September, Lazio tried to temper his built-in aggressiveness.

However, when the topic turned to campaign-finance reform, Lazio couldn't

resist resorting to a practiced put-down line. After the first lady cited a *New York Times* editorial criticizing his violation of their joint no-outside-money-in-this-campaign pledge, Lazio snapped, "Mrs. Clinton, please, no lectures from Motel 1600."

The Clintons' flagrant use of the White House guest quarters to reward campaign contributors is indeed fair game, but Lazio's crack contained an undertone of meanness that undermined his argument.

This is not the race that Lazio envisioned when he first began campaigning for the Senate, only to have the state GOP establishment throw its muscle behind Mayor Rudy Giuliani.

Only when Giuliani was forced to bow out because of prostate cancer on the eve of the state Republican convention did Lazio win the nomination he had long craved.

It is a cruel irony that Lazio, once scorned by his party, now must pay a political price for his identity as a Republican.

With the Democrats nurturing long-shot hopes of winning control of the Senate, Clinton's strongest argument is that Lazio, if elected, would vote to reelect Trent Lott as Senate majority leader. Asked about his Republican affiliation during the debate, Lazio proudly pointed to Giuliani and Gov. George Pataki sitting in the audience. But playing to the Democratic-leaning sentiments of New York voters, she won the exchange by responding archly, "I don't think that I can defend Trent Lott and Jesse Helms."

In her initial quest for public office, the candidate running as, simply, Hillary has worked to become as New York as you can get in little more than a year.

She has gone beyond the obvious tactics of mastering the economic problems of upstate and pointedly visiting even the most obscure rural counties.

As she confidently demonstrated during the closing minutes of the one-hour debate, she has even boned up on the literature and myth of her recently adopted state.

Asked to define the nebulous quality of being a New Yorker, the first lady paraphrased E.B. White in saying, "People are drawn to New York because this is a place that you can stake your claim, build your future, you can dream your dreams."

Compared with Lazio's pedestrian answer that invoked the Empire State Building and the Erie Canal, Hillary emerged as a literary lion by mentioning White, the legendary *New Yorker* writer, who also wrote the children's classic *Charlotte's Web*.

During the post-debate spin session, Pataki became ensnared in a web of his own making. "Rick Lazio looks, sounds and talks like a New Yorker," the Yale-educated governor boasted, before ripping into Clinton for quoting "some guy, Wyatt or somebody ... with some definition of a New Yorker she must have read somewhere."

Pataki's ill-lettered comments served as a reminder that Lazio had badly mangled a Casey Stengel quote during the first debate. As Hillary has proven in a campaign that continues to confound the skeptics, a true New Yorker is someone who reads books and does her homework.

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eBriefing

The news behind the Net
By Janet Kornblum

E-mail tax hoax slips into N.Y. Senate race

If you fell for an e-mail hoax that says a pending law would allow the Postal Service to put a 5-cent tax on e-mail, don't feel too bad. Apparently so did Hillary Rodham Clinton and Rick Lazio, vying for a U.S. Senate seat from New York.

When asked a question submitted via e-mail, both were staunch in their opposition to the legislation during a debate Sunday. Lazio even called it "an example of the government's greedy hand in trying to take money from taxpayers that frankly it has no right to."

Of course, there is no bill. Never has been. The Postal Service says it wouldn't support such a bill if there

were one. The question put to the candidates originated in a widespread e-mail hoax.

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That worries people such as Lauren Weinstein, one of many Net volunteers

who has worked to combat such hoaxes. This particular official-sounding e-mail discussing "Federal Bill 602P" has been around for more than a year, but for some reason (perhaps because of the elections) it appears to have gone mainstream recently.

"It was very disconcerting to realize the mere mention of this is going to resurrect the hoax to new levels as people get all energized to fight a tax that does not and has not existed," says Weinstein, co-founder of People for Internet Responsibility. "You just put your head in your hands and say, 'Here we go again.'"

Unfortunately, Net hoaxes are a lot like viruses. They can spread quickly and efficiently and infect just about anyone. Even senatorial candidates.

So if you get an e-mail you suspect could be a hoax, it probably is. Warning flags: messages that have been forwarded repeatedly and ask you to continue forwarding them; e-mails with news that you should have heard through normal channels but haven't; and of course, e-mails that simply make outrageous claims. If you want to know for sure, visit any number of sites that keep track of hoaxes. A few are listed alongside this column. It might save you, or a beloved candidate, some embarrassment. (N.Y. debate, 4A).

Nation

Lazio quips; Hillary answers taboo query

By Liz Trotta
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

NEW YORK — Republican Rep. Rick A. Lazio yesterday told first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton that when it comes to soft money campaign contributions, "Please, no lectures from Motel 1600."

Mr. Lazio delivered the rebuke — a reference to campaign donors bunking overnight in the White House and at Camp David — in the second debate between the two in the New York Senate race.

On a more personal note — the usually taboo subject of her marital relationship — Mrs. Clinton stunned the audience by saying she chose to stay with the president, despite his philandering, because of her "religious faith" and strong sense of family.

The first lady opened the debate with a velvet fist. "Mr. Lazio, I do want you to put your mind at ease in case you're worrying. I won't be coming to your podium today," she said, referring to their first debate last month when the congressman crossed the stage and, shoving a paper in front of her, challenged the first lady to sign an agreement

banning the use of soft money — unregulated funds to political groups — in the campaign. Some political observers said the tactic may have cost the four-term Long Island congressman some votes, particularly among women.

Although the two contenders reportedly reached an agreement on avoiding soft money, Mrs. Clinton attacked Mr. Lazio last week for accepting \$1.4 million in television ads from the Republican National Committee. Although he claimed it was an exception under the soft-money ban, Mr. Lazio backed down and pulled the ads.

In the debate, Mrs. Clinton again charged her Republican opponent had violated the deal. "Last month Mr. Lazio said this was an issue of trust and character. . . If New Yorkers can't trust him to keep his word for 10 days, how can they trust him for six years?"

"Please, no lectures from Motel 1600 on campaign finance reform," countered Mr. Lazio, turning to his adversary. "The fact is I took a legitimate contribution of clean hard money."

Onlookers were riveted when WCBS moderator Marcia Kramer

told Mrs. Clinton that many viewers wanted to know why she had stayed with her husband after the White House sex scandal. The first lady shrugged her shoulders and said she had answered that question before "in various forms."

She added: "For my entire life I have worked to make sure women had the choices they could make in their own lives that were right for them. I've made my choices. I'm here with my daughter, of whom I'm very proud. We have a family that means a lot to us. . . The choices I've made in my life are right for me. I can't talk about anybody else's choices. I can only say that mine are rooted in my religious faith, in my strong sense of family and in what I believe is right and important."

Her experiences, Mrs. Clinton said, would enable her as a senator to "stand up" for women's rights, especially if pro-abortion legislation is in danger. "We're still threatened that the right to choose might disappear if the wrong person is elected president or to the Senate."

Mr. Lazio said he respected Mrs. Clinton's decision regarding her

husband and family. "The fact is, this race is about the issues, about who can be most effective for New York," he said.

Two themes dominated the debate: Mrs. Clinton harked back to the congressman's former position as deputy whip to Republican House Speaker Newt Gingrich, repeatedly charging that he voted with Mr. Gingrich to "shut down the government." For his part, Mr. Lazio hammered away at his New York roots and experience in Congress.

More than 130 media representatives viewed the debate on television monitors in an area marked with a sign that read "Spin Room." Inside a nearby studio the two opponents faced each other standing in front of separate lecterns. The audience of more than 100 political figures included Republican Gov. George E. Pataki; Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, who until May 19 was expected to run against Mrs. Clinton; former Mayor David Dinkins; and Mrs. Clinton's daughter, Chelsea. A panel of four journalists, one from CNN and three from New York newspapers, questioned the



Senate candidates Rep. Rick Lazio, New York Republican, and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton meet yesterday prior to their second debate.

candidates.

In answer to a question about her failed 1993 health care plan, Mrs. Clinton smiled and said it was "a learning experience." Mr. Lazio countered by saying her plan "would have been an unmitigated disaster for New York. No New Yorker ever would have written a bill that led to 75,000 jobs being destroyed . . . and the destruction

of our teaching hospitals."

A poll conducted by CBS on its Web site immediately after the debate found that 70 percent of those questioned thought Mr. Lazio had won the debate, while 30 percent gave the edge to Mrs. Clinton. In the latest Quinnipiac College poll, the first lady was ahead of the congressman 50 percent to 43 percent.

Hillary Clinton Focuses on Pivotal Upstate New York

By JAMES M. PERRY

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BRIGHTON, N.Y.—More than a year ago, folks in upstate New York laughed when Hillary Rodham Clinton said, sure, she had visited Elmira. The local Star-Gazette even asked readers to call in if any had spotted the First Lady around town. There were no credible sightings.

That was then; this is now. In the last few months, Mrs. Clinton, the Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate here, has bounced around upstate New York like a FedEx delivery truck run amok. She has campaigned in all of New York's 62 counties, given the impression of an everyday, all-day campaign—and even been in, or near, Elmira, several times.

"She's put in her 7-24," says pollster Lee Miringoff of the Marist Institute. "The other guy hasn't." The "other guy" is Long Island Congressman Rick Lazio, her Republican opponent. In Mr. Miringoff's polls, voters overwhelmingly say Mrs. Clinton is working harder—helping her move out to a significant lead in the nation's most closely watched U.S. Senate race.

"Upstate"—that amorphous piece of real estate described as everything north of New York City and its suburbs—holds the key to the race to succeed retiring Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan. Democratic strength is centered in such cities as Albany, Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo. But the 53-year-old Mrs. Clinton has made a point of visiting smaller towns and cities, Elmira among them, that often lean Republican. Since July 1999, her campaign estimates, she has spent 100 days campaigning upstate, and her campaign spokesman, Howard Wolfson, says she will be traveling there even more frequently in the approach to Election Day.

Some Republicans have grumbled that Mr. Lazio, who got a late start in the race after New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani withdrew because of illness, hasn't worked the area nearly as hard. The Lazio camp says that fund-raising demands kept him elsewhere, but that he is now campaigning intensely in the region.

Upstate generally delivers 45% of the New York vote, against 31% for the city and 24% for its suburbs. Mrs. Clinton is running well in the city, leading 66% to 29%, according to the Marist poll. Mr. Lazio is running well in the suburbs, 65% to 31%, according to that same poll. Mr. Lazio leads in the upstate counties, 52% to 44%, but that is not enough to win on Election Day. Statewide, a Quinnipiac poll last week had Mrs. Clinton leading Mr. Lazio 50% to 43% among likely voters.

Mrs. Clinton, who has never run for office before, started slowly, stumbling over state geography and bumbling over Middle East questions that troubled some members of the state's important Jewish constituency. These days, though, Mrs. Clinton is by almost everyone's admission a better candidate than she was when she declared her candidacy Feb. 6. She seems more relaxed, looser, more confident. Surely, she is a lot more familiar with the territory.

She is getting some help from the 42-year-old Mr. Lazio. Polls suggest he made a mistake in their first debate in Buffalo by striding across the stage and demanding Mrs. Clinton sign a pledge to swear off advertisements paid for by unregulated "soft" money for the rest of the campaign. Democrats now charge that he has broken the pledge by running an ad



paid for by the Republican National Committee; Lazio aides insist the ad was financed from the RNC's regulated "hard-money" account, but have returned the money in question since the controversy erupted last week. It also helped when Mr. Lazio seemed to suggest in the debate that upstate New York's longstanding economic problems had been solved, or were well on their way to solution. Mrs. Clinton argued the region was still struggling and that she had a program to do something about it. The two debated again yesterday.

Upstate Democrats seem generally pleased to have her around. "We're delighted the way this campaign is going," says Jeff Carlson, Rochester's deputy mayor. "We had heard she was a little cold in person," adds Ted O'Brien, chairman of Monroe County, which includes Rochester. "But that's not true. The more people who meet her, the more people who like her."

A day she spent in Rochester last week demonstrated how that is coming along. Here in Brighton, a suburb with a large concentration of Jewish voters, she visited the Jewish Home, a nursing home for the elderly. She waved happily to Town Supervisor Sandra Frankel, one of the politicians in the crowd. "You know," Mrs. Clinton said, "Sandy put me up in her home back in January, and we talked for most of the night." She spotted the nursing home's chief operating officer, Arnold Gissen, and hailed him as her friend, "Arnie."

Holding a cordless mike, the graduate of Wellesley College and Yale Law School walked slowly back and forth, talking to the elderly residents in their wheelchairs about health care, nursing homes and prescription drugs, without a pause or a hanging dependent clause.

The crowd was with her; it is clear that Mr. Gore's naming of Connecticut Sen. Joseph Lieberman, a devout Jew, as his running mate has helped Mrs. Clinton in her sometimes-shaky association with Jewish voters. Even so, her lead among them in the Marist poll, 51% to 40%, isn't great; 9% of Jewish voters remain undecided, a very high number for a race in which few voters say they are uncertain about how they will vote. In their debate yesterday, both candidates came out strongly for Israel in

cerned "a great deal" by the fact Mrs. Clinton isn't from New York state. In a poll published Sept. 21, 28%, a two-point increase, said they still had "a great deal" of concern over her outsider status. "The numbers haven't changed at all," Mr. Miringoff says.

At the Jewish Home, Marcia Sherman, a recreation specialist on its staff, voiced that concern—and another one that is less often stated openly. "You know," she says, minutes before Mrs. Clinton appears, "all I hear from my friends is concern about the carpebagging issue and concern about her relationship with her husband. 'Why didn't she leave him?' they want to know."

Sometimes that issue—her relationship with her husband—still shadows her, too, even when not a word is uttered. When Mrs. Clinton attended a Rochester luncheon to raise money for breast cancer education, the main speakers were a couple that survived a trauma together, by each other's sides: Stefanie Spielman and her husband, Chris, a former star with the Buffalo Bills football team. Mr. Spielman gave up football to spend a year at his wife's side while she fought breast cancer. Mrs. Spielman described how her husband shaved his head when she lost her hair during chemotherapy. They talked so warmly and eloquently about a loving relationship under duress that they brought tears to the eyes of many in the room.

Then Mrs. Clinton followed the Spielmans to the podium, a woman living through what many people believe to be a deeply troubled marriage, seeking a powerful office in a state she hardly knew a year ago.

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"I've worked with the people in New York to make sure that New York got treated not just fairly but well. ... I'm going to protect and put New York first every single day in the Senate."

REPRESENTATIVE RICK A. LAZIO

Politely, Lazio and Mrs. Clinton Debate U.N. and Supreme Court

By ADAM NAGOURNEY

Hillary Rodham Clinton and Rick A. Lazio condemned the United States yesterday for abstaining on a United Nations resolution censuring Israel for the violence in the Middle East. It was a rare moment of agreement in a debate during which Mrs. Clinton and Mr. Lazio argued over whether New York would be helped or hurt by having a Republican in the Senate next year.

Mrs. Clinton's disavowal of the abstention marked one of her strongest breaks with any policy embraced by President Clinton during her 15-month campaign for the Senate, and it came about 10 hours after Mr. Lazio issued a statement condemning the United States for failing to veto the United Nations Security Council resolution Saturday evening.

A senior administration official said of Mrs. Clinton's statement on the United Nations resolution: "She is a candidate for office and will take her own positions on what should be done."

The positions taken by Mr. Lazio and Mrs. Clinton underlined the importance of Jewish voters in this contest for Senate, and suggested the extent to which the turmoil in the Middle East could form a part of the backdrop in the closing weeks of this contest for Senate.

The exchanges came in a 60-

minute debate during which the first lady and Representative Lazio sketched out different views on issues varying from public financing of political campaigns, to restrictions on abortions, to the tax on gasoline, to whom they would like to see on the Supreme Court, to whether public money should be used to build a new stadium on Manhattan's West Side. (Mrs. Clinton said no, and Mr. Lazio said yes.)

Their encounter, broadcast statewide from the WCBS-TV studio in Manhattan, was markedly different in tone from their meeting in Buffalo last month. The two candidates were firm but resolutely polite yesterday, and each was more relaxed in the second of what is likely to be three debates.

Mr. Lazio, who was criticized by Republicans for being belligerent and overly aggressive in their first debate, particularly when he strode over to Mrs. Clinton's lectern, said on CNN after yesterday's encounter that he "chained myself to the podium" this time, a turn of phrase that accurately captured his overall demeanor. By contrast, Mrs. Clinton persistently questioned Mr. Lazio's political views and credentials, at times seeming to be trying to goad

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Pool photos

"If you go back and look at my opponent's record, time and time again he's cast his lot with people who have not had New York's best interest or America's best interest in mind."

HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON

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him into reprising the debate performance that even aides to Mr. Lazio, a Suffolk County Republican, now say hurt his standing, particularly among women.

From a television perspective — which is, from the candidates' point of view, the most important perspective from which to judge how a debate is being perceived — perhaps the most notable moment came as the two candidates argued over each other's campaign financing practices.

Mrs. Clinton asserted that Mr. Lazio had broken a pact between them on controlling spending by accepting \$1.8 million worth of television advertisements by the Republican National Committee. She tried to turn an argument he had used against her back on him, asserting that Mr. Lazio's actions showed him to be untrustworthy.

"Last month, Mr. Lazio said that this was an issue of trust and character," Mrs. Clinton said evenly. "He was right. And if New Yorkers can't trust him to keep his word for 10 days, how can they trust him for six years on issues like Social Security, Medicare, prescription drugs and education?"

A few moments later, Mr. Lazio responded to her statement by evoking the questions that have shadowed her fund-raising practices. "Mrs. Clinton, please, no lectures from Motel 1600 on campaign finance reform," he said. The camera showed Mrs. Clinton staring grimly at Mr. Lazio's reference to campaign contributors being invited to spend the night at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

The debate began at 10:30 a.m., rather than at night, which is when debates are more customarily held. It also ended seven hours before the start of Yom Kippur, the most solemn day on the Jewish calendar. Aides to both candidates said they thought it would be less noticed, and thus have less impact, than the last debate in Buffalo, and neither side

seemed particularly unhappy about that.

Repeatedly during the debate, Mr. Lazio and Mrs. Clinton returned to what both campaigns have said would be one of their closing themes over the next month: whether New York would be helped or hurt by sending a Republican to the Senate to join Charles E. Schumer, a Democrat.

Mr. Lazio argued that New York needed a Republican in the Senate to ensure that it had a voice in the majority, assuming Republicans maintain control after November.

"I have been in the minority and the majority, and let me tell you, I know that in the majority — it's the people in the majority who craft the bills, who write the language, who are in the position to actually get the job done," he said. He pointed to Gov. George E. Pataki and Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, both of whom were

what I think will happen and that is the Democrats take over."

On Israel, both Mr. Lazio and Mrs. Clinton were in agreement in deploring the United States' abstention at the United Nations on Saturday evening, producing the unlikely image of Mrs. Clinton assailing her husband's foreign policy, though she never mentioned him by name.

"I believe that it was a wrong move not to have vetoed it, that it was inaccurate and one-sided," Mrs. Clinton said in response to a question by Gregg Birnbaum of The New York Post. "It did not address the violence that I believe is fomented by Chairman Arafat and the Palestinian Authority. It did not address what Israel has tried to do, such as showing good faith by pulling out of Lebanon and the fact that there's violence on that border."

Mrs. Clinton had also issued a statement Saturday night after the United Nations resolution, denouncing the Security Council's response to the violence in the Mideast as shameful and its condemnation of Israel as one-sided.

Mr. Lazio noted that he had put out a statement immediately after the vote expressing "my strong disappointment" with the United States for not vetoing it.

"For several generations, and for several administrations from both parties, we have had unequivocal support for the state of Israel," Mr. Lazio said. "This sends all the wrong messages about whether or not we stand firmly behind our democratic ally in the Middle East. They need to know that we stand behind them, stand by their side."

Mr. Lazio also said that he would not "support a call for a Palestinian state," drawing a clear if unstated comparison with the position of Mrs. Clinton. And both candidates disputed the suggestion by Arab leaders that blame for the violence lay with Ariel Sharon, the Likud opposition leader, who had led a visit to a contested holy site in Jerusalem that helped provoke Palestinian anger.

"I think that every Palestinian, every Israeli, every Jew from the world is really entitled to have access to Temple Mount," Mr. Lazio said.

But they spent most of the time drawing distinctions on domestic issues. Mrs. Clinton said she supported public financing for political campaigns. Mr. Lazio said he would oppose that. "I don't think that we should have welfare for politicians," she said.

Mr. Lazio presented himself as a supporter of abortion rights, criticized Mrs. Clinton for supporting a form of abortion that opponents call partial-birth abortion, and faulted her for being endorsed by the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League. "My opponent opposes a ban on partial-birth abortions," he said. "She is supported by Naral, that is so extreme on this issue that it wants to kick the Vatican out of the U.N."

Naral does want the Vatican's role weakened at the U.N. And Mrs. Clinton disputed his characterization of her views. "My opponent is just wrong," she said. "I have said many times that I can support a ban on



late-term abortions, including partial-birth abortions, so long as the health and life of the mother is protected."

When Mr. Lazio was asked who among the current Supreme Court justices best reflected the kind of nominee he would vote for on the court, he named Sandra Day O'Connor. "No litmus tests," he said, laying out his criteria. "Let's make sure we get somebody who has a healthy respect for precedent, who's got the ability to make good decisions, and who's got, hopefully, a good experience of being on the bench."

Mrs. Clinton did not name a sitting justice, but argued that the future of the Supreme Court "hangs in the balance in this election."

"If we take Governor Bush at his word," she said, "his two favorite justices are Scalia and Thomas, both of whom are committed to overturning Roe v. Wade, ending a woman's right to choose. I could not go along with that."

Mr. Lazio reiterated his opposition to the tax on gasoline, which Mrs. Clinton supports.

At another point, Mr. Lazio criticized the health care proposal Mrs. Clinton had advocated in 1992 and 1994. "Let me just say that Mrs. Clinton's plan in 1993 would have been an unmitigated disaster for New York," he said. "No New Yorker would ever have written a bill that would have led to 75,000 jobs being destroyed, health care rationing and the destruction of many of our teaching hospitals, which are an incredible asset for New York."

Mrs. Clinton referred to that time as a "learning experience," but said she was committed to achieving "quality, affordable health insurance for every American," if at a slower pace.

Perhaps the moment that best captured how the tone of this debate differed from the last one came when Ms. Kramer asked Mrs. Clinton, whose daughter, Chelsea, was sitting in the audience, why she had not left President Clinton after their marital difficulties.

her defense of President Clinton when he was accused of having an affair, Mr. Lazio had followed up by attacking the first lady for her answer. This time, when the camera turned to him, Mr. Lazio had a different response. "Well, I think this was Mrs. Clinton's choice and I respect whatever choice that she makes," he said.

"The choices that I've made in my life are right for me," Mrs. Clinton responded. "I can't talk about anybody else's choice. I can only say that mine are rooted in my religious faith, in my strong sense of family, and in what I believe is right and important." In Buffalo, when Tim Russert had asked Mrs. Clinton a question about



At the debate, Chelsea Clinton greeted Olive Lazio, Rick Lazio's mother, seated next to Gov. George E. Pataki and Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani.

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An Even-Tempered Exchange

The second debate between Hillary Rodham Clinton and Representative Rick Lazio was basically a draw. It lacked the divisive tone of last month's edgy encounter, and was free of those defining moments that sway voters, like Mr. Lazio's ill-conceived march across the stage in Buffalo. Instead, it consisted largely of business-like exchanges on the issues, with Mrs. Clinton displaying her customary mastery of detail and Mr. Lazio presenting a more statesmanlike demeanor.

Mrs. Clinton was in command of the issues that have helped give her a lead in the latest polls, particularly abortion, where her support for a woman's right to choose is far stronger than Mr. Lazio's. She also gave special attention to the Supreme Court, whose future "hangs in the balance." As senator, she promised to oppose any nominee who would trifle with "fundamental constitutional rights," like abortion.

There were other key differences. Mrs. Clinton got it right about the public financing of campaigns, which she supports and Mr. Lazio opposes. But in opposing the construction of a new football stadium on New York's West Side, she prematurely closed the door on proposals to turn a listless part of the city into a vibrant business and entertainment zone. But both condemned a United Nations resolution implicitly blaming Israel for the recent Mideast violence. For Mrs. Clinton, this represented a break with the administration, which abstained on the resolution.

Perhaps the most noteworthy difference did not involve any single issue but, rather, the candidates' competing visions of what they would bring to New York. Mr. Lazio argued forcefully that New York needs one Republican senator to balance Charles Schumer, and to ensure that a Republican-led Senate would pay attention to New York's needs. Mrs.

Clinton countered with the argument that Mr. Lazio would be forced to pay a heavy price for any concessions extracted on the state's behalf, including obedience to the wishes of conservatives like Trent Lott, the Senate majority leader.

Given his perilous position in the polls, Mr. Lazio had the most to gain. He had hurt himself badly in Buffalo when he brandished a written pledge on soft money in Mrs. Clinton's face and challenged her to sign it. Mrs. Clinton began yesterday's debate by remarking lightly that she would not be "coming to your podium today." For his part, Mr. Lazio was the soul of politeness. He also resisted an opportunity to exploit Mrs. Clinton's discomfort when she was asked why she has stayed married to President Clinton. Still, he finished his closing argument by saying, "If you don't stand up for something, you'll put up with anything." This ambiguous remark immediately ignited speculation that Mr. Lazio could not, in the end, resist some reference to the first lady's personal predicament.

The one clear exception to the morning's otherwise civil tone involved campaign financing. Mrs. Clinton noted that Mr. Lazio had been forced to correct an obvious violation of their agreement barring the use of outside money in their campaigns. "If New Yorkers can't trust him to keep his word for 10 days," she said, "how can they trust him for six years on issues like Social Security, Medicare, prescription drugs and education?" Clearly stung, Mr. Lazio said he needed no lectures on campaign finance from "Motel 1600," a reference to the many contributors to Mrs. Clinton's campaign who have stayed overnight in the White House.

But this was a rare abrasive moment in an otherwise well-behaved and frequently illuminating exchange, not unlike the debate between the two vice-presidential candidates last week.

One Germany

Germans last week celebrated the 10th anniversary of their nation's reunification, an event once as inconceivable as it is now uncontroversial. Contrary to the initial concerns of wary neighbors, Germany did not turn inward or resuscitate threatening ambitions in the aftermath of reunification. The nation remains a responsible advocate for continued European integration and a strong champion of the Atlantic alliance. Germany still faces formidable challenges in bringing together east and west, but from the perspective of the international community, a united Germany of 83 million people has proved a rousing success.

After the unexpected fall of the Berlin Wall in November 1989, it was not only neighbors who were apprehensive about the prospect of a reunified Germany. So were plenty of thoughtful Germans

commitment to deepen European integration, as evidenced by the momentous steps since reunification toward a single market and a monetary union. This focus on deepening the European Union may have delayed the entry of new member nations from Eastern Europe, it is true, but that cannot be pinned on German reunification. The welcome participation of German troops in NATO's Kosovo campaign last year is also indicative of the extent to which a reunified Germany has allayed its neighbors' initial concerns.

While the rest of the world may now be at peace with German reunification, at home the task itself remains incomplete. The transfer of \$540 billion from west to east in the past decade has been an extraordinary effort to raise a people's standard of living, but the east's per capita gross domestic

product is still less than a representative sample of colleges, and focus often students drink rather how much.

College drinking requirement because too many down enough alcohol to crimes — vandalism, fights driving while intoxicated, citations with the police. They are the secondhand effect of non-bingeing students are assaulted, whose property is damaged, who are the victims of unwanted sexual advances. Sleep and study time are in jeopardy. Playing down the problem is another example of denial.

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The writer is director of alcohol studies at the Harvard Public Health.

To the Editor:

Colleges are on sound practical footing in appealing to norms about drinking rather than trying to scare students into less (front page, Oct. 3).

There is much evidence that efforts to arouse fears or challenge social beliefs about alcohol

Ease the Race

To the Editor:

Re "When 3 Minutes Late: New Transit Agencies Raise Questions of I" (news article, Oct. 4):

While defining lateness as "even more important," even more important is inadequate number of transit buses at all times but rush hour.

Riders on most lines are standing-room-only at all times of day: midmorning, afternoon, midnight, 8 a.m. Sunday afternoons and evenings. Not to mention the afternoon rush hour, which is almost as bad as the evening rush.

No wonder riders run on trains and then hold the doors open; they don't know when the next train may arrive.

Waits of 15 and 30 minutes are long!

Instead of giving up on having a quality system, we should demand frequent service at all times.

The Rights of Women

To the Editor:

I applaud Nafis Sadik of the United Nations who has been working for women's sexual rights in the developing world for more than 20 years (article, Oct. 2).

You say the United Nations Fund's new annual report finds that "until discrimination against women ends, the poorest countries — where women are also often the most oppressed — cannot develop to their potential."

A More Subdued—but No Less Polarized—Debate

By MICHAEL GRUNWALD
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NEW YORK, Oct. 8—Senate candidates Hillary Rodham Clinton and Rep. Rick Lazio (R-N.Y.) argued over everything from racial profiling to campaign spending today in their second spirited debate, with both candidates warning voters that the other cannot be trusted.

The style of the clash in the WCBS-TV studios in Manhattan was more subdued than the first debate last month in Buffalo, when Lazio attacked Clinton's response to the Monica S. Lewinsky investigation and even marched across the stage to berate her about campaign finances. But the substance of today's debate was similarly polarized, featuring sharp rhetoric about Israel, abortion, school vouchers, Medicare and a proposed domed stadium in Manhattan.

The harshest attacks were inspired once again by campaign cash, with Clinton ripping Lazio for violating a recent agreement to keep unrestricted "soft money" out of the race. "If New Yorkers can't trust him to keep his word for 10 days, how can they trust him for six years?"

The Republican National Committee did air pro-Lazio ads last week that appeared to violate the agreement, but his campaign immediately repaid the committee with "hard money" after the violation was publicized. Today, Lazio responded to Clinton's volley with an unsavory reference to the brouhaha over White House sleepovers for the first lady's contributors.

"Please, no lectures from Motel 1600 on campaign finance reform," Lazio shot back.

In recent weeks, several polls have shown Clinton opening up a 7- to 10-percentage point lead in the race, a shift many analysts attributed to Lazio's overaggressive debate performance last month. So the Long Island Republican toned down his personal rhetoric a bit today.

At one point, moderator Marcia Kramer asked Clinton why she did not leave her husband after the Lewinsky affair. The first lady did not answer the question, responding simply that she has always fought for the rights of women to make choices and that



Rick Lazio and Hillary Rodham Clinton argued over campaign spending and other topics in the second debate in their New York Senate race.



she has made hers based on her religious faith, her family and "what I believe is right and important." Lazio, who had chided Clinton during the last debate for blaming the Lewinsky probe on a "vast right-wing conspiracy," declined this time to comment on her private life.

"This was Mrs. Clinton's choice, and I respect any choice she makes," he said.

But Lazio did not shy away from accusing Clinton of distorting his record about Medicare and abortion or of unfairly linking him to former House speaker Newt Gingrich. "I think we've heard some fiction. Now let's hear the facts," said Lazio, who was a deputy whip for Gingrich but was considered perhaps the most moderate member of his leadership team.

In general, Clinton tried to portray herself

as a staunch fighter on behalf of Democratic issues such as HMO reforms and subsidies for prescription drugs, promising to battle Republican efforts to limit abortion rights and provide public funding for private school vouchers. In a state where Democrats outnumber Republicans by nearly 2 million—and where her husband won two comfortable victories—she warned that Lazio would provide one more vote for Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-Miss.) and Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms (R-N.C.).

In contrast, Lazio portrayed himself as an effective leader with a career-long record of crossing party lines—as well as a lifelong record of living in New York. He trashed Clinton's failed plan to reform the nation's health care system as an "unmitigated disaster for

New York." He said that Sandra Day O'Connor was his favorite Supreme Court justice. He said that Republicans such as Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani and Gov. George E. Pataki—who sat together to support the congressman, despite their well-known rivalry—have turned around this state.

Lazio also blamed the Clinton administration for supporting disputed Indian land claims upstate, trying to install a federal monitor to oversee the New York Police Department after allegations of racial profiling and failing to stop drug use among American children. And he ripped the administration for declining to veto Saturday's "inaccurate and one-sided" U.N. resolution blaming Israel for much of the recent violence in the Middle East.

Clinton—whose husband did not attend

today's debate—promptly agreed that the United States should have vetoed the resolution and echoed Lazio's arguments that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat bears sole responsibility for the violence. In New York, with the nation's largest Jewish population, it would be considered almost suicidal politics for a statewide candidate to say anything else.

The candidates squabbled over local issues as well and, with Giuliani looking on, they had their most basic disagreement over the mayor's plan for a taxpayer-financed stadium on the West Side of Manhattan. Clinton said she loves sports—and supports taxpayer financing for infrastructure projects such as the long-awaited Second Avenue subway line and airport rail links—but cannot support public financing for the stadium, which has scant support among Manhattanites. Lazio said he supports the stadium as part of a larger economic development plan for the area—and as part of a strategy to woo back the Jets and Giants to New York.

After the debate, Giuliani, whose withdrawal from the Senate race paved the way for Lazio's candidacy, pointed out that upstate cities such as Rochester, Binghamton and Buffalo already have publicly funded stadiums. "I think Mrs. Clinton showed once again her real misunderstanding of economic development in New York," Giuliani said.

Clinton, of course, had never lived or worked in New York before she began campaigning here 15 months ago. But when she was asked today what it means to be a New Yorker, she pointed out that the state has always been a magnet for the American dream, welcoming waves of immigrants from all over the world. Including, she said with a smile, "immigrants from Washington, D.C."

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White House, a Well-Appointed Home

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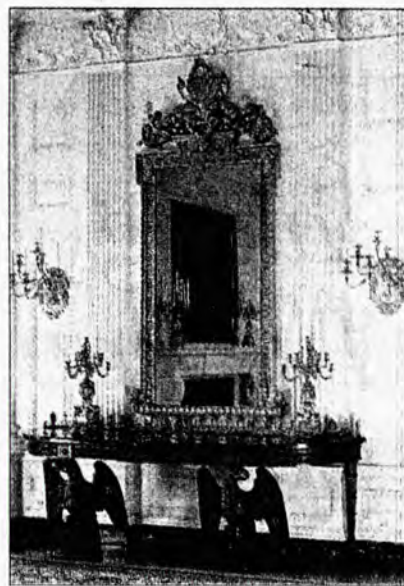
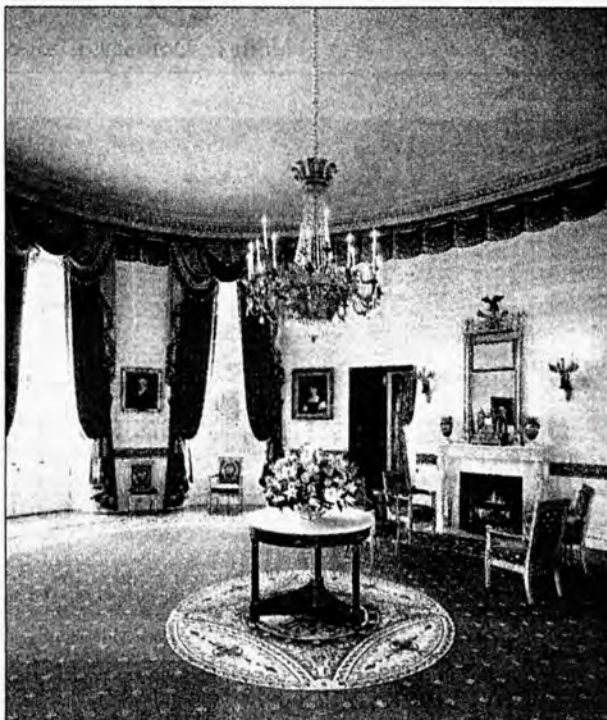
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Views of the State Dining Room, above, and the Blue Room, at left. Bruce White's photographs grace Betty C. Monkman's "The White House: Its Historic Furnishings and First Families."

former presidents and their families. It was fascinating to browse in this museum of White House history, which held everything, from a rocking chair that belonged to President [William] McKinley, to a room full of andirons. Our children, Jeff and Amy, chose the greatest treasure of them all, a chair that Mary Todd Lincoln had purchased."

Nancy Reagan remembered selecting "dozens of White House treasures, chairs, desks, tables and mirrors found in White House storage." The Reagans had the items restored and moved them into the White House.

Barbara Bush put her family's personal photographs on tables, and "in one of our sitting rooms I placed the needlework rug I had made while we lived in China." She too "saw reflections of its history in every room and corridor."

Mrs. Clinton should always be remembered for bridging a moat between past and present art at the White House—from Indi-

an sculptures to "Clamdigger" by Willem de Kooning. Just outside the east corridor's windows, the Jacqueline Kennedy rose garden was encircled with recent sculptures on loan from museums across the country.

For the Green Room, Mrs. Clinton hung "Bear Lake, New Mexico," a Georgia O'Keeffe painting, the first work by a 20th-century female artist to hang in a White House state room. She also spotlighted Henry Ossawa Tanner's "Sand Dunes at Sunset, Atlantic City," the first painting by an African American to be hung in the White House. New art acquisitions include works by 21 female artists, among them Mary Cassatt.

Monkman's book is full of stories hardly ever told before and gives voice to the antique and modern furnishings that help explain much about the people who lived there.

Monkman has devoted 33 years to the White House—more than any presidential

family. She began to work in the White House curator's office in 1967, first as museum registrar, then as associate curator. Since 1997 Monkman has been curator, a position initiated by Jacqueline Kennedy. Lyndon B. Johnson made the office permanent by executive order.

The book, commemorating the White House's 200th year, is introduced by historian and author Wendell D. Garrett, with acknowledgments by Robert L. Breeden, White House Historical Association chairman and chief executive officer. Breeden also pays tribute to former White House curators Lorraine Pearce, William Elder, James R. Ketchum, Clement Conger and Rex Scouten.

In the book's preface, Monkman writes, "The White House has been a symbol of the nation since 1800. Today, the White House is also a museum of American history and art. Open to the public since 1801, it now receives more than a million visitors each year."

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Hillary Rodham Clinton, campaigning yesterday at Biancardi Meats in the Bronx, hopes to strengthen her support among Jewish voters.

HILLARY

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In a debate over the weekend, Mrs. Clinton strongly condemned the United States for failing to veto the U.N. Security Council resolution. It was one of the most marked departures from her husband's policies Mrs. Clinton has taken during 15 months of campaigning.

Most political observers agree that if she is to win in November, Mrs. Clinton must draw at least 60 percent of the Jewish votes, most of which would come from the metropolitan area's 2 million Jews. Mr. Koch, a widely popular and high-profile New York City politician, could be a key factor in attracting those voters, as he has proven in past elections.

Mrs. Clinton has heightened efforts to repair her tenuous rela-

tionship with the Jewish community, weakened largely because of her warm embrace of Yassir Arafat during a Middle East visit minutes after the Palestinian leader's wife said Israelis used deadly gas on women and children.

Yesterday, on Yom Kippur, one of the most sacred holidays in Judaism, Mrs. Clinton stepped up the damage control by calling on the Palestinian leader to return to the peace talks. "In order for the peace process to resume, there must be mutual trust. That mutual trust has been lacking on the side of Chairman Arafat and the Palestinians in the last days," she said in a campaign statement.

Earlier yesterday, at the Columbus Day parade, the first lady said she was deeply distressed by the decoration of Joseph's Tomb, for which she used the Hebrew name,



Rep. Rick Lazio, with his family, shakes hands with Archbishop Edward Egan after Mass yesterday at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York.

"It's probably the only time in her life with Bill that when they disagreed on a political matter, her view didn't carry. Did she argue with him?"

—Former New York Mayor Ed Koch

and she criticized Palestinian authorities for "not protecting religious sites as they had agreed to do."

Political observers believe Mr. Lazio missed an opportunity by not reacting immediately to Mrs. Clinton's criticism of U.S. policy and questioning her involvement with her husband's Middle East stance. Some speculated that Mr. Lazio had decided to avoid personal clashes with the first lady; others suggested he simply wasn't quick enough.

Yesterday, the Lazio campaign released a statement saying that Mrs. Clinton "could have, and should have weighed in on" the U.S. vote on the U.N. resolution. New Yorkers, he said, have yet to hear what the first lady did to stand up for Israel.

Dan McElagan, communications director for the Lazio campaign, said in an interview "Rick continues to be strong on the issue. It is outrageous that she continues to waffle both ways. She does a distance dance from the administration when it suits her need."

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Hillary's political influence questioned

Koch cites move
by U.S. on censure

By Liz Trotta
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

NEW YORK — One of the first lady's supporters in the Jewish community wonders if Hillary Rodham Clinton is communicating with her husband during her senatorial campaign.

Former Mayor Ed Koch, an advocate for the first lady in her U.S. Senate bid, said in an interview with The Washington Times yesterday that he wanted to know whether Mrs. Clinton had discussed the Middle East crisis with the president before the United States abstained from vetoing a U.N. resolution censuring Israel for the escalating violence.

"It's probably the only time in her life with Bill that when they disagreed on a political matter, her view didn't carry. Did she argue with him? Did she try to persuade him? When a person is running for office in New York, it doesn't take courage to say they're against the resolution. But it takes courage to take on Clinton," said the former mayor. "What he did was a terrible betrayal to Israel. This is appeasement."

Agreeing with Rep. Rick Lazio

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HIGH SIGN: Rick Lazio at yesterday's parade with wife Pat. Mayor Giuliani and gal pal Judi Nathan.

Helayne Seidman

SENATE FOES' EYES ON ISRAEL



LIGHTER MOMENT: Hillary Rodham Clinton and former vice-presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro enjoy a chuckle as they march in yesterday's parade.

N.Y. Post: David Rentas

Only in New York can Mideast politics dominate the Columbus Day Parade.

While Senate candidates Hillary Rodham Clinton and Rick Lazio praised all things Italian while marching up Fifth Avenue, the hot topic of discussion was the increasing violence between Israelis and Palestinians on the West Bank.

Lazio seized on remarks made

By Robert Hardt Jr. in New York and Maggie Haberman in Perry Center, N.Y.

by Clinton at their Sunday debate in which she condemned her husband's administration for failing to veto a U.N. censure of Israel.

"Mrs. Clinton, you know, you can't have it both ways," said the GOP congressman.

"Either you have the influence to get the job done, or you don't. You can't just take credit for things when good things happen."

Clinton did not address the U.N. issue, but instead blamed Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat for the spate of violence.

"I am deeply distressed by the

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Senate foes keep their eyes on Israel

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desecration of Joseph's Tomb and the Palestinian authorities [who] did not protect that religious site as they had agreed to do," the Democratic candidate said.

She called on the Palestinians to rebuild the tomb, an Israeli army outpost and Jewish seminary in a Palestinian-controlled town.

"Clearly, now we know that if the Jewish holy sites are to be

protected, Israel must have the right to do so," she said.

Clinton and Lazio's campaign staffs both made logistical mis-cues at the parade: the Long Island congressman missed a press conference with Sen. John McCain and the first lady missing shaking Archbishop Edward Egan's hand.

While Lazio followed Gov. Pataki up Fifth Avenue, McCain held a brief press conference with Mayor Giuliani.

Aides to the Long Island congressman went ballistic after being told by a reporter about the press event.

"It was a little odd because everyone was there to help Congressman Lazio, and a couple of players decided to go off on their own and do their own thing," said one Lazio aide.

"It was more than disappointing."

But aides to the Arizona senator said Lazio's staff was at fault for missing the press conference.

"They were told about the press conference and they didn't direct their boss to it," said a McCain aide.

"They should be frustrated with themselves."

Clinton, meanwhile, was a little frustrated she missed meeting with Egan.

While Lazio posed for cameras with Egan in front of St. Patrick's Cathedral before Mass, her entourage passed by.

Clinton aides said there was a

mix-up and noted that the two had previously exchanged pleasantries.

"She called the archdiocese and apologized and was told that no offense was taken," said Clinton spokeswoman Karen Finney.

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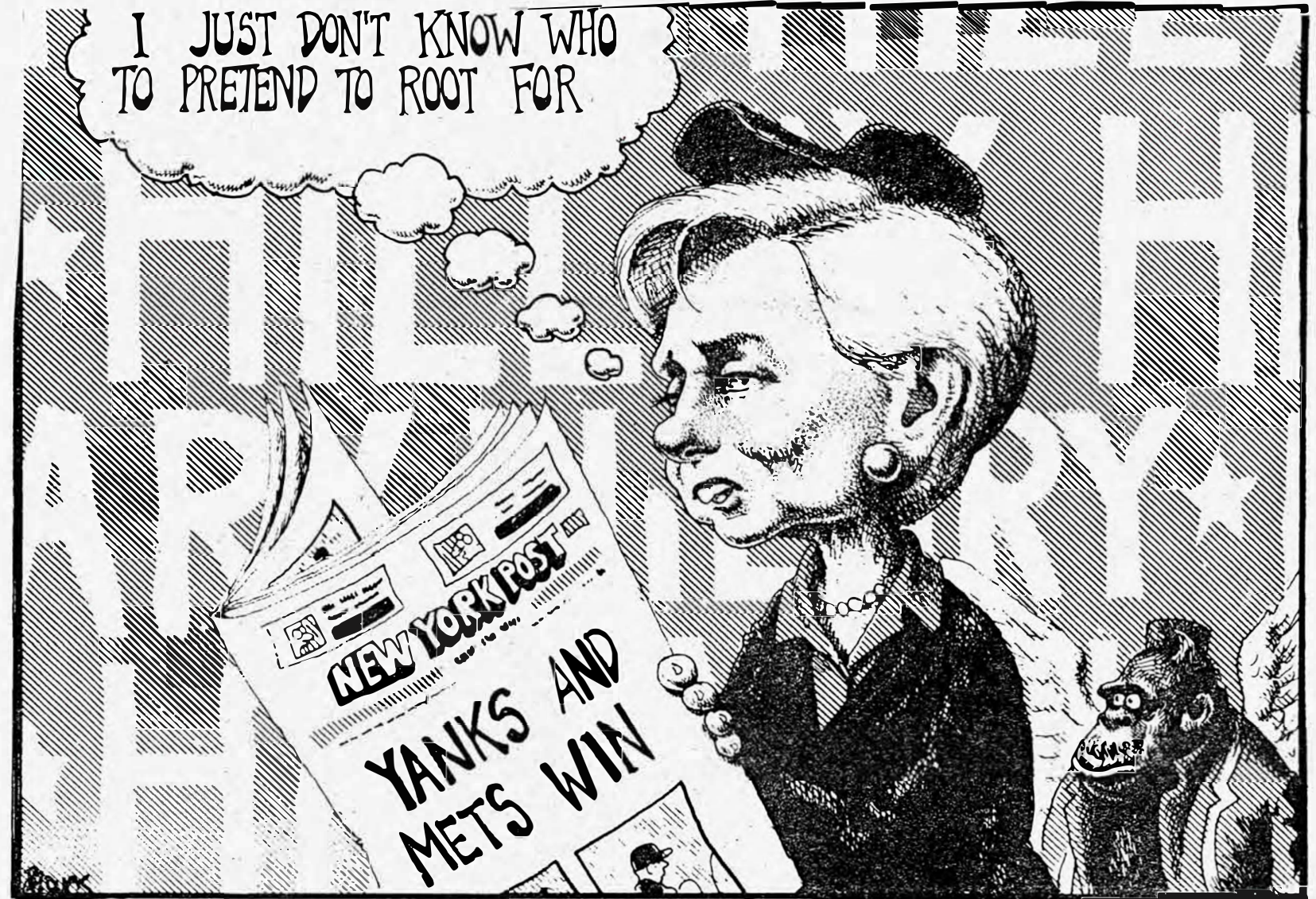
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By RICHARD JOHNSON
with Paula Froelich
and Chris Wilson

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Al's pals

THE myth of the unbiased media is over. New York magazine reports that 62 percent of

the media supports Hillary Clinton, with just 25 percent behind Rick Lazio. Now, Inside Media reports that the press corps on George W. Bush's cam-

paign plane overwhelmingly believes he will lose the presidential race. On Friday — after some serious margaritas on the 2¼-hour flight from Marion, Ill., to Tampa, Fla. — NBC producer Alexandra Pelosi conducted a poll of the reporters on board. Asked who would (not should) win, 26 predicted Al Gore, while only 5 went with Bush, who was sitting just a few rows forward. "It's surprising Gore won by so much," the witness told Inside Media. "Usually reporters favor whomever they are covering."

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REV. AL TO RICK: RIP PROFILING OR RISK VOTES

*New York Post
Tuesday
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By IKIMULISA SOCKWELL-MASON

The Rev. Al Sharpton challenged Rick Lazio to denounce Mayor Giuliani by speaking out against racial profiling or he'll actively urge voters not to cast their ballot for the Republican Senate hopeful.

Yesterday, just steps from Lazio's campaign office on Park Avenue, Sharpton blasted Lazio for not criticizing Giuliani's slam of a report by the Justice Department that said the NYPD's stop-and-frisk operations are racially biased.

Giuliani immediately defended the cops, calling the findings "totally absurd" and citing a hypothetical example of how the police might look for a black rape suspect and end up arresting 30 to 40 African-Americans on other charges.

Sharpton said Lazio has been "touting a policy of reaching out to the minority community," yet "he has continued to campaign ... with Rudolph Giuliani and not comment at all on this report and not denounce the offensive and in-

sensitive statements of the mayor."

Lazio campaign spokesman Dan McLagan said "Congressman Lazio has already stated ... his unwavering opposition of racial profiling."

"The congressman also does not think that a federal monitor from

the proven partisan Justice Department has any business evaluating the New York City Police Department."

Sharpton said it's time for the Republican candidate to stop being Giuliani's "Siamese twin" and choose a side.

"If Mr. Lazio wants to be with Giuliani, I will launch a campaign statewide," he said. "I want him to come out and state

where he is — with Rudy or the findings (of the report)."

Sharpton said Lazio's Democratic rival Hillary Clinton has spoken out against profiling on at least two other occasions.

"It's not that I'm saying she's been as aggressive as I want," he said. "I would like to see her deal with this report."



AL SHARPTON

Rudy: Gov White on target

Reading about New York does not a New Yorker make.

So says Mayor Giuliani, jumping into the post-Senate-debate flap to defend Gov. Pataki's decision to mock Hillary Rodham Clinton for invoking a famous author in response to a question about New York.

"I think the point that the governor was making was a valid one," Giuliani said before joining Pataki and Republican Senate hopeful Rick Lazio at the Columbus Day Parade.

"I think the governor was trying to make the point that if you really come from New York, you don't have to rely on someone else's quotation. You don't have to read books about it. It comes out of your life experience," the mayor said.

Clinton referred to author E.B. White in an answer about what defines a New Yorker.

Despite White's acclaim — he penned "Charlotte's Web" and worked for years as a New Yorker magazine writer — Pataki said after Sunday's debate between Clinton and Lazio he didn't know who the author was.

"I don't know what he wrote. I don't know where he was from, but it sure doesn't sound to me like that guy was a New Yorker or understood New York the way we do," said the governor.

Leonard Greene



BABY, IT'S COLD: A bundled-up Isabella Marchini perches atop dad Dennis' shoulder. N.Y. Post: Bolivar Arellano

HOT TIME IN THE CITY AS ALL HAIL C-C-COLUMBUS

By ZACH HABERMAN
and LEONARD GREENE

Almost 200,000 parade-goers braved the cold to display Italian pride at the 56th annual Columbus Day Parade yesterday.

"I'm proud to be Italian, and I'm proud to show my heritage. I wanted to show my kids what we're all about," Maria Irace said, the added: "If it were any colder, I don't think we would be here."

"I haven't missed a Columbus Day Parade in 40 years," said Joe Piazza, 70, who was dressed head-to-toe in the red, white and green of the Italian flag.

"New York parades are the best."

The cold brought out the apple red in ev-

eryone's cheeks.

"It's so cold out here. It feels more like the Thanksgiving parade than the Columbus Day Parade," said Marianne Witherwax, 55.

Asked if it was too cold for the parade, Kathy Costero, 46, of Long Island, summed up the feelings of those along her section of the route.

"It's too cold for the wimpy people," she said.

The parade followed a different route this year. Instead of starting at 44th Street and following Fifth Avenue up to 79th street, it turned west onto Central Park South and ended at Columbus Circle. The change was made so Yom Kippur services at Temple Emanu-el, on 65th Street and Fifth Avenue, weren't disturbed.

Many people favor the new route and feel it should be made permanent.

"This is the best way to go because it brings so many people into one spot. It's the Columbus Day Parade — it should always come through Columbus Circle," said Sean Cullen, 17, of Staten Island.

Senate candidates Rick Lazio and Hillary Rodham Clinton were also on hand.

Lazio supporters, waving signs ("She's honest? She doesn't bake cookies, she manufactures lies!") were thrilled to see their guy going into the crowd to greet his fans along the route and were quick to point out that Clinton surrounded herself with her aides.

Mayor Giuliani addressed the issue of renaming the holiday to avoid offending Native Americans who blame Christopher Columbus for the genocide that befell their ancestors.

"I don't agree with political correctness," Giuliani said. "His contribution was tremendous. There isn't a single culture that you can't find flaws in. That doesn't mar the contribution."



STRUTTING THEIR STUFF: Members of the renowned Carabinieri Corps, Italy's national police band, march along Fifth Avenue during yesterday's parade.

N.Y. Post: Bolivar Arellano

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The New York Times

For Mrs. Clinton, One Topic on Voters' Minds Remains Taboo

By ELISABETH BUMILLER

As Hillary Rodham Clinton campaigns across New York State, she talks about everything from gasoline prices to the Buffalo economy to her first experience hunting ducks. But there is one taboo subject, always on the minds of voters, that came up yet again in Mrs. Clinton's debate with Representative Rick A. Lazio on Sunday. Why, she was asked, did she stay in her marriage?

Mrs. Clinton, who will mark her 25th wedding anniversary tomorrow, responded that "the choices that I've made in my life are right for me," then cited her daughter, her religious faith and her "strong sense of family." What she did not do was bow to the suggestion that the state of her marriage was anybody's business.

Both Clintons do talk readily about their work together on her campaign and have joked about their role reversal and its effects on their marriage. "She had so many people who wanted her to run and wanted her to do it that she really decided that she ought to try," Mr. Clinton said at a reception with his wife in Little Rock, Ark.

"And then I just practically beat her up time and time again, working on this announcement speech. She said, 'I've given a zillion speeches, why do you keep doing this?' I said, 'Because an election is a job interview, and if you get the job it helps to have decided in advance what you intend to do when you get there.'"

Mrs. Clinton responded: "I'm trying to do the very best job I can, but I want to take back every time I ever said to Bill, 'You know, you could have said it like this.' And there was that delicious role reversal when he was working on my announcement speech and making me practice in front of him, and saying, 'No, no, say it like this.' And it was a great moment for both of us."

Last weekend, the president had planned to be with his wife in Chappaqua on Saturday night and then was to watch her Sunday morning debate from the couple's home on Old House Lane. Violence in the Middle East changed his plans, but Mr. Clinton still flew up to Chappaqua at 6:15 p.m. on Sunday, stayed overnight with his wife, then left late yesterday morning for Washington with the Clintons' daughter, Chelsea.

Mr. Clinton has, in fact, stayed overnight with his wife at the Clintons' Chappaqua home at least 20 times since the couple moved in on Jan. 5, or an average of two or three nights a month. Although many of the trips were tied to Mrs. Clinton's campaign events or to presidential meetings and fund-raising in New York, at other times the president quietly left the White House at 9 or 10 p.m. after work, then returned to Washington late the next morning.

Mrs. Clinton also spends some nights with her husband in Washington, and talks with him up to six times a day on the phone.

Although it is impossible to know whether the president made those 40-minute flights on Air Force One to work on his marriage or simply to turn up for the cameras at Chappaqua coffee shops, he did publicly address the subject of his betrayal in August. "I'm now in the second year of a process," he said, "of trying to totally rebuild my life from a terrible mistake I made."

The president also speaks in glowing terms of the wife he humiliated, and who is now the Clinton with a political future and the potential for carrying on the family legacy.

"When we first met and fell in love, I actually felt guilty about it because I thought I was robbing her of the career I felt she should have," Mr. Clinton said at a Silicon



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Bill Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton in 1984 with their daughter, Chelsea, 4, above, and at a campaign stop at the New York State Fair in Syracuse last month.



Associated Press

Alley fund-raiser for his wife last month in SoHo, one of some two dozen he has attended in the last year to raise \$5 million for her campaign.

"I thought she was better organized than me. I thought she understood things about public policy I didn't know. I thought she had more talent as a public servant than anybody I ever met."

The president concluded that "I want to see this seat occupied by someone, yes, that I happened to have loved for three decades, but more important, whose love can change the future of America and New York in a positive way." Then he kissed his wife on the forehead.

Despite such displays of affection, Mrs. Clinton and her advisers have, as a matter of tactics, made a decision not to discuss publicly her relationship with the president, seeing it as an explosive topic. If Mrs. Clinton were to speak of her love for Mr. Clinton, her advisers say, she might be greeted with

scornfully insisted that their names not be used, say that although the first lady in effect froze out the president for six months after he admitted to his relationship with a White House intern, he begged for forgiveness and told his wife that he would do anything for her.

The Senate campaign, they say, presented an ideal opportunity. "He really feels that he owes her something," a longtime friend said. "He's thrilled that he's been able to do something."

David Gergen, the former Republican adviser to Mr. Clinton and three other presidents, basically agreed with that view by arguing in his new book, "Eyewitness to Power: The Essence of Leadership: Nixon to Clinton," that the president would not challenge his wife once her health care plan was failing — in part out of guilt.

The president asked the first lady in part because he believed in her talents, which was justified," Mr. Gergen writes. "He acted, too, because he wanted to promote women as national leaders, which was welcome. He also liked to share with his wife, which was generous. But does anyone doubt that he also wanted to placate her? Had it not been for his own past, I doubt he would have placed his presidency so fully in her hands."

After news articles first appeared about Paula Corbin Jones, Mr. Gergen writes, "it became obvious that the stories had privately humiliated Mrs. Clinton and her husband was deep in her doghouse."

Mr. Gergen adds that "perhaps I am wrong, but over the next several weeks, I sensed that he was in no mood — and no position — to challenge her on anything."

Whatever the case, Mr. Clinton has at times seemed like half of a classic New York-Washington commuter marriage. On April 5, after spending the day at an economic conference at the White House and entertaining Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter and six of their grandchildren over dinner, the president flew up to Chappaqua. He lifted off in a helicopter from the South Lawn as the Carters, who were to spend the night in their old home, waved to him from a balcony of the White House.

A week later, the president returned to Washington about 8 p.m. on Air Force One after a trip to Denver, dropped off the press and much of his staff at Andrews Air Force Base, then switched to a smaller plane, a C-9, for a flight that night to Chappaqua. (The larger Air Force One, a 747, cannot land at the small Westchester County Airport.) Mr. Clinton had no public schedule in New York, and was back in Washington the next day in time to speak to a gathering of the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

Mr. Clinton also flew up to Chappaqua on June 26, the same day that the Clintons' longtime Arkansas friend Diane Blair died, and the same day that Chelsea appeared with her mother during a news conference on the City Hall steps.

In some of the more intimate fund-raisers the president attends on behalf of Mrs. Clinton, he speaks freely about his wife. "Not much gets me mad anymore, I'm feeling pretty mellow, but one of the things that still kind of steams me is when I hear somebody say, well, why is she doing this," Mr. Clinton said at the fund-raiser at Mr. Jordan's house. "She wouldn't be doing this if she wanted to be his wife and the first lady."

"The truth is, if she hadn't decided to spend the last 30 years helping me, helping other people, being a public servant as well as a private lawyer, she could've been doing this 25 years ago."

Longtime friends of the Clintons, who ada-

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Lazio Criticizes Opponent On Middle East Policy

Representative Rick A. Lazio yesterday stepped up his criticism of Hillary Rodham Clinton's response to the violence in the Middle East, suggesting Mrs. Clinton should have used her stated influence with the president to persuade him to veto the United Nations resolution censuring Israel.

Mr. Lazio, the Republican Senate nominee, sought to turn Mrs. Clinton's previous statements that she was a silent force behind many White House policies against her. If that is the case, he said, Mrs. Clinton should have been able to sway administration officials to vote against the resolution on Saturday night, instead of abstaining.

"Either you have the influence to affect policy or you don't," Mr. Lazio said. "And the question is, which one is it here?"

"I think Mrs. Clinton should have stood up and said either she can't take credit for the things that happen that are good and then just say when things are bad that she's got nothing to do with that," Mr. Lazio said. "It's one or the other."

Mrs. Clinton suggested that negotiations were too delicate to assert herself more directly. "I can only speak for myself," she replied when asked how her criticism of the Palestinians might affect peace talks. "My husband and his administration are working very hard to end the violence, and they are taking the steps, obviously, they believe will lead to an end to violence and a return to the negotiating table."

Randal C. Archbold (NYT)

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Dems' secret fears about Hill

SOME very prominent Democrats at the state and national levels will be secretly rooting for **Rick Lazio** in Sunday morning's debate against **Hillary Rodham Clinton**.

Now that she's started to move up in the polls, these Dems are having to seriously consider what having a Sen. Clinton will mean to them.

Even **Al Gore**, if he gets to be president, will be looking over his shoulder all the time. "Can you imagine what it's going to be like, having this fiercely ambitious woman playing Evita Peron in the Senate?" one Gore insider asks. "Al's a team player, but he'd be better off without Hillary on that team."

Chuck Schumer may be experiencing the same mixed emotions. After Election Day, he nominally becomes the senior senator from New York. But he knows that Hillary would steal his thunder in and out of the chamber.

Likewise, old hands like **Bob Torricelli**, **John Kerry**, **Chris Dodd** and **Tom Daschle** are going to find themselves diminished if Hill-

ary wins. **Ted Kennedy** is one of the few who could cope with her.

At the state level, there is a real fear that "Hillary's people" are planning a takeover. Her operatives, who are as power-mad as she is, include the likes of **Harold Ickes**, a schemer with a lot of scores to settle in the party. With the competent and energetic **Judith Hope** about to quit as state Democratic chair, Hillary's cadre could easily steal control of what is still one of the most formidable political machines in the nation.

This thought must be giving fits to ambitious Dems like **Nita Lowey**, **Andrew Cuomo** and **Carl McCall**. If, for example, Cuomo and McCall end up opposing each other for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, they could find themselves in the humiliating position of having to cut a deal with Hillary and her operatives. I wonder if McCall regrets not accepting **Pat Moynihan**'s original offer to endorse him as his successor.

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RICK'S RUNNING AGAINST *BOTH* CLINTONS

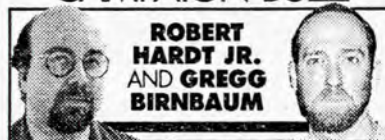
ALTHOUGH Rick Lazio insists he's focusing his campaign on Hillary and isn't dragging President Clinton into the race, it's hard to tell from his latest fund-raising letter.

It opens with the attention-grabbing line: "Do you want the Clinton era to continue for at least six more years?" and goes on to blast the Clinton administration for failing to keep up the country's military forces.

Just to make sure potential contributors don't miss the point, the mailing also includes a news story quoting the president saying his enemies have "transferred their anger" to his wife.

"Our campaign has the Clin-

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tons worried!" says a note from Lazio at the top of the page.

Neither Senate candidate seems particularly enthused about the \$3.8 billion state transportation bond act that's on the ballot next month — but Hillary Clinton has finally endorsed it.

"While she believes it's important to release more details about

what's in the act, Hillary supports the bond act because it will provide crucial funding for important investments across New York," Clinton spokeswoman Cathie Levine said yesterday.

Clinton sounded less than enthused about the act last month, saying there wasn't enough information about what exactly the voters would be considering.

The bond act has Lazio in a pickle because he doesn't want to oppose a measure that would benefit the city and so many communities around the state — and yet, he won't be helped if it lures city Democrats to the polls.

"My first choice would not be to embrace funding some of these

projects with a bond act, but they desperately need to be done," the GOP hopeful said recently.

"In the end, if I'm convinced there's proper detailing of these projects, I'm going to support this."

President Clinton's stepfather, Dick Kelley, paid a visit this week to Hillary's headquarters in Midtown Manhattan.

"I just wanted to come and thank you for working so hard," said a charged-up Kelley, who toured the campaign's Seventh Avenue offices and shook hands with staffers and volunteers.

Kelley was in town for a fashion-footwear auction that benefited several breast-cancer groups, in-

cluding one in Arkansas named for his late wife, Virginia Clinton Kelley.

"I hope I'll see you all in November!" Kelley told Team Clinton.

Rick Lazio finally tackled the big underwear question first handled by President Clinton in 1992.

Sort of.

Visiting a radio station in upstate Watertown last week, Lazio held aloft a pair of boxer shorts given to him by his hosts.

"Now when they ask me the question, boxers or briefs, I can tell them," said Lazio.

No one in the press corps was brave enough to check and see if he was telling the truth.

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Hillary Gets Focused

The last couple of days have been milestones in Hillary Clinton's Senate campaign. After 330 days of careful contemplation, yesterday she finally acknowledged that embracing Suha Arafat — moments after the PLO leader's wife had publicly accused Israel of using poisonous gas on women and children — really wasn't such a smart idea.

But that's not all: Mrs. Clinton has also admitted that Arafat deserves the blame for the outbreak of murderous violence in Israel — something she insists "was difficult to determine over the weekend and early Monday."

This must mean that the latest focus-group numbers are in: Is Hillary not doing well with Jewish voters?

Actually, her look back at the Suha incident fell short of an apology. She said, "I wouldn't have gone," because that kiss "led to a misimpression about my strong feelings and support for Israel and the security of Israel."

Frankly, we don't see what other impression voters concerned about Israel

should have received from her embrace of Suha Arafat — or from the disingenuous way in which she spent the next few days concocting excuses for her continued refusal to condemn the remarks.

Just as we can't see what other impression could be drawn from the fact that she took so long to decide just who bears responsibility for the tragic loss of life in the Middle East rioting.

When she first spoke out on the issue Tuesday, she refused to answer when asked specifically if she thought Arafat and the Palestinians were responsible. Only on Wednesday, "when the ceasefire was disregarded," did it become apparent that "this was [not] an aberration." Unfortunately for Mrs. Clinton, the rest of the world doesn't operate on tape delay.

Anyone who takes this long to reach a basic understanding of so important an issue shouldn't be surprised if voters start wondering whether Hillary Clinton really has the necessities to be a United States senator.

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On hindsight, Hillary says she wouldn't kiss Soha Arafat

NEW YORK (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton said yesterday that if she could turn back time, she would skip that trip to the Middle East where she kissed Yasser Arafat's wife.

The first lady was asked at a forum sponsored by the Jewish Week newspaper whether she would do anything differently or had learned any lessons from the meeting last fall with Soha Arafat.

"I wouldn't have gone. That's the first thing," she said. "I was obviously there as a representative of the U.S. government and abided by the appropriate diplomatic protocol. . . . It led to a misimpression about my strong feelings and support for Israel."

Mrs. Clinton has justified the kiss — which came after Mrs. Arafat accused the Israelis of using poison gas against Palestinian children — as a social grace required by her position as first lady.

Mrs. Clinton later condemned Mrs. Arafat's remarks, but some Jews felt she should have skipped the kiss and spoken out sooner.

"I want people to know as the senator from New York, I would look out for and defend the interests of New Yorkers and I would never be in a situation like that," Mrs. Clinton said yesterday.

Regarding the case of Jonathan Pollard, the American convicted of spying for Israel, Mrs. Clinton said that secret evidence presented to the court for use in determining his life sentence should be released publicly "so that we could make our own judgments."

A new New York magazine poll shows Mrs. Clinton with 47 percent to 45 percent for her Republican opponent, Rep. Rick Lazio of Long Island. That is a tie, given the poll's four-point margin of error.

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Clinton legacy is bittersweet for

The pride of '92 has been whittled away for many by frustration at what the president did, and didn't do, for his home state

By Bill Nichols
USA TODAY

At the end of the movie version of *Primary Colors*, Joe Klein's fictionalized account of Bill Clinton's 1992 campaign, President-elect Jack Stanton and his wife, Susan, dance at an inaugural ball as a campaign worker whispers, "Don't break our hearts." It is a scene Arkansans can appreciate only too well.

As Clinton's presidency winds down, many hearts in a state long haunted by the ghosts of segregation and poverty are aching. The electrifying prospect of redemption and sense of promise that ran through the crowd at Clinton's victory rally in downtown Little Rock on Election Night 1992 have given way to bittersweet feelings about the past eight years.

Signs of ambivalence about Clinton are everywhere here. Plans to build his presidential library are dogged by controversy. He is in the midst of a bitter court proceeding aimed at stripping him of his right to practice law in Arkansas. Old friends tell him privately that he should never come home again.

A poll published Thursday in the weekly *Arkansas Times* found that 53% of Little Rock residents believe Clinton's presidency has been good for Arkansas, compared with 32% who feel the opposite. Clinton supporters were buoyed by those numbers. But the fact that a third of those polled believe Clinton's presidency has been bad for Arkansas underscores the difficult question many Arkansans are struggling to answer: Has the pride of having a native son occupy the White House been worth the pain, publicity and shame of being the home state of the only elected president to be impeached?

It is not only Clinton who has been dogged by scandals and investigations, capped by the Monica Lewinsky affair. Other prominent Arkansans who followed Clinton to Washington have also been plagued by scandal and tragedy.

"It's been a real mixed blessing," says Joe Purvis, a Little Rock lawyer and one of Clinton's boyhood friends from Hope, Ark.

"On balance, it's been a plus," adds Max Brantley, editor of the *Arkansas Times*. "But I think most Arkansans believe it's a very, very close call."

Others offer harsher assessments of how the Clinton years have affected Arkansas' image. "We're right back where we started from ... ridiculed by morons, ridiculed by people who have never been here," *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* columnist Gene Lyons says. Lyons, co-author of *The Hunting of the President*, a book that attacks the basis for many investigations of the administration, doesn't blame Clinton for perpetuating hillbilly stereotypes about Arkansas.

Instead, Lyons faults independent counsel probes that lingered for



In Little Rock: Skip Rutherford, head of the fundraising effort for Clinton's presidential library, stands at the site where the complex is to be built. By R. Spencer Flory for USA TODAY

years, coupled with what he sees as an anti-Southern bias by some in the national media. Last month, the six-year Whitewater investigation that indirectly led to Clinton's impeachment was brought to an end for lack of evidence.

If Clinton had not had an affair with Lewinsky, "maybe those stereotypes would have changed somewhat," Lyons says. "Nevertheless, it's still ingrained in some people's minds that the state is corrupt as well as backward."

Clinton agrees. In written responses to questions from USA TODAY, he writes: "I think some, but by no means all, people in the media have mischaracterized Arkansas and, usually not out of malice, but because all elites are vulnerable to stereotyping when fed half-baked information from people with an ax to grind."

What was gained?

Not surprisingly, Clinton also argues that Arkansas has benefited from his presidency. But instead of citing specific gains by his state, he refers to policy achievements "widely shared with the rest of America: low unemployment, high home ownership, reduced crime, lower welfare rolls, lower child poverty, more health insurance for children and the benefits of the Family and Medical Leave law."

Skip Rutherford, a longtime Clinton friend and advertising executive who is leading the effort to raise \$125 million to finance Clinton's library, also cites the national economic boom as one of Clinton's biggest gifts to the state.

"Arkansans will miss Bill Clinton; they just don't know it yet," he says. "Many of his critics have criticized him all the way to the bank."

Many detractors complain that Clinton has failed to bring home big pork-barrel projects as had other presidents. Texan Lyndon Johnson, for example, based NASA in Houston. "You hear a lot of grouching that



In Fayetteville: The president and his daughter, Chelsea, look at a marker at the University of Arkansas, where Clinton once taught. By Susan Walsh, AP

we have not received the kind of tangible benefits other states have seen when their native sons became president," longtime Arkansas journalist Ernest Dumas says.

Clinton argues that his early emphasis on cutting the budget deficit and his battles over spending with an opposition Congress since 1995 have given him few opportunities to deliver major servings of pork. "As to the big projects, the economy did not permit them early in my term," Clinton writes. "The priorities of the Republican Congress have been elsewhere."

Another factor: Arkansas lost seniority in Congress during the Clinton years with the retirement of veteran Democratic senators, David Pryor and Dale Bumpers.

To bolster the case for what Clinton has done for the state, Rutherford offers these examples:

► Six Superfund waste sites have been cleaned up.

► A \$109 million airport opened in northwestern Arkansas in 1998.

Washington picked up nearly two-thirds of the cost.

► In anticipation of the completion of the Clinton library in 2003, downtown Little Rock has seen a construction boom that includes a \$225 million addition to the city convention center.

Many Arkansans also have won plum presidential appointments. For example, Bobby Roberts, a former Clinton gubernatorial aide who heads Little Rock's Central Library System, was named to the National Commission on Libraries and Information Sciences, providing him valuable contacts. "Hundreds of appointments like that have been made," Roberts says.

Then there are all the Arkansas recipients of Clinton's personal touch: Thousands have enjoyed White House tours, birthday letters and hospital calls since 1993.

A plagued project

Even as architects finalize plans

Arkansans

ed. Brantley of the *Arkansas Times* says the numbers suggest that while Arkansans believe Clinton has been over-investigated, they also feel that "we are under pressure to save our reputation by punishing ourselves" through Clinton.

The case will probably be decided after Clinton leaves office. Meanwhile, he has been described as angry over the move to disbar him.

Fallen friends

Many state residents are still reeling from the personal toll suffered by many of Arkansas' best and brightest through Clinton's first term in Washington:

- Vincent Foster, first lady Hillary Clinton's friend and partner at Little Rock's Rose law firm, killed himself in 1993 while serving as deputy White House counsel.

- Webster Hubbell, another Rose lawyer who was the No. 3 official in the Justice Department at the start of Clinton's presidency, served 16 months in prison for embezzling from the Rose firm and its clients, and became a central figure in the Whitewater investigation.

- Jim Guy Tucker, who succeeded Clinton as governor, lost his job in 1995 when he was convicted on loan fraud charges stemming from the Whitewater probe.

- David Watkins, a former White House office manager and Clinton friend, was forced to quit in 1994 when he took a presidential helicopter on a golf outing he claimed was an official trip.

- Former surgeon general Joycelyn Elders, who headed the Arkansas Health Department during Clinton's gubernatorial years, was fired by the president in 1994 for implying that schools should teach children how to masturbate.

Clinton cited other Arkansans who have succeeded in Washington, such as James Lee Witt, the director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency; Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater; acting Veterans Affairs Secretary Hershel Gober; and Bob Nash, Clinton's director of White House personnel.

Nash's office says 152 Arkansans have been appointed to senior-level positions in the administration.

Of that group, about 140 are still working for the president, including 45 who have been with him since January 1993.

The straight-laced Witt, a former county judge who is rated as one of the best FEMA directors ever, "is the image that Arkansas thinks of itself as being," Roberts says. "That's probably what hurts a lot of people as all these jokes and attacks continue. We do have an inferiority complex."

In an August interview with the Rev. William Hybels at a ministers' conference in South Barrington, Ill., Clinton called Witt "the most popular member of the Cabinet."

"The reason he's popular is we've had a lot of disasters since I've been president — natural disasters, I mean," Clinton said.

Brantley describes Arkansans' feelings about Clinton and the state's time in the limelight as "kind of like a low-grade fever."

"There is a permanent state of disgruntlement that the state didn't do better during Bill Clinton's presidency," he says. "But there are people who are smart enough to know why. And there are people who have been disappointed by Bill Clinton before."

for the Clinton library, a 28-acre complex to be built on the banks of the Arkansas River, the project is dogged by lawsuits and grumbling.

The first problem: The City Council proposed a 1% tax on local restaurants and hotels to raise \$15 million to purchase the land for the library. That idea died last year after opposition from restaurant owners, even though a library-commissioned study concluded that the project would add \$10 million a year to the region's economy.

The city's current plan to purchase the land — issuing \$12 million in bonds underwritten by park user fees — also faces a court suit.

An anti-tax watchdog group, Empower Arkansans, contends that the city has deliberately concealed its plan to use taxpayer funds to acquire the site, which would require voter approval. The state Supreme Court is scheduled to hear the case this fall.

Even plans to rename the street running along the complex "Clinton Avenue" had to be amended in the face of opposition. City officials agreed to rename only a part of the street next to the library.

Rutherford dismisses the library's critics as longtime Clinton haters who "have trouble viewing presidential libraries beyond present-day politics ... and don't understand the role of history." The recent *Arkansas Times* Poll showed 67% of Little Rock voters support the construction of the presidential library, and 77% believe it will have a positive impact on the state.

Another Clinton controversy involves whether he should be stripped of his Arkansas law license for denying under oath that he had a sexual relationship with Lewinsky. A lawsuit to disbar him has been filed by a state Supreme Court panel.

A recent survey by Mason-Dixon Polling and Research found that 47% of Arkansans believe Clinton should lose his license, 42% oppose disbarment and 11% are undecided.

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Marie Pages, Pat Roddy and Eileen Martin in Riverdance.

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Founders Reveal New Show Plans
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ON A MISSION OF HOPE Boston Op for Unborn Child

Two young Irish parents arrive in Boston this week seeking to save the life of their unborn child who has a rare medical condition. The hugely expensive operation will be underwritten in part by the Irish government.

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Mary, Matthew and Mick Blake will arrive in Boston on Thursday evening.

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton presents Denis Mulcahy with his Irish Voice award.



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Hillary Shines At Our Dreamers

If the rapturous reception First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton received at our "Dreamers of Dreams" party last Friday night is anything to go by, then she'll have no problem at all winning the New York Senate seat she so covets in next month's election. Mrs. Clinton wowed our guests who filled the Sky Club in Manhattan for our sixth annual Dreamers bash, which paid tribute to the honorees we profiled in our issue last week.

The First Lady was on hand to present our Special Achievement award to an old friend of hers, Denis Mulcahy, founder and driving force behind Project Children. Mrs. Clinton has worked with the group before, and was all too delighted to accept the invitation to publicly acknowledge all the good work that Denis's group does for the children of Northern Ireland. She also spoke of her and her husband's wish to make one last trip to Ireland prior to the end of President Clinton's term of office in January. "If at all possible, that's what we intend to do," she said.

With her Senate campaign against Republican challenger Rick Lazio entering the home stretch, Mrs. Clinton was in no rush to leave the room after her speech, despite suffering from a head cold. She stuck around to greet all of our guests and pose for a litany of pictures, many of which you'll see on

Pages 30-34 of this issue. "She's so much more impressive in person than she is on TV," was a common refrain from many of those in attendance, and



IRISH VOICE Dreamers of Dreams

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton addresses the audience.



Mrs. Clinton greets Project Children founder Denis Mulcahy as Irish Voice founding publisher Niall O'Dowd looks on.

indeed, like her or not, Mrs. Clinton certainly is a commanding presence who captivates a room when she enters.

It sure was an Irish-themed week for Mrs. Clinton, who rose bright and early the next morning to accept the editorial endorsement of the *Irish Voice* at a press conference. She also met with the Irish deportees earlier in the week; you'll read about that elsewhere in this issue.

HEAD-BUTTING FRIENDS

A 21-YEAR-OLD student jealous because he believed his friend had made a pass at his girlfriend broke the young man's nose in a head-butting attack.

Kieran Oliver Patrick Doyle of Cookstown, Co. Tyrone was ordered at the town court to carry out 120 hours of community service. He admitted assaulting his former friend at a public house in Cookstown in April of last year.

The two men were in the bar when Doyle spotted the injured party looking at him. Doyle walked up to the man, slammed his glass down and grabbed him by the throat, asking why he had been phoning him. Doyle's lawyer said his client head-butted the injured party, and then continued to slam his head against the man's nose. Doyle also invited the man to fight.

The two young men had previously been friends, and the injured party claimed Doyle was making phone calls to him. Relations soured when Doyle believed the injured party had made a pass at his girlfriend.

There had been phone calls between the two houses earlier on the night in question, and the situation escalated out of control when Doyle met his ex-friend in the bar.

The Mid-Ulster Observer

PRIVATE ACT MADE PUBLIC

A LIMAVADY man who urinated on a restaurant floor after being refused permission to use the bathroom was fined £100. Michael Meyers admitted to the indecent behavior at Gentry's restaurant this past July.

Meyers had asked to use the toilet over a period of 10 minutes. He was refused permission and urinated at the front of the premises. His lawyer admitted the behavior was unacceptable. The lawyer also said Meyers was a restaurant customer for 10 years and was well-known to the owner. On this occasion he had come in with a crowd at the end of the night.

Imposing the fine, local judge Bernie Kelly said, "Maybe it will teach him the next time to go where he is supposed to go."

The Mid-Ulster Observer

TRADING PUNCHES

A POLICE officer told Ballyforan court how he came across two men trading punches with each other outside a bar on the opening night of Ballygar Carnival.

Before the court were Enda Mulleady and Brian Daly, both of whom had admitted to public order offenses in Ballygar on August 5. Officer Noel O'Malley said the two defendants wrestled each other to the ground, and he had to separate them. Both were under the influence of drink and couldn't give an explanation for their behavior.

Daly's lawyer Joseph Fahey said his client had too much to drink on the occasion, while Mulleady's lawyer said the fight had arisen over money which one party claimed was owed by the other.

Judge Reilly adjourned the matter for 12 months, ordering that the case could be re-entered within 24 hours if there was the slightest bit of trouble.

Conanacht Tribune

What's Next for Riverdance?

RIVERDANCE has achieved household name status since its amazing debut in 1994, blossoming from a small seven-minute dance number into one of the world's most popular song and dance shows. It's filled theaters both large and small in all kinds of unlikely cities, and has earned a hunk of money for its backers, namely the husband and wife team of producer Moya Doherty and director John McColgan.

But as they say all good things have to end sometime, and McColgan is looking down the road to when *Riverdance* isn't the huge box-office draw that it is today. (Hey, even *Cats* had to end, right?)

All you *Riverdance* fans shouldn't worry, though -- the show is still doing terrific business wherever it goes, and the Broadway takings are as healthy as can be. McColgan is looking ahead to several years' time, and he told the *Sunday Tribune* over the weekend that he and Moya are currently working on a new show that will pick up where *Riverdance* leaves off.

"I call it *Riverdance* meets *Les Miserables*," McColgan says.

Ticket Winners

THANKS to all who entered our *Riverdance* ticket giveaway. Grand prize winner is John Cahill from City Island, New York. The other winners are Nuala Figueroa, Allison Morris, Rosaleen Byrne, Julie McNamee, Brigid Maguire, Lorraine Tooker and Bernadette O'Reilly.



John McColgan: Looks ahead.

"It will be a major show that takes us away from *Riverdance* and on to something of a broad theatrical nature. We're excited about it." Of the continuing life span of *Riverdance*,

McColgan adds, "We tend to book two years ahead, so there's definitely another two years. Very probably another three years. It's not as it was in the first three years, when it was sold out before we opened. Now we're more like any other big show. We're doing good business but we're not sold out all the time. It's something you try to anticipate so that you stop before you trickle out." It's hard to think of *Riverdance* phenomenon ever ending, but the new production, which McColgan says will be ready in about three years, certainly sounds intriguing and is definitely something to look forward to.

Meanwhile, the stars of *Riverdance* here on Broadway are certainly keeping busy. Lead singers Brian Kennedy and Sara Clancy were the entertainers of choice for President Clinton at a Democratic fundraising dinner in Manhattan last week before a small select audience in the home of songwriter/socialite Denise Rich. The chief exec was apparently blown away by Kennedy in particular, and in his speech he praised one of Belfast's most popular musical exports for his talents. The two also had a long private chat, and Clinton told Brian of his continued deep commitment to securing peace in the North.

Want more? You can catch yet another of the show's rising stars, singer Darren Holden, who will appear at the popular Broadway cabaret club Don't Tell Mama on Sunday, October 15 and 22 at 9 p.m. The club is located at 343 West 46th Street, phone 212-757-0788. From what we hear Darren is a very talented singer who's worked with groups such as Boyzone in the past, and is even better when it comes to songwriting, as he's won several composing awards around the world.

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John and Kathy Rhatigan, Donna and Mark Clare.



Irish Consul General Barrie Robinson addresses the audience.



The First Lady poses with *Irish Voice* senior editor Debbie McGoldrick, Alana O'Dowd, and Niall O'Dowd.



Barrie Robinson and Honoree Robert Young.



Adrian McDaid, D.J. Carey.



(Front) Fiona Dunne, Shane Malone, Simon Harris. (Back) Karl Keegan, Andrew Durnin.



Honoree Kathleen Curtin (second from left) with Tony Curtin, Betty Shea, and Kathleen Huvane.



Marty McGoldrick, Peggy Egan.



Honorees Jim McGuire, Maura Kelly, Robert Young, Tony Jackson.
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The First Lady with Patricia Daly, advertising director for *Irish America* magazine.



Award winner Denis Mulcahy, John Fitzpatrick.

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Mrs. Clinton and Linda Gleeson.



Mrs. Clinton meets Nora Murphy.



Simon Harris meets Mrs. Clinton.



Honoree Kathleen Curtin is congratulated by Mrs. Clinton.



Honoree Jim McGuire and his wife Ann Marie.



Miriam and Denis Mulcahy, Gertie Byrne, Tony and Maureen Jackson.



Wendy McGoldrick, Patricia Murphy, Sean Egan.



Brendan Higgins with Mrs. Clinton.



Mrs. Clinton greets Sarah Jones.



Breda Cahill greets the First Lady.

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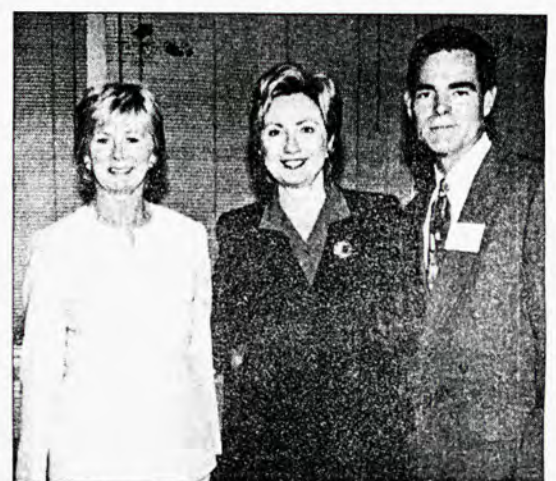
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Pat Costigan receives his Waterford trophy from
Barrie Robinson.



The First Lady is flanked by Mary and Denis Hart.

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Julianne O'Riordan, Tom and Angela Riordan



Rose and Gerry Conway.



Fonzie Farrell, Mrs. Clinton, Therese Crowe.



Gertie Byrne receives her award from Barrie Robinson.



Honorees Gerry Conway, Gertie Byrne, Sean Woods.



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Irish Voters Stress

Survey Shows Gore, Hillary Ahead



BY JIM COLGAN

OVER half of *Irish Voice* readers polled in a telephone survey will vote for Al Gore in the upcoming presidential election, as 53.5% of readers asked about their election choices said they would vote for the Vice President, while 41.5% said they would cast in favor of Governor George Bush. Six percent were undecided.

Readers in New York state were also asked who they would choose in the Senate race. The results were slightly further apart than the presidential poll, with 55.5% of readers opting for First Lady Hillary Clinton over Rick Lazio, at 39.5%. Five percent were yet undecided.

The poll of 135 readers took place last weekend. One of the most interesting statistics to emerge was that the 20% of readers who stated they were voting primarily on the basis of the Irish question were overwhelmingly for Gore and Clinton.

As part of the nationwide poll, readers were also asked what issues have influenced their vote, and whether their Irish or religious background would play a significant role in their decision. Reactions included disillusionment with the opposition and matters of "integrity and character" more than the issues of the day.

Gore supporter Mark Ryan from Mechanicville, New York marked the environment and health care issues as his biggest

THE majority of issues underlying individual choices extended from domestic matters to those based purely on personality. "I just don't like Bush," said Linda Tunney, a Queens resident voting for Gore. Tunney also cited her Irish background as having an influence on her decision, but said she would be voting for neither candidate in the Senate election. "I don't like either of them," she said.

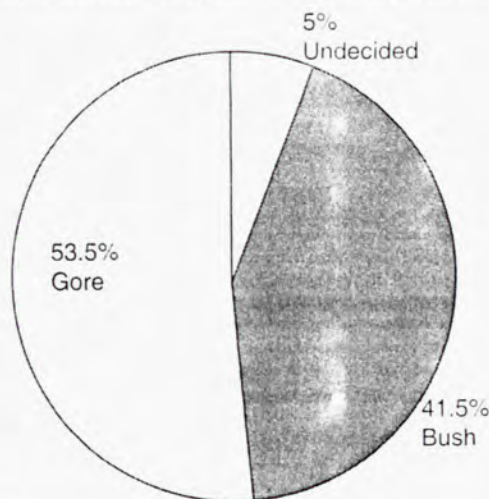
Robert Wilson, also a Gore voter from Waterford in upstate New York, said there were no issues particularly influencing his vote. "I just go with the status quo right now," he says. Although he says religious

Senior citizen Margaret McDonnell of Brewster, New York was also going for Gore, highlighting his plan for Medicare as one of her greatest concerns.

A cynical attitude was also present amongst the responses, with some saying they were simply "voting for the lesser of two evils."

"I'll have to vote for Gore," said Moira Chalom from Beverly Hills, California. "Bush is just a redneck in an expensive suit. He doesn't seem secure in himself," she said. "It's not so much the issues. Bush is an incredibly aggressive man. I will be voting for Gore even though I'm a registered Republican."

Among the determinants of Bush voters, pro-life issues as



"Bush is just a redneck in an expensive suit"

— Gore Voter, Moira Chalom

concerns. Saying his Irish background influenced his decision "very highly," Ryan claimed religion played a large part.

"Oh yeah, I'm a practicing Catholic," he said. Unlike many other New York citizens polled, Ryan was also certain of his choice for the Senate. "Definitely Mrs. Clinton," he said, "purely because she's a Democrat."

his vote, Wilson's Irish background would play a part in certain areas adding, "sometimes it does, sometimes it don't."

Gore supporters were also quick to cite the robust economy, saying a vote for the Democratic candidate would let the good times roll. "I'm not interested in what the Republicans are offering (on the economy)," said John Conway of Far Rockaway.

personality as playing a large role. Adding that Hillary Clinton would be his choice in the Senate election, he remarked that Giuliani would have taken his vote had he still been in the race. "Clinton just has more clout than Lazio," he said.

IN many ways individual issues yielded to matters of personality with voters

North, Abortion

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sticking to traditional voting practices. "I'm not really a one-issue person," said the Bush and Lazio voter, Laurence Redican, from North Massapequa, New York. "There's no one thing that really stands out," he said.

"Vouchers are an important issue to me," said Manhattan resident and Bush supporter Kevin Grant, referring to Bush's support for using tax money to pay for children's tuition to private schools. "Why should only Gore put his children in private schools?" added Grant.

The abortion issue ranked high on the list of voters citing religion as a significant influence. Mary Anne Walsh from Staten Island said Bush would definitely be taking her vote.

ty allegiances as a result of the Democratic record on Ireland."

others felt Irish heritage had no bearing whatsoever. Included in such voters was

"I detest what Republicans have done in the Senate"

— A Clinton supporter, John Prathers.

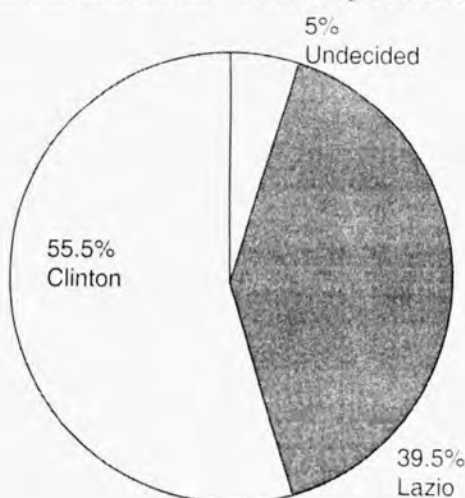
Some attributed the reason to the "legacy left by Clinton," while others highlighted Gore's "recent favorable disposition to the Irish."

Thomas Mahoney from Buffalo Grove in Illinois was stark in his decision to break from his traditional Republican values. "I'm a lifelong Republican, but I'm voting for Gore because

John Parker from Belfast, New York asserting, "It really has nothing to do with being Irish or Catholic. I'm supporting them for the job I think they'll do."

The religious issue was more significant to Republican voters, with Democrats leaning more toward the "I don't pay attention to it" and "Yes, but not radically" response.

This is in contrast to the repeated Republican "absolutely" response common with Bush and Lazio supporters.



"I'm against birth control," she said. "I don't believe in abortion at all. Anyone voting Democrat ought to be ashamed of themselves." Walsh also said Lazio would take her vote in the Senate race but added, "He is definitely not 100%."

Over 20% of those polled did lay claim to their Irish background as an influence over their decision. Not surprisingly, this was mainly from those aligned to the Democrat contingent, but there were a few who crossed par-

ty of his connection to Bill Clinton and the peace process. I guess 99% of my vote is based on my Irish background," he said.

While some made references a little further back in history ("I remember what Bush's Dad did to Joe Doherty" — New Jersey resident, James Mooney),

THE race for the New York Senate was an issue met with a somewhat more indecisive response. Hillary Clinton supporters referred specifically to Senate issues. "I detest what the Republicans have done in the Senate," said John Prathers of Yonkers.

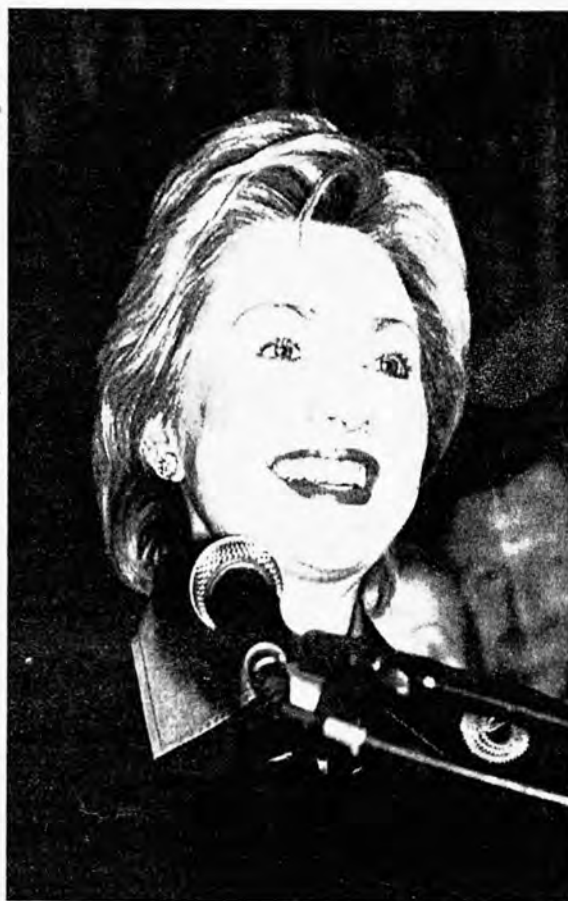
Lazio supporters, on the other hand, generally cited the "carpetbagger issue," noting that Clinton has only recently moved to New York. "She's done nothing in her life. I want someone who's a New Yorker," said Christopher McCoy of Staten Island.

But even an ardent Bush supporter and hater of Hillary-Gore such as McCoy couldn't help but lapse into a cynicism familiar with this time of the year.

"Politics is rotten. It's the same in Ireland," he said.

"She's done nothing in her life. I want someone who is a New Yorker"

—Lazio supporter, Christopher McCoy



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Dozens storm Senate foes' HQs to press AIDS as issue

Dozens of AIDS activists stormed Rick Lazio's and Hillary Rodham Clinton's campaign headquarters yesterday in a bid to force the Senate rivals to focus on the dread disease.

Eight of the protesters, four at each campaign office, were dragged out by police and charged with criminal trespassing and resisting arrest after they chained themselves inside during the demonstrations, staged by Housing Works.

"This is the Rick and Hillary show and it's a farce [that] they haven't mentioned the word AIDS in their campaign — as if it doesn't exist," protester Jose Cruz said outside Clinton's Seventh Avenue headquarters.

Outside Lazio's Park Avenue offices, Loren Feldman said: "We want to force this issue. Neither candidate is saying anything."

Clinton "will be a very strong advocate for greater funding for HIV treatment and research and for housing for persons with AIDS," campaign spokesman Howard Wolfson said.

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■ Bush hit for flip-flop on abort pill / P. 26

By Adam Miller in Syracuse and Ikimulisa Sockwell, Ed Robinson, Robert Hardt Jr. and Maggie Haberman in New York. Written by Haberman

Lazio spokesman Dan McLagan said the GOP candidate has fought for AIDS housing as a Congressman.

In other developments:

■ Clinton defended her change in tone from Monday to Tuesday, when she shifted from a neutral stance to slamming Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat over the Mideast violence.

"It was difficult to determine over the weekend and early Monday whether this was an aberration," she told reporters after speaking to about 250 students at Brooklyn Law School.

But she said it changed Tuesday "when the cease-fire was disregarded."

Lazio said his "heart goes out to those children" who have died in the conflict, after an Arabic TV station reporter said it was "shameful" he hadn't offered sympathy.

"But I think we need to understand that it's not the



FORGOTTEN CAUSE? AIDS activists picket outside Hillary Clinton's campaign headquarters (above) yesterday. Four were arrested there and another four were hauled away from Rick Lazio's office (right).

(N.Y. Post photos by Don Halasy (above), Michael Norcia (right))

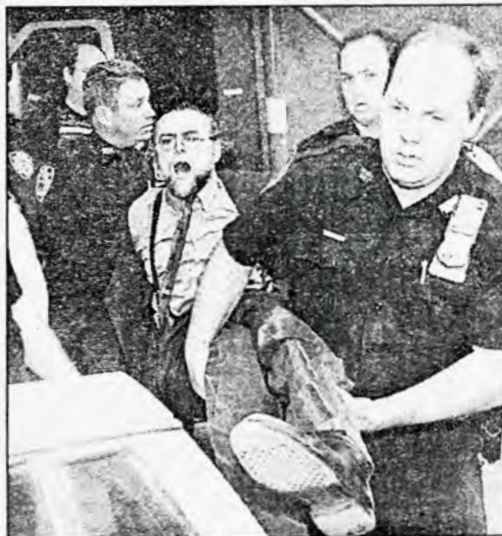
children who are at fault," Lazio said after speaking at the Cherry Lane Elementary School in Suffern. "It's the Palestinian leadership ... who is training young people how to kill Israelis."

■ After her opponent turned down an invitation, Clinton appeared by herself at a forum to appeal for the New York League of Conservation Voters' endorsement, which will be announced Oct. 12.

Lazio insisted he deserves the nod.

"I'm hopeful that they'll make their endorsement on merit. And if that's the case, I think it's going to be a very easy choice for them," he said.

■ Lazio's wife, Pat, a registered nurse, tried to boost her husband's candidacy by touring three upstate breast-cancer centers with the first lady of New York, Liddy Pataki.



PHOTOGRAPH BY MICHAEL NORCIA

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MEDIA WATCH

Hillary's Sunday Boycott

WHY hasn't **Hillary Clinton** been taken to task for refusing to appear on those Sunday talk shows?

The Media Research Center's **Tim Graham** has compiled some pretty amazing statistics: Since April 1999, when the Clinton for Senator talk began picking up steam, she has not appeared on a single one of those network shows — where public officials are routinely grilled by the likes of **Tim Russert** and **Sam Donaldson**. In contrast, **Rick Lazio** has appeared on the Sunday shows eight times in that period — most recently this past Sunday.

The only one who seems to have raised the issue is CNN's **Wolf Blitzer**, who asked top Clinton strategist **Harold Ickes** about it last May. His response: She's been too busy focusing on New York.

Not that Mrs. Clinton hasn't been given a network forum: CBS, CNN and NBC all gave her town-hall meeting forums — a far-less-risky forum at which the questioning was mild and unchallenging.

How many town-hall meetings did the same networks offer to Rick Lazio? You guessed it — zero.

THE news media can barely restrain themselves in vil-

ifying former Israeli Foreign Minister **Ariel Sharon** in the wake of the outbreak of Arab violence.

"A man loathed by many Palestinians," said WNBC/Ch. 4. The BBC's Web site highlights Sharon's "blood-tainted past." And almost every news story — both in print and on TV — invariably rehashes Sharon's role as the "mastermind" of Israel's "disastrous" invasion of Lebanon and the man held "indirectly responsible for the massacre of Palestinians" in the Sabra and Shatilla refugee camps.

But when was the last time you heard **Yasser Arafat** referred to, correctly, as a man "loathed by many Israelis"? Or read a news story describing him as the "mastermind" of any one of dozens of murderous attacks against Israelis and Americans?

The same BBC Web site that demonizes Sharon lauds Arafat as the man who "carries on his shoulders the burdens" of the Palestinian "struggle." There's a brief reference to the PLO having "taken up arms" — but stresses that Arafat himself "never lacked for personal courage."

Indeed, there's one word conspicuously missing from that profile: "terrorist."

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NEAL TRAVIS NEW YORK

Hill & Bill's Rich friends

TIME goes fast when at least one of you is having fun! **Bill** and **Hillary Clinton** will be in New York next Wednesday to celebrate, with a small group of friends, their 25th wedding anniversary.

(I'm still trying to work out what it would be in horn-dog years.)

I expect **Hillary** will spend the early part of the evening over at **Denise Rich's** Fifth Avenue home, where the music producer is hosting a dinner for former Soviet President **Mikhail Gorbachev**.

Gorby will get an "Angel of Peace" award at the dinner, which is a warm-up for Denise's Nov. 30 G&P Foundation gala benefiting cancer research.

The dinner list is under wraps, but I'd guess that some of those coming would include Rich friends like the charitable **Fergie**, Duchess of York, **Barbara Walters**, **Andrew Cuomo**, Sen. **Charles Schumer**, Cal and **Kelly Ripken Jr.** and gabster **Larry King**.

Others likely on the list are **Lauren Bacall**, **Christie Brinkley** and **Peter Cook**, **Placido Domingo**, **Goldie Hawn** and **Mikhail Baryshnikov**, who can maybe talk to Gorby about getting his Russian citizenship restored.

The second Gore-Bush debate is that night, so Denise will set up the first floor of her grand home as a media room for those who want to watch.

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Hill hops off the fence to take a swipe at Arafat

By MAGGIE HABERMAN
in Buffalo
and GREGG BIRNBAUM
in New York

Hillary Rodham Clinton yesterday dropped her neutral stance on the recent violence between Israelis and Palestinians — and demanded that Yasser Arafat act to halt the bloodshed.

Clinton's comments were a turnaround from the day before, when she declined to cast blame on either side — and disappointed some of her Jewish backers by sounding more like a diplomatic first lady than a pro-Israel candidate for Senate.

Her remarks also come after her opponent Rick Lazio on Monday beat her to the punch, coming out strongly against Arafat and charging that the Palestinians were responsible for the unrest.

"It is incumbent upon Chairman Arafat to do everything in his power to stop the violence and to maintain the cease-fire that was reached yesterday," Clinton told reporters.

"I would urge Chairman Arafat in the strongest possible terms to take whatever action he possibly can as quickly as he can."

Clinton also praised Israel for its handling of the fighting that has left more than 50 dead, saying, "The Israelis have tried to respond and contain it."

Lazio ratcheted up his second day of comments on the Middle East, urging that the United States cut off aid if the Palestinian Authority doesn't contain the violence.

"America is not going to finance the Palestinian Authority if it resorts to violence and if that leads to the breakdown of the possibility of a peace accord," Lazio said after speaking to a class at a high school in East Islip, L.I.

Meanwhile, the Lazio campaign announced that Lazio's wife, Patricia, and New York state First Lady Libby Pataki today will hit the campaign trail upstate to promote "breast cancer awareness" — but their tour is obviously geared toward boosting the GOP



TAKING A STANCE: With city Comptroller Alan Hvesi on hand, Hillary talks of the Mideast yesterday at the Fashion Institute of Technology. N.Y. Post: Susan May Tell

hopeful's standing with women.

Mrs. Lazio and Mrs. Pataki will appear in Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse and tomorrow will borrow Lazio's "Mainstream Express" bus to stump in the New York City area.

Mrs. Lazio has little experience on the campaign trail, but Mrs. Pataki has had her share of run-ins with Clinton.

Mrs. Pataki took a swipe at Clinton last year, saying of the first lady, "I am happy every day that I wake up and I don't walk in her shoes."

In Buffalo, Clinton also

said she is adding "dozens" of fund-raisers to her schedule to make up for her agreed-to ban on soft money.

The first lady tonight will attend a forum sponsored by the League of Conservation Voters, which Lazio will miss — a move that is likely to cost him the environmental group's endorsement.

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Hillary in the Spotlight

If you like comedy, you might want to catch the performance tonight being staged by the New York League of Conservation Voters.

It's a one-woman act, called "Debate on the Environment." It stars one of politics' top actresses: Hillary Clinton.

The show, of course, was not billed as a comedy. Nor was it intended as a one-woman act.

But Rep. Rick Lazio opted out, not wanting to play the patsy before a group that prefers Democrats, and whose board members include one of Hillary's personal acting coaches (and best buddies), Bobby Kennedy.

Kennedy, who hugs trees professionally, has already come out for Hillary.

That was a shocker; after all, he'd only been *coaching* her on his own personal views on the environment.

Kennedy's endorsement came just a day after one of the league's members, the Sierra Club, also endorsed the first lady. (Fancy that — just a day!)

The club didn't let a little thing like Hillary's lack of a record keep it from endorsing one of Bobby's star pupils.

Now it's the league's turn to "choose." But will tonight's show — er, charade — really matter? Is there any chance Hillary won't get the group's nod?

Hardly.

Forget Kennedy and the Sierra Club; look at who the league has backed: Republicans could fit in a phone booth.

Yes, the group endorsed Lazio during his congressional races. But that's because he was a sure bet to win and the group got points for being "non-partisan." Similarly, it endorsed George Pataki — Gov. Green Jeans himself — in 1998 against Peter Vallone.

But Lazio has genuine environmental bona fides. He's co-sponsored bills to protect the Northeast from acid rain and he co-wrote the Long Island Sound Restoration Act. He's been a one-man guardian of the Sound, New York's forests and watershed. And he's voted for quick dredging of the Hudson.

Indeed, he's considered one of the most pro-environmental Republicans in the House, winning higher marks than many Democrats; Kennedy himself has praised Lazio's record — which is so pro-earth and pro-tree that we've questioned it ourselves at times.

But politics are sure to trump principles here, and the league will no doubt back its powerful friend from Arkansas.

So tonight's show must go on — even without Lazio.

It should be a real side-splitter.

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Rick blasts Palestinians and Clinton

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cent discovery of the region.

Lazio got a standing ovation from about 100 seniors in Yonkers when he vowed to protect Social Security and Medicare and do more to make prescription drugs affordable.

In Rochester, Mrs. Clinton spoke at an event for breast-cancer awareness — and was slammed by a Republican state senator for politicizing it.

"I think it smacks of opportunism," said state Sen. James Alesi (R-Monroe County). "This has never been a political event."

A Clinton spokeswoman said the first lady was invited by Rep. Louise Slaughter (D-Monroe County), who also attended.

Meanwhile, a new statewide poll showed Clinton with a 4 percentage-point edge over Lazio.

The survey by John Zogby International had the first lady at 48 percent and Lazio at 44 percent — a slightly smaller lead than several recent polls have found.

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Rick rips Palestinians, blasts Bill over Mideast

By Gregg Birnbaum in Yonkers and Maggie Haberman in Rochester

Rick Lazio yesterday aimed Yasser Arafat and the Palestinians for the recent violence in the Middle East — and charged that resident Clinton's "silence has been deafening."

"I think it's indefensible, frankly, that the administration has been silent," Lazio said. "I think the silence has been deafening in terms of condemning Yasser Arafat's embrace of violence and the violence that has been created by the Palestinians against Israelis."

Speaking to reporters after visiting a senior center in Yonkers, the GOP Senate hopeful added, "I think the president, the administration... should've already spoken out forcefully against that violence and asked the Palestinians to refrain from any one of that activity."

Lazio's broadside at resident Clinton's handling of the unrest that is left dozens dead comes at a time when the candidate is seen as faltering in efforts to garner support in the New York Jewish community.

His Democratic rival, Hillary Rodham Clinton, as measured in her remarks about the bloodshed — not placing blame on either side.

"I think we have to look at getting the violence to stop, and that has to be everybody's primary focus right now," Mrs. Clinton said while campaigning in state.

The first lady pointedly did not criticize Israeli air strikes against Hamas, but was rebuked by the State Department last week for provoking the violence by visiting disputed sites in Jerusalem.

Meanwhile, President Clinton, sans Hillary, plans to hit the New York fundraising circuit for his bid — in two counties upstate, where Republicans outnumber Democrats.

"I think it's terrific," Mrs. Clinton said of the president's trip later this month.

"It will be good for upstate to have that kind of attention the president brings to places that residents don't normally visit," he added, jabbing Lazio with what she called his recent visit.



HAS HIS EAR: Rick Lazio gets a pinch from Sonia Milani during a stop yesterday at a senior center in Yonkers, where he criticized the Clinton administration for "silence" on recent Mideast violence.

Helaine D'Amico

Meeting Egan a blessed event for Lazio

RICK LAZIO enjoyed a private huddle last week with one of the city's most important leaders — Archbishop Edward Egan.

Lazio and his wife, Patricia, met



HOWDY: Rick Lazio is greeted by Archbishop Edward Egan at a parade Sunday.

with Egan in his offices at St. Patrick's Cathedral for a half-hour session that wasn't announced on Lazio's public schedule.

"It went very, very well," said a source.

Lazio, who is Catholic, requested the meeting with Egan, who succeeded the late John Cardinal O'Connor earlier this year.

The Republican Senate hopeful has been leading opponent Hillary Rodham Clinton, a Methodist, with Catholic voters, who make up the single largest voting bloc in the state.

Clinton briefly spoke to Egan during the Labor Day parade last month when she marched along Fifth Avenue past the cathedral.

Both candidates will likely speak with Egan in two weeks at the Al Smith Dinner — a major event for Catholic charities that will also be attended by presidential candidates Al Gore and George W. Bush.

Many pundits have been saying that Lazio's stock is down — it's also literally true.

The University of Iowa's political futures market — which lets people invest in candidates as if they were

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ROBERT HARDT JR. AND GREGG BIRNBAUM

stocks — yesterday had Lazio at a record low price of 25 cents a share.

Lazio's high point in the market was on Aug. 3 when a share — which matures to \$1 if a candidate wins an election — was selling for 48 cents.

In contrast, Clinton yesterday was selling at 74 cents a share — way up from her price of 50 cents just two months ago.

Lazio hasn't been doing as well as a Republican should upstate, but he may have found room to grow — thanks to Hillary's all-but-forgotten Democratic primary rival.

The first lady's former foe, Dr. Mark McMahon, exposed a weakness in Clinton's support in several central New York counties where residents are furious about Indian land claims.

Statewide, McMahon got 18 percent of the Democratic vote in last

month's Senate primary — but the unknown political newcomer won about 30 percent in Oneida and Madison counties.

Lazio's advisers said homeowners there are blaming the Clinton administration for not backing their fight against Indian claims on their land — and the campaign may soon try to capitalize on that anger with shots at both Bill and Hill on the issue.

Pat Lazio isn't the only good Samaritan in the Senate race.

Lazio, a nurse, rushed to the aid of a stricken security guard following the Senate debate in Buffalo last month.

Two Clinton aides had a similar experience last week when they called 911 at a Koshers Delight restaurant near their Seventh Avenue headquarters.

The aides, Sean Sweeney and Matthew Hiltzik, watched in horror as a fellow patron had a seizure and collapsed in convulsions.

Sweeney urged the man to stay on the ground and keep immobile. The two men then directed restaurant workers to turn the man on his side, called 911 on Sweeney's cell phone, and waited for paramedics to arrive.

ADWATCH

CANDIDATE: Rick Lazio
TITLE: "Bill"
LENGTH: 30 seconds.
PRODUCER: Mike Murphy
AIRING: Statewide, starting Sunday
SCRIPT: Jerina: "My life-long goal was to go to work."
Brian: "I've always wanted to be productive."
Announcer: "For too long, Medicaid rules told the disabled if they took a job, they'd lose their nursing care."
Jerina: "And so there I was facing some really hard choices."
Announcer: "Rick Lazio wrote the work-incentives bill that protects disabled people from losing their benefits."
Jerina: "Rick's bill brought me a real sense of hope."
Brian: "For once, I'll be able to go to work and be like everyone else — a normal guy."



IMAGES: Two disabled people in wheelchairs are shown at home and at work as the announcer talks about Lazio's sponsorship of the bill to help them. There is also a brief shot of Lazio talking with Gov. Pataki, who appears in another Lazio campaign ad released last week.

ACCURACY: This ad severely stretches the truth by implying that Jerina and Frank are being helped by Lazio's bill. In fact, Pataki and the state Legislature have never signed on to the federal program, which would allow some physically and mentally handicapped people to remain eligible for Medicaid while working. Lazio's aides insist that Pataki will sign the necessary paperwork in time for the next year's budget.

ANALYSIS: By featuring people in wheelchairs, Lazio is trying to play up the compassion factor and show voters that he's reaching out to those who need help the most. It is somewhat disingenuous, however, to boast of a federal program that disabled New Yorkers aren't yet able to take advantage of.

RESPONSE: Hillary Rodham Clinton's spokeswoman Karen Dunn: "This ad is a cruel and cynical fraud. This bill hasn't helped a single New Yorker — and it won't until Mr. Lazio persuades his allies in Albany to make it law. Instead of bragging about a bill which didn't help New Yorkers, Rick Lazio should explain his real record of consistently voting to hurt New York."

— Robert Hardt Jr.

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Bully pulpit backfired on Lazio

MARGOT HENTOFF, who is voting for Rick Lazio, has a definite impression of his inner nature.

"He reminds me of one of those typical weak, wussy dentists from Long Island," Margot said.

This shallow and callow "soul of a dentist" image seems to be sticking to Lazio. And it seems a partial explanation for why Lazio is not clicking with undecided voters and has been losing ground to Hillary Clinton.

Another striking job description metaphor about Lazio comes from columnist Jimmy Breslin.

"He's a salesman of used Honda cars on Route 27!" Breslin roared after seeing Lazio's debate performance Sept. 13.

"He's the guy who shoves the bill of sale in your face and says 'Sign here' before you can think, or test drive the thing."



**JACK
NEWFIELD**

The moment at their first debate when Lazio left his assigned podium, crossed the stage, and invaded Hillary Clinton's space, demanding she sign a pledge to ban soft money, has been replayed endlessly.

TV has made this stunt the turning point of the campaign. Since then, six different polls show Hillary rising; three of them show her above the magic 50 percent threshold.

I didn't grasp the gender symbolism of the moment until the next day, when several women

pointed it out to me.

Now I realize lots of women, when they looked at Lazio on TV, actually saw their husbands — or ex-husbands — berating them over some old credit card bill, demanding explanations for extravagance, hectoring, badgering.

Many women — soccer moms, suburban professionals — saw Lazio's stunt as overly macho, impolite, and bordering on menacing.

I can't image Lazio doing the same thing to a quick-witted man, if he had been debating, say, fellow Long Island Republican Rep. Peter King (who is also quick-fisted) or Charlie Rangel or Bill Bratton or Rudy Giuliani, or Charles Schumer or Mario Cuomo.

He thought he could take advantage of a woman with a bullying stunt. And that's precisely what women resent.

Remember the spontaneous moment at the 1982 Post debate between Mario Cuomo and Lew Lehrman, when Lehrman tried to interrupt Cuomo from finishing a thought by pointing to his watch?

Cuomo looked over at his opponent's wrist, grabbed his Rolex, and quipped, "Oh, that's a real expensive watch, Lew" — instinctively casting Lehrman as the rich Republican.

So what would Cuomo have done if Lazio got in his face in a debate?

"I would have reacted like I did in a gin mill on Court Street 35 years ago," the ex-governor replied.

"I would have been a wiseguy. I would have told Lazio he better start using a deodorant. When he got too close, I would have asked him if he was intending to kiss me. I would have been a wiseguy to put him back in his place."

Although the robotic Hillary reacted poorly — like a deer in the headlights — to Lazio's ploy in pure debate terms, the tactic caused a backlash anyway. Lazio unwittingly thrust Hillary back into the role she does best at — victim.

Hillary wins when she is Ingrid Bergman in "Gaslight," enduring adversity.

Hillary loses when she is Sharon Stone — strong, scheming, independent.

Lazio made women feel sorry for Hillary.

And some men saw Lazio as unchivalrous, for trying to intimidate a woman.

Lazio made himself look immature, harsh, gimmicky.

Lazio has been running a strange campaign. Its negativism seems more geared toward turning out his Hillary-hating base than converting the undecided.

He still offers no positive message, no affirmative plan. He attacked Hillary as a carpetbagger more than he detailed his own education plan.

Lazio has been running for four months and he has still not defined himself.

That's why people still tend to see him not as a senator but in the metaphor of other jobs — like dentist or used car salesman.

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Commentary

A.M. ROSENTHAL

Hillary Rodham Clinton has a lot going for her in the New York senatorial race and is using it well and adroitly. She has world fame, the power, staff and machinery of the White House, a strong, unsundering spirit, and the Bill-Hilly team that has become the most dauntingly effective money-raising operation in American political history.

And she has luck. She is running against Rick Lazio, a good Republican candidate but who has had months less campaigning time than she because he got in only after prostate cancer made Mayor Rudy Giuliani drop out.

What's more, if she wins she senatorial seat she has the possibility of a future that would reach beyond New York state — back to the White House, no more first lady but first person, the presidency itself. She is just as clever as her husband, clever good and clever bad, and with a self-control that makes him look like a pubescent boy.

If you think the idea of Sen. Hillary nominated for president is a laugh, you may have lots of smile-wiping to do at Convention time eight years from now.

Even if she is not nominated for the presidency, the vision of its possibility gives her additional personal strength, leverage and money scoopage in New York — and way beyond.

Senate race with mood swings

But what do you know — with all the fame, power and future-vision she has, Hillary Rodham Clinton might very well lose the senatorial election. The polls put her ahead but not enough to make her or her supporters the least bit smug. Mr. Lazio's Republican and independent backers are intelligently and increasingly hopeful.

One reason for the Lazio strength is that as a three-term member of the House of Representatives, he has proven his electability in New York state. He is more sophisticated about its needs than her earnest boning up made her. At least she has learned to stop saying "we New Yorkers."

The press and Clintonites had convinced some New Yorkers that a good-looking man of 42 with a moderate conservative congressional record had to be some kind of lightweight. The state knows better now.

Reason No. 2: By taking a few steps toward Mrs. Clinton during their only debate, Mr. Lazio accomplished more for the American political ethic in a few seconds than she can show for decades of war room politicking and first ladying. On that brief walk, he held out a paper pledging them both to forgo



"HER LADYSHIP'S FEELING FAINT! DOESN'T THAT BRUTE LAZIO KNOW ONE CAN'T APPROACH HER LADY'S PODIUM WITHOUT HER PERMISSION?"

soft money. Some women say he was too forward and invaded Mrs. Clinton's platform space. If a candidate is horrified and frightened at the sight of an opponent walking a few feet toward her, now is the time to figure out some other way to make a living.

But Mrs. Clinton is much too

strong to be frightened; she was flustered, upset and nervous, and showed all three.

She had said before that she didn't like soft money — contributions political parties can use without limit on the amount of donations. The money buys ads that promote party candidate — so long as they

don't come out and say "vote for our man." It is a legalized scam.

Mrs. Clinton dithered and slithered for a week before she agreed, kind of. Then out West she flew so she and her husband could sweep up for other Democratic candidates the same contributions of soft money she had agreed with Mr. Lazio, on paper, were not for New York candidates to collect for themselves.

In themselves, making speeches and spending eight years in the White House do not a senator make — not if the speeches are void of intellectual inspiration and the White House work is without accountability or public knowledge.

Mrs. Clinton and her husband have an endless supply of gall. They said in 1992 that if Mr. Clinton were elected president, America would get two for one, ignoring that this was not what the Constitution had in mind. Mrs. Clinton began acting as a kind of deputy president with unofficial authority over many Cabinet members.

Then, secrecy, another Clintonian characteristic — larger in her than in him — made her fall on her face. The president gave his wife

control over drawing up the Clinton health plan. She ran the meetings so tightly and so secretively that they collapsed entirely and killed any good bill until — until who knows when.

But she picked herself up, as years later she had to do from the scandals with which her husband decorated the White House. She built a secret compartment of power for herself in the White House.

Publicly, however, she presented herself in an entirely different role — first nanny of the nation. But she had her own almost paranoid enemy list — like the national right-wing network she conjured up and charged had cooked up the story about that other woman in the Oval Office.

Intelligence, self-control, desire for power, education, skill in politics, loving mother, presidential possibility, large loyal following, together make her a symbol to many of women's progress.

Never elected, never appointed, secretive, crossing the line between planning and scheming, taking authority without accountability, together make her a symbol of advancement by wedding ring.

Two lists, one choice.

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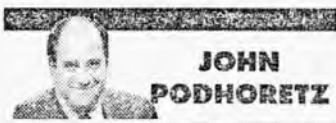
Rick Lazio's Losing Bet

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POSTOPINION

TWO weeks ago, Rick Lazio chose to make campaign-finance reform the centerpiece of his Senate campaign against Hillary Rodham Clinton. He demanded she sign a piece of paper banning the use of "soft money" on television commercials. The two campaigns entered into what they called, without irony, "summit meetings" on the matter — as though the source of funds for TV ads was an issue as vital as the arms race or Mideast peace.

The deal was finally struck. Pundits claimed it was a huge victory for the Republican.



**JOHN
PODHORETZ**

But it did not benefit Lazio. Instead, Hillary Clinton has risen somewhere between 5 and 8 points in the polls, while Lazio has either remained exactly where he was, or fallen off a bit. Lazio has been blamed for Hillary's surge either because he was too aggressive in their first debate or because he hasn't worked hard enough to woo upstate voters.

Still, the fact remains: Lazio bet heavily on campaign-finance reform — and has learned to his sorrow that it's a losing bet.

When, when, when will the articulate class and the McCainiacs acknowledge that the whole issue of campaign-finance reform is a non-starter?

First of all, it's far too complicated for anyone but us policy wonks to sort out.

There are various ways to spend money to get a candidate elected or to work for the defeat of another. There's "hard money" — made up of direct contributions to specific campaigns. All donations to candidates for national office are limited by a strict campaign-finance law passed in 1974 in the wake of Watergate to a maximum of \$1,000 apiece. Lazio got Hillary to agree that henceforth, her ads would be paid for, as his are, entirely with "hard money."

There's "soft money," which is raised by political parties in increments of \$5,000 and which, due to a series of Supreme Court decisions that found unconstitutional various elements of the 1974 law, is now essentially unregulated. Hillary has raised a lot of it but has now agreed not to use it for commercials — though she and Lazio will both use it for efforts at voter turnout.

There are "independent expenditures," efforts at express advocacy for the election or defeat of a candidate. As long as their money is spent without consulting the candidate or campaign that stands to benefit from the expenditure, they are not considered campaign contributions and are therefore deemed pure political speech — and therefore not subject to any regulation.

These are the sorts of ads that have directly targeted Hillary — and she demanded that Lazio convince those groups running commercials and direct-mail efforts against her to refrain from doing so in exchange for her pledge to avoid the use of soft money.

Confused yet? You should be — and the point is that all these finely calibrated distinctions are the unintended consequence of the effort made in the early 1970s to control political speech. That's, alas, something politicians actually like to do. It wasn't hard for Hillary to get Lazio to agree to pressuring the independent-expenditure groups because elected politicians don't like them (these groups are "off-message" by definition, due to the inability to coordinate their messages with the candidates) and wish they would go away.

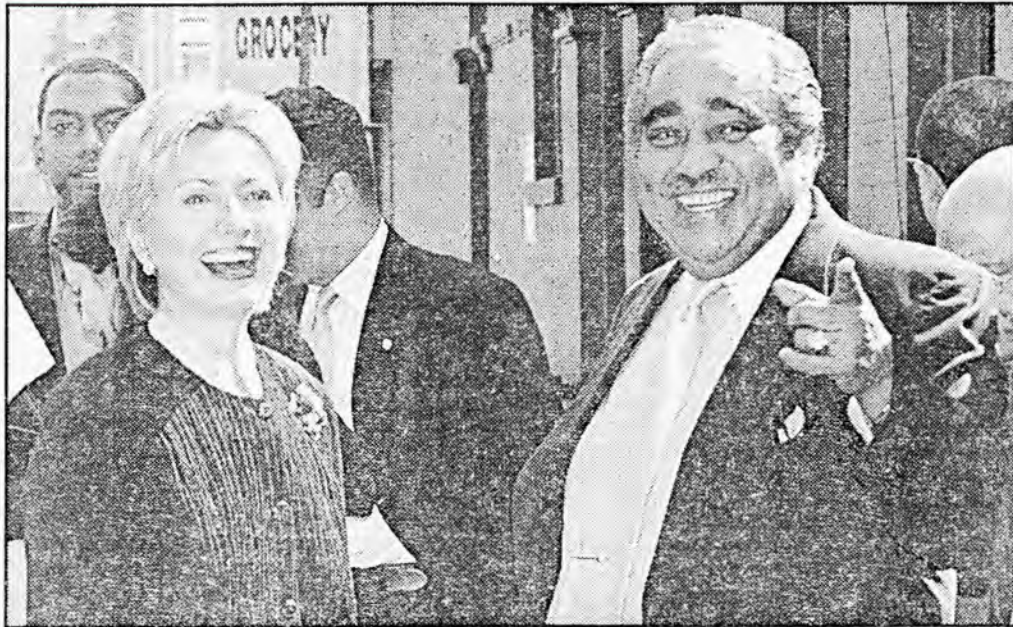
Voters who don't understand or care to understand all this implicitly understand something — that efforts like Lazio's, whose purpose is to make the candidate seem noble, are just another form of political jockeying. Though John McCain and others have championed campaign-finance reform because they fear the public's disillusionment with politics is due to the presence of impure money, ordinary people are right to shy away from purification rituals — and to view those who advocate such rituals with suspicion.

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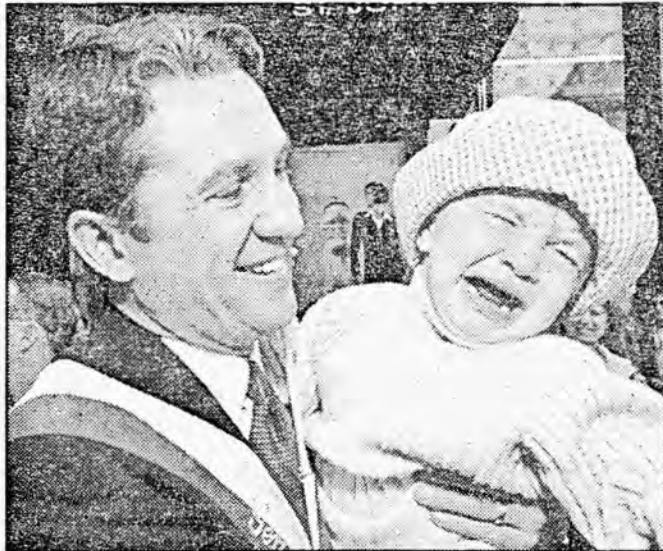
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STUMPING: Hillary Rodham Clinton (above) yesterday schmoozes Rep. Charles Rangel after addressing the congregation at St. Phillips Episcopal Church in Harlem, while Rick Lazio (right) has his hands full with a crying child at the Pulaski Day Parade on Fifth Avenue.

Mary Altaffer (above).
Helayne Seidman



RICK: '86' MEDICAID FOR RU-486

By GREGG BIRNBAUM
and MAGGIE HABERMAN

Rick Lazio said yesterday that he opposed using public funds to help poor women afford the just-approved abortion pill RU-486 — putting him at odds with opponent Hillary Rodham Clinton.

"I would not say for abortion purposes that RU-486 ought to be picked up as a Medicaid expense for the federal government," Lazio said during an appearance on NBC's "Meet the Press."

"I just don't think taxpayers should do it."

Lazio said he does support the Food and Drug Administration's green light last Thursday for the abortion pill, which ends pregnancy by inducing early miscarriage.

Lazio's position on RU-486 and its funding mirrors his stance on surgical abortion, which he also favors keeping legal but opposes paying for with Medicaid.

"I've never been a supporter of public funding on abortion, except for rape or incest," Lazio said.

Clinton backs the FDA's approval of the abortion pill and also believes it should be paid for by Medicaid, said her spokesman Howard Wolfson.

"If you support allowing poor women to have abortions, why wouldn't you favor Medicaid funding for [RU-486]?" Wolfson asked.

RU-486 is expected to cost about the same as a first-trimester abortion once it hits the American market, experts said.

Lazio also distanced himself from fellow Republican George W. Bush on RU-486, after the presidential hopeful called the FDA's action "wrong" and said he feared it would make abortions more widespread.

"I disagree with him on this," Lazio said. "It's another way a woman can make a choice and I support that."

Lazio also sought to keep the focus on his Democratic rival's integrity by questioning her

role in the White House Travel Office firings and the long-missing Rose Law Firm billing records.

"These have not brought credibility upon the White House," Lazio said. "I believe that we can do better."

Clinton made appearances at three Harlem churches, as part of a drive to make sure African-American voters are excited about her candidacy and go out to the polls on Nov. 7.

Speaking to reporters, Clinton said she wasn't concerned about the most recent campaign-finance reports, which showed Lazio with three times as much cash on hand.

"He will outspend me considerably, on the television, on the radio, and I'm just going to keep raising money and talking about the issues, and I believe that my stands on the issues are much more in line with most New Yorkers," Clinton said.

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The New York Times

In Break With Bush, Lazio Supports Approval of the Abortion Pill

By ADAM NAGOURNEY
and ERIC LIPTON

Rick A. Lazio declared yesterday that he supported the F.D.A.'s approval of the abortion-inducing drug RU-486, breaking from the position taken by his party's presidential nominee, George W. Bush. But Mr. Lazio, the Republican candidate for Senate in New York, said he opposed allowing the government to pay for the drug for poor women.

"I disagree with him on this," Mr. Lazio said of Mr. Bush in explaining his support for the ruling by the Food and Drug Administration allowing the marketing of RU-486, or mifepristone. "I think the F.D.A. signed off on safety. It ought to be available. And it's, again, another way a woman can make a choice."

As Mr. Lazio took a step away from his electoral base, Hillary Rodham Clinton took a step toward hers yesterday, campaigning at black churches in Harlem, urging parishioners to "put a red circle" around Election Day on their calendars, a plea that signaled the importance she is attaching to a high turnout among black voters.

Mrs. Clinton invoked the pioneers of the nation's civil rights struggles as she urged parishioners to be sure to vote on Nov. 7. Her entreaties were the kind that politicians usually save for the final days of a campaign, and reflected concern among some Democrats that she can no longer count on the automatic strong turnout among black voters that seemed likely when her opponent was Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, who quit the race in May.

"If we don't vote, we turn our backs on everybody from Harriet Tubman to Frederick Douglass to Dr. Martin Luther King," Mrs. Clinton said at St. Luke African Methodist Episcopal Church on Amsterdam Avenue and 153rd Street, the third stop during the tour, where she half-danced her way down the aisle and out the church to the swelling chorus of a gospel choir. "We basically are saying, 'We don't want to be citizens after all, do we?' We don't want to do the most basic job of citizenship, which is to cast our vote."

Mr. Lazio's position on RU-486, that he supports its distribution but does not believe Medicaid should pay for it, was evidence of the conflicting pressures he faces as he tries to present himself as a moderate Republican without alienating conservatives who have been extremely important to his financial and electoral support. He describes himself as "pro-choice," but his candidacy has been opposed by abortion advo-



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Left, Hillary Rodham Clinton at a church in Harlem with, far left, Michelle Clemens, the pastor's wife; former Mayor David N. Dinkins; Representative Charles B. Rangel; and City Councilman Bill Perkins. Right, Rick A. Lazio greeted David Johnson in Manhattan.



Vincent Laforet/The New York Times

cacy groups because he supports several restrictions on the practice, this one being the latest.

"I would not say that for abortion purposes that RU-486 ought to be picked up as a Medicaid expense from the federal government," Mr. Lazio said on "Meet the Press" on NBC. "If the state wants to deal with it, if the private sector wants to pick up the cost, if people want to make sure that they generate dollars to help low-income women pay for that, that's fine. I just don't think taxpayers should do it."

The remarks by the two candidates came on a warm October day that found Mr. Lazio traveling to Washington in the morning for a television interview and back to New York, where he slid between two ethnic cultures celebrating near each other: the Pulaski Day Parade, which started at Fifth Avenue and 26th Street, and the Korean Day Festival, on 32nd Street west of Fifth Avenue.

At the parade, Mr. Lazio marched 27 blocks with Mayor Giuliani at his side. (Mr. Giuliani, characteristically, kept marching up Fifth Avenue when Mr. Lazio turned off at 53rd Street.) Reflecting the changing ethnic composition of the city, patches of the sidewalk were vacant along parts of the parade route, but Mr. Giuliani and Mr. Lazio seemed unperturbed.

On both sides of Fifth Avenue, small groups of people holding "Lazio for Senate" signs planted themselves where Mr. Lazio walked by, and once he passed, raced a block ahead to wait for him again. The

effect was something like the rolling, repeating backdrop in cartoons produced before computerized animation. For Mr. Lazio, it ensured that there was always at least one supportive sign in the background for the television cameras to capture.

Mr. Lazio has made a point of appearing on the national talk shows in Washington, something that Mrs. Clinton has avoided. ("I'm going to keep talking to the voters of New York and the press of New York and keep traveling around the state," she said when asked yesterday. "That is where I am going to be spending my time.")

Mr. Lazio's advisers view the appearances as a way of generating campaign contributions from supporters across the nation, and have asserted that Mrs. Clinton's refusal to appear reflects timidity on her part. Mr. Lazio's appearance with Tim Russert, the host of the first debate between the candidates, was a good deal longer and more detailed than many of his interviews with reporters who regularly cover his campaign: his news conference in New York yesterday, for example, lasted three minutes.

Besides detailing his position on RU-486, Mr. Lazio said he had no regrets about the aggressive posture he struck toward Mrs. Clinton during their debate. Several polls have suggested that Mr. Lazio hurt himself with that debate, when he walked across the stage and urged Mrs. Clinton to sign a paper renouncing the use of soft money.

Some Republicans have suggested that Mr. Lazio find some way to offer

amends for his actions in preparation for the next debate, which is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Sunday on WCBS-TV.

At a lunch with reporters upstate last week, Mr. Lazio seemed to acknowledge that the first debate had not gone as well as his advisers had originally claimed. "Actually, it turned out some of those questions were probably not good for me," he said with a small smile and without elaborating.

But that was not his reaction yes-

As one candidate steps away from his base, the other takes a step toward hers.

terday on "Meet the Press." When Mr. Russert asked him, "You don't think you were menacing or impolite?" Mr. Lazio answered, "I don't think so at all."

At another point, Mr. Lazio sought to explain what a number of Republicans said was an error he made at the debate, when he proclaimed that the upstate economy had turned a corner.

"Upstate New Yorkers would be the first to say that we have turned the corner on the failed policies of the Cuomo administration," Mr. Lazio said. And then, apparently recalling

that Mr. Russert was Gov. Mario M. Cuomo's communications director before he got into the news business, Mr. Lazio hastened to add: "No insult to you."

Mrs. Clinton supports the F.D.A. decision on RU-486 and Medicaid financing for it as well, a spokesman said last night.

Kelli Conlin, the president of the New York chapter of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League, and an opponent of Mr. Lazio, criticized his remarks: "Once again, he's trying to restrict the number of women who can have access to a legal method of abortion."

The chairman of the state Conservative Party, Michael Long, who is a strong supporter of Mr. Lazio and an opponent of abortion, said he was not happy with Mr. Lazio's position, but not surprised by it. "We knew going into this race that Lazio was pro-choice," Mr. Long said. "I wish he weren't, but I knew he was."

Mrs. Clinton toured the churches with an escort of some of the city's most prominent black politicians, among them Representative Charles B. Rangel, the Harlem Democrat; Assemblyman Herman D. Farrell Jr.; and Bill Perkins, the city councilman. David N. Dinkins, the former mayor, joined her at the last church.

The Rev. Al Sharpton, the civil rights leader, was not on hand yesterday, and Mrs. Clinton's advisers said that she had no immediate plans to campaign with a figure that the first lady has for the most part avoided this year.

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GOP man's 'side effect' may boost Hill

A TOP political aide to Gov. Pataki might reluctantly help elect Hillary Rodham Clinton to the U.S. Senate, worried Republicans have told The Post.

The Republicans said that Pataki political guru Kieran Mahoney, one of the state's best-known GOP strategists, must work to get out a heavy New York City voter turnout in his new role as consultant to business groups backing the \$3.8 billion transportation bond act that will be on the Nov. 7 ballot.

The problem, the Republicans say, is that city voters — who tend to strongly favor bond-act proposals — are heavily Democratic, and a strong city turnout will boost

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Clinton's chances of defeating Republican contender U.S. Rep. Rick Lazio.

Heavily Republican upstate voters regularly cast their ballots against bond acts.

"Kieran may not want to do it, but the effect of what it is he's being hired to do will be to benefit

Hillary," said a high-level Pataki administration official.

"Kieran is going to have to get out the city vote, and that can only benefit the Democrats."

Mahoney, hired as a polling and television consultant to a consortium of interests that are expected to spend up to \$2 million backing the bond proposal, refused to discuss his role on behalf of the act.

But a source familiar with his thinking said Mahoney hopes to be able to convince city residents already planning to vote to back the bond act rather than encourage nonvoting Democrats to go to the polls.

The two most recent bond acts presented to state voters both

passed overwhelmingly in New York City, but were rejected upstate.

City voters, for instance, backed 1997's \$2.4 billion school-construction bond act by a better than 2-to-1 ratio, 480,441 to 196,262.

But the measure went down to defeat because of a huge "no" vote outside the city, 1,234,568 "no" to 784,709 "yes."

State voters gave the go-ahead to the \$1.75 billion clean-water/clean-air bond act in 1996, but only because of a near 4-1 vote by city residents in favor of the proposal.

Once again, a majority of upstaters opposed the measure.

"There's no question that they're going to have to really crank out a

huge New York City vote to pass the bond act," noted Assemblyman Michael Bragman (D-Syracuse), the former majority leader who is spearheading an upstate effort to defeat the measure.

A prominent statewide GOP leader noted, "This could be a real big problem for all of us."

"A big city vote may benefit the bond act, but it could elect Hillary Clinton. Depending on what happens on Election Day, keep that in mind."

While Lazio and his aides repeatedly insisted last week that recent polls showing Clinton narrowly ahead were erroneous, a just-completed statewide Republican poll shows the same thing.

The new, hush-hush poll, details of which are circulating in top GOP circles, shows Lazio trailing Clinton, 49 percent to 44 percent, with the Long Island congressman just barely ahead in normally heavily Republican upstate areas.

"It's not good news. We know it's not good news, and Rick's people know it," said a GOP operative familiar with the findings.

U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer, a Democrat, again aligned himself with Pataki last week in a joint economic-development statement.

"Congratulations to Gov. Pataki ... and to Staples," Schumer said as he praised the governor and the office-supply retailer on the announcement of a new distribution center in Orange County.

Last month, Schumer, who once considered seeking the Democratic nomination for governor, said he agreed with Pataki's contention that the long-troubled upstate economy had turned the corner and was improving.

Fredric U. Dicker's radio show, "Inside the State Capitol," can be heard weekdays from 10:05 a.m. to 11 a.m., and Saturdays from 4:05 p.m. to 7 p.m., on the Web, at www.wrow.com.

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Ill will 'tween Tipper & Hill?

YOU have to love it when a supermarket tabloid starts treating politicians as if they were mere movie stars. The National Enquirer features a **Hillary Rodham Clinton** "feud" with **Tipper Gore**, and has the two calling each other "witch" and "moron." The tab, quoting as sources those invaluable "close friends," claims Al's wife dislikes **Bill's** spouse because Hillary turned a blind eye to Bill's womanizing and had affairs of her own. Is any of this true? Who knows and who cares, just as long as it helps stir some interest from an increasingly apathetic public.

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TODAY SHOW TRANSCRIPT
KATIE COURIC WITH HILLARY CLINTON
MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2000

KATIE COURIC, co-host:

We've spent a lot of time this morning talking about the tight presidential contest, but it's not the only race that's too close to call. The Senate race here in New York is probably one of the tightest and most-watched races in the country. And Hillary Clinton is the Democratic contender.

Mrs. Clinton, good morning.

Mrs. HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON (Democrat, New York Senate Candidate): Good morning, Katie. How are you today?

COURIC: Fine, thank you. Thanks for joining us.

Mrs. CLINTON: Good, thank you.

COURIC: I know--I know that you were outraged last week, Mrs. Clinton, about a telephone campaign by the New York Republican Party that told voters you took money from, quote, "a Mideast organization group--Mideast terrorism group, the same kind of terrorism that killed our sailors on the USS Cole." That telephone campaign has ended, a GOP spokesman said, not because of your criticism that it was politicizing a tragedy, but because the script had run its course. What's your reaction to that?

Mrs. CLINTON: Well, Katie, I'm still outraged that anyone would, for political purposes, exploit the deaths of 17 young men and women who were serving our country in the Persian Gulf. You know, the terrorist bombing of the USS Cole was a tragedy for all Americans and, particularly, for the families of those young sailors. You know, I called on the Republican Party and my opponent, Congressman Lazio, not only to stop those phone calls, but to apologize to the families of the victims of

that terrorist bombing. And I--I believe that that's what they should do. I believe Congressman Lazio should stand up and take responsibility for his party in his state exploiting that tragedy, which goes beyond the pale of, you know, political back and forth and debate, as far as I'm concerned.

COURIC: This all stems, of course, from a \$50,000 contribution from the American Muslim Alliance that you returned last week after learning that the group's leader was quoted as defending the Palestinians' right to take up arms against Israel. Now this group, the American Muslim Alliance, is saying its views have been distorted by both sides and by returning the money, you're pandering to the Jewish vote in New York state.

Mrs. CLINTON: Well, Katie, let me clarify some of the facts because this was a fund-raiser with individual contributions, not from any particular group. And it was only some months later that I learned that any group was taking responsibility for the individual contributions that added up to \$50,000. That was not our understanding. That is certainly not how we saw it. And once I learned that any group was taking responsibility for that, I decided to return the money because there are members of this particular group who have said things and had statements attributed to them that I just outright reject and condemn. I don't believe that any American group should be in any way condoning violence or promoting violence as a political means or in any way condoning terrorism. So, it's not in any way a dispute between me and my supporters, of whom I have many around the country, but it is a rejection of a particular group's point of view. And I thought that was the right thing to do.

COURIC: And yet members of the American Muslim Alliance are upset because they feel that you didn't meet with them so they had an opportunity to clarify their views on certain positions. And they are saying, basically, that just because they're supporting the Palestinians doesn't mean they're supporting terrorism.

Mrs. CLINTON: Well, I can only go by the statements that are posted on the Web site. And I believe here in our country, we are free to support any point of view, any political perspective that we believe under our First Amendment, but I cannot be associated with any group. And it's not any particular political issue or part of the world, but any group that in any way condones or promotes violence. That's just something that, you know, I have rejected all of my life. I'm somebody who tries to bring people together. I've worked very hard to do that in this campaign. I've...

COURIC: But don't you think...

Mrs. CLINTON: I've tried to run a positive campaign on the issues about what we can do, and I regret deeply that my opponent and the Republican Party in New York have run a negative campaign, essentially, engaging in the campaign of insults and personal attacks. And this latest--it just goes too far, in my view, and people should be outraged and condemn them for it.

COURIC: But don't you think it might have been helpful for you to find out exactly what this group was condoning or promoting before giving them back the money?

Mrs. CLINTON: Well, I can only go by the statements that they attribute to members of the group and leaders of the group which were posted on the Web site. And, you know, I'm--I'm certainly open in, you know, months and years ahead to meeting with anybody. But I just want it absolutely clear that there isn't any place for promoting violence or terrorism of any sort in our political system. You know, we have to continue to lead the world by example about how we work together in a multicultural, multiethnic, multiracial society. You know, there's never been a place in the history of humanity like the United States, and there isn't a more diverse place than New York. So I want to be sure that everyone knows that I'm open to listening to people and meeting with people and working with people, but I do draw the line with any group or individual who promotes violence or in any way seems to condone terrorism.

COURIC: Earlier, you spoke of your demand for an apology by Rick Lazio. In the current issue of Esquire magazine, your husband, President Clinton, is quoted as saying the following "I have apologized to the American people for what I did wrong, and most Americans think I paid a pretty high price. They (the Republicans) never apologized to the country for impeachment. They never apologized for all the things they've done." Would you agree, Mrs. Clinton? Do you think the Republican Party owes your husband an apology?

Mrs. CLINTON: Well, I'm focused on the future and on this campaign, and I certainly think the state Republican Party and Congressman Lazio owe an apology to the families of the victims of the terrorist bombing of the USS Cole. It seems...

COURIC: But what about the national party, Mrs. Clinton, owing your husband an apology?

Mrs. CLINTON: Well, I'm--I'm going to let them decide how to respond to that. I'm focused on this campaign in New York because it's about the future. You know, there's a big choice facing New York and America on November the 7th. And the choice is, what do we do tomorrow? You know, I'm very proud of the eight years of progress and prosperity that our country has enjoyed. but, you know, you just can't put that in the bank and say, 'Well, gee, it's just going to sit there.' You've got to keep working to make it happen. And we need people in the White House and in the Congress and in the Senate who understand what it took to turn our country around from the days of 1992, when, you know, people--I think, if they remember--know that we weren't headed in the right direction. Well, we are now, and the issue is, will we keep heading in the right direction, or are we going to reverse course and go backwards? That's what my election's about, that's what the presidential election's about, and that's what the voters are going to have to choose between on November the 7th.

COURIC: Speaking of the presidential election, do you think your husband's comments in Esquire magazine were particular--particularly

helpful to Vice President Al Gore in the closing days of this campaign?

Mrs. CLINTON: Well, I think the vice president's doing very well. I believe that he's gaining ground in the battleground states. I believe that you're going to see a Gore/Lieberman victory. And people vote on all kinds of bases and reasons. You know, I--I think that most people who are going to vote in this election are not looking backward. They're looking forward, and they're asking themselves, what can I do with my vote to make sure that the progress and the prosperity continues? And I think if people ask themselves that question, there is only one answer, and that's to vote for Al Gore.

COURIC: Are you surprised and perhaps even chagrined that the vice president has not campaigned with your husband? And, in fact, at--during several occasions in the campaign, seemed to distance himself from your husband?

Mrs. CLINTON: Not at all. You know, I--I understand that. I mean, the vice president and I together have to go out and win our campaigns on our own. You know, it's...

COURIC: Well, you've been using your husband to help you campaign in New York.

Mrs. CLINTON: Right, and I--and I will again. And the vice president will also be using the president, once the Congress gets out of town. You know, it's hard for the president to leave when he basically has to run the government day by day because the Republican leadership won't finish its business. But now...

COURIC: But he's had time to campaign with you, Mrs. Clinton.

Mrs. CLINTON: Well, we have to spend time together, and I'm glad to have him in New York, and he will be traveling in other places around the country. But I think the real issue for the voters is, who's going to continue the policies of the Clinton/Gore administration? And clearly, if people like what we've achieved economically and some of the progress we've made, driving down the crime rate and ending welfare as we knew it and improving education and health care accessibility for children and others, well, then I think that they ought to vote for the people who were part of this administration. And particularly when we see the way the Republican leadership sides with the drug companies instead of the prescription drug benefit that seniors need, and sides with the HMOs. I mean, that's really what one of the big stumbling blocks is to finishing the business in Washington. The Republicans want to give more money to HMOs. We want to give the rights to patients so that doctors and nurses make those decisions for our health care.

COURIC: Well, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Mrs. Clinton, thanks very much for talking with us this morning.

Mrs. CLINTON: It's always a pleasure, Katie. Thank you.

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Woman seeks pardon in gift to first lady

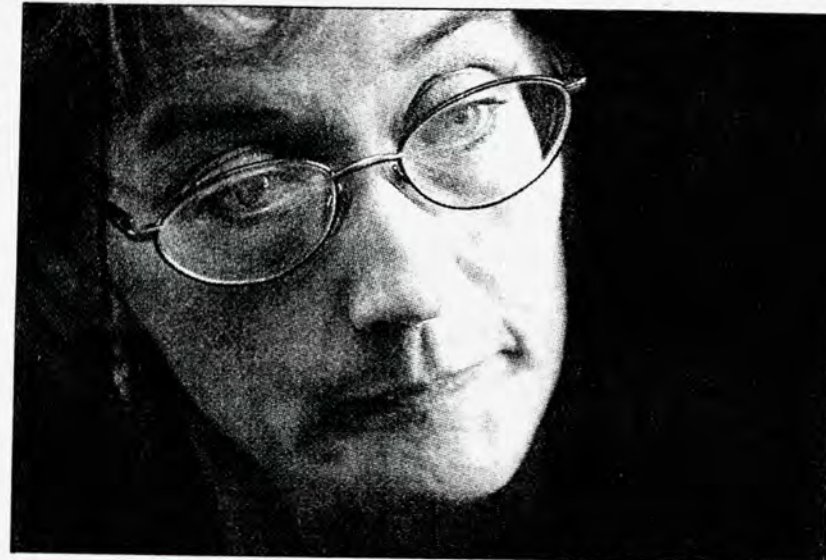
By Julie Deardorff
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

MONTICELLO, Ill.—In one fell swoop, Peg Bargon turned from an aspiring organic herb farmer into a convicted criminal five years ago, all because she made a feather-adorned present for Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Now Bargon, whose life drastically changed after her arrest and prosecution for violating wildlife protection laws, thinks the least Hillary's husband can do is formally forgive her.

Inside her quaint two-story farmhouse in rolling Piatt County, Bargon works tirelessly on the lengthy application for what she believes will give her personal redemption: a presidential pardon from Bill Clinton before he leaves office.

Reliving the events leading up to



Tribune photo by Candice C. Cusic

Peg Bargon of Monticello, Ill., used feathers from protected wildlife to create an Indian dream catcher present for Hillary Clinton.

her arrest is agonizing, but Bargon, who will apply for clemency Thursday, the fifth anniversary of her prosecution, says a pardon is the only way she can put the surreal event behind her.

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Pardons relatively rare in the U.S.

A Downstate woman is on a crusade to get her life back after her 1995 conviction.

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"I'm just trying to get my life back," said Bargon, 44, a mother of two boys whose license plates read HERBS. "Whatever debt I owed, I feel I've paid."

Presidential pardons though, while given to one desperate turkey a year on Thanksgiving, are relatively rare. During Clinton's two terms, he has granted 185 of 1,820 petition requests, including seven last week for crimes ranging from wire fraud and embezzlement to transporting a stolen vehicle across state lines. In 1993, 1994, 1996 and 1997, no one received a pardon or sentence commutation from Clinton. He has denied 655 requests.

This year, both junk-bond king Michael Milken and supporters for the late Illinois Gov. Otto Kerner are seeking pardons to clear their names. But the majority of petitioners are not high-profile names. Many Americans who seek presidential clemency are like Bargon, who wants to be able to check "no" when asked if convicted of a crime. "In our society, you really carry a weight on your back if you have a conviction," said Chicago's Paul Anteck, a clinical psychologist who was pardoned in 1992 for smuggling his Mexican wife into the United States in 1955. "The pardon doesn't completely remove that, but it certainly takes away some of the stigma. You can get a great deal of pride and personal satisfaction."

Bargon's woes began in 1994 when she was asked by a friend, Elmer Purcell, who has since died of cancer, to make a dream catcher for Hillary Clinton similar to the ones he had made for her sons. In Native-American lore, dream catchers—decorative hoops of stones, beads and feathers with a weblike office—are said to snare bad dreams while allowing good dreams to flow through.

Bargon hoped to cash in on the publicity, and soon First Lady dream catchers were available for \$20 at a local craft shop. Eagle-eyed federal agents spotted the news of Clinton's gift in a local newspaper and launched an undercover probe that included recorded telephone calls, search warrants, undercover rapping trips and even autopsies of birds whose parts were used by Bargon.

In Bargon's home, officials found several feathers from migratory birds that are protected under fed-



Peg Bargon, who says the conviction put a strain on her family, eats dinner at a restaurant with her sons, Caleb, 13, (left) and Gabriel, 9.



Bargon used feathers from a bald eagle, a goshawk, a barred owl and a snowy owl in one of the dream catchers she made.

eral law, including owls, a sandhill crane, a swan, a blue jay and a robin. The tear-shaped dream catcher given to Clinton included feathers from a bald eagle, a goshawk, a barred owl and a snowy owl.

When the yearlong federal investigation finally ended, Bargon tearfully pleaded guilty to misdemeanor violations of the Lacey Act and the Bald Eagle Protection Act, which both protect wildlife.

Though two charges were dropped and she avoided jail time, she left her job in public broadcasting,

abandoned her dream of starting an herb business, spent over \$10,000 on legal fees, paid a \$1,200 fine, and struggled with the emotional and psychological effects of her crime.

She says the event strained her relationships with her husband and her children, and friends say she lost confidence, self-esteem and weight. For a long time, Bargon felt the presence of the federal officials

have better things to do than prosecute a woman for selling dream catchers and should instead target poachers and smugglers. "Everybody thought it was a joke and it would blow over; that it was one of those funny things that happen," said Norma Adams, who recently closed Sisters Etc. Crafters Mall, the store where Bargon sold some products. "People were shocked it

South Carolina zoo and put it in its craft box.

Her ignorance of the consequences, however, was clear: In a recorded phone conversation with an agent posing as a customer, Bargon said: "I do have a roadkill owl, about half a wing. So I could put owl feathers in it. ... You know it's one of those things that people say: 'Oh you're not supposed to have owls.' Man, it was dead on the road and there were two wings and some feet ... if that's a problem, get over it."

"Trust me, I knew nothing, nothing about wildlife protection laws," said Bargon. "I wish I had, and thank God they stopped me when they did."

And while Bargon says she has learned her lesson the hard way, she fears others haven't learned a thing. She recently saw a bird claw and feathers hanging in the cab of a pickup truck at a gas station. Bargon said the man grinned and told her it was a crow that had been killed with dynamite. "I said, 'You can't have crows!'" Bargon recalled. "Didn't you learn anything?"

Later, her chiropractor talked about picking parts out of roadkill, and she went through her same routine. "Did they not get anything out of what happened to me?" asked Bargon, who has recovered enough to have a dream catcher—made of chicken feathers—in her home. "It's really no joke. I should know. I'm still waiting for the punch line."

'I knew nothing about wildlife protection laws. I wish I had, and thank God they stopped me when they did.'

Peg Bargon, who is seeking a presidential pardon

who searched her home and snatched everything related to the crime, including a thank you letter from the first lady hanging on the refrigerator.

"I love the beautiful legend of the dream catcher and I am pleased to have this symbol of Native American wisdom, love and creativity in the White House to commemorate my delightful visit to East Central Illinois," the letter said.

"For a long time, something was very wrong inside our home," said Bargon, a Monticello native who is well-known in the community and wrapped Hillary Clinton's gift in the local high school's colors, purple and gold. "Fear and confusion stayed a long time, and nothing made any sense. I'm beginning to lose that now by going through the process of filling out the form."

Bargon's supporters indignantly argue the government ought to

went so far."

The federal government says it is not targeting those who merely pick up feathers but those who willfully misuse the protected animal parts. "Wildlife must be protected from commercial exploitation," said U.S. Atty. Frances Hulin. "Migratory bird populations are continuing to dwindle, and commercial use of their feathers and parts, particularly with the international popularity of the United States' western motifs and pseudo-Native American handicrafts, is a continuing problem," said Hulin.

Bargon, who hadn't had so much as a moving violation prior to her arrest, wasn't accused of harming the birds and maintains she plucked feathers from roadkill and used parts from birds shot by friends who were hunters. One of her sons picked up the eagle feather used in Hillary Clinton's piece at a

LIEBERMAN ON BUSH

GOPer 'not ready' to be president: Joe



Democrat Al Gore yesterday sent out his running mate, Joe Lieberman, to bash George W. Bush as unfit to be president — while Bush sought to seize the high road by vowing he's "a uniter, not a divider."

As the final frantic week of the 2000 race began, the Democratic ticket went hard negative and slashed at Bush, as national tracking polls showed the Texas governor ahead, although many swing states are up in the air.

"I don't think George Bush is ready to be president of the United States," Lieberman declared over and over as he made the rounds of the Sunday talk shows to play the traditional attack-dog role of a veep wannabe.

Asked if Gore agrees with that harsh opinion, spokesman Chris Lehane replied: "Of course" — a flip-flop since, until now, Gore has denied questioning Bush's ability to serve as president.

Traditionally, a campaign that turns as sharply negative as Gore's has in the final push is a campaign that believes it is losing. That can work, but it can often backfire and make the attacker look desperate.

To underscore that Lieberman's attack was the Gore ticket's main message of the day, the campaign sent reporters an e-mail with lengthy verbatim quotes from all his bash-Bush attacks.

Lieberman also endorsed an NAACP TV attack ad in which the daughter of Texas lynch victim James Byrd Jr. claims that Bush's refusal to sign a new Texas hate-crimes law was like killing her father all over again.

"That's a sincere expression of her opinion... I don't think there's anything factually wrong," Lieberman said on NBC's "Meet the

By Deborah Orin in Austin, Texas, and Vincent Morris in Warren, Mich.

Press."

The Gore camp has also launched a new round of its own TV attack ads against Bush plus a deluge of recorded attack phone calls including one that tries to blame Bush for a Texas man's death in a nursing home.

Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer said: "We are seeing politics brought to new lows... Only one candidate has done it, and it is Al Gore."

He contended that voters will see the contrast between how Gore is "running a bitter campaign, a campaign based on fear," while Bush is offering "to bring America together," saying that shows how each man would govern.

Bush yesterday made a satellite speech to Latinos in California and said: "Responsible leadership sets a tone of civility and bipartisanship that gets things done. I am a uniter and not a divider."

Aides say Bush will stress similar themes all week and offer a contrast between "hope and fear" as his final message of the campaign, starting today, when he stumps in California with John McCain.

Team Bush is now seeking to turn Gore's attacks against the veep, well aware that voters already find Bush more likable and that

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LAUGHING MATTER? Even while his running mate was bashing George W. Bush on the ground yesterday, Vice President Al Gore entertains reporters aboard Air Force Two en route to Detroit.

Al can't avoid getting stuck with the Bill

AT THE feet of his master, Al Gore learned well from Bill Clinton.

And to fracture the immortal words of the Godfather, it was this:

Keep your enemies far away, and your friends farther away.

For eight years, Clinton has shown that being his friend can be highly hazardous to health.

Whether it be jail, death, exile or dishonor, friendship with little Willie is like working without a net.

Every time someone threw himself on his sword for Clinton, the only thing they saw was the president's back.

So now what's happened?

Clinton, for months, has been salivating to get into this election. And Gore — who on the day of Clinton's impeachment called him one of the greatest presidents in history — has been breaking the hundred yards in even time running away from him.

Karl Rove, strategist for the Bush campaign, put it precisely on Fox News yesterday:

STEVE DUNLEAVY



"He [Gore] did not mention Bill Clinton in three debates.

"He said the words 'Ronald Reagan' more than he said Clinton. Gore could not even bring himself to utter his name."

What an irony, riding on Clinton's coattails for years and suddenly wanting to cut them off when it appeared he could be splashed by Clinton's scandals.

But you can't keep a good ego-maniac like Clinton down.

Clinton "is trying to reinvent himself. There is no way you are going to hide Bill Clinton," columnist David Broder said yesterday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Of course, we saw the cover of Esquire with the picture of Clin-

ton with legs splayed apart, and read, once again, a self-serving lecture.

Al Gore must have reached for the Alka-Seltzer.

"It was a picture that some thought looked less than presidential," said Fox commentator Brit Hume. "He looked like a W.C. Fields."

David Maraniss, who has authored blockbuster books on both Clinton and Gore, yesterday jokingly sketched a perfect picture of blind ambition.

Clinton "loves to run. He would even run against Hillary for the New York state Senate [if he got the chance]," Maraniss said.

Gore, in the meantime, is invoking his own version of "the Clinton Doctrine" by turning his back on friends — most notably Ralph Nader of the Green Party.

Nader, who potentially can take as much as 5 percent of the vote away from Gore in at least six states, has become a worrisome toothache.

The Nader Factor may have even forced Gore in this closing critical

eight days to finally reach out for Bubba: "I love you, son, come and help me out."

I don't like to see treachery in any corner, but when you see architects of rodney caught in traps, one must believe that there is an ultimate justice for lack of morality, whether it be betraying old friends or lying to grand juries.

Sen. Fred Thompson, a Republican from Gore's home state of Tennessee, where Bush is winning handily, said yesterday on CNN:

"Gore will use Clinton without appearing to use him."

Jack Kemp, former Republican vice-presidential candidate, asked the question: "Why is Gore running away from Bill Clinton?"

As if Jack and all of us didn't know the answer.

But in an "industry" where ego tops Everest, there can be an even simpler answer.

Gore on a stage next to Bill Clinton looks like a Charlie McCarthy doll — if it's only the fact that Bill Clinton can tell bigger lies.

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Campaign 2000

GOP CUTS OFF TERROR



AD WARRIORS: Hillary Clinton and daughter Chelsea consult yesterday with Sen. Charles Schumer on a campaign bus upstate, where the first lady said the GOP went "under the radar screen" to attack her.

Rick thinks calls are backfiring on campaign: source

The state Republican Party yesterday stopped making controversial phone calls that link Senate candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton to the USS Cole terror bombing, officials said.

Sources told The Post that Clinton's GOP Senate rival, Rick Lazio, was upset by the calls, which were placed to undecided voters across the state beginning Thursday.

Lazio believed the phone calls would reflect poorly on his campaign, and was growing frustrated that they were dominating the headlines in the final push of the campaign, the sources said.

Clinton had denounced the calls as "outrageous"

By Gregg Birnbaum in New York and Robert Hardt Jr. in Rochester

and said they "exploited" the deaths of 17 American soldiers aboard the ship on Oct. 12.

At a campaign stop in Harlem, Lazio told reporters, "I don't think they are going to continue to make these phone calls."

Lazio clings to razor-thin lead: new poll

By MAGGIE HABERMAN

Rick Lazio holds a slight edge over Senate rival Hillary Rodham Clinton — but their contest is stuck in a virtual tie, a new Post tracking poll shows.

The rolling, statewide poll of 694 likely voters shows Lazio getting 46.4 percent of the votes, while Clinton gets 44.6 percent — with a 3.8-point margin of error. Polling was conducted Friday through yesterday.

That means the race is still statistically tied, according to the poll, conducted by Zogby International.

A Sunday Post poll showed similar results, with Lazio slightly leading Clinton, 47.1 percent to 45.4 percent. But with the margin of error of 4 points, those numbers also reflect a dead heat.

And while the poll shows Lazio clinging to a slim lead, the numbers also show his support among crucial upstate voters has slipped to 52 percent, while Clinton gets 40 percent.

In Sunday's poll, Lazio led in the Republican battleground region — where both have slumped extensively in recent weeks — by 14 points.

Clinton's support among Jews — a voting block both candidates have courted — has plummeted. Clinton takes 52 percent of Jewish votes, to Lazio's 42 percent, the new poll shows. She had 69 percent in Sunday's poll.

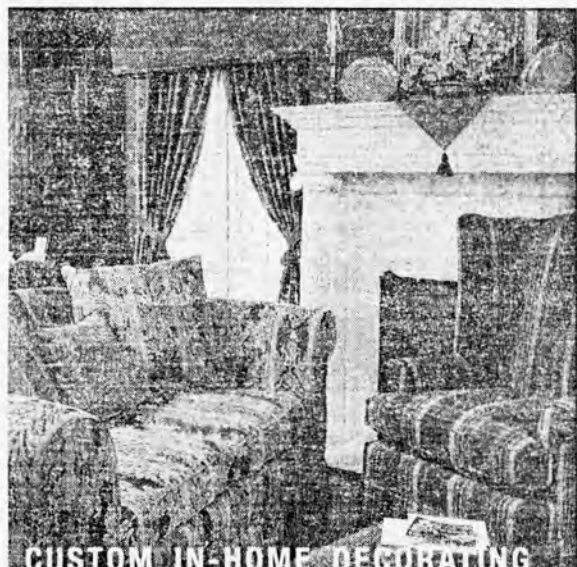
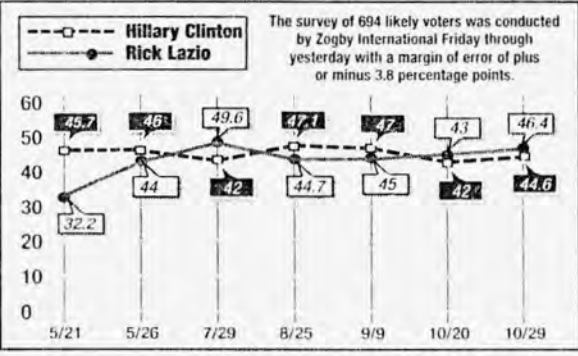
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But he again would not publicly condemn them, saying they were done by the state GOP party, independent of his campaign.

The calls, first revealed in Saturday's Post, were placed to thousands of non-Jewish voters and accused Clinton of accepting money from an Arab organization that "openly brags about its support for a Mideast terrorism group, the same kind of terrorism that killed our sailors on the USS Cole."

State GOP spokesman Dan Allen acknowledged the USS Cole calls weren't taking place any more, but denied Republicans were under pressure to stop making them — saying they ceased Saturday night because they had reached all their targeted voters.

The calls mentioning the Cole "have wrapped up. I don't think any of our scripts are mentioning the Cole any more," he added.

He said thousands of other calls to undecided Jewish voters, which don't mention the bombing but say Clinton supported a Palestinian state, would continue.

Campaigning with daughter Chelsea and Sen. Charles Schumer in Rochester, Clinton said the calls stopping when they did was "typical."

"They should clearly take responsibility, as should Mr. Lazio, that the calls were ever made in the first place," she said.

"They were embarrassed to have this discovered. Clearly, it's something they were trying to do below the radar screen and when it became known ... they thought they should quit making the calls."

Schumer agreed, saying, "I think they've been caught with their hands in the cookie jar."

Clinton campaign aides said the president is expected to be in New York tomorrow to campaign for his wife, and other Democratic candidates.

Lazio began the day speaking at the Rev. Calvin Butts' Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem.

Talking about education reform, Lazio again said he supports school vouchers — a highly controversial idea that seemed to draw a negative reaction from the crowd.

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COURTING THE YOUTH VOTE: Rick Lazio, with wife Pat, greets Sterling Tilley and baby Arianna at the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem yesterday. He was reportedly upset by GOP phone calls linking Hillary Clinton to terror, but wouldn't condemn them. Dan Cronin

First lady: Prez-race apathy hurting me

By ROBERT HARDT Jr.,
Post Correspondent

ROCHESTER — Hillary Rodham Clinton said yesterday the lack of interest in New York in the presidential race is making her Senate campaign "tougher."

Speaking to reporters aboard her campaign bus while stumping across upstate, Clinton noted that Vice President Al Gore is "considerably ahead" in New York and has spent virtually no time or money in the Empire State.

Asked if Gore's absence in New York has hurt her, the first lady said, "I think it's tougher, in a way, because the presidential campaign doesn't have a big presence in New York."

While Clinton said she hoped her husband would be campaigning at least one more time for her, she said she could relate to the Gore campaign's hesitancy to appear with the president.

"I think the vice president wanted to be judged on his own merits, and I really understand that," Clinton said.

The first lady also said the Re-

publicans — nationally and in New York — are engaged in a "diversionary campaign" devoid of ideas.

She said the GOP campaign amounted to "Let's just see who can smile a lot and avoid making the contrasts on the issues."

"The Bush-Cheney-Lazio team wants to confuse the issues and try to create a sense that there re-

ally aren't these big decisions between the Democratic and Republican candidates this year," the first lady.

"I think voters are smarter than that and see through that."

Reflecting on her campaign, the first lady said of the final eight days of the race, "I always run like I'm running from behind — that's an inbred trend."

Clinton — who finishes her upstate bus tour today — had one campaign rally in Rochester marred by about five anti-abortion protesters who repeatedly interrupted her 10-minute speech.

The hecklers were ejected from the church by local police.

"I think it's tougher, in a way, because the presidential campaign doesn't have a big presence in New York."

HILLARY CLINTON

Where they stand **Campaign★2000****FOR UPSTATE VOTERS**

NO 'HAPPY TALK': Clinton has been accusing her foe of ignoring upstate's economic problems with "happy talk." AP

No contest: Your wallet safer with Lazio

OR New Yorkers voting their pocketbook this November, the little question which Sen. candidate is best: Rick Lazio. Like the dueling tax proposals, though both candidates offer promises that would save us over \$1 billion a year, Lazio's plan is by far the better one for New Yorkers than Hill's plan. It gives a larger tax cut to more people," says analyst McMahon of the conservative Manhattan Institute. "Lazio's plan is much more attuned to the real situation in New York, and what a middle-class income really is in New York. Her plan is geared to a definition of 'middle class' that's barely at middle-class level below here."

Mahon says Lazio's plan of a broad, across-the-board tax cut while Clinton's is narrowly targeted toward those who happen to be in the "right" economic

and demographic groups. And that probably doesn't include you.

Truth to tell, not too much should be made of either candidate's tax proposal. As one voice out of 100 in the Senate, there's very little a lone senator can do. Their tax platforms are useful, however, in indicating how each would vote on tax-cut proposals likely to be brought before the next Congress.

"Let's say [George W.] Bush is elected president, and there are close partisan divides in the House and Senate," says McMahon.

"The Bush tax cut is far and away better for New York, and more attuned to the needs of New York economy. Who do you think is going to vote for that plan, Senator Clinton or Senator Lazio?"

ROD DREHER



times what Al Gore's proposal would return to us.

Why is Gore's plan so stingy toward New Yorkers? Because we have some of the highest incomes in the nation. Generally speaking, Gore considers a \$60,000 yearly income as the cutoff point for being considered "middle class."

A per-capita income of \$60,000 goes a lot further in Minneapolis than Manhattan — but the targeted Gore plan doesn't factor that in. Result: many truly middle-class New York taxpayers will see little if any tax relief from the Gore plan — which is to say, the Gore-Hillary plan.

And then there's the tacky but

Under the Bush plan, New York would get back an estimated \$11.1 billion each year — almost three times what Al Gore's proposal would return to us.

important Pork Factor. Which of these candidates would be better at bringing home the bacon to New York, and help equalize our state's disproportionate share of federal benefits to taxes paid?

Although much depends on which party takes the White House, the GOP is almost certain to keep control of the Senate. Would it not make sense to have a member of the majority party joining Chuck Schumer, New York's able Democrat, in the state's Senate delegation?

Besides, how eager would the Senate majority be to do favors for the woman who added the term "vast right-wing conspiracy" to the popular parlance? Wouldn't they be more likely to reward Lazio, the man who ended Hillary Clinton's nascent political career?

Conceivable, but improbable — or so says Norm Ornstein, the American Enterprise Institute's veteran Congress-watcher.

"Every individual senator has a significant amount of clout," Ornstein says. "The Senate has always been full of pariahs. Often, they're the most powerful senators."

What's more, the instant national platform a Sen. Clinton would have anytime she opened her mouth would likely earn her disproportionate status and power, he says.

But would she use that power to do good for the economy? Doubtful. Like Al Gore, she supports so much new government spending there's no way she can fight for these programs and hold the line on taxes. Does anybody really think Mrs. Clinton is going to meet an entitlement program she won't like?

Lazio is a tad too spendthrift for comfort, and he's not entirely on board the Bush tax-cut express. But considering the alternative, New Yorkers' wallets will be a lot safer with him in the Senate.

LAZIO IS PULLING AHEAD

Lead is now up to 5 points: poll

Rick Lazio has stretched his lead over Hillary Rodham Clinton in their Senate race and is ahead by 5 points, the New York Post-Fox 5 tracking poll shows.

The rolling, statewide poll shows Lazio leading Clinton, 47.8 percent to 42.9 percent, with a margin of error of plus or minus 3.8 points.

The pool of undecided voters was static, at 6.4 percent, according to the poll conducted by Zogby International.

In the tracking numbers published Monday, Lazio led 46.1 percent to 44.6 percent.

Yesterday's numbers show Lazio has made some gains since Monday's tracking numbers, but with the margin of error, the race is still virtually tied.

Among suburban voters, Lazio leads 59 percent to 40 percent. He also holds a 10-point lead among voters upstate, a Republican battleground where Clinton has made inroads, running 53 percent to 38 percent.

By Gregg Birnbaum and Maggie Haberman in New York, Robert Hardt Jr. in Schenectady and Marilyn Rauber in Washington

Among Jewish voters, Clinton holds a slim lead, 46 percent to 45 percent. In the Big Apple, Clinton leads by a wide margin, 64 percent to 28 percent.

The poll contrasts with most others, some of which

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Lazio's poll numbers are up

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show Clinton leading Lazio by as much as 8 points.

As the candidates zigzagged around the state yesterday, the campaign battle over breast cancer brimmed over — with both sides hurling insults over a Lazio-sponsored treatment bill that President Clinton signed into law last week.

At the Sound Shore Medical Center in New Rochelle, Gov. Pataki praised Lazio for the bill, which provides funding for low-income women with cancer.

Pataki is apparently using his popularity to boost Lazio in the final stretch, while Lazio's breast cancer emphasis is clearly aimed at female voters, with whom he trails Clinton.

Pataki said he's proposing a measure to have New York "opt in" to the program as soon as possible.

The governor also took a shot at the president for signing the bill in a private ceremony, which critics charge was done to deny Lazio public credit.

"Unfortunately, it was signed in quiet in the middle of the night," Pataki said.

He heaped praise on Lazio, gushing, "Congressman Lazio, God bless you and thank you for that important law."

But Reps. Anna Eshoo (D-Calif.), Nita Lowey (D-Westchester) and Louise Slaughter (D-Rochester) charged that, after initiating the bill, Lazio later opposed funding for it when the GOP did, and changed his mind when the issue became a potential political "embarrassment."

"He ditched women across the country and he worked against his own bill," claimed Eshoo, an original co-sponsor.

Stumping upstate, Clinton accused Lazio of reintroducing the bill "under his own name, stripping out hundreds" of names of others who worked on it.

She said there's "a lot of people who deserve credit," but added Lazio "was one of the original sponsors, and he's also done some other work on cancer."

In other developments:

Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry (D) appeared in Buffalo with military veterans and called on Lazio to apologize for the state Republican Party calls linking Clinton to the USS Cole terror bombing.

He said the lack of apology "underscores the lack of judgment that he exhibits to follow in the footsteps of [outgoing Sen.] Patrick Moynihan," he said.

Both campaigns flooded the airwaves with new ads featuring party heavy-hitters.

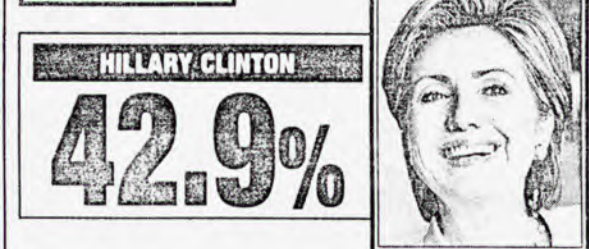
The Clinton campaign's statewide ad shows Moynihan urging voters "to choose Hillary next. I think she'll be a splendid senator."

Lazio's campaign released a radio ad featuring Pataki, and two TV ads with upstate elected officials.

First Daughter Chelsea Clinton, campaigning with her mom upstate, acknowledged she's thinking about going to Oxford to study economics when she finishes at Stanford University. Her dad studied at Oxford.

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NEW YORK POST EXCLUSIVE POLL FOX 5 NEWS



Somebody's still 'calling' Clinton on carpet over Cole

REPUBLICANS insist they've stopped making phone calls linking Hillary Rodham Clinton to the terror bombing of the USS Cole — but some voters report otherwise.

While the GOP says the calls came to an end at 9 p.m. Saturday, a Manhattan Republican and an upstate independent both said they got phone messages about Hillary and the Cole on Sunday afternoon.

"I told the women from the GOP that she certainly helped me decide," the annoyed upstate resident told the caller sarcastically.

A spokesman for state Republicans said that if voters received such calls Sunday, they were not placed by the GOP phone bank.

Lazio's private anger about the calls has been made plain to state Republican Party leaders, who, according to sources, wanted to keep making them anyway.

Their reluctance to stop dialing prompted Lazio to go public on Sunday and say it was his understanding the calls were ending — his way of pressuring the GOP to knock it off.

President Clinton will be doing his part for his wife, by making tape recordings for a massive phone bank "get out the vote" drive across New York.

CAMPAIGN BUZZ



The president is recording as many as five different messages that will be used in computerized calls to Democrats and undecided voters this week.

The phone bank blitz from the president dovetails with a "get out the vote" event that he is holding in Harlem today, without the first lady.

Hillary has been vague about how much the president will be involved with her race in the campaign's final days, saying he needs to be in Washington until Congress recesses, and he has other campaigns to help out with across the country.

"Here she goes again!"

That's the headline on a new mass mailing from the state Republican Party about Hillary and alleged plans for New York's health care — a massive, government-run HMO.

The brief but scathing letter to hundreds of thousands of targeted voters charges that the first lady is "back with another plan to socialize your health care" and warns she could end up abolishing Medicare.

GOP officials, acting largely independently of Lazio's campaign, are planning several more anti-Clinton mailings on a variety of topics before Election Day.

Hillary had some fun with the press corps Sunday, when their caravan arrived in Auburn — the home of the Harriet Tubman house.

At every speech she gives in black churches, Clinton speaks at length about Tubman, the heroine of the Underground Railroad.

Clinton usually ends her speeches by dramatically repeating Tubman's exhortation to "keep going," despite long odds.

"Keep going" has almost become the unofficial slogan of her campaign, and was even printed on her latest batch of press passes.

That's why the press corps was in stitches when Clinton called the media bus in Auburn and had her voice piped in over the vehicle's crackling PA system.

"I thought we would all like to see the Harriet Tubman house, but we're running short on time to the next event," Clinton said.

"So we're gonna have to keep going."

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COMPARE & CONTRAST

WORLD VIEW

Clinton: America needs a renewed internationalism, not an old isolationism.

Lazio: The role of the American military is not to be the world's social worker.

NORMAL TRADE WITH CHINA

Clinton: Supports

Lazio: Supports

MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM

Clinton: Supports research, but has expressed concerns about deployment

Lazio: Supports, full speed ahead

CUBA EMBARGO

Clinton: Supports

Lazio: Supports, plus wants to make it stronger

MOVING U.S. EMBASSY TO JERUSALEM

Clinton: Supports, but by end of the year

Lazio: Supports, with immediate effect

CUTTING OFF U.S. AID TO PALESTINIANS IF THEY DECLARE A STATE

Clinton: Supports

Lazio: Supports

IMMEDIATE END TO U.S. NAVY BOMBING PRACTICE ON VIEQUES IN PUERTO RICO

Clinton: Supports

Lazio: Supports, but previously said it should be phased out



Her past proves we can't trust the 'new' Hillary

IS Hillary Clinton really Al D'Amato in disguise? For the first five years of each Senate term, D'Amato sounded like any other Republican. Then, in the sixth year — when he had to face the voters — D'Amato suddenly veered sharply left.

Reading Mrs. Clinton's recent speech before the Council of Foreign Relations, you can't help thinking about D'Amato.

The woman who sounded Reaganesque themes of global involvement before the foreign-policy elite certainly didn't sound like the person who has allied herself with the Democratic Party's left wing.

Of course, Mrs. Clinton's take on internationalism had an Oprah-esque take. American national-security needs, she declared, cannot be defined solely by strategic and military considerations. They must also take into account such issues as women's rights, environmental protection and the spread of deadly diseases.

OK, so this wasn't exactly John F. Kennedy warning the Soviet bloc that America was prepared to "pay any price, bear any burden" to halt the spread of totalitarianism. But neither was it George McGovern saying, "Come home, America."

To the extent that Hillary was willing to "embrace at least some aspects of energetic American leadership," Weekly Standard editor William Kristol told the Times, "you've got to be happy." Still, he wondered, are she and the rest of the Democrats "willing to exert real leadership with real enemies and real casualties?"

Likely not — which is why the speech sounded so false, so unlike Hillary. Pure campaign fodder, in other words, that will seem like a bad memory should she actually be elected.

Throughout her career, Hillary has identified with left-liberal ideologies — and has never distanced herself from them, or from the notion that she, too, favors



ERIC FETSMANN

a hard-left activist agenda.

She says she would favor military engagements like Bosnia and Kosovo — both initiated by her husband. But had she been in the Senate in 1991, would she have been courageous enough to defy the overwhelming majority of Democrats by supporting the Gulf War?

That's what makes the questions about her Middle East stance so troubling. Hillary's past associations make her sudden hard line on Israel's security seem like so much lip service.

Would someone who, as chairman for six years of the New World Foundation, funneled money to a host of Palestinian groups, pro-Marxist outfits in Central America and the loony-left Christic Institute, endorse U.S. action against Saddam Hussein — especially if initiated by a Republican president?

Can we expect a level-headed approach to foreign affairs from someone who pressed her husband to hire Johnetta Coles — an ardent supporter of Castro's intervention in Angola and someone who called on U.S. blacks to "stand in solidarity with the Cuban revolution?"

Hillary Clinton can't seem to differentiate between responsible people and ideological nut cases. Which is why the latest uproar over her appearance at a fundraiser sponsored by advocates of Palestinian violence against Israel is, frankly, not so surprising.

But the problem goes much deeper. Hillary Clinton approaches foreign affairs as she does domestic issues: with the idea that she and people like her have an obligation to rebuild society according to their own "enlightened" perspective.

"We are at a stage in history in which remodeling society is one of the great challenges facing all of us in the West," she said in the 1993 commencement address at the University of Texas in which she first unveiled her "politics of meaning."

But as author Barbara Olson notes, what's truly worrying is "Hillary's belief that something [is] so wrong with Western society that it requires not reform, but thorough 'remodeling' . . . by those smart enough and altruistic enough to make our decisions for us."

It's hard to argue with that, when Hillary concedes that "I define our [strategic] interests more broadly than some do." And when she speaks, in terms of global engagement, of the problem of "children [who] are unschooled" and "women [who] are being silenced and brutalized" and "environmental degradation."

So Hillary is no Pat Moynihan, whom she hopes to succeed. Neither is Rick Lazio — anyone who misreads a speech text and refers to North Korean leader Kim Jong Il as "Kim Jong the Second" doesn't inspire real confidence.

But at least we know for sure where Lazio stands. No one has to weigh one of his statements against another and ask, "Which one is the real Rick Lazio?"



IT STARTED WITH A KISS: Hillary Clinton embraces Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's wife, Suha, in Gaza last November, sparking a controversy.

TOMORROW: HEALTH

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BIOGRAFIX

HILLARY DIANE RODHAM CLINTON
B. 10/26/47

BORN IN
PARK RIDGE,
ILLINOIS,
SHE WAS A
GIRL SCOUT
AND MEM-
BER OF A
METHODIST
CHURCH
GROUP.

10/26



SHE FIRST DABBLED IN POLITICS AS
A 'GOLDWATER GIRL', SUPPORTING
THE CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICAN
NOMINEE FOR PRESIDENT IN 1964.

SHE GOT INTO RADICAL POLITICS
AT WELLESLEY COLLEGE AND MET
BILL CLINTON WHILE ATTENDING
YALE LAW SCHOOL.



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NEW YORK POST, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2000

BIOGRAFIX

IN 1973, HILLARY RODHAM JOINED THE WATERGATE IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY STAFF AND BECAME EVEN MORE FAMILIAR WITH IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS IN THE FUTURE.



SHE "FOLLOWED HER HEART" TO ARKANSAS AND MARRIED BILL CLINTON IN 1975, PRACTICING LAW WHILE HE WAS ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THEN GOVERNOR.



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AFTER THE 1992 ELECTION SHE WAS AN OUTSPOKEN FIRST LADY, LEADING THE TASK FORCE ON NATIONAL HEALTH REFORM WHICH ENDED IN FIASCO.

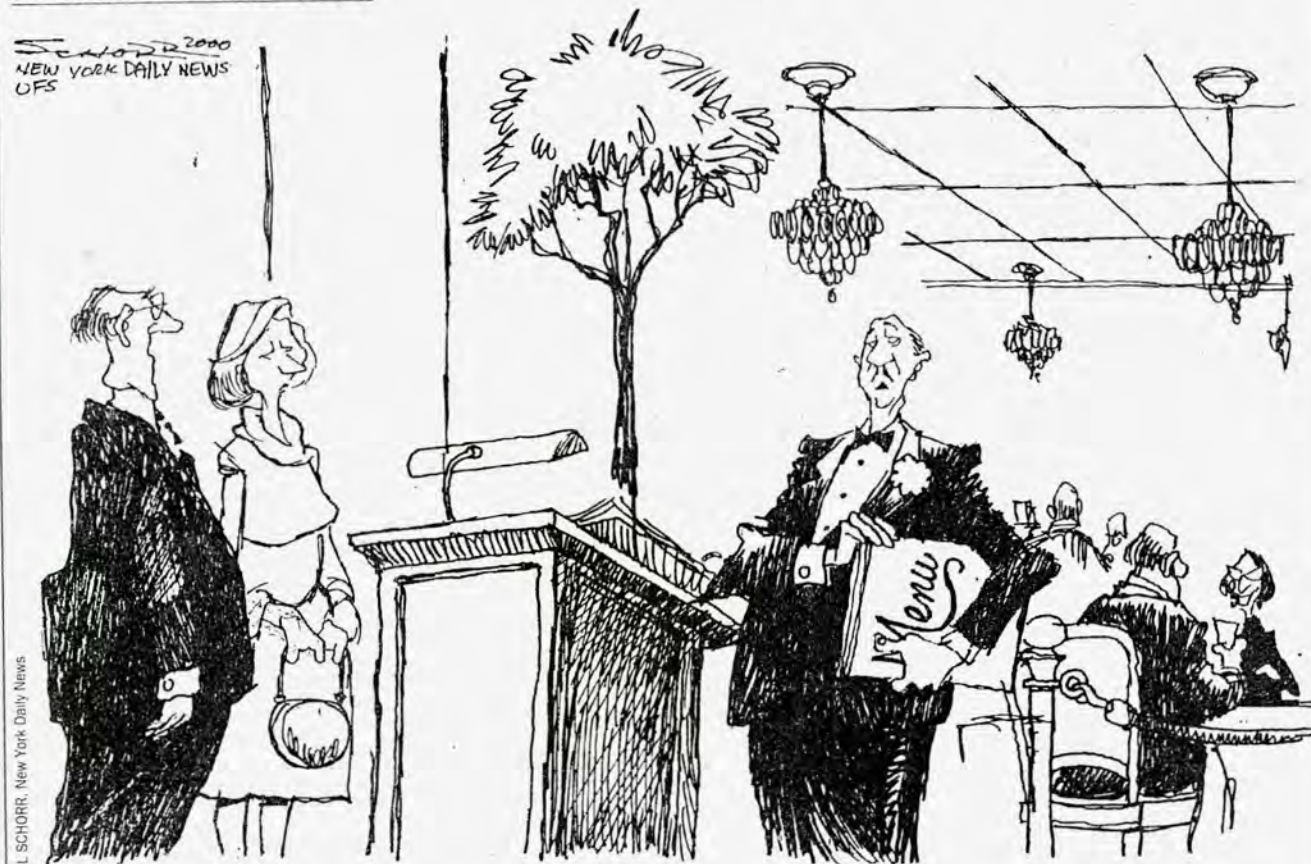
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The Washington Times

First lady launts star power upstate

Gets introduction by actor Affleck

By Steve Miller
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

BUFFALO, New York — First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton drew heavily on her celebrity over the weekend, courting voters in upstate New York.

Though a personality with star power in her own right, she called on actor Ben Affleck to introduce her to a sympathetic crowd of Cornell University students.

"Since Rick Lazio has been running around the frat house in his underwear, Hillary Clinton has been working for America," Mr. Affleck told the Saturday crowd of 2,000 that had earlier been larger. But the first lady was late, and the temperature was dropping.

Mr. Lazio, Mrs. Clinton's Republican opponent in her Senate bid, actually attended Vassar College, whose students are mostly women and where there are no fraternities.

Mrs. Clinton, joined by daughter Chelsea, revisited western and upstate portions of New York over the weekend, stopping in both Democratic and Republican areas.

Mr. Lazio spent the weekend on the road as well, campaigning from Long Island to Plattsburgh to Rochester.

Mrs. Clinton started the weekend by addressing the campaign's crisis of the day, a report that Republican telephone solicitors had placed calls to voters linking some of Mrs. Clinton's contributors to the terrorists whose bomb killed 17 Americans aboard the USS Cole.

"They have stooped to a level that I never thought we'd see," she said. Mrs. Clinton returned the \$50,000 contributed by a Muslim group that had praised organizations suspected of terrorism, after the donation was disclosed in the newspapers.

Clad in a Creamsicle-orange sweater and battling a head cold, Mrs. Clinton grabbed at hands and signed her own placards as well as copies of her book, "It Takes a Village," and told the throng: "Everything you care about will be affected by this election. You have two teams, the Bush-Cheney-Lazio team [cue for boos] and the Gore-Lieberman-Clinton team [the first lady nods to the cheers]."

"She's a celebrity," said supporter Donna Hutchison, a 39-year-old mother of two who watched Mrs. Clinton along with Sen. Charles E. Schumer work a crowd of 200 people at Elmira's Bradley Farms produce store and, seasonally, pumpkin patch.

Mrs. Hutchison held aloft a lime-green cardboard sign that read, "Elmira mothers and daughters for Hillary." Mrs. Clinton, she said, is a role model for all women.

Mrs. Hutchison acknowledged disagreement in her own house. "My husband doesn't support her at all."

He's more in agreement with Scott Esty, who stood at the entrance to the Bradley Farms with a sign proclaiming, "Hillary is the last lady we want."

"This is Lazio country," said Mr.



Riding the campaign bus with Hillary Rodham Clinton is Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski of Maryland.

"Oh, this is much more exciting than a visit from Al Gore. I'd much rather see Hillary any day."

—Joan Stephens

Esty, 45, from nearby Big Flats. "But we know that in New York, the upstate doesn't carry as much sway as the city."

Mrs. Clinton logged 155 miles Saturday, starting in Ithaca, home of Cornell, where registered Democrats outnumber Republicans 23,000 to 17,000. She traversed through Elmira, where Republicans have an almost identical edge, and on to Buffalo, a heavily Democratic city in the Rust Belt.

Yesterday, Mrs. Clinton moved on another 150 miles, from Buffalo to Syracuse, visiting churches and glad-handing at rallies.

She's working to dent Mr. Lazio's upstate polling numbers. He has dominated the upstate polls since entering the race in May.

One new poll says Mr. Lazio leads by a point among upstaters, 46 percent to 45 percent. Other polls give the edge to Mr. Lazio by 5 percent to 15 percent.

"The future will get better here, but we've got some hard work to do," Mrs. Clinton told a room full of union machinists in Buffalo Saturday evening. They cheered with gusto, some waving their baseball caps.

Noting the population drop in Buffalo, which the Census Bureau estimates has lost an estimated 30,000 people since 1990, Mrs. Clinton promised she would propose programs that would keep people in town. She scolded Mr. Lazio in blue-collar language.

"Sure, there are candidates who are nice guys, guys you want to go have a beer with, talk about the Buffalo Bills with. But when you ask what their plan is, they have none. Why would you pick someone with no track record?"

Outside a Krispy Kreme doughnut shop in the Buffalo suburb of Tonawanda, Joan Stephens, a Republican tax collector from nearby Lewiston, watched the commotion of an impromptu Hillary visit.

"Oh, this is much more exciting than a visit from Al Gore," Miss Stephens said, her breath making little clouds in the cold air. "I'd much rather see Hillary any day."

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Playing dress-up on fright night's not just for kiddies

HALLOWEEN. Beware. **Leona**'s child beau will be out tonight trick or treating.

In the old days **Rob Lowe**'s costume was a baby in diapers. **Janeane Garafalo** and **Alicia Silverstone** dressed as hobos. **Rob Reiner** went as a clown. **Jennifer Tilly**: "I came to parties as a gypsy because we were really poor and it was the cheapest outfit." **Mark Wahlberg**'s Oct. 31 outfit when he was growing up? His sister's tutu.

George Clooney: "I went places as a milk carton with my face sticking out the side. The thing said, 'Have you seen this child lately.'" As a kid **Martha Stewart** schlepped forth as Bo Peep. **Fiona Apple**, caterpillar. And for however you do that you have to ask **Fiona**. **Noah Wylie**'s mom, a nurse, wrapped him in surgical gauze. He sashayed forth as a mummy.

Martin Landau dressed as Bela Lugosi. "On a dare I rang a doorbell." In high school, **Cameron Diaz** was Kermit the Frog and actually won a Halloween contest. **Christian Slater**, the child shaved his eyebrows to resemble Dr. Spock. They grew back oddly. To this day they stay peaked. **Donny Osmond**: "In the '70s they made Donny and Marie costumes, so I put on a **Marie Osmond** one. Scared everyone to death."

In ritzy Pacific Palisades, ce-

Cindy Adams



GEENA DAVIS

Some witches in her closet.

lebs like **Steven Spielberg** and **Dustin Hoffman** leave candy for guards at the gates to distribute. **Tom Hanks** handed it out himself. In ritzy Saddle River,

N.J., Nixon had cards printed specially which read: "President and Mrs. Nixon wish you a happy Halloween."

1998's big sellers were "Titanic" characters. Then the Spice Girls, "South Park" characters, Beanie Babies, Mr. Potato Heads. **Monica Lewinsky**, the big caricature, didn't make it as a big mask because mommies didn't want their kiddies being her. Big sellers this season are pols. **Bush**, **Gore**, **Hillary**, **Rudy** are major. Per a Minnesota costume company: "**Jesse Ventura** put a boom in the boa business. Bald caps are blossoming."

Doggies, too, are being tarted up. Running the gamut from glow-in-the-dark skeletons to devils to angels with halos and wings.

Artist **Mark Kostabi** truly fears this night. Claims he's "been robbed 24 times." Now, with a phobia of any kind of mask, he has such security devices that, were he to open his doors which he won't, it could take 10 minutes just to unlock.

And on the docket are "Survivor" Parties. Hollywood Pop Gallery, with clients like **Whoopi**, **Bette**, **Kathie Lee**, **De Niro**, **Couric**, rent out whole sets including palm trees, tribal council area and animals complete with \$10,000 trainers who come with anything from monkeys to a pair of baby elephants that cost \$6,500. Real live panthers are extra.

One celeb with a skeleton in her closet is **Geena Davis**, who allegedly descends from some Salem Witch Trial witch. However, real horror film stars haven't scary pasts at all. Lon Chaney's dad was Gen. George Custer's barber. Boris Karloff's great aunt was Brit teacher Anna Leonowens, who inspired "The King And I."

Factoid: Celts who first celebrated Halloween made jack-o'-lanterns out of turnips.

Factoidlet: The real Count Dracula's full name is Ottomar Rudolphe Vlad Dracul Prince Kretzulesco. Last link of the Dracul family, he lives in a castle — naturally — near Berlin. Research tells me he really wasn't a vampire. Just a gruesome dude who solved Romania's homeless prob by asking in bums then torching the place. I mean, a real bad guy.

And lest it come up: Only one place marks this holiday a different day. Carson City, Nevada. Oct. 31 being Nevada Day, it's celebrated with a giant street party. Why that's the state's only town to celebrate Oct. 30, I don't know. Don't really care either. I just want to show you how smart I am. My disguise today is to come dressed as someone intelligent.

Halloween. The only night **Michael Jackson** looks right.

★ TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2000 /

The Washington Times

Lazio woos upstate N.Y., hits 'carpetbagger' issue

By Steve Miller
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Rep. Rick Lazio yesterday continued to cultivate his upstate voting base while hammering away at opponent Hillary Rodham Clinton's carpetbagger status.

The Long Island Republican made several stops in hopes of keeping his edge in the polls among western and upstate voters, who favor him 50 percent to 40 percent in a New York Times/CBS News poll.

Pollsters say he needs at least 55 percent to counter the first lady's sizable lead in New York City, and a weekend Zogby poll finds the two in a dead heat overall.

Mr. Lazio, now catching up in the polls among suburban women, painted himself as an advocate of less government and more local control during a "Women for Lazio" luncheon in Rochester.

He started his 45-minute appearance by stating a now-familiar fact offered by both candidates: "We send \$15 billion more to Wash-

ington than we get back," Mr. Lazio told the crowd of around 300. Relief from that deficit, he said, is a matter of contention in the Senate race.

"The difference between me and Mrs. Clinton is that she wants to dictate your needs, and you would have to qualify for help. I think everybody has different needs. We want to stand against the idea that Washington knows best."

Mr. Lazio repeatedly referred to "Mrs. Clinton," while the first lady refuses to utter her opponent's name, at least in public.

After meeting for 30 minutes with Catholic leaders at the diocese in Syracuse, Mr. Lazio, a Catholic, told reporters his pro-choice stance may not be an issue in the election. In fact, he said, "It seems as though a lot of people who describe themselves as pro-life support my candidacy."

Both candidates will play to the upper regions of the state during the seven days left before the election. Mrs. Clinton wound up a three-day jaunt with stops in Utica and Albany yesterday.

Mr. Lazio has the most work to do. He will not carry New York City and its 4 million voters, where polls find him lagging by almost 30 percentage points.

Upstate and in western New York, with 6.8 million votes and a narrow Republican margin in registration, he could find himself in luck.

Sharon Gumble stood in the lobby of the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Rochester clutching a campaign poster of Mr. Lazio and wearing a Bush/Cheney sticker on her white sweatshirt.

The tales of upstate financial woe told by Mrs. Clinton rankles Miss Gumble, 53, who owns a landscaping business. In her Monroe County, Republican Gov. George Pataki won by a 2-1 margin in the 1998 election.

"I think if they leave us alone, we'll do fine," Miss Gumble said. "Any trouble we have is not going to be fixed in Washington."

"I really don't think Hillary should be saying those things."

Also yesterday, Mr. Pataki appeared with Mr. Lazio at a New Rochelle medical center in the morning to announce he would back the state's integration of the Breast and Cervical Cancer Act into the budget next year.

The bill, passed by Congress earlier this month, was authored by Mr. Lazio.

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Bigots of the left

Hillary's anti-Semitic friends

By Evan Gahr

Will liberals finally judge their woman by the company she keeps? Or just follow the money? Long before she needed to curry favor with voters in her adopted home state, Hillary Rodham Clinton helped fund Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) front groups. Now comes word that veteran anti-Israel activists—including an outspoken supporter of the radical terrorist group Hamas—have contributed to Mrs. Clinton's campaign for New York senator.

First, it was \$500 from American University professor Clovis Maksoud, the Arab League's former "special envoy" to the United Nations. In an open letter to PLO chieftan Yasser Arafat this summer, Mr. Maksoud urged the semi-retired terrorist to extricate himself from the Oslo peace accords. Otherwise Israel—or the "Zionist colonial entity"—to borrow Mr. Maksoud's classic term—would use peace negotiations to advance its "Zionist dream" of "international legitimacy." Those shrewd Jews.

Around the same time as that lovely missive, Mr. Maksoud donated \$500 to Mrs. Clinton's Senate campaign war chest. Mr. Maksoud says he made the donation this May at a Virginia fundraiser because of Mrs. Clinton's obvious sympathy for the "Palestinian cause." Others apparently feel the same way. The New York Daily News reported on Oct. 25 that Abdurahman Alamoudi of the pro-Hamas American Muslim Council donated \$1,000 to Hillary's Senate campaign this May. Mr. Abdurahman, who calls Hamas a "freedom fighting organization," explains that, "We are the ones who went to the White House and defended what is called Hamas" (an apparent reference to the White House receptions Mrs. Clinton is known to have hosted for the American Muslim Council and like-minded groups).

Mrs. Clinton even posed for a photograph with Mr. Alamoudi at a June fund-raiser sponsored by the American Muslim

Alliance.

All this was breathlessly reported in a front page Daily News story. But given Mrs. Clinton's background it shouldn't surprise anyone. Nor is any of this likely to knock some sense into her liberal acolytes. Whenever she's caught playing footsie with the anti-Israel crowd or alleged to have indulged outright bigotry, liberal activists vouch for Hillary's sainthood. If they were not much bothered by her stony silence last November in the face of Mrs. Arafat's blood libel against the Jewish state, then, hey, what's \$1,500 dollars among friends? (Hillary's campaign has promised to return the \$1,000 from Mr. Alamoudi. Mr. Maksoud tells this writer the campaign has not returned his \$500, which was first reported by the New York Observer.)

But it's probably not neces-

what logic does adherence to a particular set of political beliefs preclude the kind of prejudice that has bedeviled mankind from time immemorial?

Here's the rub: Notwithstanding the cultural elite's fixation on supposedly intolerant conservatives, it is the left which readily indulges bigotry, including anti-Semitism thinly cloaked as anti-Zionism.

Consider the left's shameful record. Liberals can certainly sniff out the slightest whiff of anti-Semitism on the right from miles away. Too bad they are olfactory-challenged when the stink is closer to home.

Whether it is the anti-Semitic skit at SUNY-New Paltz's recent conference on sexuality or the upscale Jew-baiting by novelist Gore Vidal back in the 1980s, anti-Semitism on the left abounds. Long before Al Sharpton was ushered into the Demo-

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sary to return any of the money. No matter what she says or does, liberal Jewish organizations—every conceivable outfit from the Anti-Defamation League to the women's group Hadassah—stand resolutely behind Hillary. Would a Republican be accorded such kid glove treatment? Doubtful. The Anti-Defamation League, quite smitten with Hillary, cringes at Christian Coalition founder Pat Robertson, a strong Israel supporter. Yes, the usual double-standard obtains. But Hillary seems to benefit from an even more curious phenomena—the widespread belief that liberals are utterly incapable of bigotry or really any odious sentiments.

Recall Hillary and Co.'s response to allegations that she used an anti-Semitic slur in 1974. Sen. Charles Schumer, blessed with the power to read minds, declared that Hillary "does not have an anti-Semitic thought... in her body." Not a thought? Is Mr. Schumer blessed with the ability to read minds? Or has he assumed that bigotry on the part of liberals is inconceivable? By

crat's big tent, the cultural elite accommodated quite a few "progressives" who openly trafficked in anti-Semitism.

In recent months, the only public anti-Semitism in response to Al Gore's selection of a Jewish running mate has emanated from "liberal" environs. Amsterdam News publisher Bill Tatum suggested the Jews had bought the nomination. The sad fact is that much prejudice, both sophisticated and crude, regularly emanates from the left. Nevertheless, bigotry is widely considered the exclusive domain of conservatives.

No wonder Hillary gets a free ride from most liberals in the media and elsewhere. Or even from relatively nonpolitical types like Elie Wiesel. She couldn't possibly have said anything anti-Semitic or really wish the Jewish people any harm; even if she does she keeps company with some of Israel's—and arguably America's—worst enemies in this country. Hamas after all is nearly as anti-American as it is anti-Israel. Hillary's now infamous donors should feel right at home.

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With a Week Left, Lazio and Clinton Use Flurry of Ads and Stumping to Court Upstate

By RANDAL C. ARCHIBOLD
with DEAN E. MURPHY

CHEEKTOWAGA, N.Y., Oct. 30 — With just over a week before Election Day to attract voters in a tight race, the New York Senate candidates released a flurry of new advertisements as they traveled through parts of the state mining for votes among women, Catholics and the elderly.

Their appearances and advertisements reaffirmed their stated intentions to battle using the airwaves and old-fashioned stumping for voters in upstate New York, a traditionally Republican stronghold but a region that according to a series of polls, Hillary Rodham Clinton is strongly contesting.

Rick A. Lazio, the Republican nominee, spent much of the day courting women and Catholics, and released two television advertisements to be broadcast upstate, one featuring State Senator John A. DeFrancisco of Syracuse and the other Joel A. Giambra, the Erie County executive. Mr. Lazio also released a radio commercial narrated by Gov. George E. Pataki. All three adver-

tisements in different ways play on Mr. Lazio's pitch to Italian-American Catholics.

Mrs. Clinton's new ad also rolls out a prominent surrogate, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, whose seat the candidates are vying for. Mr. Lazio has often tried to connect with Mr. Moynihan's admirers during this campaign, even using an advertisement with shots altered to show the two of them together. But Mr. Moynihan today urged voters to choose Mrs. Clinton.

The candidates continued to take shots at each other, though not with the ferocity of the past weekend, when their attacks centered on a telephone campaign by the Republican Party that invoked the bombing of the destroyer Cole to suggest a link between terrorism and some of Mrs. Clinton's Muslim donors. The party has stopped making the calls referring to the Naval destroyer but is continuing a campaign questioning Mrs. Clinton's commitment to Israel.

Mrs. Clinton completed a three-day bus tour with stops in Utica, Schenectady and Albany; Mr. Lazio traveled by bus and plane to New

Rochelle, Rochester, Syracuse and to the Buffalo suburb of Lancaster and came here, where he went door to door to solicit votes.

Mrs. Clinton, starting the day with appearances on two network morning shows, talked about improving

An ostrich makes an appearance on the campaign trail.

the upstate economy, but she also emphasized her other core themes of improving health care, protecting social security, providing tax cuts for certain groups and bringing down the cost of prescription drugs.

During a speech in Albany at the convention of the New York Statewide Senior Action Council, a non-partisan advocacy group, Mrs. Clinton promised to fight on behalf of the estimated 64,000 New Yorkers on Medicare who she said were in dan-

ger of being dropped by their health maintenance organizations. She said that she would push to require H.M.O.'s that sign up Medicare patients to do so for at least two years, instead of the current one-year requirement.

She criticized Mr. Lazio for a missing a vote on Sunday night in the House that she said would have provided greater security for patients on Medicare. A campaign aide said Mrs. Clinton was referring to an amendment by Representative Gary Ackerman to an appropriations bill. The amendment, which would have required H.M.O.'s to commit to cover Medicare patients for at least three years, failed, the aide said.

"Just last night my opponent had a chance to vote on this issue in Congress and put an end to this unfair practice," Mrs. Clinton said. "He missed the vote. That's how important he thought this issue was."

Dan McLagan, a spokesman for Mr. Lazio, said the congressman's presence would not have changed the outcome and he rebuked Mrs. Clinton for using a "smokescreen" to distort Mr. Lazio's "long extensive

record in the House."

Mrs. Clinton also made references to Mr. Lazio as an ostrich for not recognizing the economic woes of upstate. One of her campaign ads makes the same point by featuring an ostrich sticking its head in the ground, and a person from the Working Families party has appeared in an ostrich costume at several of Mr. Lazio's events, including one here tonight. Mr. Lazio, who has advocated tax cuts to improve an economy he sees as better off than Mrs. Clinton's outlook, ignored it.

Mr. Lazio focused much of his day on women and Catholic voters, hitting a snag when Bishop James M. Moynihan of the Diocese of Syracuse declined to appear with the congressman after a 40-minute private meeting for what his campaign said was a photo opportunity. After the meeting, Mr. Lazio appeared alone outside the diocese offices, saying they had discussed a variety of topics in a "very good meeting."

Patrick McCarthy, a spokesman for Mr. Lazio, said Bishop Moynihan had praised and blessed Mr. Lazio during the meeting but declined to

make an appearance so as not to issue an "implied endorsement." A spokeswoman from the bishop's office confirmed that explanation and said that the bishop had understood that the meeting would be private.

Mr. Lazio has made an aggressive appeal to Catholic voters, who make up about 45 percent of the electorate, and has held such photo opportunities with the Bishop of Buffalo and Archbishop Edward Egan of New York.

Earlier in the day, Mr. Lazio joined Governor Pataki at Sound Shore Medical Center in New Rochelle for a news conference touting a new federal law for which Mr. Lazio had been a co-sponsor to help women finance their breast and cervical cancer treatment.

Mr. Lazio has recently been using his role as a key sponsor of the bill as a sign of his commitment to women's issues.

Mr. Lazio went on to Rochester for the fifth and final "Women for Lazio" forum and concluded his day with an appearance at an Erie County Republican Committee dinner in Lancaster.

Hillary Gets a Rewrite

BUFFALO

When F. Scott Fitzgerald said there were no second acts in America, he must have had it mixed up with some other country. Maybe France.

"Stick with me, and I'll stick with you," hollered Hillary Clinton, the front-running candidate for the U.S. Senate, last weekend. Her voice was hoarse, and she was on her second Sunday church service, with five more events to go.

It's awesome, really, the way Mrs. Clinton has transformed herself from failed co-president and betrayed first lady into a politician in her own right. I've always wondered if the women who line up to get her autograph see her as not only a candidate, but a hopeful sign. If your job is maybe not that great, or your family life unsatisfactory, it's still possible to turn your life around in middle age. There's Hillary, who made a disastrous wrong turn when she tried to hitch her star to her husband's career, and look at her now — the Xena of midlife career changes.

This is the most attractive side of the Clinton saga — their unsinkability. Personally, there are days when even the least little thing — say, an announcement from the cockpit that my plane will not be leaving because the pilot can't buckle his seat belt — is enough to make me want to throw in the towel. But there is Mrs. Clinton, who sunk the administration's health initiative, got hauled before a grand jury, was humiliated by a feckless spouse, and still wrote herself a whole new script for Act II. It's an inspiration to us all.

This story would be a little tidier if Mrs. Clinton bought into it. But she isn't really willing to disavow Act I, particularly her decision to combine the roles of spouse and policy maker in her husband's administration. "Well, you know, we had done it in Arkansas and it had worked really well. And on everything except health care it worked pretty well for the last eight years," she said as her bus toolled across western New York.

While Hillary talked with her staff or gave interviews, Chelsea Clinton was reading a very long book, perfectly suited for a drive from Ithaca to Buffalo to Utica to Albany. At every stop, the two of them emerged. Mrs. Clinton made her remarks and her daughter shook hundreds of hands, saying "thank you for coming" and "we need your vote" over and over

Leading Lazio,
trailing
Krispy Kremes.

and over. (There comes a time in many women's lives when we start wondering if we can ever make it up to our mothers for what we owe them. It is entirely possible that Chelsea Clinton has evened the score during this one campaign.)

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At a newly opened Krispy Kreme store on the outskirts of Buffalo, Mrs. Clinton signed pastry boxes while Chelsea thanked more people for coming. Traffic was backed up as far as the eye could see, a development that turned out to have nothing to do with the presence of the first lady/Senate candidate. The Krispy Kreme store has turned into such a local attraction that people said they sometimes wait in line for two hours to get to the drive-in window. Obviously, this campaign needs to devote more attention to the lack of entertainment options in upstate New York.

The president may call the campaign a half-dozen times a day to offer advice, but the operation is very much the reflection of Hillary Clinton's own style, which is to work very hard and never say anything interesting or off-script. There were plenty of consultants who told her that New Yorkers like feisty campaigners with some pizzazz. But Mrs. Clinton has tried pizzazz, and pizzazz is not her friend.

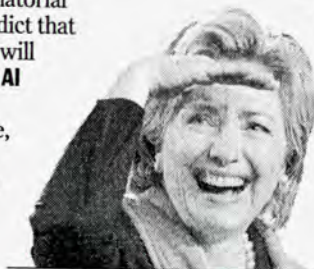
Instead, she goes from town to town, distributing her economic development plan ("Support tourism ... encourage high-tech entrepreneurs to locate here ..."). Meanwhile, her opponents seem to self-destruct. There's something about her that makes people go crazy and fling charges so outrageous that they boomerang back on the person who made them. Does anybody actually believe Mrs. Clinton had a role in the explosion on the U.S.S. Cole? Nobody's tried to pin the West Nile virus on her yet, but we still have a week to go.

If she wins, she instantly wipes out her identity as Bill Clinton's wife and becomes a high-ranking elected official from a state he barely knows. If Al Gore loses the election, she'll also enter the ranks of the Great Mentioneds for the 2004 presidential nomination. If Elizabeth Dole made the cut, there will be no way of keeping Senator Clinton off the list.

Talk about a change of scenery. □

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■ As an antidote to all those proliferating but maddeningly inconclusive tracking polls, we offer the annual survey of American witches conducted by the New York Center for the Strange. The 350 participating witches—who include (we are assured) an ace major league baseball pitcher, a computer software billionaire, the former star of a popular sitcom and a senatorial candidate—predict that **George W. Bush** will narrowly defeat **Al Gore** in the presidential race, that **Hillary Rodham Clinton** will beat **Rick Lazio** in New York, and that **Donald Trump** will “experience rejection.” The center’s research director, **Lewis Scott**, cautioned that the results “may be skewed” because “70 percent of all witches are Republicans.” But who’s that senatorial candidate, we wonder?



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Hillary Clinton, pre-screened.

■ Good advice for Dubya? Speaking yesterday to a roomful of Catholic school students in Rochester, Minn., GOP vice presidential candidate **Dick Cheney** was asked to recount his most embarrassing moment, reports The Post’s Carol D. Leonnig. Cheney confessed that it happened on his first day as secretary of defense, when he stepped into an elevator on his way to an emergency meeting with **President Bush**. Cheney said the elevator went the wrong way and he got lost for 20 minutes in the Pentagon’s high-security basement, leaving his protective detail frantic with worry. But when he finally caught up with the guards, he pretended that nothing unusual had happened. “The lesson is,” Cheney instructed, “always act like you know what you’re doing.”

■ Play it forward? Guests at Friday night’s screening of the inspirational new film “Pay It Forward” may have wondered why **President Clinton** was watching a movie instead of his wife’s final Senate race debate against Republican **Rick Lazio**. We hear that the televised debate—though broadcast at night in New York—was taped in the afternoon, allowing Clinton and guests **Barbra Streisand** and hubby **James Brolin** to watch it before the screening.

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